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**TAYLOR 100TH** - Cary Elizabeth Taylor will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 9th, 2015. She was born on December 9th, 1915 near Bricelyn, Minnesota. Cards will reach her at: Southview Estates, 425 E. 17th Street #211, Blue Earth, MN 56013.



**RAINE 80TH** - A celebration to honor the 80th birthday of Bill Raine of East Chain will be held this Saturday, December 5th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church. There will be a short program at 5:30 p.m. Your presence will be his gift.

## Downtown Fairmont is the Place to Be This Friday Night

With the Christmas shopping season in full swing now, local shoppers will have the chance to do their shopping and get some bargains during the Holiday Delight in downtown Fairmont this Friday evening, December 4th.

Retail businesses throughout downtown Fairmont American Le-

family. Secret Santa will be downtown surprising customers with gifts throughout the evening. There will also be a Downtown Dollar Drawing. Shoppers can register at participating stores until 10 p.m. and then the drawing will take place at 10:30 p.m. at the Fairmont American Le-



Oliver Francis Korte, son of Jacob and Jessica Korte of Fairmont was born November 9th, 2015 at Fairmont Medical Center. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. He has one big brother, Landon Korte. Grandparents are James and Diane Korte of Welcome, and Charles and Sandra Dressen of Trimont. Great grandparents are Ronald and Marian Bahr of Granada and Mary Selbrade of Welcome. Great-Great Grandmother is Pearl Bahr of Fairmont.



Elizabeth Ann Jepsen to Joshua Steven Harris

The **Martin County Highway Retired Workers** and spouses will meet at 11:30 a.m. on December 8th for lunch at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.

Join the Truman Library for a **Festive Holiday Kid's Craft** on Friday, December 4th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Families of all ages are welcome to come and enjoy stories and crafts. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. Call the Truman Library with any questions at 776-2717.

The Chubb House will be sponsoring a **Christmas Tea and Bake Sale** on Saturday, December 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 209 Lake Avenue in Fairmont. Join us for coffee or tea and special treats. Proceeds help with the preservation of the Chubb House. Free will donation. Open to the public.

The **Diabetes Support Group** will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at the Mayo Clinic Health System-Fairmont, main classroom, starting at 7 p.m. Enter through the main door at the hospital and watch for signs. This is an informal get-together for adults with diabetes.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman Ladies Circles are holding a **Bake Sale** on Friday, December 4th from 12 Noon until gone. The sale will be held at the Truman Community Building. Proceeds go toward parsonage repairs.

**Smith's Greenhouse** announced the winners of its Open House drawing: Kristy Kittleson, Smith's Greenhouse gift certificate; Donna Jensen, Snowman Set.

There will be an important meeting concerning the **Area Veterans Tribute** in Trimont City Hall, Tuesday, December 8th at 7 p.m. There are more decisions to be made and more information available by that time.

## Glenn Henriksen's Christmas Concert Returns To Red Rock

Popular and ever so talented pianist/entertainer, Glenn Henriksen will present his Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Friday, December 11th at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.



Henriksen's holiday concert promises to be a fun-filled night of holiday spirit and Christmas music. Glenn began piano lessons at the age of seven, and at 13 he became the organist at his hometown church.

He resides in Armstrong, Iowa and entertains at his music house in Spirit Lake twice a week, June through October, area wineries, and throughout southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa. In the winter he performs in the Phoenix area.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Hy-Vee, Red Rock Center or on-line at <http://redrockcenter.ticketleap.com> Seating is limited - please purchase your tickets early.

## "Murder To Go" book signing at Giddy Up/Happy Owl

Brenda Donelan, author of the University Mystery Series, will be signing her books at Giddy Up Boutique/Happy Owl Books in Fairmont on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donelan, a former college professor, writes mysteries set in the fictional South Dakota town of Elmwood. The third book in the series, *Murder To Go*, was released in August.



*Murder To Go* begins when Marlee McCabe, professor of Criminology, takes students on a tour

through South Dakota prisons, halfway houses, and juvenile correctional facilities. While on the tour, a dead body is discovered and Marlee takes it upon herself to track down the killer, while at the same time protecting her students from the unknown.

One lucky person will be the recipient of a gift basket containing the three books in Brenda Donelan's series. You must register to win. All three of her books will also be available for purchase.



Fairmont will be open until 10:00 p.m. Friday night for shoppers to stop in and check out all the items they have to offer. Many of the stores will have specials and also offer refreshments to those who venture in.

In addition, the Fairmont Downtown Association is providing many other activities throughout the evening including: hayrides with Rick DeBoer from 7 to 9 p.m. (sponsored by Profinium Financial). The hayrides will leave every half hour from Citizen's Park on the downtown plaza. Carolers and brass horn groups will be singing and playing throughout the downtown and in businesses after 6 p.m. First Congregational Church on the downtown plaza will hold a cookie walk from 5 to 8 p.m. "A Night in Bethlehem" will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. There will also be crafts and activities for the entire

family. The drawings will include a \$300 drawing, two \$150, three - \$50 and four



gift baskets. Winners must be present to win.

Come to downtown Fairmont Friday evening and enjoy Holiday Delight!

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- Experience and knowledge of drainage issues and other agricultural issues

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## Red Cross to Hold Blood Drive in Fairmont Next Week

The American Red Cross is asking you to give a meaningful gift this holiday season by donating blood.

There will be a Fairmont Community Blood Drive next Tuesday through Thursday at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. December 8th the hours will be from 1 to 7 p.m. December 9th from Noon to 6 p.m. and December 10th from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m.

All presenting donors will receive a \$5.00 food certificate to Green Mill of Fairmont.

For appointments, call 1-800-733-2767 or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code FAIRMONTMN. You can also download the blood donor app at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Salvation Army's Red Bag Drive is Saturday, December 12th

The annual Salvation Army Red Bag food pickup will be held next Saturday, December 12th. Red plastic bags will be distributed in Martin County.

The Sentinel will distribute bags next week in the city of Fairmont with the Sentinel and Sentinel Plus and the Photo Press also will deliver the bags next Thursday in the towns of Ceylon, Dunnell, Granada, Northrop, Sherburn, Trimont, Truman and Welcome.

County residents who wish to contribute may place non-perishable food items, toiletries, etc., in these bags. The bags will be picked up in Fairmont on Saturday morning, December 12th by the staffs of KSUM, Sentinel and Photo Press. And by other volunteers. Place some of the needed items below in the bag and hang the bag on your front door or set it on the steps. Have your bags ready by 8 a.m. Saturday. Pick up will be 8 a.m. to noon.

Boy Scout Troop 55 will pick up the red bags in Truman and Northrop.

Boy Scout Troop and Pack 69 will pick up red bags in Trimont, Sherburn, Dunnell, Welcome and Ceylon.

Granada citizens should drop off your red bags at The C-Store in Granada.

### Items needed:

**Food:** Canned meats,

fish, soups, pasta products, peanut butter, cereals, canned fruits, vegetables, baby formula and baby food.

**Toiletry items:** Toilet tissue, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, etc.

**Toys:** Any toys that are new or like new condition. All ages needed.

**Cash:** It is very helpful to purchase needed items that are not received. Make checks payable to The Salvation Army.

Donate only non-perishable items in undamaged containers. Home canned foods, open packages or very old products cannot be distributed by the Salvation Army's Food Shelf.

If you did not receive a red bag, extras will be available at the Sentinel or the Photo Press.

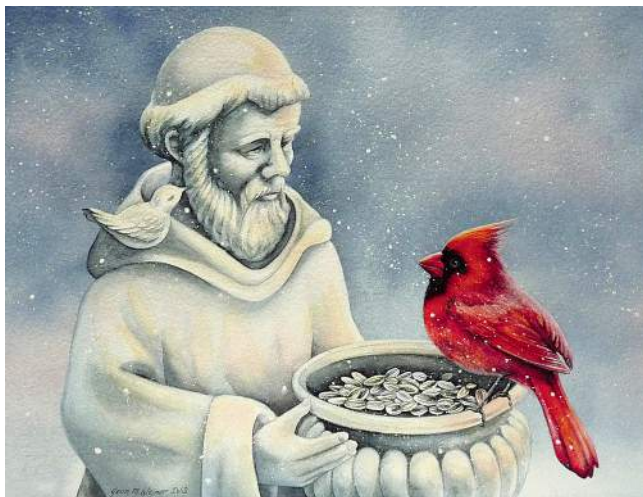
KSUM's Daybreak program will be broadcast from the Salvation Army headquarters.

Red Bag sponsors are KSUM, Sentinel, Photo Press, Peterson-Anthony Insurance, Smith's Greenhouse, First Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Richard's Auto Repair & Towing, Legends Bar & Grill of Ceylon, Bank Midwest, A-1 Concrete Grinding and Mudjacking, Rosen's Diversified, Inc., Tri-County Implement and Boekett Building Supply, Fairmont and Truman.

## Red Rock Center Artist of the Month is Jean Weiner

Jean Weiner's realistic, detailed, watercolor paintings typically carry a theme of nature and wildlife, something that inspires her and speaks to her heart. This exhibit entitled "Sharing the Joy"

Illinois and received her Bachelor of Arts degree. After a battle with cancer in 2003, Jean picked up her brushes ending a 25-year hiatus from painting. In 2009 Jean's family relocated to Le Mars, IA when



she portrays God's beautiful nature, in the hope that those who pause long enough to view her artwork might better appreciate the beauty that surrounds us all. Handmade ornaments, cards and prints will also be available to purchase throughout the month.

A meet and greet artist reception will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Stop on by to visit with Jean, view her artwork while enjoying some holiday goodies. FREE and open to the public.

Jean Weiner grew up in northern Illinois, loving nature from an early age. She majored in biology while at Augustana College in Rock Island,

her husband received a corporate engineering position with Wells Enterprises, Inc. She exhibits, competes, and sells her art nationally and has won numerous awards. She has been commissioned to do a number of paintings for private collections. Jean has been teaching watercolor classes at both Western Iowa Technical Community College and the Le Mars Arts Center since 2010. For additional information visit Jean's website at [www.jeanweinerart.com](http://www.jeanweinerart.com)

Her exhibit will be on display December 2nd - 29th. The gallery is open Monday -Friday 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. and until 6 p.m. on Thursday. Weekends by appointment.

