



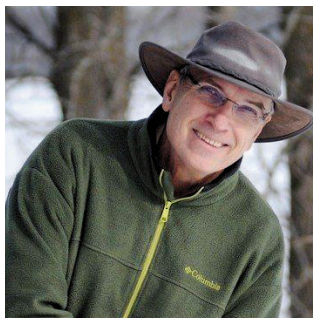
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Naturally By Al Batt

I've done many Christmas Bird Counts. A CBC is conducted on a single day from December 14 through January 5 each year in a 15-mile diameter circle. I count how many birds I see of each species. There are mysteries perched in trees and if I flip proverbial rocks, I find things. It's fun even when the weather isn't. The secret is to keep expectations high, never be disappointed and always be surprised. On a CBC, I visited an admirer of backyard birds who pointed at one of his feathered friends and said, "That's my favorite bird. What kind is it?" Robert Frost would have

answered, "They cannot look out far. They cannot look in deep. But when was that ever a bar to any watch they keep?"

I heard the spring song of a black-capped chickadee, a simple two or three-note whistled fee-bee or hey, sweetie. The whistled fee-bee is given mostly by males, although not exclusively. He's advertising his territory and attempting to attract a mate. His vocalization is spurred on by lengthening daylight hours. Longer days make avian hormone levels surge, leading to courtship behaviors that induce hormone production. The combination of day length and courting behaviors work together to cause this tiny pile of feathers to whistle, "Spring's here."

I heard them in the far off. It was a flock of Canada geese. I stood in a parking lot in Fairmont as the flock turned into many flocks and the barking sounds intensified. The numbers and the honking were that of a spring migration, but it was January. The weather was imperfect, but not all flights had been can-

celed and the geese were headed to a watery bed after feeding in a harvested cornfield, enjoying man's unintentional generosity.

I examined footprints in the snow—fragments of a dark night. A dog's steps in the snow were evident. Coyotes typically walk in a straight line, with each paw print almost directly in front of the next and with few meandering



lines. Dogs aren't as worried about conserving energy, so they wander while investigating things, frequently crossing their own paths. As I examined the writings in the snow, crows offered critical comments. I watched a pair walk up the drive. There is nothing quite like the swagger of a crow. Daniel

Otten of Hayward sent me photos from otterspace. Something had been sliding on the snow along a river—river otters. Why do otters do that? Because it's fun.

When hunting, rough-legged hawks frequently face into the wind and hover, scanning the ground below for small mammal prey. I saw light morphs doing this near Albert Lea

are born in April. When they're eight to 12 weeks old, the female teaches them to hunt. From autumn until mid-winter, the pups leave the den and search for territories. Red foxes mate at one year, breed in February and 52 days later five to 10 young are born. The kits, cubs or pups nurse for 10 weeks and are independent at seven months. Breeding occurs in late winter and gestation is about two months. Litter size averages four, and the young stay with their mother until fall. Red and gray foxes don't hybridize.

"Do crows and gulls have landfill breath?" Yes.

"Are shrews carnivores?" The ones in my yard eat meat, but they're omnivores. They eat insects, worms, spiders, mice and other small mammals, plant material (like the seeds under my feeders)—anything to stoke their high metabolic rate.

"Do snow buntings dive into the snow to sleep?" They roost in slight scrapes in the snow in open areas. Extreme cold might cause one to roost behind

a snowbank. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, extreme conditions of -35°C might cause them to burrow into the snow.

"Is it a good idea to trap squirrels and haul them elsewhere?" Not without asking permission of the owner of the land where you are depositing the bushytails. The owner might not want more squirrels. Relocating squirrels creates an opening for other squirrels to fill and they are always looking for a good territory to move into. It might be easier to deal with the squirrels you know than have to negotiate bird feeder battles with new squirrels with new notions and clever tricks.

Thanks for stopping by "There's only one age: alive."—Agnes Varda.

"The most important discoveries will provide answers to questions that we do not yet know how to ask and will concern objects we have not yet imagined."—John N. Bahcall.

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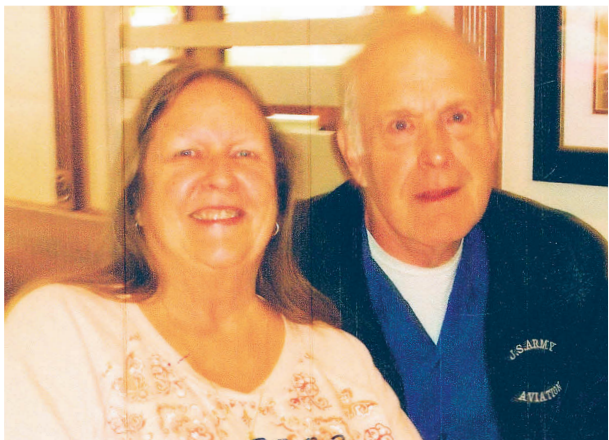


Marriage License Applications

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Fairmont United Methodist Church plans a free drive-up meal on Wednesday, January 19th. These meals will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or until the food is gone. Please drive through from the front of the church at 119 E. 2nd St. Menu for January 19th is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots. Everyone is welcome.



LANGFORDS' 50TH - Mel and Sue Langford will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 15th. They were married on January 15th, 1972 in Winchester, IL. Cards and wishes will reach them at 1964 60th Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help



New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. Photos by Joseph Kreiss for the Fairmont Opera House

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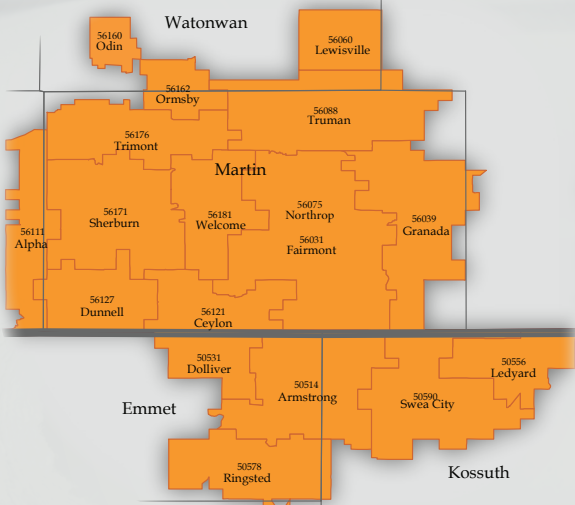
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United Hospital District and Clinics (UHD) announced a purchase agreement with Dulcimer Medical Center (DMC) of Fairmont, MN, a privately owned, multi-practice medical facility. The purchase transferred ownership of DMC's land and buildings to UHD effective December 30, 2021. Dulcimer Medical Center's owner and President Dr. Steven E. Parnell joined UHD CEO Rick Ash in making the announcement.

According to terms of the agreement, UHD acquired the property from Center Creek Holdings LLC, a partnership of Dr. Steven Parnell, Dr. Jon Erickson and their spouses that includes Dr. Parnell's medical practice and Dr. Erickson's Fairmont Family Dentistry dental practice. UHD's new ownership of the site will not interrupt either practice's day to day operations and patients of both practices can continue to receive services in the same location. While the dental practice will remain independent, UHD hopes to eventually assimilate the medical practice and will work with DMC over the next few years to establish a transition of care.

"This is an exciting development and the agreement is important for several reasons," said UHD's Rick Ash. "It en-

hances our longstanding relationship with Dr. Parnell, it provides a framework to keep healthcare local and it creates new opportunities to expand UHD's services in Fairmont. My hope is that we will collaborate to ultimately bring more healthcare to Martin County."

Added DMC's Dr. Parnell, "As an independent practice, we've always explored care options that are in the best interest of our patients. Fairmont is a beautiful community and we don't want to see medical services leave the area. By partnering with UHD, we strengthen our footprint and improve the ability to offer more. My staff and I look forward to maintaining our relationships with our patients."

Dr. Parnell has practiced in the community for several decades and has been a member of UHD's medical staff since 2010. The Dulcimer Medical Center building was constructed in 2008 and opened in 2009.

United Hospital District (uhd.org), based in Blue Earth, MN, is an independent and award-winning system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and a home health/hospice care program, all supported by a 20-plus multi-specialty provider group with four clinic locations across two counties.



FIRST BABY OF THE NEW YEAR - Beaux Arvid Barton, son of Rebekah Thate and Jarred Barton, was born January 3rd, 2022. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato 2021 birth info, as of December 20, 2021: 158 births in 2021: 82 females, 76 males. Top female names at Mayo-Fairmont born in 2021: Tied: Evangeline, Brynlee, Nova, Avery, Ruby. Top male name at Mayo-Fairmont born in 2021: Liam.



