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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I didn't get the farmyard cleaned up before the 8 inches of snow fell in my yard, but that's OK. I like to find surprises when the snow melts in the spring. Christmas is a peck of fun, but I didn't get a big Christmas tree this year. I got a Christmas bouquet instead. That should cut down on the number of squirrels I'll find in it on Christmas and be small enough that I can get into the same room with it."



Naturally

The world had put on its winter coat — a heavy coat of snow. I drove through way too much snow (according to the National Weather Service) to get to an important meeting. We complain about the weather forecasts, but we should complain that they are too accurate. Another attendee asked how my drive

to town was. I told her that I'd seen a small flock of snow buntings. Those birds made the post-storm journey a delight.

Forty-two Canada geese flew over the yard in a lopsided V-formation, honk-alonging their way south. The bird feeders had been busy. If you fill your feeders, the birds will come before a storm.

A rooster pheasant flew from the yard. I heard him before I saw him. I was sorry to have bothered the handsome fellow. Male pheasants utter a series of loud, excited two-note calls when they flush. It's difficult to assign a precise meaning to these cackles.

Red oak, ironwood and buckthorn hang onto their leaves. Turkeys, deer and squirrels dig through the snow in search of acorns. The squirrels may be checking for cached nuts.

Fairmont Christmas Bird Count

The Fairmont CBC will be on Thursday, December 19th. Interested parties should contact Brad Bolduan at 831-1189. Participants don't need to be experts and may count

birds at feeders. The count area is a 7.5-mile circle centered at Amber Lake Park, reaching the Iowa border, and including East Chain, Wilbert, and Imogene.

Q&A

"Are there are more than one kind of cattail in Minnesota?" There are two — the common or broadleaf cattail and the narrow-leaved cattail, both found in shorelines of marshes, lakeshores, river backwaters, and road ditches. There is also a hybrid of those two species. Narrow-leaved cattail isn't native to Minnesota or the United States. It's a native of Canada. The DNR says narrow-leaved cattail has a flower spike 4 to 8 inches long and 1/2 to 1 inch wide that looks like a hotdog on a stick. A broad-leaved cattail spike is 4 to 6 inches long and 1 to 2 inches wide that resembles a sausage on a stick.

"Do soybean aphids eat buckthorn?" They do feed on buckthorn. They spend the winter as eggs on buckthorn, a critical part of the soybean aphid life cycle. Aphid eggs hatch on buckthorn in the spring and populations build

there, producing winged spring migrants that eventually colonize nearby soybeans — the summer host of the aphid. Soybean fields with buckthorn nearby are often the first to be infested by aphids in the spring. The aphids go through many generations throughout the summer. At the end of the soybean growing season, the aphids produce both male and female migrants, which fly to buckthorn to mate and lay eggs. Soybean aphids are yellow aphids only 1/16th of an inch long. They have distinctive tailpipes (cornicles) on the tip of their abdomens. There are a number of insect predators of soybean aphids, including the multicolored Asian lady beetle, minute pirate bug and green lacewing. Buckthorn was once sold in nurseries and 1,700 feet of buckthorn was planted as a hedge on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds. It has since been replaced with hedge cotoneaster.

"Why is nature usually called 'she'?" Because even when angry, she is beautiful.

"How do birds decide who eats first at the feeders?" They operate on a hierarchy called a pecking order. The idea of a pecking order came

from studies conducted in the 1920s when Norwegian biologist Thorleif Schjelderup-Ebbe established that chickens had a dominance system. He named it the "pecking order" after noting that chickens enforced their leadership by administering a sharp peck of the beak to underlings whenever they got ideas above their station. Our feeder birds follow that same practice.

"There is an opossum in my yard. Should I worry about the animal having rabies?" Any mammal can get

rabies, but the chance of rabies occurring in an opossum is rare. It's thought that the opossum's low body temperature makes it difficult for the virus to survive in the animal's body.

Thanks for stopping by

"The sun, the darkness, the winds are all listening to what we have to say." — Geronimo

"We haven't yet learned how to stay human when assembled in masses." — Lewis Thomas

Do good.

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The Steller's jay was discovered in Alaska in 1741 by Georg Steller. Photo by Al Batt

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The Regional Worship Center will host a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast** Monday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the church, located at 2 Crossroads Drive, across from Kum and Go in Sherburn. All are welcome to join them.

Trimont Methodist Church 54th annual Soup Dinner

The Trimont United Methodist Church will be having their 54th annual Soup Dinner Saturday, December 7th from 11 a.m. to 1p.m.

They will feature home-made vegetable beef soup, BBQ or hot turkey sandwiches, assorted pies and

beverages.

Also for sale at the event will be greeting cards, Rada Cutlery and dishcloths. The youth group will be having a bake sale.

Music will be provided by the Trimont Area Centennial Band.

IHD to host craft show at Five Lakes Centre

The Interlaken Heritage Days Holiday Craft & Vendor Show will be taking place on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Interlaken Golf Club, 277 E Amber Lake Drive. There will be over 30 local crafters and vendors present to show you jewelry, soaps, pillows, scarves, cutting boards, clothing, books, baked goods, décor and so much more! It is guaranteed you will find something for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

The Interlaken Golf Club will also be hosting

a free wine sampling, so come sip, shop and help make someone's holiday brighter by shopping local. This is a free event open to everyone, no membership required.