## Family and Lapsit Storytimes at the Fairmont Library

The Fairmont Library is hosting these upcoming storytimes: Family Storytimes, open to all ages, will be held on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. December 8th and 22nd. Family Storytime will also be repeated on Thursday at 5 p.m.: December 10th.

Lapsit Storytimes,

for children ages birth through age two and an adult caregiver, will be held on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. on December 10th. There is no cost to attend these events and no need to register.

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

Napa Auto Parts of Fairmont welcomes Doug Smith. Smith will head up the Stihl power equipment department at the Fairmont NAPA Auto Parts store. Smith previously worked as an aircraft mechanic at the local Fairmont airport. After Stihl training in New Ulm, Smith added "The transition to the department has gone smoothly. We offer new equipment, parts, repairs, accessories along with great selection of clothing," he mentioned.



## Staying Home for the Holidays - Shop Sherburn This Weekend

The city of Sherburn will be all abuzz this weekend celebrating their 10th Annual Staying Home for the Holidays - Shop Sherburn.

The kick-off for the event is Friday, December 4th beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be a vendor show and St. Luke's Catholic Church will host a soup and sandwich supper in the basement of the Sherburn Community Hall.

Also Friday evening, there will be a hospice tree lighting, horse and carriage rides, Santa and Mrs. Santa strolling the streets, and caroling by the Sherburn Community Choir. The Sherburn Lions Club will be spreading Christmas cheer by delivering poinsettias to residents at Temperance Lake Ridge.

Luminaries will be lit in the Pocket Park on Main Street.

Many stores will be offering specials Friday night and shoppers have the opportunity to win Sherburn Bucks by playing the Free Blackout Business Game Card.

Shop Sherburn continues on Saturday, December 5th with a Santa workshop for children grades three and under, a medalion hunt and a free movie, "Home" at the Sherburn Theatre at 11:30 a.m.

Donations from the Fox Lake Conservation League, Sherburn Lions Club and Sherburn C&C have made the weekend in Sherburn possible.

Shop Local this weekend by shopping in Sherburn!

## Book Buddies Book Club at the Fairmont Library

Children in grades three through seven and an adult are invited to sign-up to participate in an adult/child book club at the Fairmont Library!

Last fall date for the book club is: Monday,

December 14th at 5 p.m. Please pre-register at the library. One copy of the book will be provided to each duo. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions

## Minnesota Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom

Farm Bureau members attending the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Annual Meeting November 19th-21st in Bloomington participated in an Agriculture in the Classroom activities at local elementary schools.

The MFBF Promotion and Education Committee in conjunction with the MFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee and county Farm Bureau leaders worked with first,

third and fourth graders in Poplar Bridge Elementary and Washburn Elementary Schools in Minneapolis.

The 24 leaders read "How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World" and conducted activities to help students gain a better understanding of agriculture. The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation and Farm Bureau members sponsored classroom book donations and apples for the project.

# Holiday Open House

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Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center

Happy Holidays!! Now that December is here we can count on Christmas Cheer, festive moods, and lots of holiday treats. For those of you who are trying to be mindful of your blood sugar this can pose a special challenge and temptation.

You know the saying about no calories in Christmas cookies? Sorry, not true. So while you may want to indulge a little, you may also want to look into natural ways to help manage your blood sugar levels. Diabetes

*And while there are drugs out there to help (diabetes), all too few actually "give exercise and diet a chance".*

has become a scourge of modern day living. Too many readily available high calorie foods mean that our bodies can't always keep up with the sugar we are supplying it.

As of 2012, some 29 million Americans have diabetes type 2, of which about 8 million don't even know it. An additional 86 million are considered prediabetic. This means about a third of all Americans are either prediabetic or outright diabetics. And while there are drugs out there to help, all too few actually "give exercise and diet a chance". As I said last month, diet and exercise DON'T fail you; it's the other way around.

Along with a proper diet and the right kind of exercise, there are certain nutraceuticals that can be very effective in

helping you manage your blood sugar levels. Cinnamon is one of the best known. While the cinnamon spice you are familiar with will help a little, a professional grade supplement is the surest way to go. Cinnamon supplements can lower blood sugar 3-5%, which is a nice assist when trying to limit or avoid prescription meds and all of their side effects. A couple of added benefits of cinnamon are lowered insulin resistance and better LDL/HDL ratios. No prescription med can say the same.

As always, the quality of cinnamon supplement you purchase can make all the difference in the world. Recall that back in February the New York Attorney General's office ordered GNC, Walmart, Walgreens, and Target to stop selling supplements as many of theirs did not have any of the product they said they did. For example, ginseng sold at those stores had rice, house plants, pine, and wheat, but NO ginseng!! At Burtis Chiropractic we carry a professional grade cinnamon supplement called MetaglycemX, which has the highest quality cinnamon available.

Another supplement to consider in blood sugar control is berberine. While cinnamon has been shown to lower blood glucose, berberine is better at lowering HbA1C levels, which are a longer term indicator of blood levels of glucose. Berberine is basically the natural equivalent of metformin. Some studies have even demonstrated better blood sugar control with ber-

*If you have ever wished there was something more effective than cough drops for upper respiratory infections, there is: zink lozenges.*

berine than metformin. Comparisons between berberine and metformin show that along with lowering HbA1C about 12% it also lowered LDL and triglycerides.

And a bonus for the cold and flu season. If you have ever wished there was something more effective than cough drops for upper respiratory infections, there is. Zinc lozenges have been around for a long time and have been shown to be effective in decreasing upper respiratory symptoms along with shortening length of infection. So enjoy the sweets in moderation and know that there are natural ways to make up for the indulgences.

Finally, for anyone who did not care for my introductory statement of "Happy Holidays", please remember that the word holiday has its root "holy day". And as Christmas is indeed one of the holiest days of the year, remember that the next time someone tries to secularize the season by avoiding the word "Christmas". In trying to be secular they are really acknowledging the holiness of the season. Now isn't that sweet!!

## Hy-Vee Raises More than \$216,000 to Assist Veterans

Earlier in November, Hy-Vee, Inc. encouraged its customers to join its Hy-Vee Homefront initiative and help serve the men and women who have served America. Through its efforts, Hy-Vee will be donating more than \$216,000 to organizations that assist local veterans and their families.

The Hy-Vee Homefront initiative is comprised of several company efforts to recognize and assist veterans and their families, including complimentary Veterans Day breakfasts at all Hy-Vee stores, donations to organizations that assist veterans through the Round Up for the Homefront program, Honor Flights and veteran and military member employee recruitment.

During Hy-Vee's 2015 Round Up for the Homefront program, which

occurred November 5th-15th, customers at all 240 Hy-Vee stores across eight Midwestern states were able to round up their purchases to the next dollar — or a desired dollar amount — at the checkout to help programs that assist veterans. The effort raised \$116,870, a figure Hy-Vee will match with a \$100,000 donation.

The more than \$216,000 raised will benefit three organizations that support veterans and their families: Hope for the Warriors, Operation First Response and the Puppy Jake Foundation.

Hope for the Warriors is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for post-9/11 service members, their families and the families of the fallen who have sustained physical and psychological wounds in the line of duty. Operation First Response helps meet the immediate

personal and financial needs of wounded military members and their families. And, the Puppy Jake Foundation raises, trains and provides service dogs to veterans.

In addition to the Round Up program, Hy-Vee also commemorated Veterans Day by offering a free breakfast to all veterans and active-duty military members. A new attendance record was set this year with Hy-Vee serving 91,384 veterans and service members breakfast on November 11th — approximately 8,000 more than those served during Hy-Vee's 2014 Veterans Day breakfast.

For more information about the Hy-Vee Homefront initiative, the organizations benefited and how you can get involved, visit [www.hy-vee.com/homefront](http://www.hy-vee.com/homefront).

## Minnesota Farm Bureau Supports Hunger Initiatives

Martin County Farm Bureau members thank you for supporting and promoting agriculture.

Farm Bureau members from across Minnesota gathered this weekend for the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Annual Meeting held November 19th-21st in Bloomington.

During the meeting, attendees conducted a service project for Second Harvest Heartland with 25 volunteers packing 13,701 pounds of potatoes and also helping to sort apples and squash and assist with labeling.

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation also presented a donation to Second Harvest Heartland

for \$3,300. The funds were raised during the 2015 MFBF Leadership Conference by participants



who held an auction and a district challenge to "Feed the Pig (piggy bank)."

Throughout the year, farmers and ranchers across the nation donate food, funds and people

power to create a hunger-free America.

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation mission is to provide opportunities for supporters of agriculture to invest in people and programs focused on supporting active farmers and agriculturalists, better connecting agriculture to consumers and serving rural communities. The MFB Foundation is a 501(c)3 foundation. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information on Minnesota Farm Bureau log onto [www.fbmn.org](http://www.fbmn.org).

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Norwegian Kringler

### My oven is on!

My oven has hardly gotten a chance to cool off this week! I am getting ready for my Mom's 100th birthday party, which is Saturday, December 5th! She has always been proud that she is 100% Norwegian so I decided to do a Norwegian theme. I have had so much fun planning the food and decorations! My granddaughter has an American girl doll and I found a lady who makes Norwegian dunad - which is a Norwegian costume - and she is making one to fit the doll. It's so beautiful! I have friends who are of Norwegian decent so they lent me various Norwegian props, figurines, trolls, table runners, hardanger. I bake Norwegian goodies at Christmas every year so I am hot at it. I have never baked for 100 before so that is a bit of a challenge.

Rosettes aren't my specialty. In fact, last year I gave up on them, but they are my Mom's favorite so this year I threw away two batches before I nailed it!

