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The annual meeting for the **Fairmont chapter of Dollars for Scholars** will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 7 p.m. in the CER meeting room at Fairmont Elementary School. A copy of the organization's annual report is available upon request.



EVANS-ANDERSON - Dolores Baarts announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer (Baarts) Evans to Brent Anderson, son of Arthur and Judy Anderson of Minneapolis. Jennifer (Baarts) Evans is the daughter of the late James Baarts.

Profinium recognizes 2018 award recipient

Each year Profinium recognizes team members who exemplify our pursuit to be "vested in our communities' success with leadership, resources and time." A special donation of \$100 is given to an organization of the team member's choice. For the second half of 2018, Profinium would like to recognize Holly Hegdal.

Holly volunteers numerous hours to the Fairmont Youth Hockey Association out at the arena and behind the scenes. She helps with organizing Fairmont Hockey Day and associated various activities. She also helps in organizing events such as Fairmont Hockey Fights Cancer night among other activities throughout the season that benefit both the association but also the community. Holly also

volunteers her time walking dogs for the Martin County Humane Society in Fairmont. Holly has



chosen to send the donation in her honor to the Fairmont Youth Hockey Association.

Thank you to all our employees for all you do to give back to our communities!

Wednesday Night Community Suppers

The Community Covenant Church of Huntley, Minnesota will be resuming their Wednesday Night Community Suppers on Wednesday, September 12th.

All are welcome to "Come to the Table" and linger over a simple supper. The meal is served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

September 12th menu is sloppy joes on freshly baked bun with homemade potato salad, baked beans, garden veggies and cake and ice cream.

There is no charge for the meal, but a free will offering will be taken.

After the meal, stay for a brief time of learning and discussion.

The meals will continue every week with menus available at the church, on the website or at the Huntley Cafe. The church is located at 31323 170th Street in Huntley.

For more info, call the church at 507-866-4646 or visit the website at www.communitycov.org

Fall Fun Storytime at the Martin County Library

Bring the whole family to the Martin County Library in Fairmont for Fall Fun Storytimes!

Storytimes will be held on Mondays at 6 p.m.: September 17th, October 15th and November 26th.

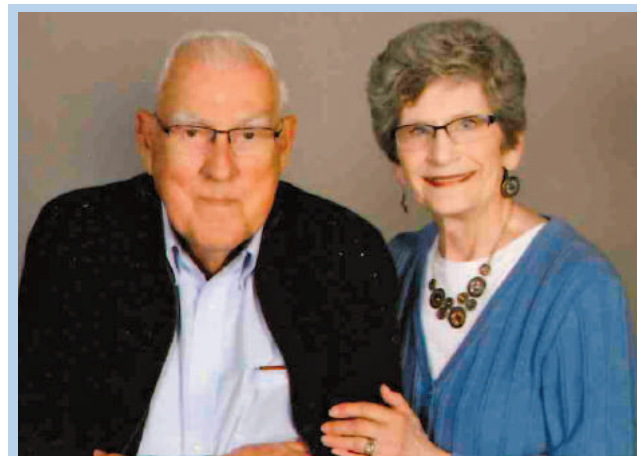
There is no cost to attend and no need to register.

Visit our website at www.martincountylibrary.org for our complete fall event schedule.

PAINTING & S'MORES PARTY!!

The new Girl Scout year is about to begin - and ALL Martin County Girl Scouts and potential Girl Scouts, grades K-12, are invited to come and paint your own canvas, make a S'more and see your friends - bring a friend for even more fun!! The party is being held on Sunday, September 16th, at Grace Lutheran Church, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. There is no cost for the party.

A parent/guardian is necessary to register a girl, and there is a registration fee. If you have questions, or are unable to attend the party, please contact Jennifer at jmn-ielsen88@gmail.com.



SIEGLER 60TH - Larry and Betty Siegler of Fairmont will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with their family. They were married on September 13th, 1958. Cards will reach them at 2617 Poetters Circle, Fairmont, MN 56031.



WEIHE 80TH - Peggy Weihe of Fairmont will celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday, September 16th. She was born September 16th, 1938. Cards and birthday greetings will reach her at 1121 North Elm, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Fairmont High School Class of 1953 will hold their 65th class reunion at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 15th, at the Interlaken Golf Club in Fairmont. Family and friends are invited to attend after 7:00 p.m. that night.

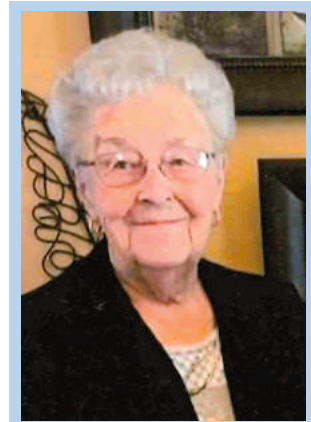


NIENKERK 90TH - Lois Nienkerk of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, September 15th. She was born September 15th, 1928 in Lismore, MN. She will be celebrating with her family. Cards can reach her at Woodland Manor, 610 Summit Drive, Apt. 103, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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WARRINER 90TH - An open house celebrating the 90th birthday of Lawrence (Larry) Warriner of Granada will be held Saturday, September 15th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Fairmont Christian Church in Fairmont. Lawrence was born September 20th, 1928. Cards and birthday wishes can be sent to 1873 230th Avenue, Granada, MN 56039.



SAXTON 90TH - Arlene Saxton of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday with a family party on Sunday, September 16th in Mankato. She was born September 16th, 1928. Cards can reach her at 1514 N. North Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

2018 12th Annual Hawkins Car Show Winners

Last Saturday, Hawkins Classic Car Show at the dealership. A number of area residents

brought their classic cars and trucks in to display that day. Here are the results of the judging for the show:



Best in Show: Al Bellecourt
1970 Chevy Chevelle SS



Best GM: Russell Jensen
1966 Chevy Convertible



BEST NON-GM: Craig Glenn
1965 Ford F-150



Exhibitor's Choice: Robin Winkelman
1976 Pontiac Trans Am

Red Rock Concert Series kicks off Saturday

Saturday, September 15th at 7 p.m. the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont kicks off the 2018-19 concert series.

The first performance is a FAMILY FRIENDLY mix of comedy, music, voice tossing and storytelling – a veritable cornucopia of entertainment that will keep you talking and laughing for some time to come. The wisecracking antics of the lovable Simon Spencer, American’s grouchiest farmer, Leonard Cribble and the totally clueless Lars Gunderson provide one sizzling laugh



after another. This multi talented seasoned performer has been the featured entertainment for some of the largest corporations in the country. He has also had the pleasure of sharing the stage with many top music acts in America including Mary Chapin Carpenter, Merle Haggard, and The Statler Brothers. Advance tickets are available at the Red Rock, Hy-Vee in Fairmont, or by visiting the online box office at www.redrockcenter.org. Pre-season passes to enjoy all six concerts are still available.

Timberlake Orchard to host Ciderfest 2018

Timberlake Orchard will be the place to be for fun for the entire family at “CiderFest 2018” this weekend.

The event will take place this Saturday, September 15th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the orchard, located at 176 200th Avenue south of Fairmont. They will serve free pork burgers (other food is available for purchase). They will also have drinks, live music, games and raffles. There will be horseshoe and beanbag toss tournaments where you can enter to win prizes. Arts and craft vendors will also be on hand displaying their wares.

There will be a ceremonial tree planting held that day to honor Ted and Eric

Luetgers, previous owners of Timberlake Orchard.

Of course you can also visit their expanded gift shop and buy a bag or two of the fresh apples, which currently are featuring Ze-



star and SweetTango. Normal fall business hours for Timberlake Orchard are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on Ciderfest and Timberlake Orchard, visit them on Facebook and on their website: timberlakeorchard.com.

SILENT AUCTION AND LUNCH BENEFIT FOR KEVIN CHEN

Kevin’s Story

Kevin Chen, a 2017 Fairmont high School graduate, was severely injured in a hit and run accident the beginning of September 2017. he had just started his freshman year at Minnesota State-Mankato. His left leg was severely damaged. About 3 inches of bone is missing from his left tibia, right in the middle. He had seven surgeries in a six months timespan as doctors are trying to re-grown the bone. Kevin is still set to have more surgeries in the coming year as well as needing to go through a long road of physical therapy.

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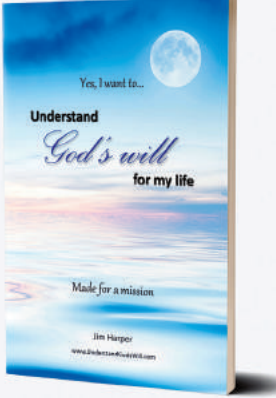
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‘75 FHS Grad to speak September 16

Jim Harper, a 1975 graduate of Fairmont H.S. and a 1979 graduate of the University of Minnesota, will be speaking on Sunday, September 16th, at 10:30am at First Congregational United Church of Christ - which is located at the north end of Downtown Plaza in Fairmont.

Jim is the son of Lorraine and Ernest “Ernie” Harper (1920-2001) – both longtime residents of Fairmont. Jim lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Charlene, and their two daughters. Lorraine (now 92) has recently moved to Minneapolis to be closer to her sons and daughters-in-law.

Jim has authored a book entitled “Yes, I want to Understand God’s will for My Life” that is being read in countries all over the world.



The book is in 8 languages today - with 10 more languages coming soon. When pastors in foreign countries read his book – they all want it in their local language, so Jim is working feverishly to satisfy their requests. The book is being printed in India, Pakistan, Rwanda (with distribution throughout Africa), two cities in the U.S., and printing in South America will start soon.

“My book is a miracle,” as Jim puts it, “because I never had a desire to write a book, especially about a topic that I knew nothing about.”

On September 16th, Jim will share his story about how God enabled him to write his book. He will also be giving his book away. Over 50,000 copies (a 184-page paperback) have been given away to-date - and he hopes someday it will be 50 million. No matter what you believe, or what you put your faith in, Jim says, you really need to read this book. The book references over 750 Bible verses and the best part is – it’s free.

As Jim says, “it took a while, but the Lord finally got through to me. He had a plan for my life but I had to break through the human feelings and emotions

that are meant to mess us up to learn what it was. The Lord gave me a mission that I thought was impossible, at least for me, but I now know and understand that through Him all things are possible. There were many times when I questioned, and even denied, what the



Lord wanted me to do. I even told the Lord in prayer that if these feelings were from Him - he had the wrong guy. But over time it became clear that the Lord’s plan was meant for me, and I am now thankful that I had just a little bit of faith to accomplish His will, through me.”

