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SCHOELLERMAN - Courtney Eversman and Casey Schoellerman were married September 10th, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont with Pastor Steve Berkeland officiating. A reception was held at Holiday Inn in Fairmont. Parents of the bride are Bruce and Michelle Eversman of Fairmont and the bridegroom's parents are Faye and Roger Schoellerman of Beresford, South Dakota. Courtney is employed at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Casey works for Nobles County Coop as a lineman. Photo courtesy of Tarah Elise Photography, New Ulm.

New faces at Fairmont United Methodist Church

There are a couple of new faces around Fairmont United Methodist Church's Education Department.

Jenny Lewis of Blue Earth, is serving as the Family Ministry Coordinator, working with families with children and the youth program. Dale Baruth of Estherville, IA joined the team November 1st to serve as the Christian Education Director, working with educational programming for all ages.

Jenny is married to Timothy (TJ) Lewis, they live in Blue Earth with their two daughters. Jenny and her husband are both Certified Lay Speakers

empowering them to own and grow their faith and the faith of their children. Jenny can be contacted at the church by calling 235-5579 or by e-mail at Jenny@umcfairmont.org. Dale Baruth is married to Denise Baruth and they have four adult children. Dale is a retired Navy Reserves Chief Petty Officer where he served on submarines. He's also a recently retired Deputy Sheriff, having served Emmet County, IA for 22 years.

Dale felt God calling him to serve in a church in a more "official" manner and knew God meant for him to accept the Christian Education Direc-



and are on the Candidacy track hoping to become Licensed Local Pastors in the United Methodist Church.

Jenny received her call into ministry about 3 ½ years ago. Her passion lies in bringing communities and persons together for a common purpose and getting the tools into people's hands to set their hearts on fire for God,

tor position at Fairmont UMC. He is a Lifetime member of the VFW and has a strong passion to assist military families and Veterans. Dale's unique experience as a Deputy and EMT drives his desire to help with jail programs and at risk youth and families. He may be contacted at 235-5579 or email at ChristianEducation@umcfairmont.org.

Town Center celebrates anniversary

by Joel Rabbe, Town Center Board of Directors

It has been one year since the Town Center opened its doors to the general public. This has been a year filled with smiles, enthusiasm, laughter, and a touch of disbelief: "We can't believe what a beautiful facility we have here, with a supermarket, liquor store, and hardware store in Trimont."

The year has been packed full of special events, drawings, wine and beer tastings, and burgers and ribs on the grill. We've supported our community's children through our school back-

pack program. Regardless of the event, the greater west Martin County community turned out well and supported the Town Center businesses enthusiastically.

A highlight for the Town Center and the communi-



ty occurred this fall. Congressman Tim Walz came to recognize and honor the greater Trimont community for their perseverance and dedication to the Town Center project.

This flag ship project is being used as an example of how private citizens and public agencies can come together, a dream weaving into a story that ultimately became a reality. Congressman Walz offered encouragement to Martin

County West senior government class students, by opening the floor to them and fielding their questions. He encouraged the entire class to get involved in projects, such as the Town Center, and to see them through to an outcome that makes life better for all.

The Town Center has

become a destination place to meet friends, eat lunch, grab what you need, fuel up, and head home. We have welcomed customers from nearby and far away. With the busy holiday season coming up, the Town Center has just what you need to make your celebrations memorable.

Oh what a year it has been! The entire staff and management look forward to serving you into our second year and beyond. We thank you for your kind deeds and words of encouragement as we work hard to make this destination shopping center "Your Store - The People's Store."

To learn about upcoming events, sales, and new product offerings, please follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/trimonttowncenter.

Martin County Youth Foundation awards next round of grants

The Martin County Youth Foundation held its Fall 2016 Grant Awards Presentation on Monday, November 14th, 2016 at the Red Rock Center. Grants totaling \$10,850 were awarded to six organizations and/or projects.

Grants were given to the following organizations and projects:

- Fairmont Opera House, Inc. - \$3,000 for Professional Performing Arts Programs for Area Schools

- Fairmont Area Schools CER Program - \$1,550 for Prairie Ecology Bus Center

Programs

- Fairmont Area Kinship - \$1,500 for Positive Participation Made Possible Scholarships

- Martin County West School Community Ed - \$3,000 for Preschool Scholarships

- Martin County Preservation Association - \$800 for High School Art Exhibit and Workshop

- Martin County Historical Society, Inc - \$1,000 for School Visitation Program

The Martin County Youth Foundation was founded in 2000. The organization is committed to acquire, manage and distribute funds to enhance the lives of youth in Martin County. Since its inception in 2000 more than \$386,100 have been granted to support youth related programs and activities in Martin County.

For more information, visit martincountyouth-foundation.org.

The 2016 leaf pick-up is officially completed. Thank you for your participation in the leaf collection and for your patience while crews removed the leaf piles. Leaf piles remaining are the responsibility of the property resident. The leaf dump site is located just west of County Road 39 on Lair Road/100th Street passed the tree dump site.

Martin County West indoor swimming pool in Sherburn is now accepting registrations for winter swim lessons. Forms are available at any MCW school or on the school website.

Fairmont Rotary Club book sales under way

The annual Fairmont Rotary book sale has begun and will continue through December 30th.

The Rotary book sale will be located in the Five Lakes Centre mall in store #150. This is located between the Nail Salon and Borchardt Dance Studio.

While there is no set fee for these materials, the Rotary club does accept free will donations. The proceeds from the Rotary book sale are used to fund the Rotary

STRIVE program (Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education). Rotary members serve as mentors for Fairmont Area High School seniors.

Books, videotapes, DVD's and CD's may be donated to the Rotary book sale by dropping them off at store #150 in the mall or by contacting the following people:

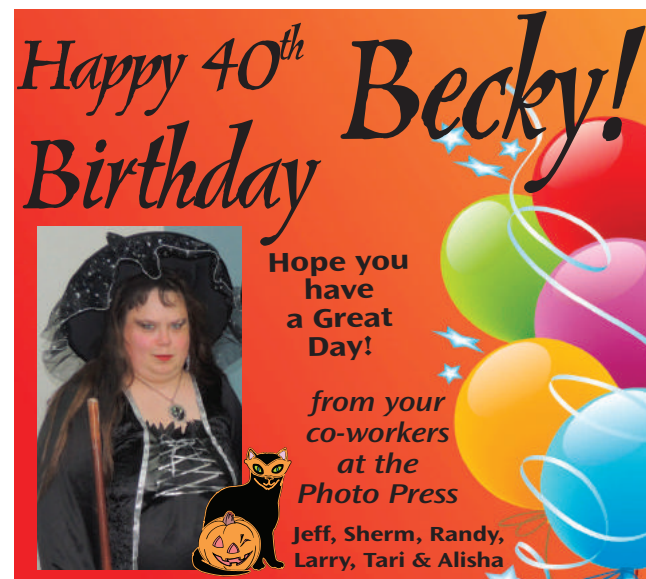
Joseph E. Brown, Sr. 507-438-9083 or Brandon Edmondson 979-575-5034.

Martin County Library Carpeting Project

Thank you to all who were involved in the Martin County Library carpeting project:

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P.E.O. Cheeseball fundraiser

Cheeseballs are available this year to support Fairmont P.E.O. Chapter Y with their many projects and opportunities for women.

P.E.O. is an International Philanthropic Educational Organization where

past and we look forward to supporting many more in the future.

Cheeseballs will be available at Smith's Greenhouse on Friday, November 25th from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and at Holiday Delights. First Congrega-



P.E.O. members Jennifer Nielsen and Elizabeth Ward and samples of the group's cheeseballs.

women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

Fairmont's Chapter Y has 45 members and was established in 1923. Chapter Y has provided scholarship and loan opportunities to young women from the Fairmont area in the

tional Church's Cookie Walk, Friday, December 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Cheeseballs will be \$8 each and there will be three varieties available: Blue Cheese, Swiss Almond, or Lemon Cheesecake.

