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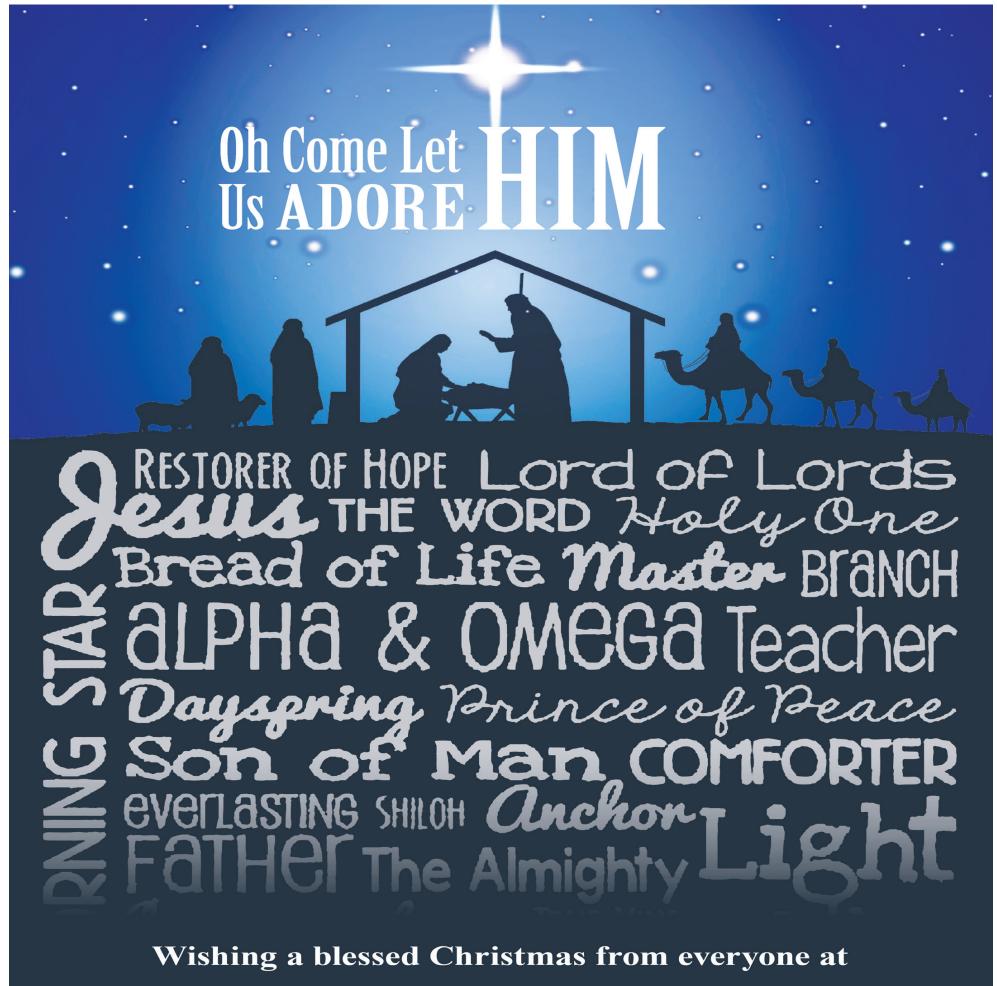


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### **PETROWIAK**

KAHLER - Macy Ann Petrowiak and Christopher Ryan Kahler were united in marriage on August 7, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain, MN. Fr. Greg Parrot officiated the marriage ceremony and the reception was held at the Martin County Arena. Parents of the newlyweds are Larry and Dawn Petrowiak of Fairmont, MN. and Ryan and Janet Kahler of Sherburn,

Macy Kahler is a 2018 graduate of South Dakota State University and received her Bachelor's degree in Consumer Affairs with minors in Agriculture

Business and Marketing. She is employed as a District Field Manager for the Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

Chris Kahler is a 2019 graduate of Iowa State University and received his Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business and a minor in Agronomy. He co-manages the family-owned farm operation, assists with the family auctioneering business at Land Services Unlimited/Auctioneer Alley and is a Wyffels Hybrids seed representative.

Chris is the grandson of Allen and Marlys Kahler of Sherburn, MN. and the late Delbert and Dorothy Luke of Ringsted, IA. Macy is the granddaughter of the late Louis and Lucille Petrowiak of East Chain, MN; and the late Donald and Donna Hansgaard of Fairmont, MN.

The bride was accompanied by her sisters and matrons of honor, Celia Petrowiak and Holly Petrowiak; along with bridesmaids Marissa DeJong, Cathryn Petrowiak, Taylor King and Ally Ringeisen. Personal attendants were Sarah Hanson and Emily Dallager.

Accompanying the groom was best man Carson Kahler, brother of the groom; along with groomsmen Esden Carroll, Nick Holm, Bruce Witschorik, Michael Barr and Hunter Olson. Ushering guests were Kevin Luke, Ben Carlson, and Garrett Balcom.

Chris and Macy Kahler reside in Sherburn, MN. and look forward to a winter honeymoon get-away. They want to thank everyone who shared in their special day.



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80th BIRTHDAY **Sharon Theobald** of Fairmont celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday, December 18th. Cards may reach her at: **224 East 2nd** Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

**NEW ARRIVAL - Alai**na Debra Rohlik, daughter of Dustin and Angela Rohlik of Fairmont, was born on November 15th. 2021 in Mankato. Alaina weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 181/2 inches long. Grandparents are Tom and Deb Sonnek of Fairmont and Frank Rohlik of Redwood Falls and the late Sharon.

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The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors visited three Fairmont businesses recently: Sweet Financial Partners - name change; Red Rock Center for the Arts - new floor and remodeling; Groomingdales, 420 Downtown Plaza - new owner.

### **Lighting Contest winners announced**

Chamber of Commerce and City of Fairmont announced the winners of the annual Let Your Light Shine residential lighting contest.

The official judges chose - 1st place, 504 Canyon Drive; 2nd place,

YEARS AGO IN THE

### **WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 1996**

Curt Nelson, presiannounced that Linbank as a loan officer. James, had been resihad been employed in retirement next year. banking for the majority of that time.

The Chamber of Commerce terlaken Golf Club pro Paul Baldus at his Tee Box computerized golf woild fall on Wednesday simulator, located in next week, the paper will The Bowlmor build- be published on Tuesing; and Tom Harwick day, and advertisers and at the Highland House contributors are hereby Café.

The Fairmont Area 623 E. 6th Street; 3rd place, 1610 Knollwood Drive; 4th place, 410 S. Hampton Street,

> Peoples Choice, 979 S. Prairie Avenue.

Tour Fairmont - there are some great lighting displays.

### /EARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### **WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 1971**

New officers re-elected dent of the Martin by the Fairmont Fire De-County National Bank, partment included Chief Tom Cavers, Assistant da Bontjes joined the Chief Ed Christianson, Secretary Lee Collins, Linda and her husband Treasurer Dean Basset, Foreman Dean Wolter. dents of the Fairmont The department was to area for 26 years. She have five openings due to

> Officials warned that Fairmont lakes were still Fairmont not safe for snowmobiles.

Richard Evanson, for-Ambassadors mer head deputy Martin visited three Fairmont County Sheriff, who had businesses: Terry An- been acting as sheriff derson at his 5 Lakes since the death of Sher-Gallery for Martin iff Bill Musegades last County artists at his month, was appointed Design Jewelers; In- as sheriff by the county board.

> Because Christmas alerted.

Local veterans Terry Anderson and Chuck Mixson collected donated clothes, toiletries, heaters, dried food, non-perishables, money, shoes, and blankets, that can help after the tragic tornadoes in Kentucky. The two left Fairmont for Kentucky on Monday.

CER will be closed December 24th, 27th and 31st. We would like to wish you and your family the very best this holiday season. The staff at CER.

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Fairmont invites you to a FREE COMMUNITY MEAL, on Wednesday, December 29th starting at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes Italian chicken pasta bake, garlic bread, apple muffins and water. Drive through the back alley. The church is located at 319 Downtown Plaza. The free community meals are made possible, in part, by generous donations given in memory of Greg Ashland.

**HOPE CAFÉ** - We are serving our free December meal in person on Sunday, December 26th at 5 p.m. All are invited to join us for a Christmas dinner of ham with scalloped potatoes and more at St. John Vianney Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave. If you are unable to join us in person due to lack of transportation please let us know so we can see about delivering meals to those who can't join us in December. Call Bridget at 235-2451 with your name and address.

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### Federated offers two \$1,000 scholarships

This is the 15th year that Federated Rural Electric. Jackson, will award two \$1,000 Basin and L&O scholarships to two local Federated members' sons or daughters.

"This scholarship comes from Basin Electric Power Cooperative based in Bismarck, North Dakota, which became a wholesale power supplier for Federated in 2008 and L&O Power Cooperative in Rock Rapids, Iowa," stated Scott Reimer, Federated's general manager. "Basin awards 137 of these scholarships to local elec-tric cooperatives. Federated is excited to distribute the scholarship materials and select local students to receive the two \$1,000 scholarships."

The scholarships are available to high school seniors and college students who will be enrolled fulltime in an accredited twoyear or four-year college, university or vocational/ technical school working on an undergraduate or master's degree. Previous Federated-Basin scholarship winners are not eligible to apply again. Applicants must be 25 and under and a U.S. citizen.

Applicants must complete a two-page application, including a grades'

transcript, ACT/SAT scores, write an essay and have an outside appraisal (reference check-list). The onepage essay should address: What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is January 28, 2022. Applications are available from Federated's website (www.federatedrea.coop, at Federated's office (507-847-3520 or info@ federatedrea.coop) or from local high school counsel-

The scholarship must be used for college during Fall 2022. Checks will be made payable to the school as paid by Basin/L&O. Scholarships will be distributed in August.

Last year's Basin scholarship winners were Mackenzie Henning, Jackson; and Nathaniel Post, Lakefield.

In addition, the Federated Rural Electric Operation Round Up scholarship applications will go out with the February electric bills; nine scholarships of \$700 will be awarded locally.