So why would anyone want to take an hour out of their restful Sunday morning to come and listen to Jim? Jim says his book has the answer: It’s because your life matters. It matters because you are fearfully and won-

derfully made. You are made in God’s image to reflect His very nature. By putting your faith in Jesus, God will give you a new heart. He will give you hope and peace and a new spirit. You will have a new life, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

During his high school days in Fairmont Jim was an avid golfer and he played on the Cardinals Golf Team - winning many tournaments. “Today,” Jim says, “I’m not even sure where my golf clubs are. I now know what is truly important. God has an incredible plan for every single person on earth, but you must have a little bit of faith to receive His blessings, faith as tiny as a mustard seed – which, by the way, is the tiniest seed on earth. This means you don’t need much faith for the Lord to accomplish His plan for your life, but you do need some.”

We hope you can come and listen to Jim on Sunday morning, September 16th, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. You will hear his message and receive his free book. His message just might be what you have been searching for all these years.

Teen Read-A-Latte event

All teens are invited to join Amber at Graffiti Corner in Fairmont for the Martin County library “Read-A-Latte” event!

Enjoy free fro-yo and coffee and share what you’re reading, watching or listening to.

The event is held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, starting September 13th, October 4th, and November 8th.

Call the Martin County Library in Fairmont with any questions at 238-4207.

East Chain Sportsman’s Club Trap Shoot will be held Sunday, September 16th starting at noon at the club’s grounds, located 1/2 mile north of East Chain on 254th Avenue. They will have practice rounds, 16 yd, 25 yd, oakleys, jeopardy’s, and boon-docks. The grill will be on all day. For more info, contact Moby at 507-236-4189.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha is having a Pie Social on Wednesday, September 19th from 5-7 p.m. Menu will include barbeques, potato salad, pies and ice cream. There is an \$8 suggested donation. Proceeds will go to fund many local charities and mission projects. Everyone is welcome.

Toddler Tinker Time at the Fairmont library

The Fairmont Library will host monthly Toddler Tinker Labs on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Dates are: September 19th, October 24th, November 14th, and December 5th.

The “lab” is designed to allow toddlers to explore, grow and create with a

variety of activities each month...the best part? Leave the mess behind at the library! Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

No registration is required and this event is free and open to the public.

Ruby’s Pantry food distribution September 22

Ruby’s Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, Minnesota on Saturday, September 22nd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby’s Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Please bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

Ruby’s Pantry is in its

eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month.

For more information please see their website at www.rubyspantry.org, email goodnews@rubyspantry.org or call 507-236-4653.

Farmers Market Fun Activities at the Library

Join the Martin County Library in Fairmont for Fairmont Farmer’s Market (at Five Lakes Center) on Saturday, September 15th from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Fairmont library will host free children’s

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Call the Martin County Library in Fairmont with any questions at 238-4207.

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A Slough of Controversy

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



It is a truly serene sight, abounding in wildlife together with many diverse forms of foliage. Luedtke's Slough, today partially bordered by homes, was at one time the site of a bitter controversy that took place in the late 1960's and early 1970's. This was a debate felt so strongly by both sides that it eventually reached the Attorney General's Office in St. Paul, and ultimately District Court.

What caused the controversy that divided many of the citizens of Fairmont at

that time? It was simply a lake improvement project that proposed using Luedtke's Slough as a depository for silt dredged from the lakes in Fairmont. The slough in question, a wetland, differs from most other wetlands in that it is within the city limits of Fairmont. Thus, the point of contention became whether or not it should be used as a silt disposal site, or preserved as a wetland and potentially used as a nature study. Some viewed the project of disposing silt from the lake into the slough as a means of saving the taxpayers money; others viewed it as a means of destroying the natural habitat of plants and animals in this wetland setting. Eventually, a number of diverse viewpoints were presented from concerned citizens, teachers, students, and city government.

An article from the February 8th, 1969, edition of The Sentinel in reference to dredging of the lakes stated the following: "A new place for the silt will have to be found, beginning with the city-owned 35 acre 'Luedtke Slough' area southeast of the lake."

The opposition to the slough as a silt depository, and in favor of preserving it as a natural wetland, was led by Dan Kehrberg, at that time a biology teacher at the Fairmont High School, and Dennis Hanson, area DNR representative. Kehrberg spoke to local civic organizations including Kiwanis where he stated that "dredging is neither the main cause of cleaner lake water nor the algae deterrent many people believe it is." They believed that alternative sites for silt disposal should be utilized.

As the controversy intensified, the publicity expanded. A February 14th, 1971, Minneapolis Tribune article entitled "Teacher Leads Battle to Save a Slough," made reference to both opponents and proponents of saving the slough as a natural setting. The article refers to the late John Livermore as Fairmont's ex-officio guardian of the public purse and quotes him as follows: "Snakes alive! Now they are spending our tax dollars to tell us we need a stinking, mushy, smelly polliwag slough. . ." This article goes on to tell of a fourth grade class bombarding the

Sentinel with letters to the editor favoring preserving the slough. It further states that the controversy was a frequent topic on a local radio call in program. In addition, the article included comments from individuals and groups in the community, including the city council. The feelings were strong on both sides; however, those favoring the preservation effort were not opposed to the dredging program, but rather were opposed to depositing the silt in Luedtke's Slough.

Eventually, the debate crept outside of the city limits of Fairmont. The DNR became involved and recommended preserving Luedtke's Slough. According to an article in the November-December 1976 issue of The Minnesota Volunteer, the city of Fairmont requested that the Minnesota Water Resources Board conduct a hearing regarding filling part of the slough. However, the DNR felt that the WRB did not have jurisdiction, therefore, refusing to grant Fairmont the right to fill the slough. The city then asked District Court to decide whether they should comply with the DNR or WRB. The court ruling required the DNR to comply.

This article goes on to state that in a special public meeting that was called by the city in March of 1974, an agreement was reached with the DNR to allow filling the northern and southern thirds

of the slough, and leaving the remainder in its natural state. This was, of course, with permission of affected land owners in the vicinity of the slough. The decision was reached because it was felt that continued legal wrangling could go on for years, obviously to no one's advantage. Coincidentally, the Federal "Clean Water" act was passed soon after which largely prohibited wetland destruction.

What was the end result of this "Slough of Controversy?" There was obviously the potential for lingering hard feelings among those directly involved with the controversy. Dan Kehrberg, the Fairmont science teacher at that time, was challenged for his stand on what he strongly believed regarding this issue. City government was involved and faced painstaking, time consuming, as well as difficult and potentially controversial decisions.

Wetlands obviously provide a home for wildlife, and they can also certainly serve to enhance educational opportunities for students. In recently visiting with former

Fairmont High School biology teacher, Dan Kehrberg, he explained that, wetlands, such as Luedtke's Slough, provide immeasurable ben-

efits. They primarily serve as a nutrient filter thereby keeping phosphates and nitrates out of our lakes. These nutrients not only grow great corn and soybeans, but when introduced into a lake, produce algae blooms. Wetlands absorb and utilize the nutrients growing cattails, reeds, duckweed, etc. Therefore, nutrients in the run off are reduced which results in a cleaner lake.

Throughout the controversy, in spite of differing opinions, it appears that that everyone involved gained a better perspective and understanding of the importance of wetlands in our environment. The stand taken by Kehrberg and area DNR representative Dennis Hanson helped to preserve Luedtke's Slough. It is now utilized as an outlet for the east side storm sewers. It should also be noted that homes have since been built around the slough with only three vacant lots remaining on the slough shoreline.

For more info on this topic, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs.



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After introductions, the meeting will begin with show-and-tell, which is usually very inspiring! Members are encouraged to bring in any summer finds from Shop Hops or other travels. Carole Hallman, a fabric

artist from Brooklyn Center, will be presenting an introduction to various methods of fabric dyeing - including a short trunk show of some of her beautiful garments made from dyeing recycled clothing. She is a State Fair ribbon winner, a popular teacher at the Minnesota Textile Center, and operates her studio in the

old Northrup King building in Minneapolis where she is part of the annual Art-a-Whirl. There will be discussion about the possibility of the 2018-2019 BEVQ Block-of-the-Month - a log cabin variation called Eureka. The mini-group working on the "4 x 5 Quilt" will organize - all the blocks in this quilt finish at 4 inches by 5 inches.

The 2018 EXPO Challenge quilts will be available for pick up after having been on display at CCF Bank for the past month. There will also be additional discussion and evaluation of the Woodcarvers and Quilt EXPO held last month.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third

Monday of each month under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. Those who

are interested may stay after the meeting for the Block-of-the-Month project. Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Mike Ellingsen at 507-526-5808.

Fairmont United Methodist Church is once again having **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church at 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. September 12th they will serve A&W Swiss burgers, baked beans and chips. On September 19th it will be scalloped potatoes and ham, and green beans. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, jello, beverages and donated deserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

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TULIP is a black and white kitten. Tulip she is very friendly and has a black nose and the cutest little black markings on her mouth that make her look like she is smiling.

JOJO is a 1-year old solid gray cat. He is very loving and would love to keep you company.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

SOHO just arrived! She is a medium sized and is black with white markings. Soho is a mix of Kelpie and other breeds. She lived with toddlers and other dogs before coming to the shelter and did well with them.

BOBO is a black and brown mix. We are guessing shepherd, rottweiler, and something smaller that kept him closer to 50 pounds than rottie size. Bobo loves attention and will actually smile at people.

MEAKA is a gentle giant. This brindle beauty is a mastiff. While Meaka loves people and would do anything for attention, she is not a fan of other animals. She must go to a home without other pets.

Join us this weekend for good food and fun. Saturday is a bake sale at Fleet and Farm, 9 am-1 pm. Sunday at Cedar Creek Park is our annual Walk for Animals. Pet Photos start at 11, call 507-235-5994 for reservations. Registration starts at 1 pm, K9 officer speaks at 2pm, followed by the Walk, prizes and lunch.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A September Reflection

After Labor Day, summer begins to fade away, though not all at once. In many ways it stays on like the finish of a fine wine. Minnesota is a region of moderate people and extreme weather, particularly winters. If we are to be defined meteorologically, winter surely defines us in these northern reaches. But it is the nine month, September, that sets the calendar.

Swimming is over in September. In Minnesota, nobody swims after Labor Day. In the tourist industry, May and September are known as the shoulder seasons; the ones that adjoin, but are not a part of, the holy trinity of June, July and August.

