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## Pat Feely celebrates time at Goldfinch

Jason Sorensen, Freelance Journalist



Pat Feely celebrates time at Goldfinch. Since 2009 Pat Feely has been driving the bus for Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont.

Now, at 74, he is ready to turn in his keys. A Fairmont native, Feely previously worked as a mail carrier for 38 years and

got to know a great many people. Enjoying the relationships he formed over that time,

Feely carried over a warm heart and a desire to serve others from one job to the next.

As he gets ready for his last day this Friday, Feely was able to share

some of his history and what it has meant to him to be able to provide his services to the residents at Goldfinch.

"I met a lot of them while carrying mail," he said. "I took a year off, but I got kind of bored and needed some structure again in my life. So I interviewed for this job and really only planned on doing it for a couple of years, but I enjoyed it and it lasted a lot longer than I thought it

would."

Feely said that it was his care for the residents, and their love for him, that drove him to stick around longer than he initially planned.

"The residents are wonderful," he said. I think a lot of them maybe like me because I'm closer to their age. But it's a very rewarding job, and they appreciated the help you give them.

"I never thought of myself as a caregiver,

I'm just the bus driver. But it's a job I enjoy. I don't want to quit, but I'm getting tired and it's time to hang it up."

Feely is being honored for his service at Goldfinch later this week, as he has been chosen for the Caregiver of the Year Award for LeadingAge Minnesota, coming in at number two for the whole State of Minnesota and number one in the district, according to Mary Larson, current Community Sales and Marketing Manager at Goldfinch Estates.

Larson expressed great joy at having been the one able to hire Feely, stating that he has been a blessing to staff and residents alike.

"Pat has brought so much happiness and has exhibited nothing but kindness every day for that last 12 years," she said. "There isn't a day that goes by that Pat isn't accommodating someone."

"Whatever is needed and/or wherever there is a need you will find Pat there doing his best to be sure the residents are getting where they need to go and during downtime from the bus, he is assisting in

Maintenance making sure light bulbs are replaced, apartment carpets are cleaned and anything within his abilities are provided to make the residents life comfortable. He also assists the other staff with several different things throughout the day. He just helps anywhere he can and does it with a great attitude."

Feely has a long history of service. After graduating from Fairmont High School, he did a year of vocational school in Jackson and then enlisted in the Navy for four years.

"I had taken a civil service test while I was in the Navy and I put Fairmont as one of the places I would work. After about a year, I got

interviewed and hired as a letter carrier."

He stated that now, as then, one of his biggest challenges has been making sure that residents are safe while they're on the bus.

"While you're driving, you have to be very defensive," he said. "You don't want to have an accident. You also want to make sure the residents are safe and don't have a fall or anything like that."

"If they need any help I just give them help," he said. "I think that's what they appreciate the most."

Feely also shared that he's enjoyed making a lot of friends along the way.

"They're like family. I've never lost sight of the fact that I work for them."

Feely's clear dedication to serving others can be seen in a remark from one resident who writes "Pat is a generous person to all of us who live here at Goldfinch Estates with both his time and energy. He is compassionate and devoted to his work."

Another resident's remarks were shared in passing during the interview process stating that "He's a good man. The best."

"They just always treated me as part of their family, and it's a very rewarding career," said Feely. "I've learned how to age and appreciate life from them."

He went on to say that he is appreciative of the people he's felt privileged to work with.

"We have a great team of people that work here. It takes a great team to get the job done."

Feely also said he encourage others to consider a career in a service-related industry.

"My philosophy here is to just do good," he said. "If you do good, everything will be okay with you and the world will be a better place."





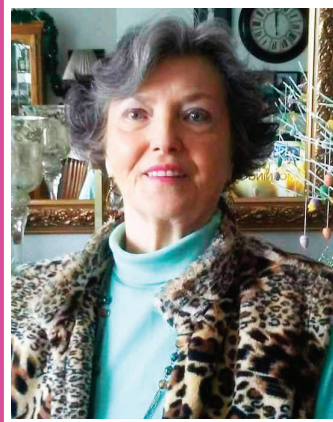
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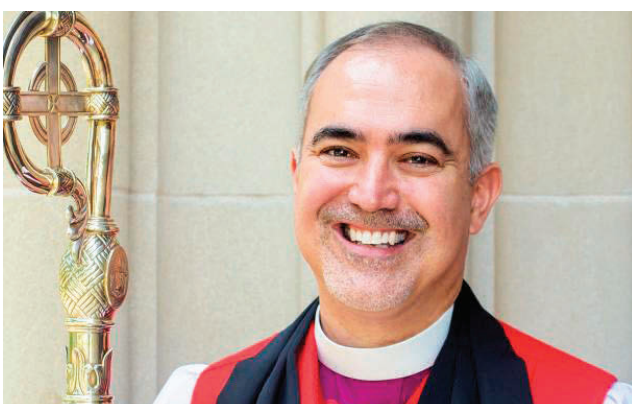


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### Bishop to visit St. Martin's Episcopal

The 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, the Rt. Rev. Craig W. Loya, will visit St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 102 North Park St., this Saturday, February 9th. He will celebrate Holy Communion and preach at 11 a.m., followed by a "town hall" conversation with open question time. Covid masking and distancing will be required. This is his second visit. The last was held outside the front doors on the drive up portico in August of 2020. This time we'll be indoors in the sanctuary.

The Bishop is a Nebraska native and was dean of cathedral in Omaha before his election in January 2020. He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and his first congregations were on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. His varied background makes him an excellent preacher.

Caiden Loken 7<sup>th</sup>Joslyn Meyer 7<sup>th</sup>Cole Brockman 8<sup>th</sup>McKenna Pierce 8<sup>th</sup>Micha Vaughn 9<sup>th</sup>Ivy Schomberg 9<sup>th</sup>Ethan Geerdes 10<sup>th</sup>Makenna Anderson 10<sup>th</sup>Quinton Gates 11<sup>th</sup>Kira Murphy 11<sup>th</sup>Preston Vaughn 12<sup>th</sup>Riley Henzler 12<sup>th</sup>

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Early Risers Kiwanis, Hy-Vee and Fairmont Jr Sr High School recognize the following Fairmont Jr Sr High School students as December 2021 Students of the Month. Students will receive a certificate and gift card. The 7th through 12th grade students include Caiden Loken, Joslyn Meyer, Cole Brockmann, McKenna Pierce, Micha Vaughn, Ivy Schomberg, Ethan Geerdes, Makenna Anderson, Quinton Gates, Kira Murphy, Preston Vaughn and Riley Henzler. Congratulations on making the school a better place.**

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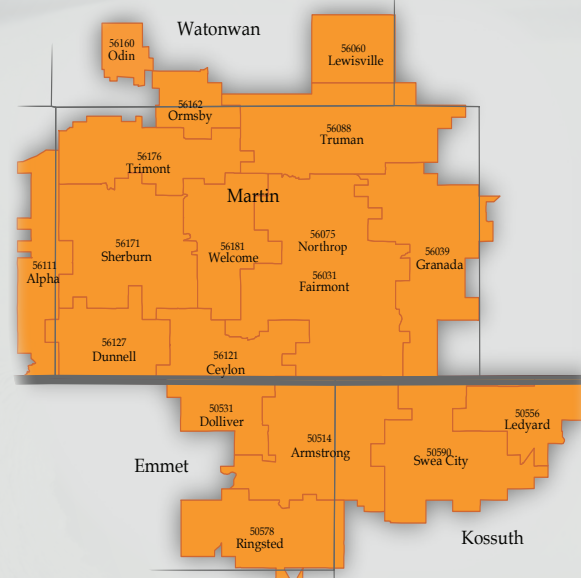
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During the 17th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance, held at the KC Hall on Saturday, January 29th, Chad and Chrissy Lutterman were selected as the 2022 "Friends of the St. John Vianney School". The Luttermans were recognized for their continual support of the Catholic School, its students and the Fairmont Community.

Pictured left to right:

Fr. Beerman—Pastor and Superintendent of the SJV School

Sarah Striemer—Principal of the St. John Vianney School

Chrissy Lutterman—2022 "Friend of the St. John Vianney School" recipient

Chad Lutterman—2022 "Friend of the St. John Vianney School" recipient



At the 17th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance, the Fairmont Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$60,000 to the St. John Vianney School. This check represented the proceeds of a fund-raiser recently sponsored by the local council.

