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HAGEDORN 90TH - Opal Hagedorn of Fairmont will celebrated her 90th birthday on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017. Cards can reach her at 610 Summit Street, Fairmont, MN



Kayla Marie Traetow and Steven Mark Zehms

Fairmont United Methodist Church **Wednesday evening suppers** continue through the month of January from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. January 11th they will serve A&W Swiss Burgers and next Wednesday, January 18th will be Tacos with all the fixings. Dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, homemade desserts and beverages. A \$2 donation is suggested.

A Meet and Greet Artist Reception for Artist of the Month, **Darlyne Paulson** is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts. While enjoying light refreshments meet the artist, view the artwork, and watch as she demonstrates some of her techniques. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

The East Chain United Methodist Church will host the **Community Coffee Party** on Saturday, January 14th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. They will serve rolls, donuts, coffee, tea and juice. There will be a free will offering.

University of Jamestown is proud to announce that **Courtney Mosloski** of Fairmont, has fulfilled the academic requirements to be named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. The University is located at Jamestown, North Dakota.

MCHS in Fairmont welcomes first baby of 2017

Mayo Clinic Health System last week announced the birth of the first baby of the new year in its Fairmont hospital.

Franklin Flitter, a boy, was born at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, January 2nd, 2017, to Erica Larson and Evan Flitter of Fairmont. Franklin weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. He has an older brother, Noah, age nine.

There were 229 babies

born at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont in 2016. That compares with 229 births at the medical center in 2015.

According to BabyCenter.com, the most popular names for babies born in the United States in 2016 were Sophia, Emma, Olivia, Ava and Mia for girls and Jackson, Aiden, Lucas, Liam and Noah for boys.

Fairmont Rotary Trivia Quiz Night January 17

The Fairmont Rotary Club will hold a Trivia Quiz Night on Tuesday, January 17th starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Blazer Bar just off Downtown Plaza on First Street, Fairmont.

Come and support the Fairmont Rotary with proceeds supporting Rotary International fundraising projects.

Cost is \$10 per person,

with teams of up to 8 members. All ages are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

You can find out more on Facebook.com/fairmont.rotary or on Twitter.com/RotaryFairmont.

Other trivia nights will be held on March 21st and May 16th.

If you have any questions, call 507-236-7159.

ECFE Monthly Mini Session January 19

Fairmont Area ECCE January "Monthly Mini Session" will be held on Thursday, January 19th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

This parent/child class will help you learn more about kindergarten readiness by focusing on the ECIP's (Early Childhood Indicators of Progress) for social/emotional, language/literacy, physical/motor, approaches to

learning, creativity and the arts and cognitive areas of development. This is also a great way to meet other preschool students and their families.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, January 18th, as a meal will be served that night. The cost is \$5.00 per session per family.

Please call ECCE to register at 507-235-6205.

The volunteer caregivers organization "CREST" will present the class "**A Matter of Balance**" on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning on January 17th and concluding on February 21st in the chapel at Truman Senior Living. This class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Registration is required to provide the needed materials and a \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. If you have questions or would like to register for this class, call the CREST office at 235-3833.

Arc Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVPs for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, January 12th. Contact Pat Willett-Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend

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Fairmont Opera House to host two January performances

The Fairmont Opera House will host diverse musical events on stage Friday, January 13th, and Saturday, January 21st.

Paying homage to one of the greatest bands of all time, Zeppelin Experience delivers a dynamically powerful performance preserving the essence of



the iconic Led Zeppelin quartet. The Zeppelin Experience foursome continues the legacy of Led Zeppelin with an incredible musical performance chock-full of the greatest hits from the greatest band of all time. This group, which hails from metropolitan Minnesota, rocks the Fairmont Opera House on Friday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. This event was added to the schedule after the regular season began, and current season ticket holders should contact the Fairmont Opera House office directly to buy tickets to this show at their original discounted subscription series rates.

Selections From Lost And Found Fairmont Histories: A Martin County Hornpipe returns to the Fairmont Opera House with performances on Saturday January 21st, at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

In 1976, Fairmont na-

tive Warren Nelson got the idea to celebrate the Unit-

ed States Bicentennial by composing and writing a multimedia show called Selections From Lost And Found Fairmont Histories: A Martin County Hornpipe.

It was produced with a cast and crew of 17 on May 29th, 30th & 31st at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center. The show included Nelson's original songs, readings of Fairmont history and historic photos projected on a large screen. It was a smash hit with sell-out crowds.

"People had no idea of

cle. It is a great pleasure to bring it back to Fairmont



Original Martin County Hornpipe cast in 1976.

at the Opera House after 40 years. It's amazing how many people still remember its first performance."

Songs in the show which have become Fairmont classics include "Take A Boat Ride On The Concord," "Minnesota Summertime," "A Home On Lilly Creek," "Too Bad the City Never Bought Old Interlaken" and "The Day Farm."

Reserved seating tickets for both these phenomenal events are available to the public now, online at fairmontoperahouse.org and through the



what the show would be like when they entered the auditorium," says Nelson. "Of all the shows I have written, The Hornpipe remains my favorite. The coming together of the fantastic cast was a mira-

Fairmont Opera House office at (507) 238-4900. The lobby opens for ticket door sales/merchandise sales and Social Hour begins one hour prior to each of the performances.



Emma Jean Christenson, daughter of Jason and Megan Christenson of Granada, was born November 28th at United Hospital District in Blue Earth. Emma weighed eight pounds and was 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Parnell of Fairmont and Dale and Dianna Christenson of Granada. Great grandparents Irene Ponstein of Fairmont and Jerry Parnell of Arizona. We are so thankful to the wonderful staff of UHD and Dr. Parnell who helped us welcome Emma into the world.

Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for your support during this difficult time. Thank you to the staff at Mayo Clinic Hospitals in Fairmont and Mankato. We are grateful to the staff at the Truman Nursing Home for their daily care of Paul. Thank you to Chris at Lakeview Funeral Home for your assistance and support.

We are very appreciative to the outpouring of love and support to Paul's friends and neighbors. Paul enjoyed your visits very much during his illness and made his time with all of you so important. His birthday brought everyone together and it made Paul very happy. We are so grateful for the time, much needed help, cards, food and donations that you so freely shared.

Thanks to all of you for your unconditional love and friendship toward Paul and the Svoboda family. We will never forget you.

The Family of Paul Svoboda

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Bob and Kathy Bishop to be honored as "Friends of St. John Vianney"

Bob and Kathy Bishop of Fairmont will be honored as "Friends of St. John Vianney" at the annual St. John Vianney Dinner Dance, which will be held Saturday, January 28th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont.

Bob Bishop graduated from Fairmont High School and from Austin Vocational School with a two year degree in tool and die. He served in the U. S. Army for three years.

Bob worked for Artsway Mfg. in Armstrong, IA. He transferred to WeighTronix as head of tool and die for 24 years.

Bob's interests involved karate. Bob and Tam (their daughter), earned 2nd degree black belts, were instructors and taught self defense classes for women. Another interest was street rodding, traveling in their 1927 Model T Ford coupe and '47 Chevy Coupe, Safety Inspector for the National Street Rod Assoc.; EMT and head of First Aid at Weigh-Tronix. He was a Martin County Mentor for six years and guardian of Judy, a special needs adult for over 15 years. Bob was the building manager for the Knights of Columbus for seven years and is on the building board. He has been Trustee for St. John Vianney parish which includes meetings of Finance, Parish Council and SJV School Board.

Bob's activities in our St. John Vianney parish involve filming of Sunday mass, working funerals,

Adoration Hour, September Fest, taught 9th grade Faith Formation, fish fries, attended National Stewardship Conference in Boston and Chicago, Kid's Night Out movie/ice cream party.

Kathy attended St. John Vianney School when it opened in 1954 and is an alumnus of 1959. She graduated from Fairmont High School and attended St. Cloud State, studying

except for 52 card pickup, (she taught Bob that one)!

Be it knitting, crocheting, or quilting (both hand and machine) textiles have always been a passion! Kathy enjoys using her skills with numbers and adding machine by tallying the grocery receipts that have brought in \$32,000 for St. John Vianney School. Some of the areas that Kathy has been involved at SJV as Communion Minister, Sacristan, Spirit Wind Choir, funeral chair, money counter, Endowment Committee, Treasurer of CCW, President of St. Gregory's Circle, volunteer at the school office and Parish Center, Faith Formation, Sept. Fest Chair, attended National Stewardship Conference in Chicago, March for Life 40 Anniversary Washington, DC, Life Chain - Fairmont,



This year's "Friends of St. John Vianney" - Bob and Kathy Bishop

business/accounting.

Kathy was employed with Fairmont Public Schools as secretary to the business manager, Frank Winzenburg. Kathy worked for 13 years for JCPenney's in accounting with Bill Krick. She worked for five years at St. John Vianney School as head cook. Then she accepted the Food Service Director's position with Fairmont Public School, retiring after 19 years. Kathy enjoyed the students in all grades and all ages. Another interest is her love of reading, languages, and libraries. Kathy has always claimed there is not a card game she doesn't enjoy,

and Adoration Hour. Kathy was Secretary for South West Chapter of MN, School Food Service Assn; Friends of Martin County Library, President of Prairie Star Quilt Guild.