Federated is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative serving 6,800 members in Jackson and Martin Coun-

December 11 - Cleone N. Syverson, 80, Windom (formerly of Sherburn). Kramer Family Funeral Home

December 11 - Cesar Palacios, 59, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service December 11 - Gail E. Suter, 85, Sherburn. Kramer Family Fu-

December 12 – Elizabeth L. Mobry, 95, Fairmont. Lakeview

Funeral and Cremation Service December 12 - Helen C. Behrens, 90, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

December 14-Roger F. Swanson, 77, Fairmont. Lakeview Fu-

neral and Cremation Service December 15 - Nathan L. Whitehead, 72, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Service

December 17 - Robert S. Miller, 81, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

December 17 - Judith A. Wolner, 48, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service December 15 - Susan H. Clymer, 71, Alpha. Kramer Family Funeral Home

December 19 - Daniel D. Bowman, 82, Truman. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

December 18 - Dale H. Madden, 65, Blue Earth. Patton Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

December 15 - Richard K. Larson, 89, Fairmont. December 16 - Janice M. Newville, 73, Fairmont.

December 18 - Grace W. Wright, 86, Fairmont.

December 18 - Marilyn P. Hager, 79, Ormsby (formerly of Sherburn).

December 18 - Brian D. Orr, 53, Alpha.

December 19 - Daniel D. Bowman, 82, Truman. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service





All these Elves had a wonderful day helping at the Elementary School Elf Shop. So much fun and a great way to spread holiday cheer and get in the right mindset of the spirit of giving. P.S. You might even seen a couple of "older" Elves - great to have them with us.



# Obituary Notices



Roger Swanson,

Funeral Services for

Roger F. Swanson, 77, of Fairmont, MN were held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church Fairmont. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Roger passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at Mayo Clin-Health Systems-Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont

or the donor's choice. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Roger Francis Swanson was born on January 17, 1944, the son of Glen and Helen (Krumholz) Swanson in Tulsa, OK. He graduated from Fairmont High School in 1963.

Roger was united in marriage to Marsha Myking on October 2, 1976 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. After Marsha's death in 2002, Roger was blessed to find love again and was united in marriage to

Deborah Survis January 29, 2005 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

Roger worked at 3M in Fairmont for thirtyseven years and retired in June of 2005. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont and the Martin County Conservation Club. Roger enjoyed riding motorcycle, ing and having coffee with the boys. He loved classic automobiles and attending car shows. Back in the day he was a member of the Lakesters Hot Rod Club. Roger cherished his time with

his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved being active with his grandchildren and taking them camping, riding bike and teasing them. Anyone who knew him was drawn into conversation that in death by his parwould end in laughs and smiles.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Deb Swanson; children, David Swanson, Lori (Jim) Nebel, Lisa Swanson, Mary (Mike) Jablonic, Thad (Misty) Swanson, Shonna (Lester) Fenrich and Corey (Lesley) Survis; grandchildren, Alicia, Zoe, Mitchell, Mason, Levi,

Avah, Ella, Lauren and Henry; six greatgrandchildren; brother, Denny Swanson; sister, Jeanie Taplin; nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded ents, Glen and Helen Swanson; wife, Marsha Swanson; and brotherin-law, Tom Taplin.

Roger will be missed and never forgotten. He was a wonderful man who loved life and his family. Our love for him will live on in our memories forever.

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Elizabeth Mobry, 95 The world lost a won-

derful, talented, adventurous woman (our Queen Elizabeth) on Sunday, December 12, 2021. A private family party celebrating the life of Elizabeth "Betty" Mobry will be held in May 2022. Burial will be held in the Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont at a later date. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

> Elizabeth Louise

to view a live stream of

the service may do so at

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Visitation will be 5:00

to 7:00 p.m. on Wednes-

day, December 22, at

the Lakeview Funeral

Home in Fairmont and

will continue one hour

prior to the service at

(O'Connor) Mobry was born on December 1, 1926, in Imogene, Minnesota, the daughter of John and Grace (Sullivan) O'Connor. attended school at Imogene District #23 and was a member of the Fairmont High School class of 1944.

On August 23, 1943 Betty married Russell Mobry and they enjoyed 70 years exploring the world together before Russell's passing in 2014. Along for the ride were their eight children Connie, Stephan, Susanna, Cynthia, Joyce, Thomas, Mary Ann and David.

How do you sum up 95 years of a life well lived? Of all the things that Betty achieved, experienced and adapted to during her lifetime she valued most the time spent with family and friends. She wrote... "I tried to be the best parent and friend I could be. My life was enriched by children that loved

me and friends that were always there for me. I've been blessed." She will be missed by so many people, most of all her children. May God accept her into his arms so she can be with her beloved Russell.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Connie Mobry, Stephan (Kim) Mobry, Susanna Skripnik, Cynthia Eggers, Joyce (Larry) Biske, Thomas (Lynn) Mobry, MaryAnn Smith and David Mobry; niece

De Etta Hannaman; 16 grandchildren; 20 greatgrandchildren; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, John and Grace husband. O'Connor; Russell Mobry; son-inlaw, Richard Eggers; and two sisters. Beatrice Harber and Marcella Chaffee.

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Judith A. Wolner, 48 Memorial Service for

Iudith "Iudi" A. Wolner. the church on Thursage 48, of Fairmont, MN, will be 11:00 a.m. Judi passed away on on Thursday, Decem-Friday, December 17, ber 23, 2021, at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church. Those wishing

2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Judith Ann Wolner was born on January 17, 1973, in Fairmont, MN. She was the daughter of Richard and Corrine (Edmondson) Wolner. Judi attended Fairmont

public schools and graduated from Fairmont High School in

Judi worked for over twenty-five years at Weigh-Tronix in Fairmont. During her free time, Judi loved spending time with the love of her life, Brian Wannarka, as well as her family and friends. Whether it was camping and traveling or watching drag races in Brainerd, listening to music and going to concerts, going

to wineries, bowling, or playing darts Judi just enjoyed being around the people she loved. She also always held a special place in her heart for her fur babies, Diamond and Philly.

Left to cherish her memory include her significant other, Brian parents, Wannarka: Richard and Corrine Wolner; sisters, Shelley (Steve) Pavich, and Jackie Wolner; nephew, Caleb Pavich and his special friend, Jaedyn;

niece, Jenna (Brady) Wall; Brian's daughters, Kelsey and Cassidy Wannarka; many aunts, uncles, cousins, other extended family and friends; and her fur babies, Diamon and Philly. Judi was preceded in death by her grandparents; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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### Wayne Marquardt, 74

Wayne Francis Marquardt, 74, of Owatonna, died Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at Owatonna Hospital -- Allina Health.

He was born September 24, 1947 in Fairmont, Minnesota to Francis and Dorothy (Sheely) Marated from Fairmont High School in 1965 and joined the United States Navy, where he was a Cryptologic Technician during the Vietnam War. In 1968, he was honorably discharged, then finished a business degree program at St. Cloud State. Wayne worked in real estate and appraising for over 30 years and was a certi-

fied appraiser on the VA panel. In 2015, he reconnected with high school classmate, Jean Zinter, and they were together until his passing.

Wayne had a wealth of knowledge and was always teaching people about real estate and appraising. He also liked to fish, hunt pheasant and grouse, and listen to the

blues on guitar. Wayne was a member of Pheasants Forever.

He is survived by brother, Kevin Bradley (Melanie Raine) of Mankato, MN; sisters Sandra Heatherly of Yankton, SD and DeeAnn Houck (Art) of Pine City, MN; fiancé Jean Zinter of Owatonna, MN; Jean's children, Maria (Mike) Lamb,

Aaron (Brittany) Zinter, Erik (Rachel) Zinter, and Jean's seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Sharon Roble, brotherin-law Larry Heatherly, and hunting companions Max, Remi, and Rush.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December

29, 2021, at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna with visitation one hour prior and lunch to follow the service.

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Dale H. Madden, 65

Dale Howard Madden, age 65, of Blue Earth, died Saturday, December 18, 2021 at his home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Patton Funeral Home in Blue Earth with Father Gregory Parrot officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial will take place at the Riverside Cemetery in Blue Earth.

Dale was born on October 7, 1956 in Blue Earth, to Howard Madden and Grace De-Paepe. Dale worked at STEP, Inc. and liked to make rugs on the loom while at work. He enjoyed watching others exercise on TV. Dale was a funny man and enjoyed the company of others. Dale lived with his mom until her health declined and he moved to Elm Homes. He enjoyed going out to

eat and having pumpkin pie.

Dale is survived by his brothers Danny of Fairmont, MN and George of Manco, CO, his sister Connie (Gary) Ricard of Fairmont, MN; as well as several nieces, nephews and close friends from Elm Homes.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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### **Daniel** Bowman, 82

Funeral Services for Daniel D. Bowman, 82, of Truman, MN will be 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the funeral home prior to the service. Burial will be at Fairview Memorial Park in Fair-mont. Those wishing to view the service may do so at https:// client.tribucast.com/ tcid/3230834481.

Daniel passed away Sunday, December 19, 2021 at his home in Truman. Memorials are preferred to UHD Hospice. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Daniel Dell Bowman was born November 24, 1939 to Albert and Elizabeth (Quiggle) Bowman on a farm in Pleasant Prairie Township, MN. Growing up he attended country school and graduated from Granada High School. He later attended North Central Bible School in Minneapolis, MN for three years and Auctioneer School in Mason City, IA.

On October 28, 1968, Dan was united in marriage to Vicki Wiederhoft in Sioux Falls, SD. This union was blessed with four children, Jamie, Tavo,

Travis and Joni. Dan was a iack-of-all-trades. He was a farmer and drove truck for many different people and businesses through the years. Dan loved horses and would refinish buggies and carriages. He had a special mule, Jake, that he was proud of and would take to jumping competitions. Throughout the years, Dan and Vicki would do sleigh rides at their farm for many people. One of Dan's favorite things to do was hunting. He could often be found hunting coons, covotes, and deer. Dan also bought furs at his farm and spent many

summers around the area selling mini donuts. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Granada and Sherburn and in his younger years was active in the youth ministry program.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Vicki Bowman; children: Jamie (Mark) Lemon, Tavo Bowman, Travis (Heather) Bowman, and Joni (Eric) Sandwick; adopted daughter, Jeanie Johansen; grandchildren: Jacob (Briana), Brooke, Taylor (Matt), Levi, Jordan, Parker, Ricklin, Tom, and Corie; great-grandchildren: Jacey, Jameson,

Atticus, Killian, Izzy and Oswell: sisters: Nancy (Jim) Reuhmann, Lora Lee Larson, and Anita Zentner; many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Elizabeth Bowman; adopted daughter, Desiree Hall; siblings: Mary Ann (Ernie) Swanson, Eugene (Lea) Bowman, Arvid Bowman, and Donald (Mary) Bowman.