For further information about P.E.O. or to purchase cheeseballs, call: Elizabeth Ward at 507-236-5041.



PEO Chapter Y Sisters at the Cheeseball Mixing Day - Elizabeth Ward, Joan Schaffer Gretchen Bancks, Jane Kotewa, Kate Hawkins.



Fairmont Concert Association will present pianist Glenn Henriksen on Tuesday, November 29th, 7 p.m. at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center. Mr. Henriksen is an accomplished and versatile pianist and organist. His repertoire includes ragtime, blues, jazz, pop rock, country, Latin, gospel and sacred music. His experience has enabled him to develop a unique musical style. This concert will be a mix of the above plus holiday music. Members are reminded to present their tickets at the door.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution Saturday

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on Saturday, November 26th from 10-11:30 a.m. at East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue, rural Fairmont.

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

Ruby's Pantry is in its

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

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

Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis will recognize a past charter member, Steve E. Pierce, this Friday, November 25th at 10 a.m. at the Steve Pierce Memorial Park on Albion Avenue in Fairmont.

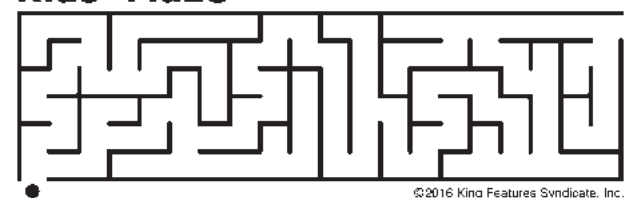


Students and staff from Martin Luther High School, Northrop visited the Minneapolis Institute of Art and toured the Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation Exhibit. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper, as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archaeological finds, that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it.



The students of St. Paul Lutheran School of Fairmont collected items and packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes were blessed and the children who will receive them prayed for during the school chapel service on Friday, November 18th. 82 boxes were stacked in front of the church with several more coming in through out that day. A box per student was packed plus a few more! Thank you to all who helped with this ministry.

Kids' Maze



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Rising rural property taxes highlights Annual Legislative Forum December 8

Rural residents and local elected officials are invited to attend the 34th Annual Rural Legislative Forum on Thursday, December 8th. This year's theme is: "Rapidly Rising Property Taxes...Challenging Rural Minnesota."

The legislative forum will provide an overview of the property tax system in Minnesota, including how property taxes are calculated and the use of property tax funds. Participants will also hear about the impact of school bond issues on agriculture property taxes. Eric Willette, Property Tax Research Director for the Minnesota Department of Revenue, will be the keynote presenter for this thought provoking forum, which will also touch on the ag property tax legislation that was passed during the

2016 State Legislative session, but was not enacted into law. The forum response panel will include Kevin Paap, Minnesota Farm Bureau President; Bob Meyer, Blue Earth County Administrator; Tom Warmka, Faribault County Commissioner; and Kirk Schneidawind, Executive Director of the Minnesota School Boards Association.

The Forum will be held on Thursday, December 8th from 3:30-8:00 p.m. at South Central College, 1920 Lee Boulevard, North Mankato. Registration cost is \$15 per person, which includes a pork chop dinner and all printed materials. Advance registration is requested prior to December 8. For registration, contact the Blue Earth County UM Extension Office by phone at (507)

304-4325, or by e-mail at: mnext-blueearth@umn.edu.

Sponsors for the dinner include: Community Bank in Amboy, Mankato and Vernon Center; First National Bank Minnesota in Mankato and St. Peter; Nicollet County Bank in St. Peter; MinnStar Bank in Lake Crystal and Mankato; Bremer Bank in Mankato; United Prairie Bank in Mankato; MN Soybean Research and Promotion Council; MN Corn Grower's Assn.; MN Pork Producers Assn.; Ag-Star Financial Services; DuPont Pioneer; and MN Farmers Union. Other program sponsors include MN Farm Bureau, MN Ari-Women, Region 9 Development Commission, South Central College, and University of Minnesota Extension.



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Provided by:

Paul Schellpeper, Drew Schellpeper, Wyman Fischer, Christy Selbrade, Mandi Kosbab
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Put Thanksgiving lessons in your financial plans

Over the years, Thanksgiving has taken on a variety of meanings, most of them centered on family, caring and sharing. You can carry these same values past Thanksgiving into your daily life – and you can certainly incorporate them into your financial strategies for taking care of your loved ones.

So, here are a few suggestions:

- Protect your family. If something were to happen to you, could your family pay the mortgage? Could your children still afford to go to college someday? To protect your family's current lifestyle and long-term goals, you may well need to maintain adequate life and disability insurance. Your employer may offer these types of protection as employee benefits, but the coverage might be insufficient for your needs. Consequently, you might need to supple-

ment your employer-paid insurance with additional policies.

- Invest in your children. If you have young children, and you'd like to see them go to college someday, you may want to start putting money away toward that goal. You can save and invest for college in a variety of ways, but one popular method is through a 529 plan, which offers high contribution limits and potential tax advantages. Plus, a 529 plan gives you significant control and flexibility: – if you establish a plan for one child, but he or she decides not to go to college, you can name another child as the recipient.

- Be generous. You don't have to be a millionaire to make meaningful financial gifts to your family. For example, if you have grown children, consider helping them fund their IRAs. You can't con-

tribute directly to a child's IRA, but you can write checks to your children for that purpose – though, of course, they are then free to do whatever they want with the money. It's not always easy for a young person to "max out" on an IRA, which has an annual contribution limit of \$5,500 for workers under 50, so any help you can give your children in this area should be greatly appreciated.

- Safeguard your own financial independence. Almost certainly, one of the most undesirable outcomes you can imagine is to become financially dependent on your grown children. Even if you save and invest diligently throughout your working years, you could still be vulnerable to financial dependency if you need an extensive period of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay. These costs

can be enormous, and Medicare typically pays only a small percentage, and usually for just a limited time. To protect your financial freedom, you should explore ways of addressing long-term care costs. A financial professional can explain those alternatives that may be appropriate for your situation.

- Communicate your wishes to your family. At some point in your life, you will need to draw up your estate plans, which could include a will, a living trust, a durable power of attorney, a health care directive and other documents. To be fair to your children and other family members, and to avoid hurt feelings, you should clearly communicate your plans and your wishes while you are still around.

Thanksgiving means more than turkey and football. And if you can successfully apply the lessons of this holiday to your financial plans, both you and your family will have reason to be thankful.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Volunteer for Veterans mental health survey

Wilder Research is conducting an assessment of the mental and behavioral health needs of Minnesota veterans for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Minnesota legislature. The purpose of this assessment is to give them a more complete picture of the mental and behavioral health needs of veterans in the state, including what is working well and what can be improved.

To get a sense of these needs and barriers to services, MDVA and Wilder are asking veterans across the state of Minnesota to complete a survey related to their mental and behavioral health. Feedback from these surveys will help improve services for veterans across the state.

We are conducting this voluntary assessment of the mental and behavioral health needs of Minnesota veterans for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Minnesota legislature. We are interested in your honest thoughts and ideas, so there are no right or wrong answers. Your feedback will help

improve services for veterans across the state. You can skip any question you do not want to answer. It should take no more than 15-20 minutes to complete this survey. Because your time is valuable and to show appreciation for your participation in this survey, you will receive a \$10 gift card for completing the survey.

Wilder Research will combine your answers with the answers of other veterans across the state. Your individual answers will never be shared or reported and will not affect any of the services you are receiving or your relationship with the staff of any agency or other resource provider.

If you would like more information about the study or to complete the survey over the phone, contact Nora Johnson at nora.johnson@wilder.org or 651-280-2748 or Kelsey Imbertson at kelsey.imbertson@wilder.org or 651-280-2748.