Their daughter, Tam, is an alumnus of SJV Class of 1988 and taught Chemistry five years at Loyola, Mankato.

The Bishop's collective sense of service in their parish comes from their gratitude for the wonderful life they have had and their strong belief in Stewardship sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Ambassadors hold ribbon cuttings



ERPELDING, VOIGT & CO., LLP - Erpelding, Voigt & Co. held a ribbon cutting to announce the opening of their new Fairmont location and the acquisition of local CPA, Roessler & Nuss.



MARTIN COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES - The Martin County Veteran Services office celebrates the relocation of their offices to 2423 Albion Avenue, Suite 11, improving accessibility for area veterans.



FAIRMONT HEARING AID SERVICE - Fairmont Hearing Aid Service recently completed an extensive remodeling of their office located at 230 S. Grant Street. (Not Pictured: Paul D. Nelson, Au. D.)

Fairmont Lakes ice fishing contest January 28

The third annual Fairmont Lakes Foundation ice fishing contest will be held Saturday, January 28th on all five of Fairmont's lakes. Entries are limited to 150 fishermen and entry fee is \$25 per person. Sign up and check in at Sommer Outdoors, 1547 Albion Avenue from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A shotgun start is at 11 a.m. from Gomsrud Park. All five Fairmont lakes

are open to the contest: Amber, Hall, Budd, Sisseton and George. Weigh-in anytime up to 3 p.m. at the Marina Lodge on Lake Avenue, where winners will be announced and prizes distributed.

Prizes include a Clam 2 man ice house, K-Drill, two Fleet and Farm gift cards, Jiffy propane auger, pop up ice tent, Big Buddy heater, ice flasher, ice fishing package, Otter sled,

and underwater camera. The prizes for the largest walleye and biggest pan fish are \$100 cash. Many other prize drawings will be held periodically throughout the day.

Rules, prize list and entry forms are available at the Sommer Outdoors website.

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Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

Ed Smellie is a name that may well evoke smiles, laughter, and perhaps the insinuation of an unpleasant odor. However, his name was perhaps oxymoronic in and of itself, in that he was actually a fanatic on cleanliness! So, you may wonder, just who was Ed Smellie?

Ed Smellie came to Martin County as a ten year old orphan in 1880. As a homeless, undersized child all alone in the world his prospects seemed bleak at best.

However, a serendipitous encounter with I. G. Swearingen and his wife, Lorraine, proved very beneficial for him as they took him into their farm home in Rutland Town-

ship. They treated him as if he was their own child and he lived with them until he was twenty-one years old.

Then, in 1891, he moved to Fairmont. He worked for Rudy Henry in a saloon called Rudy's Place. Rudy Henry was a

well respected individual called a "gentleman's gentleman." Henry came to Fairmont from Chicago and was known as a very "dapper gentleman" as well as having what ap-

peared to be limitless financial resources. Ironically, although Henry owned a saloon, he did not drink. Smellie eventually went on his own and opened a Billiard Hall. According to a 1925 Fairmont telephone directory, it was located at 112 West First Street, currently the location of Agency Tax Service. That first billiard table in Fairmont, an English table measuring six feet by twelve feet, was established to "indulge the tastes of the English

Colony, many of whom were addicts to the imperial game of billiards." It was considerably larger than the standard billiard table of today measuring seven feet by three and

one-half feet.

Smellie's establishment, a "soft drink" bar, was considered a gentleman's resort with not the slightest complaint ever lodged. In spite of his name, one of his idiosyncrasies was his insistence on cleanliness. He prided himself in an immaculately kept establishment and two of his employees, known as the "Gold Dust twins," were constantly on the job ensuring that everything was spotless and tidy.

Ed's presence appar-

ently suggested a hint of royalty in spite of his humble past. As a result, to all his friends he was known as "Duke." In addition, due to his early years in the county and his keen interest in history, he was also considered to be the "final authority" on Martin County history at that time.

Ed Smellie, although his name may suggest something less than pleasant, was in fact noted for his irreproachable attitude towards an absolutely impeccable standard of cleanliness. His establishment, a



Rudy Henry



Rudy's Place Saloon.



Ed Smellie. Courtesy of the Fairmont Sentinel

"soft drink" billiard hall in the early days of Martin County, proved quite successful. Perhaps, as a result of the influence of caring foster parents and an accomplished business owner giving him a chance in life, he was able to capitalize on those opportunities presented him and to in turn create a positive endeavor for the local society of that era.

For more information on this topic, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

An old favorite!

I baked for the Lakeview Methodist care center coffee cart this weekend, every afternoon Monday thru Friday the coffee cart makes the rounds to the residents offering coffee, juice, cookies, bars or the like. Some of our local churches, Lakeview auxiliary members and caring volunteers sign up to provide these goodies. The residents love the home baked treats, perhaps it reminds them of when they were able to bake or maybe it gives them a warm feeling knowing there are people in the community who care enough about them to provide the goodies. The Lakeview kitchen staff can also bake cookies but they just aren't the same as home baked. Yesterday I made some bars that my Mom used to bake frequently that I hadn't made for a long time, they have simple ingredients that one usually has on hand, an oldie but a goodie as the saying goes!

Chocolate topped Oatmeal Bars

1 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 egg yolks, or I just use one whole egg
1 cup + 1 tablespoon flour
1 cup quick oatmeal
1/2 pkg. milk chocolate chips

Cream butter with sugars, add egg, mix well, stir in flour and oatmeal. With a wet hand press dough evenly into a greased 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, or until edges are just becoming brown. Immediately after taking from the oven scatter the chips on top of the hot bars, set back into the oven for a minute or two, then spread melted chips as you would frosting, cool and cut into bars. Stay warm and have a great week!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OH GREAT, NOW IT'S TOO COLD AND THE SNOW WON'T STICK TOGETHER.

YESTERDAY WAS WINDY AND NOW TOMORROW I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL.

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Blue Earth Valley Quilters

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will meet this Monday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Enter through Door V on the south side of the building. After introductions, the meeting will begin with show-and-tell.

The Gypsy Wife Quilt mini-group is continuing work on the project - just a few months left until assembly of the blocks into a quilt starts. Signup for the Art Institute of Chicago Challenge will continue. These projects are to be completed for the EXPO in August. Booklets for the Minnesota Quilters State Show in Duluth will be available.

The program will be a demonstration by Felicia Hamlin on making a weighted blanket. These are especially helpful for those with insomnia, autism, ADHD, or sensory processing disorders. Commercial weighted blankets can easily cost several hundred dollars, so being able to make one can be very economical.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet the third Monday of each month under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

As part of our Winter Reading Program for adults, we have a special event planned at the Fairmont Library on Saturday, January 14th at 10:30 am.

Carolina from Unwine Creations will be here to lead us in a canvas painting class! Join us to paint a beautiful nighttime winter scene. All supplies are provided, including paint, brushes, canvas and aprons! The painting will take approximately 90 minutes to complete and then you can head home with your new artwork!

Painting events will also be held at our branch libraries in Sherburn, Trimont and Truman this winter. Contact them with questions or for more information. Space for the Fairmont painting class is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Be sure to visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events, and don't forget to sign up for our Winter Reading Program too! Earn prizes for reading this winter...it's fun, easy and free!

Severe winter blood shortage brings a call for help from the Red Cross

The American Red Cross has a severe winter blood shortage and is issuing an emergency call for blood and platelet donors to make a donation appointment now and help save patient lives.

Hectic holiday schedules for many regular blood donors contributed to about 37,000 fewer donations in November and December than what was needed. Snowstorms and severe weather have also impacted donations. Nearly 100 blood drives were forced to cancel in December, resulting in more than 3,100 blood donations going uncollected.

"Blood and platelet donations are critically needed in the coming days so that patients can continue to receive the lifesaving treatments they are counting on," said Sue Thesenga, communications manager of the local Red Cross Blood Services Region. "We encourage donors to invite a family member or friend to donate with them to help meet patient needs. Right now, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in."

How to help

Find a blood donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross is extending hours at many donation sites for more donors to give blood or platelets. Overall, the Red Cross has added nearly 200 hours to blood donation centers and community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks. Donation appointments and completion of a Rapid-Pass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help speed up the donation process.

"In about an hour, you can help save someone's life. This simple act can have a profound impact on another human being," said Thesenga.

Who blood donations help

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all require blood to save their lives.

The treatments high school freshman Payton Kannarr receives to fight leukemia cause her blood counts to drop. She currently receives platelet transfusions weekly and red blood cells about every two weeks.

"We have seen firsthand the incredible need for blood products as we have been on this four-year roller coaster journey," said Amy Kannarr, Payton's mom. "Through the care and compassion of donors, Payton has been able to enjoy life as a teenager."