Silver Lake 4-H put together over 60 Thank-you gift bags for local caregivers in the community in December. They also went carol singing in the Woodland Avenue area.

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 1997

Don's Club Shop, located rear 214 North State Street, announced the ending of his retirement sale of golf equipment. Don Simmons was owner.

An organizational meeting by Weight Watchers International was to be held at St. John's UCC in Fairmont.

The Granada Café was to open starting January 15th, 7:00 to 1:00 and the bar grill hours were 2:00 to closing.

The Highland House Café was open under new ownership of Tom Harwick.

The lab at Fairmont Clinic-part of Mayo Health System was awarded its second consecutive accreditation for continuing excellence in lab work. Dr. Steven Sumey was the clinic's laboratory director.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 1972

Most city officials would receive \$45 to \$59 monthly pay raises, according to an action by the city council. This would cost the city \$15,800 under the new schedule.

The state Department of Natural Resources regulations governing licensing and operations of snowmobiles was ordered into effect by Commissioner Robert Herbst. He said all operators should be aware of the regulations which would be strictly enforced. Copies of the regulations were to be available upon registering or renewing licenses.

It's that time of year again - the federal income tax guides are available at the post office downtown and Fair Mall postal station.

Fairmont was to be host of the fourth annual snowmobile derby to be held at Martin County fairgrounds, featuring a \$5,000 purse. A dance was to be held Saturday night at the American Legion.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold their fourth meeting of the 2021-2022 program year on Monday, January 17th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. Dues of \$5 will be collected from those who have not yet paid. After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell.

Ruby's Pantry Sherburn

Ruby's Pantry/Sherburn distribution will be Monday, January 17th. We are located at 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn. We are drive through from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please have room in your car for the number of bundles you will be receiving. The cost is \$22 per bundle. Let us help you stretch your grocery budget. \$22 gets you a lot of groceries.

Ruby's Pantry is open to everyone. No income guidelines or residential guidelines. All are wel-

In addition to bringing quilting projects, bring any quilt related Christmas gifts you may have received. Our program for this meeting will be a demo on making a project bag for your quilt blocks or other sewing projects. Linda Bakken will also tell us about a project planning tool that she uses. Challenge packets for the 2022 EXPO are still available for \$15.

come.

We will have a lady at the beginning of the line collecting money. She will guide you to where to go next and the volunteers will load your car. There is no need for you to get out of your car. You get to stay in the car and be nice and warm.

We post a list of food on our facebook page the weekend before the distribution. Check us out on facebook: Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.

Thank you for the past support and we hope to see you all on the 17th.

"THE IMPERFECT GARDENER"

Guest Columnist

Val Manning, University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener, Martin County



The beginning of a new year is the time for looking back and seeing what worked and what did not work in life. This is especially important in a gardener's life. If you managed to keep a diary while gardening, you can look back to remind yourself of events in the garden.

However, alas, I do not. I may start the season by jotting down things here and there, but I never manage to keep it up. Therefore, I just have to wing it when remembering my successes and failures at gardening.

Of course, the biggest thing last year was the drought. Lack of water in the form of valuable rain was a problem. Even though containers and the new rose were all watered faithfully, the lack of a good solid drenching of leaves and foliage prevented much from thriving.

This year if the dryness continues, I just may collect the water from the basement humidifier to help in watering. But that surface watering just doesn't do the same job as rain collecting on the foliage and being absorbed into the plant that way.

I left the perennials out of the watering rotation as they should have merely gone dormant and will recover, although it may take a few years. The same goes for the lawn; watering is not really

necessary except for a new lawn, as the grass will just go dormant and recover after the drought disappears.

In regards to the lawn here, the white clover in the mix was the one thing that didn't seem affected by the lack of moisture. It grew and thrived on whatever it got in the way of dew overnight or the slight rain we did get.

As to my containers - some did well and some did not. I am at the point where I am almost ready to give up on growing cucumbers in a container. Even though I grow bush cukes that are supposed to be good container plants they do not seem to want to produce much. One sign of a problem is when a cucumber does appear, it looks blown up - a balloon shape with a small end piece.

The patio tomato did well in its container but the skin was tough due to dry conditions.

The annuals I grow in containers do well - zinnias and orange cosmos especially. And the basket of white bacopa and red geraniums I got at the local greenhouse did great; they even are thriving under lights in the basement. They should do well when I set them out this spring.

Other outside plants produced some flowers, although not as many as previously. The nasturtiums grew again in the shade of the Alaskan iris. The clematis on the east side grew much foliage but not too many flowers.

Earlier spring bulbs did well, but that was before the dry weather began.

Hopefully this next season will be better in the garden.

DEATH notices



December 15 - Jeanne M. Celandier, 92, Belle Plaine (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

December 22 - Betty A. Lehman, 77, Fairmont. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

December 28 - Donna F. Schaefer, 93, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 3 - Ruth E. Greier, 94, Lake Crystal (formerly of Lewisville). Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

January 4 - Harold D. Herfendal, 76, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 8 - Daniel L. Vandever, 59, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

December 31 - William C. Eustath, 77, Fairmont.

January 4 - Sandy J. Johnson, 63, Fairmont

January 4 - Thomas D. Lehmann, 58, Ceylon. Home

January 5 - Russell L. Mileham, 76, Imogene.

January 6 - Steven R. Craig, 73, Welcome.

January 9 - Lorna M. Baarts, 84, Truman.

Obituary Notices



Ronald D. Minscer, 72

Memorial Service for Ronald D. Minscer, age 72, of Jackson, MN was held on Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Military honors were provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Those wishing to view the service may do so at the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/1833949234> for the next 90 days.

Ronald passed away Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at Lakes Regional Health Care Center in Spirit Lake, Iowa. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ronald Delbert Minscer was born September 16th, 1949 in Estherville, IA the son of Frank and Dorothy Hiney. Growing up he attended school and graduated from Jackson High School. Following his high school graduation Ronald enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly served his country from 1969-1971. Ronald later re-enlisted in February of 1975

and later that same year was honorably discharged.

Ronald was married to Cynthia Miller, and this union was blessed with two daughters, Lori and Alysia. The couple later divorced.

Following his time in the United States Army, he worked in Fairmont at Stokely's and later moved with his second wife to Reed Spring, MO where he lived for 15 years and worked for his brother at his Dairy Dell. The couple later divorced, and Ronald relocated to Sherburn, MN where he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Jessie Johnson. Ronald and Jessie were married on No-

vember 11th, 1994 in Jackson. They lived in Sherburn, Alpha and later in Jackson, up until Jessie passed away in May of 2021.

Ronald attended the First Baptist Church in Jackson. Ronald and Jessie looked forward to many camping trips, often accompanied by family and friends where they would play card games and share in lots of laughter. Ronald enjoyed spending time fishing, bowling, and cheering on the Minnesota Vikings. He was active in the Jackson American Legion and VFW and could often be found playing bingo. Ronald had great love for his pets, and all animals. He

will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters: Lori (Bryon) Stapella of Sioux Falls, SD and Alysia Lauseng (special friend, Jason Duffey) of Fairmont; two stepchildren: Jodie Heiden of Jackson and Steven Chesley of Fairmont; and many grandchildren, and foster children.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Dorothy Hiney; wife, Jessie Minscer; brothers: Dale Minscer and Jim Minscer; and sister, Bonnie Minscer.

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Harold D. Herfendahl, 76

A celebration of life service for Harold D. Herfendahl, 76, of Fairmont, MN, will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 14th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with full military honors held at the conclusion of the service by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Those wishing to view the service are invited to use the following livestream link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/3198543341> A visitation and luncheon will be held two hours prior

to the time of service from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. A private family burial will be held in Oaklawn Cemetery in Emons, MN. Harold passed away on January 4, 2022, at his home in Fairmont, Minnesota in the arms of his wife and daughter after a four year battle with Lymphoma. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Harold Dean Herfendahl was born at home in Emons, MN on December 8th, 1945, to Jeanette and Alton Herfendahl. Harold is survived by his loving wife, Mary Herfendahl, of Fairmont, his daughter, Jennifer (Brian) Keogh of Eagan, MN, his beautiful grandchildren Keira (15) and Conor (13) both of Eagan, his brothers Marlin (Sharon) Herfendahl of Albert Lea and Arden (Dawn) Herfendahl of Fairmont, his sister Julie (Steve) Miller of Forest City, Iowa, his brother-in-law, Jim (Sandra) Hinman and his 11 nieces and

nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Alton Herfendahl, his mother, Jeanette Herfendahl, his father-in-law, Ira Hinman and mother-in-law, Alice Hinman, his brother Dale Herfendahl, his sisters-in-law, Judy Herfendahl and Marilyn Hinman, and his nephews, Tim Morris and Tim Hinman.