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### **Memories of Christmas Past**

**Guest Columnist** 

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

hristmas is almost here. We all have vivid memories of past Christmases from our childhood. In looking back over 100 years, it's interesting to consider what Christmas was like at that time as compared to the present. One means of accomplishing this "backward glance," is to look through the eyes of a memorable Sentinel editor and publisher as he vividly and eloquently relates his memories of Christmas as a child in Martin County during the early 1900s.

Claude Swanson, a native of Westford Town-

ship by Truman, was a venerable Sentinel editor and publisher who was especially well known for his celebrated column entitled, "The Lake Breezes Whisper . . ." that he took over for Frank Day upon Day's death in 1928. Swanson wrote about a multitude of topics, including Christmas. The following are several selected excerpts from his December 17, 1945, column descriptively relating his reflections of Christmas during his childhood in the early 1900's. His eloquently expressed accounts may well bring to mind other long lost memories of

Christmas past as well.

Swanson began by restating what he overheard from a local professional man of that time. "I'm glad I was born poor. I know what it means to get a thrill out of Christmas. Christmas has a different meaning for every individual. But really, it is the poor who get the real joy out of Christmas giving and receiving. Christmas Little things make them happy beyond descrip-The recipients tion. know what they receive involves real sacrifices on the part of the giver."

He then recalled some Christmas presents he

received as a child. "We the early 1900's in Westford. There was one thing we could count on - a bran' new mouth organ every Christmas from Uncle Andrew. Then there'd be a ball, a sack of candy, peanuts and nuts, and one Christmas – joy of joys, a toy locomotive about two feet long, the gift of the hired man. There was a bell on it and the drivers "rolled" just like on a big locomotive. Then there was the monkey with green cap and tassel, which would climb a string, the gift of Aunt Sophie. A book, 'Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates, from Miss Burner, our teacher."

He went on to tell of her face." the food, and how it differed as compared to the time of his writing in 1945. "Even the food was different in those days. Mush and milk at supper

time, with perhaps 'salt recall the Christmases of herring.' 'Johnny cake' and milk. Home churned butter and buttermilk. Salt pork. Potato pancake, baked in the oven with a cut of fresh, lean side-pork on every piece. Vegetable sour cooked in an iron kettle, over a wood fire."

> He portrayed the attire of the day in great detail. "Those were the days of wasp waists, seven petticoats, bustles, and long underwear. Rats in the hair, red faces, rugged complexions. Any girl that appeared with a peaches and cream complexion risked the chance of the he and she gossips saying 'she used corn starch to powder

> There was also, of course, the ever present repudiation of the vounger generation and what they don't know by the old "duffers," of which he himself was included. "Of course we old duffers know all about these things, but the younger generation perhaps doesn't know that we used real candles - red, white, blue and green ones for the Christmas tree. That we trimmed the tree largely with strings of popcorn and popcorn balls. The top place was usually a glass star or trumpet. Used to smash one about every year gettin' the dang thing down."

Finally, Swanson summarized his feelings referring to his interpreta-

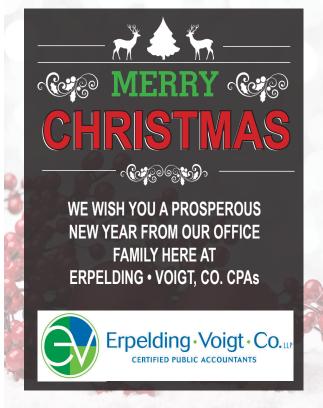
tion of the real meaning of Christmas in terms of the personal satisfaction in harking back to those many fond memories of Christmas past. "So we didn't get much for Christmas? Well, 'mebbe' not. But fellas, you'd have to pile up a pretty tall stack of stuff to equal in personal satisfaction, the joy we find in reminiscence. The toys of long ago are long since gone. But memories of those halcyon days grow richer, brighter with each passing year."

Swanson's colloquial descriptions depicting his childhood memories of Christmas point to a very different time, a much simpler time, and a far less extravagant time. Imagine, there were no i-Pods, no computers, no cell phones, no video games, no big screen TVs, no lavish Christmas parties, no expensive gifts, and the unthinkable - no "Black Friday." How could they have possibly survived? Yet, those memories of Swanson's, as well as Christmas memories for those of us that may recall some of those somewhat "simpler" times from the past, are very likely indelibly etched in our minds as being remarkably happy and memorable.

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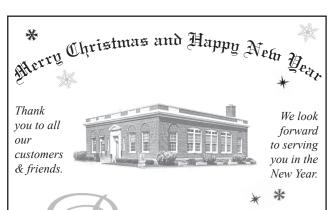


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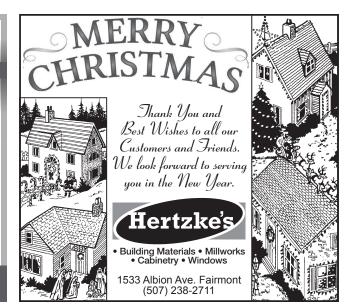




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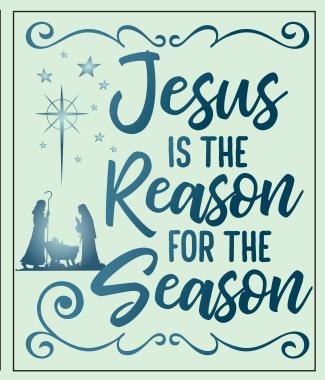
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# 25 YEARS AGO WALTER: My Divine Mission Feature Story by Greg Murphy

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Preface: I did not write this story for any self recognition but to remind myself and anyone who reads it, just how close God is to us in our everyday lives and all we have to do is reach out to Him in prayer.

### October 16, 1996

It was the Wednesday night of the long MEA weekend. It had been a beautiful fall October day with the temperature in the low 70s and no wind, there was talk of some rain in the forecast but not until around midnight. My youngest daughter, Meghan, who is a freshman at Granada Huntley East Chain High School and plays in the pep band, and I had just attended the final football game of the season which was at home in Granada against Cleveland. It was also parents' night and all our friends were in attendance to celebrate this festive evening. The game started out like we were going to be blown out in the first quarter, but by half-time we had made a game out of it. During half-time I took my usual break from running the chains and headed for the concession stand. On the way my buddy, Roger Whitman, asked if I could get his wife, Sue, some hot chocolate and gave me plenty of money. When I returned without the chocolate, due to a short supply, I gave Sue the money and then Roger showed up and I told him we needed more money for more treats. Roger willingly dug into his pocket for more, whereupon I handed the money to his wife. I whispered into Sue's ear to let me know when she had enough money to buy a new car. We were sure Roger wouldn't catch on, as he always did what people asked of him without hesitation.

In the second half we played some good football but unfortunately came up on the short end of the score again, 28-26. After the game the booster club had a chili feed in the school

I thought about staying, but she was anxious to get home; so we headed home. Once home my wife, Deb, had some leftovers warming up in the oven so we grabbed some food and sat down in front of the TV to watch the local weather and sports. We usually watched channel 5 out of the cities, but channel 12 out of Mankato just got a new weather man so Meghan had to check him out. It has always been a form of entertainment for our family to watch the new weathermen on channel 12. The new one that evening surely didn't let us down; he was as nervous as a cat in a dog house trying to read from a script while looking at a weather map and waving his arms and pointing to places on a totally blank wall. When the map did appear behind him, pirouetted around and with his posterior end facing the camera showed us a newly developing hurricane off the east coast. Meghan, Deb and I were in stitches, tears were streaming down all our faces—the poor guy. (I have always thought there was something wrong with our family being so easily amused, but we all seem somewhat normal oth-

As soon as the weather was done, the news gal broke into the broadcast with a late developing news story about a toddler being lost in a cornfield two miles south of Trimont, MN and the authorities were asking for the public's help. Anyone with a search dog was to come as soon as possible.

as possible.

I don't know if it was the urgency of how the news gal broke the story, the mention of search dogs, that sick feeling of how those parents must now be feeling as I sat in my comfortable home enjoying my family, or if it was a divine push that made me spring from my chair. I told Deb "let's go look for that toddler." She didn't say much but

gave me a funny look asking, "Are you sure?" I thought, I have a new 12 volt flashlight with two batteries that had been recently charged and I have an eighteen month old golden retriever,

"Let's go look for that toddler!"

Sandy, who is a terrific hunting dog. There was no reason I shouldn't go; besides I again thought of those parents and how terrible it would be if people didn't come.

I went to the telephone and called the local law enforcement center in Fairmont to make sure they hadn't yet found the child and to verify the TV request. The dispatcher said they had not yet found the toddler and started to give me directions. About the third turn she gave me found me lost, so I asked her if she had the township and section number. With a sigh of relief she said, "Oh thank you," and then told me it was section 15 of Elm Creek Township in Martin County. As soon as I hung up, I asked Meghan to get my plat book while I made another phone call.

This was a phone call that I have made many times in my life to my best friend, Roger Whitman, who lives in East Chain. Roger and I grew up and went to school together in East Chain; since high school we both have worked in Fairmont at businesses a block apart, he at Christensen Lumber and myself at Park Motor, for the past twenty-three years. We also both farm next to each other and are both avid outdoorsmen who love to hunt and fish at every spare moment in our lives. Roger is a horse of a man, strong as an ox with unrelenting endurance and a heart made of gold. I told Roger to get his gear ready, we were going tracking. Roger and I do lots of bow hunting and it was

nothing for him to get a phone call at this time of the night to go tracking a deer in a cornfield, but since we were both at the football game he was a little confused. I told him of the situation and the only reservation he had was whether or not to take our hunting dogs with us. Roger said, "If fifty to one hundred people show up with dogs, we'll spend all night chasing and looking for dogs," so we decided no dogs. Roger said he would be right over as soon as he got his rain gear and flashlight.