Pictured left to right:

Paul Betts—KC Ticket Committee Chairman

Chad McGowan—KC Ticket Committee Chairman

Fr. Andrew Beerman—Pastor and Superintendent of the SJV School

Sarah Striemer—Principal of the St. John Vianney School

Chad Lutterman—KC Ticket Committee Chairman



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus co-sponsored the 17th annual Dinner/Dance on Saturday, January 29th, at the KC Hall. The 2022 featured St. John Vianney School alumnus and keynote speaker was Tim McGowan. Mr. McGowan reflected on this Catholic educational experience and the impact that it had on his life.

Pictured left to right:

Fr. Andrew Beerman—Pastor and Superintendent of the SJV School

Meredith McGowan—Daughter of keynote speaker

Jennie McGowan—Wife of keynote speaker

Tim McGowan—2022 "Featured St. John Vianney School Alumnus"

Sarah Striemer—Principal of the St. John Vianney School

## Fairmont Pee Wee B had three games this last weekend.

Fairmont vs NUSE-Fairmont win 6-3.

Dayton Draper had 2 goals.

Dayton Draper had a goal with assist of Bryce Ihrke

Axel Chapman had a goal

Preston Cepress had a goal

Bryce Ihrke had a goal with assist of Preston Cepress and Dayton Draper

Kaden Olson had 11

shots against

Fairmont vs Marshall- Marshall win 9-2

Bryce Ihrke goal

Preston Cepress goal with assist of Preston Geerdes

Kaden Olson had 28 shots against

Fairmont vs Luverne- Luverne win 6-3

Noah Meixell had 2 goals

Axel Chapman 1 goal

Kaden Olson had 27 shots against.



Principal Paul Steinhaus of Martin Luther High School, Northrop accepts a check for \$2,000 from Mr. Ed Lee, representative of the Lutheran Laymen's League. The donation was given to help fund the production of the 2022 Advent Devotions that Martin Luther High School students and staff publish. The devotions are distributed locally and throughout the United States. The gift from the LLL will also provide seed money to purchase fish that will be raised by science students in the Aquaponic Greenhouse. The funds came from an estate gift given to the local LLL branch. It was designated to be given to local ministries which mirror the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries, "Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church". The mission of Martin Luther High School is "Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return".

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 12, 1997

The Trimont Nursing Home had changed its name to Trimont Health Care Center, according to Administrator Bob Lake. The name was changed to more adequately reflect the care provided.

Easy Systems, Inc. of Trimont purchased the 40,000 square foot office and manufacturing facility of Eagle Engineering in Welcome. Easy Systems, which occupied three buildings in Trimont, would move all its operations to Welcome. Eagle Engineering would move manufacturing to Cleveland, Ohio.

The Spokesmen Quartet was to be in concert at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. The four male vocalists were baritone, Bill Raine; bass, Bruce Johnson; tenor, Maury Walker; lead Pete Milne. They were accompanied by Kathy Raine on keyboard.

On The Wall was to be closed to make its move to its new location across the street to 85 Downtown Plaza.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 12, 1972

The Fairmont National Bank's incorporation of the former Gardner Pharmacy was completed and the bank held an open house with door prizes and refreshments. Two pages in the Photo Press had large pictures showing the bank's new accommodations.

Mrs. Hannah Clifford, 89, died at Fairmont Community Hospital. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Hannah Kennedy, who came to the Guckeen area in a covered wagon. She was the mother of Jim Clifford, the original president of the Photo Press.

The City Council set a hearing on annexation of the acreage west of the city limits, including the 164-acre Industrial Park owned by Fairmont-Go, plus 63 acres owned by Arthur Fausch, which was situated between the park and the city.

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## SPL 4th Quarter Giving

Thanks to the following who gave \$7,650.00 to St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund for 4th quarter of 2021.

Thank you, Darlain Anacker, Gene and Laurie Austin, Neil and Susan Benschoter, Bill and Jan Bremer, Merle and Beverly Brinkman, Roger and Pam Carlson, Randy and Lori Chirpich, Richard and Kathleen Eyerly, Gregory and Nancy Gellert, Marv Goebel, Patricia Hall, David and Lois Johnson, John and Emily Johnson, Larry

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## Hockey Results

The Carlson Dental Bantam hockey team hosted New Ulm/Sleepy Eye this past Saturday and tied at 3 goals each.

This is the second tie this year between Fairmont and New Ulm/Sleepy Eye.

Scoring for Fairmont was Tyler Kurt off of an assist from Eric Determan. Gavin Kester had

an assisted goal from Klay Beemer and Eric Determan had an assisted goal from Tyler Kurt. Goalie Brandon Hector recorded 35 saves

The Bantams host Marshall this coming Saturday for the final conference game before district tournaments start on February 18.

## Hoops for Heart Memorial

On Friday, February 18th, the Martin County West community will host the 2022 Karson Janssen Memorial Hoops for Heart in Trimont. Three basketball games will be held: Starting at 4:30 p.m., Boys B Squad vs. Hayfield; #3 Boys varsity vs. #1 Hayfield at 5:45 p.m. and Girls varsity vs. #3 Sleepy Eye St. Mary's at 7 p.m. A bucket for donations will be passed during halftimes of the varsity games.

All events are at the Martin County West Junior High in Trimont.

Other events scheduled are a silent auc-

tion, bake sale, face painting, wristbands and "In Memory" Hearts for sale. The American Heart Association will host a booth and hand out a limited number of t-shirts.

Karson Janssen was a graduate in the class of 2020 and died of an undetected heart disease in early November. All proceeds from the evening will go to either a Karson Janssen Memorial Scholarship Fund or the American Heart Association for heart awareness education in the Martin County West and U of M communities.



## Obituary Notices



### Goldie L. Weigelt, 67

Services for Goldie L. Weigelt, 67, of Fairmont, MN, was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Burial was held in Grove Cemetery in Armstrong, IA.

Goldie passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont

is assisting the family with arrangements.

Goldie Lue Weigelt was born on October 18, 1954, in Wadena, MN, the daughter of Theodore L. and Olinda (Bambach) Weigelt. In childhood, her brothers gave her the endearing nickname, "Punk". She attended elementary school in Rockford, MN, and Holdingford, MN, before moving to Armstrong, IA where she attended Armstrong High School and graduated with the class of 1972. Goldie would go on to further her education attending Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, IA.

Goldie was hardworking and took great pride in a hard day's work. She moved to Fairmont following college and began working for Harsco where she continued working for 30+ years.

Goldie then began her career at Mayo Clinic Health Care in Fairmont where she worked in housekeeping for the last 15 years. Throughout her years of employment, Goldie met and made many friends and loved to joke and give people a hard time. Goldie created many special bonds with her co-workers and in her youth, Goldie enjoyed playing softball with her many friends. She had a passion for cars and loved to keep her cars spotless and was especially fond of her 1997 Chevy Blazer. Goldie looked forward to the Minnesota Street Rod show and walking the rows of vehicles with her brothers, niece, and nephews. She had an expansive knowledge of clocks and found joy in collecting many unique clocks throughout the years. Goldie also had a sweet tooth and made sure to have almond M&M's and a variety of almond options for those who visited. Her quiet

time was spent watching her daily soaps of the "Young and the Restless" and "Days of our Lives" and made sure not to miss an episode so she taped them to watch later. She will be greatly missed by those that loved her and called her a friend.

Left to cherish her memory are her brothers, Leslie (Mary Skudlarek) Weigelt of Plymouth, MN; and Wayne (Lisa Seifert) Weigelt of Brandon, SD; nephews and niece, Lucas (Jennifer) Weigelt, Ashley Weigelt, and Chad (Helen) Weigelt; grand nieces and nephews, Cullen, Theodore, Ben, Clare, Peyton and Anne; as well as other extended family and many friends.

Goldie was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Olinda Weigelt.