Today I am going to share my recipe for kringler with you. I have made several different recipes through the years but this one is my favorite. It comes from the Elmore United Methodist church cookbook. Kringler are a little time consuming to make, but we think they are worth it. I think they are sort of between a cookie and a roll. We eat them with butter. Plan ahead - the dough needs to chill over night!

### Norwegian Kringler (pronounced kringla):

- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 stick ( 1/2 cup) butter or margarine
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 tsp soda
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 4 1/2 cups flour

Cream shortening and sugar, add beaten egg, sour cream, buttermilk and vanilla, mix well. Add dry ingredients. Chill dough over night. On a lightly floured board take small bits of dough (approx. rounded tsp) and roll into the size of a pencil and then shape in figure 8's and place on ungreased cookie sheet; bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. The bottoms should be brown but not the tops. If you press lightly with your finger, you shouldn't leave an imprint. Cool.

For my Mom's party, I frosted them with a light coating of white powdered sugar frosting 'cause I didn't want to mess with butter and knives. Traditionally they are served with butter.

Be careful on the ice and have a great week!

## MCHS-Fairmont Receives Top Performer Award

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont has been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® for 2015 (using 2014 data) by The Joint Commission, a national health care accreditation organization. As published in the 2015 annual report, surgical care and immunization are the two performance measure sets that were awarded to Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

"As a Joint Commission-accredited hospital, we're very pleased to receive this special recognition," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "Quality, including clinical outcomes, patient safety and patient experience, are always a priority in providing comprehensive patient care. Our dedicated staff put the needs of patients first, and that is reflected in our patient care processes and performance outcomes."

Requirements to become a 2014 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within

that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

"Being named a Top Performer by The Joint Commission reflects the commitment of the providers and staff in Fairmont to bring the quality and expertise of Mayo Clinic to patients in and around the Fairmont area," says Paula Santrach, M.D., associate dean, Of-

fice of Value Creation at Mayo Clinic.

"We're proud of our colleagues and congratulate them on this recognition."

"Led by this year's Top Performer hospitals, Joint Commission-accredited hospitals have achieved tremendous improvement and reliability on many of the measures reported over the past five years. These Top Performer hospitals are demonstrating how to achieve and sustain superb levels of performance in delivering evidence-based treatments," says Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission accredits and certifies nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.



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need to pre-register. Call the library at 776-2717 with questions.

Adults: join us at the Fairmont library for modern monogram on December 5th at 10:30. There is no cost for this event. If you have questions, please call 238-4207.

As always, check our website for other events happening at your local Martin County Library: [martincountylibrary.org](http://martincountylibrary.org)

## Keys for Heroes Offers \$1,000 to Landlords

Give a veteran a place to live in Minnesota and you can get \$1,000, in an attempt to end veteran homelessness

Nearly 50,000 veterans nationwide are without a home. Several states have programs to help get them back on their feet. One recently created in Minnesota is hoping to end veteran homelessness in the state for good.

Keys for Heroes is a new program established this year. Its goal: to end veteran homelessness in the state of Minnesota by the end of 2015.

"The VA does a good job, but the homeless veterans they're in need of some permanent places to be," Korean War Veteran Henry Aaby said.

"If we can help a veteran, we should." Vietnam War Veteran Larry Nicholson said.

As a final push for the program, the state is offering the incentive of \$1,000 paid directly to landlords or property owners who sign a lease with a veteran currently on the Minnesota Homeless Veterans Registry.

"It gives some security to the landlord of who they're renting to," Curt Cannon said.

Over a third of the veterans on the registry can afford a one bedroom

apartment on their own, but they have trouble finding a landlord who will rent to them.

"Most cases they do have the money to support them and sustain themselves. It's just they need the second chance. They don't have a strong rental history," Cannon said.

Clay County Veterans Service Officer and a fellow veteran Curt Cannon says it's programs like these that really make a difference.

"We offer benefits and we do things for vets, but housing, the struggle with housing, and identifying the people to rent to them is a big deal," Cannon said.

So far, 228 veterans and their families have found homes using the Keys For Heroes Registry, but the state says that's just the beginning of getting all of our state's heroes off the streets.

Twelve month leases must be signed by January 30th to qualify for the full \$1,000, but smaller incentives may be offered for shorter leases as well.

For more information, contact Douglas C. Landsteiner, Martin County Veteran Services, 115 W. 1st. St., Suite 306, Fairmont MN 56031. Phone: 507-238-3220. FAX: 507-238-8492



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## Ask A Trooper: Winter Driving Safety

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

### Question: Can you talk about winter driving safety?

Answer: This is a great time to talk about it and remind drivers about the dangers of driving on slippery roads and reducing chances of being involved in a crash.

- Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are poor.

- Buckle up, and make sure child restraints are tightly secured.

- Drive at safe speeds according to road conditions, and provide for

plenty of travel time.

- Increase safe stopping distance between vehicles.

- Use extra precautions when driving around snowplows by keeping at least five car-lengths behind plows.

- If skidding, remain calm, ease foot off the gas, and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.

- If vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply a steady firm pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump ABS brakes.

- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights, and directional signals.

- Headlights must be turned on when it is snowing or sleeting.

- Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads. Conditions can change over every hill and around every curve. Be very aware of bridge decks and overpasses as they become icy.

- Equip vehicles with a scraper/brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction. Blanket(s), heavy boots, warm clothing, and flashlights are also important, as are storing high-energy foods such as chocolate or

energy bars.

- Be sure cell phones are charged for long trips, and inform family of destination plans and schedule.

- If stranded, stay in the vehicle.

- Parents of teen drivers should make sure new motorists experience snow and ice driving in a safe environment, such as an empty parking lot.

- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles parked at a scene.

- Have good winter type tires on your vehicle.

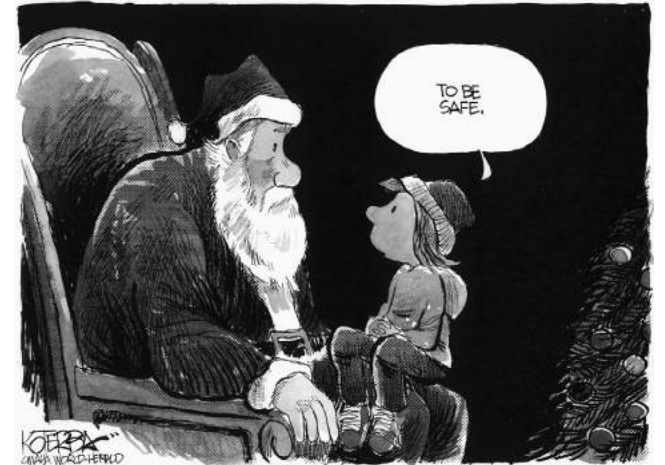
- Have a good set of windshield wipers on your vehicle.

- For weather-related road condition information, call 5-1-1 or visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

Remember that you can't control how other drivers are driving, but you can reduce your chances of being involved in a crash if you follow basic winter driving safety tips.

If you have any questions concerning traffic re-

lated 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](mailto:Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us))



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lette, salsa, peppers, onion,  
juice. **Lunch:** Meatball Sub,  
mashed potatoes, broccoli,  
hot apple slices.

**FRI: Breakfast:** Breakfast  
Pizza, salsa, fruit, juice.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Fajita,  
fixings, refried beans, corn,  
fruit.

**MON: Breakfast:** Cinn.  
Burst Bread, applesauce,  
juice. **Lunch:** Chicken  
Nuggets, rice, veggies, green  
beans, fruit.

**TUES: Breakfast:**  
French Toast, syrup, fruit,  
juice. **Lunch:** Grilled  
Cheese, fries, carrots, apple.

**WED: Breakfast:** Bagel,  
Strawberry crm cheese, PB,  
fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Chili,  
PB sandwich, salad, carrots,  
pears.

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**DEC 4 - 9**

**Elementary hot breakfast can be found online.**

**THUR: Breakfast** K-6: Trix  
Bar, goldfish, apple juice, or-  
ange, milk. JR/HS: Scrambled  
Eggs, gravy, Cinn. Toast Crunch,  
apple cinn. muffin, PB&J, raisins,  
OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheese-  
burger, sunbutter and grape  
sandwich, baked beans, caesar  
side salad, orange, peaches. JR/  
HS: Tator Tot Hotdish, corn, din-  
ner roll, broccoli carrot ranch  
salad, red pepper strips, apple,  
strawberries.

**FRI: Breakfast** K-6:  
Cheerios Bar, cinn. graham  
cracker, tangerine juice, apples,  
milk. JR/HS: Sausage Egg and  
Cheese Bagel, Cocoa Puffs,  
yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape  
juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Grilled  
Cheese, blueberry muffin, to-  
mato soup, broccoli, apple, pine-  
apple tidbits. JR/HS: Teriyaki  
Chicken, brown rice, peas, asian  
coleslaw, carrots, orange, pine-  
apple tidbits.

**MON: Breakfast** K-6:  
Cinn. Toast Crunch Bar, sun-  
flower seeds, tangerine juice,  
orange, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast  
Pizza, Cinn. Toast Crunch, blue-

berry muffin PB&J, pears, apple  
juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Baked  
Ziti, breadstick, turkey and  
cheese sandwich, carrots, caesar  
side salad, apple, pears. JR/HS:  
Max Sticks, marinara sauce, corn,  
cauliflower, apple, pears.

**TUES: Breakfast** K-6: Trix  
Bar, goldfish, apple juice, apple,  
milk. JR/HS: Pancake on a Stick,  
syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J,  
apple, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6:  
Chicken Nuggets, dinner roll,  
chef salad, dinner roll, mashed  
potatoes and gravy, celery, or-  
ange applesauce. JR/HS: Asian  
Noodle Bar, kidney bean salad,  
carrots, orange applesauce.

**WED: Breakfast** K-6: Co-  
coa Puffs Bar, goldfish, tangerine  
juice, raisins, milk. JR/HS: French  
Toast Sticks, syrup, Honey  
Nut Cheerios, string cheese,  
PB&J, peaches, apple juice, milk.  
**Lunch** K-6: Pancakes, syrup,  
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**THUR:** Hot Turkey, broccoli,  
orange, milk.