While waiting for Roger, I changed into my chores clothes, rounded up my rain gear, and plugged my extra battery into the charger to get a last-second boost. Once I was organized, I studied the plat book to find our destination. Then I thought of my whistle hanging in the basement and asked

purchased new batteries for both flashlights, and then we headed north for about two miles to I-90, then turned west toward our destination, which was fourteen miles to Sherburn, then three miles north on county road 4, then two miles west to reach Section 15 of Elm Creek Township.

On the drive over, Roger and I studied the plat book trying to get an exact location. Not knowing the family's name, we didn't know for sure which of the three residences listed on the plat book in that section we were heading for. But we were sure there would be plenty of traffic and lights to show us the way.

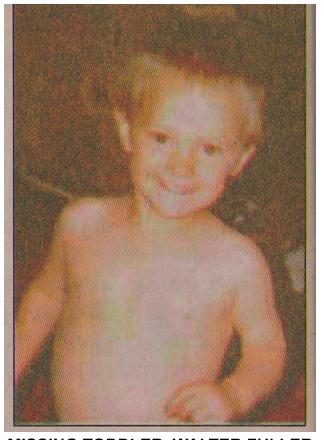
We also studied the plat book for any lakes, river or creeks which were nearby which might give us some insight once out in the field. We tried to determine how far the child from the dispatcher only that it was a two-yearold boy missing, I told Roger we needed more information as to the boy's exact age, because there is a big difference between turning two yesterday and turning three tomorrow. With this thought, we started a mental list of questions we had to ask before we could begin our search.

Roger then asked me if I thought Donny would be there. Donny Rudolph was Roger's brother-in-law who lived in the same area in which we were heading. Donny was also a good friend of mine as we were classmates in a small graduating class of seventeen from East Chain in 1971. Donny was a person who was much more intense than myself or Roger, he was the kind of friend you could count on to be one of the first to show up if you needed his help, and the last to go home. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. With those thoughts of Donny, there was no doubt in our minds that he would be there.

About one mile north

on County 4, the night sky turned absolutely black and the pickup started to sway. I asked Roger what the problem was, and he said that the wind was getting that strong. A moment later, it stated to rain so hard that we could only travel at a snail's pace. When we turned onto County 4 and headed west, there was a sheriff's car in front of us; so we knew that if we followed it, it would lead us to our destination. The sheriff's car was using a spotlight and was driving very slowly; by now it was raining so hard that we almost came to a stop in the road due to the poor visibility and wind. At that moment there was a wave of urgency that swept over us. With the dropping temperature, it went from a daytime high of 70 to a nighttime low of 38. Wind which reached peak gusts of 70 mph, and driving rain, we knew that it would be tough enough for an adult lost in these conditions to last overnight, let alone a scantily-dressed two-year-old.

When we reached the road heading west toward the building site, there were cars lined up for approximately three-fourths of a mile in both directions from the building site and on both sides of the road. There were people run-



### MISSING TODDLER, WALTER FULLER

Meghan to get it. She did as I asked but wanted to know what I was planning to do with it. I told her that once we found the toddler, I would blow it and it would alert the rest of the rescuers. She said, "Sure, dad" with that dubious look on her face.

Roger lives about four miles from me in East Chain and it took him about 10 minutes to reach my place. Once there, I loaded my gear into his 1994 Ford F150 pickup as he asked if I had a spare flashlight. I found one in the combine, but the batteries were weak; so on the way we would have to stop and get some new batteries. It took us about twelve minutes to get to the Amoco gas station in Fairmont where we hours during which he had been missing so far. I thought of the movie, "The Fugitive" where the FBI determined the perimeter of an escaped convict using the elapsed time and the foot speed of an adult. Using the same principles, we calculated that a two-year-old boy would travel approximately one-half mile per hour going in a straight line in normal walking conditions. This would have put the perimeter at a two mile radius. Then we reduced that by one-half allowing for the poor conditions in a cornfield and the child walking in circles, which we felt anyone would do if lost. This reduced the perimeter to a one mile radius. Knowing

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ning from all directions as the driving rain and winds, along with improper dress, forced them from the cornfields to their vehicles. We started to work our way through the maze of vehicles toward the building site, but with all the people reaching their vehicles, it was like Grand Central Station, so we pulled over to the first spot on the right and waited for the traffic jam to clear as we knew we would get much closer to the building site once the traffic cleared.

While we were parked, we began to survey the situation. There were cornfields on all four sides of the building site. As we thought about the cornfield to our right, which was across the road from the building site, we concluded that if a two year old had been lost in the cornfield next to the building site, and if by some chance he made it to the end of the field, he would have to navigate a fence, then struggle up a moderately-sloped ditch which was covered with thick grass about one foot high. Once on the firm road surface, we felt that there was no way that he would leave the road to head down another ditch and into another cornfield when he had just spent four hours getting out of the first one. That, along with the fact that there had to be over twenty cars that were continuously driving by the building site, we felt that someone would have spotted him had he reached the road. So with that reasoning, we eliminated the cornfield across the road.

It now had to be 11:00 p.m. or later, and we were still sitting in the truck waiting for the rain to let up and the people were still running for cover. I told Roger that we needed more information, so I told him to roll down his window and flag someone down that was running by. At that moment, a young man was heading toward us, so Roger flagged him down and he stuck his head in the truck while I asked him the questions that we had made a mental list of on the way over. First I asked him the exact location that the boy had last been seen. He said that the boy and his siblings were playing in the farm yard on the far south part of the building site near some big pumpkins. Then I asked him as to the exact time the boy was missing,

and he said about 7:15 p.m. We asked him what the boy's name was and he told us it was "Walter." Then we asked him if he knew what the boy was wearing for clothes, and he said that he was wearing a striped tee shirt with light brown shorts and tennis shoes. I then asked if he had any idea as to the exact age of the boy, and he then told us that Walter had just turned two the week before. Now we knew we were lookstorm was just finishing moving through, and it was now just drizzling with a continued strong wind. We got out of the truck and proceeded to put on our rain gear. Roger had a complete rain outfit from head to toe and my hooded rain jacket, along with my knee boots, covered all of me except about six inches around my knees. We didn't bother putting on our cloth gloves because they would have become soaked

the cornfield.

Roger and I, when tracking deer, would always find tracks into a field and then circle the field to see if we could find where it had left the field. Obviously if there were no tracks out, the deer must still be in the field. So our plan was to circle the field in hopes of picking up some sign that would guide us to Walter. Still not seeing any sign of a search party, we started to look around the immediate

didn't recognize his voice due to the wind driving the rain on my vinyl hood. I asked him to turn off his light and identify himself. It was Donny Rudolph, Roger's brother-in-law that we had talked about on the way over. I told him that Roger was with me, but by now there were so many people with hooded rain coats and flashlights, I couldn't determine which one was Roger. I then asked him what the game plan was

deer was last seen and then stand there with my eyes shut and put myself into that deer, feeling the point of the wound and then start moving just how and where I thought the deer would go. I would amaze myself how many times I would find that deer. Roger is the best tracker of any man I know and, once on a trail, he will not quit for any reason, so there was no doubt if anyone was going to find a sign, it was going to be us. As we stood there before entering the field I told Roger and Donny that we had to pretend that we were Walter. We had to think and act like Walter and hopefully we would walk in the same direction as Walter and find him. I was still having trouble determining in my mind just how big a two-year-old was; my youngest daughter is fourteen and it's been a while since I had a twoyear-old, so I asked Roger, "How big is two?" He wasn't sure either, but he told me of an old saying, "Walk at one-talk at two"; and when he said that, I had it!

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So we lined up to start our drive down the edge of the field. Roger was in the fence line to my right, I was in the middle between the last row of corn and the tall grass of the fence line, and Donny was in the second row of corn to my left. As we started, Roger said to me, "wouldn't it be a rush to find him." I said it surely would be. These were the last words of communication we had with each other for the next hour and a half.

As we stepped into the cornfield, I was amazed as to the calmness of my body; my pulse was normal, my heart wasn't pounding like I thought it might, I had a feeling of complete confidence that we were in the right place. There was not that doubt one sometimes has when you wonder if you should be some where else. I was, at that time, emotionless and one hundred percent focused on our mission.

We went at a snail's pace. Roger was to my right in the fence line checking every clump of grass and scanning the bare bean field to his right, Donny was to my left in the third row of corn and covering the second and fourth rows as we descended down the field. I was in the middle-the first row of corn to my left and the



RESCUER LOCATES TODDLER - Walter Fuller, a toddler lost in a corn field for about eight hours, is carried past other unidentified volunteer searchers Thursday morning by Greg Murphy of East Chain. Murphy located fuller about 3 a.m. Thursday ~ Fairmont Sentinel, October 18, 1996 morning.

ing for a one-year-old, not a three-year-old. He told us we could save our breaths by hollering for him because Walter was shy and would not answer and may even be hiding from the searchers. The poor man was soaked by now, but I had additional question. I asked him if there was any chance that the boy had been abducted by any person or any chance of foul play involved. He then assured us that he knew the familv well and went to the same church with them and that there was no chance of foul play. With this we thanked him and he went on his way. With this new information we felt more confident than ever that the child had not crossed the road to the other cornfield.

Within a few minutes the traffic cleared out and we pulled out to see how much closer we could get to the building site. We pulled up into the driveway and parked about halfway up on the right hand side. The first

mediately and thought when it quit raining the warmth of dry gloves would feel pretty good. Roger took both of his flashlights and I took my Dewalt flashlight with two fully-charged batteries which would give us about six hours of light. Once outfitted, we headed for the yard to find headquarters.