The family requests memorials be left in Goldie's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

[www.lakeviewfuneral-home.net](http://www.lakeviewfuneral-home.net)

## Where the Store Once Stood

### Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



It was once a general merchandise store that were common in rural communities in the early times. The owners of the store had died, and the store stood empty. The old and large brick building had a leaking roof which had caused extensive damage and was beyond repair. The store stood adjacent to the bank and they shared a common wall. It was witness to the planning and ability of the early contractors that formed such a foundation. A new wall of the bank would be built on this still wide and solid foundation. The bank wall grew layer by layer, until the wall matched its other three walls in color and height.

WHERE THE STORE ONCE STOOD had been changed. However, there was hope that something could be built that would continue the feeling of the corner. The planners decided that it would become "a courtyard". Some of the materials in the old building could then be used in the construction. Short walls of brick were constructed the entire length of the "place on the corner". Taller columns of brick were formed at the ends of these short walls. Each column was topped with a limestone square. Large slabs of limestone, which were

once part of the old building's foundation, were buried flush with the ground and would be the walkway into the courtyard. Others were used as places to sit and enjoy the feeling of such a place.

At one point in the construction the court-

yard seemed to "come together". It was as though it was waiting to send a silent message. It wanted some of the memories of WHERE THE STORE ONCE STOOD to remain. The corner should be thought of as something of pride.

Several trees were planted in the lawn of the courtyard to honor members of their family. New plantings that were planted along the side of the bank, areas of lush grass, and various flowers started sending a message of spring, summer and fall.

Then it happened! Winter snows came to the courtyard. It was as though they came offering a white cover as an act of acceptance.

Written by Darwin R. Anthony



## ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND JANUARY 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

SJVSEF also gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$1,067 in general and special contributions for the month of January 2022 from the following:

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January 30 - Cesar A. Flores, Jr., 20, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 2 - Goldie L. Weigelt, 67, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 2 - Don K. Franz, 67, Trimont. Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 4 - James L. Theobald, 77, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 5 - Richard L. Pope, 90, Trimont. Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 5 - Carol A. White 79, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

### IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

February 2 - Leland "Butch" Pierson, 77, Trimont.

February 5 - Daryl D. Bebernes, 98, Fairmont.

February 7 - Gary L. Smith, 77, Fairmont.

February 7 - Helen B. Roebbke, 90, Sherburn.



## "Beans"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



Everyone knows that Yogi is smarter than your average bear. When he was about to get in trouble, his companion Boo-Boo would intervene to keep Yogi from getting into trouble with Ranger Smith. Yogi's problem always seemed to involve a picnic basket.

Ranger Smith placed the "Do not feed the bears" signs around Jellystone Park. Still, visitors would leave their baskets unattended, and the bears would find them. Probably because Yogi was known to use a pencil to cross out the word "not," making the sign read "Do Feed the Bears." Yogi was always on the lookout for a "pic-a-nic basket" and just couldn't resist steal-

ing one at every opportunity. I loved watching those cartoons of Yogi Bear and Boo-Boo when I was growing up.

I grew up, did a lot of camping where bears live, and eventually moved to the north woods. I learned the importance of not only not feeding the bears but the necessity of proper food storage to keep your camp, or picnic site, bear-proof. Bears and people just don't make good partners when sharing the same food basket. Still, I inadvertently feed the bears and other animals.

We put out hummingbird feeders in the spring in anticipation of their return. Bird feeders with different seeds draw various birds that are fun to watch

year-round. But unfortunately, keeping squirrels and raccoons out of the bird feeders is an ongoing quest, and in reality, a lost cause.

The birds and squirrels will spill and drop seeds. But nothing goes to waste around here; the deer and the bears gladly come around to clean up the ground below the feeders.

Although we have had bears in our yard in the past, we don't see them anymore. This is because June has well-marked our yard, keeping the bears at bay. (Dogs and bears do not get along and will keep their distance from one another.) We still see bears in our neighbors' yards, but they don't have dogs. Our neighbors tell

me they also see bears going through our yard from time to time, but way outback. So the bears stay clear of our house - June's territory.

The bears will stay clear of June's area, but the deer come right up to the house for the treats under the feeders, all the while keeping a vigilant watch for that dog. I've even seen hoof prints in the snow ON our front porch a couple of times. The deer can't reach the feeders hanging on the porch railings from the ground. So, one deer was brave enough to come up attempting to rob the sunflower seeds on the porch! We enjoy the wildlife around our home and welcome all the animals.

...mind your own business...I was scared...we got married...

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## Do you know what a Purple Martin is? By Bruce Moore, Fairmont

It is amazing to me how many people don't know what a Purple Martin is. I became acquainted with these birds when I was a young lad visiting my grandmother's farm in the early 50's. She had a martin house that was home to many martins and I spent a lot of time watching them flying about and listening to their vocal chatter.

I became more interested in the 1980's when I purchased my first martin house and tried to get them to occupy it. I was mostly unsuccessful and found out that they don't like big trees nearby so I only had a few of pairs over the years. In 2008 we moved to a place with plenty of space and a wetland nearby (Luedtke's Slough). The first year I had 2 pairs of martins! This past summer I had

30 pair and was at full capacity. They fledged about 130 young that flew away in mid August with their parents to their winter home in Brazil. Some of them will likely return about April 11, give or take a few days to entertain my neighbors and I for another summer and then leave for Brazil in mid August. It will take them a month or two to get there as they migrate a little at a time, resting along the way.

I learned most of what I know about Purple Martins (Progne subis) from the Purple Martin Conservation Association ([pmca.com](http://pmca.com)), a couple of experienced friends and my own successes and failures. The Purple Martin is a "species of special concern" due to their declining populations east of the Rocky Mountains, as are many other bird species. They are entirely dependent on flying insects as they never feed

on the ground. They eat just about anything that flies; bees, moths, butterflies, cicadas, and especially big dragonflies when they are feeding growing young ones.

They depend entirely on humans to provide nesting cavities as they nest only in enclosed spaces. They nest in colonies and tolerate humans very well, even allowing vertically lowering of the house for nest checks counting eggs and young and observation for parasites. Some of the recommended housing is: the house should be capable of being raised and lowered vertically with rope and pulley, winch, or telescoping poles to facilitate nest checks, cleaning and maintenance. The housing should be at least 60' from the nearest big trees and 75' from houses and buildings. The best housing is made of aluminum or plastic with compartments that are 6"x6"x12" deep and white in color to keep them cool in hot weather. Plastic gourds are also a good choice and actually preferred by martins because of their roominess. Wooden housing is ok as long as it's cleaned annually and well maintained.

Other cavity nesting birds can be a BIG problem. Non-native invasive species like English

sparrows and European starlings drive away martins by breaking eggs and killing young and have been known to kill adults to gain control of the housing. Since they are non-native and invasive species, they are not protected like native birds and can be controlled by trapping, nest removal, and shooting if legal (not allowed in town). Once a colony is well established, the adult martins can drive away these competitive species, but usually need assistance from humans. This is why vertically raised and lowered housing is so important. As you drive around town, you will see many martin houses made of wood that are neglected, not easily lowered and cleaned and infested with sparrows and starlings.

The Martin County Conservation Club has purchased and donated three aluminum houses to the City of Fairmont for Gomsrud and Pierce Parks. Another house and gourds were donated by residents of Fairmont and located at Amber Lake Park. These are excellent examples of recommended housing and have expanding populations each year.

Visit [pmca.com](http://pmca.com) for more information if you are interested in becoming a "martin landlord".



## "THE IMPERFECT GARDENER"

Guest Columnist

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



### THE IMPERFECT GARDENER

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

When I first looked for the 2022 All-America Selections in edibles and ornamentals ([all-americanselections.org](http://all-americanselections.org)), there were only six listed. The majority of those were edibles. However, some weeks later, two more ornamentals were added.

Information on these selections is also in an article on the Illinois extension site ([extension.illinois.edu](http://extension.illinois.edu)) entitled "New Plants to try in the New Year."

What I gleaned from these two sources is that the judges all agreed that these selections were worthy of growing in the garden.

First the edibles: Eggplant Icicle F1 is a semi-spreading, medium height plant that produces cylindrical, white fruits. It is said to have fewer spines and so is easier to harvest. The white tends to stay white, not yellowing like others do. It is also resistant to disease and especially to spider mites.

