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**SERVING MARTIN COUNTY PLUS ADJACENT MINNESOTA & IOWA COUNTIES**

## St. James Lutheran members celebrate dedication of new church building

Over 2 1/2 years ago, residents of Northrop and church members of St. James Lutheran Church of Northrop woke up to learn that their church had succumbed to fire and the building was completely destroyed. Many wondered if the small congregation would be able to rebuild.

On Sunday, December 9th, a celebration took place at the same location, as over 350 congregation and community members filled the new sanctuary to capacity for a dedication service of the new build-



ing.

The service had several ministers from other local churches take part, along with Rev. David Schultz, who had been filling in as pastor at St. James Lutheran for some time, and Rev. Bob Schulze, who is Minnesota South District Executive Assistant to the President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Two of the  
Comfort Dogs

(Gideon and Katie) from Lutheran Church Charities in Fremont, Nebraska that were in Northrop to comfort kids after the church fire, were on hand for the service. A slide show was presented that showed pictures of the church fire, the process of cleaning it up and the stages of the rebuilding of the new church.

A special part of the service was for some special guests who represented the former Bellevue Lutheran Church in Howard, S.D. The members

of that church gifted St. James Lutheran Church several unique light fixtures along with 17 stain glass windows made with 1890's stain glass to replace the ones that were lost in the fire. At the end of the service, Joe Leimer, a member of St. James Lutheran, presented a gift to several of the members of the former Bellevue congregation. It was the stain glass window that used to be above the main door of

the church. As promised, the window had been cleaned up and was now presented back to the Bellevue members to display in their new church. This promise was made to the former members of Bellevue Lutheran as part of a thank-you for their generous donation.

Following the service those in attendance gathered in the new fellowship hall for some refreshments and conversation.



Many tears were shed during the service, some over the memories of the former church building when the slide show was shown, but many more tears of happiness were evident as the congregation started a new chapter in the church's history book.

(Information and photos provided by Larissa Hillmer)



**A presentation of the original stain glass window from Bellevue Lutheran was made back to the former church members.**



## Holiday Delight in Downtown Fairmont





## Trimont Area Christmas Lighting Contest

The Trimont Area Chamber of Commerce has announced its Trimont Area 2018 Christmas Lighting Contest.

The contest will take place Thursday, December 20th. Residents in the city of Trimont city limits automatically qualify.

Rural residents wanting to participate in the contest should contact Tom Hage at 507-848-4085 to be included.



Participants are asked to have their lights on by 5 p.m. through the evening on December 20th. First through third place winners will receive Trimont Bucks prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Trimont Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Retirement celebration for Dr. Sam Meals

Members of the community are invited to help celebrate the career of Sam Meals, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont obstetrician and gynecologist, during a retirement open house to be held

Thursday, December 20th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Harvest Café at the hospital.

Dr. Meals worked for Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont for 15 years.

Refreshments will be provided.

## 2 scholarships available to Federated REA students

This is the 12th 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 Scott Reimer, 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. Applicants must be 25 and under and a U.S. citizen.

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 one-page essay should address: Describe how a cooperative can build a culture to best serve its members.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is January 30th, 2019. 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 2019. Checks will be made payable to the school as paid by Basin/L&O. Scholarships will be distributed in August.

Keep in mind the Federated Rural Electric Operation Round Up scholarship applications will go out with the February electric bills; nine scholarships of \$700 will be awarded locally.

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fairmont will have a **Christmas Concert**, under the direction of Mr. Michael Kutch. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the church. A soup supper will follow. Free will donation. Our Thrivent Action Team is supporting this event and the proceeds will go towards the church organ fund and the Human Care Fund.

The **Fairmont High School Class of 1962**, spouses and friends will meet for lunch Friday, December 14th at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.



Sutton Evelyn Shaw, daughter of Justin and Amanda Shaw of Mankato, was born on November 16th, 2018. Grandparents are Kevin and Lynette Shaw of Welcome, Deb and Mike Navarro of Ft. Myers, Florida and Greg and Beverly Sutton of Elk River, Minnesota. Great-grandparents are Margaret Sutton of Elk River and Lorraine Eddy of Denver, Colorado. Sutton was welcomed home by big brother Lawson and big sister Ellie.



**JOHNSON 65TH** - Richard and Shirley Johnson of Fairmont will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 20th. They will celebrate with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with a special dinner. Cards can reach them at: 1541 Southgate Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031.

## Tarnished Brass Holiday Concerts



The nation's longest-running brass ensemble, which features a Fairmont man, will perform a series of special Holiday Concerts.

The ensemble, called "Tarnished Brass" includes trombonist Larry Vogel of Fairmont.

The concerts, featuring a selection of seasonal music, will take place on Thursday, December 13th at Chanhassen High School at 5:45 and 7:45 p.m.

They will then perform at the Basilica in Minneapolis on Saturday, De-

cember 15th during the 5 p.m. mass, along with Jessica Peterson, a Native American flute player and the Blue Earth Adult Select Choir, musically organized by Mike Ellingsen of Blue Earth.

On Sunday, December 16th, they will have a concert at St. Paul's UCC Church in St. Paul at 7:30 p.m., along with guest artists, Jessica Peterson, St. Paul's UCC Sanctuary Choir, organist Geoff Olson and acclaimed local soprano Kristin Morant.

For more information, call 238-1092.

## Local conservationist a finalist at state level

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has named Gerald Lorenz as one of eight Area Finalists in the 2018 Outstanding Conservationist Award Program. Gerald will be recognized at a December 11th luncheon at MASWCD's 81st annual convention in Bloomington.

The awards program recognizes farm families, individuals, conservation organizations, and other groups for their accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources.

Of the eight finalists, one will be announced as the State's Outstanding Conservationist of the Year at the luncheon.

We're proud of Gerald

Lorenz for what he has done in conserving the natural resources in our area. It's great to be able to recognize the work he has done locally. Gerald has provided a wonderful example for us through his work with local source native prairie plants and his water quality projects including a tile water treatment design using a windmill to pull tile water to the surface to provide treatment via a wetland.

Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) nominated Gerald Lorenz and we are honored to have him represent us at the State Convention.

MASWCD sponsors the Outstanding Conservationist Award Program, with support from The Farmer magazine.

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## Arts scholarships given to Martin County youths

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that Youth Scholarships of \$27,000 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 70 students in grades 7-12 and 30 students in grades 3-6 throughout the region.

Youth Scholarship recipients live in twenty-two different communities representing eight counties," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. The Youth Scholarships of \$300 for grades 7-12 and \$200 for grades 3-6 will provide these students the opportunity to study their chosen

art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months.

There was a \$300 Arts Scholarship awarded to a Martin County youth. Eric Head from Fairmont, who will be taking piano lessons from an independent instructor. A \$200 Arts Scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Olson from Fairmont. She will be also be taking piano lessons from an independent instructor.

There is one deadline per year for the Youth Scholarships. For grades 7-12 the next deadline date is October 1st, 2019. For grades 3-6 the next deadline date is November 1st, 2019.

## 1st Annual Cookie Walk at St. James Lutheran

St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop invites you to attend their 1st Annual Cookie Walk at the new church.

It will be held Saturday, December 15th from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Goods will be available for purchase by the pound. Lots of cookies, candies and more to choose from! Containers will be provided or you can bring your

own container if you wish.

Pre-boxed "giftable" cookie batches will also be available for those who don't have time to make the rounds.

There will be coffee and cider available for free will donation to enjoy your goodies with.

All proceeds will be used to refurbish the Sunday School rooms at the church.

Fairmont United Methodist Church holds its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. each week at the church. This week they will serve creamed chicken 'n biscuits and salad. Next week it will be scalloped potatoes and ham along with green beans. All suppers include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, donated desserts and beverages. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont holds its **Open Door Meal** on Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6 p.m. at the church. This week they will serve meatballs. Next Wednesday, December 19th they will serve baked potatoes. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter and jelly sandwich. A \$3 donation is suggested.

## Mayo-Fairmont welcomes new health provider

Cathleen LaLonde, Ph.D., recently joined Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and began seeing behavioral health patients December 3rd.