**FRI:** BBQ, strawberry cup,  
corn, dessert, milk.

**MON:** Chicken Patty, carrots,  
applesauce, milk.

**TUES:** Chili, crackers, pears,  
carrot sticks, cinnamon roll, milk.

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coli, chocolate pudding.

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noff, corn on the cob, eclair.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken  
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Karis and I hosted the Hagen family Thanksgiving this year for the first time since Mom was with her sister in Buffalo, New York during Thanksgiving. Our family for years has had their turkey cooked on a charcoal kettle grill and it always tastes so good



when prepared that way. So, all the pressure was on Karis and I this year to produce a great tasting turkey on the grill for the first time. I got up and started the charcoals about 5 a.m. that morning, then Karis and I went to work basting the turkey, cutting up onions to put under the turkey and then double-wrapping the 20 pound bird in heavy duty tin foil. I put the turkey on the grill at around 5:15 and then left it alone. It was hard not to sneak a peek at the bird before that time because it smelled so good as it was cooking. When the sleet/snow mix started up, we had to move the grill up under cover next to the garage. We pulled the turkey off the grill at 11:30 a.m. and upon opening the foil I was happy (and relieved!) to see that it was a nice golden brown and the meat just fell right off the bones. We had a good day with family and all had a great meal at the Hagen farm. I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving also!

#### Why No Fi?

One of the comments that I heard during Thanksgiving Day at our house was the lack of Internet connectivity in our home. We do not have wireless Internet in our home, as I have not felt the need for it. To top it off, our cell phone service on the farm is iffy at best and can be a challenge to talk on the cell phone when in the house. So, of course there were a few complaints from the younger generation at Thanksgiving be-

cause they couldn't text or search the Internet on their phones. Of course, none of this bothered me as I have always been perturbed when you sit down to visit in the living room and half the people sitting around are looking down at their phones constantly and either texting or playing some game online.

Since they couldn't do that at the Hagen home, you would have thought that I took away a precious commodity from them! So, from now on, whenever there is a gathering at the Hagen farm, they will know that I have no Wi-Fi and that they have stepped back to 1995 when you actually have to speak to someone with your voice and not your fingers.

#### Holiday Delight!

Even though we celebrated Small Business Saturday last weekend in the area with many local businesses offering specials for local Christmas shoppers, this coming weekend in Fairmont and Sherburn there will be even more reason to shop local this season! Businesses in downtown Fairmont will be celebrating "Holiday Delight" Friday evening from 6 to 10 p.m.



with many in-store specials throughout downtown Fairmont, carolers, hayrides, craft and bake sales, Secret Santa and a drawing for Downtown Dollars at 10:30 p.m. Over in Sherburn, they will be celebrating the 10th Annual Staying Home for the Holidays - Shop Sherburn

on Friday and Saturday this weekend. Stores will be open, a vendor and soup and sandwich supper will take place at the Sherburn Community Hall, hospice tree lighting, caroling, horse and carriage rides, Santa and Mrs. Santa will be strolling the streets and more on Friday night. On Saturday there will be a Santa workshop for kids grades three and younger, a medallion hunt and a free movie. Lots of great reasons to shop local this weekend!!

#### Goodies, Delights, Shopping! And Give Back - Give Blood!

Before I go this week, there are a few events and activities coming up in the next week to point out. On Friday, December 4th, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies Circles in Truman will host a bake sale from Noon until gone at the Truman Community Building. Proceeds go toward parsonage repairs. Of course Friday night is the Downtown Fairmont Holiday Delight and the Shop Sherburn event. On Saturday, Shop Sherburn activities continue. The Chubb House Christmas Tea and Bake Sale will take place at the Chubb House in Fairmont from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can join them for coffee or tea and special treats. This will be a free will donation. Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 8th, 9th and 10th will be the Fairmont Community Blood Drive. Tuesday's hours are from 1 to 7 p.m., Wednesday from Noon to 6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will take place at the Holiday

Inn in Fairmont.

Have a great week!

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- Jeff



# Kiwanis Korner

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Kiwanis International is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2015 and in observance of this event, we are spotlighting Fairmont area's two Kiwanis Clubs and their members.

## PASSING THE GAVEL

September 23rd, 2015 was a day for "passing the gavel" for the Kiwanis Club of Fairmont, Ear-

ly Risers, with James Bock, Club Member, and current Lieutenant Governor for District 6 of the MN-KOTA

region of Kiwanis, presiding.



Retiring President, Michael Katzenmeyer inducting Kathy Smith as the newest Early Riser Kiwanis member, with her sponsor, Char Kahler, in attendance.



Lt. Governor James Bock installs John Hovick as President Elect.



Bock presents retiring President Michael Katzenmeyer with his Past President pin



Bock installing Lowell Spee as President of the Kiwanis Club of Fairmont, Early Risers for the 2015-2016 term.

Other officers installed for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year were: Secretary, Bonita Johanneck; Treasurer, Jerry Jorgensen and Vice-President Elect, Daron Johnson.

Lt. Governor Bock also retired Club Director Glen Davis, William Krumholz and Larry Maday and retiring Past President, Harlan Gorath, the then installed new club Directors James Simser,

Mary Schmitt and Ryan Nicholson, who will join with returning Board of Director members, Terry Thimesch, Scott Mixson and Charles Anderson. Thanks to all retiring club

officers, and congratulations to all those newly installed and continuing officers who will continue leadership roles for our club during the forthcoming year.

**Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant.**

**Uptown Kiwanis meets every other Tuesday at noon at Tami's on the Ave.**

For more information or to become a member, contact: Uptown Club President Louise Hendricks, 235-3090; Early Risers Club President Mike Katzenmeyer, 235-9534.

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## Naturally

By Al Batt

The weather was nice until it wasn't.

It was a gray sky, lacking features. Rain had been predicted. There was a trough aloft. The sun almost peeked out from the clouds. I thought it would, but the weather played me for a sucker.



Rain and snow merged.

I weaved my day around a tapestry of nature.

Great horned owls had hooted the night away. A kestrel perched. It was hunting. The tiny falcon was a bird on a wire.

Juncos swirled ahead of a car headed down the road. A rooster pheasant walked the graveled roadside, searching for food. He was a parade of one.

I saw deer tracks in the snow. Deer store fat around internal organs and under skin, which provides energy reserves and

insulation. A deer's winter coat is made of coarse, hollow, gray-brown guard hairs covering a dense, wool-like underfur. These provide insulation and heat absorption. Minnesota has scads of deer, but Wisconsin hunters take twice as many as do Minnesota hunters. Minnesota has more land, but Wisconsin has more deer hunters.

Starlings flew overhead in a feathered ball. Their plumages were a glossy black with white feather tips. The birds appeared to wear tiny stars. By spring, the white tips have worn away and star-

lings become darker birds. Starlings have dark bills in winter that change to yellow as breeding season nears.

There was a stillness to the yard. Blue jays called and house sparrows chirped, but most of the regular soundtrack had gone. The sweet voices of spring and summer had left in a migration.

The loudest voice was that of crows. Ed Ochester, from Pennsylvania, wrote this entitled, "Fall." "Crows, crows, crows. Then the slow flap-away over the hill and the dead oak is naked."



A remembrance of springs past. A photo of a Cape May warbler taken by Wanda Kothlow of Wells.

### From the mailbox

Melva Henspeter of Preston recommended a poem by Nicholas Samatas called, "He who is especially fond of birds." It is lovely. Here is a bit of it.

"In a place of solitude, an observant man can hear a busy silence. His Arcadian hands lift the window onto

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a flannel sky, an edging of shaggy pines whose green wavering suggests silver. He looks below the comb of the trees and smiles at the tiny ibis—scorchingly white—that moves forward so slowly, there is no sound. Above in waning light, black-tipped terns smudge the sky. A high kestrel eddies on the wind and, like this, the last hours go. By the window, he listens for the unseen aviaries that continue to warble and skirl through the dusk. What else is needed?"

This is from Dave Keyes of Northfield, "An idea has been percolating in my mind for some time now that burst, like an abscess from my brain this morning while watching some chickadees. Given your unusual way of observing the world, I feel compelled to share it with you. Suppose it started while reading the paper about UND adopting the moniker 'Fighting Hawks' for their athletic teams, and that according to Patrick Reusse, they'd been known as the Flickertails in earlier days.

While thinking about what a cool name that was (or simply the Flickers), the abscess burst. What about the "Fighting Chickadees"?! Now, before you scoff, think about this. Imagine yourself

some winter night in the Chickadee's high school gym (nest?). Their basketball team leads by one, five seconds to play. Opponent launches a shot that will beat the Chickadees, misses but is fouled. Two shots, one to tie and two to win. The opponent goes to the foul line. As he is about to shoot, the packed house of a thousand Chickadee partisans begins their trademark chant: DEE-DEE-DEE-DEE-DEE. Thoroughly unnerved, both shots are badly missed and the Chickadees win! Hope this

gave you a chuckle. If so, it is a very small repayment for the many times you have made me laugh."

**Q-and-A**

"How many feathers does a bald eagle have?" Between 7,000 and 7,200.

Thanks for stopping by.

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- Mark Twain

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# Bitter Cold

## Guest Columnist

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

Some say that you had to have lived in the BITTER COLD to really appreciate it. I believe that this is true. I believe that few know what real BITTER COLD is for these are the times of automatic heating in homes, cars, and businesses. It was different when I was a child. We lived in a home without insulation. It was heated mostly with wood, which meant that the house "got warmer but never warm."

Those were the times of heavy clothing, mittens, caps, scarves, overshoes, water dippers frozen in the water pails of the kitchen, feather beds, and dressing in front of the open oven door, for it was the only place in the house that was really warm.

What can be colder than a Minnesota morning with a low temperature and a strong northwest wind? In the words of my father, "Such cold is

the kind that bites your insides when you breathe." It is the kind that makes you "turn away" from the sharp and stinging wind. It is the kind that penetrates clothing quickly. It is the kind that kills!