Harold was a graduate of Lake Mills High School. While he played football and was on the track team, he said he thought the guys in the stands with the pretty girls probably had more fun.

He enlisted in the Navy in June 1966 and went to Navy boot camp and Hospital Corps School in San Diego and had field medicine training at Camp Pendleton. He spent one year in Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman, fighting with the Marines. He was wounded by a piece of shrapnel and received a Purple Heart. Upon return from Vietnam, he was stationed at Great Lakes Navy Hospital in Waukegon, Illinois and was discharged in March 1970. He was a member of the

local National Guard until 1980. In his retirement he volunteered with the Honor Guard for military funerals, served as a medical chaplaine on several Honor Flights taking WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. and was a guest speaker at several Veterans events.

He met the love of his life, Mary (Hinman) Herfendahl in September of 1969. They were married six months later on March 14th, 1970 and have been the very best of friends since. Together they have lived in Kenosha, WI, Tracey, MN, Fairmont, MN and after retirement they enjoyed spending their winters in Oceanside, CA and Bullhead City, AZ.

Harold received his medical training through his military experience and was drawn to a career in Respiratory Therapy. In the early part of his career, he served on the Fairmont Ambulance Service and delivered a baby girl on the side of the road in a blizzard in 1975. He had a wonderful career at the Fairmont Community Hospital working as Director of Respiratory Care and Cardiac Re-

hab for 35 years. During his tenure, he was instrumental in starting the Fairmont Sleep Lab and taught smoking cessation clinics that helped many people quit smoking, something he was incredibly proud of. He was also an independent contractor for Gopher Medical Supply/Praxair and made house calls to residents with home oxygen equipment.

If you couldn't find Harold at the hospital, you could usually find him on a golf course. He loved the sport and enjoyed competing in many tournaments over the years, walking away with several club championship trophies. In his recent years, he enjoyed "coaching" his grandson, Conor, who also loves the sport. He always looked forward to his annual fishing trip to Pierre, South Dakota with his buddies. He was a wonderful cook and loved preparing meals for his family and friends. His giant blueberry pancakes were award winning according to his grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling and took many wonderful trips with Mary and their friends.

His favorite place of all was on his back porch with Mary, having either coffee or a cocktail watching the birds and talking about his grandchildren.

Harold could light up a room with his smile and sense of humor. He was well known for his story telling, jokes and making people laugh on a daily basis. He used his humor to get through some of his darkest moments. We will all miss his humor on Facebook and have no doubt that the angels will be laughing and shaking their heads at him.

One of Harold's biggest accomplishments was being a father and grandfather. He was incredibly proud of Jennifer and loved spending time with Keira and Conor and watching them grow. Keira said there was no one better to give advice than her Grandpa. Harold was their family's hero; he taught them the value of hard work, resilience and to enjoy the little moments life has to offer.

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Daniel L. Vandever, 59

A celebration of life ser-

vice for Daniel L. Vandever, 59, of Fairmont, MN, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 13th, 2022, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 12th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Daniel passed away Saturday, January 8th, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Health System-Mankato. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrange-

ments.

Daniel Lee Vandever was born November 21, 1962, in St. Joseph, MO, the son of David and Bernice (Carrel) Vandever. Daniel grew up in St. Joseph and graduated from Central High School in St. Joseph and attended technical school where he focused on welding and fabrication.

Daniel had a great work ethic and took pride in a hard day's work. He worked various jobs throughout the years and while employed with Herzog, his work brought him to Fairmont,

MN. While working in Fairmont, Daniel met Tina Moeller. It was love at first sight and Daniel knew he had met his soul mate. In the early 90's, Dan made the move to Fairmont and the couple was married on May 21, 1994. Together Dan and Tina made their home on an acreage near Fairmont. After a short marriage, Tina passed away and Dan took on the task of raising their 9-month-old son, Dustyn.

Daniel was a wonderful father who always tried to live life to the fullest. He was strong willed and learned to

live through adversity. He treasured spending time with family and friends and was happiest when those he loved were around. In his youth, Dan enjoyed hunting and was an accomplished welder and fabricator. He enjoyed tinkering with vehicles and was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone in need. Dan will be greatly missed by those who loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Dustyn Vandever; stepson, Nicholas Moeller; siblings, David

Vandever and Debbie (Jeff) Quillin; two brothers-in-law, David (Kathy) Moeller and Don Moeller; sister-in-law, Christi (Chris) Yoder; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Daniel is preceded in death by his parents, David and Bernice Vandever; wife, Tina Vandever; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Roland and Evelyn Moeller.

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Ruth Greier, 94

Ruth Greier, age 94, of Lake Crystal, formerly of Lewisville, passed away on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 7, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Willow Creek with Rev. John Bennett officiating. Interment followed in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Lewisville. Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman. www.ZahariaFamilyFuneral.com

Ruth Elaine Maloney was born June 7th, 1927 in Martin County to her parents

James Albert and Rose June (West) Maloney. She was one of nine children. She attended school and helped on the family farm. On September 15th, 1946 she married Leroy Robert Greier at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville. Together they had seven children.

Ruth was active in the church as a Sunday school teacher and in the ladies aide. She was an avid crocheter and enjoyed sewing and quilting too. Ruth made friends most any-

where: church, 500 card club and with the local Red Hats group. Ruth will be remembered for her fantastic baking and cooking as well as her gardening and especially sharing it all with her family and friends.

Ruth is survived by her five daughters, Kathy Else of Lewisville, Carol Greier (Larry Klimek) of Elk River, Mardell (Randy) Timm of Miltona, Janelle Greier of Lewisville and Kiyla (Dennis) Schwarz of Vernon Center; two sons, Kevin (Janae)

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In addition to her parents, Ruth is preceded in death by her husband Leroy Greier in 2013; her eight siblings, Edwin (Doris) Maloney, Marabelle (Raymond) Steuber, Ronald (Margie) Maloney, Betty (Tyler) Williams, James Maloney, Ralph (Sherry) Maloney, Delores (Dick) Wellman and Daryle Maloney; and two grandsons, Kory Else and Matthew Klimek.

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Sharon K. Schultz, 83

Memorial Service for Sharon K. Schultz, age 83, of Fairmont, MN, will be

1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home and will continue one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Sharon passed away on Thursday afternoon, December 30th, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Sharon Kay (Clover)

Schultz was born on August 3, 1938, in Cherokee, IA. She was the daughter of Willis and Emogene (Smith) Clover. Sharon attended Spencer, IA, public schools before graduating from Spencer High School in 1956. On November 9, 1973, Sharon was united in marriage to Melvin Schultz in Ceylon, MN. The couple resided in Fairmont before moving to Truman, MN, and then Granada, MN. Sharon and Melvin shared over fourteen years together before Melvin passed

away on February 8, 1988. Sharon later moved to Fairmont in 1999. Sharon worked as a nurse's aide at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont for forty-two years until her retirement in 2006. During her free time, she enjoyed going to casinos with her mother as well as playing bingo, going out to eat with family and friends, or going shopping and visiting the malls as well as caring for her dogs. More recently, Sharon loved watching Little House on the Prairie

or westerns on TV such as Gunsmoke, listening to old time country music and oldies from the 1950's. Left to cherish her memory include her children, Tamara Kain of Fairmont, MN, Shelly (Tom) Gunder- son of Prior Lake, MN, and Kurt Schultz of Fairmont, MN; stepchildren, Janice Hartman of Northrop, MN, Pat (Steve) Grathwohl of East Chain, MN, Beverly (Kent) Dahl of Granada, MN, Melvin (Debbie) Schultz Jr. of Fairmont, MN, and Debbie (Kevin) Pytleski of Fairmont, MN;

grandchildren, Josh, Ryan, Logan, Briana, Justin, and Katie; 11 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives; be- loved dog, Patch; and many friends. Along with her parents, Willis and Emogene Clo- ver, Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Schultz; son, Mark Dorcas; brother, Willis Clover Jr., stepson-in-law, Alvin Hartman; and many dogs throughout the years. www.lakeviewfuneral- home.net

Colette M. Anderson, 68

A celebration of life visitation for Colette M. Anderson, 68, of Truman, MN, was be 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Lakeview Fu- neral Home in Fairmont. A private family burial will take place at a later date. Colette passed away Tues- day, December 28, 2021, at her home near Truman,

MN. The Lakeview Funer- al Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is as- sisting the family with ar- rangements. Colette Marie Anderson was born on February 22, 1953, in Buffalo, MN, the daughter of Floyd Ander- son and Carol Farley. She grew up in Buffalo, MN and received her educa- tion attending school in Buffalo. Colette was united in marriage to Mike Debolt.

