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FCH Fairmont Community Hospital Foundation

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## Parents dream about the birth of their child.

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The new warmers would better support the nurse by helping to keep healthy babies healthy. The new technology warmers provide direct heat to the newborn and not the caregiver. The overhead heater is no longer clumsy and the design allows nurses and providers to stay cool and comfortable while providing care to the newborn. The updated design allows easy access to the newborn while keeping them warm and content during care as well as benefiting our patient's family by allowing them more room to interact with their newborn. An integrated oxygen and resuscitation system allows staff quick access to everything they would need to provide resuscitation therapy to a high risk newborn when things do not go as planned.

## Nurses balance human touch with medical technology to keep health babies healthy.

Support the family birth center at our local hospital by sending a donation to FCH Foundation at PO Box 826 Fairmont MN 56031.
Contact Kayla Caven with any questions at 507.236.3397.

**HEIMER - Elizabeth Amy and Mitchell Curtis Heimer were wed September 17th, 2016 at United Methodist Church in Owatonna with Rev. Scott Williams officiating. A reception followed at the VFW in Owatonna. The bride's parents are Mark and Margaret Durkee of Truman and the bridegroom's parents are Curt and Lisa Heimer of Adams, Minnesota. Elizabeth is a 2010 graduate of Truman High School and a 2015 graduate of Minnesota State University Mankato with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education. She is working on her Master's degree for the same and works for the State Health Improvement Program. Mitchell is a 2009 graduate of Adams High School and a 2015 graduate of MSU-Mankato with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Media. He currently manages Wagner Foods in New Richland, Minnesota. The couple lives in New Richland.** ***Photo courtesy of Clear Photography, Owatonna.***

**Dave Ehlert of Ceylon was a grand prize winner of the MegaSota Bingo game November 29th. This is a statewide Bingo game played at charitable gambling locations every Tuesday evening. Dave won his prize of $13,304 at Shenanigans in Fairmont, with proceeds from the charitable gambling going to the Fairmont Fire Department Relief Association. Pictured** ***(L to R)*** **James Freeman of Fairmont Fire, Dave Ehlert and Brandon Scott of Fairmont Fire Department.**

**WAGENMAN - Krista Weiss and Jory Wagenman were united in marriage on August 28th, 2016 at Deer Lake Orchard in Buffalo, Minnesota with Pastor Steve Wilson of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherburn officiating. The bride's parents are David and Kathy Weiss of Trimont and the groom's parents are Terry and Janee Wagenman of Dunnell. A reception was held at the Orchard following the service. The couple lives in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.**

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their **Wednesday evening suppers** through the month of December and into January. This Wednesday, December 14th they are serving fish fillets and mashed potatoes and next Wednesday, December 21st will feature scalloped potatoes and ham. A $2 donation is suggested. Everyone is welcome.

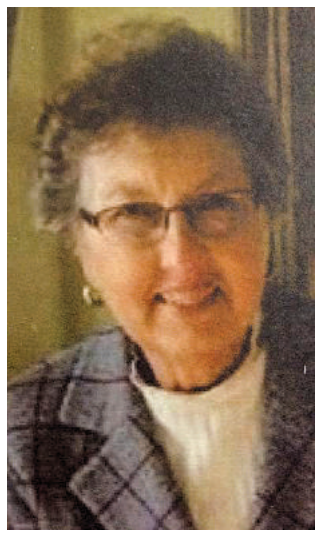
**Umbreit's U-Turn Bar and Museum** in Dunnell will host its annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

CORRECTION - In last week's ribbon cutting pictures, one of the businesses was misnamed. The correct name is **"Building Blocks Learning Center."**

## Marriage License Applications

Collin Kingsley Bewley and Hayley Jo Grefe

The Ceylon Fire Department will host a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, December 18th from 9 a.m. to noon at the former Ceylon American Legion Hall. Pancakes, french toast, sausage, ham and a beverage will be served for a suggested donation. Santa will also make an appearance for the kids.



**FRANCK 80TH - Janice Franck of Fairmont, formerly of rural Dunnell, will be celebrating her 80th birthday with family and friends at an open house on Saturday, December 17th from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Meadows (formerly known as Village Cooperative), 1310 Adams Avenue, Apt. 305 in Fairmont. No gifts please.**

**Arc Different Drummer Dance Club** will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVPs for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, December 15th. Contact Pat Willett-Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will hold its **annual Christmas meeting** on Thursday, December 15th at 6 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont. All wives and friends are welcome.

**FENSKE 85TH - an 85th birthday celebration for Richard Fenske of Fairmont will be held Monday, December 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the family room at Goldfinch Assisted Living, 850 Goldfinch Street in Fairmont. All family and friends are invited. Cards can reach him at 850 Goldfinch Street, Apt 605, Fairmont, MN 56031.**

The Blue Earth Area High School **Knowledge Bowl team** will host the annual Holiday Knowledge Bowl practice at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20th. Practice will be held in Room 210 - just off the Media Center, and current team members will bring holiday treats to share. Questions will include Christmas season trivia as well as the standard Knowledge Bowl fare. Supervising this session is Knowledge Bowl Coach Will Howieson, assisted by retired music teacher Mike Ellingsen, who has been BEA Knowledge Bowl Coach since the 1984-1985 school year. All Knowledge Bowl alumni are invited to attend.

# Keeping healthy babies healthy

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Integrated oxygen and resuscitation systems allow staff quick access to everything they would need to provide resuscitation therapy to a high risk newborn when things do not go as planned. Overall, it would improve the nursing/provider experience in providing care to newborns through better equipment/technology support, and support the patient/family experience.

FCH Foundation has granted one infant warmer to our local hospital but it is our hope that enough of the community will come together and help us reach a goal of $52,000.

To make your donation, send a check to FCH Foundation, PO Box 826, Fairmont, MN 56031.

See the Foundation's front page ad in this week's Photo Press.

# Glenn Henriksen to perform at Immanuel Lutheran in Dunnell

Renowned pianist and organist Glenn Henriksen of Armstrong, Iowa, will be performing a concert celebrating Christmas hymns of the church on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dunnell.

This concert will celebrate Christmas, with original arrangements by Glenn as well as featured soloists performing songs in Swedish to reflect the heritage of the church and a special appearance by Millie Kittleson, Santa Lucia and others. The concert will also include an audience hymn sing-a-long.

A free-will offering will be taken. Plan to stay for coffee and bars following the concert, where you can meet Glenn in person. Glenn will have CDs available for sale, and can autograph them for you, the perfect Christmas gift for the music lover on your list.

Join us for Glenn Henriksen's special Christmas concert Sunday, December 18th, 2:00 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 315 N Seeley Ave, Dunnell. For questions, please call 507-695-2280 or 507-848-5210.

# U.S. Bank best brand for business

U.S. Bank has been named a Best Brand for Small Business and for Middle Market Banking by leading consulting and research firm Greenwich Associates. U.S. Bank has an office in Fairmont.

U.S. Bank is among eight banks that won national Best Brand Overall awards in both the small business ($1 million to $10 million in annual sales) and Middle Market categories ($10 million to $500 million in annual sales) from Stamford-based Greenwich Associates.

The Greenwich Best Brand Awards are based on thousands of interviews conducted from January through September as part of the Greenwich Associates Small Business and Middle Market research programs. They measure bank's reputation by company owners and executives. To be selected as a Greenwich Best Brand winner, a bank must have a score for a particular service that is statistically higher than the industry average.

U.S. Bank was recognized as a Best Brand in six categories: Overall, Loans or Lines of Credit, and Cash Management for Small Business and Overall, Loans or Lines of Credit and Cash Management for Middle Market.

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MONEY Magazine and Nerdwallet also recently recognized the U.S. Bank Business Edge™ Platinum credit card as a "Best for Borrowing" in the Small Business category of MONEY's annual "Best Credit Cards" listing.

# Fairmont Hockey salutes Veterans

The Fairmont Youth Hockey Association would like to thank and honor all active duty and veterans of the military this Thursday, December 15th during their Military Salute Night.

The event will take place at the Fairmont Area girls hockey game versus Mankato West at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night at the Martin County Arena at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

All veterans and active duty personnel will receive free admission to the game that evening.

Other activities planned for the event include the Fairmont American Legion Post #36 and Fairmont VFW Post #1222 providing Color Guard and presenting the colors, the National Anthem will be performed by local choral group "Brothers in Grace" and Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will have an information table set up that night.

Come out and show all active duty military and veterans your support Thursday night!


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Laura and Tom Kramer

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# Memories of Christmas Past

***Guest Columnist***

**Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society**

Christmas of 2016 is almost here. We all have vivid memories of past Christmases from our childhood. In looking back over 100 years, it's interesting to consider what Christmas was like at that time as compared to the present. One means of accomplishing this "backward glance," is to look through the eyes of two memorable individuals that might well be considered historicaly significant to Martin County, namely, Claude Swanson and Arthur Nelson. Both of these individuals are capable of relating their Christmas memories in their own unique manner.

**Claude Swanson.** ***Photo courtesy of the Fairmont Sentinel***

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

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

**Major Nelson**

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

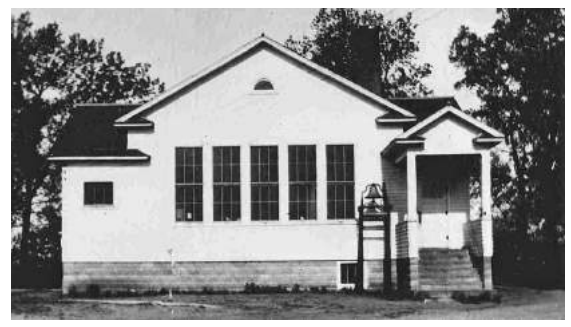
He went on to tell of the food, and how it differed as compared to the time of his writing in 1945. "Even the food was different in those days. Mush and milk at supper time, with perhaps 'salt herring.' 'Johnny cake' and milk. Home churned butter and buttermilk. Salt pork. Potato pancake, baked in the oven with a cut of fresh, lean side-pork on every piece. Vegetable sour cooked in an iron kettle, over a wood fire."

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

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

**Rural School District #9 (Tenhassen) - original building**

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



**School District #9 - second school building**

Arthur Nelson recalls the happiest part of Christmas being the opportunity to spend time mingling with people from his old neighborhood including School District Number nine in Tenhassen. He recalls with pride the Christmas programs in which every child and parent connected with the school were in attendance. He tells of the young teacher and her work with the children in being able to bring out the best in those youngsters. He goes on to relate the songs, the recitations, the little plays, all carrying forth the message and meaning of Christmas. He speaks of the tree, Santa Claus, the simple presents, although inexpensive, that were "richer in value than any silver or gold."

Swanson's colloquial descriptions depicting his childhood memories of Christmas point to a very different time, a much simpler time, and a far less extravagant time. Nelson's recollection of Christmas in Tenhassen as a child also exemplifies the real meaning of Christmas from his perspective.

Imagine, there were no computers, no cell phones, no video games, no big screen TVs, no lavish Christmas parties, no expensive gifts, and the unthinkable - no "Black Friday." How could they have possibly survived? Yet, those memories of Swanson's and Nelson's, as well as Christmas memories for those of us that may recall some of those somewhat "simpler" times from the past, are very likely indelibly etched in our minds as being remarkably happy and memorable.

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

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Fruit cake can get a bad rap!

I like many others have never cared for fruit cake, but I have found a recipe which is an exception to the rule. It came from the "Taste of Home" magazine. The lady who submitted the recipe said that she whips up 60 loaves to give as gifts for the holidays. Besides that, it calls for 2 cups of butter, so I figured I had to try it. I took it for a treat to the exercise group I attend and they loved it. I hope that you will try it too.