The great Armistice Day storm of 1940 was a storm of BITTER COLD. I remember this storm. The stories of this storm are often told to emphasize how serious winter can be. The recent snowstorm

and cold weather made the older people remember. One of our customers asked me if I remembered "the story of the standing cattle." It was a story that I had never heard. It was a story about Erick Bloomquist, a farmer that I knew well. He owned a herd of cattle that were pastured on the 160-acre pasture called Lindgren's Prairie. The storm hit and the cattle had no shelter. The sudden force of the cold, snow, and wind caught many farmers off-guard. There was no time to get the cattle home. The cattle wandered "with the wind" but were stopped by the fence on the south side of the pasture. They froze



to death standing on their feet. They found them standing near the fence as though they were alive.

When someone speaks of cold, I always think of such stories. However, when someone speaks

of BITTER COLD, I always think of waiting for the school bus. It is one of those memories that make you recall what the term BITTER COLD really means.



Six Generations gathered for this special family photo at Goldfinch Memory Care in Fairmont on Saturday, November 28th, 2015.

Beginning the heritage is 92-year-old Hazel (Moore) Musser of Fairmont on the far right. Seated next to Hazel, is her niece, Donna (Moore) Madsen of Fairmont, sister of Marge (Moore) Tish. Dan Tish, of Mankato MN, son of Marge, is seated on the far left. In the back row on the far right is Dan's son, Tory Tish of St. Cloud, MN. Next to Tory, is his son Jesse Tish holding the youngest member of the family, Jesse's son Noah Tish.



AgStar Fund for Rural America donated \$3,000 to the Granada First Responders for an AED and medical equipment. Pictured are Steve Pomerence, Connie Miller and Grant Pomerence of AgStar and Brenda Duncan, Blake Mathiason, Mike Hinz, Dan Denton, Sheila Denton, Lina Larson from Granada.



AgStar Fund for Rural America donated \$2,500 to the Sherburn Fire Department for a defibrillator. Pictured (L to R): Steve Pomerence (AgStar), Sam Meixell, Sherburn Fire Department, Connie Miller and Grant Pomerence (AgStar).



Members of Girl Scout Troop 30213 recently picked up pre-ordered wreaths at Smith's Nursery in Fairmont. About 90 wreaths were ordered through the Girl Scout troop and funds from the sales go toward a fundraiser for the Girl Scout trip to Costa Rica in July 2016. Pictured (L to R) Courtney Lopau, Emma Ward and Emma Koehler.



Joe Dubke, Chairman of South Central Minnesota Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (right) presented a check to Chris Engelby of Fairmont Area School District for \$250 for the Archery in the Schools project.

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**TIP OFF - Fairmont Cardinals girls basketball team opens the season by traveling to Worthington Tuesday. Team members include: front row (l-r): Bailee Swanson, Haley Harder, Lexi Lunn, Abby DeWitt. Middle row: Claire Cutler, Alexis Bass, Courtney Mosloski. Back row: Taylor Crissinger, Alli Lardy, Brenna Cutler, Cassidy Krusemark. Not pictured: Brooke Hunwardsen. Courtesy fairmontsports.com**

### FHS Math Team places 3rd in High School Math League meet

On Monday, November 23rd the Fairmont High School Math League team participated in the second meet of the year for the Minnesota Valley Division of the State High School Math League. The meet was hosted by Blue Earth Area.

Fairmont finished in a tie for third place with Waseca, both schools having a team score of 49 points. Mankato West won the meet with a score of 80 while Mankato East finished second with a score of 71. Blue Earth ended up finishing in eighth place with a score of 19.

The Minnesota Valley Division is made up of nine schools that compete in five meets throughout

the season. Team points accumulate from the five meets throughout the season. After two meets Fairmont is in third place in the Division.

Participants for Fairmont who do well at each meet earn the title of "Mathlete of the Meet". For the second meet five individuals attained this honor. Joy Tie led Fairmont with a score of 12. Steven Bulfer and Anagha Komaragiri had scores of 8, Cameron Hainy scored 7, and Eli Green had a score of 6. Tie and Hainy each had a perfect test score in the Algebra competition.

Waseca will host meet #3 on Monday, December 14th at 3:45 p.m.



**Sitting: Joy Tie and Anagha Komaragiri. Standing: Cameron Hainy, Steven Bulfer, Eli Green**



**LEFTY LAY-IN - Cards Noah Quiring goes up for two while Worthington's Tyler Linder defends the play. The Cards downed the Trojans 61-45 last Tuesday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com**



**Superintendent Joseph Brown was a Royal Reader for American Education Week in Mrs. Forster's 3rd grade classroom at Fairmont Area Elementary. He read, "The Little Engine that Could," inspiring the kids to work hard in school so they can make their dreams come true. Mr. Brown got lots of hugs from the students!**

### Two \$1,000 Federated REA Scholarships Available

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

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

The scholarships are available to high school seniors and college students who will be enrolled full time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school working on an undergraduate or master's degree. Previous Federated Basin scholarship winners are not eligible to apply again. Plus, this is the first year that the former Alliant customers who are now Federated members can have their sons/daughters apply.

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

transcript, ACT/SAT scores, write an essay and have an outside appraisal (reference checklist). The topic of the one-page essay should answer the following question: Pick one of the four Touchstone Energy Values of innovation, accountability, integrity and commitment; describe how you see this value in action at your local cooperative.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is January 29th, 2016. Applications are available from Federated's website ([www.federatedrea.coop](http://www.federatedrea.coop)), at Federated's office (507-847-3520 or [info@federatedrea.coop](mailto:info@federatedrea.coop)) or from local high school counselors.

The scholarship must be used for college during Fall 2016. Checks will be made payable to the school as paid by Basin/L&O. Scholarships will be distributed in August.

Last year's winners were Brandon Schmit, Jackson; and Briana Gratz, Fairmont.

In addition, the Federated Rural Electric Operation Round Up scholarships will be available with the March 10th and April 1st Federated electric bills. Eight scholarships of \$700 each will be awarded to each of the six districts, plus two will be awarded for district at-large where applicants have a second chance at winning.



**SQUIRTS WIN - Fairmont Squirt A's defeated Marshall 4-0 Sunday in Marshall. Goalie Carsen Musser recorded the shutout with 36 saves. Scoring: Hartley Aust, assist Caden Lebert; Kaiden Musser unassisted; Hank Artz unassisted; Kaiden Musser assist Jack Kosbab. Shots on goal by Fairmont: 36.**



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**YOUNG GUNS** - Fairmont Cardinals boys basketball team opened the season losing the opener to Windom and defeating Worthington. Team members include: *front row (l-r):* Corbin Scheff, Nate Kallenbach, Caleb Lloyd, Carter Lloyd, Andrew Hagen. *Middle row:* Sam Schwieger, Jack Waletich, Tyler Tennyson, Shyiem Thomas, Christian Engeman, Tyler Johnson, Sasha Bertram. *Back row:* Travis Thiesse, Josh Liljenquist, Kale Fritz, Noah Quiring, Walker Tordsen, Theo Krumholz. *Not pictured:* Dominic Armitage. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**ON THE MAT** - Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls wrestling team opened the season Tuesday night in Sherburn vs Waseca and New Ulm. Team members include: *front row (l-r):* Katie Lange, Lucas Jagodzinske, Blake Jagodzinske, Jaxson Rohman, Andrew Lawrence, Everardo Hernez, Kailey Wiederhoeft. *Second row:* Cale Steuber, Christian Hugget, Jordan Wolter, Zac Ringnell, Mario Maldonado, Payton Pierson, Dominick Ortiz, James Joyner. *Third row:* Assistant coach Jovan Ramos, Luis Figueroa, Conner Malo, Jacob Rahn, Dayton Nielsen, Miles Fitzgerald, Parker Anderson. *Back row:* Dawson Becker, Chris Ettesvold, Collin Steuber, assistant coach Tucker Schumann, head coach Adam Williamson, assistant coach Nick Klunder. *Not pictured:* Ramon Bowie, Tristan Lange, Nathan Simmonds, Connor Simmonds, Mark Washa, Michael Holtz, assistant coach Dave Raleigh. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**ALL-AROUND** - Martin County Area Magic gymnastics lineup opened the season by traveling to Luverne on Tuesday. Team members include: *front row (l-r):* Emma Schultze, Madison Maakestad, Sabrina Segar, Karley Law, Sady Ringnell, Hudson Ringnell, Kirsten Steuber, Maiya Dietz. *Back row:* Olivia Anderson (manager), Sydney Leichtnam, Jenna Steele, Bryanna Peterson, Brielle Meade, Andrea Thate, Maggie Bachenberg, Cara Behrends, Paije Meyer (manager). *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**HITTING THE ROAD** - Fairmont Area Cardinals boys hockey team opened the season vs St. Peter/Le Sueur-Henderson on Tuesday. Team members include: *front row (l-r):* Manager Emily Lubenow, Bryan Karp, Reilly Hoefker, Colby Kuhl, Kaylan Legred, Tanner DeWar, manager Kori Schwichtenberg, manager Lindsey Tonne. *Middle row:* Sam Welker, Matt Kotewa, Brady Jensen, assistant coach Roger Claey, head coach Kris Olson, assistant coach Clint Forstrom, Jacob Mitchell, Nathan Gillis, Leyton Becker. *Back row:* Tom Haven, Tyler Head, Avery Mahlman, Logan Von Feldt, Ethan Lubenow, Jacob Chrisman, Hunter Jorgenson, Caleb Johnson, Riley Clarey. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**KICK SAVE** - Cards goaltender Sadie Sandersfeld deflects the puck as teammates #12 Lauren Carlson and Logyn Cone defend in front of the net. Luverne's Madison Crabtree looks for a rebound while teammate Mad-die Dinger looks on. Luverne downed the Cards 8-3 last Tuesday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**FACE OFF** - Fairmont Area Cardinals girls hockey team is off to a 2-1 start. Team members include: *front row (l-r):* Alyssa Feters, Joni Becker, Bailey Chaffee, Bergen Senf, Katie Hohensee, Anna Nordquist. *Middle:* Ronja Schjerve, Jordyn Junkermeier, Sadie Sandersfeld, assistant coach Jessica Wiederhoeft, head coach John Korsmo, assistant coach Casey Kester, Emily O'Connor, Myah Lytle, Brooke Lemon. *Back:* Jalyssa Wilson, Lauren Carlson, Logyn Cone, Courtney Williams, Tiernyn Arens, Kelsy Junkermeier, Cori Emler, Taylor Nuss. *Photo courtesy Leanna Mahoney*



**3rd Annual FHS Alumni Tournament Champs. Defense Optional (2013-15).** *Front row:* Nate Johnson, Justin Barnes, Josh Eversman, Spencer Chirpich. *Back row:* Luke Becker, Mitch Pfingsten, Parker Monsen, Levi Becker.