Tragically, Mike passed away as result of a mo- torcycle accident after a short marriage. Colette was blessed to find love again when she met and married Jeff Korthals. The couple later divorced but remained friends. Colette worked various jobs including working at the State Hospital in Ano- ka, MN and the Red Carpet Inn in Elk River, MN. Fol- lowing a move to a farm near Truman, MN, in the

late 1990's, Colette worked as a paraprofessional in the Fairmont and Truman School Districts in addi- tion to working as a clerk at a gas station, helping at Twelve Baskets, and also helping as an assistant at Goldfinch Memory Care. Colette was a very pri- vate person who loved spending time exploring on her acreage with her four-legged friends. She had a passion for photog- raphy and took advantage

of the beautiful sunrises and sunsets on her farm. Colette was extremely compassionate and help- ing others brought her great joy. Left to cherish her memory are her chil- dren, Katie Korthals, Kace Korthals, Charlie Stoops and his wife, Whitney, Trent Dilks and his wife, Maggie, Daniel Stoops, and Joshua Stoops; 11 grandchildren; three great- grandchildren; two broth-

ers, Doren Anderson and Brent Anderson; two sis- ters, Alayne Anderson and Deneal Dalbec; as well as many other extended fam- ily and friends. Colette was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Anderson and Carol Farley; daughter, Amanda Dilks; and a sister, Lola Lynn Anderson. www.lakeviewfuneral- home.net

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June and I were on our way to Massachusetts when I received a text from my daughter Annie, "How is your Wednesday?"

I replied, "Good. On my way to Massachusetts, which most people can't even spell, let alone point out on a map. Lol." I was laughing about my text, then re-read what I'd written. "Oh no!" I gasped, then quickly sent Annie another text, "Guess I should spell check myself before mouthing off. Bahahaha." (I had to write 'Bahahaha', as my flip phone doesn't send emojis or, obviously spell check.)

Annie is a school teacher; surely, she would catch the typo. So, to prove I knew how to spell the state correctly, I fired off another text, "Massachusetts. M-A-S-S-A-C-H-U-S-E-T-S. Massachusetts. Would you like me to use it in a sentence?"

Annie wrote back, "Hahahahaha, yeah, you'd better be careful about your spelling." (She had to spell out, 'Hahahahaha' because my flip phone doesn't

get emojis either.) Although we were hundreds of miles apart, I knew we were sharing a good laugh about that.

One of my blessings is my ability to travel around this great country; meet people in far-away regions, and communicate despite our language difference. Even though we may both be speaking English, the different dialects are most interesting.

People often tell me Minnesota people talk funny, meaning they have an accent. Not so. Like everyone else, we spell our state with only one o; pronounced, Minnesoota, as if it had two long o's. The same is true with the word 'hooome' and others.

When we first moved here, I would ask where something, or someplace was. They might answer, "A boot ten miles from here." It took me a while to understand that people were not referring to winter footwear when saying a boot. (Spelled, a-b-o-u-t)

In other states around the country, I hear

people pronouncing words differently, and sometimes they phrase a sentence differently than we did when living in Iowa. We've lived in Minnesota for seven years now, and I've still not adjusted to some terminology. For example, if a person drives a semi, I'd call them a truck driver; one who drives children to school is a bus driver. But, in Minnesota, people will say, "She drives bus, or he drives truck." And it could be me; a couple of months ago, I heard someone use these same terms in Oklahoma.

Although I truly enjoy the different dialects around the country, I don't think I can ever get used to Minnesotans and northern Wisconsinites calling tater-tot casserole, tater-tot hotdish. It's casserole (to me anyway).

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Watch Out for Tax Scammers

Sadly, identity theft happens throughout the year – but some identity thieves are particularly active during tax-filing season. How can you protect your-self?

One of the most important moves you can make is to be suspicious of requests by people or entities claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service. You may receive phone calls, texts and emails, but these types of communication are often just "phishing" scams with one goal in mind: to capture your personal information. These phishers can be quite clever, sending emails that appear to contain the IRS logo or making calls that may even seem to be coming from the IRS. Don't open any links or attachments to the emails and don't answer the calls – and don't be alarmed if the caller leaves a vaguely threatening voicemail, either asking for personal information, such as your Social Security number, or informing you of some debts you supposedly owe to the IRS that must be taken care of "immediately."

In reality, the IRS will not initiate contact with you by phone, email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information, or to inquire about issues pertaining to your tax returns. Instead, the agency will first send you a letter. And if you're unsure of the legitimacy of such a letter, contact the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

Of course, not all scam artists are fake IRS representatives – some will pass themselves off as tax preparers. Fortunately, most tax preparers are honest, but it's not too hard to find the dishonest ones who might ask you to sign a blank return, promise you a big refund before looking at your records or try to charge a fee based on the percentage of your return. Legitimate tax preparers will make no grand promises and will explain their fees upfront. Before hiring someone to do your taxes, find out their qualifications. The IRS provides some valuable tips for choosing a reputable tax preparer, but you can also ask your friends and relatives for referrals.

Another tax scam to watch out for is the fraudulent tax return – that is, someone filing a return in your name. To do so, a scammer would need your name, birthdate and Social Security number. If you're already providing two of these pieces of information – your name and birthdate on social media, and you also include your birthplace – you could be making it easier for scam artists

to somehow get the third. It's a good idea to check your privacy settings and limit what you're sharing publicly. You might also want to use a nickname and omit your last name, birthdate and birthplace.

Here's one more defensive measure: File your taxes as soon as you can. Identity thieves often strike early in the tax season, so they can file their bogus returns before their victims.

To learn more about tax scams, visit the IRS website (irs.gov) and search for the "Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft." This document describes some signs of identity theft and provides tips for what to do if you are victimized.

It's unfortunate that identity theft exists, but by taking the proper precautions, you can help insulate yourself from this threat, even when tax season is over.

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The Borderline Cruisers Car Club will be holding their annual membership drive this Saturday, January 15th, 2022. It will be held at the Southern Minnesota Educational Campus (the old Central School building) on Park Street downstairs in the old cafeteria on the North side of the building. The drive is open to anyone who would like to become a member. The cost is \$20.00 for the year. Come on the 15th for a free meal catered by Hy-Vee with some fun and games to follow the meal. It starts at 4:30 for happy hour and the meal starts at 5:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

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4 tips for finding the right wedding venue

Wedding planning requires couples to make many decisions, including where the wedding will take place.

A couple's wedding day is typically broken into two parts: the ceremony comes first, and the reception follows soon after. Depending on couples' preferences and religious beliefs, ceremonies may take place at a house of worship or another location that is separate from the reception venue. In some instances, couples may choose one location for both the ceremony and the party to follow. Wedding venues are where the bulk of the day will unfold, and couples can consider these four tips to find a venue that suits their needs.

1. Consider your theme and wedding style.

Most couples know which sentiments they want to convey during their weddings. The venue should match the theme so the entire wedding will feel connected to the space. A modern wedding, for example, will be at home in an art gallery or warehouse. A wedding with natural elements may work better

on a ranch or in a botanical garden. Zeroing in on the wedding style helps narrow down potential venue options.

2. Assess the budget.

A couple may find what seems to be the perfect venue, only to realize that the cost of the space doesn't fit their budget. Ampersand Travel says the venue accounts for the most significant wedding expense, at an average cost of \$9,000. Finding a venue that will maximize dollars spent involves looking at what is included. Rentals for chairs, linens, lighting, a dance floor, and other extras can quickly add up. Couples should have a set limit they're willing to spend on the venue and let that dictate the location.

3. Availability of the location.

When a couple wants to get married may determine their venue options, especially if they're planning on a budget. September and October are now the most popular months to get married, so venues will book up quickly during that time of year. Those who have their hearts set

on specific days will have to begin the search earlier than couples with no attachment to a particular date. Concessions may need to be made if a certain date is a must.

4. Estimate the size of your guest list.

Price, date and style will factor into wedding venues, but the number of guests also is a major consideration. A trendy restaurant may seem like the perfect locale, but it must be able to accommodate everyone on the guest list. Couples should sit down with their families and come up with a list of potential guests and look for a venue that can accommodate everyone.

Couples also should visit potential venues in person to see which, if any, details might be missing from online or magazine advertisements. A host of factors, including accessibility, should be considered when looking for a venue. Finding the right venue requires careful consideration of various factors that are unique to each couple.

(Source: Metro, Jan 2021)

Your wedding timeline guide

Wedding planning involves many movable pieces that ultimately need to come together on the big day. Planning is typically a months-long process, and adhering to certain monthly benchmarks can help couples stay the course.