A Clinical Psychologist, Dr. LaLonde's primary professional focus is the emotional and mental health of patients. This includes many areas of behavioral health service, such as anxiety, depression, trauma work, women's health and mood or emotional symptoms related to chronic health conditions.

"Anyone can benefit from mental health treatment," says Dr. LaLonde. "I'm fascinated by the human brain and enjoy helping people understand their own emotions. As a behavioral health provider, I'm compassionate and empathetic. I like to look at the whole person to understand their individual

needs."

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Dr. LaLonde earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. Prior to joining Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, she recently completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Health Psychology at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She is a member of the American Psychological Association.

"I hope to help people understand their feelings and struggles, and to learn new ways of coping that will inspire positive changes in their lives," says Dr. LaLonde. "I want to help promote resilience and enhance people's strengths."

For more information on Dr. LaLonde and other Mayo Clinic Health System providers, visit [mayoclinichealthsystem.org](http://mayoclinichealthsystem.org).



## HyVee in Fairmont welcomes new director

Fairmont's HyVee store has announced that Aaron Speltz has been chosen as the new director for their store. Aaron was the store director at the Windom HyVee prior to taking the Fairmont position. He replaced Luke Long, who moved on to another HyVee location.

Aaron is a graduate of John Marshall High School in Rochester. He went on to further his education at Winona State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration. He also completed the HyVee University Graduate Degree program.

Aaron has spent most of his HyVee career at the Rochester store, where he started in 1996 as a part-time courtesy clerk. He had been assigned his first store director position in Windom since 2016.



Aaron and his wife Amanda have two children, Alayna and Blake. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, golfing and spending time with family and friends.

Be sure and welcome Aaron to the Fairmont community the next time you are in HyVee in Fairmont!

## Avoiding the hazards of winter for older adults

Winter and the Holidays are a special time for celebration. It should also be a time for added caution if you or someone in your family is an older adult. It is the season for falls, slips on icy streets and other dangers that can be especially harmful for older adults.

Something as simple as a fall can be devastating for older men and women. Before the cold weather arrives, it is important to prepare.

Following are some of the most pressing concerns mature adults have about their health and safety during the winter:

- **The flu.** Influenza is a serious illness that can be fatal in older adults, who often have chronic medical conditions. The vaccine offers some, if not complete, protection against the flu and its consequences and can be administered as early as September. The flu season begins in mid-October and runs through March.

- **Hypothermia.** Keep your thermostat set to at least 65 degrees to prevent hypothermia. Hypothermia kills about 600 Americans every year, half of whom are 65 or older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Also, keeping the temperature at 65 or higher, even when you are not at home, will help prevent pipes from freezing.

- **Icy streets.** Navigating through icy streets can be intimidating. Wear comfortable shoes with anti-slip soles. If you use a cane, replace the rubber tip before it is worn smooth and becomes slippery on the wet ice. It may be a good idea to have someone walk with you during those days.

- **House fires.** Make sure your smoke alarms are working. You should also have working carbon monoxide alarms.

- **Falling in the home.** Winter means fewer hours of daylight. Older people often need brighter lights in the home. You may also have difficulty adjusting to changes in light, and different levels of lighting may increase the risk of slips and falls.

Make sure there are no great lighting contrasts from one room to another. Use night lights, especially in the bathroom. Don't have loose extension cords lying around. If you need to use extend cords, tape them to the floor. Make sure rugs are not wrinkled or torn in a way that can trip you as you walk.

- **Strenuous activities.** Try to avoid strenuous activities like shoveling snow. You should ask your doctor if this level of activity is advisable. If you must shovel, warm up your body with a few stretching exercises before you begin and be sure to take frequent breaks throughout.

- **Dehydration.** Drink at least four or five glasses of fluid every day. This should not change just because it is winter. You may not feel as thirsty as you do in the summer months but as you get older, your body can dehydrate more quickly. This can put you at greater risk for complications from a number of illnesses and can also change how your body responds to some medications.

- **Winter itch.** This usually occurs because of dry skin. Wear more protective creams and lotions to prevent the dry and itchy skin commonly experienced in the colder months when humidity levels are lower. You should apply them after bathing and then daily.

- **Home emergencies.** For older persons living alone, it is a good idea to have a way to communicate quickly with other persons or medical personnel. If you have a cell phone, keep it handy. Another option is a personal emergency response system which is a device worn around the neck or on a bracelet that can summon help if needed.

- **If you are a caregiver,** please remember to check on your loved one frequently. Offer to shop for her or him and check on medications when the weather is very cold and snowy. And remind any person who interacts with her/him to get a flu shot.

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# A Colorful Character in Martin County's Past

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



One of the most colorful and interesting characters in Martin County's history is undoubtedly Lionel Vivian Archer-Burton, better known as "Lenny." He attended school with Kaiser Wilhelm and at the age of fifteen was sent to the "New World" by his parents, that "New World" being Martin County.

Lenny was convincing! He persuaded his family to finance the purchase of 150 acres of farmland in the mid-1870s even though he knew nothing about farming. He was daring, eloping and marrying Sally Wherland at the age of sixteen. He faced challenges including foreclosure on his farm land, working at any number of jobs, opening a zoo, and eventually being elected Register of Deeds after running, but never campaigning, for nearly twenty years. Just imagine, no campaigning in this day and age!

The following reflects some of the interesting encounters and entanglements Lenny became involved in during his lifetime.

Lenny once saw an advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune offering any kind of dog "under the sun" available for sale. Consequently, he inquired and mailed payment of \$25.00 for a pup. His payment was the only letter that went through as all of his follow-up mailings wondering when his pup would be delivered came back indicating the company had gone out of business. Lenny was out \$25.00.

Another incident involved Lenny's encounter with a giant python. Lenny obtained a python from New York and took it to Slayton where he exhibited it at a fair. He would take the snake with him to his hotel room each evening keeping it in what he described as a strong sack. One night he awoke to feel about six feet of python crawling up at the foot of his bed seeking warmth. Lenny waited until the python was entirely in bed and then quickly wrapped it in the bed sheets before returning it to the sack. From then on he used the snake as a good excuse for, what he referred to as, any "busted" road guy that wanted to bunk with him for free. Consequently, no one seemed interested in a free room for the night compliments of Lenny and his python.

Lenny had yet another "true" snake story to tell. One day he received a box with what he thought to be two large snakes from a friend in Texas. When he opened the box, he found two rattle snakes and a third very large bull snake.



The bull snake appeared dead, so Lenny took it out and hung it in the sun in his barn so he could take a picture of it and inform his friend the snake was dead upon arrival. Later on he noticed that all twenty-two

of his dogs were barking and making a commotion at the barn. When he arrived at the barn he that saw the snake had come to life and was viciously snapping at the dogs. Lenny quickly grabbed the snake just below its head attempting to get him back in the box. In doing so, the snake tried to crush him and bit him in the thumb before he finally wrestled it into submission and back into the box. He was apparently not a seasoned snake charmer.

In 1926 Lenny was referred to as Fairmont's zoo man and being a Pied Piper of sorts. It seems that he had read about Chicago having too many cats. Consequently, he wrote to a newspaper in Chicago stating that Fairmont was "absolutely catless" and requested a few dozen of Chicago's cats to help control the local rat problem. There was apparently no response from the "Windy City" as Fairmont remained, in Lenny's terms, "catless."

On another occasion, Lenny was at the movies when he was notified that a big bear was loose and on a rampage near his zoo on the north part of town. Having no luck getting anyone to help to corral the bear, he finally took a cab to where the bear was last seen.

With the help of the cabbie and hay forks they persuaded the bear back into his cage. The bear's escape was seemingly a result of a box of meat scraps being left near the cage and the bear being quite hungry



since it hadn't been fed on time.

As a segue into the preceding story, the city council in 1927 was upset by the fact that Lenny's "so called" zoo seemed to be more of a nuisance than the city dump due to the volume of rodents feeding on meat scraps supposedly intended for his zoo animals. Complaints included disturbances by dogs and other animals as well as the occasional escape of the bear alluded to in the previous paragraph. Burton failed to appear at the council meeting. Although he had indicated he would be present, his failure to appear clearly annoyed the council.