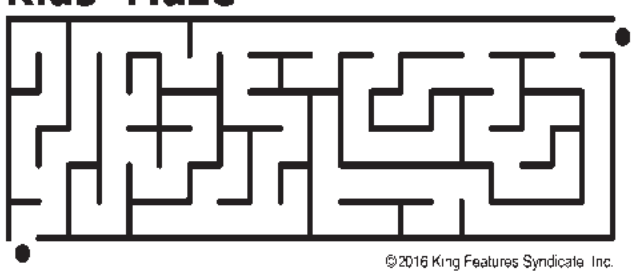
**Holiday White Fruitcake**

1 pkg. (8 oz.) chopped mixed candied fruit
1 1/4 cups golden raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
3 cups all purpose flour, divided
2 cups butter, softened (no substitutes)
2 cups sugar
6 eggs

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Line bottoms of four greased 9x5 inch loaf pans with greased parchment paper. In a small bowl, combine candied fruit, raisins and walnuts. Add 1/2 cup of the flour, toss to coat. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in remaining flour. Fold in fruit mixture. Divide prepared batter among the four prepared pans. Bake 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool. To serve slice each loaf into 16 slices.

Drive carefully and have a great week!

## Kids' Maze



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis would like to take this opportunity to give a big "Thank-you" to the community for their support at our recent pancake fundraiser.

We served nearly 600 hungry supporters that evening at the Five Lakes Centre Mall!

Once again, thank-you for your support.

Lowell Spee
Event Chairperson

* * *

Blood donations typically drop from Thanksgiving through New Years. Thanks to the donors who came to donate in spite of the cold and windy weather. Here are the results from the December blood drive:

**Tuesday, December 6th:** 102 units collected with a goal of 121 units
**Wednesday, December 7th:** 86 units collected with a goal of 96 units
**Thursday, December 8th:** 62 units collected with a goal of 49 units

In total 235 units were collected on the goal of 279. Thank you to all the blood donors that answered the call to come and donate.

Special thank you to all the volunteers:

•Thanks to all the long time volunteers and the new volunteers who have answered the call for greeter and canteen volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering contact Cathy Stapel @ 507-381-2066

•John McDonald and Kyle Redenius with Sentenced to Serve

•And always, Holiday Inn for the fine facilities and great staff, especially Mike Christians and Megan Johnson for their assistance.

The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, visit redcross.org. The need is constant.

The next blood drive will be February 14th-16th. Contact Red Cross for appointments 1-800-RED CROSS.

Sincerely,
Cathy Stapel
American Red Cross

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The Salvation Army of Fairmont would like to say thank you to everyone for helping with Community Kamp For Kids (Red Bag Day) by Sentinel, Photo Press, Inc., Woodward Broadcasting Inc., KSUM Radio, and all the sponsors supporters, drivers and runners who picked up the food, people who were sorting the food donations and toys, clean up and setting up and all the donations that were given for the drive, you all were a blessing. Many people in our community will receive help because of your generosity. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated!

Again, thank you so very much for assisting those in need.

Have a great day in Him!
In His service,
JoAnn Hixenbaugh,
Major
Corps Officer

## Local musician receives $3,000 PLRAC grant

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council announces that $27,000 in Professional Mid-Career Artist Grants has been awarded to nine artists at $3,000 each and $6,000 in Artist Career Development Grants to six area artists, according to Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

Martin County artist Paul Hambrick from Fairmont received a $3,000 Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant from The PrairieLakesRegionalArts Council.

Paul is musician and will use the artist grant for writing songs and studio time for recording a serial narrative told in songs. The recordings will be available through the internet and he will perform the songs at concerts in Minneapolis, Fairmont and Duluth in March 2017.

The purpose of the PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant Program is to provide financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists expanding their present work, advancing in skill, technique and/or moving in a new direction are eligible. Applications are accepted from artists in all art disciplines including: dance, literature, music, theater, and visual art.

This program is made possible by funds provided by the McKnight Foundation of Minneapolis under a program designed and administered by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Waseca.

## 3 area Concordia students in Christmas concert

Four Christmas at Concordia concerts brought more than 3,000 Concordia students, faculty and staff, alumni and community members to St. John Lutheran Church near campus.

The concerts featured the Women's Chorale, Male Chorus, Concordia Handbell Choir, University Brass Ensemble, University A Cappella Choir and University Symphonic Band.

Rachel Krome of Fairmont, Rebekah Rusert of Truman, and Mason Koeritz of Northrop, each participated in four Christmas at Concordia concerts.

Concordia University, is located in Seward, Nebraska.

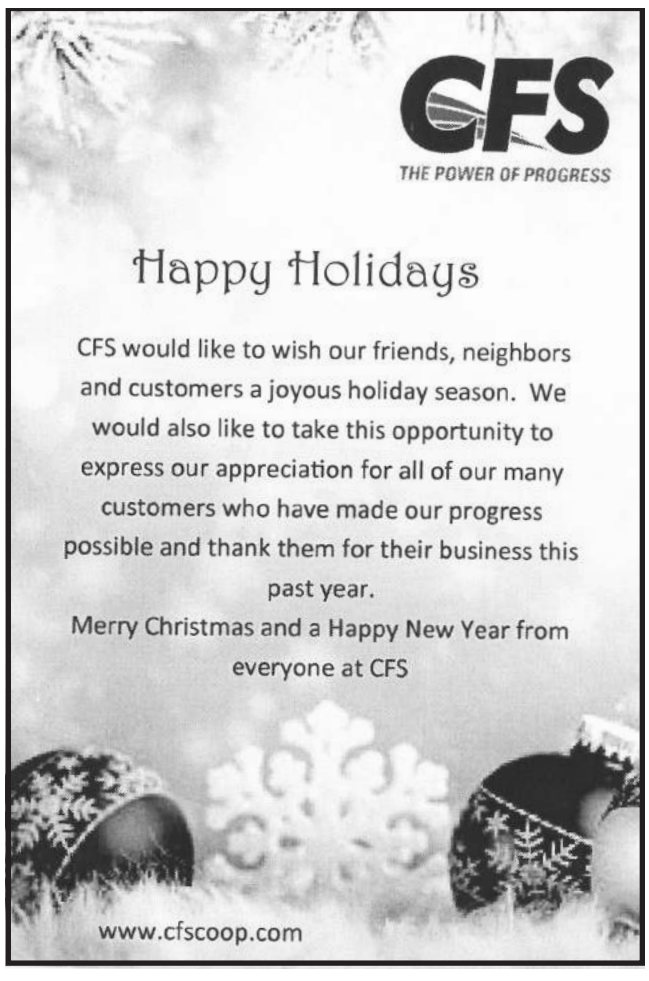
## Meal delivery cancelled for first half of January

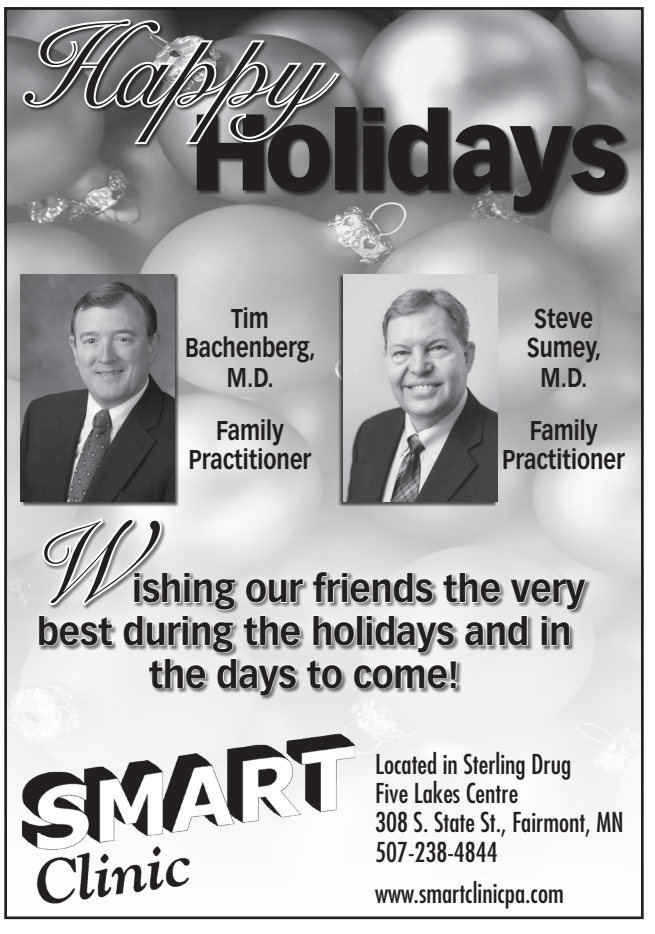
Due to lack of service groups and churches available to deliver, Hot Meals on Wheels meal delivery to shut-ins in the Fairmont area will be cancelled for the period of January 1st through the 15th, 2017.

Delivery will resume on Monday, January 16th, 2017.

If you have a group of people willing to donate their time of one hour per day, contact Linda Bach Quade at 235-3820 or email her at linda_303@yahoo.com.

Hot Meals on Wheels is a community service of delivering noon meals to people with limited mobility.

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**Fri, Dec 16 ·6-10 pm:** Paul Stewart
**Sat, Dec 17 · 5-7 pm:** Fish Fry
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## FAIRMONT AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.

**DEC 15 - 21**

**Breakfast menu can be found online.**

**THUR: K-6:** Chicken sandwich, chicken caesar salad wrap, fries, coleslaw, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla, brown rice, broccoli ranch salad, red pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail.
**FRI: K-6:** Mini turkey corn dog, pretzel, sunbutter and cheese fun lunch, carrots, caesar salad, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Swedish meatballs, dinner roll, green beans, caesar salad, broccoli, apple, strawberry cup.
**MON: K-6:** Hot dog, ham, cheese and lettuce wrap, baked beans, apple, peaches. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, sweet corn salad, carrots, apple, pears.
**TUE: K-6:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, turkey and cheese sandwich, broccoli, carrots, strawberry cup, mandarin orange and pineapple. **JR/HS:** Roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, stuffing, cranberry sauce, caesar salad, broccoli, banana, strawberry cup.
**WED: K-6:** BBQ chicken drumstick, dinner roll, apple crisp, ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, broccoli, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, spinach and cranberry salad, carrots, orange, applesauce.

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## HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Linda Bach-Quade 507-235-3820.

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## TRUMAN AREA

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**DEC 15 - 21**

**THUR:** Pulled pork, tator tots, coleslaw, fruit.
**FRI:** Chicken fajita, spanish rice, corn, refried beans, carrots, apple.
**MON:** Chicken quesadilla, broccoli, spinach salad, applesauce.
**TUE:** Hamburger, fries, veggies, fruit.
**WED:** Chicken noodle soup, PB sandwich, spinach salad, carrots, apple, orange.

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**DEC 15 - 21**

**THUR:** Cheeseburger, baked beans, broccoli ranch salad, applesauce.
**FRI:** Swedish meatballs, dinner roll, green beans, broccoli, strawberry cup.
**MON:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, sweet corn salad, apple.
**TUES:** Roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, caesar salad, strawberry cup.
**WED:** Cheese stuffed bread, mashed potatoes, carrots, applesauce.

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## SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday. Meals catered by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare. To reserve your meal, call 238-1650 between 9 a.m. and noon the day before. All area seniors welcome. LSS Senior Nutrition is made possible in part under the Federal Older American Act through an award from the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

**DEC 15 - 21**

**THURS:** Roast turkey, dressing, gravy, winter mix veggies, cream pie.
**FRI:** Shrimp poppers, hashbrown bake, mixed veggies, ice cream.
**MON:** Bean soup, cornbread, twinkie dessert.
**TUE:** Pot roast, gravu, red skin potatoes, carrots, custard.
**WED:** Chicken Ala King, biscuit, beet pickle, lettuce salad, brownie.