If you are having technical problems with this web survey, contact Dan Swanson at dan.swanson@wilder.org or 651-280-2712.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 1991

The Granada Jaycees were sponsoring a holiday lighting contest in conjunction with the Granada Community Holiday Celebration, "Ring In The Season." In conjunction with the Celebration, the Granada Women of Today were sponsoring a craft show.

The Fairmont B.A.S.S. Club's new officers were president, Dave Huset of Fairmont; vice president Dave Vogel of Fairmont; Mike Thate of Fairmont; secretary, Steve Bretey of Mason City, Iowa, tournament directors Ed Thelen of Spirit Lake, Iowa and Mark Olson of Fairmont.

The 1954 classic film "White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney was to be showing at the Fairmont Opera House. The Salvation Army Singing Company

was to perform also.

Dick Bowman's Minnesota Wings Studio joined Tooling Around at 214 N. State St., Fairmont. Dick was a recognized bird carver and fine art painter.

Southwestern Technical College in Jackson was offering a 12-week cabinet making class, with Dave Wells as instructor.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 1966

A thank you ad was published by county officials who had been re-elected. They were Harold Christianson, auditor; Jack Gardner, coroner; K.W. Koenecke, clerk of court; William Musegades, sheriff; A. A. Peterson, treasurer and Brad Richardson, superintendent of schools. Jerry Jenkinson had been elected to replace incumbent Glynn McLaughlin.

County Agent Floyd Bellin was honored at an open house after being cited for distinguished service at the national convention of county agents in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was praised by local organizations for his ability to "get things done."

Home Agent Rose Marie Ferguson listed an assortment of luncheon meats found in grocery stores, naming the ingredients. They included jellied corned beef, boiled ham, head cheese, spiced luncheon meat, pastrami and jellied tongue.



- On Dec. 5, 1839, Gen. George Armstrong Custer is born in Harrison County, Ohio. Although he is best known for his demise at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, Montana, in 1876, Custer built a reputation as a dashing and effective Union cavalry leader during the Civil War.

Chubb House Tea and Bake Sale December 3rd

Come and join the Chubb House ladies for their Christmas Tea and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 3rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is your "free will" donation, which will help support repairs on the 1867 house, which is the oldest house in Fair-

mont. Guests can come in and browse around, visit the upstairs rooms, all with authentic decor. You can also purchase baked goods at the sale that day.

No reservations are required. The Chubb House is located at 207 Lake Avenue in Fairmont.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

How to observe Thanksgiving

Many years ago Thayle Wolf, a friend of mine, shared these words with me that she wrote for Thanksgiving. Thayle and her husband Bill lived most of their married life in Fairmont. They owned a department store in downtown Fairmont for years. I miss them, but I am thankful for their friendship.

How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

Sour Cream Cranberry Salad

1 large box Jell-o, cherry or raspberry

2 cups boiling water

1 cup sour cream

1 can whole cranberry sauce

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Have a great week!



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Blood and platelet donations needed

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To encourage donations around Thanksgiving, those who come to give blood or platelets from November 24th-28th will be emailed a set of recipes from celebrity chef partners Mario Batali, Rick Bayless, Richard Blais, David Burke, Mike Isabella and Ellie Krieger.

Power Red maximizes donations

Blood donors with type O, B negative and A negative blood can help more patients with one appointment by making a Power Red donation at select Red Cross blood donation centers and blood drives. Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells – the most commonly transfused blood component. Red blood cells carry oxy-

gen throughout the body and are frequently given to trauma and surgery patients. During a Power Red donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and plasma and platelets are then safely and comfortably returned to the donor.

"With just a little extra time at their appointment, donors can have an even greater impact on patients in need," added Gehrig.

Upcoming local drives:

Truman

Monday, November 28th: 12 - 6 p.m.,
Community Center, 313 N 1st Ave. West

Fairmont

Tuesday, December 6th: 1 - 7 p.m.,
Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

Wednesday, December 7th: 12 - 6 p.m.,
Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

Thursday, December 8th: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

In autumn native Americans harvested tart, deep-red berries they called *sassamanash*. They used them to dye fabric, to flavor meats, and as a dressing for wounds. In James Rosier's book *The Land of Virginia*, Europeans coming ashore were met by native tribes bearing *sassamanash*. The newcomers felt the plant's flower and stem resembled the head and neck of the crane, a bird they knew from their homeland, and called them "crane-berries" which eventually became "cranberries." - Brenda Weaver
Source: wikipedia.org

Named for a bird

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Thank you!



Thank you to the voters of District 3. I will do my best to continue representing you as your Martin County Commissioner!

Kathy Smith

Ask A Trooper: Hitting a Deer



by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: What is the procedure if I hit a deer with my vehicle, can I keep it?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol does issue permits for road-kill deer generally right at the time of the crash or soon after. Any Minnesota resident may claim a road-killed animal by contacting a law enforcement officer. An authorization permit can be issued, allowing the individual to lawfully possess the animal. For your specific request, I would advise you to contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR.) You can contact the Conservation Officer in the area you are closest to or where you'd want to pick up the road kill. They should be able to provide more information on the permits and this process. The following link will let you find officers statewide. www.dnr.state.mn.us/officerpatrolareas/index.html

Motorist Safety Tips to Avoid Deer Crashes

• Drive at safe speeds and always be buckled up.

• Be especially cautious from 6 to 9 p.m., when deer are most active.

• Use high beams as much as possible at night, especially in deer-active areas.

• Motorists: don't swerve to avoid a deer. Swerving can cause motorists to lose control and travel off the road or into oncoming traffic.

• Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road. If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.

• Slow down in areas known to have a large deer population — such as areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forest land; and whenever in forested areas between dusk and dawn.

• Deer do unpredictable things — they stop in the middle of the road when crossing; cross and quickly re-cross back; and move toward an approaching vehicle. Blow horn to urge deer to leave the road.

If a deer is struck but not killed by a vehicle, keep a distance as deer may recover and move on. If a deer does not move on, or poses a public safety risk, report the incident to a DNR conservation officer or other local law enforcement agency.

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

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



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NOV 24 - 30

Breakfast menu can be found online.

THUR: No School.

FRI: No School.

MON: K-6: Chicken Nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, turkey and cheese wrap, celery sticks, apple, peaches. **JR/HS:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, triple bean italian side salad, carrots, apple, pears.

TUE: K-6: Cheese pizza, ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, caesar salad, oranges, cinnamon apple slices. **JR/HS:**

Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, sweet corn salad, cherry tomatoes, orange, applesauce.

WED: K-6: Tacos, refried beans, salsa, sunbutter and banana roll up, jicama sticks, apple, mandarin orange and pineapple. **JR/HS:** Chicken parmesan, breadstick, carrots, crunch spinach salad, broccoli, grapes, pineapple tidbits.

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All You Can Eat Pancake Supper

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NOV 24 - 30

THUR: No School.

FRI: No School.

MON: Pizza, green beans, carrots, applesauce.

TUE: BBQ Meatballs, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apples, oranges.

WED: Chili, PB sandwich, veggies, pears.

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NOV 24 - 30

THURS: Closed for Thanksgiving.

FRI: Lemon pepper fish, red skin potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding.

MON: Beef stroganoff, corn on the cob, éclair.

TUE: Chicken cordon bleu, hashbrown bake, bread pudding.

WED: Hamburger, tri-tator, baked beans, angel food cake.

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WED: Chicken patty, carrots, broccoli, pineapple tidbits.