September can mark beginnings as well as endings. At this time of year, many young adults experience the adventure of leaving for college. It's a process of slowly detaching from home, but not without feelings of nostalgia. In the quiet of the fall night, perhaps walking across campus, their minds might wander to the re-echoing of the sounds of their hometown: the train whistling through the neighborhood or the machinery bringing in the crops.

I go to Cedar Point at least once a year, in July, to watch the sunrise at 5:00 a.m. It would never occur to me to go to Cedar Point in September, though the sun-

rise could be just as beautiful as any time in July. Maybe it's because September is more defined by the end of the day - by the beautiful sunsets in their red, yellow and orange hues, streaking across the sky. I think a September sunset in farm country has a luminous quality to it; magnified in the fall stillness.

And in September, the corn leaves show their golden color. I cannot think of corn as anything but dry. The papery leaves rustle in the fall breeze and there is always a veil of dust over a corn field. This is the month we think of harvest and the crops coming in. We end up with a final tabulation of our summer's work. We hold the anxiety between hope for a big harvest and memories of past crop failures or a harvest not as plentiful as hoped. Even aside from the harvest, September plays out the tension between "something is about to end" and the hope and comfort of an Indian summer yet to come. It's as if the month is trying to let us down easy.

In the end, September's rhythms, with its beginnings and endings and hopes and fears, are standard menu. With all of its uncertainties, isn't it a wonderful month to behold?

Mike Garry
Fairmont

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**WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 15, 1993**

Marla Sturm became Fairmont's Young Woman of the Year for 1993-94 at the Fairmont Opera House. The annual event was sponsored by the Fairmont Women of Today club.

Fairmont Fire Marshall Randy Musser issued a statement outlining rules for open burning of leaves within the city limits. Dry leaves may be burned between September 15th and December 1st. A number of other rules were also announced.

Wild horses from out west were to be sold at auction at the Arena in Windom that October. The Since the Adopt-A-Horse Program began in 1973, over 110,000 horses were adopted in the U.S.

Fairmont's FmHA (Farmers Home Administration) office was in the process of relocating to their new office in the Hodgman Office Park, at the corner of Tenth Street and State Street in Fairmont.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE
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**WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 15, 1968**

Fairmont United Methodist Church congregation voted to purchase ten acres in the "Triangle" area near McKisson's corner for a new church.

Church women were meeting to establish a H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Everywhere) organization, a new concept originated by a Northfield woman, to supply clothing from remnants gathered locally and sewed by the women for distribution.

Traffic semaphores went into operation for the first time at the intersection of Park Street and Blue Earth Avenue in Fairmont. The new lights would be synchronized with those at the intersections of Prairie Avenue and North Avenue with Blue Earth Avenue, which was U. S. Highway 16.

Fairmont Community Hospital purchased a 49.9 acre site for a new building. The ground was located in the triangle bordered by Johnson Street on the south, Highway 15 on the east and State Street, running diagonally on the north.

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IT OUT!**

@ the Martin
County Library

Summer went by fast this year, but we've added something new to each of our libraries to help remember how much fun we had! We set a goal of checking-out 30,000 items this past summer and you guys MORE than met that number! So, based on your votes throughout the summer, we added some fun new items to each library! Sherburn voted for new

family adventure backpacks, which are kits with themed activities and books. Those are in Sherburn now and ready for you to take them home and explore! Trimont voted for board games for the library, and we purchased several new board games at the end of summer. The new games are now in Trimont and ready to be used in the library! Libraries in Fairmont and Truman voted for video games and we have purchased video games for Xbox One and Playstation 4. They'll be hitting the shelves soon. We are excited for you to try out the new additions...and you never know what might be on the menu to vote for next summer!



Steve Fosness, Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 Commander (right), presented the original gavel used at the American Legion Caucus in St. Louis, MO, May 8th-10th, 1919 to Denise Rohan, American Legion National Commander, at the American Legion 100th National Convention, August 24th-30th, 2018, in Minneapolis; where the American Legion held its first convention November 10th-12th, 1919. The original gavel was at Fairmont Post #36 since returning from the caucus in 1919 with three charter members - MAJ Arthur M. Nelson, Gus Boosalis, and Nick Malliet. The story that was passed down through the years from Post members is that they attended the caucus and discovered that there wasn't a gavel to start the meeting and conduct business. The three Fairmont WWI veterans purchased the gavel in a local St. Louis store and provided it for the caucus meeting to plan the first national convention. At the conclusion of the meeting the gavel was still on the podium, so they brought it back to their home post. (Submitted photo)

Happy 60th Anniversary
Earl & Judy Nowak
September 16th, 2018
Greetings will reach them at:
111 South Lake Street
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With love from your family



Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Auxiliary Scholarship Committee - Velma Schaal and Bob Altman present \$600.00 scholarship to Matthew Kotewa, son of Russ and Amy Kotewa. (Submitted photo)

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OBITUARY notices

Joseph "Joe" Craig Weber, 23



Services for Joseph "Joe" Craig Weber, 23, of

Fairmont, was held on Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Military honors were provided by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. Joe passed away Sunday, September 2nd, 2018, as result of a motor vehicle accident. Memorials are preferred to Red Bull Wrestling. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Joseph Craig Weber was born August 17th, 1995 to Steven and Penny (Wright) Weber in Worthington. He attended Fairmont Public Schools and graduated with the Class of 2014. As a junior in

high school, Joe enlisted in the Army National Guard on November 1st, 2012. He completed basic training on August 17th, 2013 and advanced individual training on August 9th, 2014. Joe's awards include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Minnesota Good Conduct Medal and the Minnesota Service Ribbon. Joe was the distinguished honor graduate of his entire class during advanced individual training. Specialist Joseph C. Weber served with honor and distinction throughout his almost six year career. Joe also worked as a farmhand for several farmers.

In high school, Joe played football and was on the Red Bull Wrestling team where he continued to help out even after graduating. He enjoyed boating, fishing and spending time with his friends.

He is survived by his parents, Steven and Penny Weber of Welcome; brother, Jeremy Hinz of Fairmont; grandparents, Craig and Alice Wright of Hot Springs, AR, Sally Bequette of Council Bluffs, IA and Darlene Weber of Fairmont; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Twyla Weber; great-grandparents, Chet and Juanita Wright, Lilla and Jake Faber and Fred and Florence Weber.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

DEATH notices



September 2 - Luella (Lou) Romsdahl, 90, St. James
Kramer Family Funeral Home
September 2 - Joseph Craig Weber, 23, rural Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
September 3 - Harland R. Johnson, 81, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
September 3 - John Gaalswyk, 92, Owatonna, formerly
of Mountain Lake, Kramer Family Funeral Home
September 7 - Joel T. Kruse, 73, rural Ormsby
Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

September 4 - Arlene E. Larson, 90, Sherburn
September 5 - Ralph R. Pierce, 85, Fairmont
September 5 - Vernon J. Wille, 94, Truman
September 6 - Muriel M. Armbrust, 85, Truman
September 6 - Water E. Anacker, 90, Fairmont
September 7 - Michael J. Sparks, 82, Granada
September 8 - Gwen I. Monk, 97, Welcome
September 8 - Ervin J. Barchenger, 87, Fairmont
September 8 - Angie A. Redenius, 47, Fairmont
September 8 - Hope M. Spangenberg, 93, Fairmont

Harland R. Johnson, 81



Mass of Christian Burial for Harland R. Johnson, 81, of Fairmont, was held Monday, September 10th, 2018, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Harland passed away Monday, September 3rd, 2018, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Harland Raymond Johnson was born April 16th, 1937, at his family's home in Truman, the son of Raymond and Matilda (Schultz) Johnson. Harland attended school in Truman and graduated from Truman High School with the class of 1955.

On June 25th, 1960, Harland was united in marriage to Delores Elaine Prom in St. Peter. Together the couple would make their home in Fairmont and were blessed with four children, Diane, Lynn, Anita and Dale. De-

lores passed away in 2012. Harland was blessed to find love again when he met and married Shirley Crawley at Lincoln Park October 1st, 2016.

Harland worked for many years as the maintenance supervisor for the Fairmont Power Plant. He was a proud member of the Fairmont Fire Department serving for 20 years before his retirement. Harland was also a member of the St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

In his spare time, Harland enjoyed spending time outdoors hunting and looked forward to his fishing trips to Canada. Harland loved to travel, making many fond memories with

trips to Alaska, Germany and Hawaii. He enjoyed soaking up the sun in the winter months in Arizona but looked forward to the change of seasons and his return to see family and friends in Minnesota. Harland was musically gifted and loved to sit down and play the accordion and keyboard. He loved to tinker and spent countless hours working on and refurbishing old tractors.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Shirley Johnson of Fairmont; children, Diane (Steve) Weihe of Omaha, NE; Lynn (Lyn) Johnson of Fairmont; Anita (Tom) Grunst of Nicollet, MN; and Dale (Dawn) Johnson of Eagle Lake, MN; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Sheena

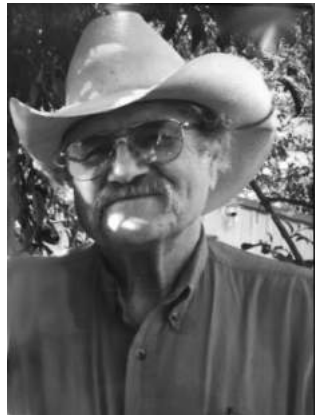
(David) Sharp- Logan, Kendall and Cassidy; Shannon (Brian) Butler- Brayden and Brooklyn; Tyler (Sarah) Weihe- Mason and Madison; Carisa (Cory) Andersen - Kylan, Colsan and Keatan; Leigha (Jeremy) Hauglid- Lucas and Grayson; Mykala (Ryan) Heuer; Christopher and Dalton Johnson, step-grandchildren, Dustin Lemke- Oaklee and Gavin, Heather Lemke- Ryder and Holden, Janae and Jonathan Carlson. Shirley's children, Kathie (Mike) Oltman of Blue Earth; Michael (Kate) Kelley of Cleveland, MN and Mark (Joy) Kelley of Kasota, MN; Shirley's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jessica Pierce (Josh Horst)-

Madison and Mya; Chelsie (Michael) Hinz- Alexis, Kaitlyn, Kolton; Jacob (Jenna) Lager, Heidi and Nick Peterson, Michaela Kelley; James and Shayla Kelley brother, Dennis (Karon) Johnson of Fairmont, sisters, Bernyce Ziemer of Fairmont, and Melva Willaby of Ft. Mill, SC; brother-in-law Don (Irma) Faulkner of Sandstone, MN; sisters-in-law, Mary Bouchie of Sartell, MN and Catherine Pfarr of LeSueur; many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Harland was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; parents; parents-in-law, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

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Joel T. Kruse, 73



A Celebration of Life Service for Joel T. Kruse, 73, of rural Ormsby will be 6:00 p.m. Friday, Septem-

ber 14th, 2018 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Trimont. Joe was called to his eternal rest Friday evening, September 7th, 2018 surrounded by his family at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato. Visitation will be from 4 -6 p.m. Friday, September 14th, 2018 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Trimont. There will be a reception at 7 p.m. in the church hall followed by music played by the BeeKays.