In his defense, Lenny's response to the preceding incident in a letter to the editor of the Martin County Independent on Sep-

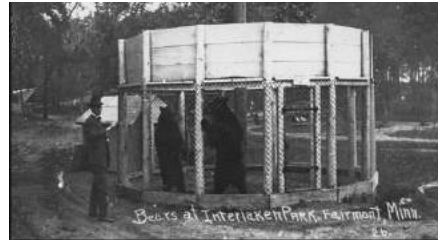
tember 20th, 1927, read in part as follows: "My five wild animals consist of goats, ponies, pigs and pups, a tame bear I'm fattening for Christmas and he's the tamest quadruped in town and less trouble and easier to pen than a pig at large." So, let's "bear" that in mind when considering this situation.

In reference to his bear, a headline in the November 27th, 1935, San Bernardino County Sun, a California newspaper, read "Corn-Fed Bears Offer Competition To Turkeys for Thanksgiving Feast." The story goes on to state that Burton had raised bears for a quarter century and further stated that "Good roast bear is a succulent meat." The story went on to say that he obtained his bear cubs from Canada and fattens them in Fairmont on corn and acorns. It further said that he would ship a 300-pound bear, hide and all, for \$90.00 or twenty-nine cents per pound. The majority of his customers were restaurants and meat markets.

On another occasion, it was reported that seals had escaped from Burton's Interlaken Zoo in 1918. Varying accounts indicated that either two or three

seals had escaped, one being a 500-pound bull seal. They were seen on the lakes and docks throughout the summer, however, Lenny was concerned that they would not survive the winter. He was unable to capture them before winter set in, nevertheless, the following spring the bull seal was once again seen. However, there is no record as to what finally happened to the bull seal, but the fate of the others was apparently "sealed" by their inability to survive the previous winter.

In conclusion, although Lenny Burton undoubtedly angered some and challenged others, upon



his death in 1937 at the age of 76, Burton was remembered as being a valued, beloved, and respected citizen of Martin County. Yet, on Lenny Burton's letterhead is inscribed the following: "A Life Wasted."

For more information on Lenny Burton, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at [www.fairmont.org/mchs](http://www.fairmont.org/mchs)

An open house retirement party honoring Bill Crawford will be held at Preferred Capital Management on Friday, December 14th beginning at 4 p.m. Cards may be sent to Bill at 1116 Chestnut Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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**Arc Different Drummer Dance Club** will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVPs for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Holiday Stress!

Even though every year I do a little less getting ready for Christmas, I feel that stress creeping up on me! This year I am having trouble getting those Christmas cards going, I have to be in a creative writing mood for that task and so far it has eluded me! I turned to my Christmas therapy book by Karen Katafiasz to see what she suggests doing regarding Christmas cards: "Enhance your Christmas-card correspondence by taking time to add a special note to each person on your list. As you write to your loved ones, hold them prayerfully in your heart." That sounds time consuming but instead of copying one form letter I am going to try it, maybe it won't seem like such a chore.

Today's recipe is old one, but cozy and comforting and good enough for company. I hope that you will like it too.

### Golden Chicken Squares:

8 slices white bread  
2 cups diced cooked chicken  
2 Tblsp. parsley  
1/2 cup diced onion  
4 oz. can mushrooms, drained  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 tsp. salt, pepper and accent  
3 eggs  
2 cups milk  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 cup shredded cheese

Cut bread into 1/2 inch cubes, place 1/2 of them in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Combine chicken, onion, parsley, mushrooms, mayonnaise and seasonings, spoon over bread cubes, then rest of bread cubes. Beat eggs slightly whisk in milk, pour over bread, cover and refrigerate over night. Just before baking top with undiluted soup, bake for one hour at 350 degrees. Sprinkle cheese over top, return to oven until cheese is melted. Let set for 10 minutes before cutting and serving.

Take a break from your Christmas preparations, stretch out on the couch with the Christmas lights on and listen to Christmas music for a half hour every day!

Have a great week!



My granddaughter Taylor with her niece my great granddaughter Lydia!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Christmas Dinner at church

The Christian Church of Fairmont is once again serving a complete Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, on Christmas Day as a gift to the community and surrounding area.

Christmas is universally celebrated as a time of gift giving, where people of all walks of life emulate God's giving of His Son to redeem all mankind. It is in this spirit of giving that the Christian church invites "you" to come together with others of like mind to celebrate Jesus...God's gift to us....over a delicious

meal and good Christian fellowship.

This free meal is more than a gift of love to the community, it is also an invitation to you, to share in this labor of love. If you feel so inclined and would like to be a part of this endeavor, call Pastor Glen Davis at 507-236-6338.

The church is handicap accessible and is located at 625 Johnson Street in Fairmont. We will serve from noon until 2 p.m. on Christmas Day.

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### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

#### WEEK OF

DECEMBER 15, 1993

Fairmont Mayor Marlin Gratz signed a proclamation declaring the week of December 12 - 18, 1993 as Snowmobile Safety Awareness Week. Looking on were representatives of the Blizzard Snowmobile Club, Ken Langford, Steve Jablinske and Greg Gellert.

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The Fairmont Opera House's "An Opera House Christmas" featured the musical group "Nova Cantabile". The group is made up of eight singers and a pianist from south central Minnesota. Their repertoire included madrigals, vocal jazz, folk music and traditional Christmas music.

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The Silver Lake 4-H Club "Recycle It" poster contest winners were announced. Benjamin and Katie Bremer of the Tenhassen 4-H Club were awarded first place in their respective age groups. Ben and Katie's parents are Dennis and Jennifer Bremer of rural Ceylon.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

#### WEEK OF

DECEMBER 15, 1968

Interlaken Golf Club named three new directors at their annual meeting. Paul Gillespie, E. O. Olsen and Roy Cade joined holdover directors Wendell Christensen, Robert DeWar, Tom Hodson, Rupert Hodgman, Dr. H. J. Kollofski, Leon Kirk, Fred Wollschlager and Leonard Meschke.

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Elsie Klapperich, Martin County home agent for a year and a half, resigned and planned to marry.

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Five new directors on the Martin County Fair Board were re-elected at their annual meeting. They were: Harry K. Jorgensen, Walter and Richard Barke, Robert Koch and John Haeckel were re-elected for three years. Jorgensen was named president, Marland Austin vice president and Ted Nowicki secretary, also all re-elected.

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Compacted snow can become very difficult to remove, causing slippery spots for drivers. Snow plows can also be forced into the opposite driving lane when hitting

compacted frozen snow deposited onto the roadways.

Depositing snow onto a public road can be punishable as a misdemeanor (Minnesota Statute 169.42 and 160.2715).

Even more so, the person responsible for depositing the snow onto the roadway may also be liable in a civil action lawsuit if damages or injuries occur as a result of that action.

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## Area College Student News



Four Christmas at Concordia concerts brought more than 3,000 guests, including Seward County residents, residents from Nebraska and other states, Concordia alumni, students, and others to St. John Lutheran Church near campus.

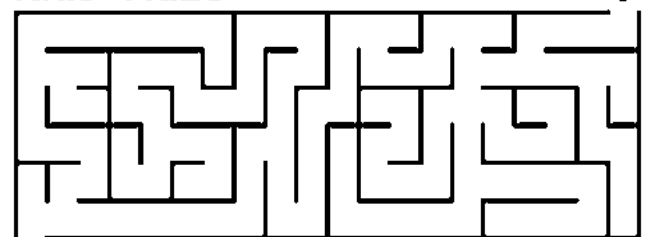
The concerts featured the Women's Cantamus Choir, Male Chorus, Concordia Handbell Choir,

University Brass Ensemble, University A Cappella Choir and University Symphonic Band.