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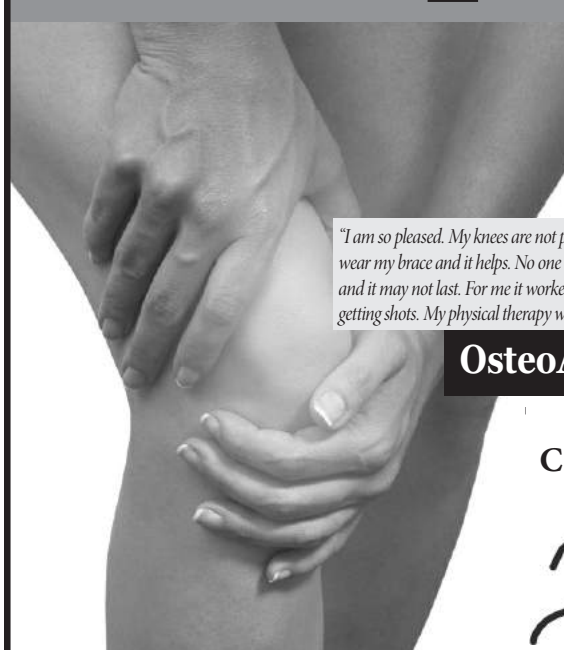
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- Sandra Nuss, Fairmont



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Notice of Creditors of Intent To Dissolve Fairlakes Transportation, Inc.

DATE: November 15, 2016

This is your notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 317A.723 that Fairlakes Transportation, Inc., (the Corporation) a Minnesota corporation, intends to enter dissolution proceedings and has filed a notice of intent to dissolve with the Minnesota Secretary of State as of November 2, 2016.

1. The name of the corporation is Fairlakes Transportation, Inc.

2. The shareholders of the Corporation by resolution dated November 2, 2016 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 317A.721 Subdivision 2, adopted resolutions providing for the dissolution of the Corporation.

3. Creditors and claimants will have 90 days from the date of first publication to submit written claims to Fairlakes Transportation, Incorporated, 530 Kings Road, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031.

Name and address of Attorney for Fairlakes Transportation, Inc.:
Michael V. Tow
105 South State Street, Suite A
Fairmont, MN 56031

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE AMENDMENT TO ASSUMED NAME Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333

Read the instructions before completing this form. Filing fee: \$50.00. Note: An Annual Renewal is required to be filed once every calendar year, beginning in the calendar year following the original filing with the Secretary of State. The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. 1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: (Required) W&T INVESTMENTS. 2. Principal Place of Business: (Required) Street Address (A PO Box by itself is not acceptable) 1416 LUCIA AVENUE, FAIRMONT, MN 56031 USA. 3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address: (Required) Name: GARY G WOLLSCHLAGER, Street 18230 JUSTICE WAY City LAKEVILLE State MN ZIP 56044, MICHAEL V TOW Street 1416 LUCIA AVENUE City FAIRMONT State MN ZIP 56031, RANDALL R RINGQUIST, Street 25151 MCCLELLAND LANE City SPIRIT LAKE State MN ZIP 51360 4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath. Signature (Only one nameholder or an authorized agent is required to sign) MICHAEL V TOW Date 10/19/16 Email Address for Official Notices. Enter an email address to which the Secretary of State can forward official notices required by law and other notices: none given. Entities that own, lease or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the Department of Agriculture. State of Minnesota, Department of State, FILED NOVEMBER 9, 2016, Steve Simon, Secretary of State.

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Katie N. Malliet to Brian R. Peterson Lot 9, Block 7, Ext. to Gambles Addn.

Eric J. Hilbrands, Rosemary A. Hilbrands to Dale Thompson, Jean Thompson, Lot 1, E.5.0' Lot 2, Block 3, Blomstroms Addn.

Hawtons Hilltop Farm, LLP to Christensen Farms Midwest LLC, Pt. N½NW¼, 10-102-32

Lorraine S. Harter, Paul J. Harter to Mark Whitacres, W.25' Lot 2, Lot 1, Block 2, Steens Addn., Monterey Ajax Best, Inc. to Montana Thiesse, S. 20' of W.26', Lot

17, W. 26' Lot 18, Block 6, Original Plat Northrop QUIT CLAIM DEEDS Edward L. Bell, Judith A. Bell to Duane W. Flohrs, Trustee, Marian W. Flohrs, Trustee, Flohrs Revocable Trust, Pt. S½NW¼, 2-104-32 James R. Tow to Montana Thiesse, S.20' of W.26' Lot 17, W.26' Lot 18, Block 6, Original Plat Northrop Debra J. Ommen to Joy L. Pockrus, W.150' of S.100', Lot 6, Block 12, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon Guy B. Head, Kris L. Head to Guy B. Head, Kris L. Head, Lot 9, S.25' Lot 8, Block 1, Fred Stade Amber

Lake Addn.

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Anthony James Norman, Lindsay Norman to Paul B. Spencer, Lot C, Pt. Lots B and D, Homewood Subd.

DEEDS OF DISTRIBUTION

David A. Jensen, Per. Rep., Estate of Constance E. Jensen to David A. Jensen, NE¼, 14-101-32; Lot 16, Block 1, Oak Haven 1st Addn.

David A. Jensen, Per. Rep., Estate of Norman E. Jensen to Paul N. Jensen, W½NW¼, W½E½NW¼, 23-101-29

David A. Jensen, Per. Rep., Estate of Norman E. Jensen to Becky J. Dertert, E½NE¼, 15-101-29; E½N½NW¼, 23-101-29

Emmet County Land Auction

Tuesday, November 29th, 2016

Starting at 9:30am

Located: Ringsted Community Building

Selling: 80 Acres m/l

Located: North half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 3, Denmark twp, Emmet County Iowa.
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Howell Real Estate & Auction Auction Calendar

November 26th 2016 @ 10:00am Acreage & Personal Property

(held 1080 20th St., Ceylon MN)

Call for info

November 29th 2016 @ 9:30am Farm Land Auction

80 Acres (M/L) - Ringsted Community Building

December 3rd 2016 @ 10:00am Full Line J.D. Machinery Auction,

1/2 Mile South, 1 Mile East, & 1/4 Mile North of Truman, MN 232 230th Ave

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Acreage & Personal Property Auction

Saturday, November 26th, 2016

Starting at 10:00am

Located: 1080 20th St – Ceylon MN

Directions: 1 mile SW of Ceylon, MN on 115th Ave (South Clear Lake Road) to 20th St, then 1 mile West to Acreage Site on North side of Road.

Selling **8.39 Acre Acreage** that has a 2+ bedroom home, completely remodeled on the main floor, with laundry on main level, large bathroom, new septic system, new roof in 2005, New furnace, 200 amp service, South deck off dining room. Full unfinished basement & double unattached garage.

Acreage has other out building used for storage. Also selling a 4200 JD Tractor (903.7 Hrs) with 72" mower & loader(sharp), 30' travel trailer in excellent condition, 17' Aluminum Boat w/ 25 hp motor, plus tools & many other acreage items.

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Saturday, December 3, 2016 • 9 am

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Saturday, November 26, 10:00 a.m.: Michael & Dawn Rossow – Retirement Farm Equipment Auction with a nice full line of late model John Deere equipment located at 45858 850th Street, Lakefield, MN.

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Jeff's Jottings

Even though the weather was not the greatest last Friday, it was great to see a good turnout and enthusiastic participants in the Fairmont GLOWS parade. We experienced our first dose of winter reality that day with rain, then snow and very strong winds, that continued into the evening hours. I guess you could probably say that it set the "mood" for the GLOWS season. There were a large number of spectators and the parade entries numbered around 60, so it made for a nice event in Fairmont that night. Then last Saturday night, if you traveled to Sherburn, you were greeted with a packed Main Street. The Cup and Saucer Restaurant had its monthly tasting event, the Martin County West Drama Department presented the play "Cinderella" at the Sherburn Movie Theater and the Sherburn Lions served a packed house at

the Sherburn American Legion for their prime rib supper. Gene Shepmann of Sherburn came up to me at the supper and said that there wasn't an empty parking space to be found anywhere along Main Street or any of the side streets of Sherburn. It makes you feel good that we can still fill our towns for special events!