Brides magazine offers that the perfect engagement period is 12 to 14 months, which affords ample time to get organized and work with vendors. With that in mind, here's a 12-month timeline for couples getting ready to say "I do."

12 MONTHS OUT

At the start of the planning process, establish your budget, hire a wedding planner (optional), choose the wedding party, pick a date, and start to assemble a cursory guest list. This also is a great time to begin touring venues to get a feel for potential ceremony and reception locales.

11 MONTHS OUT

Now is the time to get a firm handle on the theme and scope of the wedding. Start picking wedding colors and overall design. Also, interview and hire vendors, such as photographers, bands and videographers. These vendors tend to book up quickly as wedding season draws near, so it's never too early to book them.

10 MONTHS OUT

This is a good time to start shopping for a wedding gown because it might take some trial and error to find the perfect dress. You also can start shopping for wedding party attire at this time. Check with formalwear vendors to see how long it will take for the gowns to arrive in the shop for alterations. If you haven't already done so, be sure to book the wedding venue.

8 MONTHS OUT

Reception halls may have their own schedules, but you should think about setting your menu at this time, including deciding if you will host a seated dinner, a buffet or something else.

Eight months out also is a good time to finalize the guest list and send save-the-date cards.

This also is a good time to visit stores to create registry lists.

6 MONTHS OUT

Meet with potential florists and other vendors, like transportation companies and hotels, to secure these arrangements. Your place of worship also may require certain classes or preparatory meetings, so be sure to inquire about these.

Meet with a makeup and hair stylist and book a trial. Choose attire for groomsmen and give them a deadline for fittings and orders. If you will not be getting married

in a place of worship, hire an officiant at this time.

4 MONTHS OUT

Grooms traditionally arrange the honeymoon, so this is a fine time to get those travel plans in order. If you need passports, you should secure them as early as possible, and no later than four months prior to the wedding to ensure processing times. Book cake tastings and order the cake if it is not part of the venue food and beverage package. If you haven't already done so, the bride should have an initial gown fitting, and wedding invitations should be ordered at this time.

2 MONTHS OUT

Secure your wedding license and buy wedding party gifts. Address and mail the wedding invitations. Undergo a second gown fitting and work with the seamstress for the final fitting date just before the wedding. Finalize any song selections with the DJ or band.

The final details will occur in the last weeks before the wedding. Buy all the small accessories and items, undergo final fittings and check in with all vendors for final payments and to ensure they are on schedule. Notify the reception hall of the final guest count.

(Source: Metro, Jan 2022)

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How to find your wedding florist

Weddings join the lives of two loving individuals so they can share their future with one another. Various elements help make weddings both momentous and magical.

Some weddings adhere to themes that are designed to make an impression and showcase couples' personalities. Floral arrangements are key components of wedding themes, as they help to establish ambiance at both the ceremony and reception.

Flowers can easily help couples achieve a desired vibe, whether that's rustic, romantic, modern, or even whimsical. Skilled florists may use a variety of flowers and foliage, as well as dramatic displays to help create the couple's wedding day vision. According to an internal study from the wedding advice and planning resource The Knot, which surveyed more than 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, the average cost of wedding flowers was \$2,000 in 2019. However, the cost of floral arrangements can vary depending on the scope of the arrangements and choice of flowers, including whether they're in season or not.

It is essential for couples to spend time vetting potential florists to find one who will produce their desired vision at a price that fits their budget. These guidelines can make the process go more smoothly.

Establish your theme early on.

Floral arrangements will complement and enhance other elements of the wedding, including color scheme and the wedding theme. If your wedding theme ties into a specific season, you will work with the florist to find blooms and other pieces that coordinate. For example, winter weddings with white, ice blue and silver color schemes may coordinate with white ranunculus flowers, dahlias, dusty miller foliage, and viburnum berries.

Bring swatches and photographs to consultations.

It is easier to explain color palettes to a florist with examples in hand. Show the florist the types of arrangements you prefer and have actual fabric swatches from bridesmaid gowns or groomsmen vests so that colors can be complemented.

Create a list of desired items.

Florists may sell items a la carte or have packages of common floral pieces for wedding celebrations. Types of floral arrangements include bridal bouquet, bridesmaids' bouquets, maid of honor bouquets, corsages for mothers/grandmothers, boutonnieres for groomsmen and fathers/grandfathers, flower girl headpiece, petals to sprinkle, table centerpieces, altar arrangements, pew or chair decorations, and cake decorations.

Go easy on aroma. Tread lightly when selecting blooms that have

strong aromas. They may be beautiful, but many people are sensitive to smells. Allergies also may be exacerbated by flowers with strong aromas. Discuss options with the florist before proceeding.

Explain your budget.

Research the average cost of floral arrangements and let the florist know what you can afford. This can help the florist narrow down options or make substitutions that fit your theme and your budget.

Couples can take certain steps as they choose floral arrangements for their weddings. Cost should not be the only factor in the decision, even though it is an important one.

(Source: Metro, Jan 2021)

Why a wedding planner can be a couple's best asset

The average cost of a wedding today is enough to make a sizable down payment on a home. According to The Knot's 2019 Real Weddings Study, the average wedding in the United States cost \$33,900 in 2019, though the price tag can vary widely from state to state. Canadians spend similarly, with Canadian Buzz stating a modest wedding will cost between \$25,500 and \$30,000 CAD, but more likely around \$42,400 CAD.

Though love may not cost a thing, weddings certainly do. One of the best ways to maximize wedding budgets and ensure that all that money is well spent is to enlist the services of a wedding planner. Wedding planners wear many hats, which underscores how valuable they can be.

Sounding board

An experienced wedding planner can help couples keep their worries at bay. Countless decisions must be made when planning a wedding, and some couples may feel as if they need to micromanage their nuptials. A wedding planner can take tasks off of couples' plates and serve as a sounding board as



couples try to make the best decisions.

Financial guru

A wedding planner may help couples score insider deals and will know when a vendor's price is on target or inflated. That savvy saves couples money in the long run. Wedding planners also can advise on ways to save money and allocate funds so couples' biggest priorities get the financial attention they deserve.

Problem solver

Wedding planners step in to save the day when hiccups threaten to derail plans. A planner will know what to do should a gown become torn or if a vendor fails to respond to calls on the day of the wedding. Removing some stressors allows couples to relax and more fully immerse themselves in their weddings.

Idea generator

Pulling together ideas from every corner requires a creative eye. Couples can rely on a professional wedding planner to help with brainstorming and putting different elements together. He or she likely has seen a vast array of celebrations and can make suggestions based on what's worked before.

Time saver

Wedding planners already have a bevy of industry contacts and can pull together wedding details in much less turnaround time than couples with no wedding planning experience.

Wedding planners are invaluable resources who wear multiple hats as they help couples plan the wedding of their dreams.

(Source: Metro, Jan 2022)

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How to take the hectic out of your wedding day

Weddings are among the most complex events many people will ever plan. Couples often try to go the extra mile in an effort to make the day memorable for themselves and their guests. That pressure can make a wedding day feel a little frenzied. Thankfully, there are various ways to ensure the vibe of the big day is happy and not hectic.

Hire a wedding planner/coordinator

Leaving the nitty gritty to a professional wedding planner takes a lot of pressure off of couples. The renowned wedding resource The Knot says wedding planners are clued into everything there is to know about a wedding and they can be tapped to take care of just about anything on couples' to-do list.

Consider a package deal

All-inclusive resorts are popular vacation spots because variables like entertainment, lodging, food, drinks, and more is all taken care of, leav-



ing vacationers with little to do other than show up and relax. Couples can apply that same approach on their wedding day. Host the ceremony and reception at the same site, which takes the potentially problematic issue of getting guests to and fro out of the equation. Some venues may even provide in-house vendors like photographers and florists. Such vendors' familiarity with the venue reduces the risk of surprises that can derail wedding day schedules.

Pick your priorities

Avoid getting bogged down on a million details by making a list of your priorities when planning.

Couples can revisit this list a couple of days before their wedding so they remember what's most important to them on the big day. This refresher can ensure couples don't get too concerned if minor issues arise during their big day, helping them remain calm and keeping a focus on all the fun to be had during the day.

It's easy for couples to feel a little overwhelmed on their wedding day. Some simple strategies can take the hectic out of couples' wedding day and ensure they keep their focus on one another and their loved ones.

(Source: Metro, Jan 2022)



Savings strategies for weddings

The question was popped; the engagement ring presented. What's the next step on the road to the wedding? Saving should definitely be on couples' minds.