Joel Thomas Kruse was born June 4th, 1945 to Harold and Alice (Hinrichs) Kruse in Fairmont. He received his education

in Trimont School later graduating with the class of 1963. He then farmed with his dad on the farm in rural Ormsby. In 1965 he entered the United States Army National Guard and served until his honorable discharge in 1971. Joe came back to the farm and farmed with his dad and brother, Allan. On December 30th, 1975 he was united in marriage to Billye Jane Kittleson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont. They farmed and raised cattle in Galena Township, rural Ormsby. Since 2010, Joe and Billye enjoyed spending their winters in Bandera, Texas

where they played music in several dance halls. Joel was an inventor of many Dr. Seuss gadgets. He invented a mobility device for his handicap daughter, Shelley. His biggest success was his Tri-Cycle Wheel Chair. Joe loved to cook and grocery shop. In his earlier years, he was a bouncer at the Fox Lake Ballroom. He was a roadie for the "BeeKays" and was their biggest fan. He enjoyed roller skating and dancing. He had two corvettes, a 1971 and a 1974 which were very special to him. Joe did custom corn shelling for various farmers in the area and helped

build the L&H Grain Company Cement Silos in Welcome.

He is survived by his wife, Billye Jane Kruse of rural Ormsby; two daughters, Leah Kruse of Mankato, and Shelley Kruse of rural Ormsby; son, Matt Kruse of Trimont; sister, Joyce Hillmer of Fairmont; sister-in-law, Nancy Kruse of rural Odin; father and mother-in-law, Ted and Opal Kittleson of rural Ceylon; brothers and sisters-in-law, Barb (Gary) Schmidt of Vesta, Minnesota, Bob (Mary) Kittleson of rural Ceylon, Betty (Tom) Egan of Fairmont, Bonnie Sue Bennett of

Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Cindy Bee Nelson of St. James, Bryon (Kristy) Kittleson of rural Welcome, Biny (Jim) Claussen of rural Sherburn; many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Alice Kruse; brothers, Allan Kruse and Robert Kruse; brothers-in-law, David Nelson and Dan Bennett and other relatives.

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Rose M. McDonald, 79



A celebration of Rose Marie McDonalds' life will be

held Saturday, September 15th, 2018. Graveside service for Rose Marie and dual interment for Jerry McDonald will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Lunch will follow at the Red Rock Center in Fairmont from noon to 3 p.m.

Rose Marie died peacefully on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 in Colorado Springs, CO where she resided the past six years following her move from Granada. Rose was born February 9th, 1938 in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Earl "Tex" and Henrietta Craig.

Rose married Gerald "Jerry" McDonald in 1956. Jerry passed away March 19th, 2001. In honor of Jerry, Rose Marie chose to be an organ donor.

Rose Marie was an avid quilter in her later days. She enjoyed gardening, playing cards with family, friends and especially her grandchildren. Caring for her labradors, Nala, Brandy and Harley, filled her days with joy.

Rose and Jerry were survived by their five children: Deb (passed away June 11th, 2018) (Bing) Salic, Cindy (Kelly) Hand, Steve (Lori) McDonald, Sue (Jeff) Greis-

char, and Brad McDonald; 11 grandchildren: Charlie Salic, Betsy (Neil) Hiatt, Andy Salic, Joshua (Melinda) Hand, Lindsay Hand, Hillary (Christoph) Gruner, Brent (Kelsey) McDonald, Shaylee McDonald, Vana Greischar, Laurel Greischar and Shau-na Greischar; six great-grandchildren: Shane, Elliott, Jack, Liam, Stella, Blake and Emily; as well as numerous loving relatives and friends.

Rose picked this quote: "If tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart."

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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I put new license tabs on my truck. It seems to run better. I remember when my neighbor Still Bill, he's the Midwest distributor for inertia, and I were in the Boy Scouts. One day, we learned how to rub two sticks together to start a fire."

"Still Bill did that?" I say.

"He tried, but he didn't put much time into the effort. He'd gotten so warm from rubbing the sticks together that he didn't need a fire. Still Bill has talked me into drinking cod liver oil every morning. He says it builds resistance."

"To what?" I ask.

"To ever drinking it again after I get this bottle emptied. My neighbor Cry-

ing Charlie was in the troop with us. I saw Charlie when I took Pop to the clinic to get his attitude adjusted. Crying Charlie has a case of the worse."

"The worse?" I say.

"Yes, if you have a bad cold, Charlie has pneumonia. Whatever anyone else has, Crying Charlie has it worse."

Naturally

I've seen few pheasant chicks this summer, but the Minnesota DNR's 2018 roadside survey for pheasants showed a 19 percent increase from 2017. That's 52 percent below the long-term average. Weather and habitat are the two main factors driving Minnesota's pheasant population trends. Gray partridge numbers were similar to 2017, but 50 percent below the 10-year average and 93 percent below the long-term average. The mourning dove population decreased 7 percent from 2017, remaining below both the 10-year average and long-term averages. Cottontail rabbits de-

creased by 23 percent from 2017, but were 13 percent above the 10-year average and similar to the long-term average. The white-tailed jackrabbit count was near last year's and historically low. The white-tailed deer index declined 13 percent from 2017, but was 19 percent above the 10-year average and 99 percent above the long-term average.

Paper wasps were numerous on the goldenrod plants. A honey bee followed me into the house. I opened a window and it flew back out in less time than it took me to close the window.

I was at a pleasing Plowing Bee at May Farm near St. Clair where many nice people had gathered. I spotted a gray tree frog that was greener than the milkweed leaf it was perched upon. This frog is variable in color with an ability to camouflage itself in shades of gray to green, depending on the substrate where it's situated. Common green darner dragonflies (devil's darning

needles," "snake doctors," or "mosquito-hawks") were here and there and there and here at May Farm. This large dragonfly migrates south.

I also saw a number of native bees, which the honey bee isn't. A bee nest box makes a great gift for

bees are among those that utilize holes and you can provide nesting space for them by building a nest box and filling it with straws or drilling holes into a block of wood. Different bee species utilize holes of different diameters, so include a variety of sizes. A

simple box can be made from a cardboard milk carton, salty snack tube, etc. filled with tubes made from straws, wood, bamboo, plant stems, etc. Boxes can be purchased and plans are available online.

Q-and-A

Rachel Depuydt of Eagle Lake asked what the difference was be-

tween a frog and a toad. They're not easy to distinguish. Most frogs have long legs and smooth skins covered in mucus. Toads typically have shorter legs and rougher, thicker skins. Toads generally find their way into gardens and yards

more than frogs. Frog eggs are found in a mass while toad eggs are in a chain. I was taught that all toads are frogs, but not all frogs are toads.

Karen Wright of Mankato asked what butterflies do in the rain. They try to avoid it. Butterflies hide when it rains — under large leaves, in tangled thickets, in dense vegetation, under rocks, in grass or bushes, or anywhere else that would intercept the raindrops.

Thanks for stopping by "If you break your neck, if you have nothing to eat, if your house is on fire, then you've got a problem. Everything else is an inconvenience. Life is inconvenient. Life is lumpy. A lump in the oatmeal, a lump in the throat, and a lump in the breast are not the same kind of lump. One needs to learn the difference." -Robert Fulghum

"It is not what you look at that matters, it's what you see" --Henry Thoreau

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Bee nest box. Photo by Al Batt

gardeners or nature lovers. Many of our native bee species are solitary and effective pollinators. In order to ensure that these bees spend more time in our yards and gardens, they need places to nest. Mason bees and leaf-cutting

Fairmont United Methodist Church celebrates "Homecoming Sunday"

As part of its 150th Anniversary Sesquicentennial Celebration, Fairmont United Methodist Church is having "Homecoming Sunday" this Sunday, September 16th with a worship service at 9 a.m., 6th Annual Chicken 'N Biscuits Fundraising Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and an Open House/Scavenger Hunt/Building Tours beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Fairmont Methodist Episcopal Church was first formed in 1868. The first service in the settlement of Fairmont was held at the cabin of William Budd (located at 705 Albion Avenue) in 1866 with six people in attendance. Some other locations where church services were held were the old fort (at the site of the current courthouse), meeting house, and even open clear-

ings in the woods.

The Fairmont United Methodist Church erected three buildings to accommodate its worshippers. The first church was a small wood frame building built in 1878 on its present site. In 1894 a larger structure was also



constructed on the same site. In 1928 the current brick church was built on the same site. The Fairmont Methodist Church and the Salem EUB Church merged in 1968. The union of these two churches formed the Fairmont United Methodist Church. This year marks 50 years of worshipping together.

The Fairmont United Methodist Church pur-

chased the photo studio next door in 1954 and used it for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Several years after the death of Ethel McCadden, owner of the remaining property on the church's half of the block, Einer Nelson purchased the home and then donated it to the Methodist Church. Both the photo studio that had served as the church annex and the house were razed so the could proceed with plans to build a new

education wing to serve their swelling membership. Construction began in 1972 and was completed and consecrated in 1974.

Fairmont United Methodist Church has been spreading the good news of Jesus Christ for 150 years. Please join them to satisfy your hunger for food, fellowship and the love of Jesus Christ this Sunday.



The Fairmont American Legion Lee C. Prentice Post #36 presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the American Legion Riders for the American Legion Legacy Fund Scholarships. Pictured (L to R): Steve Fosness-Commander, Randy Olson-Legion Riders MN Second District Director, Corey Walter-Legion Riders Post 89 Director, Scott Phillips-Legion Riders Post 89 Past-Director and Bob Altman-Vice Commander. (Submitted photo)

Bethany E&R hosting mission fest

Bethany E & R Church of Ledyard, Iowa is hosting their annual Mission Fest on Sunday, September 16th, 2018. The morning will begin with 9 a.m. Sunday School and 10 a.m. worship service.