"What is it?" revealed

Last week, I had a "What is it?" item for readers to guess what it was. We had three people guess it correctly! Dan Terfehr of Fairmont, Ralph Stanton of Welcome and Don Geerdes of Swea City all knew what the item was. It was a Model 825 Tappet Adjusting Tool. According to Zim Mfg. website info, it was equipped with a 3/8 inch diameter screwdriver, supported by a hinged swivel arm that moved to either an opening of 9/16 inch or 5/8 inch. It was for Buick, Chevrolet and

Ford 6's, Ford V-8, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles. The adjusting screw is never hidden from sight, no socket or other tools are needed, and the wrench will remain on the lock nut in spite of the rocker arm movement. Great job in guessing this one! I already have another item for you, but will save it for next week's edition of the Photo Press.

Shop, Eat, Play Local!!

With Thanksgiving behind us, retailers are now focusing on the Christmas shopping season (I am "one of those" that refuses to use the word "Holiday" instead of "Christmas"). Those who know me know that when it comes to Christmas shopping, I don't usually begin until the week of Christmas and sometimes even Christmas Eve day, and I hate large crowds. I try to do my shopping locally and with people I know who will provide me with quality merchandise at a price that I can afford. This brings me to my next point. This Saturday is called "Small Business Saturday". Each year on the Saturday after Thanks-

giving, the spotlight is on the small, local businesses in communities across the country that compete with big-box stores the rest of the year. For Small Business Saturday, or as the Photo Press likes to say, "Shop Small, Shop Local", we encourage everyone to do your shopping in our area towns, with the businesses that are in your neighborhoods. Local business owners are an important part of each community, paying taxes and providing financial

eat play shop LOCAL

support to local organizations and charities that the big-box stores many times do not do. Without the support of your purchases, local businesses would not continue to survive and if local, small businesses can't survive, communities as a whole do not tend to survive over time. This week's edition of the Photo Press features individuals who have written about the importance of staying local in our communities. Many times

shoppers search far and wide to find the "cheapest" deal on specific products and that may mean that the cheapest price may not be offered locally. But as the old saying goes, "you get what you pay for", getting a product for the cheapest price may not always be the best in the long run. I am not asking you to completely change the way you purchase, but before you purchase an item from a big-box retailer, take the time to give the local business the chance for your business first. Spend this weekend in and around your communities, shopping at the local businesses. After all, the owners of these local establishments are the same people that you go to church with, attend school events with, and support other local organizations with. Shop Small this Saturday - Eat, Play and Shop Local!

Get out and work off Thanksgiving Dinner!

With Thanksgiving taking place this week, there aren't many activities going on this weekend. Many will either be traveling to other destinations

for Thanksgiving or will be hosting a houseful for their family Thanksgiving meal. If you are like many, you will eat more than you would like of the great food that is spread on the table this week, so maybe it would be a good idea to "work off" some of those extra calories by spending time visiting the local stores this weekend. You could make it a game by doing a scavenger hunt for those who take part and have them purchase items on their list from local stores. Or if the weather is nice, take a nice walk and experience the great surroundings we enjoy around the area, whether it be on bicycle and walking trails, through local parks or even just a stroll down a country road. Enjoy the surroundings while you still can without having to put multiple layers of clothing on to keep warm!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Shop SMALL!

- Jeff

The Smell of Home

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



I walked into our farm home this evening to something special. I was not only warmed by the warm air of the entry, but I was greeted by a wonderful smell. It was THE SMELL OF HOME. Our farm home is something that we are very proud of. I have been remodeled from a plain white ranch home into what we consider something unique. However, no matter its shape, age, color, or form, it is home. It is the home where we have lived for nearly 40 years. It was remodeled to what it is today. We are proud of how it looks and feels and yes, how it smells.

I entered the room to the distinct aroma of a roasting chicken. Thanksgiving is only a few days away. Bev, my bride of 47 years (in 2005, when this was written), knew that she would need more meat juice for the large amount of gravy needed to feed the family who will be coming home for Thanksgiving. She decided to roast a chicken and save some of the meat juices. These juices, plus the juices of the large turkey, would be needed. Such planning only proves what a wonderful cook she is. Not only that, she has taught all three of our chil-

dren the skills of cooking. All can make the meals that produce THE SMELL OF HOME. They will teach their children. It is an expected thing.

How many of us recall the smells of the special holiday meals with our family? I believe that we all do. They are etched deep within our memories. Those smells are a very important part of any holiday. They are why it is so important to have family gatherings and traditional meals. I believe the familiar smells produce a special bond within a family. Eating holiday meals in a restaurant offers little in remembered bonding. It is just an act of eating, not the act of sharing.

I think of the smell of the Scandinavian Lutefisk, English plum pudding, pork roast or Swedish ammonia cookies. They send a message of the Christmas meals. The aroma reminds us that is Christmas and a time of family and celebration. They signal a holiday. What can depict the Easter meal more than the smell of ham garnished with cloves? What can depict St. Patrick's Day more than the smell of corn beef and cabbage as it is prepared in the traditional way?

All homes have their

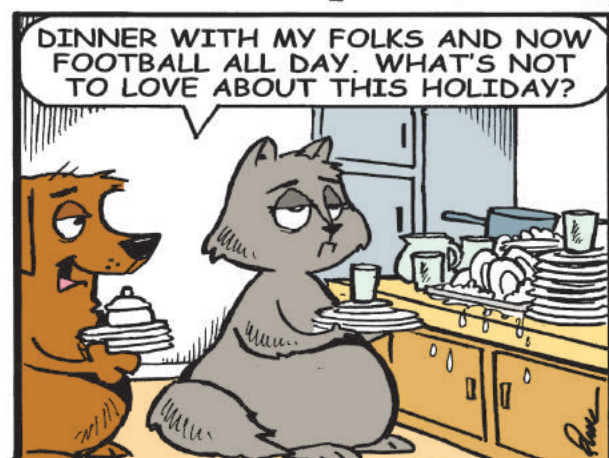
own smell. They are unique and sometimes mystical. They speak of the people who live in the home. The smells may originate from ironing clothes, baking bread or from a soap with a certain

aroma. They can come from a perfume or after-shave, wood preservatives or flooring. All carry a message and the message is clear. They produce THE SMELL OF HOME.

I arrived home to something wonderful this evening. My nose told the story. I recognized THE SMELL OF HOME and the coming wonderful meal.

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by Dave T. Phipps



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The Impact of Shopping Locally

Guest Columnist

Lindsey Preuss, Fairmont Economic Development



With Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday coming up, I'm excited to share with you the impact of shopping locally. The idea

behind Small Business Saturday is to remind and encourage people to sup-

port local businesses. To help illustrate my point, I've come up with some reasons why shopping locally is so important this holiday season, and always!

• Money that is spent here, stays here

Money that is spent locally continues to circulate throughout our community. A local business is more likely to buy from other local businesses; and they also invest in the community through their support of churches, schools, and organizations.

• Saving time and money

Shopping locally saves time and money. A shopping trip to another community costs you nearly 50 cents per mile, each way. Not only that, but you are missing valuable time away from home. Instead of travelling to do your Christmas shopping, shop local and take your family out for a night on the town!

• Support local jobs and create opportunities

By shopping local, you support and create job opportunities since retailers need to have their stores staffed.

• Help build a stronger tax base

Business property owners are taxed at a much higher rate than other property owners, in Minnesota. A stronger tax base means improved schools, better streets, parks and municipal recreation.

• Perhaps the most important reason is because it's FUN!