Upon reaching the vard we did not see any sign of headquarters, but there was a lady walking across the yard and we flagged her down to see if she could show us the exact location where Walter had last been seen. She pointed to an area between the big pumpkins and an old building and said Walter and his brothers and sister were playing there when, all of a sudden, Walter disappeared. With that information I was absolutely confident that Walter had entered that cornfield and that he had not crossed the road to the other cornfield. Now we had to determine if we was still in blinded by the light and

area in the yard and in and around and under some older buildings. We were working our way to the west edge of the grove to find the west edge of the cornfield when we noticed a machine shed tucked in the grove that looked like it had a lot of activity in it so we headed in that direction. Suddenly the machine shed doors flew open and we were blinded and almost run over by what seemed to be upwards of one hundred people coming straight toward us with their bright flashlights shining into our faces. The wind had increased in strength and it had started to rain quite a bit harder so we couldn't see any faces due to everyone having a hood on his/her head and the bright lights were blinding. The people just kept walking past us when suddenly some-one stuck a flashlight directly into my face and said, "Hello Greg." I was now completely

the road, he is in this cornfield. I told him he was sure welcome to go along with the big party or he could come with us; he agreed to come By now Roger had found us and our team was complete; so the three of us now headed for the west edge of the grove to find the west edge of the field. To our surprise the west edge of the grove was only about one hundred yards to our west, and when we got there it was also

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heavy grass fence line to my right. We covered every inch of that area. I knew that there would be no chance that we would overlook him if he had been there.

As we started I knew we needed as much help as possible and who better to ask than the Lord. I started to pray the "Our Father," I must have repeated it five hundred times that night. I tried to make up other prayers asking God to guide us to Walter but time after time my mind would always go back to the "Our Father." As I prayed this prayer over and over, I always found myself stuck on the phrase, "Thy will be done." I kept asking myself, why this phrase? Why was it implanted in my brain? I had a very hard time getting past it, and before I knew it, "Thy will be done" was there again. I concluded that God was telling me that no matter what my will was, it would be God's will as to what was going to happen.

My thoughts turned to a truckload of cattle I had purchased earlier in the week and how I was worried about their health and the financial loss I would suffer if they would get sick and die, then I realized how selfish a worry that was when this poor family was facing a life threatening situation with a child, and how they would trade situations with me in a second as money was all I was concerned over.

I thought for the first time that possibly we would not find Walter alive, but with the thought of God telling me "His will" would be done, I accepted that and only asked God that we find Walter, whatever "His will" was.

By now we had gone about one third of the half mile field when the second storm hit. The wind which was already blowing 20 to 30 MPH picked up; we later learned it was clocked at 70 MPH, the rain turned to ice, the temperature dropped now approaching the freezing mark, and the lightning was putting on a show like I had never experienced. Suddenly the lightning was right on top of us; there were strikes one after another to the right of us. Then my prayers and thoughts turned to us and all the searchers out in the other field. I asked God to protect us all from harm and would accept His will, whatever that would be.

Then at that moment I had the most intense,

unexplainable sensation of my life. I lost all sense of hearing and of feeling. My immediate conclusion was that I had been struck by lightning, but I looked down at my legs and they were still walking. I looked to my right and I could see Roger scanning the fence line and shining the bare field to his right; I looked to my left and saw Donny with his flashlight walking down his row and scanning the rows to his right and left. I was in a zone I could not make sense of and then again, stuck in my mind was "Thy will be done." I then knew, for the fourth time in my life, that God was in my presence.

I started this dialogue with God, asking him "What are you telling me? Is Walter here? Is Walter dead? Are we going to die?" I could feel His force in me, but I did not know what it meant and after what seemed to be a few moments all my senses came back to me and everything was normal. I could feel the force of the wind driving the hail into my face. I could hear the sound of the hail hammering against my vinyl hood and I could still see Roger to my right and Donny to my left. I was impossible to talk due to the storm, and if we had been able to talk, I don't know how I would have explained my experience, even to my best friends.

We continued down the half mile fence line to the center of the section where the fence lines met. There we fanned out into a little bigger area looking for a sign that Walter had not left the cornfield. We then turned left and started walking east, along the south end of the cornfield, it was the same alignment as we started.

We walked about two-thirds of the quarter mile when suddenly again I had this intense presence; this time I could hear a low aerie sound, the hair on my neck and head felt like it was standing straight up and the chills and goose bumps were engulfing my body. I hollered to Roger, "Did you hear that?" He looked strangely as me and said, "Hear what?" I then asked him if he felt anything funny, and he answered, "No." I told him that I didn't know what was going on, but told him to mark this spot as I had a strong feeling about it. As we continued walking, the sensation left and I felt normal again.

We then finished the

south fence line and came to the end of the field to the east. By now the storm had passed over and we were getting cold, wet and a little weary; so for the first time since we started, we stopped and took a break under some trees in the next fence line. By now the gap between my coat and boots had allowed enough water to enter that it was running over the top of my boots. I took them off and drained them and wrung the water out of both pairs of socks that I was wearing. The steam filled the air as my bare feet were exposed to the now freezing air. We did some housekeeping chores and told a couple of stories as we relaxed and took our minds off the search for the first time since we started. I asked Donny what time it was; he said "About 12:45 a.m." and still, no sign of Walter. After about fifteen minutes we got up and, for the first time since entering the field, we saw other searchers with flashlights coming toward us, about a quarter of a mile away, from the north along the east side of the field which was the only perimeter fence line we had not covered. Donny asked where do we go from here? I said we had to go back to the spot where I had the goose bumps and where Roger had marked.

When we got there they said, "What now?" As I stood there, I looked to the north a half mile away at the building site

lar across the rows of corn, which is what we hoped to do, as we felt we could cover a much wider swath than just a few rows had the corn been planted north and south. I started out in the middle again with Roger to my left about fifteen yards and Donny to my right about seven yards away as his flashlight was quite weak and didn't throw a very bright beam.

As we started we all would enter the same row of corn, then we would shine our light to the right and then to the left, then we would signal each other by shingo dead. I hollered at both Roger and Donny to stop while I changed the battery. The battery pack is made of plastic and because of the cold, both on the plastic and my hands. I could not squeeze the pack off the light. So I asked them both to help me. It took three of us to get that simple task done. I said we must have looked like three stooges changing a light bulb. I asked Donny the time again and it was 2:00 a.m.

As we prepared to resume our search, I couldn't find one of my gloves and I said, "How are we going to find a

"It was 70° at 7pm when Walter was playing outside. In a minute our lives changed. Walter was found 8 hours later at 3am and the temperature was 38°."

~Darrel Fuller

ing the light into each other's faces to step into the next row at the same time, as we did not want Walter to slip between us. We were covering about a thirty yard swath in a quarter mile field. After about twenty rows Donny came to me and asked to trade places as his flashlight was getting weaker and mine was exceptionally bright and cast a beam you could see for well over a hundred feet. He felt I could cover more area to the outside allowing us to cover a wider swath, so we traded places. I told Roger and Donny

boy in a hundred-acre cornfield when I can't find a glove at my feet." So we left without it.

We talked about how we had to be very careful when shining down the rows of corn so as not to get sloppy and not to forget to scan the area just under our feet because if we missed him, it would be under our feet just to the right or left of us and not further down the rows. We walked for about thirty minutes when we came to a hill in the field where the corn was very short and we all could clearly see each other and we gaththermia sets in that I was feeling but I said, "We know by searching the perimeter that he is still in this field and he is not behind us, so he must be ahead of us!"

Donny looked at the yard light and said that we had been straying a little to the right and we should head a little more to the left; so we realigned our positions and again headed for the yard light. As we started there was a break in the storm, and the wind temporarily died down. Looking skyward we saw big dark clouds to the east and pitch black clouds coming in from the west and overhead the stars were shining brightly. As we were heading north the big dipper was pointing to the brightest star in the sky, the North Star, and strangely it was located just over the yard light. It was as though we were the three wise men being guided by a star to the Christ Child.

The storm to the west was fast approaching; the wind was starting to pick up and a deep chill went through my body when the miracle happened. It was now 2:55 a.m., I walked into the next row like we had been doing for the past three hours, first shining the light to my right, blinking and pausing, giving my eyes time to focus as I shined the light at my feet and then shining the light to my left. There, sitting on the ground about six feet away, leaning up against a cornstalk like a little doll, sat Walter.

As I approached him I said to myself in almost disbelief, "Are you what we are looking for?" And then my knees buckled, as I knelt before him every ounce of living being drained from my body. I folded my hands in prayer and looked up to heaven and thanked God over and over as I wept profusely.

Once collecting myself, I checked Walter over for any cuts, broken bones or anything else out of the ordinary and other than being in a deep semiconscious state with deep shaking tremors, he looked OK. I then, through my tears hollered, "I found him!" They both said, "What?"

Clearing my throat I yelled, "I found him!!!!" Within seconds they were both there. Donny immediately took off his rain jacket and wrapped him as Roger picked him from the ground. I just knelt there in a state of



The Fuller family visited Fairmont Ford, formerly Park Motor, about a year after the rescue. Walter went up to Greg and said "Thank you for saving my life!"

where we started and I could see clearly the yard light shining like a bright beacon and I said "There! The yard light, we will head directly toward the light." The light was to the north and the corn was planted east and west so we had to walk perpendicu-

we would have to pick up the pace a little bit as my feet were getting numb and I was getting the deep chills. I then for the first time put on my dry gloves, and what a feeling that was.

We walked methodically like this until my first battery started to ered closer together and Roger said with some despair in his voice, "We should have found some sign by now." As we were approaching the final third of the field toward the yard light, I had just the opposite feeling; maybe it was the warmth you get as hypo-

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shock. I then thought of the whistle I was carrying around my neck. I got it out and began to blow it.

We headed out of the field, Roger leading the way busting his way through the standing corn like an ox as to make a path for the rest of us, then came Donny, who gave the coat off his back to wrap and carry Walter, and I followed up the rear shining my light overhead as to guide them while trying to blow my whistle between wave after wave of emotions and tears.

We were about two hundred yards away from the building site and it seemed to take an eternity to reach. We tried to hurry as fast as we could as we had to fight against the standing corn. I tripped occasionally as my knees buckled from the intense emotions that had taken over my body. I had to collect myself several times as we exited the field.

As we emerged from the cornfield, all three of us were hollering, "We found him!!!!"

Then from a garage came a wave of people toward us and as we met, all attention was focused on Walter. The paramedics took him from us and ran him up to an awaiting ambulance and the crowd of about fifty people followed. There, standing all alone between the field and the garage were the three of

We stood there in shock as we looked at each other. We were

totally speechless as the three of us hugged each other as tears of joy streamed down our faces. It was the greatest feeling of friendship I had ever experienced, for we all knew that we had accomplished something very special.