Area students who were part of the performances included:

- Rachel Krome of Fairmont
- Rebekah Rusert of Truman
- Hannah Watt of Fairmont
- Cora Olson of Trimont

### Kids' Maze



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## OBITUARY notices

### Walter A. J. Abel, 95



Funeral Service for Walter Abel, 95, of Fairmont, was held Friday, December 7th, 2018, at

Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Interment was in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Walter passed away Monday, December 3rd, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Walter August John Abel was born April 10th, 1923, in Tenhassen Township, rural Martin County. He was the son of Charles and Elda (Rosenberg) Abel. Walter attended school in Silver Lake, Westford, and East Chain Townships.

Walter was the oldest of eight children, growing up

on the family farm in East Chain Township. Here the family worked together milking eight to eighteen cows, raising seventy to eighty hogs a year along with two hundred to four hundred hens. Until the mid 1940's, the Abel family farmed with horses, having as many as fifteen horses with the favorite being "Ned". In 1947, the family moved to a farm in Rolling Green Township.

On October 26th, 1951, Walter was united in marriage to Carolyn Piltz at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Welcome. They made their first home in Fraser Township where Walter continued to farm. For the first

few years of their marriage, Walter continued to use horses for planting corn, haying, and other activities. Shortly afterwards, he purchased his first tractor to help with planting and field work.

In 1963, Walter and Carolyn moved and rented a farm in another area of Fraser Township where they farmed until purchasing their own farm in 1966. The couple continued to live on the farm after retiring in 1999, until health issues forced them to move to Fairmont in 2013, where they settled into the Maplewood Apartments to make their home. Walter and Carolyn enjoyed nearly sixty seven years

together before Carolyn passed away on October 9th, 2018.

Walter became a full-time resident at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont in the fall of 2016.

Left to cherish his memory include his foster son, Boyd (Cindy) Schuler of Charleston, SC; daughter, Donna Hunt and special friend, Gale Bantz of Amery, WI; son, Greg (Mary) Abel of Fairmont; grandchildren, Jennifer Schuler, Emily (Kevin) Dunaway, Tyler Hunt, Caleb (Aimee) Abel, Jon Abel, Isaac (Jayme) Abel, and Ben Abel; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne and Dakota Abel, Hayes Abel,

and James, Jack, and Lauren Larson; brothers and sisters, Arnie Abel, Edwin (Marlene) Abel, Howard (Eileen) Abel, Norman Abel, Evelyn Altman, and Joan Riegel; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Abel; parents, Charles and Elda Abel; brother, Irv Abel; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dick Parson, Bud Handevit, Sue Abel, Rita "Boots" Abel, Faye Abel, John Riegel, Joe Altman, and Bill Koons; and nephews, Michael Abel, Jeff Abel, and Larry Handevit.

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### Kevin W. Emery, 62



Services for Kevin W. Emery, 62, of Blue Earth, were held Monday, December 10th, 2018, at the First Congregational

United Church of Christ in Fairmont with full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Burial was in the Basey Methodist Church Cemetery rural Winnebago. Kevin passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, December 4th, 2018, at his home in Blue Earth. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Kevin Wade Emery was born October 22nd, 1956, in Blue Earth, the son of Homer and Shirley (Sailor) Emery. He began his edu-

cation attending school in Blue Earth and finished his education attending school in Granada, where he graduated from Granada High School with the class of 1975.

Following his graduation, Kevin enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country proudly and after his years of service, received his honorable discharge.

On May 17th, 1980, Kevin was united in marriage to Carol Revier in Blue Earth. Kevin would also welcome Carol's two daughters, Marsha and Yvonne into the family. The family would later be blessed with the addi-

tion of two sons, Jake and Harley. The family would make their home in Gucken for many years before moving to Blue Earth.

Kevin worked for construction for many years and worked for himself for a time, specializing in basements. In his later years, he worked as a foreman at Hodgeman's and most recently had worked at Nortech in Blue Earth.

In his spare time, Kevin loved to tinker on anything mechanical and electronic. He was very passionate about learning new things and worked hard at perfecting a new skill. Whether it was learning to operate a ham radio,

smoking meat, or cooking; Kevin took great pride in perfecting his craft. In his youth, Kevin and Carol enjoyed cruising the open road together on the motorcycle and just enjoying time spent together.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Marsha (Adam Leschfske) Malo of East Chain, Vonnice (Brad) Cone of Fairmont, Jake Emery of Fairmont, and Harley Emery of Fairmont; grandchildren, Tyler Harder, Brody Peterson, Kamara Cone, Garrett Malo, Haley Harder, and Kobi Malo; a beloved dog, Junior; siblings, Sharon (Monty) Peterson, David (Toots)

Emery, and Perry "Randy" Emery; father-in-law, Duane Revier; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Roger (Pam) Revier, Steve (Jane) Revier, Lonnie (Randy Alleman) Rossiter, Virginia (Gary) Koski, and Dennis (Robin) Revier; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Shirley Emery; wife, Carol Emery; mother-in-law, Nancy Revier; and three brothers, Steve Emery, Terry Emery, and Chuck Emery.

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### Betty A. Kaelberer, 77



Betty Ann Kaelberer, 77, of Truman passed away in her home under the care of hospice December 2nd,

2018. A celebration of her life was held at St. John's Lutheran Church of Antrim Saturday, December 8th, 2018 with Pastor Mathew Rusert officiating. Interment followed in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery-Antrim, rural Truman.

Betty was born near Massena, IA to Marvin and Loine Russell on March 6th, 1941. She graduated from Cumberland H.S. in IA and received her teaching certificate from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, NE. She married Jerome Kaelberer on June 29th, 1962. Betty touched many lives

through her teaching as a preschool, elementary, and piano teacher. She was an accomplished seamstress and cook. She gained strength and comfort through a firm faith in Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Her joys included reading, playing card and board games, quilting, scrapbooking, and being a spectator at the many sporting events of her kids and grandkids.

Betty is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jerome; sons, Jerrold (Dorie), Mark (Rhonda), Kent (Amy), Jay (Charity); daughters, ReNae (Bob) Tangen and Lynn (Lonny)

Becker; 24 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild (with two more on the way); 3 brothers; 1 sister; numerous nieces and nephews. Betty will be greatly missed by her best friend, Glenni Urban.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents.

Her family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful personnel involved with her care from the Mayo Hospice Program South Team and friends for the many phone calls, cards, and visits which she enjoyed so much!

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### Rebecca Jo Ketchum, 52



Rebecca Jo (Schmidtgal) Ketchum, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister, 52, of Arcadia, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly

at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital Sunday, November 25th, 2018.

The Celebration of Life and precious homegoing of this dear saint was held at Faith Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin on Friday, November 30th, 2018.

Becky was born in Fairmont on December 11th, 1965 and lived in Northrop until she went to college at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna. She married Brock Terry Ketchum on May 14th, 1988 and has made her home in the La Crosse, WI area since that time.

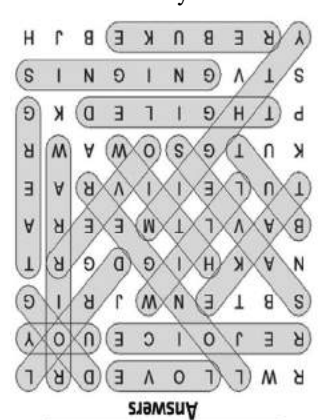
All who knew Becky will remember her compassionate, kind heart, steadfast and unwavering faith

in her Savior, Jesus Christ. She exhibited the love of Christ through her unconditional love and sacrificial giving. Becky enjoyed serving others, and cherished every moment she could spend with her family. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy.

She will be remembered by her husband, Brock Ketchum; children Heidi (Ray) Graybar, Teresa (Grant) Hurd, Spencer Ketchum, Noah Ketchum, and Leah (Andy) Burhow; cherished grandchildren: Raymond, Ava Jo and Elliot Graybar; Ethan, Mason and Maverick Hurd; her mother JoAnn Schmidtgal; siblings: Paula (Shane) Belding, Aaron (Mindy) Schmidtgal, Laura (Andy)

Peterson; nieces, nephews and many other family members.