Lettuce Bauer is a dark green oak leaf lettuce with a compact size. It can be sown continuously every three weeks, producing tender small leaves earlier on. It becomes larger, easy to harvest heads later in its life. It will grow well in the garden, containers or window boxes.

Next is Pepper Buffy F1, a bright red hot pepper. The strong, upright plants produce thick-walled fruits. It is said to have a bit less heat until the seeds are added.

Another pepper, this one a bell-type pepper is Pepper Dragonfly F1. It is a purple pepper with strong walls and a distinctive flavor. It begins as a green pepper, turns to purple as it matures, and finally ends up a red pepper if left on the plant that long. It has an average, robust flavor with four-lobed fruits.

The final edible winner is Tomato Purple Zebra F1. This is an addition to striped tomatoes that has a rich flavor and moderately firm texture. With a sweet, acidic taste, it has thinner skin and has good disease resistance to a variety of tomato diseases.

The first ornamental winner is Sunflower Concert Bell F1. This sunflower's claim to fame is that it produces multiple flower heads on one stalk. This makes it a great candidate for using as a cut flower. Since only one stalk is needed, there will be plenty to leave in the garden for the pollinators and birds. It has excellent germination and produces blooms through the summer. This would be an excellent flower to leave standing in the winter for the birds.

The two last introductions to the list are Begonia Viking Explorer Rose on Green F1 and Petunia Bee's Knees. The first, as the name indicates, is a lovely rose color with dark green leaves. The latter, is a deep yellow petunia with long-lasting color. Both are great for hanging baskets.

As always, it may take a year for these selections of come on the market. Some are available through seed companies, although they could appear in local green-houses, too. They all sound like great additions to anyone's garden, big or small.

Val Manning is a University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener in Martin County.

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## Watch for changes in RMDs

If you're a certain age, you'll need to withdraw money from some of your retirement accounts each year. But in 2022, the amount you must take out may be changing more than in other years – and that could affect your retirement income strategy.

Here's some background: Once you turn 72, you generally must start taking withdrawals, called required minimum distributions, or RMDs, from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. Each year, your RMDs are determined by your age and account balances. This year, the

life expectancy tables used by the IRS are being updated to reflect longer lifespans. This may result in lower annual RMDs than you'd have to take if this adjustment hadn't been made.

If you've started taking RMDs, what does this change mean to you? It can be a positive development, for a few reasons:

- Potentially lower taxes – Your RMDs are generally taxable at your personal income tax rate, so the lower your RMDs, the lower your tax bill might be.
- Possibly longer “lifespan” for retirement accounts – Because your RMDs will be lower, the accounts from which they're issued – including your

traditional IRA and 401(k) – may be able to last longer without becoming depleted. The longer these accounts can stay intact and remain an asset, the better for you.

- More flexibility in planning for retirement income – The word “required” in the phrase “required minimum distributions” means exactly what it sounds like – you must take at least that amount. If you withdraw less than your RMD, the amount not withdrawn will be taxed at 50%. So, in one sense, your RMDs take away some of your freedom in managing your retirement income. But now, with the lower RMDs in place, you may regain

some of this flexibility. (And keep in mind that you're always free to withdraw more than the RMDs.)

Of course, if you don't really need all the money from RMDs, even the lower amount may be an issue for you – as mentioned above, RMDs are generally taxable. However, if you're 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from a traditional IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization, and some, or perhaps all, of this money may come from your RMDs. By making this move, you can exclude the RMDs from your taxable income. Before taking this action,

though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor.

Here are a couple of final points to keep in mind. First, not all your retirement accounts are subject to RMDs – you can generally keep your Roth IRA intact for as long as you want. However, your Roth 401(k) is generally subject to RMDs. If you're still working past 72, though, you may be able to avoid taking RMDs from your current employer's 401(k) or similar plan, though you'll still have to take them from your traditional IRA.

Changes to the RMD rules don't happen too often. By being aware of how these new, low-

er RMDs can benefit you, and becoming familiar with all aspects of RMDs, you may be able to strengthen your overall retirement income situation.

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# SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS | February 14 - 18

### FAIRMONT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

<b>14</b> American Classics • Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks • Marinara Sauce • Glazed Carrots • Sugar Cookie <b>2Mato</b> • Classic Pepperoni Pizza • Classic Cheese Pizza <b>Grill</b> • Classic American Cheeseburger • Glazed Carrots • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich <b>On the Go</b> • Blueberry Parfait with Granola • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Chopped Romaine • Fresh Cauliflower Florets • Chilled Diced Pears • Fresh Golden Delicious Apple <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>15</b> American Classics • Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese • Waffle Fries <b>2Mato</b> • Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza • Classic Cheese Pizza <b>Grill</b> • Classic American Cheeseburger • Waffle Fries • Spicy Chicken Sandwich <b>On the Go</b> • Blueberry Parfait with Granola • Ham & Cheddar Chef Salad • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Chopped Romaine • Fresh Celery Sticks • Applesauce • Fresh Banana <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Yellow Mustard • Low Sodium Ketchup • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>16</b> American Classics • Roasted Turkey with Gravy • Mashed Potatoes • Seasoned Corn • Whole Grain Dinner Roll <b>2Mato</b> • Meat Lover's Pizza • Classic Cheese Pizza <b>Grill</b> • Classic American Cheeseburger • Roasted Green Beans • Seasoned Corn • Turkey Hot Dog <b>On the Go</b> • Blueberry Parfait with Granola • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Red Bell Pepper Strips • Chilled Peaches • Tropical Fruit Cocktail • Sliced Fresh Apples <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Yellow Mustard • Low Sodium Ketchup • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>17</b> American Classics • Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Bake • Garlic Breadstick • Roasted Green Beans <b>2Mato</b> • Italian Sausage Pizza • Classic Cheese Pizza <b>Grill</b> • Classic American Cheeseburger • Roasted Green Beans • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich <b>On the Go</b> • Strawberry Parfait with Granola • Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad • Whole Grain Dinner Roll <b>Extra Extra</b> • Caesar Salad • Sliced Fresh Apples • Chilled Pineapple Chunks • Fresh Orange Wedges <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>18</b> American Classics • Chicken Tenders • Baked Beans <b>2Mato</b> • Classic Pepperoni Pizza • Classic Cheese Pizza <b>Grill</b> • Classic American Cheeseburger • Spicy Chicken Sandwich <b>On the Go</b> • Blueberry Parfait with Granola • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch <b>Extra Extra</b> • Sliced Cucumbers • Chilled Pineapple Chunks • Fresh Orange Wedges <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing
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### FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY

<b>14</b> Classics • Chicken Nuggets • Whole Grain Dinner Roll • Chicken Gravy <b>Alternate Entrées</b> • Tuna Salad Sub • Carnival Cookie <b>Sides for All Meals</b> • Fresh Celery Sticks • Mashed Potatoes • Unsweetened Applesauce • Fresh Orange Wedges <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Skim Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Skim Milk, Lactose Free • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>15</b> Classics • Beef Nachos • Creamy Cheddar Cheese Sauce • Salsa <b>Alternate Entrées</b> • Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap • Cilantro Lime Brown Rice • Fresh Cherry Tomatoes • Chilled Peaches • Fresh Banana <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Skim Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Skim Milk, Lactose Free • Ketchup • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>16</b> Classics • Toasty Cheese Sandwich <b>Alternate Entrées</b> • Nachos, Cheese, & Salsa Fun Lunch <b>Sides for All Meals</b> • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Blueberries • Mixed Fruit Cocktail <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Skim Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Skim Milk, Lactose Free • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>17</b> Classics • Mini Turkey Corn Dogs <b>Alternate Entrées</b> • Ham & Turkey Chef Salad • Dinner Roll <b>Sides for All Meals</b> • Tater Tots • Baked Beans • Sliced Cucumbers and Pineapple • Sliced Fresh Apples <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Skim Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Skim Milk, Lactose Free • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>18</b> Classics • Cheesy French Bread Pizza <b>Alternate Entrées</b> • Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich <b>Sides for All Meals</b> • Red and Green Bell Pepper Strips • Seasoned Corn • Chilled Diced Pears • Fresh Red Delicious Apple <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Skim Milk, Lactose Free • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing
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<b>14</b> American Classics • Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks • Marinara Sauce • Glazed Carrots • Sugar Cookie <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Chopped Romaine • Fresh Banana • Fresh Golden Delicious Apple <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>15</b> American Classics • Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese • Waffle Fries <b>Extra Extra</b> • Confetti Coleslaw • Fresh Banana <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>16</b> American Classics • Roasted Turkey with Gravy • Mashed Potatoes • Seasoned Corn • Whole Grain Dinner Roll <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh Red Seedless Grapes <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>17</b> American Classics • Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Bake • Garlic Breadstick • Roasted Green Beans <b>Extra Extra</b> • Caesar Salad • Sliced Fresh Apples <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>18</b> No School
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### SOUTHERN PLAINS