A wedding is likely the most costly party couples will ever throw. According to The Knot's 2019 Real Weddings Study, the average cost of a wedding in 2019 was \$33,900. There are many different costs associated with weddings. Some are predictable, while others are unexpected.

Investopedia says the vast majority of couples budget too little for their weddings and also end up spending more than they had planned. Various strategies can make it easier to save for a wedding and avoid a post-wedding financial hangover.

Get informed

It's impossible to budget for a wedding and ultimately save without knowledge of what services and items cost in the region where you live. A wedding in New York City will be expensive, while a wedding in Mississippi will cost a lot less, indicates SuperMoney's guide to wedding costs.

Conduct some research and find out what photog-

raphers, florists, transportation providers, reception halls, and wedding wardrobe vendors charge for common services. This will paint a vivid picture of what a wedding may cost in your area.

Flesh out the budget

Once you have gathered estimates, you can then figure out a financial goal. This also is when you can determine where to rein in spending and where you might want to splurge. If having a video memory of the wedding is not a top priority, you can skip videography services. If you have a special flower that you like, you may want to budget more for that bloom even if it isn't in season.

Set up a dedicated savings account

One of the easiest ways to save for big-ticket items like a wedding, home purchase or other financial goals is to use an automatic savings account that may be available through your bank or employer. An automatic savings plan will pull a set amount from a personal checking account into a savings account through auto-draft. The bride and groom can link individual checking accounts to one savings account to contribute jointly.

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Avoid overspending

An analysis of your spending habits will likely reveal areas where you can scale back so you can devote more funds to wedding savings. Do you need a takeout coffee in the morning or can you brew a pot at home? Might you be able to scale back on streaming services? Do you feel comfortable buying less expensive store brand groceries over name brands? Small cost savings can quickly add up.

Add up gifts

Factor in deduction of expenses that other people will commit to covering for wedding expenses, but only if you have concrete confirmation. A parent may host the rehearsal dinner. One's relative may offer to pass down an antique wedding gown to wear. But rather than simply removing these gifts from your savings calculations, keep them as a safety net to put toward unforeseen expenses.

Saving for a wedding can be challenging. But various strategies can help couples plan their dream weddings without breaking the bank

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Questions to ask before booking a photographer

Various components combine to make weddings beautiful and memorable. Couples rely on photographers to capture the smiles and moments that helped make their events unique and to ensure the big day is remembered for years to come.

The trusted wedding resource The Knot notes that an internal study found that, among 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, an average of \$2,400 was spent on a wedding photographer to document their big day.

Couples who want to find the best photographer for their wedding day can ask several questions before making their final decision.

What style do you specialize in?

Photographers may be able to shoot various styles of photos, but may specialize in a specific type. For example, some photographers specialize in photojournalism, while others may excel at portraiture. Going with a photographer who has the most expertise shooting the style you prefer will help produce the

desired results.

Who will be shooting my wedding?

Certain photography studios have several photographers working under one roof. Just because you meet with one does not necessarily mean that photographer will be on site, unless it is specified in the contract.

Have you ever worked at my venue before?

Photographers may be familiar with several local wedding venues and houses of worship. A photographer who has experience working in the locations where couples will tie the knot and subsequently celebrate might produce the best results, but lack of experience with particular venues need not exclude other professionals.

Can we see a full gallery of a recent wedding?

According to Brides magazine, unlike an album or a highlight gallery, a full gallery provides a better sense of a photographer's style and attention to detail.

Will photos be color balanced and retouched?

Skilled photographers are capable of capturing

winning photos. But photos can be enhanced further in the studio with retouching software to bring out specific effects. Some photographers will polish all proofs, while others only will work on the images ultimately ordered. Confirm retouching details before signing the contract.

What's included in the photo packages?

A detailed price list helps you compare one photographer to another and decide which elements are covered. Additional prints, having a photographer's assistant, ordering albums for the parents, or ordering a large framed print can alter costs significantly. Explore all prices to ensure you're getting the best value. In addition, consider

how many hours of event coverage are included in the price.

What is the payment timeline?

Photographers may accept deposits for their services but expect a different timeline of payment. Some may require payment in full before the wedding, while others may offer a payment plan that includes a final payment when picking up proofs or albums.

Wedding photography is one of the essential elements of a wedding and helps tell the story of couples' special day. Asking key questions can help couples find a photographer who will produce the desired results.

(Source: Metro, Jan 2021)

Honeymoon registry

Many couples who are planning to get married have lived together during the engagement period or even longer. A Pew Research Center study found that about two-thirds of married adults who lived with their spouses before they were married say they saw cohabitation as a step toward marriage.

According to Brandon Gaille Small Business & Marketing Advice, 65 percent of couples who get married live together at some point before their weddings. Individuals who live together must outfit their homes with furniture and other essentials, including kitchen supplies. That means that couples may already

own traditional wedding registry gifts like kitchen and bath items and accessories.

Brides- and grooms-to-be can think creatively when registering for gifts if they already have many of the items found on traditional registries.

Target has partnered with HoneyFund, a free honeymoon registry and cash wedding gift registry, to allow couples to register for honeymoon travel and other experiences. Honeymoon registries can be great ways for couples who already own household items to simplify the process of gift-giving for their wedding guests.

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by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
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Answer: First of all, I am glad she is all right. Secondly, thank you for the email as this is a great topic. Minnesota State Troopers

have responded to approximately 6,916 vehicles that have slid off the highway in 2021 and needed assistance. This does not include crashes, motorist assists and other calls for service.

If you slide off the highway, the first thing a person should do is assess the situation.

Is anyone injured? If so, call "911" immediately.

Are you in a safe or dangerous location? Generally, it is best to stay in your vehicle as it will offer you some protection.

Is your vehicle partially on the highway in

the traffic lane? Are you on the bad side of a hill or curve? If so, you and your occupants might be safer leaving the vehicle. However, do not stand on the highway. Find a location that is safe and far off the highway.

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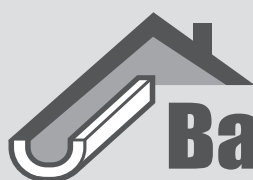
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WORKING CAPITAL STILL IMPORTANT IN FARM FINANCES

We often hear phrases such as "protect your working capital," or "watch your liquidity," or "cash is king," when referring to short-term financial analysis of a farm business. All of these terms generally refer to the "working capital" of a farm business. Many grain farmers in the Upper Midwest are coming off a fairly profitable year in 2021 and have more excess cash available to spend in the farming operation. While it may be tempting to spend all the extra available dollars on capital investments for the farm or for non-farm purposes, it is a good idea to continue to focus on the working capital in a farm business. Many farm operators saw the working capital in their operation drop significantly from 2017 to 2019, so there is some need to rebuild this going forward.

The simple definition of "working capital" is "total current assets" minus "total current liabilities". While that definition sounds quite simple, getting true and accurate working capital data can be much more complex in many situations. The "current assets" usually include available cash from bank accounts, accounts receivable, grain and livestock inventories, prepaid crop and livestock expenses, hedging account balances, and any other short-term as-

sets. Accounts receivable could include crop insurance or government farm program payments, deferred payments on grain or livestock that has already been sold and delivered, and money owed to a farm for custom or contract work.

The "current liabilities" include all accounts payable, unpaid taxes due, any crop input loans with coops or seed companies, farm operating loan principal balance, and accrued interest on all loans. The current liabilities also include the amount of loan principal payments due in the next 12 months (not the entire principal balance) on all term loans and real estate loans. In the case of grain that has been placed under a 9-month CCC Loan with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), either the entire value of the grain should be listed as an asset and the loan amount as a liability, or just the estimated net value of the grain should be listed as an asset.

The financial ratio that is often used to express the level of working capital is the "current ratio", which is simply the "current assets" divided by the "current liabilities". A current ratio of 1.7 or higher in a farm operation is usually considered quite solid, while a current ratio below 1.2 is typically a warning sign of potential financial challenges or cash flow difficulties in the farm operation. If the farm current ratio drops below

1.0, it likely means that there could be difficulty in paying all accounts payable at year-end, as well as repaying the entire principal balance on the farm operating loan for the previous year. In more serious situations, there could also be difficulty in paying all required loan payments on term loans and real estate loans.

Another ratio that many farm financial advisors and ag lenders follow very closely is the level of "working capital to gross revenue" in a farm operation, which more accurately reflects the liquidity needs based on the size of a farm operation. That ratio divides the calculated working capital for the farm operation by the annual gross revenue of the farm business. For example, a farm operation with a calculated working capital of \$200,000, and an annual gross revenue of \$400,000, would have a ratio of 50 percent, which would be quite strong. However, if a farm operation had a gross revenue \$2 million with \$200,000 working capital, the ratio would be only 10 percent, which could be a financial concern if not addressed.