This event is a fundraiser for the 2020 Interlaken Heritage Days festival. The IHD committee will also be hosting free will donation gift wrapping for all those gifts you purchase at the show as part of their fundraising efforts. To see a list of current vendors check out the IHD website <https://ihdfairmont.org/craft-fair-vendor>.

Tarnished Brass to participate in 2 concerts



"Tarnished Brass," a brass group made up of members from the upper midwest, including Fairmont resident Larry Vogel, will take part in two Christmas concerts this month.

The group will be performing along with seven choirs at a Christmas

concert on Thursday, December 12th at 6 and 8 p.m. at Chanhassen High School.

On Saturday, December 14th Tarnished Brass will perform seven advent songs before and during the service at St. Mary's Basilica in Minneapolis at 4:30 p.m.

Lunch with the Arts to feature local trio



Enjoy the songs of the seasons with Bill Busse, Joyce Schultz and Sandy Ettesvold at the Red Rock Center for the Arts.

The trio will perform as part of the "Lunch with the Arts" program Tuesday, December 10th, from Noon to 1p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

This year they will have everything from Yogi Yor-

geson's "I Yust Go Nuts at Christmas" to Dean Martin's "Christmas Blues" and all the great holiday favorites.

Come enjoy the music, holiday treats, friendship and conversation. Bring a bag lunch if desired. Coffee and refreshments will served.

Everyone welcome, a free will donation will be taken.



VAN NOTE 91ST - An 91st birthday open house will be held for Lorraine Van Note of Fairmont on Saturday, December 7th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fairmont United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Lorraine was born December 12th, 1928. Cards can reach her at 405 Willow Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.



LUTTERMAN 98TH - An open house honoring Irene Lutterman's 98th birthday will be held Saturday December 7th from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn. Irene was born December 7th, 1921. Cards can reach her at 410 Fox Lake Avenue, Apt. 201, Sherburn, MN 56171.



Members of the Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis Club were busy serving hungry customers during their annual pancake supper, held at Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont Monday night.

Sherburn American Legion Christmas party

The Sherburn American Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting a Christmas party for all those who have worked at the steak fry and hamburger nights this past year.

The party will be Sunday, December 8th at the Legion Hall. Social hour

begins at 5 p.m. and meal at 6 p.m. They will be serving oyster stew and chili, sandwiches and bars.

We are thankful for those who help at these meals - without your help, we would not be able to have these meals. Come join us.



Chloe Murphy, a Fairmont High School senior, has been named Rotary "Student of the Week." Chloe is the daughter of Dan Murphy and Tracy Richardson. Chloe's high school career has been a busy one through her involvement in softball, FFA (reporter), school musical, prom committee, and National Honor Society. She has also been active in 4-H. Following graduation, Chloe will be attending Creighton University and will major in biology. (Submitted photo)

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Local Eagle Scout project to focus on flag retirement ceremony

My name is Aaron Hendricks. I am a Boy Scout with Troop 56 in Fairmont. I am planning to conduct a flag retirement ceremony for my Eagle Scout Project.

This summer I was helping a co-worker load some things into his car and saw that he had an old American flag in his back seat. He said that he needed to dispose of it and I told him I would take it and make sure that it was properly retired. Then he told me that his mom also had an old flag and he would bring it to work the next day. That made me wonder how many other people

in the community had flags that needed to be retired. I wanted to make sure people knew what they should do with their worn-out flags.

Earlier this year, a member of the Fairmont American Legion asked my Scoutmaster if he had any scouts interested in

hosting a flag retirement ceremony. I decided to do the ceremony and community outreach for my Eagle Scout Project.

When we conduct a flag retirement ceremony, we're not just honoring the flag's service to our country. We're also honoring all the men and women who served our



Aaron Hendricks

country and defended the freedoms and ideals that the flag represents.

American Flag Facts:

1. Old flags should not be thrown in the garbage. The preferred way to retire a flag is by burning it.

2. Many people think that burning a flag is

wrong or illegal. The United States Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 8 Paragraph k states "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

3. A flag should only be retired if it is torn, frayed, faded, or soiled and can't be cleaned. If you have a flag in good condition that you do not want, you should find a friend, relative, or co-worker to give it to so they can put it to good use.

4. If you have a flag that needs to be retired, you can bring it to Walmart and place it in one of the collection boxes located between the service desk and the optical department.

There is also a flag collection box at Fleet and Farm Supply in Fairmont.

5. The collected flags will be properly retired as a part of my Eagle Scout Project. I am making plans to conduct the ceremony at Cedar Point Scout Camp later this month.

Financial Focus

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Not Too Soon for End-of-Year Financial Moves

We've still got a couple of months until 2019 draws to a close, but it's not too early to make some end-of-the-year financial moves. In fact, it may be a good idea to take some of these steps sooner rather than later.

Here are a few suggestions:

• Boost your 401(k) contributions.

Like many people, you might not usually contribute the maximum amount to your 401(k), which, in 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you're 50 or older. Ask your employer if you can increase your 401(k) contributions in 2019, and if you receive a bonus before the year ends, you may be able to use that toward your 401(k), too.