Once the ambulance had left for the hospital the crowd came back to us and wanted to know all the details as to "Who found him? Where did you find him? How could we have missed him? etc." By now I was chilled to the bone. My boots were full of water again so I sat down by the garage to empty them as another storm struck with heavy rain and strong winds. We then entered the garage which the ladies had set up for a lunch area.

We found out that during one of the intense storms during the night the law enforcement had stood there and drank eight glasses until my thirst and chills had been satisfied. While standing there and being continuously congratulated by all the remaining searchers, a man came up to me and with a lump in his throat, asked if I was the one who found Walter. I knew from his face and voice that he was more than a searcher and that this child had a special place in his heart. I said "yes." As he hugged me with the deepest gratitude I have ever experienced from another man, he told me that Walter was his nephew. That was all he was able to say as his completely emotions overwhelmed him. We clutched each other for a moment and as he left he uttered, "Thank you" through his tears. At that moment it started to

sink in as to what we had

"Someone from Worthington called. They had 70 people ready to come join the search. Walter had just been found. There is so much goodness in the world." ~ Darrel Fuller

pulled the searchers out of the field for fear of being struck by lightning and most of them had gone home around one o'clock, while the others were waiting for the National Guard to arrive.

The food and hot chocolate were all gone and the only thing they had

left for home and Roger and trucks and emergency vehicles to clear out of the driveway to Roger's truck out. On the

One by one the people and I waited for the cars make room for us to get way back home Roger and I didn't talk much. I don't know if we were in

awe of what we had done or if we were just completely exhausted, but I do remember Roger asking me, "What was those people's name?"

I looked at him with a blank look on my face and answered, "I don't know, but I have a feeling we will find out."

We reached my home at 5:00 a.m. Roger and I shook hands and I thanked him for going and he thanked me for asking-boy what a friend!!!!

Once inside my house, my wife Deb was still waiting up. She didn't seem very surprised that we had found him; she knew we wouldn't have come home until we had. I then hopped into the shower and turned the hot water on as hot as I could stand it. When the eighty gallons of hot water were gone about forty minutes later, I emerged from the shower still chilled. I wrapped up in a blanket and tried to get some rest and that was when the excitement of what had happened started to sink in. My heart started racing and I had to go to the bathroom about five times in the next hour.

About 6:00 my daughter, Meghan, woke up and came downstairs and asked me if "they' had found the toddler? I said no, that "they" did not find the toddler, but that "we" had found him. Again having no faith in her dad she said, "Sure you did.'

Even after telling her the whole story she still found it hard to believe. So I told her to wait and see. I got dressed and went to work at Park Motor at 8:00 a.m. without any sleep. When I arrived most of my coworkers were also in disbelief of what had happened. Then about 9:00 the radio stations started to call for the details of the rescue and about 9:30 Meghan called me and said "Dad, guess what? Channel 5 TV, out of Minneapolis called and wanted to know where they could find you to do a story on the rescue." She then said, "I believe you now!!!"

A co-worker of mine, Buck Johnson, came into my office about eightthirty that morning, before anyone knew the little boy's name, and said, "Well, Walter, you did it!!" I looked up at him in complete shock as goose bumps and shivers consumed my body. For every Monday morning the past couple of years, Buck would come into my office and say, "Who are you going to be this week?" He would always pick a new old-fashioned name like Jed, Bill, Herman, George, Ernest, Jethrow, etc. and then that would be the name that he would call me for that given week. On the preceding Monday of this week-today was now Thursday—he gave me the name "Walter"!!!

Another interesting thing happened that day. When illustrating on paper as to how the search took place, I marked the location as to my first ex-

perience of loss of feelings along the west fence and then I marked the second location where I had the goose bumps and had Roger mark

## "Well Walter, you did it!"

the spot along the south fence. When drawing a perpendicular line from both spots where the lines intersected in the field, is where I found Walter!! I knew then that this was indeed,

### "My Divine Mission."

Gregory B. Murphy

Since that night

Roger, Donny and I have never talked about the rescue. I received a lot of attention and recognition in the days following, and I always tried to stress to all interested parties that it was not just I who found Walter, it was the three of us. Somehow I feel that Roger and Donny did not receive the credit and recognition that they deserved. But deep down I know that their efforts will one day be rewarded; by the One who guided us.

This story is sponsored in part by Fairmont Ford in appreciation of Greg Murphy's many years of dedication and friendship.



Roger Whitman, Donny Rudolph, Walter Fuller and Greg Murphy



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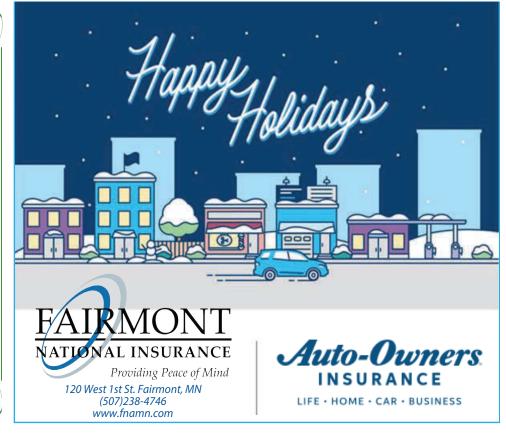
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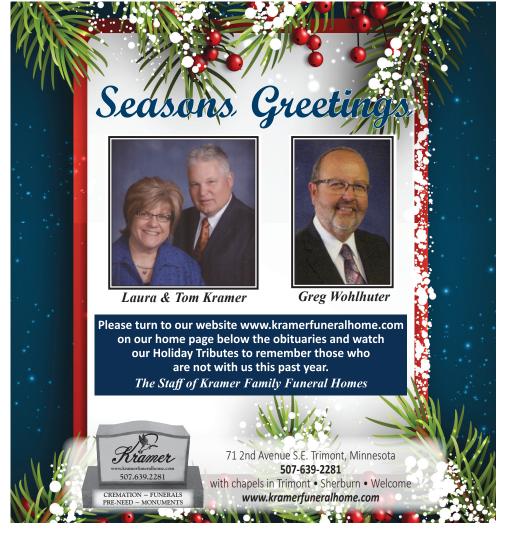
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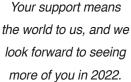
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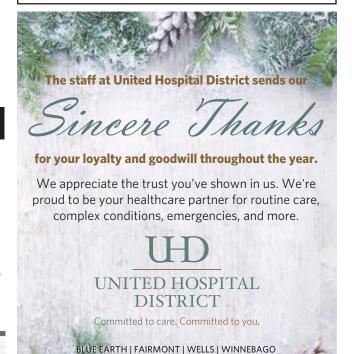














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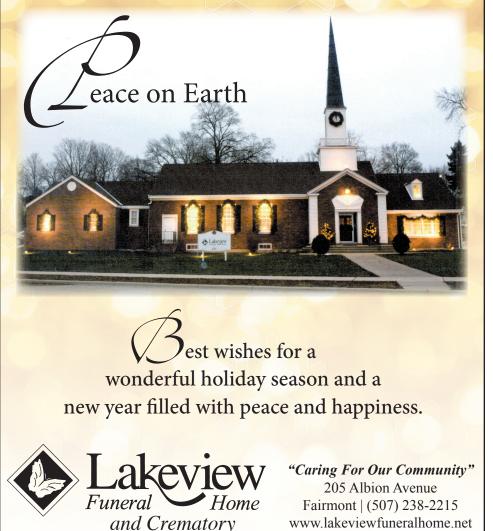
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Keri Blomster & Dan Hilgendorf 445 Kings Rd (Parcel ID 23.157.0080) Front yard setback variance 17 feet in lieu of 20 feet

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment may attend the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Questions about the proposal can be directed to Peter Bode, Planner/Code Enforcement Technician at pbode@fairmont.org or 507-238-3940.

Patricia Monsen City Clerk

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### WARRANTY DEEDS

Curtis Shotliff, Katelyn Shotliff to Casey J. Cain, Shawn R. Putney, Lot 5, Bock 2, 4th Ext. Belle Vue Heights, Lot 1, Block 1, Wilsons Addn.

Keith A. Frick, Patrice M. Frick, Patrice M. Malmgren to Tammy J. Gregory, Tom S. Gregory, Pt. NW¼, 19-103-33 **QUIT CLAIM DEEDS** 

Eugene E. Gronseth, Sandra K. Gronseth to Janice M. Gronseth, Trustee, Ronnie L. Gronseth, Trustee, Ronnie L. Gronseth Living Trust, Und. 1/3 Int. Pt. NW¼, 2-103-29, Pt. Und. ½ Int. E½E½NW¼, 34-104-29, Und. ½ Int. E½NW¼, Und. ½ Int. NW¼SW¼, 27-104-29 Carlee Jo Miller, Thomas E. Miller to Carlee Jo Miller, Thomas E. Miller, Lot 1, Block 1, Morgans Addn., Sherburn

Lori Kettner, Terry Kettner to Stacy Burda, Matthew Kettner, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 20-104-31, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 19-104-31, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 20-104-31

Tony D. Weiss to MGI Properties LLC, S.3' Lot 16, Lot 17,

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### TRUSTEE DEEDS

David Ziemer, Ziemer Family Protection Trust to Ronald Smythe, Lots 2 and 3, Block 8, Original Plat of Dunnell Janice M. Gronseth, Ronnie L. Gronseth, Ronnie L. Gronseth Living Trust to Eugene E. Gronseth, N½NE¼SE¼, Pt. SE¼, 23-104-29,Pt. SE¼ 27-104-29 Gary Armbrust, Janet Volkenant, Myrtle D. Armbrust Irrevocable Trust to David A. Holt, Pt. S½SW¼, 6-102-33

# NOTICE To The Voters Of FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP

Filing for the following office to be elected at the 2022 Annual Election will open Tuesday, December 28, 2021

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# FILING NOTICE Affidavits Of Candidacy ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIP

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# FILING NOTICE Affidavits of Candidacy LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP

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Filings will open for a two week period on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, and Affidavits of Candidacy may be made in person with the town clerk for the following offices:

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### FILING NOTICE Affidavits Of Candidacy CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

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Kim Shoemaker, Clerk CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

# NOTICE To The Voters of NASHVILLE TOWNSHIP

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Windom Area Health is seeking a Radiologic Technologist (RT) in our imaging department to perform exams including x-ray, CT, mammography, DEXA, and fluoroscopy. Must be ARRT registered or registry eligible. Up to 20-32 hours a week depending on qualifications. Shifts include days/weekends, and rotating call on weekends, holidays and nights (typically every 4th weekend). Benefit eligible including health, vision, flex, PTO/SICK, PERA/retirement, and more!