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THUR: K-6: Soft shell taco, Mexican rice, sunbutter and banana roll up, seasoned black beans, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick, carrots, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, broccoli, orange, mixed fruit cocktail. **FRI: K-6:** Cheeseburger, blueberry muffin and goldfish fun lunch, baked beans, carrots, apple, pears. **JR/HS:** Chili, baked potato, dinner roll, coleslaw, carrots, apple. **MON: K-6:** Chicken nuggets, gravy, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, orange crush parfait with granola, celery sticks, apple, pear. **JR/HS:** Mini turkey corn dogs,

sweet potato puffs, crunch spinach salad, carrots, apple, pears. **TUE: K-6:** Grilled cheese, turkey and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots, banana, peaches. **JR/HS:** Spaghetti, banana squares, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, celery sticks, banana, applesauce. **WED: K-6:** Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick, ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, apple, mandarin orange and pineapple. **JR/HS:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, broccoli ranch salad, carrots, apple, mandarin oranges.

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JAN 12 - 18

THUR: Spaghetti, breadstick, coleslaw, veggies, fruit salad. **FRI:** Turkey wrap, fries, veggies, fruit. **MON:** Chicken nuggets, rice, carrots, spinach salad, applesauce. **TUE:** Ribette, mashed potatoes, broccoli, peaches. **WED:** Chili, PB sandwich, spinach salad, veggies, pears.

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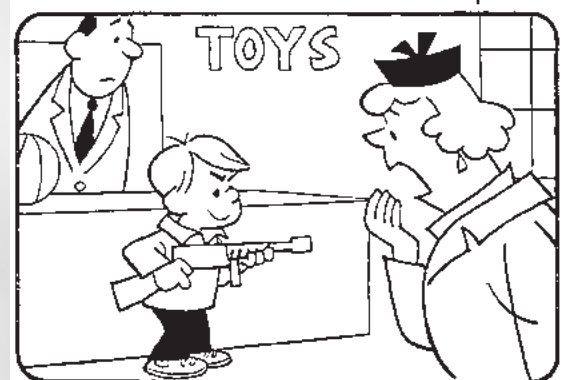
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JAN 12 - 18

THURS: Baked chicken, sweet potato, wax beans, vanilla pudding. **FRI:** Hamloaf or alternate, mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, carrot cake. **MON:** Closed. **TUE:** Swiss steak, twice baked potatoes, veggie mix, apple crisp. **WED:** Chicken chow mein, rice, egg roll, broccoli, Jello with fruit.

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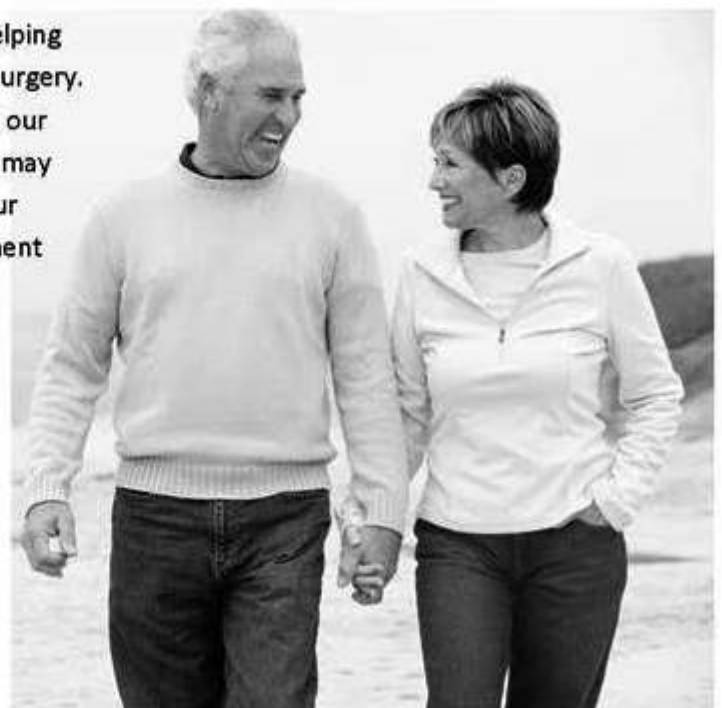
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SDSU announces local scholarship recipients

South Dakota State University announced students receiving scholarships this academic year:

- Kaitlyn Cihoski, Fairmont, Yellow & Blue Scholarship;
- John Johnson, Northrop, Yellow & Blue Scholarship;
- Darren McMurtry, Fairmont, Dr. Granville James Collier Memorial Scholarship, and John DeKraai Scholarship.

Cihoski, a freshman wildlife and fisheries sciences major, is the daughter of Paul and Kathy Cihoski.

A freshman economics major, Johnson is the son of Bart and Sandra Johnson.

McMurtry is a freshman civil engineering major and the son of Steve and Donna McMurtry.

The students are all 2016 Fairmont High School graduates.

Martin Luther High School events

All families are invited to a **"Children's Winter Carnival"** at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Sunday, January 22nd from 1-3 p.m. The MLHS Student Council and National Honor Society will host a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including carnival games, bouncy house, Nerf Gun wars (weather permitting), snow games, snowman building contest and sleigh rides.

They will also host a bake sale and provide a Toddler Room and Parent Lounge as well as, leading activities for children age 3 and up. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family, parents are

free. Snacks will be available. Door prizes will be given out.

A free interactive history day will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Tuesday, January 24th. (Snow date is January 26th.) Historian Arn Kind will bring **"Minnesota in World War II"** alive with his narratives and activities. A presentation for students grades 5-8 begins at 9:15 a.m. Students in grades 9-12 participate at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join this fun learning experience. RSVP by calling 507-436-5249.

Workforce Talent Summit in Mankato on Tuesday

The Greater Mankato Talent Task Force of Greater Mankato Growth will host a business/community Workforce Talent Summit on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 at South Central College from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. All businesses community members are invited to participate.

Our economy is facing a critical workforce shortage. Over the next five years, employers – already struggling to fill open positions – will see this challenge accelerate due to the confluence of an aging workforce,

a diminishing worker pool and the need to fuel an anticipated 20 percent growth in new employment due to economic growth.

The Fairmont Area Chamber encourages business people in Martin County to attend this event.

Deadline to register is noon Monday, January 16th, 2017.

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Students attending a two or four year college, university, or vocational-technical school are eligible. Information and an application are available at EAI in Welcome, by calling 507-728-8214, or by emailing agerken@easy-automation.com. Application deadline is April 1st, 2017.



Match the medical term on the left with its definition on the right.

1. Addison's disease
2. Cushing's disease
3. Crohn's disease
4. Meniere's disease
5. Encephalitis

- a. An inflammatory bowel disease
- b. Inner ear disorder that affects hearing and balance
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- e. High levels of cortisol caused by a tumor

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Jeff's Jottings

It was brought to my attention last week (after the paper had been printed) that a lake rescue had taken place in Fairmont and the reader was wondering why they hadn't seen any news articles on the rescue. After doing some research, I found out that the only place the rescue was documented was on YouTube, with an amateur video taken of the rescue. Apparently a deer had fallen through the ice on one of Fairmont's lakes early last week and with the efforts of the Fairmont

Police and Fire Departments, Martin County Sheriff's Department and Gold Cross Ambulance, the deer was rescued from the frozen waters and allowed to return back to the wild once again. Kudos to the officials that were involved in this rescue! It shows that our local police and fire departments are well trained at rescuing not only humans, but animals as well. We here at the Photo Press rely on stories and pictures that are submitted by our readers and local organizations. Because of our small staff, we do not have a dedicated reporter on-staff, so most of the story writing falls upon our edi-



tor, Sherman Kumba and myself. We have been very lucky to have such a dedicated influx of news information and pictures from our readers over the years and we appreciate all the information you have provided us, especially since it all helps contribute to our "Only Good News" format. Keep sending us your pictures and stories that highlight the people, places and events that promote what is good about our local communities!

Now that's cold!

Well, the Farmer's Almanac was right on in its prediction of extremely cold weather in the beginning of the New Year. Last week's cold temperatures proved to be a challenge on many levels, including personal, vehicle and even moods! I have a much better appreciation of the work our paper carriers do, especially in delivering the paper in the cold that we had last week. On top of that, many of the sidewalks and roadways were coated with packed ice, which made for a lot of

fun trying to walk. I didn't get a chance to test out the water turning to ice challenge last week. I can remember doing it two years ago around this time when I took a boiling water outside and threw it in the air. All of the water in that glass pretty much turned to frozen crystals and looked like this white cloud as it hit the air. My friends in Arizona were and are still amazed that it can get that cold up here. To me it is actually a "bragging right" for those of us who live in the "frozen north." Winter weather conditions that would close everything in the south would just be a "minor nuisance" to us. I am looking forward, however, to warmer temperatures this week, but it sounds like we will be headed back into frigid temperatures by this weekend again.

"What is it?" winner!

We have a winner in our "What is it?" from last week. I posted a couple pictures last week of some



small porcelain dolls that Lisa Stevens brought in, asking if anyone could identify what they were. Jodie Geerdes was the first one to respond correctly in identifying them as "Frozen Charlotte" dolls. Frozen Charlotte is a name used to describe a specific form of china doll made from 1850 to 1920. The dolls had substantial popularity during the Victorian era. The name of the doll originates from the American folk ballad Fair Charlotte, based on the poem "A Corpse Going to a Ball" by Seba Smith, which tells of a young girl called Charlotte who refused to wrap up warmly to go on a sleigh ride because she did not want to cover up her pretty dress; she froze to death during the journey. Congratulations Jodie on guessing this correctly!