• Add to your IRA.

You have until April 15, 2020, to contribute to your IRA for the 2019 tax year, but the more you can put in now and over the next few months, the less you'll have to come up with in a hurry at the filing deadline. For 2019, you can put up to \$6,000 in your IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older.

• Review your portfolio. It's always a good idea to review your investment portfolio at least once a year, and

now is as good a time as any. But don't make any judgments based solely on your results over the past 10 months. Instead, look carefully at how your portfolio is constructed. Is it still properly diversified, or has it become overweighted in some areas? Does it still fit your risk tolerance, or do you find yourself worrying excessively about short-term price swings? These are the types of factors that might lead you to make some changes, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

• Don't forget about your RMDs.

Once you turn 70½, you generally need to start taking withdrawals – the technical term is "required minimum distributions," or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. After the first year in which you take these RMDs, you must take them by the end of each year thereafter. If you don't withdraw at least the minimum amount (calculated based on your age, account balance and other factors) you face a penalty of 50% of what you should have taken out – a potential loss of thousands of dol-

lars. So, take your RMDs before Dec. 31. The financial services provider that administers your IRA or 401(k) can help you determine the amount you must withdraw.

• Think about next year's opportunities. It happens to almost all of us: A year has passed, and we haven't taken the actions we had planned. So, start thinking now about what you want to do in 2020 from a financial standpoint. Can you afford to ratchet up your investments in your retirement plans? If you have children or grandchildren, have you started saving for college? Have you considered ways to protect your financial independence if you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? If these or other items are on your financial to-do list, start planning now to get them done next year.

Time goes quickly – so don't get left behind without having taken the steps to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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Area College Student News



Gustavus Adolphus College will host its annual Christmas in Christ Chapel worship services December 5-8 on campus in Saint Peter, Minn. This year, Christmas in Christ Chapel's theme is Love Beyond Borders. Over 350 students will lead the audience through the incarnation story in the gospel of Matthew, connecting us to God's abundant and generous love and inspiring us to transcend borders that keep us divided from one

another and from God's reign of justice and compassion in our world.

The following local student(s) will perform at Christmas in Christ Chapel:

Fairmont: Madisyn Plumbhoff and Iliana Ramon

Saint James: Callie Coleman

The evening performance Saturday, December 7th will be livestreamed online for free beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Pain Management Services now in Fairmont

Guest Columnist



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

Did you know that pain management services are now available in Fairmont? No, it's not a new program at Mayo; right now, their only "pain management services" are in Mankato. Then again, "pain management services" can mean a lot of things. In this article I hope to open your eyes to a much better and safer version of pain management that's available in Fairmont, and has been for some time now – like, a long time!

I have had several patients tell me that they are being sent to a pain management program in Mankato as their current problems are not responding to medication and medical management. This typically means finding the best drugs to decrease pain levels and helping patients learn to live with their pain. Unfortunately, this is often done before ever consulting with a Doctor of Chiropractic. In many cases, chiropractic can indeed decrease pain and increase body function. The awesome thing is that chi-

ropractic does not do this by masking pain, but by actually improving health!

One of the biggest sources of chronic pain is inflammation. Research out of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College has shown that chiropractic reduces pain – and not just in the spine, but the whole system. This research showed that chiropractic adjustments decreased blood markers for inflammation like hs-CRP and IL-6. Combined with supplements like curcumin and fish oil that naturally decrease inflammation, chiropractic used in a functional medicine setting can be very effective in decreasing pain that results from chronic inflammation.

A number of chronic pain problems come about from unresolved injuries that typically involve neurogenic (coming from the nerve) pain. That is where chiropractic can really shine. Pinch or entrapped nerves are often freed and relieved by proper and scientific application of chiropractic.

These days many orthopedic surgeons and physiatrists work with chiropractic doctors in a team approach to get patients the relief they need. If your doctor has not recommended teaming up with a chiropractor, ask them why. You can always go on your own; you never need a medical doctor's "permission" to change course or add chiropractic-centered care to your regimen.

There are a number of "natural" approaches that are only symptomatic. In other words, they feel good without solving the problem. They are, in effect, pain management. But they never take the next step into actually solving the problem that is causing the pain. A good example of this is non-surgical spinal decompression. While it certainly feels good and can give you some relief, there has not been an actual research article published in the last nine years. And a comparative study published in the journal Chiropractic and Osteopathy

in 2007 noted that the evidence is limited, "particularly when many other well investigated, less expensive alternatives are available."

This past March, the Missouri state government passed legislation to include chiropractic in its pain management programs as a way to address the opioid crisis. They saw that the state of Tennessee did this and was able to save 40% of their health care costs. At the federal level, a House-Senate Bill is attempting to do the same thing. If common sense prevails over politics, this may happen there as well.

So, when you consider pain management, consider a broad-spectrum approach like functional medicine. Why are you in pain? Why has it not responded to your treatment to date? Have you tried a combination of natural approaches like chiropractic, massage, and proper supplementation? As the holiday season approaches, consider giving yourself the gift of renewed hope, a new chance to feel good, and the very real possibility that you can start the new year out finally on the road to not just relief, but recovery!

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Oh Christmas tree!