If you haven't had a chance to take in the view of downtown plaza after dark, I highly encourage you to do so. During this week of Thanksgiving, it's especially important to take time to appreciate what we have, and we are pretty lucky to live in such a beautiful community. During this time of year, downtown after dark is one of my favorite places to be. It fills me with joy to see all the people doing shopping or enjoying our restaurants in our beautifully decorated downtown. These businesses employ our friends and neighbors which makes the shopping experience about so much more than crossing items off our shopping lists.

-Lindsey

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Consider Shopping Locally

Guest Columnist

Margaret Dillard, President, Fairmont Area Chamber

Around this time of year, we tend to assess our purpose, our goals and we contemplate that we, in fact are blessed. We reside in a country where we are free to lead our lives and guide our families toward prosperity! We know that if we complete a unit of work, that work generates dollars and when we exchange those dollars, we turn the wheels of our economy. Freedom allows us to make choices about how and where we spend our dollars and we have an opportunity to make our world a little bit better when we make wise choices.

Simply put, we enjoy a quality of life in rural Minnesota that is the exception when thinking globally. The fact is that we enjoy a way of life that has evaporated across the world and in many cases across America. Each of us has the power to strengthen the community we live in and that is a wonderful thing!

Notice throughout this issue of the Fairmont PhotoPress that local businesses have extended to you, the consumer, an invitation and possibly added incentives to shop with them throughout this

holiday season. According to the National Retail Federation's annual survey, nearly six in 10 Americans — an estimated 137.4 million people nationwide — plan to or are considering shopping during Thanksgiving weekend. This Saturday, November 26th has been named "Small Business Saturday," but rather than limiting the concept to only this Saturday, I invite you to employ the idea of shopping local first throughout the holiday season. We all have a regional area that receives most of our hard-earned money and that is okay, but keep in mind that sim-

ply giving local businesses the first opportunity to get your dollars will bring direct benefits to you, your family, your friends and your community.

Finally, I'll leave you with three reasons why you should consider buying locally:

1. Local shop owners are your neighbors. They can offer you a customer service that you won't get elsewhere.

2. Your shopping habits can steer "supply and demand." When you and others consistently purchase an item, that item will be restocked because the shop owner knows that it will sell.

3. You can save time and travel costs when you purchase in town.

The board of directors and staff of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce wish you a very blessed holiday season and ask you to shop locally first.

- Margaret

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2. Community Well-Being

Locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social rela-

tionships, and contributing to local causes.

3. Local Decision-Making

Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.

4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy

Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much

larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.

5. Job and Wages

Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits than chains do.

6. Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.

7. Public Benefits and Costs

8. Environmental Sustainability

Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers - which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

9. Competition

A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.

10. Product Diversity

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

Support your local businesses all year long

It's important to think about your locally owned businesses, not only during the holiday time of the year, but all year long.

Many businesses work to provide you with the best quality selection they have available to them and they try to provide it to you at the best price they can, while still being able to make a living.

Many of these local businesses work to have great sales during the holidays, along with

providing you with activities, like Holiday Delights in Fairmont, Shop Local in Sherburn, and many other small local communities with their festivals and events - all supported with your purchases that keep the money coming back locally.

Spend your money in town, with people you know and live with, and those purchase dollars will come back to the communities we love and live in all year long!

Stay Home for the Holidays in Sherburn!

It's that time again, the 11th Annual Staying Home for the Holidays - Shop Sherburn!

The kick-off is Friday, December 2nd beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be a vendor show and a soup and sandwich supper in the basement of the Community Hall. Also that evening will be a hospice tree lighting, horse and carriage rides, Santa and Mrs. Claus strolling the streets and caroling by the Community Choir. Many

store front businesses are offering specials on this evening. Also, on Friday night is the opportunity to win Sherburn Bucks by playing the Free Blackout Business Game Card. The celebration continues on Saturday, December 3rd with a Santa Workshop for children grades 3 and under, a medallion hunt and a free movie.

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Fairmont Math League attends first meet

On Monday, November 7th the Fairmont High School Math League team participated in the first meet of the year in the Minnesota Valley Division of the State High School Math League.

The meet was hosted by Mankato East. Fairmont finished in fourth place with a team score of 41 points. Mankato West won the meet with a score of 63 while Mankato East finished second with a score of 59.



Valley Lutheran. Participants from Fairmont that do well at each meet earn the title of "Mathlete of the Meet". For the first meet, six individuals attained this honor: Makena Rodriguez led Fairmont with 8 individual points. Kellen Rodriguez, Ben Huinker and Taylor Eicholz each scored 6, while Jeb Green and Blake Haugen scored 5 points.

Blue Earth will host meet number two on Monday, November 28th at 3:45 p.m.

Minnesota Valley Division is made up of eight schools that compete in five meets throughout the season. Other schools in the division are St. Peter, Waseca, Lake Crystal, Welcome Memorial, and Minnesota

Martin Luther High School Events



The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held in conjunction with the Grandparents Day Dinner at Martin Luther High School on October 31st. Pictured front row (L to R): Marissa Steinhaus, Macy Quinn, Lindsey Miles, Madison Johnson, Katelyn Garrison, Rachel Nemanic and Sierra Geistfeld. Back Row: Tristan Taylor, Sidney Visser, James Schunk, Wyatt Kube, Hanna Geistfeld, Renae Wallace, Isaac Creech, Carter Wille, Lisa Kube (Advisor) and Deborah Watt.



Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon delivered Thanksgiving groceries to 61 area Military families on November 12th. Honoring military families is MCB-TYR mission and with your donations this is possible. During the delivery is a time to connect with families listening, laughing along with some tears as many families have loved ones deployed during the holiday season. All families appreciate our thanking them for their service and know that they are in our prayers this Holiday Season.



Fairmont Rotary trivia night winners were "The Quizerables". The teams next play January 17th, 2017 at the Blazer Bar Fairmont. This fundraiser is held to help support international projects for orphaned kids.



Cody Wiens, 2003 Martin Luther High School alumnus, spoke of the impact that Lutheran education had on his life at the "Joyful Thanks" Fall Benefit Dinner at MLHS. The musical group "Blend" also entertained. The event raised nearly \$20,000 in support of the MLHS ministry.



Martin Luther High School in Northrop gave out nearly 1,400 blinking buttons and greeting cards to trick-or-treaters on Halloween in Fairmont. Funding for the "Truth or Treat" project was provided by a Community Outreach Grant from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

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Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont Community Update

As Thanksgiving and other holidays approach, it's a good time to reflect on the many things for which we're thankful. As you'll see in this update, we're so very fortunate to have great communities and an outstanding organization to ensure health care in Fairmont is successful. And we're extremely grateful to you, our community members, for supporting our mission and trusting us with your care. Let's take a look at what's going on at the medical center and in our community.

Community

A special thank you goes out to the Truman community. They are displaying a hospice tree to honor and remember people's loved ones who've passed away. Funds raised will benefit patients and family members cared for by the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Hospice Department.

• During the month of December, departments at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont are "adopting" Lutz Wing residents to spend time with throughout the month. This is a great way to bring holiday cheer to these individuals and brighten their days.

• Thank you to the Martin County West volleyball team and area community members for supporting infusion therapy patients through the recent Fight Night fundraiser. The event raised \$7,893.

• As demand for health care rises locally and nationally, we think it's important to highlight the outstanding collaboration we have with Presentation College. Together, we contribute to the growth of health care students in our community. A few key points:

- Presentation College has 60 students in the pre-nursing and nursing programs, as well as 15

students in the radiology technician program.

- Both the nursing and radiology programs use the medical center for clinic rotations.

- Many Presentation College graduates are employed within Mayo Clinic Health System.

- Three-fourths of Presentation College students are from outside Martin County. This helps bring new people into the community workforce.

- I (Dr. Marie Morris) am a Presentation College board member and regularly attend meetings in Aberdeen, South Dakota, which is Presentation College's headquarters.