Becky was preceded in death by her father Robert Schmidtgal; brother Joel Schmidtgal; sister-in-law and family, Darcy, Seth and Simon Day.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

## DEATH notices



December 3 - Walter A.J. Abel, 95, Fairmont  
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
December 4 - Kevin W. Emery, 62, Blue Earth  
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December 6 - Susan L. Nelson, 57, rural Welcome  
Kramer Family Funeral Home  
December 6 - Ricky L. Shoemaker, 59, Granada  
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December 6 - Raymond J. Hilman, 76, Northrop  
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December 7 - Helen A. Gould, 79, Fairmont  
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
December 7 - Edward "Al" Haler, 92, St. James  
Kramer Family Funeral Home

### In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

December 3 - Daphne M. Sackett, 55, Truman  
December 4 - Jean M. Peters, 92, Sherburn  
December 6 - Glen M. Personius, 83, Fairmont  
December 6 - Jeffrey Anderson, 54, Ormsby  
December 8 - Susan R. Wilson, 69, Fairmont  
December 9 - Peggy L. Romsdahl, 84, Truman  
December 10 - Marion L. Weber, 102, Apple Valley



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...There were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. LK. 2:8-11





Raymond J. Hilman, 76



Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond J. Hilman, 76, of Northrop, was held Monday, December 10th, 2018, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Interment was in Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Fairmont. Raymond passed away on Thursday evening, December 6th, at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Raymond James Hil-

man was born on April 3rd, 1942, in Lakota, ND. He was the son of Raymond and Lucille (Tibbits) Hilman. Raymond graduated from Ray High School in Ray, ND in 1960 and continued his education at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He graduated with a major in music and a minor in Math.

On March 29th, 1985, Raymond was united in marriage to Eileen Duffey at St. Martins Episcopal

Church in Fairmont. The couple made their home in Arlington, MN, until moving to Northrop, in 1997. Raymond began his career working as a music teacher in Fordville, ND, and Steele, ND, as well as Hancock, MN. He then worked as the long-time music teacher in Arlington, MN, where he worked until his retirement in 1999.

During his free time, Raymond enjoyed playing cards, fishing, and played

golf in his younger years. He most loved music and shared his love of music by playing in the Fairmont City Band as well as singing with the church choir at St. John Vianney. He was also a cantor at church years ago.


Left to cherish his memory include his brother, Richard Hilman and his wife, Susan, of Lancaster, MN; sister, Mary Hilman of Mt. Prospect, IL; niece, Heidi Johnson and her husband, Michael,

of Hallock, MN; nephew, Jim Hilman and his wife, Shari, of Lancaster, MN; other relatives and friends. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Lucille Hilman.

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Ricky L. Shoemaker, 59



Funeral services for Ricky L. Shoemaker, 59, of

Granada, were held Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will take place at the Center Creek Cemetery in rural Granada. Rick passed away Thursday morning, December 6th, 2018, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ricky Lyle "Moe" Shoemaker was born on December 23rd, 1958, in Fairmont, , the son of Laurence "Duane" Shoemaker and Constance "Connie"

Bahr. He graduated from Fairmont High School. Following graduation, Rick studied accounting at Jackson Votech. Not wanting to be stuck in an office, he began helping his grandpa, Lyle Bahr and his uncle, Ronnie Bahr on the farm and with Bahr Sales selling campers, toppers and vehicles. He loved living on the farm with Ron and Marian's family and having dinner with them daily. Rick enjoyed milking cows and working on the farm. He especially loved tending to the animals and had many four-legged friends throughout

the years.

Rick liked driving around the countryside to check on the crops with Ronnie and stopping in at the Granada C-Store to catch up with the "group" over a pop and snacks. When at home, he enjoyed cooking and could be found watching westerns on the television. He had a close bond with his extended family and cherished spending time with them. Rick will be greatly missed by those who loved him and those who called him friend.

Left to cherish his memory are his dad and

step-mom, Duane and Kathie Shoemaker; step sister Paola Urrutia, special aunt, Marian Bahr; and many other family and friends.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Connie and Gene Lange; daughter, Suzanne Shoemaker; grandparents, Lyle and Pearl Bahr and John "Buck" and Bessie Shoemaker; special friend and uncle, Ronnie "Chief" Bahr; and numerous other family and friends.

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Susan L. Nelson, 57



A Celebration of Life Service for Susan L. Nelson, 57, of rural Welcome, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 15th, 2018 at the United Methodist Church, 119 E. 2nd

St. in Fairmont, with Pastor John Brooks and Pastor Tony Fink officiating. Visitation will be Friday, December 14th, 2018 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Fairmont and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Welcome City Cemetery.

Susan was called to her eternal rest Thursday morning, December 6th, 2018 in her home on Fox Lake, surrounded by her family.

Susan Lynn Kloeckner was born on January 29th, 1961 to Robert and Evelyn Kay (Hicks) Kloeckner in Fairmont, Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed at the

United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Sue was a 1979 Graduate of Fairmont High School, then attended and later graduated from Mankato State University with a degree in Business Management. She then was employed at Fairmont Area Schools. On October 1st, 1983, she was united in marriage to Rodney Lee Nelson at the United Methodist Church. After their marriage they made their home on the northside of Fox Lake. Sue continued working for Fairmont Area Schools serving thirty-two years, sixteen years as Business Manager, later retiring in 2018 due to health concerns. She was a member of the United Methodist Church where she taught

Sunday School, was involved with Youth Fellowship, Vacation Bible School and served on the Finance Committee. Sue also served on the Martin County West Booster Club Board. Sue was also a member of M.A.S.B.O. (Minnesota Association of School Business Officials). The "MASBO" girls, as Sue liked to call them, enjoyed getting together any chance they could for weekend getaways, Twins games or simply a girls movie night. Sue had a passion for life and was always planning the next event for her family and friends to enjoy. She enjoyed spending her time with the firemen's wives, Fox Lake crew, and several other groups of friends.

She was always the life of the party. You could find Sue being with family either boating on Fox Lake, traveling or reading a book on the beach in Panama City Beach, Florida. Sue spent her final weeks of life enjoying her new greatest passion, being a grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Rod Nelson of rural Welcome; son, Ryan Nelson (Kayleen Lahoud) of Mankato; daughter, Megan Mack (Beau) and grandson, Guy Nicholas of Huron, South Dakota; parents, Bob and Kay Kloeckner of Fairmont; sister, Karin Schultz (Ed Bulfer) of Fairmont, brothers, David (Beth) Kloeckner of Fairmont, Tom (Ann) Kloeckner of Oshkosh,

Wisconsin, James (Kathy) Kloeckner of Fairmont; father and mother-in-law, Ronald and Shirlaree Nelson of Welcome; sister-in-law, Renee (Todd) Amborn of Sherburn; sixteen nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her son, Nicholas Ryan Nelson; grandparents, Claus and Frieda Kloeckner and Lester and Honora Hicks and other relatives.

The family is extremely grateful for Sue's entire hospice team. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to UHD United Hands Hospice in Blue Earth in honor of Sue.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Luke in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... ? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

3. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Walked, Rode donkey, Boat

4. At the birth of Jesus, who was king of Judaea? Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar

5. What was the home city of Mary and Joseph? Capernaum, Nazareth, Apeh, Shechem

6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Engaged; 3) Bible not specific; 4) Herod; 5) Nazareth; 6) Silver

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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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 co-pacetic. I plugged in the Christmas lights on the tree I'd not taken down from last year. I'll do some shopping, but you don't get rich by shopping. I'd rather just go for a drive. I remember going along for Sunday drives when I was a boy and playing the name that smell game. I took Pop to get a cup of mud in the big city. There was a small branch of a coffee shop inside a larger coffee shop so I could get a cup while waiting in line. Pop fell recently. Tests have ruled out falling down from laughing. He was upset because some of his M&M's turned out to be W's. He's been writing letters to his elected representatives. He wants the days of the week to run alphabetically. Friday, Monday, Saturday, Sunday, Thursday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He says it's time for a change. My sister Cruella doesn't care much for people and enjoys being unreachable, so she got a job in customer service. Oh, my neighbor Still Bill was headed up north to go ice fishing. He moves so slowly you have to drive stakes by him to see if he's moving, except when he's on his way to go ice fishing. He was speeding down the highway, feeling safe in a group of other speeding cars. He was pulled over by a highway patrolman who handed him a ticket. Still Bill asked, 'Officer, I know I was speeding, but it's not fair. The cars around



me were going just as fast. Why did I get the ticket?' 'You're going fishing?' the police officer asked in return. Still Bill said he was, hoping the patrolman was a compassionate angler. The officer grinned and said, 'Have you ever caught all the fish?'"