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Larry Johnson, atty.-in-fact, Robert Johnson to Steven D. Roben, Und. 1/2 Int. W½NW¼, 27-102-33

American Legion Post 529, Nassen-Detert American Legion Post #529, Nassen-Detert Post No. 529 American Legion to Frederick Otto Schmidtke, Lots 10, 11, 12, Block 4, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

Jon L. Askevold, Pamela F. Askevold, Patricia E. Grathwohl, Steven M. Grathwohl, Jeanne M. Lindberg, Ronald Lindberg, Dwayne Maday, Robert A. Maday to Kristin Schmidtke, Ryan Schmidtke, Lot 3, Block 1, Grathwohls Addn., Pt. L4, 20-101-30

Castle 2016 LLC to Heather S. Moeller, Brandon M. Spreng, Lot 3, W.10' of N½ Lot 2, Block 30, Extension to Truman

RB Fretty Properties LLC to Bruce Brockmann, Bryan Brockmann, Pt. NW¼NW¼, Pt. NE¼SW¼, 29-103-29, S½S½SW¼, 20-103-29

Wells Fargo Bank to Connie Jean Sathoff, W.80' Lot 1, Block 4, Wards Addn.

Glenn Krueger, Jerome K. Krueger, Jerry Krueger, Terri Krueger, Janet Temple, John Temple to Bruce Brockmann, Bryan Brockmann, Cheryl Brockmann, Kimberly Brockmann, Pt. SW¼NE¼, NE¼SW¼, NW¼SE¼, SE¼SW¼ Exc. Pt. N. of RR, SW¼SE¼ Exc. Pt. N. of RR, 14-103-29

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Spray Tech, Inc. to April Feely, Steve Feely, Lot 7, Block 3, Original Plat Welcome

Wells Fargo Bank to Daniel Eric Klous, Lot 14, Block 1, Rucks 5th Addn., Truman

Robert K. Whitehead, Susanne C. Whitehead to Thomas R. Whitehead, Pt. S.85.90' Lot 1, Block 3, Southside Addn., Sherburn

Robert K. Whitehead, Susanne C. Whitehead to Robert K. Whitehead, S.85.90' Lot 1, Block 3, Southside Addn., Sherburn

Rita Rave, Rita White, Hiram Joseph Wise III, Rita Jo Wise to Glenn Rave, Pt. N½NW¼, 34-102-30

Vern A. Boehne to Vern A. Boehne, Trustee, Vern A. Boehne Trust, NE¼NE¼, W½NE¼, NE¼NW¼, 2-101-31

Daryl E. Tlam, Jacqueline S. Tlam to Donald Hoffmeister, Eldon Tlam, E.384.36' E½W½SW¼, E.384.36' E½SW¼NW¼, 20-101-33

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Patsy J. Bode, David L. Erickson, Renee St. John, Stanley R. Erickson Family Revocable Trust to Aaron Finch, Pt. NW¼ w/title agreement, 35-101-32

Jon L. Askevold, Co-Trustee, Pamela F. Askevold, Co-Trustee, Jon L. Askevold Trust, Pamela F. Askevold Trust to Kristin Shmidtke, Ryan Schmidtke, Lot 3, Block 1, Grathwohls Addn., Pt. L4, 20-101-30

Delores C. Splinter, Clarence R. Splinter Irrevocable Trust, Delores C. Splinter Irrevocable Trust to Glen-doris Urban, Lot 6, Vandrey Addn., Truman

D-DEEDS

Kenneth Johnson Estate, Larry Johnson, Per. Rep. to Steven D. Roben, Und. 1/2 Int. W½NW¼, 27-102-33

Roland W. Hansen Estate, Janet L. Rettke, Per. Rep. to Kristian Melson, Lot 3, Block 1, Oak Acres Addn. L1 S 36-104-23, Lot 1, Block 2, S½ Lot 2, Block 2, Oak Acres Addn. L1 S 36-104-23

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 1991**

Martin County VFW Post 1222 Auxiliary members Lois Zeitz and Betty Rettke, were pictured applying reflective stickers to the backpacks of Budd School kindergartners. June Trunkenbolz was the teacher.

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Duke Durfee company, the North Mankato John Deere Dealer, ran an ad congratulating Lake Belt Township on its purchase of a new John Deere 770B-H grader. Lake Belt joined other township John Deere owners: Nashville, Fox Lake, Pleasant Prairie, Center Creek and Tenhassen.

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Bryan Kittleson of Welcome was one of four persons who won cash prizes for new inventions at the annual "Inventions '91" show in Minneapolis. Kittleson, of Circle K Technology of Welcome, won $200 with his EZ Kontrol, a wireless remote control shut-off for electric motors.

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People claiming refunds, as well as those who owed money, could have their 1991 federal income tax returns filed electronically for free.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 1966**

Fairmont's First National Bank invited the public to an open house to show off its new remodeling project. Officers of the bank were Harvey Johnson, president; Harris Sorensen, vice president; Woodrow Wacholz, cashier; Lester L. Paris, assistant vice president, and Gustav Olson, assistant cashier. Other directors included Michael G. Garry, Robert E. Nelson, Edwin Becker, Maurice Johanson and William J. Wolf.

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Herb Wolf, starting his 22nd year as high school gymnastics coach, had begun the season with a win at Albert Lea, 45-44, and another over New Ulm at Fairmont, 80-25. Meanwhile, the cardinal basketball team dropped a game to St. Peter after winning its opening South Central game at Blue Earth.

4-H

The East Chain 4-H meeting was held at the old East Chain high school on November 20th at 3 p.m.

We had an open house to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the club. There were 29 members and 10 alumni that attended. Role call this month was "what is your favorite 4-H memory?" The November birthday was Naomi Segar. Our demonstrators were the alumni telling us some stories or favorite memories of when they were in 4-H. We learned a lot about our clubs history. Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Segar.

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The East Chain 4-H meeting was held at the Red Rock Center on December fourth at 2 p.m. Role call was "What is your favorite Christmas movie?" Birthdays this month where Brandon and Lily Stueber, Todd and Sabrina Segar, and Caleb Benes. We had a meal, awards, an ugly sweater contest, and games. Afterwards some went caroling at the Lakeview Health Services Campus, Goldfinch Estates, and Ingleside Assisted Living. Fun was had by all. Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Segar.

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**UPCOMING AUCTIONS**

**Thursday, December 29, 10:30 a.m.: Vanloh Estate** – 119 acres bare farm land with good production located in Sec. 15 Westbrook Township, Cottonwood, MN. Located 3 miles NE of Westbrook, MN. *Auction to be held at Westbrook Community Center. Dan Pike Auction & Assoc., Auctioneers*
**Wednesday, January 4, 10:30 a.m.: Muir Estate** – 318 acres bare farm land located in Sec. 17 of Lakeside Township, Cottonwood County. Located just west of Bingham Lake, MN on Hwy 60. *Auction to be held at Windom, MN Community Center. Dan Pike Auction & Assoc., Auctioneers*
**Saturday, January 14, 9:45 a.m.: Martin Luther High School** – Large top quality antique & collectible auction. Marge Thiesse, contact person (507-436-5249).*Kahler, Hartung, Wedel, Hall and Kallemeyn, Auctioneers*

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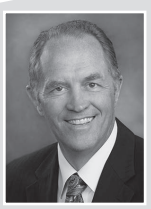

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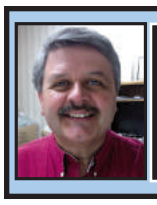

# Jeff's Jottings

Saturday was one of those days where I just wanted to stay indoors and watch the snow fall. We had our first measurable snowfall of the season, receiving about four inches on the farm. I told Karis that morning to take a look at the green grass on the lawn as it probably would be the last time we see it until next spring. The pine trees we have lining our south lawn were dusted with snow and my new solar-powered LED lights on the trees had a white coating on them by noon that day. I woke up Sunday morning to find that there was just enough snow that had fallen and swirled on our place that I felt the need to go out at 4:30 a.m. and move snow with the John Deere tractor. The snow was very fluffy and moved easily and I even made myself proud by not making any deep gouges in the lawn with the loader! The temperatures outside were at least tolerable on Saturday; not exactly what they are like this week! To wake up Monday morning and see a -5 degrees on the thermometer is just like a slap in the face on a cold winter day. I guess we have been pretty spoiled by the nice weather we had in November this year!

**'tis the season**

It is that time of year when many area businesses and organizations are having their Christmas parties and open houses. I like attending these open houses, to see not only what decorations are on display, but also to visit with the owners and those who attend the open houses. It puts everyone in the festive spirit when you attend an event that has Christmas goodies for the munching, Christmas music playing in the background, and the general "buzz" of the people in attendance visiting with each other. You can also hear the "sounds of the season" in many places this time of year. A number of groups have been singing Christmas carols at the Five Lakes Centre Mall recently and many groups are making the rounds to the various assisted living faciilities in the area. My quartet, "SonGQuesT" sang for the residents at Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn Sunday night and enjoyed the smiles on their faces when they heard some old familiar tunes being sung. There is nothing better than making someone's day brighter by sharing the gift of music with them!

**A new "What is it?"!**

Some of the more frequent comments that I receive from readers of my weekly column is that they enjoy the various "What is it?" items that are brought in to me to ask readers their opinions. I have seen some very interesting items in my 4-plus years that I have been at the Photo Press! Sometimes I am able to find out what the items are just by searching on the internet, but I have been stumped a few times as to what the item actually is. Luckily, most of the time the origin or description of the items that are brought in to me are known by the owner.

Such is the case for this week's "What is it?" item, which was brought to me recently by Bob Brolsma of Sherburn. It is a made of metal and measures about 12 inches long. As you can see by the picture, both ends of the item are spring-tensioned. The one end has "tooth-like" jaws on it, while the other end has cupped ends. Bob even had the original box and paper description along with this item! Do you think you have an idea what this item may be? Email me your guess at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com and if you are the first one to guess it correctly, you will win a Photo Press 2017 planning calendar!

**Pancakes, Hockey, concerts and more!**

Before I go this week, I wanted to point out a number of area events taking place in the next week. On Thursday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m. the Fairmont Hockey Association will salute veterans and active duty military during the girls hockey game at the Martin County Arena. All veterans and active duty military will get free admission, plus other activities during the game. Saturday, December 17th the St. James Model Railroad Club will have their holiday train display open at 307 Tiell Drive in St. James from 1 to 5 p.m. and you can register to win a Lionel train set! On Sunday, December 18th at 2 p.m. Glenn Henriksen will have his annual Christmas concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dunnell. Millie Kittleson will also perform and there will be a special appearance by Santa Lucia. That evening, travel to Fairmont for the Christmas Concert at St. Paul Lutheran Churh beginning at 5 p.m. A candlelit soup supper will follow for a free will donation.

Lots to do and see this coming week! Have a great week.

*Drive safely – visit a shut-in or family member – Eat, Play, Shop Local – Share the sounds of the season!*

-Jeff

# Mom's Christmas Cactus

***Guest Columnist***

**Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer**

I remember it from my childhood. MOM'S CHRISTMAS CACTUS was always a mystery to me. How did it know that it was Christmas?

If my memory serves me right, my mother and Aunt Ruby split their mothers Christmas cactus. Each of them had a living plant of their mother. My mother took great care of the cactus. Our home was very cold in the winter so MOM'S CHRISTMAS CACTUS and the cage with the canary were covered with a cloth each night. Both were kept on a ledge flooded with the sunlight each day.

We inherited my mother's cactus in the late 1960's. We took good care of the plant. It stayed green but it never bloomed. We contacted our local nursery and was advised to put the plant in the darkness in the basement that fall. We put it under the table and forgot about it. I was in the basement one day and found the cactus. I carried it out side and began the process of breaking the leaves off until there some green growth. The only green growth was the last section next to the dirt. I felt bad about what had happened. I took the plant to our cabin and sat it on the deck. I fertilized it and watered it during the dry periods of the summer. It flourished with such care. It was though it had forgiven me. We set the plant on a stand in the sunlight that comes through the cabin window. Once again it flourished but none of remembered red blossoms appeared at Christmas. It was as though the plant wanted to prove itself by not blossoming.