**3rd Annual FHS Alumni Tournament Runner-ups. Old Schoolers (1991-1998).** *Left to right:* JR Pool-ey, Tim Terfer, Greg Schmitz, Todd Olson, Jared Pomerence, Jared Thompson, Brad Haugen, Jake Thompson, Jeff Miller, Brent Schul-tze.

# Kids' Maze

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## Taking control of your health

Guest Columnist

Evie Anderson, Wellness Advocate, Essential Oils Educator

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If turning 70 puts you in the "Golden Years," then I guess I'm officially a member; and despite the fact that I secretly wonder what time machine I stepped into, I am "Perfectly Comfortable" with growing older. Aging is a process, and we must love ourselves enough to do the things that we need to do to age with the "healthiest grace" possible.

Recently I had a rare opportunity to visit with an old friend, one I don't often see, and hadn't seen for quite some time. The last time I visited with her, she had the most beautiful silver and peppery hair, that I must say, looked amazing on her... but on this day, I couldn't help but notice that her hair was a very beautiful (but trendy) deep redish brown. Sensing my surprise, her hand instantly went up to her head and she began to run her fingers through her hair saying...I've decided to age gracefully! We spoke only briefly and never discussed what else she was doing to accomplish this, but I was secretly hoping it was more than just a trip to a salon.

There are so many things that will affect the degree of "grace" that we will enjoy in our golden years, but number one is, of course, our health. We need to have the best doctor patient relationship possible; one that will allow for great dialog and health management choices. We need to understand the possible side effects of all of the prescription and over the counter products we are taking, so that we can recognize

should any of those symptoms appear. We must also work closely with our health care provider to minimize the amount and overlap of these products.

Regardless of our age it is imperative that we eat

*"Know that you are the perfect age. Each year is special and precious, for you shall only live it once. Be comfortable with growing older."*

- Louise Hay

as healthy a diet as possible and supplement it with good quality natural supplements that will absorb naturally and give our bodies what our diet lacks. It's sad that we often overlook or not take seriously the importance of nutrients for proper body and brain function. Keep in mind that there is a direct connection between our physical and emotional health and it is important that we understand that connection. Our emotional health however, can be addressed in many ways, from developing positive friendships, laughing and smiling a lot, learning new things, staying busy with the things that bring us joy and shedding the emotional junk that we often carry... (with a big part of the shedding process being the act of forgiveness and "letting go"); it's comforting to know that essential oils can play a big part

in this process.

Let's not forget the importance of having our bodies rest and restore, because without it, we can create havoc with our health and create limitations in our quest for the quality of life we had hoped for. Rest and restore can be accomplished by practicing good sleep habits; and choosing natural products to aid in this process is a smart decision.

We also need to embrace the joys of aging; we are smarter, more experienced, have more time to do the things we enjoy and have a front row seat in watching our family thrive and grow. Realize that although our bodies age, our spirit grows stronger, if we let it.

All of us have a different set of circumstances that have brought us to the "Golden Years"; but regardless of our circumstances, it's best for us to work together with someone to help us find ways to enhance life's experiences as we age. We can work with a friend as an accountability partner to keep us faithful to our plan, we can initiate better communication with our health care provider and we can look for alternative healthy forms of wellness. I read a quote recently that said "When I is replaced by WE, even illness can become WELLNESS."

Let me be your wellness accountability partner; contact me today....Until then....

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 5, 1990

The Minnesota Women of Today announced that Lori Klingbeil of Fairmont Women of Today was given the Key Woman Award at the organization's State Convention in New Ulm.

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Shelly Abitz of Fairmont found the Downtown Plaza Hidden Medallion at On the Wall in a glass showcase. Abitz said that part of the winnings, \$200 in Downtown Bucks, will be given to her two children who will donate the money to needy kids at their church.

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The Salvation Army of Fairmont began its annual Christmas Appeal by ringing the bell at four area locations, the Fair Mall, HyVee, ShopKo

and Kmart. The Salvation Army expected to raise \$55,000 during the Christmas season, according to Captain Thomas Parker, commanding officer for the local Salvation Army.

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Lindsay Eco Water System announced a three day grand re-opening at its location at 830 East Fourth Street, Fairmont, following a major remodeling.

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Construction continued at the new Martin County National Bank building. Completion was scheduled for early spring.

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Dave Huset was named the 1990 Fairmont Bass Seeker's "Fisherman of the Year."

nary footings and digging for foundations at the site of the future Fair Mall Shopping Center in Fairmont. Earl Madsen of Mankato who engineered the purchase of the old fairgrounds property, was planning a large grocery store as one of the anchors of the shopping center, moving his uptown store from its location at Park and Blue Earth and adding a cafeteria, delicatessen and bakery.

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Ice fishermen got the usual warning to take precautions on local lakes. Angling through the ice was becoming a major Minnesota winter sport.

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George Booth and his square dancers were to present a rollicking program for members of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce at their annual Christmas party.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 5, 1965

Construction was to begin soon on prelimi-

## CryptoQuote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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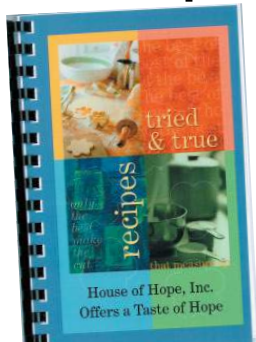
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Annette Bremer, Corliss Bremer, Gail Bremer, Jan Bremer, Larry Bremer, Melvin Bremer, Wayne Bremer, William Bremer to Dennis J. Bremer, Jennifer L. Bremer, Pt. Govt. Lot 3, 4, SE¼, 19-101-30; Pt. Govt. Lot 1, NE¼, 30-101-30; Pt. Govt. Lot 1, NE¼, 30-101-30; E½SE¼, 33-101-31

B.J. Norman, Beverly Norman, William Norman to James Barke, Judy Barke, Lot 1, Block 1, Milbrandts Addn.

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Kurt R. Steuber, Patricia E. Steuber to Kurt R. Steuber, Patricia E. Steuber, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 32-103-31; Pt. SW¼SE¼, Pt. SE¼SW¼, 14-103-31; Pt. 33-102-29; Pt. W½ 33-102-29; Pt. E½SE¼SE¼, 33-102-29; Pt. 12-103-31

Joy Renee Kuehl, Michael B. Kuehl to Scott D. Kuehl, Und. 1/2 Int. E.1,329.29', 23-104-32

Lori Kuehl, Scott D. Kuehl to Michael B. Kuehl, Pt. E.1,329.29', 23-104-32

### DEED OF DISTRIBUTION

Patricia A. Buhmann, Per. Rep., Randy O. Green, Per. Rep., Robert D. Green, Jr., Per. Rep., Estate of Bob Green, Robert D. Green, Sr., to Randy O. Green, Robert D. Green, Jr., Pt. SW¼ 22-102-29

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Paul C. Edman, Richard C. Kramer Revocable Trust Agreement to Thomas S. Kramer, Trustee, Thomas S. Kramer 2010 Revocable Trust Agreement, S.70' Lot 1, Block 2, Campbells 2nd Addn., Welcome; Lots 5, 6, Block 7, Original Plat Sherburn

Mary Jo Neusch Trust Agreement, Charles E. Neusch,

Mary Jo Neusch to Greta A. Lintelman, Robert J. Lintelman, Pt. Und. 1/2 Int., NW¼NW¼, 28-102-30

Charles E. Neusch Trust Agreement, Charles E. Neusch, Mary Jo Neusch to Greta A. Lintelman, Robert J. Lintelman, Pt. Und. 1/2 Int., NW¼NW¼, 28-102-30

## DEATH notices



November 24 - Ruth M. Swanson, 94, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

November 24 - Geneva N. Evans, 84, Welcome.

Kramer Funeral Home

November 25 - Lois E. "Jody" Buckmeier, 79, North Ft. Myers, Florida (formerly of Fairmont).

Lakeview Funeral Home

November 26 - Kenneth H. Kollasch, 92, Fairmont.

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November 27 - Hilbert C. Brandt, 95, Trimont.

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November 29 - Lillian M. Ash, 90, Fairmont.

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November 30 - Leonard E. Bonstead, 88, Fairmont.

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### In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

November 23 - Lester Breitbarth, 81, Truman

November 24 - Violet J. "Jean" Malo, 87, Northfield (formerly of Fairmont).

November 24 - Gladys Voyles, 93, Fairmont (formerly of Granada)

November 26 - David C. Garrison, 75, Fairmont

November 26 - Adeline "Bunny" T. Zenk, 90,

Plymouth, Minnesota (formerly of Fairmont)

November 27 - Darwin R. Thompson, 90, Fairmont

November 28 - Bernadene L. Welchlin, 86, Fairmont

November 28 - Margaret Tonne, 86, Fairmont

November 28 - Hiroko K. Olsen, 77, Mankato (formerly of Sherburn)

November 29 - Rev. Gordon Patterson, 97, Fairmont

November 30 - Rodney G. Plath 64, Fairmont

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### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Sealed bids will be received by the Martin County Board of Commissioners for designation of the County legal newspaper in which meeting minutes and official notices will be published for the year 2016.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015. Bids will be opened during the regular Commissioners Meeting on January 5, 2016. Sealed bids must be marked "Legal Newspaper Bid" and should be mailed or delivered to the Martin County Coordinator's Office, 201 Lake Avenue, Room 100, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN 56031. Bid forms are available at the Martin County Coordinator's Office or on line at [www.co.martin.mn.us](http://www.co.martin.mn.us) and click on Public Notice.