<b>14</b> American Classics • Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks • Marinara Sauce • Glazed Carrots • Sugar Cookie <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Chopped Romaine • Fresh Golden Delicious Apple <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>15</b> American Classics • Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese • Waffle Fries <b>Extra Extra</b> • Confetti Coleslaw • Fresh Banana <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>16</b> American Classics • Roasted Turkey with Gravy • Mashed Potatoes • Seasoned Corn • Whole Grain Dinner Roll <b>Extra Extra</b> • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh Red Seedless Grapes <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>17</b> American Classics • Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Bake • Garlic Breadstick • Roasted Green Beans <b>Extra Extra</b> • Caesar Salad • Sliced Fresh Apples <b>Milk &amp; Condiments</b> • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk • Lactose-Free Skim Milk • Ketchup • Yellow Mustard • Mayo • Light Ranch Dressing	<b>18</b> No School
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High Honors  
Lauren Bettin  
Brooklyn Stone  
"B" Honor Roll  
Ingrid Edman  
Michael Hamlet  
Lexi Haycraft  
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Madison Sokoloski (Grade 8)  
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Lili Wiens (Grade 6)  
Cedar Bohlsen (Grade 7)  
Caleb Meyer (Grade 7)  
Owen Blaufuss (Grade 8)  
Honors (GPA of 3.00 or better-no grade lower than a "C"):  
Kimi Hansen (Grade 5)  
Luke Henry (Grade 5)  
Braden Roiger (Grade 8)

**COLLEGE NEWS**

Angela Gerken of Fairmont was among 437 students receiving degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She earned a Bachelor of Science, Animal Science degree.

Concordia University, Nebraska named 251 students to its honors list for the Fall 2021 semester. Students who earn a 3.90 GPA or higher while completing at least 12 undergraduate credit hours qualify for the honors list. From our area: Joshua Bergt of Fairmont, Minn. and Bennett Shane of Truman, Minn.

Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announced the students named to the Dean's

List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

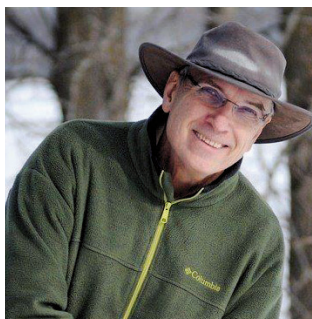
The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale). Parker Anderson of Sherburn; Laura Hartke of Fairmont; Ericka Kim of Fairmont; Ashley Keck of Alpha; Anna Rose of Alpha.

The following local students have been named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

Fairmont, MN; Dan Reiter, Physics, Mark and Ilene Reiter; Bergen Senf, Political Science and Economics, Kent and Beth Senf

Alex Bertram of Fairmont, graduated with a BS degree in Engineering Technology from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2021. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. From Fairmont, MN - Daniel Brummond, Junior, Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE), Biochemistry B S; Zachary R. Soelter, Junior, Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE), Biochemistry B S

**Naturally**  
*By Al Batt*

Mild days can lessen activity at the birdfeeders, but the yard offered a highlight reel of birds. As always, seeing a cardinal is a reason for a party.

I noticed deciduous trees holding their leaves in the winter. It's hard not to notice them. I saw young red oaks and sugar maples stubbornly hanging onto their leaves. Perhaps the leaves protect next year's buds from browsing by deer and from drying winds. Ironwood and European buckthorn are smaller trees that cling to their leaves.

I watched purple finches at the feeders. They seem tamer than the house finches. Blue jays can shift winter strategies between migration and overwintering. The supply of acorns might determine that decision.

**Bob Janssen**

We all have heroes. Mine are mostly people I know. Minnesota is about 360 miles by 407 miles with 87 counties. One of my heroes is familiar with the roads and birdy places in each of those counties. Bob Janssen is that man. He's a great guy, a great birder and the godfather of birding in Minnesota. Wherever I go, Bob has

been there. He has seen a black-billed cuckoo in every county in Minnesota except Freeborn County. He asked me what the chances were of seeing one. I joked that there were so many in the county that the DNR was considering having a hunting season on the cuckoos to make room for other birds. That might have been a fib. They're seen here, but not commonly. Bob made his way to my home. My wife fed him and I took Bob to a spot where I'd seen and heard the cuckoos. I had to leave for an important meeting. I wished Bob good luck and told him to take his time. He took all day. Bob is still without a black-billed cuckoo in Freeborn County.

**Bird Watcher's Digest**

For umpteen years, I was a regular columnist for Bird Watcher's Digest and Watching Backyard Birds. These two wonderful magazines were the brainchildren of the beloved Thompson family of Marietta, Ohio. It was an honor and a pleasure to be associated with such fine journals. Both magazines have ceased publication. The deaths of principals and the pandemic were too much to overcome. I am saddened by the discontinuance of those wonderful pages, but I'm thankful for the many friends and memories I've made through my affiliation with those pleasing periodicals.

**Squirrel skirmishes**

Manley Olson wrote, "Years ago at a St. Paul Audubon meeting, a member shared he was live trapping squirrels and releasing them several miles away. At a subsequent meeting, another

member said he had started doing the same thing. In the conversation that followed, he said he lived in Highland Park and was releasing in Como Park. This was greeted with laughter from the man who had brought the topic up at the previous meeting. He was trapping near Como Park and releasing in Highland."

**Q&A**

"Are there any bad birds?" No.

"Do wild turkeys re-nest?" Yes. Hens that lose clutches to predation, human disturbance, or weather events often re-nest.

"How do bumblebees spend the winter?" Bumblebees don't maintain colonies throughout the winter. The last brood of the summer colony contains numerous queens. Each queen mates and then finds a safe place, a small hole in the ground or another protected spot, just big enough for her to spend the winter. Only the queen hibernates until spring. The rest of the colony dies.

"Why do great horned owls nest so early?" Young great horned owls must learn complex hunting maneuvers involving trial and error. Early hatching means they're ready to practice their flying and hunting skills when the weather is mild and prey is abundant, and have time to master their techniques before winter begins.

"What birds drink sugar water other than hummingbirds?" Some birds with a sweet tooth that enjoy nectar are house finches, downy woodpeckers, warblers (including orange-crowned, Cape May and pine), mockingbirds, chickadees, thrashers



and titmice.

"How do birds stay perched while sleeping?" Recent research found a bird's innate balance and the way its toes wrap around a perch are enough to keep a sleeping bird in place. Birds are built for what they do.

Thanks for stopping by

"Whatever you do, always give 100%. Unless you're donating blood."—Bill Murray.

"You cannot begin to preserve any species of animal unless you preserve the habitat in which it dwells. Disturb or destroy that habitat and you will exterminate the species as surely as if you had shot it. So, con-

servation means that you have to preserve forest and grassland, river and lake, even the sea itself. This is not only vital for the preservation of animal life generally, but for the future existence of man himself -- a point that seems to escape many people."—Gerald Durrell.

Do good.



## Valentine's Day gift ideas for animal lovers

A stuffed teddy bear, a heart-shaped box of chocolate and a bouquet



of red roses have long been staples of Valentine's Day giving. While these can make fine gifts, this year those who want to shake things up a bit can offer alternatives that cater to their loved one's ideals. In lieu of stuffed animals, these community- and conservation-inspired ideas may be well received.