We sat the plant on the deck of the cabin the next summer. We decided to put it on the middle of the large picnic table that sits on the deck. It would get more sunlight and surely it would surprise us with blossoms. We had a large family gathering at the cabin that fall. We needed all of the room on the picnic table. We put the plant down on the deck. We went to the cabin several days later to find a surprise. The deer had eaten the plant down to the dirt in the pot. The plant was back to where it was before. We started over. I was determined to save my MOM'S CHRISTMAS CACTUS.

Once again MOM'S CHRISTMAS CACTUS responded to our care. Once again it grew into a large and healthy plant. Once again we placed it in the sunlit window in the cabin. I questioned myself as to how much damage can the plant suffer and would it ever respond by giving us blossoms at Christmas. I felt guilty of neglecting something that I should have cared for in a living way.

We have had a series of snow storms this winter. I made my way out to the cabin recently. I parked the pickup near the road and plowed through what I know was a four foot drift of snow. It was soft on the sides and hard in the middle. Getting to the cabin was a real struggle. I opened the door and looked the length of the cabin. I saw something truly beautiful. MOM's CHRISTMAS CACTUS was blooming. Its dark red blossoms seem to welcome. It was as though my mother was greeting me as I walked through the door.

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This class is a one day review and riding performance course. Students must complete one of the online courses: snowmobilecourse.com (fee for the course is $29.95 *family/group pricing) or snowmobile-ed.com (fee for the course is $29.50) before signing up for the class.

Once they complete the online course, students printout a "youth follow-up voucher" and bring along with a copy of their birth certificate. Students will not be allowed to participate in the classroom review/performance test unless you have first completed the Online Snowmobile Safety Course. Parent or guardian must accompany youth to sign the waiver.

Each student must have proper attire: helmet, gloves, snow pants, jacket and boots. A snowmobile will be available. Youth must be 11 years old by the date of the class attended. All residents of Minnesota born after December 31st, 1976, MUST have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota.

This youth Snowmobile Safety class is sponsored by Minnesota DNR, Fairmont Community Education & Recreation and the Blizzard Snowmobile Club. Pre-register with CER (235-3141) before attending class. Instructors: Duffy Post and Mark Drever.

# Teens: win a free trip to Washington

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The student writes a 300-word essay on an energy-related topic, which is due with the application by February 28th. The first 15 students to enter receive $20 gift certificates to Amazon.com.

Five finalists are selected for short interviews March 28, starting at 4 p.m. The combined scores from the essay, interview and application determine the trip winner, along with second and third place who receive $150 and $100, respectively.

"Last year only five local students entered the contest so your odds of winning are great," stated Andrea Christoffer, Federated's marketing & communications manager. "Investing an hour or two in writing an essay and doing the short application could mean winning a free trip to D.C."

The winner will travel with 40 other Minnesota teens sponsored by other rural electric co-ops. Federated's delegate is one of 1,500 delegates nationally. Here's a few possible tour highlights:

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# Ask A Trooper: Road Markings

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

**Question: I enjoy reading your column. I have been driving for a number of years but still get confused as to what all the white road markings mean. I know what the white dashes on a road/highway mean – OK to pass. But what do solid white lines mean, particularly if they are on a three-lane highway? Also, what do the intermittent white "bricks" mean? What do narrowly spaced white lines mean verses widely spaced white double lines. Thanks for your help!**

Answer: White lines separate lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction.

•A white line with dashes indicates that drivers can change lanes in areas where this type of marking is present.

•A line of shorter and thicker white dashes indicates that the lane will end.

•A solid white line indicates that lane changes are discouraged Solid white lines also mark crosswalks, stop lines at intersections, parking stalls, and the edges of a roadway.

•Double solid white lines indicate that lane changes are against the law.

•A solid white line with a bicycle insignia along the side of the road indicates an area designated for bicycle traffic only. Bicycles must travel in the same direction as adjacent traffic.

Yellow lines separate traffic moving in opposite directions.

•A solid yellow line indicates that passing is prohibited. Passing in a no-passing zone is illegal.

•A line composed of yellow dashes indicates that passing is allowed.

•A solid yellow line may appear on one side of the roadway, while a line composed of dashes appears on the other side. Drivers must obey the marking that is present in their lane of traffic.

•Two solid yellow lines, one in each lane of traffic, indicate that passing is prohibited in both directions. Drivers traveling in both directions are prohibited from crossing the double solid center line in order to pass other vehicles.

*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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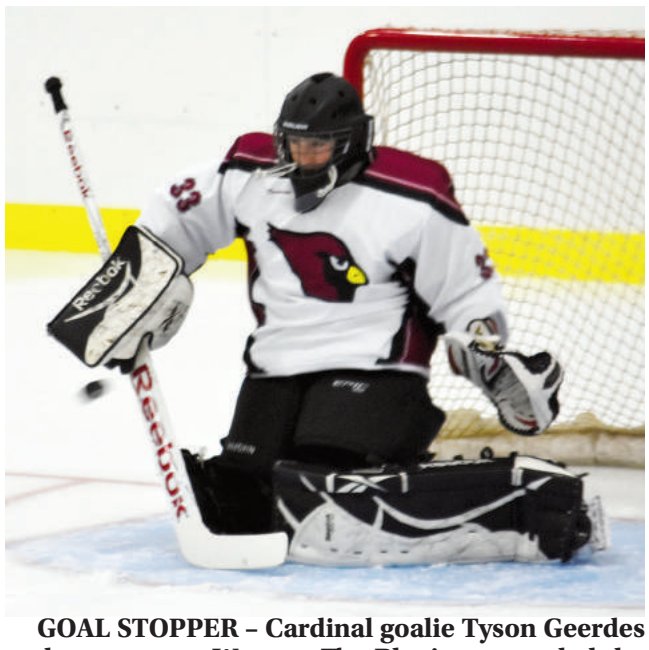

**GOAL STOPPER – Cardinal goalie Tyson Geerdes makes a save vs Waseca. The Bluejays upended the Cards 6-0 last Thursday night.** *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

**REBOUND PUCK – Cards Cori Emler goes for a rebound off Trojan goalie Bailey Kruse. The Cards defeated Worthington-Fulda 3-1 last Tuesday night. Emler also scored a goal in the Cards 4-4 overtime tie St. Peter/LSH/TCU Thursday night in LeSueur.** *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

**BUC'ET SPLITTER – Taylor Crissinger makes a shot between Blue Earth Area's #45 Samantha Ripley and Caitlin Rorman. The Cardinals edged the Buccaneers 43-42 last Friday night.** *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

**SIDE POCKET – Cardinals Thomas Havnen slides one by Breckenridge-Wahpeton goalie Tucker Barth. The Blades downed the Cardinals 7-4 Saturday at the Martin County Arena.** *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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**JUMP HOOK – Cards Lucas Denney tosses in a shot over Blue Earth Area's Collin Bell. Denney had 14 points In the Cards 54-41 victory last Friday night.** *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*

**NEAR DUNK – Cardinals Walker Tordsen tries for a dunk but is fouled by Blue Earth Area's Jacob Vaske as Card teammate Wyatt Quiring looks on.** *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*

# Fairmont 12u hockey team hosts weekend tournament

The Fairmont Youth Hockey association's 12u hockey team, sponsored by Boekett Building Supply, hosted a three day tournament last week, winning three out of the four games.

Game 1 on Friday, December 9th pitted the Fairmont team against Redwood Falls. Fairmont won this game 11-2.

Goals were scored by Emily Sokoloski, Chantel Moeller, Alexis Newville assist; Emily Sokoloski, Hannah Goerndt assist; Hannah Goerndt, Bella Larson assist; Alexis Newville, Karissa Newville assist; Abi Sundeen, Emily Sokoloski, Hannah Goerndt, assists; Alexis Newville, Bella Larson, Jozie Hoefker assists; Jayda Healey, Brittany Logue assist; Abi Sundeen, Brittany Lopau; Chantel Moeller, Jozie Hoefker asisst.

Goalie Rachel O'Connor had 8 saves. Fairmont had 36 shots on goal.

Game 2 on Saturday was won by Fairmont, 10-0 over Okoboji.

Goals were made by Emily Sokoloski, Jozie Hoefker assist; Chantel Moeller, Alexis Newville asisst; Bella Larson, Cantel Moeller assist; Alexis Newville, Bella Larson assist; Alexis Newville, Karissa Newille assist; Karissa Newville, Alexis Newville assist; Hannah Goerndt; Chantel Moeller, Karissa Newville, assist; Karissa Newville, Chantel Moeller, Bella Larson, assists; Corene Moeller.

Goalie Hadley Artz had four saves. Fairmont had 29 shots on goal.

In the second game on Saturday, the Fairmont team also won 6-1 over Windom.

Scoring for Fairmont included Emily Sokoloski, in the first period; second period, Hannah Goerndt, Jozie Hoefker assists; Alexis Newville, Emily Sokoloski (2 unassisted) and period 3, Emily Sokoloski, Karissa Newille assist; Hannah Goernt, Chantel Moeller, Karissa Newville assists. Fairmont had 26 shots on goal and 26 saves by goalie Rachel O'Connor

In the final game on Sunday, Fairmont lost to Waseca 5-2. Scoring for Fairmont were Jozie Hoefker and Karissa Newville, Alexis Newville assist. Goalie Hadley Artz had 20 saves and the team had 17 shots on goal.

**Fairmont's 12u hockey team and coaches**

# Squirt A & B hockey results

The Fairmont Squirt A & B teams played in a tournament this past weekend in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Game 1 Saturday noon, Fairmont Squirt B played Rushmore. Fairmont lost 8-3. Kegan Roloff scored a goal in the 1st period and Eric Determan scored 2 more goals. Goalie Gage Dahlsten had 8 saves.

Game 2 Saturday 4:30 p.m., Fairmont Squirt B played Brandon Valley and won 7-5. Fairmont had 20 shots on goal. Klay Beemer had 5 goals, Tyler Kurt and Kegan Roloff both added goals.

Goalie Eric Determan had 9 saves

Game 3 Sunday 10 a.m., Fairmont Squirt B played Rushmore again and lost 4-6.

Klay Beemer and Tyler Kurt both had 2 goals. Goalie Eric Determan had 21 saves.

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OBITUARY notices

## Tyler G. Kotewa, 25

A celebration of life service for Tyler G. Kotewa, 25, of Fairmont, was held Monday, December 12th, 2016, at United Methodist Church in Fairmont. A private family burial will take place at a later date. Tyler passed away Wednesday, December 7th, 2016, in Mankato after a courageous battle with cancer. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Tyler Gene Kotewa, son of Chantal Heetland and Tracy Kotewa made his first public appearance May 12th, 1991, at the Olmsted County Hospital in Rochester. He began his path to stardom attending the Fairmont Public School System where he brightened the lives of everyone he met.

At the age of 11, Tyler and some of his rock star friends started making loud noises in the basements and garages of their parents. This love of music and celebrating that love with friends and family would blossom into the band, Evasive Maneuver.

In 2009, Tyler graduated from Fairmont High School and looked forward to the next great adventure in life. He quickly learned that the life of a budding musician was filled with all sorts of uncertainty so he took his love for mathematics and began his college career attending St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud. He would go on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and had recently completed his Master's in Education from Augsburg College. When not playing gigs or putting together an awesome jam session, Ty could be found sharing his love of math with the eager minds of the students of Southwest High School in Southwest Minneapolis where he was a student teacher.

While barreling down life's crazy road over 6 years ago, Ty met Cassie Urban. Together the couple lived life to the fullest enjoying summers spent on the lake, slow dancing in their living room, watching Netflix all day long, and nights spent in cooking for each other.