Antiques, meals and more!
Before I go this week,

there are a few events to highlight in the coming week. Every Wednesday night from 5 to 6 p.m. through January, the Fairmont United Methodist Church hosts a supper at the church. The meal is free-will donation. On Friday, January 13th the Fairmont Opera House hosts "The Zeppelin Experience" at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, January 14th Martin Luther High School has its annual antique auction in the school gym starting at 9 a.m. and going on throughout the day. Lots of great items up for bid this year! Next Tuesday, January 17th the Fairmont Rotary Club hosts Trivia Quiz Night at the Blazer Bar starting at 7 p.m. Lots of great things happening locally!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - keep sending us "Good News"!

- Jeff

A museum of the past

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



The large grove surrounds the well-known Filberg/Posivio Century Farm. The grove is filled with large old trees. It also has young trees, brush, and climbing vines. It is a world in its own.

The grove has served the family well. It has protected the buildings from the fierce Northwest winter winds. The cold winds barely reach the farmyard of this prairie farm for the many trees that surround the farm site protect it with their loving arms. The home and large red barn have been restored. The character of the farm has been preserved. Its rich heritage reaches forth to the next generation. This very high producing farm is a very part of them.

The large grove serves the family in many ways. It is a place to store things. It is where the rocks have been piled over the years. The rocks have been picked from the fields of the century farm. It is a place for children. It turns into their own special world as they run, climb, and play under the giant trees that seem to welcome the next generation of children. Strangers do not know this world. Someone must have a feeling for the family to understand its grove. I know them well and visited their grove today. I

drove around the edge of the grove on the field road. It is such a special place that you want to whisper. There is a fear of waking some of the sleeping things of the past.

Much of the horse machinery that was used in the past stands in the grove. Its rich rust color and unique shapes can be seen from the field road. The trees have grown up, and many times through, the old machines. They give the impression that they are just waiting for something. They seem to

how it was used to cultivate corn on the century farm. It speaks of the day after day of drudgery for both horse and man. It was the cultivator's task to keep the cornfields clear of weeds. There were no farm chemicals to assist the farmer in having clean fields in those times. It was the many trips over the fields with this cultivator that kept the weeds under control. The up-lifted sickle bar of a horse drawn hay mower and the curled rake teeth of the dump rake speak of



know that they are safe from the iron cutters that scour the countryside looking for old iron when they hide under the trees of the giant grove. It is as though they are resting from their many years of service. Maybe they are. The horse drawn cultivator with its many down-reaching shanks, each shank with its own flat shaped shovel, speaks of

the haying operations of long ago. A horse drawn corn planter, with its long pole that held the planter up between the horses as it was attached to a neck yoke, seems ready to plant if someone would only come and hook up a team of horses. The grove is full of such wonderful relics! It is THE MUSEUM OF THE PAST. The relics seem appropriate in the

grove. They have lived under the shade of the giant trees for many years. It is their home.

But of all the machines, it is the giant machine that sits on the outer edge of the grove that catches my eye. It was so large that it could not be moved back into the trees. It had to stay on the outer edge. It was the proper place for it as it was that important to the farming operation of the past. They gray colored threshing machine sits quietly with trees growing up around it. The parking of such an important machine in such a manner could be thought of as something sad. I find it the opposite. I see this machine as a barker much like we see at a county fair.

It stands tall on the outside of what could be thought of as a great tent. The prairie wind moved through its hollow pipes and shouts a welcome to the visitors to THE MUSEUM OF THE PAST. Its long blower pipe lies across its back as an act of submission. It has served its owners well. It is now time for it to rest. The many pulleys sit idle. The great hopper in the front of the machine seems to wait for something to eat.

The threshing machine waits for someone who appreciates farm history to come along. It whispers its story to those who listen. I listened as it spoke in quiet tones. It asked me how long it will be before there are no longer people

who understand things like the old machines of the grove. It knows change is coming soon. It sees another generation playing in the grove. They have no idea of how or why the relics were used. To them the grove is just a place to play.

There are things worth seeing in the grove of the Filberg/Posivio Century Farm located on the rich prairie of Southern Minnesota. It's a wonderful place to visit. Even though this farm is modern in every way, it has a certain remembering quality about it. It remembers the way things were. I stepped back into its past today. I listened to the quiet tones of the grove as the gentle prairie wind echoed.

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Bev R. Korolewski, 63



A Celebration of Life Service for Bev R. Korolewski, 63, of Fairmont, was held Friday, January 6th, 2017, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Bev passed away Monday evening, January 2nd, 2017, at the

Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Beverly "Bev" Rae (Kettwich) Korolewski was born June 2nd, 1953, in Balmage Hospital in Buffalo Center, IA, the daughter of Hermann and Anna (Dierksen) Kettwich. As a young girl, the family moved to Fairmont, where Bev attended school and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1971. Following her graduation, Bev began attending beautician school at DeLyle's in Fairmont. After attaining her certificate and license from the State of Minnesota, Bev began cutting hair in Fairmont and later opened her own shop, Hair Etc.

On January 19th, 1976,

Bev was united in marriage to Jim Korolewski. To this union two children were born, Ryan and Jamie.

Bev was never one to sit and watch life pass her by. When not busy at her shop, she was volunteering and chairing the Interlaken Heritage Day parade. She also enjoyed volunteering her time for CORE. Bev also was instrumental in setting up Look Good Feel Good at the hospital where she helped to make wigs and caps as well as helping with makeovers for those battling cancer. In her spare time, Bev enjoyed cooking and baking and was especially known for her monster bars. She was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Her zest for life and kind and caring ways

will be greatly missed by all those who loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Ryan Korolewski and his wife, Jenn of Buffalo, MN, Jamie Korolewski and significant other, Jason Reeves; grandchildren, Austin Reeves, Noela Korolewski, Wyatt Reeves, and Hanna Korolewski; sisters, Brenda Murtha and husband, Michael of St. Louis Park, MN, Lynette Kettwich of Fairmont, MN, and Connie Kettwich of Fairmont, MN; nephews, Tyler Kettwich and Ronald Murtha and his wife, Ronica; niece, Michelle Holt and her husband, Marv; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Hermann and Anna Kettwich; and a sister, Pam Kettwich.

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DEATH notices



January 2 - Beverly R. Korolewski, 63, Fairmont.

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January 3 - Beverly R. Hueser, 84, Fairmont.

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January 4 - Oneeta "Nita" Feuerhake, 89, Fairmont.

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January 6 - Shirley A. Darcy, 73, Fairmont.

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In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

January 1 - Delmar (Roger) Schafer, 89, Denver, CO (formerly of Fairmont)

January 2 - Dorothy A. Madsen, 83, (formerly of East Chain, Guckeen, Truman, New Ulm, Fairmont, Lake City, Brooklyn Center and Woodbury)

January 3 - Juan M. Hoosier, 62, Ceylon

January 4 - Erich A. Klunker, 95, Truman

January 5 - Ronald D. Mercier, 82, Fairmont (formerly of Des Moines, Iowa).

January 5 - Robin G. Allen, 59, Sherburn

January 5 - Lois Breitbarth, 88, Truman

January 8 - Larry H. Olson, 86, Trimont

January 10 - Donald D. Oechsle, Sr., 74, Fairmont

January 10 - William G. "Bill" 83, Ceylon

Oneeta "Nita" E. Feuerhake, 89



Mass of Christian Burial for Oneeta "Nita"

E. Feuerhake, 89, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, January 7th, 2017 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will take place at a later date in Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Nita passed away Wednesday morning, January 4th, 2017, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted with the arrangements for the family.

Oneeta "Nita" Esther (Baker) Feuerhake was

born September 20th, 1927, in Fonda, Iowa, the daughter of Arnold and Frankie (Walden) Baker. As a young girl, the family moved to Sherburn, where Nita attended school and graduated from Sherburn High School with the class of 1945.

On April 20th, 1949, Nita was united in marriage to Donald W. Feuerhake at the Catholic Church in Nevis. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont, where Nita worked at Kiehls Bakery, Wehler's Jewelry, But-

treys Dress Shop and later Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Nita was a member of the St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont where she was active in St. Gerard's Circle. She was also a long time member of the American Legion Auxiliary. In her spare time, Nita enjoyed spending time with her family and will be greatly missed by those who loved her.

Left to cherish her memory is a daughter, Jolene Ann Tanke and her husband, Douglas of LaCrescent, MN; grand-

daughter, Kelly; grandson, Kristofer and his wife, Amber; great grandchildren, Kaydence, Kailand and Kamdyn; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Nita was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Frankie Baker; husband, Don Feuerhake; one brother, Wayland Baker; two sisters, Betty Berg and Alta Vene Jones; brothers-in-law, Dale Stroup, Joseph Berg, Clayton Jones, Louie Schmitt, Emil Feuerhake, Roger Feuerhake, Harry Feuer-

hake and Robert Feuerhake; and sisters-in-law, Mrs. Wayland Baker and Marian Slaughter.

The family requests memorials be given in Nita's name to the St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund, the Fairmont Lions or the Martin County Humane Society/Carl Net-tifree Animal Shelter.