### Adopt an animal

Collecting stuffed animals may be a replacement for wanting a pet of one's own. If the conditions for getting a pet are favorable, meaning recipients have the money, space and time to properly care for a pet, then couples can extend their love to a companion animal. This is one gift that shouldn't be a surprise, as it is a commitment that requires both people be on board. Visit animal shelters together to choose your pet.

### Support a conservation group

If animal adoption is not the right step at this time, offer a romantic

partner a stake in the welfare of an animal facing endangered or criti-

phaned animals.

### Plan a day around wildlife

Make this Valentine's Day memorable with an entire day immersed in nature and wildlife. Plan a hike through a nature preserve; pack a picnic to enjoy midday. Make a donation in a spouse or partner's honor at a park that he or she holds dear. Consider sponsorship with a plaque on a bench or fund educational classes at a learning center. The recipient will enjoy seeing his or her name displayed.

### Donate toys

In lieu of gifting a stuffed animal to a romantic partner, consider purchasing stuffed animals or toys and donating to a favorite charity, like a children's hospital in his or her honor. Deliver those items in person and spread a little extra love on Valentine's Day.

Animal lovers may appreciate Valentine's Day gifts that highlight their passion for domesticated pets and wildlife. TF212666

cal status through symbolic adoption. Various organizations enable people to make donations toward the conservation of animals in the wild. Support large cats, birds of prey, and others through a charity such as the World Wildlife Fund, National Wildlife Federation and Defenders of Wildlife.

### Take a trip

Visit animals in the wild by planning a trip to a national park in North America or other areas around the world. If schedules or finances prohibit a trip at this time, purchase entry tickets to a conservation center or nearby zoo that specializes in certain breeds of animals. Even local wildlife rehabilitation hospitals may offer tours or enable people to foster injured or or-

## Valentine's Day gift ideas for guys

A holiday devoted to love and affection is nestled in the middle of the chilly days of February. Valentine's Day is a big day for retailers, and many advertising campaigns focus on gifting women everything from jewelry to chocolate to stuffed animals. That focus may not be unwarranted, but men also deserve tokens of love and appreciation on Valentine's Day.

With February 14 right around the corner, it's time to start thinking about shopping for items that show you care. Consider this list of carefully curated gifts that can provide inspiration for gifting the special man in your life.

- **Gaming gear:** The appeal of video games is hard to ignore. A new report from the gaming industry researchers at DFC Intelligence indicates that billions of people across the globe play video games. The next gaming generation is approaching with the PS5 and Xbox Series X. Gift ideas can include consoles and peripherals like headsets, gaming chairs and laptop keyboards, among others.

- **At-home luxury:** Some men steer clear of massage

therapy clinics or spas. That doesn't mean they should forgo the benefits of a deep massage. With a portable back and neck shiatsu massager, he can enjoy a massage while watching the game or streaming movies or television shows.

- **Treat bouquet:** Floral bouquets may be unusual gifts for men, but a bouquet of another sort certainly may be a winning Valentine's Day gift. More and more companies are getting creative with food bouquets. From cupcake bouquets that require a double-take to ensure they're edible to exotic jerky bouquets, there are items to tempt every palate.

- **Cordless earbuds or headphones:** Fitness enthusiasts, movie lovers or music fans know that the freedom to move around can be impeded by cords on headphones and ear-

buds. A new pair of Bluetooth-enabled wireless headphones can be just the thing to make men smile this Valentine's Day.

- **Coffee mill:** Many people are sticking closer to home these days. That may mean skipping a favorite coffee shop and barista on the way to work, and brewing a cup of Joe before heading to the home office. According to Sam Spillman of Dillanos Coffee Roasters near Seattle, the 2019 Barista winner of the U.S. Coffee Championships, coffee loses flavor minutes after it is ground. Buying whole beans and grinding fresh before every brew ensures a more flavorful cup. Gifting a coffee grinder, particularly a burr grinder, can help improve the taste of that morning brew.

These are just some of the many gift ideas to make men smile this Valentine's Day. TF212673



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## Alternatives to common Valentine's gifts

Millions of people are set to spend untold dollars on Valentine's Day gifts or experiences this year. Data compiled by InfographicPlaza.com indicates that individuals traditionally spend the most on jewelry, a night out, flowers, apparel, and gift cards on Valentine's Day. Fifty-two percent of people who buy Valentine's gifts will spend money on candy, particularly chocolate.

Though tried and true gifts never fail, those looking for something a little different this Valentine's day can consider these alternatives.

Traditional: Candy/chocolate

Alternative: Baked goods

Bite-sized baked offerings can be a welcome change to boxed chocolates or chocolate-covered strawberries. Consider petit fours, which are tasty layered cakes about one to two inches in size. The popular franchise Nothing Bundt Cakes also offers Bundtinis™, which are slightly smaller than cupcakes



and can be mixed and matched in a variety of cake flavors.

Traditional: Bouquet of a dozen red roses

Alternative: Flowering plant

Even well-maintained cut bouquets only last so long. A flowering plant can endure much longer. Beautiful interior flowering plants include African violets, Bromeliads, Orchids, Peace lilies, Amaryllis, Christmas cactuses, and Jasmines.

Traditional: Dinner out

Alternative: Feed the needy

Civic-minded sweethearts may appreciate the thought of donating the time and money they

might normally spend on a restaurant meal by helping to ensure needy children and adults have access to hot meals. The Feeding America network is a nationwide network of food banks that secures and distributes meals. Individuals can learn more about volunteerism or how to make donations at feedingamerica.org/.

Traditional: Lingerie

Alternative: Time spent together

In a poll of more than 350 women, Business Insider discovered that lingerie was one of the gifts women did not want to receive on Valentine's Day. In fact, 97 percent of respondents weren't fans of receiving lingerie on Valentine's Day. Spending time to-

gether doing something couples are passionate about may be more well-received.

Traditional: Stuffed animal

Alternative: Adopted animal

There are only so many stuffed animals, particularly fuzzy teddy bears, an adult can collect. Instead, why not adopt a shelter animal or donate to an animal rights organization? Before gifting a pet, confirm the recipient is on board with the idea. A pet is a years-long emotional and financial commitment that requires forethought and planning.

Couples can look beyond the traditional when shopping for Valentine's Day gifts this year. TF222708



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Valentine's Day symbols like heart-shaped boxes of chocolate, Cupid shooting his arrow and bouquets of roses are ubiquitous come February. Each of those symbolizes is meant to signify the love individuals have for their significant others, but perhaps no Valentine's Day image is more symbolic of love than doves. According to LiveScience.com, doves have been a symbol of love since the Middle Ages, when many people believed birds chose their mates on Valentine's Day. But the history of doves and their affiliation with love dates back even further and can be traced to the days of Greek mythology. Aphrodite is the goddess of love in Greek mythology, and she is often depicted as being surrounded by doves. Doves' own traits also have helped them become symbols of love, as Li-

veScience.com notes that male doves help their female partners incubate and tend to their young, bolstering their image as caring, loving birds. TF222713

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#### 2022 CROP INSURANCE DECISIONS

The deadline for farm operators to purchase crop insurance for the 2022 growing season is March 15. The 2022 Spring prices for corn and soybean are likely to be near or above the highest base price levels in the past decade which will enhance the available crop insurance guarantees for 2022 compared to recent years. However, due to the higher insurance guarantees, premium costs are also likely to be higher than a year ago for similar crop insurance products. Producers have several crop insurance policy options to choose from, includ-

ing yield protection (YP) policies and revenue protection (RP and RPE) policies, supplemental crop option (SCO), enhanced coverage option (ECO), and other private insurance policy options.

In recent years, most farm operators have chosen revenue protection (RP) insurance policy options, which provide a guaranteed minimum dollars of gross revenue per acre (yield x Spring price). This minimum guarantee is based on yield (APH) history on a farm unit times the Spring (base) price, which is the average of the CBOT prices during the month of February for December corn futures and

November soybean futures. As of February 7, the 2022 estimated crop insurance Spring prices in the Upper Midwest for YP, RP, and RPE policies were estimated at \$5.73 per bushel for corn and \$13.90 per bushel for soybeans. The 2021 crop insurance Spring prices will be finalized on March 1. The current 2022 base price estimates compare to 2021 base prices of \$4.58 per bushel for corn and \$11.87 per bushel for soybeans. The final crop revenue for 2022 will be the actual yield on a farm unit times the final crop insurance harvest price, which is the average CBOT prices in the month of October for December

corn futures and November soybean futures.