Tis the season, Pa Lloyd managed to get our Christmas tree up, and I got the decorations on. I love doing that, so many of our decorations are ones our children made or were given to me by friends and family. So each decoration holds special memories, I know it's time to think of maybe a table top tree but then I wouldn't be able to use all of my decorations, I'm not ready to give that up yet. I gave myself a Christmas present this year, we had a gas insert put in our fireplace. It was no longer safe for the man of the house to get up on the roof to clean the chimney and I love a fire, it's so cozy and festive. It looks like the real thing so I am one happy Grandma! Now I have to decorate the mantle and hang the stockings. What used to take me a half day to decorate takes me 2 days. Oh well gives me something to do!

Have you ever had a recipe in your recipe file for years that you have never gotten around to use? Years ago I copied a recipe off a Bisquick box for a Impossible Brownie pie, it's probably been in my box for 20 years. I had a craving for dessert a month or so ago so finally tried it, now I have made it three times (once I took it over to my granddaughter's). It's quick and easy and doesn't make such a large amount so good for the two of us. I hope that you will like it too.

Impossible Brownie Pie:

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup butter (softened)
- 1/2 cup bisquick
- 4 oz. semi sweet chocolate, melted, cooled for 5 minutes
- 1/2 cup nuts chopped (optional)

Put all ingredients in a blender except nuts. Blend for 2 minutes, stir in nuts then pour into a greased pie pan and bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Cool for 5 minutes, serve with ice cream or whipped topping, good to serve at room temperature too.

Happy decorating and have a good week!

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want to access your Netflix, Disney+ or Hulu accounts on a regular TV, the Roku can do it! If your smart TV isn't compatible with the new Disney+ service, Roku can connect you! Plus, the Roku device has a lot of free streaming options available for use, even if you don't have membership accounts with Netflix and others. Roku sticks check out for one week and there are no overdue fines. Try it out today!! All Roku information is reset when returned to the library, so no personal information is shared with the next user. It's a great way to stream all your favorite content!

CREST annual appeal address correction

In last week's Photo Press, an incorrect address was provided to the Photo Press on the CREST annual appeal story.

CREST is once again seeking support from the public during the Annual Appeal. Again this year, an anonymous donor will match each gift, which doubles the impact on the lives of family, friends, and neighbors. It is through the generosity of all

of us working together that CREST continues to grow and expand services to "Enhance the Quality of Life for Those We Serve."

You too can "Enhance the Quality of Life" for neighbors and friends by simply writing a check to CREST and mailing it to 820 Winnebago Avenue, Suite 2, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Your gift is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

Ice and wind cause power outages last week

Last weekend's ice, snow and strong winds caused transmission line outages for some local residents.

Saturday morning 668 Sherburn Federated members on the Manyaska substation lost power from 6:38 a.m. to 8 a.m. This substation receives electricity via the ITC transmission line. ITC crews found a faulted arrestor and then power was restored.

Round two came Sunday morning around 2 a.m. for the Round Lake Substation. Next, 1,539 Federated members from five substations (Minneota, Dunnell, Middletown, Enterprise and Wisconsin) lost power from 7 a.m. until about 8 a.m. The ice and strong winds caused GRE's transmission lines to gallop or bounce, causing blinking lights and finally an outage. "Great River Energy remotely switched

the lines to backfeed power from a different direction," said Matt Madden, Federated's assistant operations manager. "GRE's crews determined the worst galloping lines were near the Minneota substation so it was shut off and power was backfed from neighboring substations by Federated's line crews.

"Federated thanks members for their patience," Madden added. "With transmission line outages our crews help drive the lines to determine where the problem is, but we cannot work on GRE's transmission lines. We remind members to follow Federated's Facebook page for major outage updates. If you cannot call and get through to dispatch after hours, that often means it's a major power outage is occurring and we have dispatched crews."

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 1994

Buggy rides were given during the Downtown Fairmont's Christmas celebration. Gary and Linda Hanson of Granada and their horse, J.R. gave Jordan Huffmann and her aunt, Nancy Lobb, a tour of the downtown area.

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Mrs. Ted Fisher brought in a three pound, three ounce white radish from their garden in rural Granada. Her husband planted the "Giant Sakurama Radish" the first week of August and it was harvested on Thanksgiving Day. It had a circumference of 18 inches.

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KFMC radio's Al Travis was set to host the third annual Kamp For Kids project all week long at the corner of Highway 15 and Blue Earth Avenue in Fairmont. As part of the project, red bags were to be filled with non-perishable goods and hygiene items to go to those in need through the Fairmont Salvation Army. Sponsors of the red bag project were Carlisle Plastics, Inc., KFMC, Sentinel, Fairmont Photo Press and the Salvation Army.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 1969

The Fairmont Community Hospital Board reelected officers for the upcoming year. They included President U.B. Idstrom, Vice President Donald David, Secretary-Treasurer Vern Nolte and E.A. Thayer, acting chief of the medical staff who replaced Dr. H.A. Williamson. Other board members were Charles Zierke and Rollo Campe. Cale Neal was administrator.

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Fairmont Hotel was being remodeled for a camera shop. It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris. The camera and hobby shop will have its office on the upper floor.