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Shirley A. Darcy, 73



Services for Shirley A. Darcy, 73, of Fairmont, will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12th, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will follow the service in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation

will be 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 11th, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service. Shirley passed away surrounded by her loving family Friday, January 6th, 2017, at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Shirley A. (Hutzell) Darcy was born on the Ed Dickenson farm in Cerro Gordo County, IA, the daughter of Donald and Ruth (Nodland) Hutzell. As a young girl, Shirley began her education attending country school and later attending high school in St. Ansgar, IA.

On January 11th, 1959, Shirley was united in mar-

riage to Dale Beyer in Osage, IA. To this union four children were born, Robin, Todd, Candace and Kimberly. Shirley had a passion for caring for others and this passion led to her pursuing a career in health care, especially nursing. She began attending nursing school and also worked in the nursing home.

In 1974, Shirley was united in marriage to Harlan Schuller in Orange City, IA. Shirley and Harlan made their home in Cherokee, IA, and were blessed to add three additional children to the family, Shane, Cheri, and adopted Michael Schuder in 1978.

In 1986, Shirley moved to Colorado Springs, CO, where she attended Den-

ver Technical College and received her degree as a Medical Assistant in 1990. She moved to Fairmont in 1998, where she worked for CER, Home Health, and also at Roxanne House in Fairmont.

In her spare time, Shirley enjoyed days spent at the lake fishing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved music and impressed her younger family with her ability to sing Lady Gagasongs and numerous other artists of today. Shirley looked forward to shopping. Her quiet time was spent crocheting and working in her garden and making sure not to miss "The Young and The Restless" and "The Walking Dead." Shirley was also an accomplished cook and

baker and her family and friends looked forward to getting to sample her goodies. She had a special place in her heart for cats and found great joy on working on family history and genealogy. In her youth, Shirley was quite a dancer and loved attending area dances.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Candace Beyer of St. Peter, Kimberly Beyer of Fairmont, Cheri Chisesi and husband, Vince of Chicago, IL, and Michael Schueder and wife, Torrie of Cherokee, IA; grandchildren, Dustin Schwebke and wife, Candace, Kristina Reed-Smith and husband, Jerry, Blake Engleby, Keyli Chisesi, Addie Chisesi, Cameron Schuder, Mackenzi Walker, Me-

khi Schueder, and McKale Schueder; great-grandchildren, Kalijah Reed, Alyse Schwebke, Jeremiah Hashi, Kimberlee Reed, Brian Schwebke, Shylyn Palagi, Gretta Oachs, Kamden Schwebke, Rae Smith, and Keavon Smith; two siblings, Donald Hutzell and Barbara Fisher; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Ruth Hutzell; children, Todd Beyer, Shane Schuller, and Robin Engleby; and siblings, Phyllis Gunsallus, Curtis Hutzell, Ronnie Hutzell, Richard Hutzell, Jimmy Hutzell, Darlene Hutzell, Jerry Hutzell, and Russell Hutzell.

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 1992

Fairmont Community Hospital was planning an open house with tours of the recently completed expansion/renovation project.

Martin County had been designated by President Bush for emergency loans for physical and

production losses from a severe ice storm occurring October 31-November 29.

The long-awaited opening of the Martin County Prairieland Snowmobile Trail took place at the state line. This linked Minnesota and Iowa so riders can use each other's snowmobile trails.

John Gordon, WCCO's Radio Voice of the Minnesota Twins, was to be at the Fairmont High

School Performing Arts Center, with highlights of the Twins' 1987 and 1991 World Series Championships.

The Minnesota Twins Winter Tour and Luncheon was coming to Truman on January 30th, with "players yet to be announced."

It was a grand opening for the Amoco Food and Fuel at the junction of Highway 15 and Blue Earth Avenue.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 1967

Judy Sill of Fairmont, recently named Fairmont Junior Miss, was to compete in the state pageant in Fairmont. Other candidates for Minnesota Junior Miss were from Wells, Faribault, Edina, Blue Earth, Cloquet, Inver Grove Heights, Truman, Minneapolis and Mankato.

Miss Jean Krech, a native of St. Paul, was hired as Martin County Home Agent, succeeding Rose Marie Ferguson who had resigned to devote her time to her family. Miss Krech, who had been a home agent in Rochester for 7 years, was awaiting admission to graduate

school in Ft. Collins, CO.

Fairmont High School music director Al Zinter was sponsoring an appearance in Fairmont of the Concordia College A Capella Choir. Zinter was a member of the choir while a student at the college in Moorhead.

eat play shop
LOCAL

SJV Dinner/Dance features Friends of SJV School, school alumni

The annual St. John Vianney Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, January 28th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 920 East 10th Street, Fairmont.

The evening starts with appetizers at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dance at 9 p.m. Formal and semi-formal attire is suggested. Entertainment will be by Elegant Affairs of Mankato. KC raffle tickets are \$100 and there will be a live auction and gift baskets.

The cost for the evening will be \$55 per person and this will include a buffet consisting of the following: stuffed boneless pork chop, baked salmon, baby red potatoes, green bean almondine, glazed carrots, lettuce salad with vinaigrette dressing, dinner roll, assorted cheese cake bar, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine.

Tickets are available after Masses during the weekends in January or you may contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (e-mail alucas@frontiernet.net) and tickets will be sent to your home.

There will be a program following the dinner, which will include the introduction of the 2017 "Friends of the St. John Vianney School" (Bob and Kathy Bishop) and the 2017 "Featured St. John Vianney School Alumnus" (Nancy Thompson,

daughter of Dan and Ann Harris) after which you will be able to dance to DJ music.

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Nancy (Harris) Thompson, the daughter of Daniel and Anna Harris, was the last of seven siblings to attend St. John Vianney School. She graduated after 8th grade in 1984.

Nancy graduated from Fairmont High School and went on to attend MN State University, Mankato. Nancy started her education in the fitness field, but during her junior year of college, she decided that she needed a degree in business as well, just in case a life event changed her plans. She graduated in 1993 with a double major in Physical Education and Business Management, and with a minor in Corporate and Community Fitness. Nancy received her Senior Project Management certification from St. Thomas University in 2007 and the ITIL (Information Technol-

ogy Infrastructure Library) Certification in 2013.

Just before completing her college degree, Nancy was offered a Fitness Director position at the YMCA in Mankato, which allowed her to complete her course work and begin her fulltime employment at the same time.

After falling in love with her now husband, Randy, and realizing that although fitness was fun, in the 90's it barely paid the bills, Nancy decided to change careers and use that "just in case" business degree. Nancy began working at Clear With Computers (CWC) in 1994 not knowing how to turn a computer on. Within a year

she was managing the customer service department, where they fixed peoples computers over the phone. After five years with CWC, Nancy took a project management position within the Information Technology area of Taylor Corporation and has been with the company ever since. That "just in case" degree in business management paid off as she has held numerous leadership positions from Vice President of Market-

ing, to Director of Creative Services, to her current position of Vice President of Information Technology.

Nancy and Randy married in 1995 and settled into their first home in St. Clair, MN. They loved the community and learned that it was a wonderful place to raise their two children, Michael and Jack. Michael is a freshman at MN State University, Mankato, working on a Music Education degree. Jack is a junior at St. Clair High School and is involved in numerous school activities.

The family attends Immaculate Conception Church in St. Clair. Nancy has been a Sunday school teacher and a 4th and 7th grade CCD teacher for 12 years. She has served as a leader for CCW and has been a lector for numerous years.

Nancy is also an active volunteer in her community. She has served as president of the St. Clair Student Parent Teacher Connection and has been an active member of the Athletic Backers for numerous years. She is currently on the school board for the St. Clair School serving as Vice Chair and is on the Board of the GIFTS Foundation (Growing Investments in Today's Student).



NANCY THOMPSON, featured SJV alumnus speaker



Preschool students at St. John Vianney School in Fairmont were surprised with a visit from Santa just before the Christmas Holiday Break.

LAFF - A - DAY



"Ma! It's the Board of Health! Come out with your hands washed!"



First Farmers & Merchants Bank President Andy Noll (left) is pictured giving a \$500 check to Kids Against Hunger chair persons Beth Reeve, Karen Sandhurst, and Sue Homan. First Farmers & Merchants Bank is also organizing a team of ten people to help pack at the Kids Against Hunger February 18th pack at the Fairmont Armory.



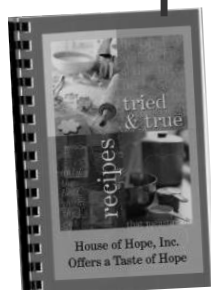
Kids Against Hunger recently received \$1,000 from TPI Hospitality to help support the February 18th pack at the Fairmont Armory. Pictured (L to R): Jason Subbert (TPI), Karen Sandhurst (KAH), Beth Reeve (KAH), Kim Pouykhah (TPI), Jason Junker (TPI), and Sue Homan (KAH). TPI Hospitality has been supporting Kids Against Hunger for years with a generous donation and eager teams of packers!

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Six common tax filing mistakes to avoid

(BPT) - It's probably safe to say handing cash to Uncle Sam does not top the list of your favorite things. When it comes to filing taxes, making a small mistake can mean paying more taxes than you need to or forking over cash to cover penalties.