## Naturally

I walked by a talking oak. Its limbs moaned and groaned in the wind. I'd seen a tufted titmouse recently. It was some distance from my yard where I've seen but one titmouse. The bird was at my feeders for a single day. The weather changed for the worse. When the going gets tough, the tufted get going.

Snow buntings flew up from a roadside field. They flew along with my car as if we were racing for pink slips. I'm glad we weren't. My slow moseying would have resulted in snow buntings driving my Subaru.

I like wearing a cap bearing the image of a bird. People ask what kind of bird it is and an interesting conversation typically ensues. The other day, the bird was a Caspian tern. It's the largest tern in the world. The Caspian Sea is the Earth's largest inland body of water. I wore that cap as I watched goldeneyes in Alaska. Ernest Hemingway wrote that the wings of this duck make the sound of ripping silk. It's a wonderful time of year. An appreciation of nature means that presents aren't just under a tree. They are over, on, in and around a tree.

## Q-and-A

"What's a bumblebee duck?" The bufflehead, the smallest diving duck in North America with a fast, buzzy flight. The name bufflehead is a corruption

of buffalo head, referring to the large head of the drake.

"Do honeybees hibernate?" The hive is buzzing all year. Honeybees don't hibernate over the winter. They form a cluster, generating heat by beating their wings, just as we shiver when cold. They consume honey collected over the summer. On warm days they may leave the hive to eliminate waste and remove their dead.

"How tall is Big Bird?"

The towering Sesame Street character is 8-foot-2-inches of yellow feathers.

"How many times does a chickadee flap its wings in flight?" A chickadee's wing beats are about 27 times per second. A hummingbird's is approximately 80 beats per second.

"What would cause a robin to stay here in the winter?" The availability of fruit and open water.

"How big a territory does a coyote have?" The DNR says coyotes are nomads. Males might roam territories as large as 36 square miles, while females generally remain within a 6 square mile area.

"I saw a bird on TV called a storm petrel. How did it get its name?" The bird got the name storm petrel because sailors believed the bird's appearance indicated a storm and a theory is that it was named after St. Peter who walked on water in the Gospel of Matthew. The

petrel's habit of flying low over water with legs extended gives the appearance of walking on water.

## Thanks for stopping by

"The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it." -- Neil deGrasse Tyson

"All your life, you will be faced with a choice. You can choose love or hate. I choose love." -- Johnny Cash

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Merry Christmas.

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1. Who released "I'll Be Around" in 1972?
2. What is "The Way It Is" about? Who released it?
3. "Crockett's Theme" was the theme song for which television series?
4. What female singer released "Picture This" in 1978?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I can't believe you've got a heart of stone, I've seen your tears fall when you thought you were alone."

## Answers

1. The Spinners. It topped the Hot Soul Singles chart. The song has been covered by a number of others, including The Rippingtons, Otis Gayle and Hall & Oates.
2. The song, written and released by Bruce Hornsby in 1986, is about social issues and civil rights. It went global and charted in the U.S., Ireland, the U.K. and others.
3. "Miami Vice." The "Crockett" is Detective James "Sonny" Crockett, portrayed by Don Johnson from 1984 to 1990. Although not a big success in the U.S., the instrumental was a smash hit in Europe.
4. Blondie. The song reached No. 12 in the U.K., but was never released as a single in the U.S.
5. "Heart of Stone," by Taylor Dayne in 1988. The song was released on her debut album, "Tell It to My Heart," and went to No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart.

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Coyotes aren't picky eaters. Photo by Al Batt

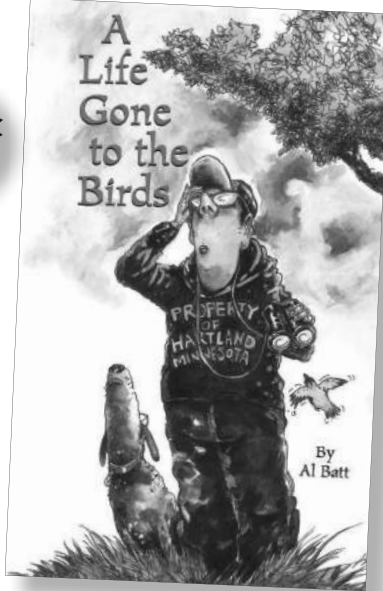
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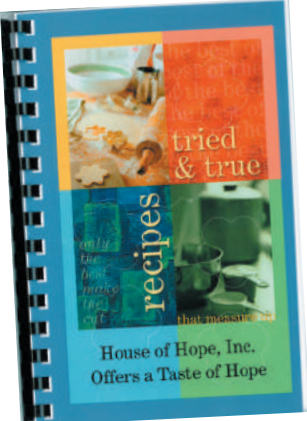




Angela Schultz (left) with the Hope Shop Food Shelf at St. John Vianney in Fairmont receives a recent pork donation from Summer Stahl, board member with the Martin County Pork Producers. This holiday season Martin Country Pork Producers donated over \$750 total worth of pork and pork certificates to all the local food shelves. (Submitted photo)




One of the vendors who had a table at the Fairmont Toy Show visits with some customers during last weekend's toy show that was held on Saturday at the Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont. The aisles were full of vendors and shoppers alike all day Saturday.



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## US Bank open house winners

US Bank - Fairmont announced last week their winners of the Holiday Open House door prizes. The winners included:



Dale Martens



Barbara Jacobson



Chuck Dauer



Fairmont Triathlon Committee members Char Kahler and Eric Johnson (back left) presented a \$1,000 check from the June 2018 Triathlon and Duathlon event to Kinship of Martin County Staff (Jen Kahler & Katy Gonzalez), Mentors and Mentees at their recent Christmas party. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont Area Schools Superintendent Joseph Brown read "The Little Engine That Could" to Mrs. Forster's 4th grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary School during American Education Week. (Submitted photo)

## Aukes 2019 Teacher of the Year in Fairmont

Missy Aukes, a looping 1st and 2nd grade teacher at Fairmont Area Elementary School has been named the 2019 Teacher of the Year for Fairmont Area Schools.

Missy was nominated by her 1st grade colleague, Pam Brolsma.

A party to celebrate Missy was held December 4th by Education Minnesota Fairmont.

Missy will be submitting a portfolio for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year program.

(Submitted photos)



Education MN Fairmont President Joice Forster (left) and Teacher of the Year Missy Aukes.



Aukes holding the cake made in her honor at the party December 4th.



Aukes and her colleague who nominated her, Pam Brolsma.


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## Jeff's Jottings

Last Saturday we woke up to find the world outside bathed in a coating of white frost. A thick fog blanketed our area overnight and the ice crystals stuck to anything and everything outside, including the wire on our old corn crib that we refer to now as Karis' "She Shack". It was the perfect setting for taking pictures, and of course Karis grabbed her camera at first sign of day-



light and snapped photos around the farm. She later traveled to visit her folks at Mountain Lake and one of the light poles that had a Christmas wreath hanging from it made the perfect "Norman Rockwell" type picture setting. That is probably the only part of winter that I really enjoy!