Jeff Maskevich, founder and director of "God's Mercy to Haiti," will present his message along with videos and slide shows of his work in Haiti. His work includes building a school, in the church, for the Village of Kilbite, Haiti. After his first trip to Haiti in 2010, Jeff has been faithful to serve the church and village. Pastor Jeff has served the Lord as a prison chaplain, pastor, maternity home house parent, and church planter.

A meal will be served in

the fellowship hall following the morning services. All are welcome. Please join us and your bring friends!

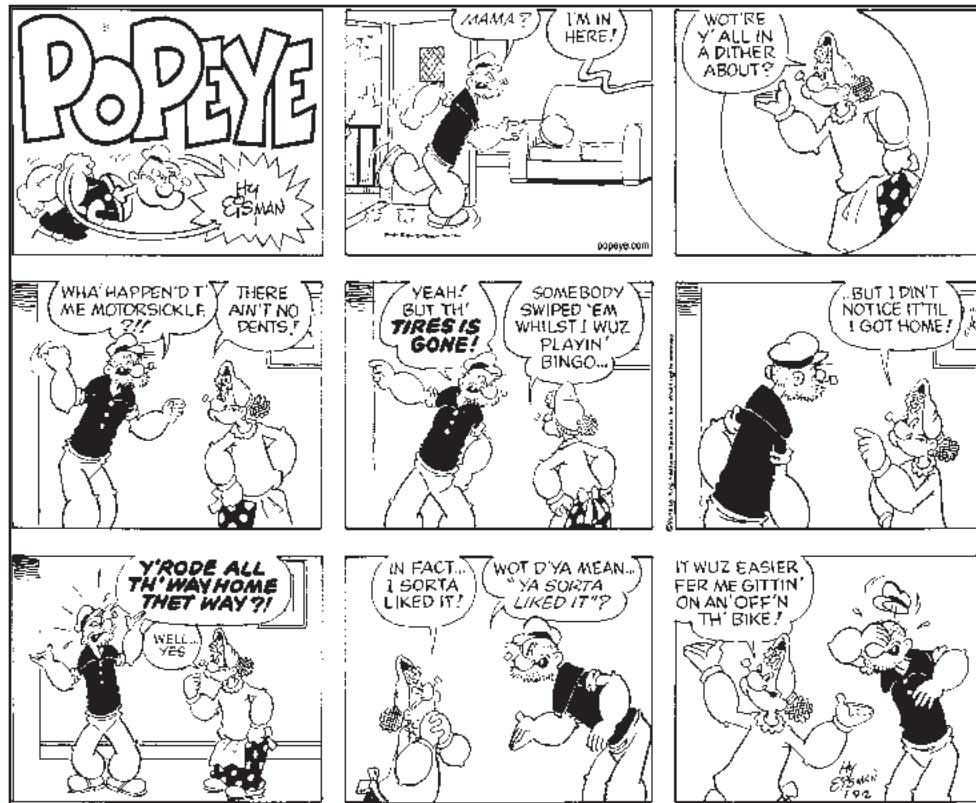


The evening service begins at 6 p.m. featuring the musical group "3CDs. The 3 CDs have been singing together and loving it for about 9 years. "CDs" stand for "Choir Directors" as each of them has

been a choir director. Julie Quamme is from Rake, IA, and directed the choirs at Zion Lutheran for many years. Audrey Kiihn is from Bricelyn, MN, and also directed her church choir at Bricelyn Lutheran. Linda Hill (former Ledyard resident, Linda Pingel) is from Kiester, MN, and taught music for 33 years. They have all now retired from that phase of their lives and have entered the next journey of sharing their love of music. They LOVE to sing together.

Coffee and goodies will be served following the evening program.

The church is located on 310 Division Street in Ledyard. Please come and enjoy the music and fellowship!





spending two weeks visiting the Midwest to tour soybean farms and produc-



tion facilities. Next week Lawrence and Diane will have an article about soybean production as part of the Photo Press focus on "Farm Safety Week 2018". Thank you very much to Sukalski Farms and the families that operate it for putting on this event again this year to continue to bolster relationships with countries who purchase our agriculture products!

"What is it?" answered?

This past week's "What is it?" item was answered



by only one of our readers. Lawrence Ternes of Ledyard claimed that the item is one part of an old firehose wrench. Do you agree? thanks to Craig Olson for bringing it in! This week we have an item that was given to our ad rep, Randy Chirpich. It is pretty rusty, but appears to

be made of cast steel and measures about 15 inches from end to end. The parts were made to move, but since it was so rusty, that won't happen with this piece. So, what is it and what is it used for? If you know the answer, drop me an email at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or call the office at 507-238-9456. Do you have an item that you want featured in a future column. You can stop by the Photo Press with your item so we can take a picture, get details and measurements to be featured in a future column.

Cancer Survivor stories

For the past five years, the Fairmont Photo Press has put the spotlight on local cancer survivors during the month of October. It is a chance for the survivor to tell their story, in their own words. We also wish that these stories will give hope to those who are currently fighting cancer. We would like to feature a survivor each week dur-

ing the month of October. We respect people's right to privacy, but I know that past stories from local survivors have given hope and inspiration to others and because of that, it is important for us to bring you these stories during the month of October. If you know of someone that has battled cancer or is currently dealing with cancer who would like to tell their story, please contact me at my office.

Suppers, Cider Fest, and more!

I have a few events coming up in the week ahead I wanted to point out before I go. The Wednesday Evening Suppers are returning again to Fairmont United Methodist Church from 5-6 p.m. This week they serve A&W Swiss burgers and next week it will be scalloped potatoes and ham. A \$2 donation is suggested. Also the Wednesday Night Suppers at Community Covenant Church in Huntley begin from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Free will offering. On Saturday, September 15th head south of Fairmont to Timberlake Orchard for their Ciderfest celebration. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. featuring food, live music, games,

raffles and of course, apple cider!

On Sunday, September 16th, Jim Harper, a 1975 graduate of Fairmont, will be speaking at First Congregational Church of Fairmont at 10:30 a.m. Also on Sunday, September 16th, Fairmont United Methodist Church will have their chicken 'n biscuit dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. This annual meal is a fundraiser for the church and its programs. They will also have an open house, tours, scavenger hunt and more as part of their Sesquicentennial church celebration.

Bethany E&R Church in Ledyard Iowa hosts the mission fest on September 16th with activities throughout the day. On Wednesday, September 19th, Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha will have their annual pie social from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - support our local farmers and agribusinesses!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

"Why Do I Have to Learn This?"

I'm sure every kid has done it at some point. I know I did on more than one occasion. I sat in school, trying to focus on an assignment, wondering, "Why do I have to learn this? I'm never going to use this in real life." The subject could have been math, English, history, or any course that didn't seem interesting to me at the time.

Thank-

fully, my teachers were very persistent and they pushed me to get the work done. As life goes on, I find myself saying, "I wish I would have paid more attention in..."

far more often than the times I asked "Why do I have to learn this?"

In my senior year of high school, I took vocational auto mechanics. Three hours every day - fourth, fifth and sixth periods. As a kid, I dreamed of being an over-the-road truck driver and in high school I thought this is a class where I will learn things I might actually use someday.

In this class

we did more than just study the books. We did a lot of hands-on work; from oil changes to tune-ups, we changed shocks and struts and replaced exhaust systems. We rebuilt starters and alternators. We learned how to analyze a car, determine the problem, and fix it. It was a fun class and I was learning things I could actually use in real life.

Ken Corbett was the auto mechanics teacher; a very neat, well-groomed man. Every day, he wore a pressed, dark green mechanics shirt tucked into his matching pants. He always wore a belt and polished black work shoes. Somehow he never seemed to get dirty. He was a fair man, often gruff and to the point,

but he had a soft side too, and I really liked him.

One Friday, after taking attendance, he asked, "Who wants to do a complete engine overhaul on a little four cylinder Bobcat?" For those who don't remember, the Bobcat, made by Mercury, was basically the same car as the Ford Pinto. No one was raising their hand.

If he would have asked us to overhaul a Chevy Camaro, a Ford Mustang, or a Dodge Charger, every kid in the room would have been waving their hand in the air, bouncing out of their seats, begging for rights to that project.

I looked at my buddy, Kenny Ware, and quietly asked, "Do you want to do the overhaul together? Me and you?" "Sure, why not? It'll be fun." He said. I raised my hand, "Palen?" Mr. Corbett said, "Do you want to do it?" Waving my finger between myself and my friend, I answered, "Kenny and I will work on it together."

Mr. Corbett turned around and wrote on the chalkboard, "Bobcat. Palen and Ware." While he was writing, he said...

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SEPT 13 - 19

THUR: Mini turkey corn dogs, tator tots, caesar salad, pears.

FRI: Cheese calzone, green beans, fruit cocktail.

MON: Mac & cheese, dinner roll, peas, carrots, pineapple tidbits.

TUE: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, corn, orange.

WED: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, baked beans, celery sticks, banana.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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SEPT 13 - 19

THUR: Meat & cheese wrap, potato chips, veggie slices, pears.

FRI: Chili, cheese stick, corn muffin, peaches, gelatin cup.

MON: Chicken patty sandwich, jo-jo potatoes, lettuce salad, banana.

TUE: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, pineapple, pudding cup.

WED: Sloppy joe, baked beans, carrots, mandarin oranges.

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SEPT 13 - 19

THUR: Hot chicken sandwich, tator tots, veggies, fruit.

FRI: Crispito, chili, corn, veggies, fruit.

MON: Mini corn dogs, calico beans, spinach salad, hot apple slices.

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FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, nachos fun lunch, broccoli, cucumbers, fruit. **JR/HS:** Cheese calzone, green beans, corn salad, pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail.

MON: K-6: Crispy chicken sandwich, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, baked beans, grape tomatoes, fruit. **JR/HS:**

Mac & cheese, dinner roll, peas, carrots, caesar salad, apple, pineapple.

TUE: K-6: Mac & cheese, dinner roll, chicken caesar salad wrap, broccoli, pico de gallo carrots, fruit. **JR/HS:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, cravy, dinner roll, apple crisp, corn, coleslaw, cucumbers, orange, applesauce.

WED: K-6: Cheeseburger, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, fries, celery sticks, fruit. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken dinner roll, baked beans, broccoli, carrot & celery sticks, banana, peaches.



Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont is pleased to announce Don Swanson of Sherburn as the winner of the People's Choice Award given following the Community Art Show which was held at the center during the month of August. Swanson was presented with a ribbon and a check for \$50 from the Red Rock for the The Last Supper woodcarving. (Submitted photo)



Early Risers Kiwanis President Daron Johnson (left) inducted the newest member to Early Riser Kiwanis, Jessica Martinez (center) this week with Char Kahler (right) as her sponsor. Jessica is our Fairmont school's new Community Outreach Coordinator. She will be sharing with the Kiwanis about her work on October 10th that 6:45 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont. The public is welcome. (Submitted photo)



What you need to know about your ductwork

(NAPS)—Your health and your wealth. Those are the two major reasons you should have your HVAC system inspected by a reputable, certified professional. Consider this:

Your Health

Your heating and cooling system is essentially the lungs of your home. The system takes air in and “breathes” air out. Through normal living in a house, a great deal of contaminants and air pollutants—dander, dust, chemicals—get pulled into the HVAC system and recirculated an average of six times a day. Over time, this causes a buildup of contaminants in the ductwork.

While dirty ducts don’t necessarily mean unhealthy air, they can contribute to health issues, especially for people with respiratory problems, autoimmune disorders or allergies.

Your Wealth

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, 25 to 40 percent of the energy used for heating or cooling a home is wasted. Contaminants in the heating and cooling system cause it to work harder and shorten its life. Even though there are filters, the system still gets dirty. When an HVAC system is clean, it doesn’t have to work as hard to maintain the temperature you desire. As a result, you save energy and money.

What You Can Do

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1. Insurance and licenses.
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4. A limit on the amount of dust, dirt and debris released into your home during the cleaning.
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6. Information about any chemicals used as part of the cleaning, including a safety data sheet for the products used.

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- All ASCS-certified individuals must acquire continuing education credits to maintain certification each year.

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For further information, visit www.BreathingClean.com. There, you can also find the professional directory of NADCA members.

Protect your house from fire

(NAPS)—House fires and families are well protected. Therefore, there’s



many people think. No matter the season, it’s important to ensure homes

no time like the present to evaluate the different fire-safety measures in place

around your house. If you happen to be remodeling, it’s an ideal time to bolster your home’s fire safety.

- Be sure you have working smoke detectors on all floors of your home and outside sleeping areas. Check them once a month, clean them every six months and change the batteries at least once a year. Better yet, opt for newer units that come

with a 10-year, no-maintenance battery.

- Select appliances with an automatic shutoff.

- Never overload electrical outlets or use extension cords to replace additional outlets. When remodeling or undertaking repairs, make sure you engage a licensed electrician for all electrical work.

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3 upgrades to add beauty and comfort to your home

(StatePoint) While a simple home upgrade once meant a new area rug or fresh coat of paint, these days, there are new and unexpected ways to update your space in order to add beauty and comfort to your home.

• Think Smart: New technology can add unexpected convenience and luxury to your everyday life. Virtual assistants like Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant and Apple HomeKit, can help make your space cozy, comfortable and secure, giving you the ability to control light bulbs, door locks, blinds, music and more with voice commands. Companion apps also allow you to control home elements through your phone from anywhere.

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• Living gallery wall: Add vitality and beauty to your space with a living gallery wall, whereby plant life becomes a work of art. Known as a vertical garden,

there are many ways to go about it, whether it's affixing planters in a pattern to your wall or hanging a flat panel of succulents and moss and bordering it with a picture frame. This will create a lively visual and a healthy one at that -- adding oxygen to the rooms of your home, or even nutrition, should you choose to plant herbs.

• Add a breeze: Whether you live in an old house where central air is non-existent or you just want to add some ventilation to your space with a low-key upgrade, there's no need to call in an HVAC team. Adding a ceiling fan to the landing of your staircase, for example, can help pull and circulate cool air into the upstairs space. Or, consider transforming the traditionally neglected laundry room into a space that's comfortable for getting chores done. The addition of a ceiling fan can create a breeze and alleviate the heat created by the dryer. Low-profile versions like the Cranbrook from Hunter Fan Company, are a good fit for the small square footage of a laundry room.

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Make your home a safe haven

(NAPS)—We think of our homes as our haven from the world. In it, we house the people and things that we treasure most. In time, we might also undertake to expand or modify our homes to better suit our needs through different life stages. Perhaps a previous owner has done the same. Remodeling a house can provide significant advantages and serve as an opportunity to make things better, especially if your home is getting on in years. It's also a good time to identify potential problems in order to ensure safety, comfort and performance. Here are five things to consider when remodeling:

What's behind the walls? Do you know what type of insulation exists or its current condition? It's worthwhile to find out. Some older homes contain outdated materials that could be harmful. In basements and bathrooms, in attics and in areas where there's been some moisture penetration, it's not uncommon to discover moldy fiberglass or other insulating materials that should be removed. This can compromise air quality and be the source of potential health issues. When upgrading, opt for an insulation with an inorganic composition. Professional builders often favor a stone wool product such as Rockwool Comfortbatt or Safe 'n' Sound because it resists moisture, adds fire protection and is an excellent sound-absorbing material.

Consider a professional home inspection. The goal is to help identify any potential hazards within your home. These can take many forms. Think knob-and-tube

wiring, overloaded panels or cracked foundations.

Lead paint. Older houses (pre-1978) may have base



coats of lead paint beneath the newer ones. Lead can cause harmful effects if ingested or inhaled as dust. Be careful to avoid raising dust if scraping or sanding old walls or molding. Test for (and seal) exposed areas of lead paint.

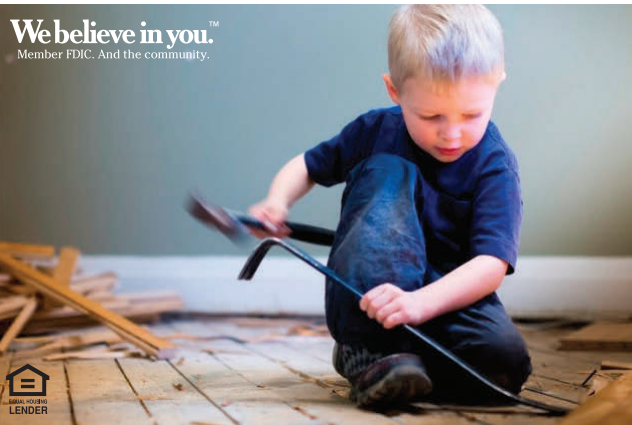
Educate yourself about air quality. Radon is a particular concern. It's a radioactive gas that naturally accumulates in some houses—and the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking. Use a radon long-term detector to measure the level of radon in your home to determine if you need to reduce it.

Pay close attention to combustion appliances. If not properly maintained or vented to the outside, combustion appliances, including your furnace, gas stove or water heater, can release pollutants such as carbon monoxide—a colorless and odorless gas. Ensure appliances are well maintained and inspected at least once a year. Install carbon monoxide detectors.

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Weatherization Myths – Debunked!

(StatePoint) Weatherizing your home for each season can make it more comfortable – but how to do it can be confusing. Here are four common weatherizing myths – busted! – to help get your home ready for cooler weather to come.

Myth 1: It doesn't matter where your thermostat is placed.

Truth: Location, location, location! You may be spending more on heating and cooling than you need to be if your thermostat is in the wrong place. Placed in direct sunlight, you run the risk of getting false readings, as it can "think" the room is warmer than it actually feels, causing your air conditioner to turn on when it isn't needed. Similarly, a thermostat placed near the kitchen often reads that the home is far warmer than it truly is due to the stove and oven. The best location is

on an interior wall, centrally located and near areas where you spend the most time, ensuring these rooms are the most comfortable.

Myth 2: Closed curtains and blinds in cold weather prevent heat escape.

Truth: According to the Department of Energy, shades and drapes can reduce heat loss from a warm room by up to 10 percent. However, opening curtains and blinds

during the day when direct sunlight hits can also allow for a warming effect. In winter, draperies should be closed at dusk but opened at dawn.

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home's interior, helping block drafts and air leaks. And, it's also a myth that these are hard to install: A pre-taped edge makes for easy roll-on application, requiring no measuring, while fitting snugly to indoor window frames to provide an airtight, crystal-clear seal.

Myth 3: It's expensive to draft-proof your home.

Truth: Homeowners



Myth 4: It's cheaper to keep your home at a constant temperature.

Truth: A common misconception is that it's better to keep your home at a constant temperature, even when you're not home. However, if the system runs less during the day, it uses less energy. According to Energy.gov, you can save as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling by turning your thermostat back 7-10 degrees from its normal setting for eight hours a day.

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Fall Fixes to Prepare for Winter

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Fall has arrived! But you know what happens after Fall in the Midwest, don't you? Winter!

Here are some tips you can do in Fall which can save you money spent on repairing damage incurred from our cold season ahead:

1. Prepare your outdoor faucet. The best thing to do is drain your garden hose and put a cover (found at hardware stores for less than \$5.00) over your outdoor faucet. My husband and I take it a couple of steps further. Make sure your faucet is one that won't freeze up. The plumber knows the exact faucet to install to help prevent frozen water pipes. We also installed a water shut off in the basement to shut off each winter to prevent even further damage. These items can help prevent a costly repair of frozen pipes from the outside faucet.

2. Clean your gutters. It's hard enough to keep up with the raking of leaves in the fall but add to the leaf chores is cleaning out the leaves (and walnuts, and acorns, and apples, and any other tree debris) from your gutters. If you keep your gutters full in winter, you could be inviting water into your basement through the foundation. When the gutters are clogged, the water isn't directed away from your home, which can lead to moisture seeping through your foundation in your basement. Clean your gutters and make sure your downspouts take the

water away from your home. If you'd like a little help with keeping your gutters clean without having to climb a ladder, invest in gutter guards which prevent most of the debris from getting into your gutters. We installed gutter guards and it's been great!

3. Add insulation in your attic. The goal to prevent ice dams is to keep the entire roof the same temperature as the eaves. You can do that by increasing ventilation, adding insulation, and sealing off every possible air leak that might warm the underside of the roof. Ice dams create those pretty icicles, but they get heavy as the ice continues to build on your gutters and the roof and cause costly repairs. Experts recommend 14" of insulation in the attic. If you can't afford extra insulation you might try heated gutter cables, which run between \$50 and \$150 each, and can be temporarily installed to areas prone to ice damming. My husband and I have never tried them, but I have always been curious if they work or not. We also have learned that if you can take a roof shovel and try to get the snow off before it melts, it also helps prevent larger ice dams from forming.