Radiologic Technologist

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# **Ask Mayo Clinic Health System:** Mental health and the holidays

Q: Many people suffer from seasonal depression, which can cause seasonal mood fluctuations during the holiday season. How can people know if they are experiencing actual clinical depression or perhaps just feeling down or anxious about the holidays? And what can they do about it?

**A:** Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that typically occurs during the fall and winter months. It is associated with shorter days and less exposure to natural light. The common symptoms are mood swings, changes in sleep patterns, lack of energy, lack of interest in normal activities and withdrawal from people.

SAD is thought to be linked to various hormones and chemical fluctuations,

melatonin and serotonin. box that can be ordered Melatonin is a hormone produced in the brain that helps regulate other hormones, and serotonin is a neurotransmitter associated with mood. Changes in the season can disrupt the balance of these levels, which may affect both sleep and mood.

"Also, when it's cold and dark this time of year, people stay indoors more often, and increased isolation can contribute to feelings of sadness and depression," says Lisa Hardesty, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic Health System psychologist.

What are some ways to cope when SAD sets in? Some of the best ways to prevent or improve a depressed mood are straightforward, and you can start today.

### • Bring in more light.

This can be accomincluding plished through a light sleep.

with a prescription or by getting out in the natural light more often during the daytime hours.

### Eat a well balanced diet.

If you are not eating a nutritious diet, you are missing out on nutrients that promote a positive state of being. Specifically, consume foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts. You may crave sugars and quick carbohydrates, but those food choices actually can worsen your mood and create a vicious cycle.

### Exercise moderately on a regular basis.

Exercise is the best medicine for treating mood changes, and you may even notice changes within a week or two of co

Get enough quality

When your sleep is disrupted, it can affect your mood and overall cognitive function. Regulating sleep is one of the most important treatments for

### • Make time to interact with friends and loved ones.

They supply a strong support system, which can help you deal with emotional difficulties.

### •Consider doing something for someone else.

Volunteering, donating to charity and performing random acts of kindness can be very rewarding and is an effective way to add a spark back into your

"These are great ways to help yourself, but we also want to encourage you to see a doctor if you have persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness," Dr. Hardesty says.

with your everyday life, if you don't enjoy activities that you once did, and especially if you are having thoughts about suicide, see your health care pro-

vider right away for help." Mayo Clinic Health System consists of clinics, hospitals and other facilicare needs of people in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The communitybased providers, paired with the resources and expertise of Mayo Clinic, enable patients in the region to receive highest-quality physical and virtual *health care close to home.* 



# "Just the other day"

**Guest Columnist** 

### Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

### The Ellington

I went to the estate auction for Delilah Ware just to see what was there. It was July, and it was hot. A couple of items interested me, but I wasn't sure I wanted to wait in the heat. I went inside the house to see what was there, but mostly I was hoping to find some air conditioning to escape the heat.

I fell in love the very moment I saw it on the east wall in the living room. I knew it would probably sell cheap because peo-ple don't want these big old things. Most folks consider them an albatross; they just want to buy the bench or the stool. So, I decided to stay and wait

auctioneer said, "What we have here is an antique piano and bench. We'll be selling them separately, starting with the bench. Whoever buys the bench can have the piano if they want it; if not, we'll sell the piano next."

The piano gorgeous, an antique upright-grand. gorgeous, The rounded corners made of dark quarter-sawn the wood carvings on the sheet music boards, the sculpting of the legs, and hand-carved beading on the edges all

made this a uniquely

breath-taking piano. The center keys had been replaced with modern plastic, but the original ivory keys

remained on high and low notes.

The piano bench was nothing special; a late sixties piece of furniture that did not match the piano. Jim Kosman, the auctioneer, asked, "Who'll give me two hundred to open." They always start high. He chanted a few seconds, then asked for one hundred. A man called out a bid of two dollars and fifty cents. "We've got two and a half; who'll give me five?" I raised my hand. The other bidder went seventy-fifty; I raised my hand for ten. He took twelve and a half, and I nodded my head for

something obscene, then walked away; it shocked me that he said it. Jim paused his auction cry, glanced over the crowd, and announced, "Sold for fifteen dollars to number one-seventeen." Then he addressed me, "Tom, do you want the piano or just the bench?"

I laughed; Jim knows me, "All I wanted was the piano, but I'll take both.'

bid-The man ding against me approached me, asking if I wanted to sell the bench. "Sure, twentyfive bucks," I said.

I could tell he was annoyed with me, "You only paid fifteen."

"Yeah," I replied, "but you said F-you to me, and if that isn't worth ten bucks, I don't know what is." The man glared at me

briefly, then repeated his rude comment. "The price just went up to fifty," I said to him as he turned away; in the spirit of a live auction, I added, "Do I hear more?"

I bought several items that day - the piano was the treasure among them. I went home and told my wife I had purchased baker's cabinet, some other things and then told her about the piano. "It's going to look great with that antique piano bench you bought in Wino-na." She asked where I would store it since we were still finishing the remodeling of our home. "Oh yeah," I casually mentioned, "I bought the house too. So, I'll keep it there for now." (That's another story that didn't end as well.)

The piano sat in the house for a few months; I wanted to move it have it in our

home, ready to play before Christmas. So, I called a man named Paul Kennedy, a piano tuner. I was told Paul was a real enthusiast for old pianos. "I'll come right over," he said. I explained the house didn't have any utilities connected, and it was dark. "I have a flashlight on my phone," he said, determined to come that evening, "I can be there ten minutes."

"You better give me thirty minutes," I told him and hung up the phone. When I got to the house, Paul was pacing on the front porch. After a brief introduction, I unlocked the door.

Paul rushed right in to look at the piano. "Holy cow, this is amazing," were his first words. He ran his hands over the top and the sides. "I can't believe this," he said, then opened the keyboard and played a

few notes. "It's not far out of tune," he said, then pulled the piano forward to look at the soundboard, "Do you have any idea how cool it is to find this complete? I usually find pianos like this in pieces in boxes and baskets." Now, I was in love with this piano at the very first sight, but Paul's excitement made my affection seem like puppy love.

'You need to get this moved into a warm space; the cold dry air isn't good for it," Paul said. He wrote down a few notes, including the serial number, and promised to be in touch soon.

Less than an hour passed when I received a call from Paul. I barely said hello, when he started, "Your piano is a 1906 Ellington, upright grand. Ellington is an upscale piano built by Baldwin in Chi-

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fifteen. The other man

looked at me and said

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# **Naturally** By Al Batt

irds connect us to nature and to the world. I watched chickens on a warm December day before the tornado. They were outside feeding at a buffet of things on the ground. During my salad days, I heard the story of a chicken surviving a tornado after being stripped of its feathers. "Plucked clean," I'd be told. I suspect that chicken might have been found alive after losing many feathers due to a fright or stress molt. Chickens are native to the tropical jungles of Southeast Asia and our domestic chickens descended from the red junglefowl. The chicken is the world's most numerous hird

Winter brings increased reports from readers and listeners of wild turkeys in backyards.

After the tornado passed, crows were vocal. Perhaps they'd found surviving the brutal December storm caws for celebration. I'm sure they had reason for the noise as crows didn't make it to where they are today by being stupid.

### Q&A

"How many kinds of mice are there in Minnesota?" Species include the house mouse, meadow jumping mouse, woodland jumping mouse, western harvest mouse, deer mouse (two subspecies: prairie deer mouse and woodland deer mouse) whitefooted mouse, northern grasshopper mouse, plains pocket mouse and the largest member of the mouse family—no not the moose-it's the Norway rat. I'm probably wrong, but I believe there had been a corduroy mouse. It went extinct because it was too easy for owls to hear them. Synanthropy refers to undomesticated species living near and benefiting from human Synanthropes beings. of the mouse world in-



clude house mouse, deer mouse, white-footed mouse and rat. They enjoy playing hide and squeak in our homes.

"How do I tell a Cooper's hawk from a sharpshinned hawk?" There are many factors to consider, but it can be difficult. It's like looking at an elementary school yearbook and using it to identify attendees at a 50th class reunion. You need to look long and hard at distinguishing characteristics. As are most things in life, it's complicated. Both hawks hunt bird feeders and they aren't there for the seeds. They chase birds like a feathered Wile E. Coyote riding a jet-powered device from Acme. You'll inevitably

be unable to discern which species is visiting. Don't fret, that confounds experts. Gener-

ally, the Coo-

per's is larger, but you won't see the two species perched together on a branch. Females are larger than males, with a sharpie male being the size of a blue jay and the female Coop's approximating the size of a crow. Identification depends upon a combination of things: tail, the position of eyes, breast and belly streaking, thickness of the legs, nape color, head shape, eyebrows, favorite TV show, driver's license photo and preferred pizza. Coop's have sturdy legs with large feet seeming capable of breaking pencils. Sharpies have legs as thin as pencils. thin white tip. Coop's don't have that cleft and usually have more white on the tip, but wear changes that. In adult birds, a Coop's has a dark gray cap with a pale nape. A sharpie has a hooded appearance with no separation of color between the back of the head and neck. In flight, a Coop's has a larger head projecting far beyond the wings compared to a sharpie's small head. Sharpies fly with faster wingbeats. Juveniles of both species have vellowish eyes, adults red. A sharpie's eyes are in the middle of

Coop's have hackles on

the back of their heads

and sharpies don't. Many

field guides mention the

square tail of a sharpie

versus the rounded tail of a Cooper's. I haven't

found that a reliable ID

mark, but if you can see

the back of a sharpie, no-

tice a cleft in the middle

of a squared tail with a

eyed look. A Coop's eyes are nearer to the front of its head. Misidentifying a bird is but a minor blip in your otherwise exemplary behavior. The hawks know which species they are. If you're not sure, call it an accipiter species, a shooper's hawk or a shoop's.