A "working capital to gross revenue ratio" of 30 percent or higher for crop farms, and 20 percent or higher for livestock farms, is usually considered to be acceptable by most ag lenders. Many farm operators strive to have working

capital levels at 40 percent or higher for cash flow purposes. If the ratio drops below 10 percent, it is usually an indicator of some financial stress in the farm business, which may require some financial restructuring. If this situation occurs, farm operators to consult with their ag lender to explore some workable solutions.

Based on the Farm Business Management (FBM) records for over 1,500 Southern and West Central Minnesota farms, the average "working capital to gross revenue" ratio in 2020 was approximately 32 percent, which was an improvement from the previous 5-year period (2015 to 2019). In 2020, crop farms had an average ratio just over 40 percent, with most livestock and dairy farms at much lower levels. The data also showed that farm operations that were in the bottom 20 percent of net income in 2020 had an average ratio of only 12 percent, while farm operations in the top 20 percent of net farm income had an average ratio of over 36 percent. There was very little difference in the average ratio among different sizes of farms that ranged, from 500 acres to over 2,000 acres.

It should be pointed out that 2020 featured the highest level of government farm program payments ever recorded making up well over 50 percent of the net farm income in 2020 for many farm operations, which lead to the noticeable improvement in working capital levels for the year.

The expected stronger working capital levels at the end of 2021 will more likely be based of improved profit margins for

crop and livestock production.

As we enter 2022, the level of working capital should be improved for farm operators in many areas of the Upper Midwest; however, working capital may still be a concern for farms that were affected by the drought in 2021 and for some livestock producers. Farm operators that carry a large amount of term and real estate debt with rather large annual payments also need to have added focus on maintaining a strong working capital position. The much higher costs of fertilizer and other crop inputs for 2022 is also likely to impact working capital by year-end.

Once a farm operator has identified the need for improvement in working capital in the operation, they should consult with their ag lender and farm business management advisors to develop a workable plan. Some possible ways to improve the working capital in a farm operation include:

- Use any extra cash income generated by the farm business to pay accounts payable or to reduce the farm operating line of credit, rather than making extra principal payments on term loans.

- Avoid spending excess cash from the farm operation to purchase unneeded capital assets or land, or to add unnecessary term loans with annual principal payments.

- Consider refinancing term loans and real estate loans to longer term financing to reduce annual principal payment requirements. Long term interest rates are currently still quite favorable.

- If the farm operating loan is close the maximum principal level, or if the farm operation had carryover farm operating debt from the previous year, it may also be advisable to refinance some of the farm operating debt with longer term financing.

- Consider selling any unused or extra farm or personal assets, possibly including a land parcel, to generate some extra cash to be applied as payments on the farm operating loan. Remember to account for the tax liability when considering the sale of land or other assets.

In most situations, working capital shortfalls occur a year or two after some very profitable years, as farm operators tend to invest in higher priced capital investments and farmland, as well using cash from the farm operation for non-farm purposes. Many times, this involves adding more intermediate and long-term debt that needs to be serviced on an annual basis, which can lead to cash flow and working capital issues in future years. Most ag lenders and farm business management advisors are well prepared to assist farm families with setting up a manageable strategy for working capital in their farm operation.

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Four Fifths LLC to Great White Farms LLC, Lots 2 and 3, Block 2, Goemann Second Addn.

Jeff Ehlert, Kim Ehlert to Moeller Investments LLC, S½ Lot 3, Block 20, Original Plat of Fairmont Center Creek Holdings LLC to United Hospital District Inc., Lot 1, Block 2, Center Creek Commons Addn.

St. John's United Church of Christ to Brian L. Johnson, W.50' Lots 1 and 2, Block 16, Original Plat of Fairmont

Farmers State Bank of Trimont to John J. Rabbe Trust, Joyce L. Rabbe, Joyce L. Rabbe, Trustee, Pt.

SE¼NE¼, Pt. NE¼SE¼, 17-104-32

Dorothy L. Peterson, Russell J. Peterson to Eva Krenz, W.75' Lots 13 and 14, Block 7, 1st Ext. Wards Central Addn.

Marie D. Landsteiner, Steven V. Landsteiner to David Landsteiner, Lot 9, Block 1, Original Plat Sherburn Philip R. Swanson, Renetta M. Swanson to Joel Krause, Sarah Krause, Lot 5, Block 1, Schafer Shores

Michael J. Paulson to Paulson Heating & Cooling LLC, W.35' Lot 2, Lots 3, 4, Block 2, Original Plat Triumph Judy Schaefer, Leon Schaefer to Monica Arons, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SW¼, 34-103-32, Lot 16, Everetts Subd.

Vernon Gould to Luke W. Gaul, Pt. SE¼NE¼ w/esmt, 6-101-33

Jonathan B. Helvig, Karen J. Helvig to Joshua L. Johnson, Rebecca J. Johnson, Pt. SW¼SE¼, Pt. SE¼SW¼, 17-104-31

Richard B. Johnson, Shirley O. Johnson to James Anderson, Jean Anderson, Pt. Lot 5, Block 1, Southgate Third Addn.

Back 40 Wireless LLC, Troy D. Rasmussen to Federated Rural Electric Assn., Pt. NE¼ 12-102-32

Philip A. Hegdal, Shirley A. Hegdal to Danielle M. Healey, Lot 17, Block 1, Banke Addn.

Danielle M. Healey to Charles Healey, Lot 17, Block 1, Banke Addn.

Todd C. Miles to Montana E. Thiesse, Lot 1, S.10' Lot 2, Block 6, Original Plat Northrop

Gregg Dahlke, Julie Dahlke to Matthew Martinson, Lot 19, Block 2, Highland Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Rose F. Mortenson to Dwayne Mortenson, Lot 4, Block 1, Andersons Addn., Granada

Thomas J. Rosen, Thomas J. Rosen, Trustee, Thomas J. Rosen Revocable Trust to Karin M. Rosen Revocable Trust, Reid T. Rosen Revocable Trust, Karin M. Rosen, Trustee, Reid T. Rosen, Trustee, Wade J. Rosen, Trustee, Wade J. Rosen Revocable Trust, Govt. Lots 3, 4, SE¼, 24-101-30, N½NE¼, E½SE¼NE¼, NW¼, W½NE¼, NE¼SW¼, N½NW¼SW¼, 25-101-29, Pt. SW¼, 35-104-31, NW¼, 36-102-31, S½SW¼, S½NW¼SW¼, 25-102-31

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO.: 46-PR-21-1195

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON
PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

Estate of Anna S. Agerbeck,
Decedent.

Due to Supreme Court Order ADM20-8001, It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the above matter will come before this Court, located at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031, for administrative review, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated July 24, 2019, and for the appointment of Jeffrey Jensen, whose address is 1090 400th Avenue, Estherville, IA 51334, as Personal Representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration. The hearing will be held remotely by Zoom. Contact Court Administration for instructions to attend.

Any objections to the petition must be mailed, e-mailed or filed on the Court's electronic filing system, together with the filing fee, prior to the above date. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 01/03/2022
By the Court
Darcy Bentz
Judge of District Court
Cathy Celander
Court Administrator

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CREST events

A New Year Surprise awaits all Seniors (registration with CREST not required) looking for a cure for the January BLAHS! Add a scrumptious lunch of home-made soup, sandwiches, and of course dessert makes it the place to be on Wednesday, January 19th, 11a.m. at First Lutheran Church, 61 Apple Street E in Trimont. No reservations are needed. A donation is welcome. For more information call our CREST office at 507-235-3833.

Calling all Caregivers and their Care Partners. Need a January pick me up? Come join the fun at our CREST Spice of Life. SNOW is the theme this month...a time to bring out those wonderful memories of SNOW in the past. And maybe make a snowman for your house or your flower garden next spring. A warm winter snack will fill out the afternoon of fun and friendships, on Thursday, January 20th at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Registration with CREST is not required. For more information or to let us know you are coming, call 235-3833.

KC, SJV annual Dinner/Dance is January 29th

The Knights of Columbus, along with the St. John Vianney School are sponsoring their 17th annual Dinner/Dance on Saturday, January 29th. The evening consists of a dinner, followed by a program and concluding with a dance.

The main focus of the evening is the inviting of a former student of the Catholic school to come back and reflect on the impact that a Catholic education had on their life. This year the keynote speaker will be former student Tim McGowan. More information on McGowan's biography will be published in the Photo Press closer to the event.

Dinner ticket and additional information are available by contacting the St. John Vianney school office at 235-5304.