Another insurance option that is a lower premium than a typical RP policy with harvest price protection is a RPE (harvest price exclusion) policy, which functions similarly to a standard RP policy except that the guarantees on RPE policies are fixed at the base price level and are not affected by harvest prices that exceed the base price. The revenue guarantee for standard RP policies is increased for final insurance calculations, if average CBOT prices during the month of October are higher than the February CBOT prices, which is what occurred for corn and soybeans in both 2020 and 2021. Producers may purchase RP and RPE insurance coverage levels from 50% to 85%, and losses are paid if the final crop revenue falls below the revenue guarantee.

A historical analysis for the past fourteen years (2007-2021) shows that the final crop insurance harvest price for corn has been lower than the Spring base price in ten of the fifteen years, including from 2013-2019. That trend was reversed in 2020 when the harvest price for corn was \$3.99 per bushel, which was \$.11 above the Spring price. This occurred again in 2021 when the Spring price was \$4.58 per bushel, compared to a harvest price of \$5.37 per bushel which was an increase of \$.79 per bushel. The only other years that saw an increase in the harvest price were 2010, 2011 and 2012. The range has been from an increase in the harvest price of +\$1.82 per bushel in 2012 to a decline of (\$1.27) per bushel in 2008 and (\$1.26) per bushel in 2013.

For soybeans, the harvest price has increased in seven years (2007, 2009,

2010, 2012, 2016, 2020 and 2021), decreased in seven years (2008, 2011, and 2014-2019) and stayed the same in 2013. The range has been from an increase of +\$2.84 per bushel in 2012 to a decline of (\$3.00) per bushel in 2008. In 2021, the final harvest price was \$12.30 per bushel, which was an increase of +\$.43 per bushel from the Spring price of \$11.87 per bushel.

Many producers in the Upper Midwest have been able to significantly enhance their insurance protection in recent years by utilizing the trend-adjusted yield (TA-APH) endorsement, with only slightly higher premium costs. The APH yield exclusion (YE) option allows specific years with low production to be dropped from crop insurance APH yield guarantee calculations. For information on which counties, crops,

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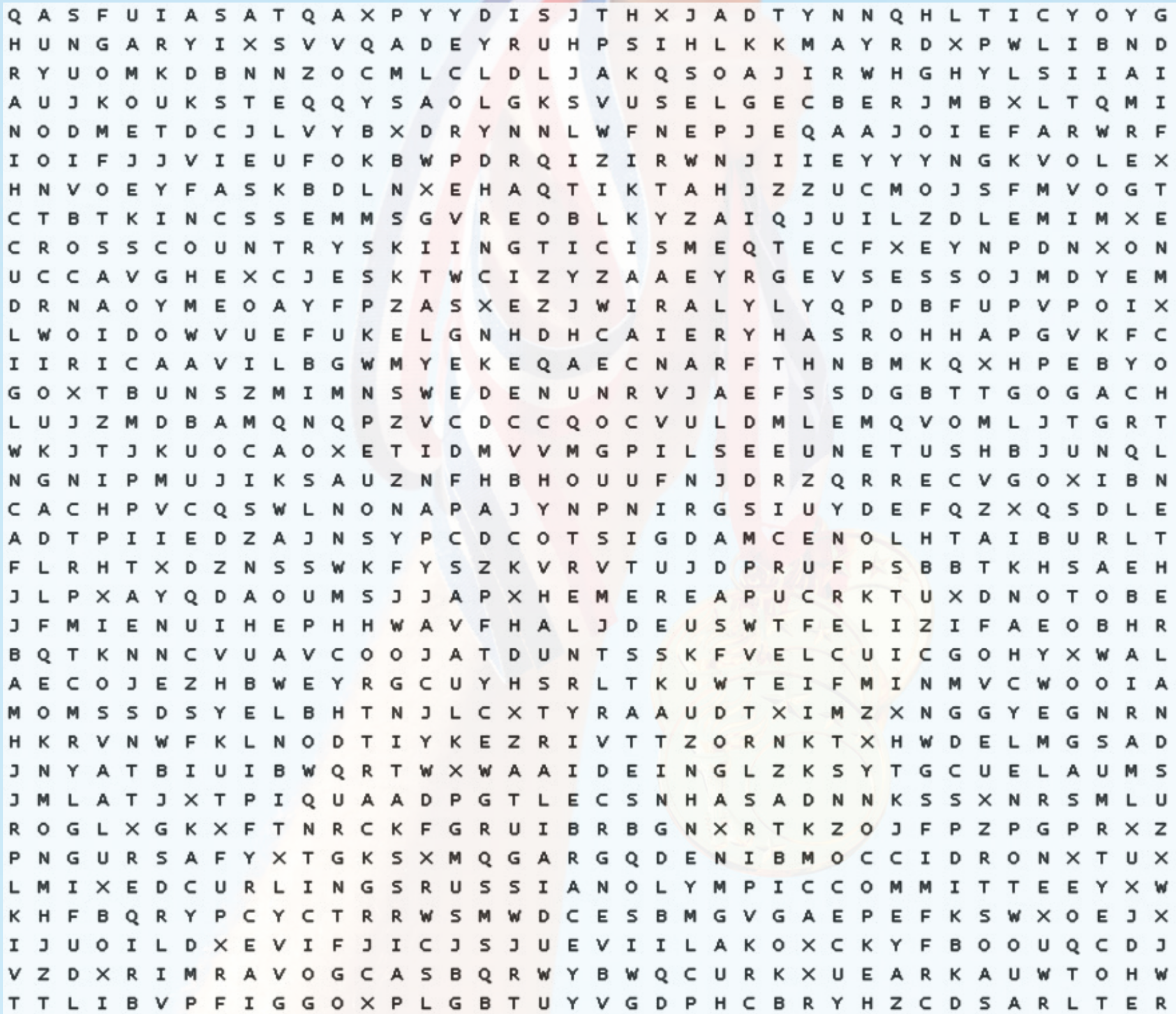
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## Dave Gratz Memorial B-Team Tournament

The inaugural Dave Gratz Memorial B-Team Tournament was held at St. Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont this past Friday and Saturday. The tournament was held in memory of local long time referee and St. Paul Lutheran Church member Dave Gratz who unexpectedly past away October of 2020.

Participating teams included: St. Paul Lutheran Fairmont/St. James Lutheran Northrop/ St. Paul Lutheran Truman Immanuel, Lakefield, Trinity Janesville.

Girls Tournament: 1st-Immanuel Lakefield; 2nd: SPL Fairmont/SJL Northrop/SPL Truman. Boys Tournament: 1st-Immanuel Lakefield; 2nd: Trinity Janesville.



The St. Paul Lutheran Fairmont/St. James Lutheran Northrop/ St. Paul Lutheran Truman B-team took second place at the Dave Gratz Memorial B-Team Tournament in Fairmont last Saturday. Team members include: Fairmont - Ella Wubbena, Mya Walters-Hinz, Ela Walters-Hinz, Abby Kitzerow, Addison Meyeraan, Susan Hackett, Truman - Johana Wiederhoeft, Gaby Flohrs, Shelby Kitzerow, Aria Hall, Peyton Stohs, Olivia Slabbert, Sophia Becker, Annie Chase, Northrop - Lili Wiens, Hailey Simpson, Kimi Hansen. Coach Sally Schmitz. *Submitted photo*



**GRATZ MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT** - St. Paul Lutheran School Teacher Paul Engelby, second from right, is pictured with Dave's parents, Norm and Vi and wife Kathy Gratz with the plaque that will be engraved with the winning teams' names. *Submitted photo*



**OFF GLASS** - Cards Gavin Junkermeier shoots a lay-up over Worthington's Marenono Opiew. The Trojans bested the Cardinals 57-53 last Saturday afternoon. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**EYE ON THE SHOT** - The Fairmont Cardinals youth basketball program played during halftime of the Worthington vs Cardinals boys' basketball last Saturday afternoon. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**TOP SHOT** - The Cards Zach Jorgenson puts up a shot in the lane over Blue Earth Area's Ashton Lloyd. The Cards nipped the Buccaneers 58-57 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**HIGH KICK** - The Cardinal Dance team performed during halftimes of the Blue Earth Area JV and varsity boy's basketball games vs the Cardinals. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



## Huskies Take Down Red Bulls

Class A #2-ranked Jackson County Central captured the Big South Conference dual-meet championship defeating Class AA #8-ranked Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls 50-13. The Huskies took 11 of the 14 matches last Friday night in Trimont. Red Bulls #4-ranked 126-pounder Jesse Potts posted a 10-2 major decision, #7-ranked 145-pounder Kain Sanders earned a 3-0 decision and #5-ranked 220-pounder Max Olson won by pin.