### A new "What is it?"

I quickly got an answer to our "What is it?"



item from last week, even though it took two editions of the paper to get one. Brad Hady emailed me last Wednesday to let me know that the item was a mounted air pump for inflating tires. It was one that was mounted to the running board of an old Model T and allowed the owner to pump up his tires by hand. So, there is your answer! This week we have an unusual item that was given to me by Barb Brady of Fairmont, who used to have the 5 Crazy Ladies store on the west edge of town. It is made of wood and has some metal pieces on it. It measures 37 inches long, 3 3/4 inches wide and when the sliding piece is extended, it measures 26 inches. There are two beveled slots the length of the item that the metal piece slides on and when fully extended forms an "L" piece. So, what is it and what is it used for? If you know the answer, drop me



an email at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or call the office at 507-238-9456. Do you have an item that you want featured in a future column? Stop by the Photo Press with your item so we can take a picture, get details and measurements to be featured in a future column.

### Red Bag pickup Saturday

After having to be postponed due to bad weather on December 1st, the red bag pickup will now take place this Saturday, December 15th from 9 a.m. to noon. On Saturday be

sure and hang your red bags and non-perishable items in a highly visible area (on your front door if you can) and the many volunteers from the radio stations, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Photo Press and the Fairmont Sentinel will be around to pick them up for you. If you didn't receive a bag yet and would like to have one to fill, you can stop in at the Photo Press or Sentinel and pick up a red bag. If you live in Granada, you can drop your bag off at the C Store on Saturday, December 15th. All contents of the bags will go to local food shelves.

### Cookies, Concerts and Santa!

There are a few events taking place in the coming week that I wanted to point out before I go: • Wednesday night is the Fairmont Methodist Church meal and the Grace Lutheran Open Door Meal • Friday, December 14th will be the annual Glenn Henriksen Christmas Concert at the Red Rock Centre in Fairmont at 7 p.m. Be sure and get your tickets beforehand. • Saturday, De-

cember 15th from 9 to 11 a.m. will be the 1st Annual Cookie Walk at St. James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Northrop. Goodies will be available to purchase by the pound. Containers will be provided or you can bring your own. All proceeds go to refurbish the Sunday School rooms. Also on Saturday, December 15th Santa is coming for one day to Five Lakes Centre. There will be coloring, store sales, apple cider, a vendor show, letter to Santa and cookies for kids. On Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont will hold a Christmas Concert at the church. The concert is under the direction of Mr. Michael Kutch. A soup supper will follow, free will donation. Be sure and turn out for these events and support them. Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - take in the beauty God has made!*

Jeff

## "Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



### "The First Merry Christmas"

I wished my first person of the season a "Merry Christmas" this morning.

After fueling the car, I went inside the C-store at a Pilot Truck Stop near Omaha, Nebraska and grabbed two bananas. A man in wheel chair was in line ahead of me paying for his items. When the cashier handed him his change, he dropped a coin.

I set my fruit on the counter, freeing my hand so I could bend over to retrieve the coin for him. The quick cashier rang up my items and said, "Fifty cents, please." Just as quick, the man reached down and picked up his fallen coin - a quarter. He set it on the counter, saying, "Here. I'll pay for one of them." I smiled and thanked him. Before I could dig my change out of my pocket, he poked through the coins in his

hand, placing another quarter on the counter saying, "Let me get them both." I again thanked him, "Wow! Nobody ever bought me a banana, let alone two! Thank you!" We shared a good laugh over that. Very sincerely I said to him, "Merry Christmas, my friend." He nodded upward with his head, "Peace, brother," he replied. I left with my bananas, feeling really good about that whole exchange.

A few miles down the road, I reached for my coffee. "What? I forgot to get coffee?" No problem, a blue road sign indicated there was a McDonald's just a mile up the road. I turned off at the next exit.

The man in line ahead of me was wearing a fluorescent green vest with the reflective stripes. After ordering his breakfast the cashier told him his total.

He handed her a bill saying, "Here. Take it out of this five hundred." I smiled and said to the cashier, "I hate to see him break a five hundred dollar bill, just for breakfast. Throw my coffee on there too, to make it worth breaking." We all had a good laugh.

The man said, "It was five hundred pennies, not dollars." then told the cashier, "but go ahead and get him a coffee." "I was going to have a cookie too." I said. "Well, then give him a cookie, too" he told the cashier, shaking his head, still laughing. The cashier asked me, "Chocolate chip, or oatmeal raisin?" "Seriously? It's breakfast time." I said, "Oatmeal raisin, of course." I then muttered, "Are you kidding me? Who eats chocolate chip cookies for break-

fast?" We all shared another laugh.

A girl behind the counter handed me a tray with my cookie and coffee. I thanked the man again for his generosity and wished each of them a Merry Christmas. "Merry Christmas to you, too," they both replied in unison.

A lady behind us was listening to all of this and with a southern drawl said, "What about me?" The three of us - the cashier, the man in the fluorescent green vest and myself, simultaneously said, "Merry Christmas!" She smiled from ear to ear and replied, "Well, Merry Christmas, y'all." My day was made.

Fifty cents for two bananas and \$1.14 for a cookie and a cup of coffee. Those two gestures were worth far more than the forty dollars worth of gas I just put in the tank.

I started the car, depressed the clutch pedal and moved the shifter into first gear. I glanced at the GPS. "529 miles to Boul-

der, Colorado." I said out loud to my dog, "Put your seat belt on, June. This will be a fast trip." June stared at me blankly as if to say, "What about me?" Giving her a brisk rub on the head, I said, "Merry Christmas, June Bug."

"Merry Christmas, Dad." She said, then smiled and looked contently out the front windshield.

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Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon recently received a donation from the Borderline Cruisers Car Club. Amy Miller (center) presents check to Gary Reutzel. (Back row) Harry Braumbaugh, Rich Wessel, JoAnn Woodward and Tam Plumhoff. Thank you Borderline Cruisers! (Submitted photo)

## Early Deadlines Christmas Holiday

NEWS: Wednesday, December 19, 5 p.m.

ADS: Thursday, December 20, Noon

The Photo Press will be CLOSED on Monday, December 24 @ Noon & Tuesday, December 25

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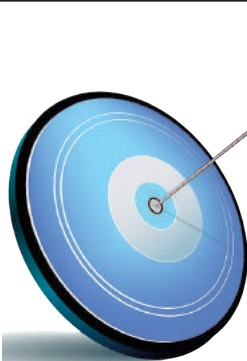
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### FAIRMONT AREA

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**Breakfast menu can be found online.  
DEC 13 - 19**

**THUR: K-6:** Turkey, gravy, dinner roll, peach parfait, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, peas, fruit. **JR/HS:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, broccoli & cauliflower, pea salad, jicama sticks, apple, pears.  
**FRI: K-6:** Cheese pizza, bagel and egg fun lunch, carrots, caesar salad, cucumbers, fruit. **JR/HS:** BBQ shredded pork sandwich, tator tots, green beans, coleslaw, pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail.  
**MON: K-6:** Popcorn chicken egg and cheddar chef salad, dinner roll, baked beans, tossed salad, tomatoes, fruit. **JR/HS:**

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, baked beans, carrots jicama sticks, apple, pineapple tidbits.  
**TUE: K-6:** BBQ shredded pork sandwich, chicken caesar salad wrap, carrots, pico de gallo, carrots, fruit. **JR/HS:** French bread pepperoni pizza, corn, caesar salad, cucumbers orange, applesauce.  
**WED: K-6:** Mini turkey corn dogs, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, tator tots, caesar salad, celery sticks, fruit. **JR/HS:** Nachos, refried beans, rice, carrots, broccoli salad, celery sticks, banana, peaches.

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**DEC 13 - 19**

**THUR:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, broccoli, mandarin oranges.  
**FRI:** BBQ shredded pork sandwich, tator tots, pepper strips, fruit cocktail.  
**MON:** Cheeseburger, tator tots, carrots, pineapple tidbits.  
**TUE:** French bread pepperoni pizza, corn, caesar salad, orange.  
**WED:** Nachos rice, celery sticks, peaches.

### TRUMAN AREA

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**DEC 13 - 19**

**THUR:** Turkey wrap, baked beans, veggies, pineapple tidbits.  
**FRI:** Spaghetti, breadstick, coleslaw, spinach salad, fruit.  
**MON:** Mini corn dogs, baked beans, spinach salad, apples/oranges.  
**TUE:** BBQ meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, fruit.  
**WED:** Chicken hotdish, breadstick, peas, veggies, pears.