Family was extremely important to Ty and anyone he considered a friend was instantly welcomed into his extended family. He had a magnetic smile and loved being the center of attention. His graduating class voted him most likely to be on a reality TV show. Ty was an extremely passionate person and took pride in mastering any skill. At the age of three, Ty learned to water ski and whether it was playing music, playing pool, or any other task that he took on, Ty put in 100% to master those skills and wanted to be perfect at them. His love of the outdoors was evident as his "fall back" occupation was working for Thate Tree Service. Cassie knew she was in trouble when they would go for walks and Ty would begin to quiz her on the types of trees they were walking by.

Ty loved life and despite being so young, lived well beyond his years. In the words of the great Bob Dylan, "May your hands always be busy, may your feet always be swift, may you have a strong foundation, when the winds of changes shift, may your heart always be joyful and may your song always be sung, may you stay forever young, forever young, forever young. May you stay forever young."

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Chantal Heetland and her husband, Chris Kunst of Mankato, and Tracy Kotewa and his wife, Jessi of Fairmont; ever loving step-father, Joe Thate; siblings, Jackson Thate, Faith Kotewa, Grace Kotewa, Chase Kunst, Chaylee Kunst, Carson Kunst, and Chloe Kunst; grandparents, Jo Goddenford, Butch and Rita Heetland, Barb Kotewa and Bob Altman, Ken and Mary Kotewa, and Bob and Diane Neusch; his life partner, Cassie Urban; Cassie's mother, Connie Urban; as well as many aunts, uncles, extended family and friends. Ty was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gary Godden and a sister, Josephene "Joey" Kotewa.

The family requests memorials be given in Ty's name to the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

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DEATH notices

December 6 - Charles N. Meschke, 68, Van Buren, Arkansas (formerly of Fairmont).
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December 7 - Tyler G. Kotewa, 25, Fairmont.
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December 7 - Dolores H. Dreke, 93, Brandon, South Dakota (formerly of Fairmont).
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December 8 - Donald W. Feuerhake, 89, Fairmont.
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December 8 - Ruth M. Schultz, 92, Fairmont.
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December 11 - Karen M. Garrison, 75, Fairmont.
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**In Memoriam**
**One Year Ago This Week**

December 6 - Donald E. Lawton, 67, Galesburg, Illinois (formerly of Ceylon and other locations).
December 6 - Loretta G. Hertle, 91, Alpha
December 8 - Elaine F. Drayfahl, 73, Sherburn
December 9 - Carl J. Bonin, 79, Fairmont
December 9 - Janice E. Goebel, 74, Fairmont
December 14 - Helen Jagodzinske, 98, Fairmont

## Dolores Dreke, 93

A Celebration of Life Service for Dolores Dreke of Brandon, South Dakota and formerly of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Dolores Hope (Moltzen) Dreke died peacefully with her family present December 7th, 2016 at Bethany Home Brandon in Brandon, South Dakota. She was 93 years, 6 months and 22 days old. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Dolores was born May 16th, 1923 to Henry and Elizabeth Moltzen. She spent her childhood days in and around Fairmont. She was baptized at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ceylon and was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

Dolores was a 1941 graduate of Fairmont High School. She then earned her teaching certificate from Mankato State University and spent several years teaching school at various country schools in the Fairmont area.

On June 1st, 1947, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Raymond Dreke. Together they made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with two daughters and one son. After she and Ray were married, she cared for her family while her kids were in school.She returned to the workforce as a library assistant where she worked for over 20 years. She also spent some time working at Stokely Van Camp and at JC Penny's. She and Ray moved to Brandon, South Dakota, in 2009 to be closer to their family.

Others may claim that they had the best Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, friend or sister but her family doesn't have to make that claim. She was the absolute best! Her faith was incredible and she gracefully shared the love of Christ with all who she encountered. She also baked the best cookies, pies and cakes.

Dolores loved to play and win at cards and following the Minnesota Twins. She enjoyed watching The Lawrence Welk Show and listening to and singing music. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Choir and was the funeral coordinator for many, many years. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her great joy and she especially enjoyed the Christmas season.

Left to honor her memory are her daughter, Peggy (Kenneth) Olson of Waseca, MN; Son, Douglas (Carol) Dreke of Brandon, SD; daughter, Nancy (Karl) Gregory of Brandon, SD; seven grandchildren, Laura Langer, Elizabeth (Christopher) Anker, Carrie (Kyle) Holemen, Kristy (Timothy) Eden, Matthew (Amy) Dreke, Michael (Alexie) Gregory, Amy (Jarrod) Larsen; eighteen great-grandchildren; one sister Beverly (Gordon) Oltman; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Raymond.

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## Ruth M. Schultz, 92

Memorial service for Ruth M. Schultz, 92, of Fairmont will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 19th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Lakeview Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Ruth passed away Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.

Ruth Marie (Chukuske) Schultz was born November 21st, 1924 in Huntington, Iowa, the daughter of Michael and Agnes (Blixt) Chukuske. She attended District 49 Country School. On May 3rd, 1943 she married Charles E. Schultz in Fairmont and they had six children together. Over the years, Ruth has worked at the Bell Motel, Gilbert Hotel and the Fairmont Canning Company. She also worked at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center and King Koin Laundromat before retiring in 2000.

She is survived by six children, Charles Schultz and his wife, Pat, of Welcome, Kathy (Carr) and her husband, Mike Polzine, of Brandon, South Dakota, Barbara Callaghan and her husband, Peter, of San Jose, California, Sally Nutt of Fairmont, Janice Leach and her husband, Duane, of Fairmont, Timothy Schultz of Fairmont; thirteen grandchildren; thirty great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; one sister, Helen Lange of Burnsville, Minnesota; brother, Jim Chukuske and his wife, Carol, of Tracy, Minnesota; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Mary Gardner, Agnes Chukuske, Rose Theobald and Eva Prochniak; and three brothers, William, Robert and Albert Chukuske.

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## Karen M. Garrison, 75

Funeral service for Karen M. Garrison, 75, of Fairmont, will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 16th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow the service at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Visitation will be 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15th, at Lakeview Funeral Home and will continue one hour prior to the service.

Karen passed away Sunday afternoon, December 11th, 2016 at the Lutz Wing of the Mayo Clinic Health System – Fairmont.

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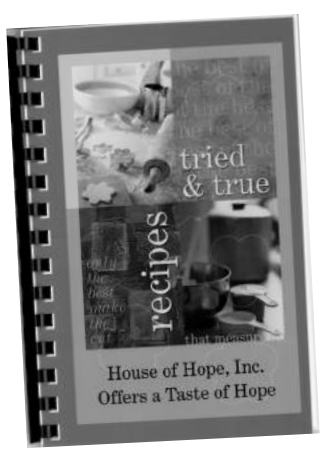


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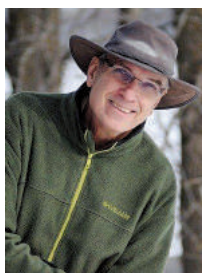
# Nature by the yard

**By Al Batt**

There was a brown thrasher in the egress window of our house. It was perched on a stick that had fallen into that space. It was a cold and windy December morning. The bird needed to move southward. A brown thrasher loves peanuts. I placed peanuts here and there in areas where I thought the bird would find them. I retreated to my office and stared out the window. It wasn't long before the thrasher was eating peanuts. I was pleased.



Blue jays, also lovers of peanuts, flew in. No worries. There were enough goobers for everyone. Then a fox squirrel came upon the scene and began eating the peanuts at an incredible rate. It bullied the thrasher away. I like squirrels. I feed squirrels.

I did a goofy thing. I opened a window and barked like a dog. It worked. The squirrel bounded away. I'm not proud of myself, but I figure there has to be at least one other person who would have done the same thing. I expect I'll soon be rolling down the car window and mooing when driving past a herd of cows.

**To quote the words of a raven once more**

Last week, I included a photo of a raven in this column. The raven was raiding a trash bin. A few readers asked for more information.

The raven was outside the Breeze Inn in Juneau, Alaska. The Breeze Inn is across the street from a McDonald's. There is a slotted trash receptacle in front of the Breeze Inn that gets a great deal of discarded McDonald's bags. The ravens reach in and use their bills to extricate the bags. They drop the bags to the ground and pull out the contents, hoping to find a stray french fry or stale hamburger bun. They become litter birds.

Ravens and crows aren't always found in the same areas. Ravens are larger than crows, approximately the size of a red-tailed hawk. Ravens have longer middle feathers in their tails, so their tails appears wedge-shaped when open in flight. A crow's tail feathers are about the same length, so its tail opens like a fan. Ravens have heavier bills than crows. Ravens produce low croaking sounds. Crows make cawing sounds.

In Norse mythology, the god Odin had two ravens named Thought and Memory that flew the world each day and kept him informed as to what was happening.

**Q-and-A**

"What would make a good Christmas present for a nature lover?" Here are some nice gifts that won't require bank loans. Your time - hard to find a greater gift. A state park sticker is a gift that keeps on giving. Books and field guides. A Duck Stamp that allows entry to National Wildlife Refuges and 98 percent of its $25 cost goes towards wetland habitat preservation. Bird feeder and seed. A shepherd's hook to hang a feeder. Warm gloves and socks. A membership to a favorite organization such as the Audubon Society. A subscription to Bird Watcher's Digest found at www.birdwatchersdigest.com

"Deer must have good eyesight. Why can't they see hunters?" Humans have trichromatic color vision, meaning our eyes contain three types of photopigments. These photopigments enable us to see short, moderate and long wavelengths of light, corresponding to blue, green and red colors. In contrast, white-tailed deer eyes have only two types of photopigments, giving them dichromatic color vision.

Scientists believe that deer are red-green colorblind. Their color vision is limited to the short and middle wavelength colors. Deer distinguish blue from red, but not green from red, or orange from red. Deer perceive a hunter's blaze orange as neutral gray. Because deer can't distinguish color shades as well as we can, camouflage clothing containing similar colors makes a hunter appear like a blob to deer.

"What is a mud puppy?" It's a nickname for a salamander. Another handle is spring lizard. Vernacular names for the hellbender, a large salamander not found here, include devil dog, mud devil, Allegheny alligator, mud dog and the flattering, snot otter.

Thanks for stopping by

*"The world will never starve for want of wonders; but only for want of wonder."--G. K. Chesterton*

*"The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life."--William Morris*

Merry Christmas.
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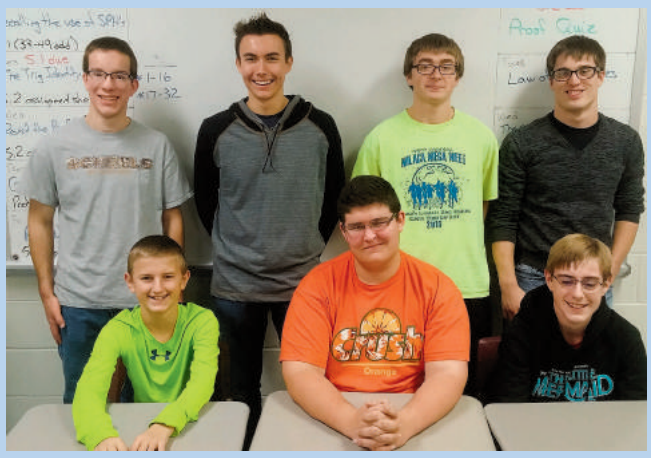
**BROWN THRASHER by Al Batt**

# FHS Math League team finishes 3rd in meet No. 2

On Monday, November 28th the Fairmont High School Math League team participated in the second meet of the year in the Minnesota Valley Division of the State High School Math League. The meet was hosted by Blue Earth Area High School.



Fairmont finished in a tie for third place with Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School with both teams scoring 55 points. Mankato East won the meet with a score of 70 while Mankato West finished second with a score of 62. Blue Earth High School finished in eighth place. The 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, and Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial. The team with the most accumulated meet points at the end of the season will represent the division at the state tournament in March. Mankato East is currently in first place for the season.