4. Speaking of insulation... Now is a good time to insulate your garage door too! You can do this project yourself, if you'd like. Just buy some extruded foam insulation (blue sheets of insulation). You can cut to fit in the areas of your door and

attach using sheet metal tape. You'll be surprised what a difference it makes in the temperature of your garage in the winter.

5. Fill the holes and cracks. It's another one of those chores you dread every year. Finding every hole and crack in the exterior of your home and filling with caulking and repainting the exterior spots so the patches don't stick out like a sore thumb. The holes and cracks occur as part of the settling process for the house, and the freeze-thaw-freeze-thaw routine of our climate. Filling the holes and cracks will keep your home air tight from cold drafts thereby saving you money on your heating bill and will prevent bugs and critters from trying to get into your warm home for the winter saving you money on exterminators as well.

6. Windows and doors. Look around your windows and doors, inside and outside, to make sure your windows and doors are sealed properly. Weather stripping and caulking are must haves to keep the cold air out!

7. Time to switch your sump pump to your winter setting. Many area towns prefer you discharge your sump pump into the sewer drains instead of outside during the winter months to prevent streets from ice build up and other safety concerns. Talk to your city officials to find out what is preferred where you live. The other big goal is not to

have your sump pump freeze in the winter months if you're discharging outside. Discuss options with your plumber to set up your sump pump and hose properly so that it doesn't freeze and cause a back-up.

8. Service your furnace and sweep your chimneys. Schedule your favorite HVAC person to service your furnace to make sure it's working properly before winter. If you haven't had your wood fireplace chimney swept recently, schedule a visit so that you can prevent a fire when starting that first fire of the season.

9. Give your snow blower a tune up. If you don't know how to do a tune up on a small engine, like a snow blower, there are shops around the area you can hire to do it for you. Schedule



your appointment early, as their time gets booked fast! Nothing is worse than getting hit with a blizzard only to find out your snow blower doesn't start up when you need it most. Plus, get ready your snow shovels, ice melt, ice scrapers, and below freezing windshield washer fluid, too!

10. Prevent pipes from freezing. I've seen the damage frozen pipes can cause in the winter, and trust me, you don't want that happening to you. Here's how you can prevent frozen pipes: during su-

per cold weather, keep cabinet doors open under bathroom and kitchen sinks to allow warm air to circulate around pipes. You might even want to wrap them in foam insulation to keep them warm. If you have pipes that run along outside walls, you can also keep a very slow trickle of water flowing through faucets.

A little time and effort invested now will save you hundreds of dollars of costly repairs in the future! Get out there and get it done before the snow flies!



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(StatePoint) Of course, cooking like a chef at home requires talent and practice. But there's no doubt about it -- having the right culinary tools, appliances and prep space is essential, too.

To upgrade your kitchen so that you can cook like a chef, consider the following:

Prep Like a Pro

Save time and energy and get a cleaner cut by maintaining your knives. Properly clean, dry and store knives directly after use and regularly sharpen them. Whether that's on a magnetic strip on the wall or an in-drawer organizer, the best options will allow you to see all your knives at once so you can reach for the correct one. Precision slicing? You may also wish to invest in a mandoline.

Bake a lot? Consider ditching the measuring cups by using a digital scale instead. You'll get faster, more accurate results. And the bonus of less to clean-up.

Cook Like a Pro

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Move Like a Pro

Do an audit of your current cooking habits, bearing in mind the layout of your kitchen and the organization of go-to ingredients. Are you expending time and energy walking all the way around the kitchen island just to get to the fridge? Are you spending too much time poking around for a particular spice or oil? The optimal flow in your kitchen space will allow for more intuitive food preparation and help you stay light on your feet.

Want to cook like a professional? Update your kitchen accordingly. A few upgrades can help you become a better chef.

Financial Focus



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Financial Tips for Alzheimer's Caregivers

If you are, or will be, a caregiver for elderly parents or another close family member living with Alzheimer's disease, you may experience some emotional stress – but you also need to be aware of the financial issues involved and what actions you can take to help address them.

You will find few “off the rack” solutions for dealing with the financial challenges associated with Al-

zheimer's. For one thing, family situations can vary greatly, both in terms of the financial resources available and in the availability and capabilities of potential caregivers. Furthermore, depending on the stage of the disease, people living with Alzheimer's may have a range of cognitive abilities, which will affect the level of care needed.

Here are some general suggestions that may be

useful to you in your role as caregiver:

- Consult with family members and close friends. It's extremely hard to be a solo caregiver. By consulting with other family members or close friends, you may find that some of them have the time and ability to help.

- Consider obtaining durable power of attorney. If you possess a durable power of attorney for finances,

you can make financial decisions for the person with Alzheimer's when he or she is no longer able. With this authority, you can help the individual living with the disease – and your entire family – avoid court actions that can take away control of financial affairs. And on a short-term basis, having durable power of attorney can help you take additional steps if needed. You'll find it much easier to acquire durable power of attorney when the individual living with Alzheimer's is still in the early stage of the disease and can willingly and knowingly grant you this authority.

- Gather all necessary documents. You'll be in a better position to help the individual living with Alzheimer's if you have all

the important financial documents – bank statements, insurance policies, wills, Social Security payment information, deeds, etc. – in one place.

- Get professional help. You may want to consult with an attorney, who can advise you on establishing appropriate arrangements, such as a living trust, which provides instructions about the estate of the person for whom you're providing care and names a trustee to hold title to property and funds for the beneficiaries. You also might want to meet with a financial advisor, who can help identify potential resources and money-saving services. And a tax professional may be able to help you find tax deductions connected to your role as

caregiver.

Finally, use your experience as a caregiver to remind yourself of the importance of planning for your own needs. For example, a financial professional can suggest ways of preparing for the potentially huge costs of long-term care, such as those arising from an extended stay in a nursing home.

Caring for an individual living with Alzheimer's has its challenges. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can reduce uncertainties – and possibly give yourself and your family members a greater sense of security and control.

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Lynn D. Kroon, Roger Kroon to Derek Laven, W 100' of S 200' and vacated Teeter Street, Lot 1, Block 5 Teeters 2nd Subdivision

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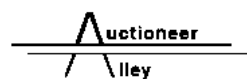
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Ask A Trooper: Speeding Excuses

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

Question: How effective are the statewide extra enforcement projects that are announced from law enforcement?

Answer: These campaigns are very effective in reducing the total number of crashes caused by speeding, driving under the influence, distracted driving and occupants not wearing a seatbelt.

From our last extra enforcement speed campaign, more than 300 law enforcement agencies participated in Minnesota from July 6th - 22nd. This resulted in officers, deputies and troopers issuing 14,661 citations for unsafe speeds and 1,625 seat belt citations.

During the campaign, 25 agencies reported speeds of 100 mph or more. Those speeds included:

- 120 mph - Corcoran Police Department
- 115 mph - Minnesota State Patrol (District 2900 - Detroit Lakes)
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• A motorcyclist riding 120 mph+ in a 50 mph zone. Recently bought the motorcycle and wanted to go fast.

• Two different troopers cited the same driver for the same speed about 32 minutes apart. (79 mph in 60 mph zone)

• "Trying to get air in the truck since the AC is broken." (75 mph in 65 mph zone)

Cost of a speeding violation will vary by county, but it will typically cost a driver more than \$110 with court fees for traveling 10 mph over the limit. Fines double for those traveling 20 mph over the limit. A driver can lose their license for six months for going 100 mph or more.

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

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

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Minnesota 2018 corn yields likely to be highly variable

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Most crop experts are now agreeing that Minnesota's 2018 crop yields are likely to be highly variable across the State, especially for corn yields. In the last USDA Crop Report on August 10th, the 2018 Minnesota corn yield was projected at 191 bushels per acre, which would be the third highest ever, trailing only last year's record yield of 194 bushels per acre, and the previous record yield of 193 bushels per acre in 2016. Other recent statewide average corn yields are 188 bushels per acre in 2015, 158 bushels per acre in 2014, and 160 bushels per acre in 2013.

Interestingly, there has been quite a range in the estimated 2018 Minnesota corn yields by private analysts, ranging from about 178 to near 190 bushels per acre; however, all of the estimates are below the August USDA estimate. Many analysts feel that USDA may be overestimating the 2018 corn yield in Minnesota, due to the growing season weather challenges in some of prime corn producing areas of the State. Historically, Minnesota final average

corn yields tend to decline a bit as harvest goes on, due to average corn yields in Central and Northern being lower than anticipated; however, that trend changed somewhat in 2016 and 2017 with some very favorable weather late in the growing season.

The USDA weekly crop progress report on September 4th listed 75 percent of Minnesota's corn crop as "good-to-excellent". Many of the areas that have a corn crop rated "good-to-excellent" are in Central and Northern Minnesota, along with Southeast Minnesota. USDA listed only 7 percent of the State's corn crop as "poor to very poor", with most of those acres in portions of Southwest and South Central Minnesota, due to a variety of weather challenges during the growing season. In both 2016 and 2017, most counties in Southern Minnesota had corn yields above 190 bushels per acre, with many counties exceeding 200 bushels per acre in both years. The Southwest and South Central crop reporting districts typically account for over 40 percent of Minnesota's

corn production annually.

The USDA Crop Report on August 10th projected Iowa to achieve an average corn yield of 202 bushels per acre in 2018, which would match the 2017 statewide corn yield, and would be just shy of the 2016 record yield of 203 bushels per acre. Most private analysts agree that Iowa's 2018 corn crop should be close to the USDA projections; however, some late season dry weather concerns in portions of Southwest Iowa, along with continual excessive rainfall in other portions of the State, has raised some concerns regarding Iowa's high corn yield projections.

Statewide corn yields in States such as Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio have been "up and down" in recent years. After achieving record or near-record yields in 2016, corn yields dropped off somewhat in 2017, and are now projected to be quite solid again in 2018. USDA estimated the 2018 corn yield for Illinois at the record level of 207 bushels per acre, Indiana at 186 bushels per acre, and Ohio at 180 bushels per acre. Nebraska

is also projected to have a record statewide corn yield in 2018 at 196 bushels per acre. Other estimated 2018 corn yields are South Dakota at 170 bushels per acre and North Dakota at 148 bushels per acre, which are up considerably from the drought reduced yields in 2017.