• We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who participated in the Homes for the Holiday Tour to benefit hospice, especially those who opened their homes for the event: Marlene Ditzler; Ardell and Dave Ehlers; Pam and Greg Olson; and Joy and Joe Dil-

lion.

• We're proud to sponsor Fairmont Youth Hockey and Junior Achievement this year. We have eight employees teaching nine sessions of Junior Achievement in the Fairmont public and parochial schools.

Growth and Services

• Gold Cross Ambulance - Mayo Clinic Medical Transport opened its new facility on the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont campus Monday, November 14th. This new facility consolidates all ambulance operations under one roof, as well as improves efficiency and response time. Previously, office space, crew quarters and the ambulance garage were all located in different locations within the city of Fairmont. With growing demand and call volumes, the facility was built for expansion as staff is expected to increase in 2017. Some of the features include direct connections to Mayo Clinic IT networks, in-floor heat, energy efficiencies and LED lighting throughout

the building. This is an investment in Gold Cross' staff and its long-term presence in the community. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.6 million.

-Marie Morris, M.D., medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

-Bob Bartingale, administrator, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

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OBITUARY notices

Alvin B. Thompson, 77



Alvin B Thompson, 77, was born February 23rd, 1939 in Eagle Grove, Iowa and was raised around Renwick, Humboldt and Fort Dodge.

On November 13th, 2016, Alvin's guardian angels came to take him home where he will be joining his father and mother, Earl and Dorothy Thompson, brothers, Don Thompson, Jerry Thompson and Denny Thompson along with niece, Brenda Laing and nephew, Mike Thompson.

His wife, Dolores Meinhardt Irwin Thompson, Topeka, Kansas, will deeply miss him. Alvin had and treasured many good times and memories with his brothers and sisters, his son, Duane Thompson and family, and niece, Marcia Thompson.

Some of his hobbies were gardening and canning tomatoes, cooking, hunting, fishing, boating and travel where he visited many of the Caribbean Islands. He visited the island of Aruba eleven times. He loved and enjoyed his two rat terriers, Missy and Molly. He loved country music and has read many country western fiction books.

Surviving brothers and sisters are Gary (Gin) Thompson, Coralville, IA, Sidney (Kathy) Thompson, New Knoxville, OH, Earlene Metzger, Fort Dodge, IA, Joann (Virgil) Habben, Albert City, IA, Gloria (Darrell) Jackson, Pocahontas, IA, Joyce (Larry) Day, Fairmont, MN, Deb (Fred) Fridolfson, Humboldt, IA, Karen (Mel) Balsley, Forest City, IA, four children, Pam (Bill) Hendershot, West Des Moines, IA, Duane (Rose) Thompson, Sheboygan, WI, Mark (Sally) Thompson, Ankeny, IA, and Kevin (Erin) Thompson, Fort Dodge, IA, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A celebration of Alvin's Life will be held in Topeka, KS and at Fairmont, MN at later dates. Memorials made be given to the Topeka Humane Society.

Delores M. Daleske, 82



A Celebration of Life service for Delores M. Daleske, 82, of Ceylon, was held Wednesday, November 23rd, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon. Burial will be at a later date in Lake Belt Township Cemetery near Ceylon.

Joel W. Beckmann, 74



Joel William Beckmann of Tehachapi, California, was born August 26th, 1942 and passed away August 31st, 2016. Joel is survived by his loving wife Barbara Beckmann, his sister Patricia Kneeland, his daughters Kristin (John) Beucherie, Tara (John) Schutz, Sherri (Tim) Wilson, Tracy Madison and Kimberly (Erich) Hernandez-Baquero, grandchildren Jessica, Michaela, Kurtis, Nathan, Adam, Casey, Chad, Cassandra, Cooper, Jack, Matthew, Mia, and one great-granddaughter, Luna, and many nieces and nephews.

Joel was generous, kind and a friend to all, a scientist and train buff, with an insatiable quest for learning and a lifelong interest in how the world works. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years, retiring as Lt. Colonel, after which he worked in the private sector, and then as a civil servant at Edwards Air Force Base. One would think retirement would mean leisure time, but not for Joel. He used his interests and talents as Chairman of the Board of the Arts, Science and Technology Corporation of Tehachapi and worked on fundraising and construction of the STEAM Center on the Tehachapi High School campus amongst other programs to enhance learning opportunities and spark the growth of the minds of kids.

Delores passed away Saturday, November 19th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled the arrangements for the family.

Delores Mae (Nutt) Daleske was born on April 5th, 1934 in Fairmont, the daughter of Ray and Rose (Prochniak) Nutt. She attended Fairmont High School. While in school she worked at the A & W Drive Inn. She was united in marriage to Karl Daniel Daleske on August 10th, 1952 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon. They were one of the first couples married in the new

ing wife Barbara Beckmann, his sister Patricia Kneeland, his daughters Kristin (John) Beucherie, Tara (John) Schutz, Sherri (Tim) Wilson, Tracy Madison and Kimberly (Erich) Hernandez-Baquero, grandchildren Jessica, Michaela, Kurtis, Nathan, Adam, Casey, Chad, Cassandra, Cooper, Jack, Matthew, Mia, and one great-granddaughter, Luna, and many nieces and nephews.

Joel was generous, kind and a friend to all, a scientist and train buff, with an insatiable quest for learning and a lifelong interest in how the world works. He served in the U.S. Air Force

church. Delores loved gardening, crocheting, crossword puzzles and bingo. Most of all, she loved her family and loved to be around them. Karl passed away April 12th, 2006. Earlier this year, Delores entered the Trimont Healthcare Center.

She is survived by four daughters: Teresa Johnson (Gary), Linda Bakke (Olin), Kathy Anderson (Sam), Vicki Smith (Scott); seven grandchildren: Jessica Brown (Casper), Jeremy Gibson (Abby), Justin Gibson (Beth Paris), Jason Bakke, Carl Hughes (Julie), Daniel Smith, Nicole Smith; four great grandchildren: Michael, Alysha and MiKayla Casias, Trinity Gibson; many step

grandchildren and great great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law: Mary Klopp and Ardis Nutt; brother-in-law: Martin Rettig; special family friends, Jerry and Pauline Gibson and their large family; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Rose Nutt; husband, Karl Daleske; two brothers, Donald and Richard Nutt; and granddaughter, Stacey Jean Hughes.

The family would like to thank everyone at the Trimont Healthcare Center for their kindness shown and great care of Delores.

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wonders why things work like they do, why people act like they do, and dig into any unanswered questions they have, is bound to be successful." He added, "Education is so important because it forms the basis for sustaining and advancing our existence." He was involved in his church, Stallion Springs Community Church, and will be remembered for sharing his smile, his enthusiasm for life and for his ability to encourage us all to believe in ourselves.

Arrangements were by Joshua Memorial Park & Mortuary, Lancaster, California.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A mission can be defined as a very important assignment. We often think of a mission assignment as a trip to a far away destination with the goal of helping other people. Mission assignments can happen in our own community when we work together.

One mission that has been happening in our community for nine years is the food pack for Kids

Against Hunger. This is an event that packs nutritious rice based meals for distribution to our local food shelves and out to over 60 countries in the world. People of all ages have gathered together as work groups, families, friends and service groups to be part of a fun afternoon which will benefit people near and far.

Plans are underway for

the next Kids Against Hunger food pack to be held on Saturday, February 18th, 2017 at the Fairmont Armory. We invite you to join this mission by forming a team and raising money to purchase the food ingredients and cover shipping costs. The youth of our community are leading the way by planning and producing a talent show/concert to be held Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 at the Fairmont Area Jr/Sr High School at 7 p.m. This fun evening is an im-

portant fundraiser for Kids Against Hunger and highlights some amazing youth talent and leadership.

For more information on joining this mission, please visit our local website, <http://kahfairmont-mn.weebly.com>. I have been privileged to be part of this mission for over six years and I look forward to having you join us in 2017 for Kids Against Hunger.