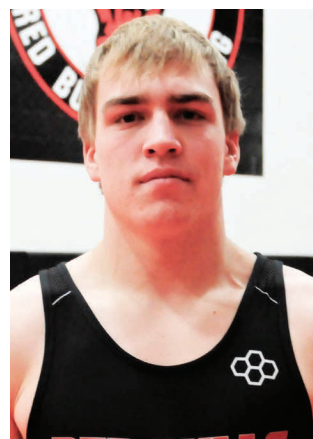
The Red Bulls (18-1) participated in the Valley Conference Meet, Tuesday and host New Ulm and Worthington on



**Jesse Potts**



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**Max Olson**

Thursday.

Individual Results: 106 Isaac Rodriguez pinned Red Bulls Torrey Paplow; 113 Nolan Ambrose pinned Red Bulls Berent Kosbab; 120 Kie Anderson 10-2 major over Red Bulls Rylan Cutler; 126 Red Bulls Jesse Potts 8-0 major decision over Landon Andrews; 132 Logan Buxton 17-7 ma-

jor decision over Cooper Steuber; 138 Thomas Freking 10-5 decision over Red Bulls Taylor Austin; 145 Red Bulls Kain Sanders 3-0 decision over Dylan Withers; 152 Isaiah Rodriguez overtime 9-7 decision over Red Bulls Aden Welcome; 160 Payton Handevitd 5-0 decision over Red Bulls Carver

Rohman; 170 Matthew Haley 3-0 decision over Rell Bulls Gage Cyphers; 182 Caleb Vancura pinned Red Bulls Riley Allen; 195 Will Freking pinned Red Bulls Wyatt Williamson; 220 Trace Michelson pinned Red Bulls Alec Thompson; 285 Red Bulls Max Olson pinned Cameron Scholten.



**DOUBLE FOUL** - Blue Earth Area's #3 Gabriel Torres and Blake Ripley foul the Cards Armando Hernandez. The Cards (7-9) played Pipestone Tuesday night and travel to St. Peter Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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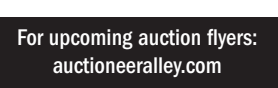
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Selbrade; Thank you for your support, thoughts and love for Sue. Also, the donations to the humane society. Sorry I can not answer every card personally, but I treasure the thoughts during this difficult time, Jeff. Thank you Chris, Dad 06-tp1-1

Scheef - Thank you to all who thought of me during my 4 month hospitalization and Rehab after I was involved in a car accident. The many prayers, well wishes, cards and gifts were all very much appreciated. I am now home and improving each day. Thanks again, for caring and especially for all the prayers. I know they helped in my recovery. Barb Scheef, Fairmont 06-tp1-1



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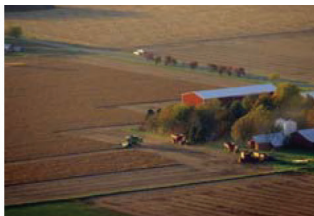
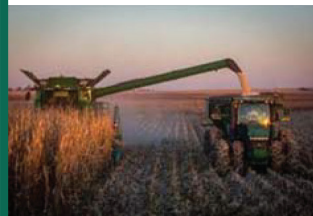
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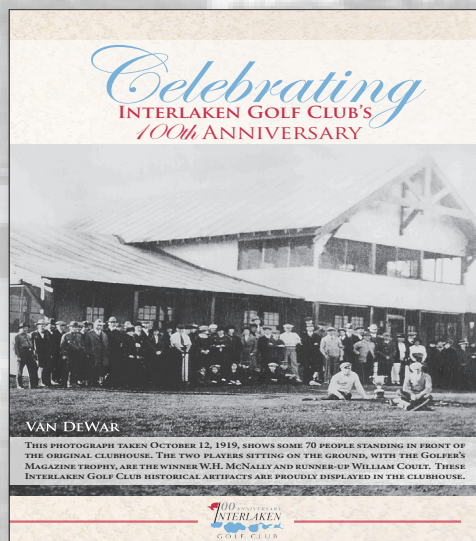
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from crop insurance APH yield guarantee calculations. For information on which counties, crops, and years are eligible for YE, go to the RMA web site.

SCO and ECO Insurance Coverage

The Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) coverage is only available to producers that choose the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) farm program option for the 2022 crop year. The deadline for 2022 farm program sign-up is March 15, 2022, which is the same as the enrollment deadline for 2022 crop insurance. As a result, farm operators will need to consider SCO insurance coverage at the same time that they are finalizing their 2022 farm program choice. The federal government subsidizes 65% of the premium for SCO coverage, so farm-level premiums are quite reasonable, which may make SCO a viable option for producers that choose the PLC farm program option.

SCO allows producers to purchase additional county-level crop insurance coverage up to a maximum of 86 percent coverage. For example, a producer that purchases an 80% RP policy could purchase an additional 6% SCO coverage. SCO is a county revenue-based insurance product

that is somewhat similar to some of the area risk protection crop insurance products that are available. The calculations for SCO function very similarly to RP insurance policies, since they utilize the same crop insurance base price and harvest price. The biggest difference is that SCO uses county level average yields, rather than the farm-level APH yields that are typically used for most RP and YP policies. As a result, the SCO and RP insurance policies may achieve different results.

The Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) was a new crop insurance option in 2021 that will again be available for 2022. ECO provides area-based insurance coverage from 86 percent up to 95 percent coverage, utilizing county yields similar to SCO coverage. Producers can choose between 90 or 95 percent ECO coverage. Unlike SCO coverage, the purchase of ECO coverage is available with selection of either the PLC or ARC-CO farm program choice for 2021. Producers can utilize both ECO and SCO together, in addition to their underlying RP, RPE, or YP insurance policy.

It is possible for a producer to collect on an individual RP policy, but not collect on a SCO or ECO policy, or vice versa. For example, a producer with an 80% RP

policy may have a loss that qualifies for an insurance indemnity payment on a farm unit, while the county as a whole may not meet the threshold to qualify for a SCO or ECO payment. It could also be possible to collect a SCO or ECO payment for a county-level revenue loss, while not qualifying for a RP insurance indemnity payment at the farm-level. Interested producers should check with their crop insurance agent for details on SCO and ECO insurance coverage and premiums for 2022.

"Bottom-Line" on Crop Insurance Decisions

Given the likely higher crop insurance Spring base prices for both corn and soybeans, most producers should be able to provide a very desirable level of risk protection for corn and soybean production in 2022. At current Spring price levels, many producers will be able to guarantee near \$700.00 to over \$900.00 per acre for corn, and near \$500.00 to over \$700.00 per acre for soybeans by utilizing 85% RP insurance coverage level in 2022. Producers can further enhance their revenue guarantees through "buy-up" crop insurance coverage and "wind" and "hail" endorsements offered by private insurance companies, or through the purchase of SCO or ECO insur-

ance coverage. Sometimes crop insurance decisions can be more difficult in years such as 2022 with increased Spring base prices and insurance guarantees but also with higher crop insurance premium costs.

A reputable crop insurance agent is the best source of information to find out more details about the various crop insurance products that are offered, to get premium quotes, and to help finalize 2022 crop

insurance decisions. To receive a free copy of an information sheet titled: "2022 Crop Insurance Decisions," written by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, please forward an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com.

Following are some web sites with very good crop insurance information:

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by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
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by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

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