Dated at Fairmont, MN this 16th day of November, 2015.

Scott Higgins,  
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## OBITUARY notices

### Kenneth H. Kollasch, 92



A Celebration of Life service for Kenneth H. Kollasch, 92, of Fairmont, was held Monday, November 30th, at the Christian Church of Fairmont. Burial with full military honors followed the service by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and the Martin Co. V.F.W. Post 1222 at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Kenneth passed away Thursday, November 26th, 2015 at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled the arrangements for the family.

Kenneth Henry Kollasch was born on September 23rd, 1923 near Swea City, IA, the son of Henry and Louise (Krumm) Kollasch. He attended school in Swea City. In 1941, Ken entered into the U.S. Navy and served during WW II with the Navy Armed Guard and served as a gunner on escort ships mainly in the Pacific Theatre. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946 and returned to Swea City where he worked as a carpenter. Ken owned and operated Kollasch Construction in Swea City and later in Fairmont. On January 18th, 1974, Ken married Joyce Swindell in Sioux Falls, and they made their home in Fairmont.

Kenneth was a 71 year continuous member of the American Legion where he served as Commander, Adjutant and proudly served on the Honor Guard. He also was a member of the Martin County V.F.W. Post 1222, Christian Church of Fairmont and enjoyed golfing at Rose Lake Golf Club. Ken got his greatest pleasure out of his work as a carpenter and later doing

woodworking and furniture building. He always enjoyed spending time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren.

Those that will cherish his memory include his wife, Joyce Kollasch of Fairmont; daughters, Rosemary Cohoon (Lanny Plumlee) of Leander, TX, Nancy Erickson (Kevin) of Fairmont; special nephew, John Senenfelder of Apache Junction, AZ; granddaughters, Beth Stensrud (Ken) of Decatur, IL, Rachel Manwarren (Ryan) of Blue Earth, MN; great grandchildren, Drake and Ericka; brother, Eddy Kollasch and his wife, Marian, of Swea City, IA; sister, Delores Francis of Rockwell City, IA; other nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Ken was also preceded in death by one son, Clifford "Skip" Kollasch; infant brother, Jacob; sisters, Lucille Kockler and husband, Walter, Leona Senenfelder and husband, Robert; and brother-in-law, George Francis.

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### Lois E. "Jody" Buckmeier, 79



Funeral Services for Lois E. "Jody" Buckmeier, 79, of North Ft. Meyers, FL, formerly of Fairmont, will be 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 5th, 2015, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont with private family interment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont at a later date. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Lakeview Funeral Home. Jody passed away Wednesday, November 25th, 2015, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, FL.

Lois Elaine "Jody" Buckmeier was born on March 14th, 1936, in Truman, the daughter of Robert and Anna (Buchmeier) Jensen. She attended school in Truman through the 9th grade before attending Fairmont High

School and graduating with the class of 1954.

In 1956, Jody was united in marriage to Derald Naumann. Together the couple made their home on a farm near Elmore, and were blessed with two children, Julie and Alan.

On August 1st, 1971, Jody was united in marriage to Vernon Robert Buckmeier at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Through this marriage, Jody was happy to welcome the addition of Vernon's children, Steven and Vernetta into her life.

Jody worked for many years as a bookkeeper for various places including Aerospace Systems and Fairmont Glass. After she and Vernon retired, the couple enjoyed spending winters in Cape Coral, FL, eventually making Florida their home. Jody was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont and was also an active member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Auxiliary Post #36. She was a former member of the Business and Professional Women and enjoyed her time as a member of the Women's Club in Ft. Meyers, FL.

In her spare time, Jody enjoyed time with friends and family. She and Vern liked to travel and took trips to both Europe and Japan. She found joy in living next to, and taking a few fish from George Lake in Fairmont, the waterways of Cape Coral, and most recently her view of the harbor in Ft. Myers, FL. Jody really enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow up and her "coffee time" with good friends in both Minnesota and Florida.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Julie Smith and her husband, Scott of Blue Earth, and Alan Naumann and wife, Masami of Monte Sereno, CA; step-children, Steven Buckmeier and wife, Robin of Mt. Airy, MD, and Vernetta Turner and her husband, Kenneth of Paris, AR; 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; her brother, William Jensen and his wife, Nancy; in-laws, John Riesch, Ron and Judy Buckmeier, Janice Kennedy, Becky Buckmeier, and Ben Darrow; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jody was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vernon Buckmeier; brother, Donald Jensen; and sisters, Lucille Kleinback and Violet Riesch.

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### Lillian M. Ash, 90



Funeral Services for Lillian M. Ash, 90, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 3rd, 2015, at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont with interment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 2nd, and will continue one hour prior to the service at Lakeview Funeral Home. Lillian passed away on Sunday morning, November 29th, 2015, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Memorials are preferred to the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in assisting the family with arrangements.

Lillian Mae (Cummins) Ash was born on December 1st, 1924, in Iowa Lake Township, Emmet County, IA. She was the daughter of Vivian Dwight and Ethel (Drake) Cummins. Lillian graduated from Fairmont High School.

On July 21st, 1946, Lillian was united in marriage to Arnold Dwight Ash at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. The couple resided in Fairmont where Lillian worked at Stokely and United Foods until her retirement on November 8th, 1991. Lillian and Arnold shared thirty-five years together before Arnold passed away in February of 1981.

Lillian was a life member of the Fairmont Community Hospital Auxiliary as well as a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ and

the ladies circle at church, the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Auxiliary, Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222 Auxiliary, and Martin County Historical Society.

Left to cherish her

memory are her family and friends. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold; and brother Clifford Gordon Cummins and his wife, Tina.

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## Minnesota Farm Bureau Supports Hunger Initiatives

Martin County Farm Bureau members thank you for supporting and promoting agriculture.

Farm Bureau members from across Minnesota gathered this weekend for the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Annual Meeting held November 19th-21st in Bloomington.

During the meeting, attendees conducted a service project for Second Harvest Heartland with 25 volunteers packing 13,701 pounds of potatoes and also helping to sort apples and squash and assist with labeling.

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation also presented a donation to Second Harvest Heartland for \$3,300. The funds were raised during the 2015 MFBF Leadership Conference by participants who held

an auction and a district challenge to "Feed the Pig (piggy bank)."

Throughout the year, farmers and ranchers across the nation donate food, funds and people power to create a hunger-free America.

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation mission is to provide opportunities for supporters of agriculture to invest in people and programs focused on supporting active farmers and agriculturalists, better connecting agriculture to consumers and serving rural communities. The MFB Foundation is a 501(c)3 foundation. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information on Minnesota Farm Bureau log onto www.fbmn.org.

## oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Salvation Army of Fairmont would like to thank everyone for helping with the Thanksgiving dinner by cooking, serving, being a delivery person, working at the desert bar, working at the drink station, pots and pans people, cleanup and setup, and all the donations that were given for the dinner, you all were a

blessing. Many people in our community received a great dinner because of your generosity. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated!

Again, thank you for helping out with the dinner. Have a great day in Him!

Major JoAnn Hixenbaugh,  
Major, Corps Officer

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals T

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**GARBERS - THANK YOU!** for all the get well wishes, phone calls, flowers, gifts, food and visits while in the Fairmont Hospital, Trimont Health Care Center and home following my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Wilson for his many visits, prayers and bringing communion. How fortunate we are to live in such a caring community. Thank you again! Roberta Garbers. 30-1tp-1

**FRITZ - I'd like to thank** Pastor Reimers for his visits and prayers and everyone who sent a card or came to visit. Also the prayers of everyone who helped speed my recovery after surgery. God's blessings to all. Ruth Ann Fritz. 30-1tp-1

**MILLER - A big thank you** to my family and friends who made my 90th birthday special with all the surprises, beautiful music, flowers, cards, gifts and phone calls. You made my day. Blessings to all of you. Mildred Miller. 30-1tp-1

**SLONEKER - WE ARE FORTUNATE** to have a husband, father and grandfather who touched our lives in so many ways. It was truly amazing to see so many caring family members and friends whose lives he touched also. Thank you to all who shared in his life. We would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words, hugs, prayers, stories and all your thoughts that consoled us that day, whatever the part. He was richly blessed and we are honored to call him Dad. Duane "Zeke" Sloneker family: Rita, Doug and Kelly, Dave, Karen, Karla and families. 30-1tp-1

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## Federated Members Help Fund Local Projects Through Operation Round Up

The Federated Rural Electric Trust, Jackson, recognized local organizations receiving \$25,524 through Operation Round Up recently. These donations occur due to monthly contributions by participating Federated members.

21 organizations received money in this 42nd round of funding, including the following area organizations:

**MCW Preschool, Sherburn:** \$450. Offer Prairie Ecology Bus classes for

pre-K & grandparents

**Girl Scouts swim team:** \$464. For Jackson County Central/Martin County West girls' scholarships for swim team

**Sherburn Fire Dept./ Ambulance Service:** \$500 toward purchase of 30 traffic cones for safety at accidents

**Martin County Library:** \$500. Develop five playful learning kits for children

**Alpha Fire Department:** \$850. Buy a cordless tool combo kit for

auto accident extractions

**Truman Public Preschool:** \$850. Buy two classroom iPads for use with new curriculum

**MCW Community Ed/ Preschool, Sherburn:** \$1,000 laptop for preschool and for 1 laptop for community ed

**Salvation Army Heat Share, Fairmont:** \$2,000. Assist Federated members with emergency energy assistance

**GHEC Weekend Backpack Program:** \$2,500. Purchase food for week-

ends for students in need

**Eight \$700 high school scholarships:** \$5,600. **Eight \$700 scholarships for Federated members sons/daughters**

The Trust Board received 29 applications totaling \$40,559 in this 42nd round of funding. The Trust Board will meet again in the spring to determine the next round of funding. The deadline for submitting applications is February 26th, 2016.