Donna McMurtry
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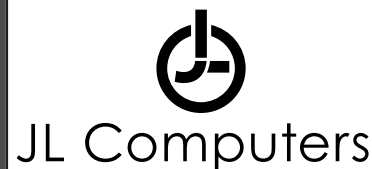
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Key Ag Policy issues ahead

Guest Columnist

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The highly contentious 2016 Election is now history, and we will now move forward with the new Trump Administration, as well with new leadership at USDA and in other key Federal agencies. There are many major issues that could potentially affect the agriculture industry, which still need to be addressed and resolved by Congress and the White House in the next few years.

Following is some perspective on some of the key ag policy issues that could be under consideration during the next session of Congress, or by policy initiatives from the Trump Administration:

- **The Next Farm Bill** --- The current Farm Bill expires after the 2018 crop year, so early development of the next Farm Bill is likely to start occurring in Congress and with agricultural leaders during the next year. There are many groups and organizations pushing for major policy changes in the next Farm Bill. As usual, the budget allocation toward the next Farm Bill will be a big part of that discussion, with some members of Congress already calling for budget cuts when the next Farm Bill is written.

One of the key ag policy discussions will include whether or not the county revenue-based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) farm program option should be continued in the next Farm Bill. The ARC-CO program has been difficult for producers to understand, and there have been wide variations in payment levels from county-to-county for the same crop. Other key Farm Bill considerations will include expanding the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage and funding for other conservation programs, re-

structuring the Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP), and funding for ag research.

Spending on food and nutrition programs accounts for almost three-fourths of the Farm Bill budget, and some members of Congress would like to see major changes in the requirements and budget allocations for these programs in the next Farm Bill. In addition, some members of Congress have also proposed totally separating the food and nutrition programs from the Farm Bill, which was highly controversial in the development of the current Farm Bill.

- **Crop Insurance** --- Another segment of the Farm Bill that is likely to come under considerable scrutiny is the Federal Crop Insurance program, with non-agriculture organizations pushing for changes to crop insurance even before the writing of the next Farm Bill. Most of the push is to lower the Federal budget for crop insurance expenditures by reducing the premium subsidy, which will increase the farm operators cost of crop insurance. There is also some push to put a cap on insurance payments to individual farmers, which could affect the whole dynamics of the crop insurance industry. In the past, Congressional ag leaders have been able to protect the crop insurance program from extreme budget reductions and changes. Crop insurance continues to be one of the main risk management tools for crop producers of all sizes, and provides added security to ag lenders that are financing farm operations.

- **Rising Health Care Costs** --- Rising health care costs are a major concern for farm families and other

rural families across the country, including in Minnesota and Iowa. Some families have seen health insurance premiums rise 50-100 percent in the past couple of years, with individual farm families and sole small business owners now paying \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year or more for health care premiums, if they are even able to find adequate health care coverage. Mandated health insurance premium costs are a major issue in many rural areas of the U.S., both from a health care and financial standpoint. President-Elect Trump and many members of Congress have pledged to address these issues in 2017.

- **Trade Agreements** --- There was not a lot of recognition of agriculture related issues in the recent Presidential election; however, one topic that did get considerable discussion was past and potential future trade agreements. As recently as 2014, exports of agricultural products accounted for approximately one-third of the total value of U.S. ag production, including 39 percent of total ag cash

receipts in Minnesota and 37 percent in Iowa. There are several pending trade agreements that need to be resolved by Congress and the White House, with the biggest of these is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement with many Asian Countries, including Japan. There was also some discussion of re-opening and possibly revising the NAFTA trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, as well as in regards to trade agreements with China and other countries.

There does not appear to be much momentum to approve the TPP agreement during the "lame-duck" session of Congress late in 2016, even though President Obama strongly supports TPP. Based on comments by President-Elect Trump, passing TPP in Congress and getting Presidential approval in 2017 may also be very difficult, unless some changes are made to the current TPP proposed agreement. The anti-trade sentiment that was exhibited during this past election cycle has some agriculture leaders a bit worried, due to the potential financial impact on all segments of the agriculture industry.

- **WOTUS and Other Environmental Issues** --- Many members of Congress and farm operators have become increasingly

concerned with the enhanced environmental regulations that have been administratively enacted by Environmental Protection agency (EPA). Many of the proposed regulations could potentially have a direct impact on the future of production agriculture in some areas of the U.S. The current item that is garnering considerable attention is the proposal by EPA to expand the definitions and regulatory controls under Clean Water Act related to the "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS). Some agriculture analysts feel that if the WOTUS provisions are fully enacted, it could greatly restrict future crop and livestock production in portions of the U.S.

- **Renewable Energy** --- The Trump Administration and Congress will need to decide what future direction the U.S. takes regarding the mandated use of renewable fuels through the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS), and other incentives for renewable fuels, such as tax credits, etc. While there is generally considerable support for development of alternative energy sources, Congress and many organizations have become quite

divided on the RFS and other mandated energy programs. Ethanol production, which is covered by the RFS, has a major economic impact for farm operators and on the overall rural economy, especially in the Midwest.

- **Farm Financial Stress** --- Low profitability in both crop and livestock production in the past couple of years has increased financial stress for farm families in many areas of the U.S., including Minnesota, Iowa, and other Midwestern States. Many ag experts expect this trend to continue into 2017 and 2018. Some ag leaders are questioning if current farm risk management tools and Federal "safety net" programs are adequate to protect farm operators from financial collapse during these downturn periods. Expect this to be a major point discussion by ag leaders with the new Administration, as well as with Congressional leaders in the coming months. The financial health of the production ag sector is also likely to impact discussions and hearings related to a new Farm Bill.



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Fairmont Cross Country Awards

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23 teams in the Section Meet. The website XCNATION.com has compiled its final national ranking for Division Two schools. The division is determined by school size. Fairmont finished the year ranked #8 in the girls. Other Minnesota teams ranked in

the top 25 were: #10 Perham, #22 Annandale and #24 Luverne. "I feel it is an honor and reward for the great season the girls had," said head coach Bob Bonk. To see the entire top 25 teams, go to XCNATION.com.



Laura Thompson - Rookie of the Year



Connor Artner - Rookie of the Year



Hannah Neusch - Outstanding Junior Varsity Prospect



Nathan Willett - Most Valuable Runner, All Section



Sara Krumholz - Most Improved, All-State, Academic All-State, All Section



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Jenna Pavich - Most Valuable Runner, Academic All-State, All Section. Pavich finished her cross country career as the #5 point scorer in Fairmont Area School history with 1,253 points.

Cardinal Girls Soccer Awards



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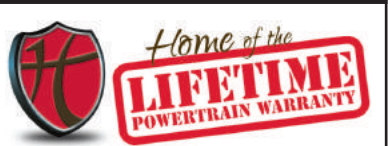
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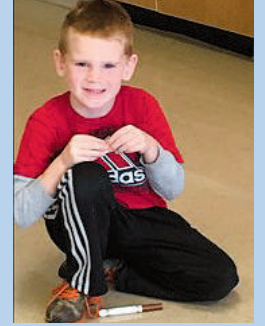
Classes at Fairmont Elementary celebrate American Education Week



Students at Fairmont Area Elementary School celebrated American Education Week, November 14th-18th. (above) Mrs. Viesselman's third grade class, (top right) Mrs. Traetow's 2nd grade class. (right) Mrs. Brolsma's first grade class.



(left) Fairmont Area High School math teacher Brad Haugen works with 1st grade students at Fairmont Area Elementary School on computer coding. Even our youngest learners are becoming computer savvy!!



(above) Kindergarten students at Fairmont Elementary School recently had fun creating beautiful invitations for family and friends inviting them to attend the upcoming school Christmas concert.

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