Fortunately, there's an easy way to make sure your tax return is mistake-free: just take a little extra time to double check your work. Here's a closer look at the six most common tax-filing errors and tips to help you avoid making them.

1. Mistake: Not reporting all income. Reporting your income is easy if your employer sends you a wage statement (called Form W-2) documenting what you made throughout the year. But what about the money you earned from any freelance work? Unfortunately, many people forget

to report extra income from side jobs such as photography shoots, design projects and Etsy shops.

How to avoid the error: Depending on how much you earned, you may receive an "information return" called Form 1099 from the institution that paid you. There are numerous 1099 forms that report different types of income earned during the year, but in some cases you may not receive the document. For example, if you earn less than \$600 as a freelance writer, the institution is not required to send you Form 1099-MISC. However, you still need to include the amount earned in your total annual income so it's important to keep your own records of each transaction.

"To help accurately report your income, review last year's return and match

your income sources item by item," says TaxAct Director of tax development, Mark Jaeger. "If you discover you haven't received a 1099 for your work, last year's return will serve as a reminder to ask about it. Keep in mind, all freelance or side-gig income is reported on Schedule C as part of your Form 1040."



2. Mistake: Mistyping bank accounts and personal information. Believe it or not, incorrect bank account numbers or personal information - like Social Security Numbers - is one of the main reasons tax returns are rejected. Using a nickname or a shortened version of your legal name also lands

near the top of the list.

How to avoid the error: Double - or triple - check any personal or bank account information before you submit your completed tax return. "If you need help figuring out account information, don't be afraid to ask your bank for assistance," Jaeger says.

3. Mistake: Paying too much to file your taxes. Whether you tap a tax professional or choose a DIY tax provider that charges an arm and a leg for their product, paying too much to file your return is a mistake.

How to avoid the error: Fortunately, filers have more affordable options to choose from. When looking for DIY options, do some comparison shopping. The leading tax preparation software providers offer similar features and benefits, but the price points can widely vary. In many cases, prices increase as the filing deadline nears. Look for a provider like TaxAct that not only offers a low price, but also guarantees your price won't increase if you start your online return but wait to file later.

4. Mistake: Not e-filing. While 91 percent of tax returns were e-filed in 2016, there are still filers who file a paper return. Going the pencil and paper route often means longer tax return processing times.

How to avoid the error: Electronic filing (e-filing) is the quickest and most accurate way to file your tax return. In fact, the IRS typically processes e-filed returns within 48 hours. If you're due a refund, you'll get it quicker if you e-file and choose direct deposit.

5. Mistake: Incorrect calculations. When the IRS receives your tax return, one of the first steps the agency takes is to check the figures to make sure they add up. Unfortunately, it's easy to

miscalculate numbers - especially if you're in a rush or aren't sure what to add or subtract.

How to avoid the error: First, take your time and double check all numbers. Second, consider using DIY tax software so you don't have to do the math on your own.

6. Mistake: Using the wrong filing status. Choosing the wrong filing status, like Head of Household instead of Single, can have a great impact on your tax

rates, the number of personal exemptions you can claim, your qualifications for certain tax deductions, credits and more.

How to avoid the error: Before starting your return, review the five different filing statuses to help you select the one most appropriate for your tax situation. Carefully selecting the right one will help you feel confident you're taking the right steps to maximize your tax outcome.

Tactics for saving money

(BPT) - According to research from Nielsen, one quarter of Americans want to spend less and save more money in the New Year. If you're one of these people, follow these five easy tips to stay on track financially in 2017.

free from your overpriced wireless plan. "Ringing" in the New Year is all about making changes for the better, and switching your plan could save you lots in the long run.

Bring the gym home.

Exercising is important, but monthly gym membership fees can make a huge dent in your savings. Instead, try working out at home for a few months by following exercise videos, running outside (weather permitting) or modifying your favorite utilizing home items. If that's not enough, try pay-per-class offerings coupled with your own exercise outside of the gym.

Cut your cable bill.

Similar to spending too much on a cell data contract, your monthly cable bills could also be hindering your financial goals. How often do you really watch specialty channels anyway? Opting for monthly streaming services can cost you as low as \$7.99 per month while offering the same programs and movies you love. Meanwhile, the average cable bill is \$99 per month. Making the switch could save you more than \$1,000 per year, which just goes to show how sticking to your New Year's resolution can pay off.

Dine in.

Everyone knows eating out is more expensive than dining in, but you might not even realize how often you're doing it. When you're on the go, buying lunch or ordering take-out, costs quickly add up. Pre-planning and preparing meals for the week ahead will not only save money but help you eat healthier at the same time.

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Metals to consider for your wedding bands

Selecting wedding bands isn't an easy decision, however many couples find this to be a very meaningful part of their wedding planning journey since these simple rings symbolize commitment and unity.

In addition, the purchase of wedding rings should be a lot less time intensive than purchasing an engagement ring since bands are normally much simpler in design.

The most common question that arises when beginning to shop for wedding bands is: "What type of metal should we buy? Gold? Platinum? White Gold? Titanium?" While all are good options, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The biggest difference between the various metals is cost.

- Traditional yellow gold is a timeless choice and the rings will last for a lifetime. Gold is a "soft" metal, however, so small marks or scratches may make the rings dull a bit over time – this is perfectly normal. The color itself will not change.

- Platinum and titanium are heavier, stronger metals and therefore won't show marks as easily over the years. However, they are the most expensive metals and the cost may be as much as 4-5 times the cost of gold.

- If you like the look of platinum or titanium but are on a tight budget, you might consider white gold – which has the same "silver" appearance. White gold is the least expensive choice of metals, but keep in mind that the color may change a bit after many years and become just a bit "yellowish."

- Most couples will opt to match the material of their wedding rings with the metal chosen for the engagement ring, if both rings will be worn by the bride after the wedding.

Tip: Wondering if the wedding band should be worn above or below the engagement ring? (You're not alone!) Traditionally, the wedding band is worn closer to the palm – or you may wish to remember this rule as wearing the wedding band closer to the heart.



The good, bad and ugliest wedding gifts ever

(StatePoint) For many couples, there's nothing more exciting than creating wedding wish lists. Almost half (45 percent) of U.S. adults who are or ever have been married or engaged have had a bridal registry, according to a recent Moen survey conducted online by Harris Poll.

Registries can help you avoid receiving disappointing gifts. Respondents to the Moen survey

told tales of getting such gaffes as a meat grill for a vegetarian couple, and even "ball and chain underwear." Good gifts ranged from cookware to dream vacations.

However, even with a registry, many realize post-nuptials their list may have been less than ideal. If you're headed down the aisle, plan ahead to avoid these common registry mistakes:

- Including impractical items: Think twice before registering for large or specialty products that may never get used, like a panini press or ice cream maker.

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- Aspirational registering: Register for pieces that fit who you really are, not who you want to be.

- Sticking too much to tradition: Don't register for traditional items, like silver flatware or formal china, unless you'll truly use them.

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"Instead of registering for traditional items you'll rarely use, consider requesting gifts to make daily life better, like a kitchen faucet with a pulldown hose for easy clean-up, or a soothing rainshower showerhead to provide relaxation after a long day," suggests Andrea Maher, senior marketing communications specialist, Moen.



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Tips for planning your wedding and beyond

(StatePoint) While making the wedding day spectacular may seem like the main goal for engaged couples, savvy twosomes are also considering how they will build their home and life together after the honeymoon.

Luckily, these days, there are plenty of ways to plan your big day and happily ever after at the same time, say wedding trend experts.

"Couples who personalize their weddings are also quietly setting a tone

for their future," says Nelson Tejada, senior vice president and chief merchandising officer at Things Remembered, a leading retailer with 50 years of experience providing personalized wedding gifts and accessories.

Tejada suggests creating a customized wedding logo to adorn everything from invitations to keepsake items at the reception like champagne flutes and cake

servers (items that can be used during future celebrations.)

If you work with a retailer, you can celebrate your

as well as accessories like keychains, wallets and jewelry.

Your monogram can also make a fun and mem-



marriage every day by using the logo on needed items for your home, like cutting boards and picture frames.

The company also provides the files to the couple, so you can use the logo on items they don't sell. For example -- the cake!

Including your monogram on wedding items like drinkware, the guest book, photo albums and unity candles is another personalized way to celebrate the big day and beyond. Many couples use the same stylized initials on home items like wall art, blankets and aprons,

or a nice addition on items in your gift bag for the wedding party and guests. To thank your wedding party properly, be sure to seek out items they will actually use, such as t-shirts and high-quality water bottles.

Attending a wedding? Guests too can help the couple create a life together with personalized wedding gifts that help make the house a home. There are many useful, beautiful home gifts that can be given a personalized touch.

When wedding bells are ringing, take care to make that day and every day following one-of-a-kind with unique flourishes that speak to you.

Planning your wedding day hairstyle

By Attire and Beauty

Whether your wedding is coming up next month or next year, choosing the right hairstyle is something that you've probably thought about once or twice... we know, we've been there. Here are a few tips to help you decide upon the perfect hairstyle for the big day.