About 81 percent of Federated Rural Electric

members participate in Operation Round Up. They allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. The extra cents go to a special trust fund, which is administered by an independent trust board that consists of seven Federated members. Since the first round of funding in 1995, more than \$491,000 has been awarded to local organizations and as high school scholarships.

In addition, the Trust Board set the 2016 schol-

arship amounts with eight \$700 scholarships to be awarded with one for each of the six districts and then two more for the at-large district where applicants have a second chance. The scholarship applications will be included as an insert with the March electric bills.

Federated is a Touchstone Energy cooperative serving 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.



MCW Preschool, Sherburn - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board Director Lori Beseke *left* presented a \$450 check to the MCW Preschool. Dianne Armbrust accepted the check. The school will offer Prairie Ecology Bus classes for pre-K and grandparents.



MCW Community Education/Preschool, Sherburn - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board Director Lori Beseke *left* presented a \$1,000 check to the MCW Community Education and Preschool. Dianne Armbrust accepted the check. The school will buy one laptop for preschool and one laptop for community education.



Salvation Army Heat Share - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Deb Rentschler presented a \$2,000 check to the Salvation Army's Heat Share program. Mike McGlone accepted the check. The \$2,000 helps Federated members needing emergency-energy assistance.



Martin County Library - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board Director Lori Beseke *left* presented a \$500 check to the Martin County Library. Mackenzie Geiger accepted the check. The library will develop five playful learning kits for children.



Truman Public Preschool - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board Director Deb Craven *right* presented a \$850 check to the Truman Public Preschool. Jennie Bowers accepted the check. The funds will buy two iPads for preschool curriculum, assessments and apps.



GHEC Weekend Backpack Program - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board Director Deb Craven *left* presented a \$2,500 check to the Granada Huntley East Chain Weekend Backpack Program. Brenda Doolittle-Millmann accepted the check. The funds will purchase food for weekends for students in need.



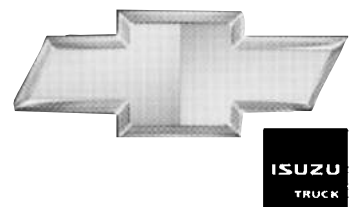
Girls Scouts swim team - Federated Rural Electric's Marketing & Communications Manager Andrea Christoffer *left* presented a \$464 check to Kelsey Zubke for the area Girl Scouts' swim teams. The money goes toward scholarships for Jackson County Central / Martin County West girls to participate on the swim teams.



Sherburn Fire Department - Federated Rural Electric Trust Board Director Debra Craven presented a \$500 check to the Sherburn Fire Department. Sam Meixell accepted the check. The department will buy 30 traffic cones for safety at accidents.

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## Erickson Family of Fairmont Serves on Dental Mission Trip in Haiti through GoServ Global

Jon and Donna Erickson along with their children Linnea and Peter served on a mission trip

ing the clinic and whose vision is for more dental teams to serve on an ongoing basis. "My hope is

needs. The dental team extracted four teeth and provided much-needed antibiotics and by the time the team headed back to the US, he was a different boy.

Bieber hopes this is the first of many teams to serve at the Haitian clinic. To learn more about serving on a dental mission team with GoServ Global, visit [www.goservglobal.com/dental-mission](http://www.goservglobal.com/dental-mission).

The dental clinic is just one of the many projects GoServ Global has started in Haiti. GoServ Global began after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti in 2010. In the past four years, GoServ Global now supports

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- James 1:27 Widows & Infants Village – 14 babies, seven widows
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Jon Erickson, DDS works on a patient at the newly-built dental clinic in Haiti, one of the projects of GoServ Global.

at the newly-built dental clinic in Les Cayes, Haiti through GoServ Global (formerly known as Global Compassion Network). Over the past several years, numerous teams from Bethel E-Free Church in Fairmont have served in Haiti through GoServ Global.

"This trip gave our family a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ," shared Jon of the Fairmont Family Dentistry. "It was great to be part of a larger team and I would love to see many more dentists involved in staffing the clinic."

There are only three dentists for every 100,000 people in Haiti, so GoServ Global – with the help of Zion Lutheran Church of Clear Lake, IA – recently completed a much-needed dental clinic that provides three treatment rooms, a sterilization area, and modern equipment including digital x-ray.

"I first traveled to Haiti on a medical mission in 2011," shared Tom Bieber, DDS, who was instrumental in build-

that now we will be able to help the younger Haitians



Donna and Peter Erickson with a patient at the newly-built dental clinic in Haiti through GoServ Global.

learn some preventive measures so they will have a healthier outlook and at the same time continue to treat those in pain. It will be nice to go to Haiti and be able to save some teeth rather than just remove them!"

One of the first patients was a boy who arrived with a life-threatening infection from untreated dental

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## Understanding The TPP Trade Agreement

Guest Columnist



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On October 5th, 2015, trade ministers from twelve nations, including the United States reached an agreement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement. Trade talks on the TPP agreement have been ongoing for several years. Other countries besides the U.S. involved in the TPP agreement are : Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. Together, these twelve nations account for approximately 40 percent of the World's economic output. Full details of the 30 chapters of the final TPP agreement were released on November 5th. There are many TPP resources available on various web sites.

The United States already does a considerable amount of export business with the other TPP countries, totaling an estimated 622 billion dollars in 2013. The TPP agreement would reduce more than 18,000 current tariffs that inhibit American products from being exported to the other TPP countries. Some examples include a 38% tariff on U.S. beef entering Japan, a 40% tariff on U.S. poultry entering Malaysia, and a 34% tariff on U.S. pork entering Vietnam. Japan also has large tariffs on U.S. dairy products, wheat, corn and rice. On the flip side, the U.S. agreed to reduce current tariffs on sugar that is imported into the U.S. from TPP countries, which has been a sticking point with some farm groups, the sugar industry, and some members of Congress.

The TPP agreement would also open up U.S. trading possibilities with a wider range of Asian countries on more goods and services. It is also hoped that having a stronger economic alliance with Japan and the other Asian countries will also strengthen the U.S. national security in that region of the World. China, which has the largest economy in Asia, is not a partner in the current TPP agreement; however, it is hoped that China may at some point be added as a TPP trade partner.

The TPP agreement would also force the member nations to comply with certain labor and environmental regulations, which was very important to the U.S. negotiators. The agreement will ban forced and child labor, in addition to establishing certain wage guidelines and other workplace standards. The

TPP agreement will also ban illegal fishing, wildlife trafficking, and illegal logging. The TPP agreement will provide the U.S. more authority to contest export rejections that are made on the basis of sanitary rules for plant and animal diseases, without scientific evidence or proper grounds.

Most observers estimate that the agriculture industry will be a winner from the TPP agreement over the next several years, if the agreement is approved. As of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the U.S. exported approximately 47 percent of the soybeans, 42 percent of the wheat, and 13 percent of the corn that produced in the U.S. in 2014. The U.S. also exported over 20 percent of U.S. pork production, and significant amounts of beef, dairy, and poultry products, rice, fruits, and vegetables.

The reduction in the significant tariffs in Japan, Vietnam, and other Asian countries with the TPP agreement should help open up new markets for U.S. grain and meat products. Even with the current tariffs, annual U.S. agricultural exports in 2014 totaled over \$13 billion to Japan, \$2.3 billion to Vietnam, and just under \$1 billion to Malaysia. Overall, the U.S. agricultural exports totaled \$63 billion to the other eleven TPP countries, or 42 percent of the total U.S. agricultural exports. Many of the Asian countries have a rapidly growing middle-class population, which tends to be favorable for higher levels of U.S. agricultural exports.

From an agricultural standpoint, Minnesota has a lot at stake with the pending TPP agreement. Minnesota ranks first in the U.S. in sugar beet and turkey production, third or fourth in corn and soybean production, second or third in pork production, seventh in dairy production, and ninth in wheat production, as well as being a major producer of beef, other poultry products, and vegetables. The total estimated value of Minnesota's agricultural exports in 2013 was \$8 billion, with the top five exports being soybeans, feeds and fodder, corn, pork, and wheat. Currently, several Asian countries have some high tariffs on exports for most of the leading agricultural export commodities.

While there are many agriculture groups and companies that support

the TPP agreement, there are also some that oppose the agreement. Because most trade agreements tend to create "winners" and "losers", along with other issues in multi-nation trade agreements, there is rarely uniform support for these types of agreements. The old saying goes "the devil is in the details", and many members of Congress and trade experts want to wait until they can review the full text of the TPP agreement before pledging support to the agreement. As mentioned earlier, there are a total of 30 chapters to the TPP agreement, with lots of potential provisions that could be troublesome for the economics of certain products or commodities, or to certain groups or individuals, including members of Congress.

Some members of Congress and corporate leaders are concerned that the TPP agreement does not have specific language to address the issue of currency manipulation and monetary policy difference among the member nations. Some agricultural leaders fear that the currency manipulation may lead to U.S. export products being undervalued, and thus lowering the economic benefit to U.S. farmers and ranchers. Labor unions have also opposed the TPP agreement, feeling that the agreement did not go far enough to level the playing field for work conditions and wages in other countries, compared to standards for the U.S. workforce.

Most experts expect the Congressional debate regarding the TPP legislation to last for months, and that final approval may not come until mid-year or later in 2016, if at all. The 2016 Presidential election adds another wrinkle to achieving approval of the TPP agreement. Hillary Clinton, the leading Democratic candidate, as well as several leading Republican candidates, have already announced opposition to the TPP agreement for various reasons. Some observers fear that this may keep members of Congress from taking any action on the TPP agreement until after the 2016 Presidential election. Many agricultural leaders are hoping that the TPP debate and final approval can move more quickly, in order to potentially open up expanded export markets for U.S. agricultural products.

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