Participants from Fairmont who do well at each meet earn the title of "Mathlete of the Meet". For the second meet, seven individuals attained this honor. Ben Huinker led Fairmont with 8 individual points. Kellen Rodriguez, Thomas Willett and Aaron Hendricks each scored 6, while Blake Haugen, Cody Lane, and Ethan Grunewald scored 5 points.

Waseca High School will host meet #3 on Monday, December 21st at 3:45.

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# Color your home to create the mood

***Guest Columnist***

**Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty**

The colors you use in your home are important for more than just fashion or personal taste! They can subtly affect mood and can have an influence on emotions, so consider matching the room's main usage and the mood you want to create with the color best suited for that purpose.

Following are some hints about colors and their best usage:

**RED**

Red, a stimulating color said to raise energy levels and increase pulse rate, makes a powerful first impression in an entryway, and is very effective used in a dining room or living area, places where people gather for conversation. Red, being an energizing color, is also a good choice for workout rooms though it may tend to make you feel hot!

**BLUE**

Blue is one of the most popular decorating colors. Lighter hues of blue are soothing and calming, but darker shades evoke feelings of depression or sadness. Used in bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens or family rooms, pale and warm shades of blue are thought to be relaxing and, in addition, can give the impression of more space.

**YELLOW**

It has been observed that yellow makes babies cry more often! Generally though, yellow is considered a cheerful color that is said to enhance concentration. But, too much yellow can induce irritability, and is difficult for the eyes to process so it should not be used for large areas.

**GREEN**

Another very popular color for decorating, green is a symbol of nature and is the easiest color for the eye to process. Green has a calming, tranquil effect, and is suitable for any room where comfort and relaxation are the intended uses. Green promotes concentration and is a good choice for studies. In bedrooms it is said to reduce nightmares!

**PINK**

Pink has a calming, soothing effect, and is associated with hearts and warm feelings. Pink is most commonly used in little girls' bedrooms, being considered a very feminine color.

**LILAC**

Lilac is symbolic of spirituality and sweetness. It is a good color for bedrooms and bathrooms.

**GRAY**

Gray is one of the most popular colors for decorating in the past few years. Paler grays are calming and promote serenity. They give a feeling of sophistication when paired with pops of bright color, and are suitable for almost any room, except perhaps a child's bedroom.

**WHITE**

White has always been fashionable because it is neutral and goes with anything. It symbolizes purity and cleanliness, but is the most difficult color to keep clean! White goes well in any room, allowing color to be added through furniture and décor.

Of course, your personal taste will also influence the colors that you choose, but whether readying your home for listing, or simply brightening it for your family, your choice of colors is all-important for setting the mood for a tranquil home.

**Employees of TPI Hospitality in Fairmont display their fashion styles during "Ugly Christmas Sweater" day at Holiday Inn.**

**NAIFA (National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors) – Fairmont Area members recently contributed to Operation Send a Smile through the Faribault County Veterans Service Office. Members donated and boxed letters of thanks, snacks and personal care items for men and women currently deployed overseas. Pictured *(L to R)* are NAIFA members Lars Bierly, Abby Butler, Lisa Steele and Assistant Veterans Service Officer Ryan Bromeland.**

**The Martin County Home School Coop students and parents recently visited the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont and took a tour of Martin County history.**

**Joe Melsha *(right)* presents checks in the amount of $3,000 from Avangrid Renewables to Lenny Tvedten of the Martin County Historical Society in Fairmont to help fund a recently acquired copy machine.**

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**HIGHEST HONORS - 4.0+**

**GRADE 12**
Becker, Leyton J.
Carlson, Lauren M.
Freese, Cody V.
Hagen, Andrew C.
Haugen, Emily R.
Hawkins, Molly E.
Head, Tyler J.
Hennager, Madison
Huinker, Benjamin L.
Johnson, Tyler A.
Joseph, Antony
Larson, Matthew J.
Lytle, Myah C.
Militello, Cameron J.
Nuss, Taylor A.
Pavich, Jenna
Soelter, Mikayla
Tordsen, Walker

**GRADE 11**
Cihoski, Morgan L.
Hernes, Benjamin M.
Kallenbach, Nathan J.
Kerekes, Lydia J.
Kim, Ericka S.
Klanderud, Carter C.
Koehler, Emma E.
Mathews, Mckenna M.
Mittelstadt, Annie K.
Mosloski, Alexa M.
Pierce, Madison N.
Rodriguez, Kellen R.
Saxton, Camren J.
Schwieger, Sam R.
Simpson, Celia M.
Subbert, Elizabeth A.
Sundblad, Anna L.
Tordsen, Conner L.
Weisbrod, Jacob T

**GRADE 10**
Abel, Natalie P.
Berhow, Hayden K.
Dietz, Maiya A.
Fogelson, Tyler M.
Gerken, Joseph E.
Green, Jebediah L.
Hagen, Madison A.
Hainy, Sydney M.
Head, Eric J.
Higgins, Grace C.
Lopez, Melinda K.
Lutz, Jonathan D.
Mathiason, Madeline R.
Olson, Justin R.
Rodriguez, Makena L.
Scott, Whitney N.
Tonder, Abigail L.

**GRADE 9**
Brummond, Daniel
Chavez Martin, Maritza
Geerdes, Tyson D.
Hendricks, Aaron E.
Kerekes, Emily J.
Komaragiri, Apoorva
Krusemark, Campbell L.
Pedroza, Kady D.

**GRADE 8**
Hoong, Morgan M.
Schavey, Kevin

**GRADE 7**
Burns, Tiffany A.
Eisenmenger, Justine P.
Hernes, Ellie G.
Hockel, Dakota H.
Joseph, Briana
Lockwood, Aili M.

**HIGH HONORS - 3.50 - 3.999**

**GRADE 12**
Ammann, Hannah N.
Anders, Rachel N.
Armitage, Dominic L.
Bertram, Alexander J.
Busche, Shawn R.
Chen, Yi K.
Daniel, Jarrod M.
Gerken, Dylan P.
Jette, Alexis K.
Lloyd, Carter A.
Lyons, Cory M.
Reischl, Madison G.
Sandersfeld, Sadie C.
Schellpeper, Sara K.
Soucek, Michael D.
Willett, Thomas J.

**GRADE 11**
Becker, Lance K.
Bleess, Claudia K.
Bonenberg, Ida
Byrne, Justin M.
Cutler, Claire E.
Eicholz, Taylor M.
Fischer, Alexandra C.
Gochanour, Mallory A.
Gochanour, Mariah A.
Hartke, Laura E.
Heinze, Amanda C.
Hunwardsen, Brooke A.
Leiding, Jaiden E.
Monahan, Megan M.
Ramon, Elora P.
Ramon, Iliana R.
Schwieger, Nathan D.
Skauge, Aryanna K.
Speckman, Marina R.
Steuber, Collin S.
Wittmus, Kiara K.
Yska, Rosa M.

**GRADE 10**
Anderson, Malachi
Anderson, Matthew
Anderson, Olivia M.
Arvizu, Victor H.
Bass, Brittany C.
Cihoski, April
Cordova, Rodrigo
Crissinger, Taylor M.
Dewitt, Abigail G.
Ehlert, Jordan J.
Eversman, Nicholas J.
Harstad, Sarah M.
Junkermeier, Megan T.
Lebert, Christopher J.
Linse, Bethany J.
Lunn, Alexis J.
Maakestad, Michael J.
Meyers, Hailey J.
Moeller, Matthew J.
Nordquist, Anna M.
Nuss, Anthony S.
Okerman, Alex R.
Ortega, Pedro M.
Patel, Pramit N.
Quist, Ashlyn C.
Raney, Jacob J.
Reischl, Hanna
Reiter, Daniel E.
Rosenberg, Brooke B.
Schultz, Dustin M.
Siegler, Halle K.
Tennyson, Jacob M.
Wolter, Jordan L.

**GRADE 9**
Baarts, Caden R.
Becker, Joni L.
Betts, Daniel P.
Carlson, Evan F.
Chambers, Mckayla E.
Dewitt, Anna M.
Freese, Kaitlyn A.
Fuhrman, Marley S.
Goodlock, Tianna K.
Haugen, Blake B.
Heinze, Joshua N.
Johnson, Sophie M.
Kaufman, Alexis E.
Larson, Kaylee S.
Lueth, Jacob A.
Lutterman, Brycen A.
Moeller, Jennifer E.
Munsch, Isabella K.
Murphy, Chloe M.
Northwick, Madison L.
Ortega, Antonio D.
Petrowiak, Elizabeth A.
Rahn, Jacob W.
Schultze, Emma M.
Senf, Bergen A.
Soelter, Zachary R.
Van Gelderen, Shelby L.
Westcott, Andrea E.
Williams, Brandon M.
Wolf, Autumn A.
Yang, Zihao
Zebedee, Morgan P.
Zieske, Tyrell T.

**GRADE 8**
Abel, Brenna I.
Artner, Connor D.
Berg, Gibson S.
Bleess, Josie M.
Ciramagua Valencia, Carolinne Y.
Craig, Kainen C.
Francis, Jackson L.
Geiger, Isabell O.
Green, Lauren N.
Grunewald, Ethan D.
Hagen, Emily G.
Heille, Faith M.
Heille, Gracia S.
Hoefker, Dakotah L.
Klanderud, Thomas J.
Komaragiri, Ameya
Lewison, Audrianna R.
Loughmiller, Weston R.
Malo, Skyeli M.
Melsha, Jacob M.
Meyer, Brooklyn R.
Miller, Bryn D.
Nelson, Janessa J.
Neusch, Hannah J.
Saari, William L.
Schmidt, Acacia M.
Schwieger, Allison M.
Schwieger, Maddy M.
Segar, Sabrina M.
Sundblad, Sara E.
Vaughn, Raquel M.
Wheeler, Annika E.

**GRADE 7**
Allen, Trinity C.
Anderson, Eli L.
Artz, Hudson M.
Becker, Cadence A.
Bliesmer, Vanessa J.
Breitbarth, Cadence J.
Brookens, Kaycie C.
Clabaugh, Hayden D.
Clarey, Lincon I.
Clarey, Presley S.
Correa, Flavia
Danneman, Evelyn G.
Davis, Lauren M.
Dobie, Skye M.
Eckmann, Brenden J.
Fischer, Kara W.
Frank, Emily M.
Gervais, Adriana L.
Gudahl, Emma R.
Hansen, Jasmine E.
Haugen, Olivia G.
Henzler, Riley L.
Householder, Mackenzie L.
Johnson, Andrew B.
Johnson, Jaya L.
Kerekes, Angelica J.
Lenort, Samantha F.
Martinson, Bailey J.
Militello, Macy A.
Miller, Grace J.
Moeller, Alexander B.
Morales, Marisela I.
Mosloski, Brittney L.
Nemmers, Claire A.
Newville, Alexis R.
Phinney-Colby, Cayla M.
Quiring, Rayah M.
Reutzel, Alec I.
Rodning, Gavin R.
Rogge, Autumn J.
Sanvig, Hannah J.
Saxton, Carissa R.
Scholl, Aubrey L.
Schultz, Cassidy K.
Schultze, Ellie K.
Slinde, Grace J.
Steuber, Lily E.
Stradtman, Kinze S.
Thompson, Laura M.
Totzke, Libby S.
Totzke, Maggy M.
Vaughn, Preston D.
Zellmer, Katherine E.

**HONORS - 3.0-3.499**

**GRADE 12**
Baarts, Carter L.
Becker, Noah C.
Burmeister, Haley P.
Cheney, Dakotah C.
Emler, Cori R.
Flesner, Joshua M.
Foster, Cassidy M.
Freeman, Ramsey R.
Fritz, Kade A.
Graham, Sarah R.
Holland, Samuel J.
Johnston, Allison P.
Jurgens, Jaxon T.
Kesterson, Joseph W.
Kroon, Cameron E.
Lopau, Courtney M.
Loughmiller, Jacob A.
Martinez -Neri, Javier Jr
Mcfarland, Brian P.
Nordquist, Lillian M.
Petrowiak, Evangeline
Reimers, Jewel N.
Sanchez, Refugio
Schwidder, Austin L.
Schwieger, Justin K.
Sifuentes, Carlos R.
Smith, Mitchell J.
Thomas, Shyiem M.