The August 10th USDA Report projected a record national average corn yield of 178.4 bushels per acre, which would surpass the previous record U.S. corn yields of 176.6 bushels per acre in 2017 and 174.6 bushels per acre in 2016. Many private analysts feel that the USDA 2018 corn yield estimate may be a bit too high, given the poor early season growing conditions in portions of the Western Corn Belt, along with drought conditions in some areas later in the growing season.

One of the biggest challenges with the Minnesota corn crop is usually getting the crop mature before the first killing frost. Average first frost dates range from around September 20th in the northern areas of the State to around October 15th in Southeast Minnesota. The good news is that crop development in many areas of the State are much more advanced in the 2018 crop year, as compared to a normal year. As of September 5th, a total of 2,435 growing degree units (GDU's) had

been accumulated since May 1st at the University of Minnesota Southern Research and Outreach Center at Waseca, MN. That level of GDU accumulation is approximately 10 percent above normal, and usually does not occur until September 24th in an average year.

Corn is considered to have reached physiological maturity once it is in the "black layer" stage. Some of the earlier planted corn in Minnesota is likely to reach this stage by September 10-15, while later planted corn may be a week to 10 days later. The concern for an early frost does not appear to be an issue in 2018. Once the corn reaches maturity, favorable early Fall weather can greatly assist with natural dry-down of the corn in the field, which can reduce corn drying costs.

The U of M Research Center at Waseca received over 7.25 inches of rainfall from August 31st to September 5th. The 5.38 inches of rainfall recorded on the morning of September 5th was the fourth highest 24-hour rainfall amount ever recorded at the Waseca location. Fortunately in the Waseca area, the growing season precipitation amounts prior to this period had been very near normal, which is not the case in some other areas of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa.

Many portions of Southwest and South Central Minnesota, as well as adjoining areas of Northern Iowa, have received record or near-record levels of precipitation during the 2018 growing season. Several locations in these regions have received two to three times the normal rainfall amounts since May 1st. This has resulted in continual saturated field conditions and generally poor growing conditions for crop production, which appears to have severely impacted the yield potential of this year's corn crop. The hardest hit areas are likely to have 2018 corn yields that are 10-20 percent, or more, below the long-term average yields.

Another concern for harvest of this year's corn and soybean crop could be the extremely wet field conditions that exist in many areas of Minnesota and surrounding States. If the wetter than normal conditions continue through September, the saturated field conditions could lead to some very challenging harvest conditions in some areas. These type of soil conditions are also very favorable for the development of root rot and stalk rot diseases in crops, which could result in more crop lodging, as well as increased harvest losses.



David Alm, who has been giving blood since he was a military member, donated blood at the Fairmont Red Cross blood drive last week.

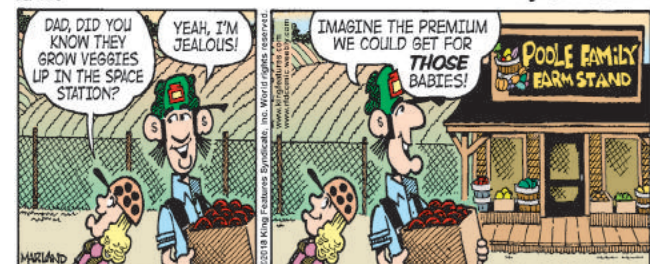


The trustees of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus recently selected Leon Lammers (center) as their "2017/2018 Knight of the Year". Leon was recognized for his many years of service to the local council, as well as, for his commitment to our community. Pictured at left is Pat Bulfer, Trustee of the local KC Council and at right is Jim Kasel, Grand Knight of the local KC Council. (Submitted photo)

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TOSS IN - Cardinals' Daniel Brummond looks for a teammate to toss to. The Cards were edged 1-0 by Southwest Minnesota Christian on Monday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



STALWART - Cardinals goalie Tyson Geerdes fends off a corner kick as Marshall's #7 Jonathan Alvarez tries for a header. Cards #22 Rene Morales looks on. Marshall defeated the Cards 4-1 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



JUMP SERVE - Bailee Swanson and the Cardinals finished fourth at the Sleepy Eye volleyball invitational tournament last Saturday. The Cards won three games and lost two in the invite. The Cards record is 4-6 after their 3-1 loss to Waseca Monday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BUMP - Cards Chloe Murphy bumps the volleyball to a teammate. The Cards lost to New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva 3-0 last Tuesday night. The Cardinals won their first match of the season 3-0 over the Blue Earth Area Buccaneers last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



QUARTERBACK KEEPER - Cards #11 Garrett Myren, who threw for two touchdowns and rushed for another, gets key blocks from center #50 Carson Toomer and #89 Jacob Roberts. Jordan's #65 Anthony Quinones and teammate #29 Eric Downs defend the play. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



FUMBLE! - Cardinals #44 Nick Thate had two fumble recoveries in the Cards 45-26 loss to Jordan. Teammate Dominick Ortiz looks on. The Cards (1-1) traveled to Waseca (2-0) Friday night. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



QB CORRAL - Martin County West's #1 Raine Stade grabs St. James Saints quarterback Derrick Halvorson. The Saints downed the Mavericks 42-8 last Friday night. MCW (0-2) host Windom Area (0-2) Friday night. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



ANKLE TACKLE - Mavericks #42 Miles Fitzgerald trips up Saints QB Derrick Halvorson. MCW teammates #25 Derek Dunlop and #3 Wyatt Geistfeld trail the play. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



CARD SPIRIT - Cardinal fan Mikayla Stradtman cheers on the home team at the New Richland-Hartland Ellendale Geneva volleyball game. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*




Employees were encouraged to walk, ride bike, motorcycle or car-pool for the day.



The Martin County Sheriff's Office, Fairmont Police Department and Minnesota State Patrol were on site with their activities to stimulate "driving while impaired." Employees put on goggles that were blurred by BAL (blood alcohol levels) and had the opportunity to drive the pedal car through the obstacle and try out playing bean bags.

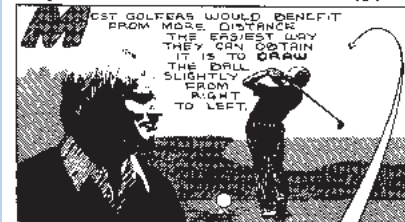
3M holds EHS Day

On July 31st, 2018 3M Fairmont employees participated in an EHS Day focusing on safety.




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Martin County has many attributes unique to the area.

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This doesn't happen by accident, through a variety of companies, with the help of many sponsors & volunteers, this is truly a great example of "it takes a village" Today Our Story Productions is proud to present a new television show on Fairmont cable channel 12 "Martin County on TV". It will be aired twice daily (at 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.) for the next twelve months.

This show will share stories and interviews done by the television shows produced here in Martin County.

Executive Producer Jeff Rouse shared "I recently had an opportunity to watch some episodes done by Focus on Fairmont/Home Town Focus on VHS tape and was reminded of all the great history covered and stories done about our citizens! I thought Martin County citizens would love to see these and they should be archived permanently on the web. This is a big project, many Fairmont organizations and businesses have stepped forward to be sponsors and co-hosts. Without their support this

part of our history may have never been seen again! The sponsors are shown on each episode, be sure and thank them! So we invite you to watch Martin County on TV and see our history as told by your neighbors and friends!"

The History of Local Television in Martin County

In the spring of 1994 Fairmont Cable TV hired Greg Darbo to set up a TV studio at Fairmont High School and create local programming. Two additional cable channels, 12 and 36, were made available for local programming. In August of 1994 the advertising/marketing agency of Sauck, Brown & Ruth was hired to assist in producing local programming. A media production class was added to the Fairmont High School's curriculum with Tom Kuisle and Rita Craven serving as teachers and Greg Darbo assisted. So began "Focus on Fairmont" which contained approximately 200 stories about area



Jeff Rouse

people, places and events and featured over 40 volunteer reporters. In the fall of 1997 "Focus on Fairmont" became "Hometown Focus" enabling the show to feature what was happening in the entire region. Focus on Fairmont/Hometown Focus produced over 500 episodes and made local celebrities out of producers & hosts that include Janet Ruth, Al Travis, Jeff Hagen and Cathy Evangelista to name a few! As

they often shared, the show would not have been possible if it wasn't for the volunteer reporters that included Marie B, Bonnie F, Michael Burgraff, Bob Wallace, Mike Foster and many more! Hometown Focus continued to share stories and interviews about our community tell



the spring of 2007.

Summer of 2007 Our Story/ Destination Small Town took to the airways. Executive Producer Jeff Rouse was quoted as saying "My wife Denise and I were complaining to fellow business owners that it was a shame Focus on Fairmont/Hometown Focus was ending, they did a great job and we believed having a local show is important to our community! The response was, if you think it's so important why don't you do it, so we did." Jeff and Denise Rouse formed the multimedia company, Our Story Productions. Like their predecessors the goal is to share all aspects of the life lead in our town, their first project was the television show "Destination Small Town" To draw attention to their television show and to increase their web presence the decision was made to develop talk shows produced by a fictional television station (KLUK TV) located in the fictional Sweet Swine County. While viewers were entertained by the zany antics of the talk shows and soap

opera As the Corn Grows, KLUK TV reporters and Sweet Swine County citizens would report in with stories about real businesses and points of interest they had visited in our community. Much to their surprise towns & businesses from throughout the Midwest begin to contact them to see if they would do stories about their towns and businesses! They believed by including additional towns, they not only would gain more exposure for our community, but would

become a source of information about the life lead in other small towns!

Today in their 12th year, with over 60 Fairmont area volunteers and a staff of four, OSP continues to air the TV show "Destination Small Town" in over 1,000,000 households on cable TV throughout the Midwest, as well as on their website, YouTube, Facebook and Pinterest pages. To date they have featured nearly 4,000 businesses in over 1,000 small towns, in 9 states on their television show

and each are archived on their website www.destinationstowntown.com DST also features on their website State, Region, County Pages that enable visitors to learn about points of interest/events taking place in the nine states covered and over 1000 Town/County Pages spotlighting the founders, business people, volunteers, entrepreneurs and military personnel who served their community and country.



The Fairmont Eagles recently donated a check for \$500 towards the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Proceeds were raised from the latest Roast Beef & Turkey Commercial Supper along with their two day bake sale. Pictured from the left are Christi Redenius, Pam Abelson, Pam Gerkin, Phyl Shumski, Marlene Ditzler and Penni Ziegler. (Submitted photo)

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