The tools you'll need
1. a few bridal magazines

If you haven't started thinking about the day-of "do," one of the best places to start looking for hairstyle ideas is in bridal magazines. Hairstyling magazines are okay, but normally don't have a lot of true bridal updos to browse through. See if you can find a few good glossy bridal magazine pages to work from and save them to show to your stylist.

2. a little online research

This step should be a fun one -- it's easy to get overwhelmed with online photos, though, so stick to the basics and when you find a few photos of wedding hairstyles you like, go with them! You can always modify the style to match your unique personality with the help of your stylist.

Hint: You can google terms like "wedding hairstyles" etc. and then click on "Images" in the top menu bar in Google -- this will show you literally

thousands of photos that match your search term.

some tips for your first hair trial appointment

When you have some styling ideas in mind, it's a good idea to schedule a hair trial no later than about a month or so before the wedding. That will give you some built-in time to make changes to the final style if necessary.

When discussing your potential hairstyles at your first appointment, keep in mind that your profile will be facing your guests throughout most of the ceremony, as you face your fiancé. If you have medium-length to long hair, pulling it back or up on the top of your head (at least the front sections) will let your guests be able to see your beautiful and happy face, and not just a head full of hair. They *want* to see your beautiful smile, trust us!

Most importantly, be sure to bring your veil, headpiece, and any other accessories that you'll be wearing on the day of the wedding to your first (and every) hair appointment. Having a friend there with you to take a few pictures of your new style can help a lot too, just in case you decide you'd like to discuss any changes with your stylist before your final hair appointment.

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Tips to help ensure financial marital bliss

(StatePoint) Wedding bells are ringing and “I Dos” are in the air. Newlyweds are taking their first steps toward happily ever after, including combining their finances. But doing so is not without potential pitfalls.

Undeniably, money can be a huge stressor on a relationship, especially on a brand-new marriage; and most couples have an unrealistic view of how they will handle their finances, according to a new survey from credit bureau TransUnion, tracking the attitudes of engaged couples and newlyweds.

More than half of engaged couples said they intend to divide financial decision-making equally, but only 37 percent of married respondents said they actually share the responsibility equally -- more than 36 percent of respondents said they make budgeting decisions by themselves.

“Before tying the knot, couples often overlook financial basics like budgeting and checking their credit scores, which can prove to be a significant oversight,” says Ken Chaplin, senior vice president at TransUnion. “To smoothly merge two

this information, more than a quarter of married respondents and nearly a third of engaged respondents said they don’t monitor their scores.

While common, prenuptial financial missteps can be easily remedied:

effective. As part of this conversation, check your credit scores. You can get them through TransUnion’s credit monitoring tool. Together, share your financial priorities for the future.

- **Disclose debt:** Many couples don’t consider how marriage and debt impact one another. Before forming the union, disclose any debt that you have. Half of survey respondents cite car payments as a source of debt, with student loans cited as the second most common source of debt for engaged and married respondents. Open and honest discussion early on will help you avoid future problems.

- **Make a financial plan:** Newly married couples have big plans

ahead of them: children, new homes, cars, travel dreams and more. The majority of engaged couples consider themselves to be savers and put saving money at the top of their financial agenda, according to the survey. However, make sure you

are building a complete savings plan and ensure that your financial goals are aligned.

- **Get information:** Remember to always check your credit score, and consider consulting a financial planner for advice.



separate financial lives, don’t shy away from discussions about financial goals, marriage and credit, debt payments and overall expectations.”

Still, only a quarter of engaged couples said they would inquire about their fiancée’s credit score before marriage. And while 85 percent of all respondents said they know where to look up

- **Productively discuss finances:** Most couples say they are very comfortable discussing money. However, if you aren’t prepared with accurate financial knowledge, the conversation may not be

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It can be a bit confusing when trying to figure out who is to pay for what, especially when it comes to the bride and groom. Brides and grooms sometimes feel obligated to pay for everything, while others don't feel the need to pay for anything.

Though the whole "who pays for what" depends somewhat on culture and family expectations, there are certain guidelines about what the bride and groom are to pay for when

it comes to their wedding party.

The Bouquets

When it comes to the maid of honor and bridesmaids' bouquets, the responsibility to pay for these are all on the bride and groom. Make sure you make arrangements to have these made up while you are also having your centerpieces and any other floral arrangements done. Having a big order all at once will give you a greater discount than if you were to go back to the florist at a later date and ask for the bride and brid-

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The Boutonnieres

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on your theme and wedding colors at the same time you are ordering the flowers for your big day.

The Transportation

Though you are not on the hook to pay for everyone's transportation, when it comes to your wedding party you should be paying for a limo or a party bus to swing by and pick them up.

NOTE: If you are having a destination wedding which does not allow people to have their own personal vehicles to travel in, you should generally be

paying for their transportation from the hotel and to the wedding ceremony and reception.

The Rehearsal Dinner

For anyone who is at the rehearsal dinner, the bride and groom should generally pay for the meal (unless their families agree to pay for it). Your attendants should not have to take out their wallets and put any money down on

the meal.

The Accommodations

In some cases, it may be appropriate to arrange and pay for your attendants accommodations. If you are having a destination wedding, this can be rather costly and is generally not an expectation of any guests who are coming. Guests who are going to a destination wedding know full well that they will need to save up and pay for their own accommodations.

The Gifts

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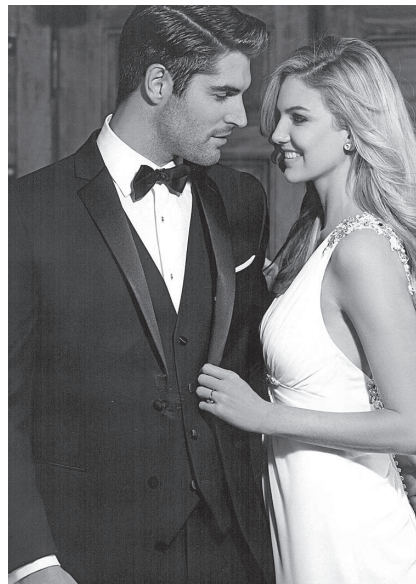
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Plant dormancy

Scientists believe that in autumn, the shorter days trigger the beginning of winter dormancy in plants. As the temperatures lower, plants acclimate to the cold and begin a deeper stage of dormancy: cell processes slow down, and some water begins to leave the cells, since freezing water can burst cells. Sugars and other protective chemicals with lower freezing points are increased. Plants have a maximum level of cold they can tolerate, which varies by species and even variety, and may be determined by its location.

— Brenda Weaver
Source: pss.uvm.edu

Financial management strategies for 2017

Guest Columnist



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Projected profit margins for crop production in 2017 are likely to be at or below “breakeven levels” for many producers. Crop input costs for seed, fertilizer, chemicals, fuel, etc. have declined slightly from 2016 levels, as have land rental rates in some areas; however, based on current projected prices and trend-line average yields, crop revenues will also likely decline in 2017. The profit margins in the livestock sector deteriorated significantly in 2016, and are likely to remain quite tight in 2017. Credit availability for agriculture should remain good for farm businesses that are on a solid financial base; however, credit could get much tighter for farm businesses that are in a “higher-risk” financial position.

Following are some financial strategies for farm businesses to consider during these highly volatile and potential stressful financial times in the farming business:

- Keep the “Current Position” (cash available) segment of the farm business strong.
- > Pay attention to the level of “Working Capital”

and the “Current Ratio” on your Farm Financial Statement. If there is a big decline, it could signal some financial concerns for the farm business.

> It is usually a better option to use excess cash revenues from the farm operation to pay down short-term farm operating debt, rather than to make extra payment on term loans.

> If there are any excess crop revenues from 2016 grain sales beyond repayment of the 2016 Farm Operating Loan, it is probably best to prepay some 2017 or 2018 crop expenses.

> Remember to account for CCC grain loans, financing with crop input suppliers, short-term loans from family members, etc. when analyzing the Working Capital for the farm operation.

• Look at ways to reduce production costs and other expenses.

> Try to be a “low-cost” producer - thoroughly analyze seed, fertilizer, chemical, etc. crop expense decisions for 2017 crop production, and look for ways to make reductions.

> Be cautious when

making reductions in crop production costs not to significantly impact yield potential - optimizing crop yields is still important to the “bottom-line”.

> Carefully analyze more expensive cash rental rates on rented land, and if the rates are not profitable, try to negotiate lower rental rates, or possibly give up some high rent land.

> Negotiate “flexible lease” contracts with agreeable landlords that sets a manageable base rental rate, with the opportunity for a higher final rental rate, if final crop prices and/or yields increase.

> Review all other direct and overhead expenses in the farm operation, and look for any ways to make reductions.

• Review other ways to manage financial risk.

> “Fine-tune” the farm’s grain marketing plan, based on the “cost of production”, which is updated regularly, and have set price targets and deadline dates as part of the marketing plan.

> Don’t get caught up in the “market hype or chatter” - pay attention to how

changes in the corn and soybean market prices affect your own farm business.

> Look for “profit margin” opportunities in crop and livestock production, and take advantage to “lock-in” both cash expenses and market prices when those margins exist.

> Take time to analyze the best crop insurance strategies for your farm operation in 2017- cutting crop insurance coverage may not be the best risk management strategy.