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New officers of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce were Todd Paulus, President; Harris Sorenson, 1st Vice President; Leonard Meschke, 2nd Vice President and Jeremy Kurtz, Secretary.

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Jeff's Jottings!

What is it?



Jeff's Jottings

It seems that winter decided to pay us an early visit again this year after a big storm struck our area last week. It made it a mess for holiday travelers both before and after Thanksgiving. My nephew Jared and his family from Bismarck, ND found that out when their Saturday flight back home was changed to earlier Monday morning because of blizzard conditions in their home area. We did have a houseful of Hagen relation at my niece Mikayla and her husband Matt's home in Ceylon on Thanksgiving.



My brother-in-law Travis and I each cooked up a turkey. I did a 21-pounder on our Weber grill and Travis did his 20 pounder in the smoker. So, needless to say, even with 24 people eating turkey, we still had lots of turkey left over. Can we say lots and lots of turkey sandwiches?

"What is it?"

Last week's "What is it?" item was quickly answered by a regular at correctly answering my "What is it?" items each week. Brian Olson correctly answered that the item was a hog nose leader tool. I hadn't seen one myself - we just used a pliers to grab "encourage" them to move when I was growing up. Thanks Don Loos



of Sherburn for bringing the item in. This week I have an something that was brought to our office by Don Richards of Fairmont. It measures 7.25 inches in diameter and is made of cast iron. The top photo is a photo of the front of the item and the bottom photo is the back side. So do you know what it is? If you know the answer or want to



guess what it is, email me at jeff@fairmont-photo-press.com

or call us at 507-238-9456 with your answer. I am getting low on new items to highlight in this column, so do you have an item you think would be good to have in this column? Just bring it in and we will take some pictures and get measurements and you will see it featured in a future Photo Press.

Holiday Delights

This Friday night, Downtown Fairmont will be the place to go to get your Christmas cheer, hear lots of great carols and take advantage of business specials as they hold "Holiday Delight" in downtown Fairmont. A number of stores will remain open until 10 p.m. that night. There will be a grand prize drawing of \$150 Downtown dollars and winner need not be present to win. Register in the various stores that night. There will be wagon rides from Rick DeBoer carolers making their rounds, holiday music playing in the streets and trees and decora-

tions will be lit up throughout downtown.

For the first time in a few years, my quartet SonG-QuesT will not be able to be part of this big night as 2019 proved to be a huge challenge for us in losing one member, while gaining a new member, and a number of health-related issues to our quartet and spouses proved to be too much to get ready for Christmas this year. There are still lots of great things happening downtown Friday night. Support your neighbor, your friends and our communities by shopping local first.

Tea, soup dinner and delights!

Here are a brief list of some of the events happening in the coming week. • Friday, December 6th is Holiday Delights in Downtown Fairmont • Saturday, December 7th is the Red Bag Kamp For Kids bag collection in Fairmont. Have your bags out by 9 a.m. that morning. Boy Scouts will be out in area towns collecting the bags at select locations. • Saturday, December 7th the Trimont United Methodist Church will have their 54th

annual Soup Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Youth group will also have a bake sale and Trimont Area Centennial Band will perform. • Saturday, December 7th Chubb House will have their Christmas Tea and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Sunday, December 8th the Sherburn-Dunnell All School Reunion Committee will have a pancake feed from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MCW High School in Sherburn. The Sherburn Lions will be serving. It will be a free-will donation, with funds raised helping support the All-School Reunion June of 2020. • Monday, December 9th the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will host a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat, play, shop local - visit downtown Fairmont for Holiday Delights!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist



Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

Best Pumpkin Pie

Melissa said, "You have so much cooking to do for Thanksgiving, maybe we could get a pumpkin pie from the Rustic Inn...I mean, to save you some time, of course." I glared at her. She defended her comment, "You've always said the Rustic Inn has the best pie on the North Shore."

I reminded her, "I said they have the best pie of any restaurants on the North Shore. I'll make my own pumpkin pie, thank you very much, ma'am!"

She tried to justify such a purchase, "You could make an apple pie, and we could buy a pumpkin pie to save time." I would hear no more of her non-sense and walked away.

I love baking all kinds of pie and I'm pretty good at it, but one pie has been giving me fits for as long as I can remember - the pumpkin pie. Not just any pumpkin pie, but specifically the recipe my mom gave me when I was putting together my own cookbook.

Mom hand wrote across the top of the page, "Best Pumpkin Pie of All Time - It came from a friend in Glendive." (The town I was born in.) Below, she hand wrote the recipe for me. I have tried for years to make this recipe and it never turns out.

Melissa's suggestion to purchase a pie this year, inspired me to try again; to work on my pumpkin pie making skills. I knew I could get it right before the kids came for Thanksgiving this year.

The last time I recall making a pumpkin pie was at my daughter's house in North Carolina, six years ago. I was pleased with the pie. It looked and smelled good and the texture was just right! But when I bit into it? Well, I now call it "The Sugar Free Pumpkin Pie Incident."