### The weekly tip

If you buy binoculars for someone, make sure they come with a gift receipt. Binoculars need to fit the user. Expensive binoculars offer ruggedness, craftsmanship, brightness, glass quality and make someone look cool, but many lower-priced models do the job. Any decent binoculars are better than no binoculars.

### Thanks for stopping by

"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way."-Edgar Guest.

"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."-Agnes M. Pharo.

Do good, be well and have a merry Christmas..

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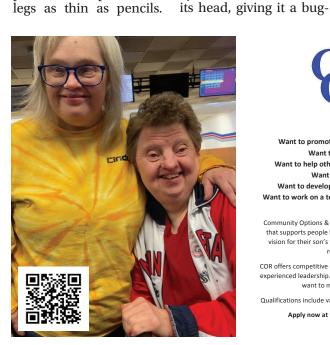
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FIVE HOLE STOP - Goalie Carson Johnson makes a save on Marshall's Chase Mellenthin's shot as Card teammate Lucas Flohrs trails the play. Marshall downed the Cards 7-1 last Thursday night. The Cards (2-5-0) edged Windom 6-5 in overtime Monday night. Nate Rakness scored the OT winner. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

TWO GRAND – Goalie Hadley Artz notched her 2,000th save in the Cards 3-1 loss at Marshall last Thursday night. Artz, a junior, had 30 saves in the game. Alexis Newville scored the Cards goal. The Cards (4-6-1) downed Windom 4-2 in Windom Monday night. Goals by Mackenzie Householder, Brooklyn Murphy, Karissa Newville and Abi Sundeen. Submitted photo





TIE UP - Cards Cassidy Schultz and St. James' Jacey Swanson scramble after a loose ball. The Cards downed the Saints 56-27 last Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



DANCE, DANCE, DANCE - The Cardinals Dance team performed during halftime of the Card boy's basketball game vs St. James. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



DOUBLE BLOCK - Cards #1 David Maakestad and Levi Pooley attempt to block the Saints Hayden Jones' shot. St. James got by the Cards 68-58 last Friday Night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



MAGIC DRAGON - Fairmont Cardinals Claire Nemmers signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic/academics for the Minnesota State University Moorehead Dragons' tennis team. Also pictured parents Troy and Wendy, sisters Meredith, back left, and Audrey and Courtesy fairmontsports.

### Red Bull 4th at River Riot

tured 4th place in the took 2nd. day in Redwood Falls.

Jesse Bulls Red Potts, 132-pound took first. Kain Sanders, 145-pound, took 2nd.

Sherri Artz

The Red Bulls cap- Max Olson, 220-pound Carver 34-team Redwood Riv- Rohman, 160-pound, er Riot Invitational took 4th. Rylan Cutler, last Friday and Satur- 120-pound, took fifth.

### Team Standings

1. Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City 162.5; 2. Dawson-Boyd/ Lac qui Parle/Montevideo United 144.5; 3. Dassel-Co-

kato/Litchfield 138.5; 4. Red Bulls 121; 5. TMB/Westbrook-Walnut Grove 115.5; 6. Sibley East 112; 7. Morris Area/ Hancock/Chokio-Alberta 107.5; 8. Holdingford 106; 9. St. Peter 104.5; 10. Maple River/USC 104; 11. Marshall 98.5; 12. Rocori 95; 12. Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg 91; 13. Sartell-St. Stephen 89.5; 15. BEA 80.5 16. New Ulm 79.0; 17. Worthington 71.0; 18. NRHEG 62.0; 19 New

London-Spicer 60.0; 20. Sauk Rapids-Rice 58.0; 21. Canby 55.0; 22. Maple Grove 52.5; 23 Redwood Valley 42.5; 23. Windom-Mountain Lake 42.5; 25. Mankato West 40.5; 26. Red Rock Central 32.0; 27. BOLD 29.5; 28. Adrian Area 25.0; 29. Wabasso 16.5; 30. Fulda-Murray Cty Central 14.0; 31. Luverne 10.0; 32. St. James Area 6.0; 33. LeSueur-Henderson 34. Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther Jayhawks 0.0



GOPHER WALK ON - Fairmont Cardinals Zach Jorgensen signed a national letter of intent to be a "Preferred Walk On" for the University of Minnesota Golden Gopher football team. Also pictured with Zach are parents Mark and Jen and sister Natalie. Photo courtesy Jen Jorgensen

### Fairmont Hockey Fairmont Squirt B

Marshall White 1. Scoring for Fairmont Ryder Thate assisted by Hogan Artz, Halyn Haycraft assisted by Hogan Artz. 20 saves for goalie Van Kollofski.

Fairmont Squirt B 5, New Ulm/Sleepy Eye 2. Scoring for Fairmont Ryder Thate, Van Kollofski assisted by Hogan Artz, Kaleb Kennedy assisted by Van Kollofski. Bennett Draper, Kane Wohlhuter, 5 saves by goalie Blakeley Scholl.

The Carlson Dental batam hockey team had 2 district games this past weekend. On Saturday the Bantams traveled to Marshall and defeated the Tigers 11-3. Scoring for Fairmont was Eric Determan with 5 goals and assists coming from Barret Scholl, Klay Beemer, Tyler Kurt and Caleb Meyer. Gavin Kester had 4 goals with 2 assists coming from Eric Determan and 1 from Klay

Beemer. Caleb Meyer had 2 unassisted goals in the 3rd period. Goalie Brandon

Hector had 23 saves.
On Sunday the Bantams hosted Worthington and lost 5-2. Defensemen Klay Beemer and Tyler Kurt each had unassisted goals. Goalie Brandon Hector had 31 saves. January 2 the Bantams resume district games and will travel to Sleepy Eye

### Fairmont Basketball

Fairmont 8th grade Red traveling team won 1st place at the Mankato basketball tournament Saturday, December 18th. Fairmont won game one 50-10 vs Austin. Logan Junkermeier 11 pts and Ty Tumbleson 10 pts.

Fairmont won game two 51-28 vs Mankato West. Logan J 14 pts and Nolan Anderson 11 pts. Fairmont won game three 60-15 vs Albert Lea. Joe Long 14 pts and Merritt Pomerenke 12 pts.

### Jackson County Central defeats Martin County Area Magic 133.45-127.0



BISONS SIGNEE - Fairmont Cardinals Hudson

Artz signed a national letter of intent to be a "Pre-

ferred Walk On" for the North Dakota State Univer-

sity Bisons' football team in Fargo. Hudson's father

Kelly, left, also played for the Bison. Also pictured

l to r: brother Hank, sister Harper, mother Sherri,

sister Hadley and brother Hogan. Photo courtesy

**NO HANDS FLIP** – Martin County Area Magic's Ellie Schultze captured first on the beam. Photos courtesy fairmontsports.com



SITT'N PRETTY - Above, Martin County Area Magic's Anna Utermarck poses on her beam routine. FLYING DISMOUNT - Martin County Area Magic's Ellie Hernes placed second on the bars vs Jackson County Central last Saturday in Fairmont.



LANDING CELEBRATION — Martin County Area Magic's Anna Bachenberg and coach Annie Post, in background, celebrate Bachenberg's landing on her floor routine.

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- 1990's **FURBY**
- LITTLE TIKES LOG CABIN
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thousand dollars on

the west coast when

sold by a reputable dealer." Paul handed

me a card, "This is a

friend of mine; he's a

collector and a deal-

er. He'll give you six thousand for it, sight

unseen based on what

I've told him - but

now that I've seen it in

the daylight, he'll give

sale," I told him, "It has a history here in

Ottumwa, and I'm go-

ing to keep it." Then

I told Paul I wanted

him to clean it up and

tune it. It was very

ing noise and pointed

at me, "That's what I

wanted to hear." Be-

fore I knew it, he had

the movement and

keyboard taken out of

Paul made a click-

dusty inside.

The piano isn't for

you at least eight.'

cago...." Paul finally took a breath and asked, "Can I come to see it again in the daylight on Thursday." I agreed and told him to call first.

By Thursday, the piano had already been moved into our house, having a couple of days to acclimate. Paul sat down and started playing lightly. "It's really held its tune well." As he played, I could see dust floating in the sunlight coming through the front windows. He stood up, "Can I ask what you paid for the piano?

"I gave fifteen dollars for the bench; the piano was free," I told

"The piano is worth twenty-six

the piano cabinet and was carrying them out to his car.

Wait a minute," said with concern. "How much is this going to cost me?"

Paul just laughed, "It'll be very reasonable. Trust me; I am more interested in seeing this Ellington play again than a paycheck. I'll be back on Monday – say three in the afternoon?'

Paul returned on Monday; he had removed the white plastic tops from the center keys and replaced them with natural ivory from other antique pianos he kept for parts. Then he pulled the toe board and started cleaning with tiny brushes and a vacuum.

When he finished

cleaning, he sat at the bench, struck keys, and used a tool to turn pegs to tune the piano. Then, when he finished, Paul started playing the piano with gusto and spirit - It was magnificent!

When I remodeled our house, I removed all the carpet and refinished the hardwood floors. Any floors that weren't wooden were ceramic tile, so the entire house became part of the instrument. The sound flowed from room to room and was like no music I'd ever heard from a piano before. I was absolutely in awe at the sound and the tone. Then I told Paul some of the piano's history.

'I talked to Delilah's sister, Dorothea, who lived next door. She told me a lot of stories:

"Dad bought the piano in the very early twenties for Delilah to learn to play. She was pretty young then. The piano company delivered it and set it up on the west wall. Everyone in our family played an instrument, and Dad insisted the piano be kept perfectly tuned, so he had the tuner come by once a month to check it. When Dad saw the tuner walking down the sidewalk with his case, he called for Mom and us girls to come to the living room with our instruments. A few neighbors and friends would see him coming, and they came to the house with their

instruments too. After the tuner looked over the piano, we all started playing. It became a regular event for people to gather at our house on Sunday evening for a music jam. Other people came just to listen. The piano never seemed to need much tun-ing; we figured Dad just wanted folks to get together for the music. I think the piano tuner wanted the same thing because he never charged Dad to tune the piano."

...I just can't hear it again...played in the cold air...never came home...

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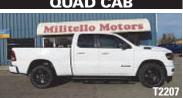
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