> Pay attention to changes in the ARC-CO farm program payments from year-to-year, realizing that there is a lot of variation, and look at how that may affect the cash flow for the farm business.

> Excessive spending for family living and non-farm expenditures can be a “hidden expense” in the farm business. Include the non-farm and family living expenditures in farm cash flow planning.

• Be cautious of machinery and facility investments for the farm business.

> Make wise decisions on the use of available cash for farm machinery and capital improvement investments, and make sure that the investments are needed for the farm operation.

> Remember, the term loans that are set up to finance capital improvements may require pay-

ments for several years, and need to be factored into future cash flow budgets.

> Look for opportunities to sell any farm assets that are no longer needed in the farm business.

• Carefully analyze farm land purchase decisions.

> There is likely to be a lot of farm land for sale in the coming year, so don’t get caught up in the hype of: “Buy now, because they don’t make any more farm land”. Make sure that any land purchases are financially sound for the long-term future of the farm business.

> Shop around before settling on a high dollar purchase of farm land, as there may be opportunities to find comparable farm land, as far as land quality and production capability, for less money.

> Compare the cost of owning the farm land to the likely annual land rental rates to secure increased crop acreage.

> Be sure to include the required annual real estate loan principal and interest payments, along with real estate taxes, into annual cash flow planning for the farm business

• Communicate with family members, farm partners, and ag lenders.

> When financial matters and farm profitability become more challenging in a farm operation, it is

very important to discuss these challenges and possible solutions with family members and other partners in the farm operation.

> Meet with your ag lender early to discuss your farm operating credit needs for 2017, and to consider possible solutions to address any financial challenges that may exist.

> Utilize farm business management advisors, crop insurance agents, marketing advisors, crop consultants, and other professionals to assist with farm management decisions.

> Discuss planned machinery and equipment purchases, and potential land purchases, and the projected cash flow impacts on the farm business, prior to finalizing those decisions.

> Discuss grain and livestock marketing plans, and the impact that marketing decisions could have on cash flow plans.

> Discuss any financial concerns early, either farm-related or non-farm concerns, while there is still time to make the needed financial adjustments.

> View your Ag Lender and other professionals as consultants to assist with key financial and management decisions in your farm operation, rather than as adversaries.

Naturally

by Al Batt

I’d heard a great horned owl hooting in the night. “Who’s awake? Me, too,” it called. A woodpecker drummed on a resonant limb in the morning’s light. Spring must be just around the corner, but I’m not sure which corner.



Several callers told of mysterious critters. There are many of those. Most of them are heard while camping in a tent in the middle of a dark night.

A brown thrasher has been wintering in my yard. Most of the members of that species are out of town on business this time of the year. I put out peanuts for that lovely bird.

Q-and-A

Jack Brush of New Ulm wondered why so many mourning doves stay here over the winter. Mourning doves are common at bird feeders all year, but the doves you see in winter might not be the same as the ones seen in summer. Northern birds might

fly as far south as southern Mexico. Those that breed in central and southern U.S. might move a few hundred miles or stay put. A mourning dove’s migration is complicated. It’s called differential migration and is related to age and sex. The young leave first, then the females and the males go last. Some birds, most of them males, don’t migrate at all and remain in the north. The males brave bad weather and risk frostbitten toes in order to get a jump on establishing a prime breeding territory early in the spring. I love hearing the whistling sounds made by doves when they take flight. The high-pitched noise comes from the bird’s wings and is believed to provide a built-in alarm system. It warns others of danger while possibly startling a predator.

“I saw some round fruits in the supermarket that were claimed to rid a house of spiders. Do they work?” Only if you use one to smash a spider with it. These are hedge apples, the fruit of the Osage orange, a small- to medium-sized deciduous tree. The belief that hedge apples are effective for insect and

spider control is widespread and persistent. It’s claimed that placing hedge apples around a foundation or inside a basement will repel spiders. Iowa State University researchers extracted compounds from hedge apples that when concentrated, were found to repel insects. The scientists also found that the natural concentrations of these compounds in the fruit were too low to be an effective repellent. I’ve seen spiders crawling over hedge apples on the ground. Save your money. If you find spiders bothersome, use your vacuum cleaner to remove them.

“How much food does a deer need in winter?” It depends on the severity of the weather and the size of the animal, but I’d suspect it would need to eat 3 to 6 pounds each day.

Rod Meyer of Mankato wrote, “Watching the feeder this morning, I have one bright yellow goldfinch who must have forgotten that it is winter in Minnesota.” It’s an odd molt or optimistic feathers in early January. An interesting winter plumage characteristic in American goldfinches that I look for is the bright yellow shoulder patch that develops in

the fall of a male’s second year. Until then, the patch is made up of olive and black feathers similar to what shows in a female. Perhaps it offers a female an inkling of how brilliant a male’s plumage would be in the spring. American goldfinches follow a pattern of molting. Beginning in September, and lasting six to eight weeks, they molt all their feathers, ending up with a new set of drab feathers heading into winter. In the spring, they grow new body feathers and the males acquire a bright yellow breeding plumage. The wing and tail feathers remain from the fall. As the wing feathers age, the pale buff edges fade to white and disintegrate, so that by the end of the summer the wings look black.

Thanks for stopping by “Talent is insignificant. I know a lot of talented ruins. Beyond talent lie all the usual words: discipline, love, luck, but, most of all, endurance.”-- James Baldwin

“Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.”--William Bruce Cameron

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Eastern screech owl that has taken up residence in a wood duck box. Photo by Bruce Peters of Fairmont



Babe the Blue Ox becomes even bluer at 15 below. Photo by Al Batt



CRADLE LOCK – Cards' Nathan Simmonds has BEA's Dalton Nagel in the classic hold. The Bucs' Nagel went on to defeat Simmonds 15-7. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



CHIN UP - 138-pound Class 2A #7 ranked Red Bull Zach Ringnell picked up back points against BEA's Koby Nagel. Ringnell won the match with a 9-1 major decision. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



PINNED – Red Bulls Collin Steuber, 152-pound Class 2A #9 ranked, pinned Blue Earth Area's Roger Ziegler. The Bucs defeated the Fairmont/Martin County West 40-24 Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



ROAD BLOCK – Jaguars Hanna Geistfeld stops the Cards Claire Cutler from getting to the basket. Geistfeld had 24 points in leading GHEC-ML-T over Fairmont. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



JUMP SHOT – Jaguars Hannah Johanson shoots over the Cards' Brooke Hunwardsen and Claire Cutler. Granada Huntley East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther defeated the Cards 68-57 Saturday in Fairmont. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BANK SHOT – Cardinals Taylor Crissinger goes for a lay-up past the Jaguars Kenlie Pytleski. Crissinger led the Cards in scoring with 17 points. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



STICK SAVE – The Cards goal tender Colby Kuhl blades away Redwood Valley's Connor Nelsen attempt to score as teammate Tyler Head looks on. Kuhl had 33 saves in the Cards 8-2 loss to Redwood Valley last Saturday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



OUTSIDE MOVE – Cards' Taylor Nuss tries to evade the Tigers' Lucy Sherman. Nuss, going for a shot, went down on the play and was knocked out and now is in concussion protocol. Mackenzie Householder scored in overtime on Joni Becker's second assist to defeat Albert Lea 3-2. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



TIME OUT – Jaguars Macy Quinn calls for a time out before a held ball can be called. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



LEFTY LAY-IN – Cardinals Derek Missling lays it off the glass as teammate Nate Kallenbach looks on. The Cards downed New Ulm 61-37 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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Fairmont Hockey Association Hockey Day scores: Pee Wee B - Redwood Valley over Fairmont 6-1. Squirts A - Fairmont over Marshall 14-2. Squirts B - The Boji Blizzard beat Fairmont 15-4. 12U Girls - Luverne over Fairmont 10-0. Bantam Hockey - New Ulm Eagles over Fairmont 7-3. Pee Wee A - Fairmont 3-1 over Windom. STRIPES AND STARS - Local officials John Korsmo and Scott Kuhl. CHECK PRESENTATION - Tom Hawkins right, of Hawkins Chevrolet makes a donation to the Hockey Association. Pics courtesy fairmontsports.com

Squirt B hockey games

The Fairmont Squirt B hockey team played two games this weekend in Fairmont.

Game 1 was on Saturday which was Hockey Day against the Boji Blizzard team.

Fairmont lost 15-4 but had 31 shots on goal. Scoring for Fairmont was Tyler Kurt with two unassisted goals, Eric Determan had an assisted goal from Klay Beemer and Beemer also

had an assisted goal from Dominic Lund-May. Goalie Tanner Pankow had 31 saves.

Game 2 was on Sunday in Fairmont against the Marshall Tigers.

Fairmont lost 9-6 but it was an exciting game. Klay Beemer had two goals. One was an unassisted goal and an assisted goal from Tyler Kurt. Eric Determan had a hat trick plus one (or four goals),

one assist came from Kegan Roloff, another assist came from Klay Beemer and the last two were unassisted. Goalie Tanner Pankow had 14 saves.

The Squirt B team is called the TPI Hospitality Squirts B. This is what was known as Torgerson Properties Inc.

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