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COUNTY OF MARTIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Consider the Conditional Use Permit Request
from W. Lorentz & Sons Construction, Inc.
(Beverly Schleining, property owner)

Please take notice, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners (Martin County, MN) will be conducting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Martin County Commissioners Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

The Board will consider taking action on the Conditional Use Permit Request from W. Lorentz & Sons Construction, Inc. (Beverly Schleining, property owner), within Section 25 of Fairmont Township. W. Lorentz & Sons Construction is proposing to mine gravel and sand in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District and in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a Conditional Use Permit for any mining operation in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District and in an "A" Agricultural District.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and provide comments either orally or in writing on the proposed Conditional Use Permit. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments to the Martin County Coordinators' Office, Room #100, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 prior to the hearing.

Dated: January 4, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By Scott Higgins
County Coordinator



JOB OPENING Engineering Technician

The City of Fairmont will be accepting applications for the position of Engineering Tech. This is a fulltime, non-exempt position. The successful candidate's employment will comply with the stipulations set forth in the agreement between the local AFSCME union and the City of Fairmont.

Qualifications for this position require a minimum of two years of college or vocational school training (four-year degree preferred) in engineering technology, GIS or construction related subjects; experience with surveying, engineering, computer aided drafting, underground construction, GIS or GPS is required. The starting hourly pay range for this position is \$28.11 to \$31.63 with an excellent benefit package.

All applicants must complete a City of Fairmont application. A complete job application and description is available online at www.fairmont.org.

Cover letter, resume, and City application can be sent to City of Fairmont, Attn: Darcy, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 or email to djones@fairmont.org. Completed applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. January 26, 2022.

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10 Apartments For Rent

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Mikayla Stradtman was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. To be named to the Dean's List a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade average in a minimum of 14 graded credits. Mikayla is the daughter of Robert and Tari Stradtman of Fairmont



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Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.-THE MURPHY COMPANY LLC- 241 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 17 and 29 of Prescott Twp., Faribault County, MN. Auction to be held at Average Jo's Bar & Grill at 115 E 6th St, Blue Earth, MN. Hartung, Kahlers, Wedel & Associates

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• Performs a full range of skilled automotive repair work, such as minor tune-ups, electrical system servicing, and engine overhauls on a wide range of vehicles.

• Estimates costs of repairs and keeps records and creates reports pertaining to repairs performed.

• Instructs operators in the proper operation and servicing of the equipment.

• Operates and maintains shop equipment.

• Communicate with owners and managers about tasks, problems, questions, and supplies needed.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

• Education: High School diploma or equivalent training preferred.

• Knowledge of farm mechanics preferred.

BENEFITS:

• Eligible for health Insurance, life insurance and 3% match retirement funding after waiting period. HSA available that company makes contribution to. Dental, vision, and short term disability plans available.

For more information contact: Dianne Bettin, LB Pork Inc., Northrop, MN 507-873-4291 Ext 101 dianne@lbpork.com

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS | January 17 - 21

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Menus Subject to Change. We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.



LEFTY RUNNER - Gavin Junkermeier shoots over St. Peter's Bennett Olson. Card teammate Sawyer Tordsen looks for a rebound. The Saints defeated the Cards 69-61 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

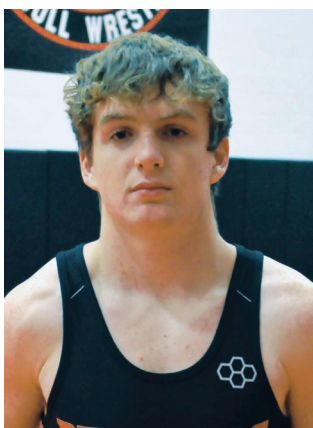
Red Bulls win TCU Invite

Class AA #8-ranked Jesse Potts, Class AA #8-ranked Carver Rohman and Class AA #6-ranked Max Olson captured first place in their weight divisions to help the Red Bulls claim the Tri City United Wrestling Tournament crown last Saturday in Montgomery. The Red Bulls also had 5-second place, 3-third place and 2-fourth place wrestlers.

The Class AA #8-ranked Red Bulls will wrestle at the Big South Conference Meet in St. James Saturday.

Team Results: Red Bulls 138.0; 2 Sibley East 126.5; 3 Tri-City United 111.5; 4 Mankato East 73.0; 5 Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Area 68.0; 6 LeSueur-Henderson 51.0

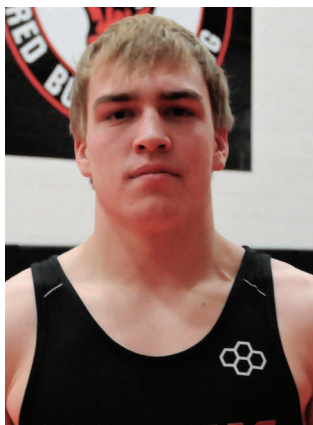
Red Bull Individual Results: 106 - 2nd place Maddex Faber, 113 - 6th place Berent Kosbab, 126 - 2nd place Cooper Steuber, 132 - 1st place Jesse Potts, 138 - 3rd place Kole Hanson, 145 - 2nd place Kain Sanders, 152 - 2nd place Aden Welcome, 3rd place Joseph Forsberg 160 - 1st place Carver Rohman, 170 - 4th place Gage Cyphers, 182 - 2nd place Wyatt Williamson, 195 - 3rd place Riley Allen, 220 - 1st place Max Olson, 285 - 4th place Alec Thompson.



Jesse Potts



Carver Rohman



Max Olson

Fairmont Hockey

Fairmont Squirt B 7, Redwood 3.
Scoring for Fairmont
Period 1 - Kane Wohlhuter goal, Kaleb Kennedy goal.
Period 2 - Ryder Thate goal.
Period 3 - Ryder Thate 2 goals, Colton Schroeder goal, Hogan Artz goal assisted by Ryder Thate
Ryder Thate "Hat Trick."

Fairmont 10U places 4th in the Albert Lea Tournament

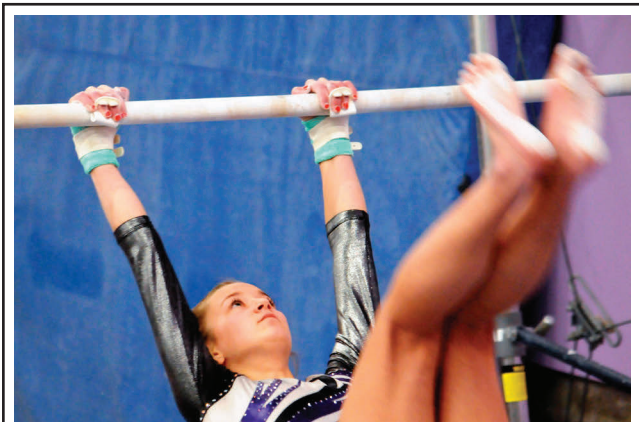
Game 1 - Win vs Albert Lea (2-1). Halyn Haycraft scored both goals unassisted
Game 2 - Tie vs Waconia (3-3). Halyn Haycraft had

the 3 goals, all unassisted.
Game 3 - Win VS Omaha (5-2). 1st period-Halyn Haycraft had 3 goals - 2 unassisted and 1 assist by London Truesdell
2nd period - Taylor Truesdell assisted by Evie Folkerts
3rd period- Halyn Haycraft, unassisted
Game 4 - Loss vs Sioux Falls (7-4). Halyn Haycraft scored 3 goals, 2 unassisted and 1 assist by Evie Folkerts, Taylor Truesdell assisted by Ellie Steuer

Fairmont 10U will participate in a game Sunday morning at Blakeslee Stadium to help kick off the week of "Hockey Day Minnesota!"



PILING ON - Cards #22 Levi Pooley and teammates create a held ball situation underneath St. Peter's Basket. The Cards (4-7) travel to Waseca Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



Magic Host Invite Saturday, January 8 - Team Results: 1. Jackson County Central 133.45. 2. Waseca 133.025. 3. Luverne 131.175. 4. Blue Earth Area 129.425. 5. Magic 127.025. *Courtesy*



JUMPER IN THE LANE - Cards Cadee Becker shoots over a trio of Husky defenders. The Cards downed Jackson County Central 74-70 last Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



IT'S MY BALL - Cards Brittney Mosloski and Naomi Jones wrestle for a rebound as North Union's #3 Cassie Beadle Look's on. The Cards edged the Warriors 55-52 last Saturday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DOUBLE DEFENDERS - North Union's Olivia Von Bank tries to go between the Cards #31 Cadee Becker and Cassidy Schultz. The Cards (11-2) host Waseca Thursday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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