**GRADE 11**
Allen, Brady R.
Brinkman, Sydnea M.
Burmeister, Christian R.
Carlmark, Seth E.
Carstensen, Adam C.
Cutler, Brenna N.
Freeman, Reyce W.
Hawkins, Megan K.
Horkey, Brenna F.
Johnson, Hannah A.
Kainz, Kyla P.
Kellander, Alyssa L.
Krause, Ana M.
Kuhl, Colby S.
Lane, Cody D.
Lubenow, Emily J.
Madsen, Connor D.
Meade, Brielle A.
Mitchell, Jacob A.
Morton, Crystal A.
Mosloski, Mallory J.
Munsterman, Kyle H.
Pasch, Dayton D.
Petrowiak, Holly C.
Petschke, Hannah R.
Quiring, Wyatt J.
Rank, Tanner J.
Shoen, Shawn Ian F.
Simpson, Lucas J.
Stone, Colin F.
Stone, David B.
Tonne, Lindsey J.
Trembley, Cecilia R.
Wilking, Kiley L.
Willett, Nathan J.
Young, Machenzie V.

**GRADE 10**
Aubart, Jorden L.
Barron, Gabrielle A.
Boyd, Madison J.
Brau, Sawyer M.
Camp, Cole W.
Camp, Kierstyn R.
Eckmann, Kaytlin S.
Gustafson, Jenna Lee M.
Hand, Carlene J.
Hargrove, Ronald T. Jr
Joyner, James T.
Keltgen, Dalen E.
Kennedy, Dylan E.
Kotewa, Alex W.
Kueker, Darrian C.
Lowe, Tyler J.
Maldonado, Mario E.
Moeller, Andrew J.
Moeller, Madison R.
Nissen, Charles N.
Redenius, Elijah K.
Reischl, Meagan
Reutzel, Carter M.
Ringnell, Zachary J.
Sanvig, Morgan
Scott, Lauren G.
Smick, Stuart A.
Stradtman, Mikayla M.
Varboncoeur, Josee E.
Wojtanowicz, Lexus R.

**GRADE 9**
Anderson, Cambrie L.
Anderson, Macy M.
Baker, Savanah L.
Baumgart, Treyden L.
Bearson, Macey
Davis, Carter T.
Figueroa, Graciela M.
Finke, April R.
Fogelson, Shelby A.
Glienke, Savannah L.
Green, Kylee M.
Hildreth, Kamden K.
Hoffmann, Sarah G.
Hohensee, Lillian G.
Jette, Jenna E.
Johnson, Jacob D.
Kotewa, Mason R.
Kuhl, Carson C.
Lenort, Isabelle R.
Lindquist, Kaylene E.
Lockwood, Jade E.
Malo, Kobi R.
Mcfarland, Mcayla A.
Mittelstadt, Martin E.
Morales, Rene Jr
Nelson, Victoria G.
Olson, Carter M.
Petschke, Kaleb R.
Schultz, Bradley D.
Schwebke, Alyse S.
Skauge, Maximus R.
Solberg, Hayden P.
Steuber, Cale M.
Toomer, Carson W.

**GRADE 8**
Allen, Madysen N.
Aubart, Jayden S.
Becker, Eden M.
Becker, Seth B.
Byers, Mckayla S.
Chen, Kelly
Collazo, Mia I.
Davis, Tyler R.
Detert, Gabriel A.
Dorow, Alex O.
Flores, Cesar A.
Fowler, Tessa J.
Hand, Gavin J.
Harstad, Dustin J.
Hoch, Erin P.
Lefebvre, Emma R.
Lindsay, Logan M.
Lopau, Kelly A.
Maier, Kari F.
Militello, Jordan M.
Morales, Osvaldo
Mueller, Katie A.
Munoz Revolorio, Johana L.
Nelson, Noah S.
Osorio, Angel G.
Petersen, Jordan A.
Peterson, Abbigail M.
Pierson, Dion R.
Rangel, Jennifer L.
Reischl, Jacalyn R.
Rosch, Tanner R.
Schrunk, Steven R.
Scott, Kaitlyn E.
Solberg, Hadley Q.
Steinbrink, Shayne E.
Tonne, Natalie A.
Utermarck, Jackson J.
Van Gelderen, Brooke L.
Vetter, Parker R.
Wiebe, Hali M.
Wintheiser, Ty C.

**GRADE 7**
Berkness, Macy
Brown, Klay M.
Bulfer, Lili L.
Crissinger, Jacob J.
Evans, Lily M.
Fernandez, Thalia M.
Fitzloff, Mikayla A.
Gatewood, Dawson G.
Gilmore, Ashton R.
Gronewald, Kyler J.
Harris, Jacob L.
Hegdal, Dominic A.
Hinz, Alexis E.
Jorgensen, Zachary A.
Kapp, Cyrus A.
Lind, Adriana M.
Linse, Hannah T.
Loos-Striemer, Dominic M.
Lutz, Alyssa J.
O'Connor, Rachel D.
Raney, Jenna R.
Striemer, Hailie J.
Sunken, Abigail J.
Tenney, Noah B.
Vanegdom, Trent M.
Vlieger, Elijah L.
Weyandt, Mckayla R.

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**HIGHEST HONOR ROLL**
1. Grace Klunder, 7
2. Alexis Mercer, 7
3. Eden Studer, 8
4. Chloe Hartman, 10
5. Lydia Studer, 10
6. Derek Shoen, 11
7. Parker Stevens, 11
8. Desire'e DeBell, 12
9. Brytni Drevlow, 12
10. Courtney Zaharia, 12

**A HONOR ROLL**
1. Ainsley Brummond, 7
2. Emma Fischer, 7
3. Lois Bowers, 8
4. Alyssa Nagorske, 10
5. Matthew Camelin, 11
6. Mason Maloney, 11
7. Logan Davis, 12
8. Bailey May, 12
9. Jordan Smith, 12

**B HONOR ROLL**
1. Richard Dague, 7
2. Luke Hinton, 7
3. Teanna Meyer, 7
4. Alden Moler, 7
5. Tallin Cook, 8
6. Carson Peters, 8
7. Liliana Diaz, 9
8. Tucker May, 9
9. Jaiden Cook, 10
10. Clay Gieseke, 10
11. Mitchell Steuber, 10
12. Logan Bowers, 11
13. Quintin Greier, 11
14. Michelle Hanson, 11
15. Deanna Martin, 11
16. Jorn Sundt Olsen, 11
17. Dalton Terry, 11

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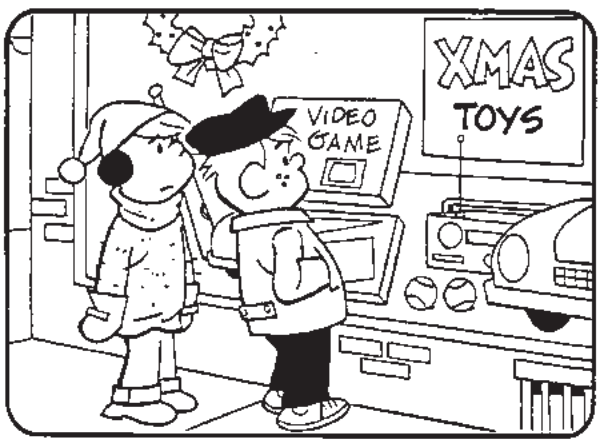


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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

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## The Garden Bug — Frankincense

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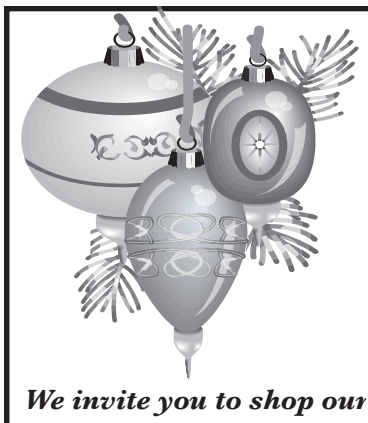

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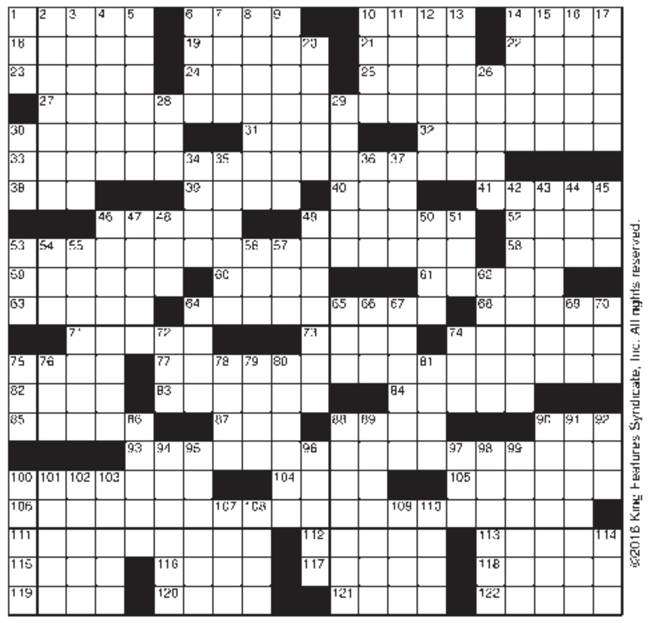
**ACROSS**
1 Call on ___ (in potential danger)
6 "I'm just sayin'," in a text
10 Letters after chis
14 Apple variety
18 ___ de Mayo
19 Indian melodies
21 "Don't say it!"
22 Famed flood figure
23 Challenges
24 School, in France
25 Card game for one
27 Start of a riddle
30 Popular Eli Lilly brand
31 Sacred vow
32 Tidies
33 Riddle, part 2
38 Fit ___ bill
39 Sodium hydroxide, chemically
40 Lean-___ (shacks)
41 Octet count
46 "You Got It" singer Bonnie
49 Ghostly spirit
52 Trivial lies
53 Riddle, part 3
58 Cozy spot
59 Publishes
60 Morales of Hollywood
61 Citrate, e.g.
63 Burrito topper
64 Riddle, part 4
68 Like a king
71 Papa-to-be
73 Microwave, informally
74 Islamic holy city
75 Turn liquid
77 Riddle, part 5
82 "___ Lama Ding Dong" (1961 hit)
83 Like a scornful villain's face
84 "Für ___" (piano classic)
85 Annual sports awards
87 TV actress Arthur
88 Roosevelt's terrier
90 ___ West (life jacket)
93 End of the riddle
100 Devotee
104 Tombstone lawman
105 Theater area
106 Riddle's answer
111 Sent by plane, as a letter
112 Ghostly
113 Pop singer Lopez
115 Word after a noun, often
116 Snow glider
117 "Fear Street" author R.L. ___
118 Perfect spots
119 Big ice cream brand
120 Old fast jets, for short
121 Finger sound
122 TV "explorer" and others