Without sugar, pumpkin

pie is not delicious. As a matter of fact, it's only edible if you hold your nose closed

lar to twice baked potatoes. Pumpkin pies have always given me fits - especially



and swallow fast, washing it down with cold milk. I didn't want to waste two pies, so to salvage them I scraped the baked filling from the crusts into a bowl. I stirred in the forgotten sugar, mounded the filling from both pies into one crust and tossed it back into the oven. The end result was a pumpkin pie flavored dessert with a texture simi-

Mom's recipe.

With about ten days to Turkey Day, I had plenty of time to practice...

...only worthy of the trash can...why won't this bake... just like Mom's...

For the rest of this story, visit our website at fairmont-photopress.com or you can request a paper copy by calling the office at 238-9456.

The **fourth annual roast beef commercial meal** will take place Sunday, December 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Antrim. For a free will offering. The Sunday School is once again sponsoring a craft and bake sale before and during the meal. Come enjoy fellowship with us.

The Ladies of First Congregational Church of Sherburn will have their **4th annual Christmas Cookie Exchange and Finger Food Luncheon** Saturday, December 7th at 10 a.m. Bring 1 or 2 dozen cookies, invite and bring your friends. They will also have an ornament exchange.

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The **Truman Craft and Bake Sale** will take place on Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Truman Community Building.

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DEC 5 - 11

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FRI: Shrimp, hashbrown bake, mixed veggie, ice cream.

MON: Bean soup, cornbread, applesauce, twinkie dessert.

TUE: Pot roast, red skin potatoes, gravy, baby carrots, rice pudding.

WED: Chicken a la king, biscuit, beet pickle, lettuce salad, brownie.



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The Fairmont Area Elementary School 5th grade class recently visited the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont and took a tour of Martin County history. (Submitted photo)

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Local Girl Scouts place inverted Christmas Tree at Mayo Clinic Fairmont

By Siri Kabrick, Troop Leader, Junior Girl Scout Troop 34727



Left to right: Siri Kabrick, Norah Heille, Aliya Duehlmeier, Braelyn Miller, Samantha Krueger. (Submitted photo)

I am Siri Kabrick and I am Troop Leader for Junior Girl Scout Troop 34727 in Fairmont.

Our troop put up and decorated the Martin County Girl Scouts Service Unit Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 1st. This year the tree is on display using ornaments made by several troops (using recycled juice can lids) in the Mayo Clinic Health System-Fairmont clinic lobby near the provider photos at Station F.

In past years, the tree has been displayed in the window of "Picture This Scrap That" on Downtown Plaza. We would like to thank Deb Kelly for graciously allowing us to display our tree for many years and also thank MCHS Fairmont for permitting our tree display this year!

The tree is an inverted Christmas tree. Here is the story of how inverted Christmas trees came to be:

The Christmas tree was first used by Saint Bonafice of Devonshire in the seventh century to explain the holy trinity to pagans. The Christmas tree was originally hung upside down so that pagans knew the tree was not simply a floral decoration but was instead a symbol of Christianity. By the 12th century, Christians across Europe were customarily hanging their tree upside down. Eventually, the tradition was replaced with the upright Christmas tree, so that the tree pointed toward heaven.

Misconceptions of the Original Trend

As the tree tradition flipped, some countries in Europe maintained the upside-down approach. Eventually, Christians unfamiliar with the upside-down tree began to think the trend was sacrilege and represented anti-Christmas sentiments. Because of this misconception, some non-Christians use the symbol of the upside-down Christmas tree the same way they use the symbol of the upside-down cross -- which was originally symbolic of Saint Peter's cross -- as an anti-Christ symbol.

Revival of the Original Trend

In the mid 2000s, the upside-down Christmas tree trend became popular again. However, few believe it had much to do with history or a revival of Christian ideas and symbolism. Edward O'Donnell, an expert on Christmas traditions, explained that the upside-down Christmas tree most likely became a trend again because it seemed nontraditional. An upside-down tree looks bizarre in the home and could be considered "edgy" and appeal to non-Christians who celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Tree Symbolism

The Christmas tree has been used to symbolize several Christian concepts. The triangular shape of the tree was originally used to symbolize the three points of the holy trinity. Because fir trees remained lush during the winter, while many other types of trees lost their leaves or died, the fir tree began to symbolize the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. Eventually, people started decorating the tree with apples and white wafers taken during Communion. Because of these decorations, the Christmas tree represented both the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge.

Research found on https://www.ehow.com/info_8683446_significance-upside-down-christmas-tree.html

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Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, December 4th they will serve Christmas Chili (Hanging of the Greens). Next Wednesday, December 11th it will be fish fillets, mashed potatoes, and coleslaw. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

St. James Lutheran Church of Northrop will have their **2nd annual Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 14th from 9 to 11 a.m. Cookies and candies will be available for purchase by the pound. Containers are provided, or bring your own. Pre-boxed "gift-able" cookie batches also available. Coffee and cider is available that day for a free will donation.



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The Fairmont High School Class of 1953 will meet Friday, December 6th for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.

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OBITUARY notices

David W. Iverson, 55



A visitation for David Walter Iverson, 55, Fairmont will take place Friday, December 6th from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. David died Wednesday, November 27th at Seasons Healthcare in Trimont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service is handling arrangements for the family.

David Iverson was born December 17th, 1963 in Fairmont. He was the son of Lyle Iverson and Alice (Wilke) Iverson. He attended school in Ceylon

where he enjoyed scouting, boxing and cars.

David moved to Fairmont where he worked for Armour & Co., Tyco Plastic and Harsco, until he retired in 2008 due to disability. He made his home with Janet Diekmann. They enjoyed camping and fishing with friends and family.

Left to cherish his memory include: his life partner, Janet Diekmann of Fairmont; son - Cory Iverson of Sherburn; mother - Alice Johnson of Fairmont; brother - Larry (Kelly) Iverson of

Fairmont; sister - Peggy (Kenny) Johnson of Princeton; half-brother - Art (Bonnie) Andersen of Fort Madison, Iowa; sister-in-law - Joanne Andersen of Sanborn, Iowa; many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and friends.

Along with his father, Lyle Iverson, David was preceded in death by his grandparents, brother Dennis Iverson, half-brother Steve Andersen and step-father Gordon Johnson.

DEATH notices



November 27 - Gayle Mau, 60, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
November 27 - David W. Iverson, 55, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
December 1 - Ellis E. Saxton, 91, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
December 1 - Edwin W. Fitzlaff, 65, Truman
(formerly of Jackson)
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In Memorium One Year Ago This Week

November 25 - Marilyn K. Thompson Christ, 69, East Chain, formerly of Lakota, Iowa
November 26 - Maurine C. Wendel, 96, Fairmont
November 26 - John Naas, 64, Fairmont (formerly of Sherburn)
November 28 - Kenneth L. Crissinger, 84, Sherburn
November 30 - Charles L. Rakness, 79, Fairmont
November 30 - Robert J. Friesen, 76, St. James
December 2 - Betty A. Kaelberer, 77, Truman
December 3 - Darrel F. Hagedorn, 89, Fairmont



Ask A Trooper: Hands-free rules

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
MN State Patrol

Question: Now that Minnesota's hands-free law is in effect it seems there are numerous vehicles pulled over on the shoulder with the driver talking or texting on the phone. This seems unsafe. Is it legal and if not what is the recommended procedure upon receiving a call or text

that needs a prompt response and hands free options are not available?

Answer: Minnesota law does not allow motorists to stop on a roadway unless it is for an emergency.

Instances like this prevent us from utilizing our resources as efficiently as possible

because our dispatch center may receive numerous calls reporting an occupied stalled vehicle. A Trooper would then be sent to the reported location to either find someone talking on their phone or no longer at the site.

We encourage motorists to find a safe place to exit and find a parking lot or legal parking zone before manipulating their phone.

Remember under the law, you may not

hold your phone in your hand or use it at any time for video calling, video streaming, social media apps, gaming, looking at video or photos stored on the phone, reading texts and scrolling or typing on the phone.

The new law does allow a driver to use their cell phone, but only in hands-free mode by voice commands or single-touch activation.

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If you have any questions concerning

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

Challenges in setting 2020 land rental rates

Guest Columnist

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst; VP, MinnStar Bank



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Once harvest is completed in any given year, farm operators and non-farm landowners begin the tenuous task of negotiating annual land rental rates for the following crop year. Approximately 60-70 percent of the crop land in the Upper Midwest is under a land rental agreement, and most rental agreements are negotiated on an annual basis. There are some two or three-year leases in existence, which are more common in rental agreements among family members. Arriving at equitable land rental rates for the 2020 crop year is even more of a challenge, given the variable crop yields in 2019 and continued low grain market prices, as well as uncertainty surrounding trade negotiations.

In the past, many land rental arrangements have been between farm operators and landlords that usually have known each other quite well, sometimes being neighbors or family members. However, in recent years, more and more land ownership has been transferred to family members or family trusts outside of the local area where the land is located. Some landowners are hiring the services of a land management company to represent them in land rental negotiations. Many times, farm operators have

had very limited previous working relationships with the newer landlords or those representing landowners. This can lead to more challenges when negotiating annual land rental rates, especially during more difficult economic times in crop farming, such as we are now experiencing.

Crop producers in the Upper Midwest are indicating mixed crop production results in 2019. Some producers reporting near average corn and soybean yields, while producers in other areas had some of their lowest crop yields in the past two decades, many for the second year in a row. Many farm operators in portions of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa had corn yields that were 10-20 percent above their 10-year crop insurance actual production history (APH) yields in 2016 and 2017, before having corn yields that were 10-20 percent or more below long-term average yields in 2018 and 2019. This points out why it is best to use the updated 10-year APH yields, or other verifiable historical yield data, to make yield projections for cash rental rate estimates for the coming year.

Cash corn prices have remained fairly low for nearly over four years (2016-2019), though re-

cently there have been some signs of slight improvement, due to the poor crop yields in 2019. Soybean prices have remained fairly low following the Chinese tariffs on U.S. soybean imports in mid-year of 2018, which continue to be in effect at this time. U.S. soybean export levels to China in 2019 have been only a fraction of what they were prior to the ongoing trade war. Up until 2018, China had been importing approximately one-third of the U.S. soybean production on an annual basis. The estimated U.S. soybean carryover at the end of the 2018-19 marketing year on August 31st, 2019 was over 900 million bushels, which was at the highest level ever recorded.