**DOWN**
1 Have a role on stage
2 Depend upon, as a decision
3 Physically fit
4 "Blind Willie ___" (Bob Dylan song)
5 Partner of Herzegovina
6 At no charge
7 1993 siege site in Texas
8 1952 Walt Kelly comic strip collection
9 "The Misfits" actor Eli
10 Swank
11 "F[illegible]"
12 Off the coast
13 Evening do
14 Out of place
15 Silk pattern
16 RBI king Hank
17 The mating game?
20 Catches sight of, biblically
26 Josh
28 ___-Cos (CIA mind games)
29 "___ ya up to?"
30 Curious pal
34 See 70-Down
35 "Taboo" cable chan.
36 Copy a tiger
37 "Keep dreaming!"
42 Assuming it's necessary
43 Fashion's Armani
44 "Veep" cable channel
45 "Tut" relative
46 Flees
47 Perfume from flower petals
48 "___ my fault"
49 Singer Houston
50 Stocking tips
51 168 in a wk.
53 Car navig. aid
54 Man-mouse link
55 Old indoor light source
56 "Go back" PC key
57 "... we'll ___ a cup o' kindness ...": Burns
62 Deuce beaters
64 Lyricist Sammy
65 Neighbor of Switz.
66 34th prez
67 Lowest tier of a parking garage, perhaps
69 "Further ..."
70 With 34-Down, chew out
72 Beetles, e.g., briefly
74 CAT scan relative
75 Three, in Milan
76 ___-Dixon
78 "Judge not, lest ___ judged"
79 Roe, e.g.
80 Spouts forth
81 Biblical kingdom
86 "Yes and no"
88 Mink cousins
89 Pain-relief pill
90 More clouded
91 Insect feeler
92 Conceit
94 Careless
95 Boring tools
96 Devil's place
97 Notable time
98 Leaning
99 Afro, e.g.
100 Tequila plant
101 Dehydrated
102 Cheerful
103 Feel, in verse
107 Cross paths
108 Roush and Byrnes
109 Singer Simone
110 Don't discard
114 Mag printing



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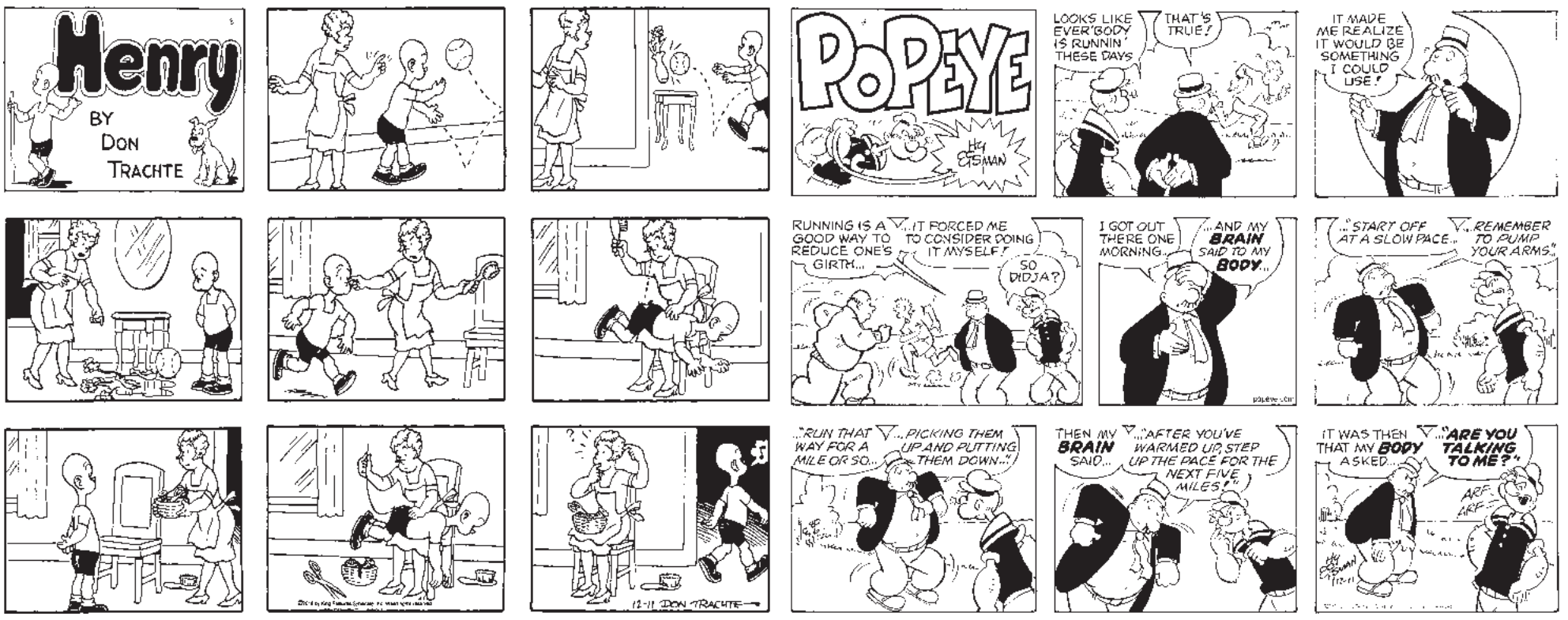



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# Ag Review 2016 - many yields were very good

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As we reach the end of the year, it is a good time to reflect on what happened agriculturally in the region and across the United States in 2016. This will be the first of a two-part article, with a review of 2016 crop production and weather conditions this week, and a review of livestock production, input costs, grain prices and the overall farm economy next week. Following are some highlights regarding crop production and weather conditions for 2016.

2016 will be remembered as one of the best crop production years ever in some areas of the Upper Midwest, as well as the second year in a row of near record crop yields. Farm operators in many portions of Western Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota experienced some of their best corn and soybean yields in their farming career this past growing season. However, in portions of South Central and Southwest Minnesota, Northwest Iowa, and Southeast South Dakota, conditions were much more variable, due to a variety of weather challenges throughout the growing season. The main weather challenge was record or near-record rainfall from May to September in some areas, which leads to flooded fields and some challenging growing conditions.

Most of the corn acres in the Upper Midwest were planted on a timely basis in late April or early May, and soybean acres were planted in May, except in the previously mentioned areas that faced weather challenges. Some portions of Southwest Minnesota and Northwest Iowa did not finish corn planting until late May or soybean planting until early June. Fortunately, the later planting dates were fairly well offset by the longer the normal growing season, which allowed crops to fully mature. A much bigger challenge were the heavy rainfalls in June, which totaled 10-12 inches in a few days in some portions of South Central Minnesota, resulting in substantial drown-out acres. Many of these areas stayed very wet throughout the growing season, and then received another round of very heavy rainfall in mid-September, which again totaled 7-12 inches in some areas.

Crop conditions in 2016 were quite favorable in the Eastern and Southern Corn Belt, in States such as Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, which dealt with very poor growing conditions and reduced yields in 2015. Illinois is projected to have a record 2016 corn yield of 202 bushels per acre, compared to only 175 bushels per acre in 2015, while Indiana corn estimates are at 177 bushels per acre in 2016, compared to 150 bushels in 2015. Similarly, 2016 soybean yields in Illinois are projected at a record level of 62 bushels per acre, which compares to 56 bushels per acre in 2015, and 2016 Indiana soybean yields are estimated at 59 bushels per acre, compared to 50 bushels per acre in 2015.

In most areas of Western Minnesota, and some portions of southern Minnesota, as well as in much of Iowa, the 2016 corn and soybean yields were very good to excellent. Whole field corn yields generally ranged from 185 to over 200 bushels per acre, while whole-field soybean yields were mostly in a range from near 50 to 60 bushels per acre or higher, with some yields approaching 70 bushels per acre. There was considerable yield variation in 2016, due to the occurrence of excess rainfall, flooded fields, severe storms, and other factors, especially in some portions of the South Central and Southwest Minnesota and adjoining areas of Iowa. Some portions of South Dakota also became quite dry late in the growing season. Many whole farm 2016 corn and soybean yields in Western Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota, as well as in some locations in Southern Minnesota and Iowa were reported to be among the best ever.

Based on the latest USDA Crop Report, Minnesota is projected to have a record 2016 corn yield of 190 bushels per acre, which would best the previous record yield of 188 bushels per acre in 2015, and compares to only 156 bushels per acre in 2014 and 160 bushels per acre in 2013. USDA is also estimating a record 2016 corn yield in Iowa at 199 bushels per acre, which compares to the previous record yield of 192 bushels per acre in 2015. USDA is estimating the 2016 Minnesota soybean yield to be at the record level of 52 bushels per acre, exceeding the previous record yield of 50 bushels per acre in 2015, and far exceeding the 2014 yield of 41.5 bushels per acre. The 2016 Iowa soybean yield is also estimated at a record level of 59 bushels per acre, compared to the previous record of 56.5 bushels per acre in 2015. It is very unusual for the States of Minnesota and Iowa to have record yields for both corn and soybeans two years in a row.

By the end of November, the total annual precipitation in 2016 at the University of Minnesota Southern Research Center at Waseca, Minnesota was the greatest official annual precipitation ever recorded in Minnesota history. The Waseca location had received 54.13 inches of accumulated precipitation in 2016, as of November 30, based on weather data recorded at that site, which topped the previous 12-month State record official precipitation total of 53.52 inches at St. Francis, Minnesota in 1991. The 2016 precipitation total at Waseca is about 20 inches above the normal annual precipitation, and is the second year in a row of well above normal annual precipitation. Interestingly, the Waseca location was 2.62 inches below average precipitation on June 30, so all of the added precipitation came after July 1st. Rainfall totals were 8.93 inches in July, 11.7 inches in August, and 14.8 inches in September, including over 10 inches in less than 48 hours on September 21st and 22nd.

Some areas of Western South Central and Southwest Minnesota reported even higher "unofficial" total rainfall amounts than Waseca during the 2016 growing season, due to also receiving well above average rainfall during the month of June, in addition to more springtime rainfall. The locations that were impacted by delayed planting and drown-out damage in June reported greater yield reductions than the areas that were impacted by the excess rainfall later in the growing season. The saturated soil conditions this past Fall resulted in some very challenging harvest conditions, and made Fall tillage and manure applications quite difficult.

Over 2,900 growing degree units (GDU's) were accumulated at Waseca during the 2016 growing season by the time of the first killing frost on October 8th. This is about 18 percent above the normal annual GDU accumulation, and was the second warmest growing season ever recorded at Waseca, trailing only the drought year of 1988. The higher level of growing degree units in 2016 was due to a combination of timely planting in many areas, warmer than normal temperatures in the last half of the growing season, as well as a very long growing season, which extended well into October in most areas. This longer growing season allowed the 2016 corn and soybean crop to mature naturally in the field, and helped reduce 2016 corn drying expenses. A nice stretch of weather in late October and November also helped farm operators complete the 2016 harvest season before the onset of winter conditions, even in some of the areas with extremely saturated soils.

# Financial Focus

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At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual – so you may have assembled an impressive "to do" list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future – but have you ever thought of developing a "to do" list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement? If not, you may want to think about it – and here are a few list-worthy items to consider:

•Examine – and re-examine – your planned retirement age. You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.

•Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle. When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses – and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

•Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules. It isn't enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans – you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 ½, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is "required" – if you don't withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50% rate.

•Review your health care situation. When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you'll want to become familiar with what it does – and doesn't – cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

•Think about long-term care. One service that Medicare doesn't cover – or, at best, covers only minimally – is long-term care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.

•Develop your estate plans. Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents – such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. – so you'll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you're making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement "to do" list will eventually get "done." And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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Fifth and sixth grade choir, directed by Mrs. Labes. The third through 6th grade choirs performed for parents and friends for their annual Christmas Concert December 8th at the Fairmont Area Jr/Sr High School Performing Arts Center. *Photos courtesy Alisha Wells-Skauge*

# Carolers sing in the Christmas season at Five Lakes Centre Mall in Fairmont

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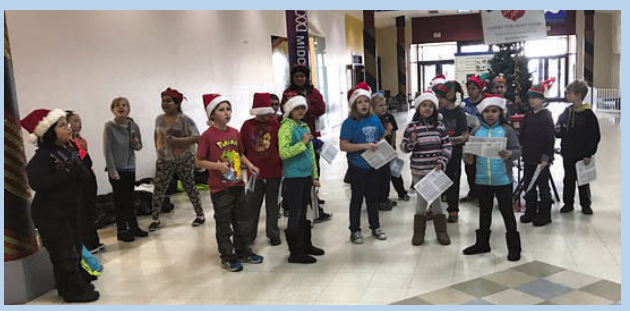

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