USDA is currently projecting the national average farm-level soybean market price for the 2019-20 marketing year at an average of \$9.00 per bushel, compared to final national average price of \$8.48 per bushel for 2018-19. USDA is estimating the national average corn price for the 2019-20 marketing year at an average of \$3.85 per bushel, compared to \$3.61 per bushel for 2018-19. Even though there is some current strength in local grain markets, forward price bids for the Fall of 2020 are currently much lower. Southern Minneso-

ta prices for the Fall of 2020 are near \$3.30-\$3.40 per bushel for corn and near \$8.30-\$8.40 per bushel for soybeans, with even lower prices in Western Minnesota and the Dakota's. It is probably not realistic to base 2020 cash rental rates on projected prices of near \$4.00 per bushel for corn and \$9.00 per bushel for soybeans, given the current fundamentals in the grain markets.

Most farm operators have received some market facilitation program (MFP) payments in 2019 to compensate for some of the financial loss from the depressed market prices that have resulted from the ongoing trade war. However, these MFP payments did not totally account for the financial loss incurred by many crop producers in 2019, especially in areas with reduced crop yields. USDA has indicated that farmers should not plan on MFP payments for 2020, so they should not be factored into 2020 cash rental agreements.

Average crop input expenses for crop production in Southern Minnesota, excluding land costs declined somewhat in 2017 and 2018; however, expense estimates were a bit higher for 2019, especially for fertilizer, fuel, repairs, and harvest costs. Most farm operators will likely have similar operating expenses for 2020. Costs for operating interest in 2020 could be slightly lower compared to previous years, due to declining interest rates; however, this may be offset by increasing levels of farm operat-

ing debt. Production costs are highly variable from farm-to-farm, depending on fertility level, availability of livestock manure, and farm operator efficiency.

The tight cash flow margins in crop production for the 2020 crop year are causing concern for farm operators, as they negotiate land rental rates for the next year. The very tight, or even negative profit margins for next year's crop, are also a concern for lenders, as they begin to re-finance crop producers for the 2020 crop year. Some farm operators will need to do some serious evaluation before agreeing to pay higher land rental rates for 2020, which could potentially lead to some large financial losses for their farm operation.

In many cases, landlords have lowered land rental rates in the past few years, due to the lower commodity prices and tighter cash flow margins. Now landlords are wondering if they need to make further adjustments in land rental rates; however, this can be a difficult decision, considering that real estate taxes on farm land are quite high in some areas. Demand for rented farm land has remained very strong in some areas; however, that demand has started temper a bit for rented land at higher land rental rates, due to the continued low commodity prices. Serious and honest negotiation between farm operators and landlords will be required to arrive at equitable rental rates for 2020 and beyond.

An alternative for farm

operators and landlords to consider for 2020 may be to enter into a "flexible cash rent agreement", which sets a reasonable "base rental rate" that is based on average crop yields, typical production costs, and projected 2020 prices. A "flexible lease" would have provisions to increase the final annual rental rate in the event of exceptional crop yields and/or higher than anticipated crop prices in 2020. These final cash rent adjustments should be based on actual crop yields and/or crop market prices in the Fall of 2020, with any rental rate adjustments occurring on the final land rental payment for the year. If the "base rental rate" is set higher than realistic breakeven levels for the farm operator, the flexible lease will not be very effective to address the added financial risk.

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, has prepared an updated Information Sheet titled: "Flexible Lease Agreements for 2020". To receive a free copy of this Information sheet and other land rental information, contact Kent Thiesse at: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com

Iowa State University has some very good resources on flexible cash leases and written cash rental lease contracts, including sample cash rental contracts, which are available on their "Ag Decision Maker" web site, which is located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/>.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, December 4th (Advent) they will serve chicken wild rice soup and chili. On December 11th it will be meatballs. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. For A free will donation.

The Truman Museum will have a **Christmas Open House** on Friday, December 6th from 1 to 4 p.m. Hot cocoa, coffee and Christmas goodies will be available for all. At 4 p.m. there will be a drawing from all new members joining in 2019. The winner will receive a garden flag. There is still time to become a new member. Need not be present to win.

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Kids' Maze



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Joan M. Luedtke, Russell E. Luedtke to Robert J. Lachapelle, Lot 4, Subdivision of lots 1 and 2, block 7, North Side Addition

Amy Anders, Nathan Anders to Carmen Deling, Natalie Wiederhoeft, PT .25 AC UND 2/3 INT, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 21-103-30

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Fairmont Christian School students participated in some fun activities last week. The classroom was made into a jungle theme, so to solidify the previous units, the room was made into a Jungle Hospital. Some students worked with number bonds while bonding with baby animals in the "nursery," others sorted "medicine" into the correct bottles, while another group bandaged animals during subtraction surgery. There were 7 stations they each had to visit in the hospital and each student had a medical file to chart what they completed. (Submitted photos)



Volunteers with 3M Cares helped Martin County Kinship with a mailing to tell about the awesome mentoring of youth in our county. (Submitted photo)



The Martin County Youth Foundation awarded \$2,200 to Martin County Kinship to provide fees and/or equipment to allow youth to participate in activities that will help them develop positive behaviors. L-R: Greg Brolsma, Kinship Asst. Dir. and Peter Odgren, Board Member. (Submitted photo)

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