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

**DEC 13 - 19**

**THURS:** Baked chicken, sweet potato, wax beans, vanilla pudding.

**FRI:** Salmon, mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, carrot cake.

**MON:** Spaghetti, cheese bread, lettuce salad, bar.

**TUE:** Swiss steak, twice baked potatoes, veggie mix, apple crisp.

**WED:** Chicken chow mein, rice, egg roll, broccoli, jello w/ fruit.

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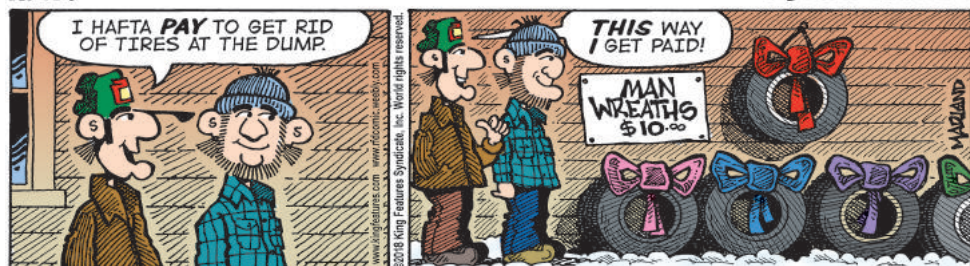
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#### Jeff's Jottings!



**What is it?**





Cargill, Incorporated has contributed \$15,000 to Martin Luther High School, Northrop Aquaponic Greenhouse and Energy Classroom project. Pictured is Emily Meixell, Cargill Origination Specialist-Fairmont and 2002 MLHS alum, who was instrumental in helping obtain funding from Cargill at the local and the corporate level. She is pictured presenting the corporate matching check to Principal Paul Steinhaus. (Submitted photo)



President Sara Edmundson presents a grant from the Martin County Youth Foundation to board and staff of Kinship of Martin County to support the recruitment, screening, training and support of matches of adult volunteers with youth. Front (L-R): Kathy Smith, Kermit Brown, Anna Garbers, Deb Laue and Cathy Sorenson. Back: Greg Brolsma, Linda Maday, Katy Gonzalez, Sara Edmundson and Phil Hartmann. (Submitted photo)



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Alyssa Ciatti, Community Health Specialist of Faribault, Martin & Watonwan Counties, gave an insightful presentation to the Martin Luther High School, Northrop staff at a recent workshop about the dangers, statistics, governing laws, and paraphernalia involved with vaping and juuling among teens and adults in our community. (Submitted photo)

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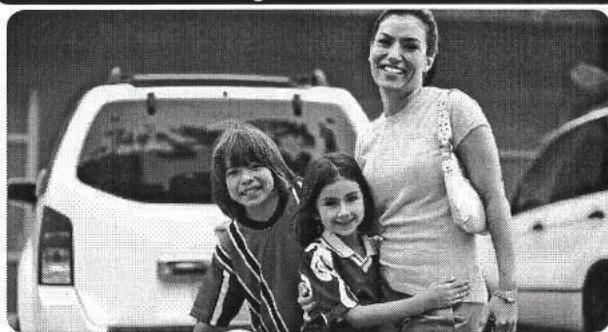
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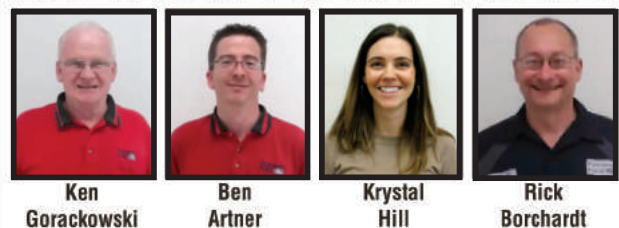
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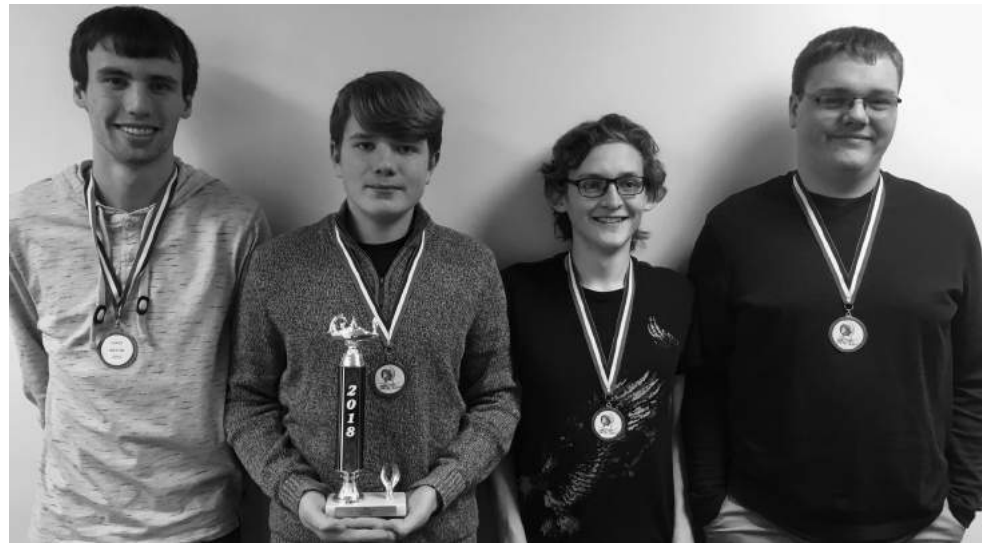


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Martin County Youth Foundation President Sara Edmundson recently presented a grant to board and staff of Kinship of Martin County to providing learning and active healthy living scholarships to kids. Front L-R: Deb Olson, Dennis Trushenski and Kim Ehlert. Back: Mary Jo Manzey, Sara Edmundson and Jen Kahler. (Submitted photo)



**GREAT START FOR BEAHS KNOWLEDGE BOWL** - The 2018/2019 Senior High Knowledge Bowl season has started strong for the Blue Earth Area Knowledge Bowl team. At the the Blizzard Invitational on Wednesday, December 5th in Blue Earth, the BEA Mahogany team with Joseph Bleess, James Greer, Bobby Karp, and Grant Strukel finished in first place with a score of 99 points. Also finishing strong were the BEA Dandelion team (Lauren Bleess, Cameron Germain, Amanda Jacobson, and Gunnar Schultze) in 8th with 71 points, and the BEA Burgundy team (Calvin Farrow, Vern Johnson, and Aaron Lorenz) in 9th with 68 points. Senior High Knowledge Bowl coach for these students is Carissa Maday. The next competition for the Bucs is in Mankato Monday, January 7th, 2019. Pictured above is the Blue Earth Maroon team (L to R): Grant Strukel, James Greer, Bobby Karp, Joseph Bleess. (Submitted photo)

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**? Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president declared that Thanksgiving would be celebrated on the last Thursday in November?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of Roy Rogers' horse on the TV series?
3. ACRONYMS: Where did the name "jeep" come from?
4. ASTRONOMY: The planet Venus has how many moons?
5. LANGUAGE: What is unusual about the words facetious, abstemious and arsenious?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What is foie gras?
7. GEOLOGY: What is the only rock that floats?
8. LITERATURE: In what 19th-century novel is the character of Captain Nemo introduced?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What inland U.S. state has the longest freshwater coastline?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone associated with the month of June?

**Answers**

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. Trigger
3. The military, where a "general purpose" vehicle was known as a GP.
4. None
5. All three words are spelled with the vowels in correct order.
6. A pate made of duck or goose liver
7. Pumice
8. "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"
9. Michigan
10. Pearl

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## What's Smarter – Paying Off Debts or Investing?

It probably doesn't happen as much as you'd like, but you may occasionally have some extra disposable income. For example, perhaps you have recently received, or will soon receive, a year-end bonus. Or maybe you will get a sizable tax refund in just a few months. Wherever this money comes from, you will want to put it to good use. Should you use the cash to pay down debts or should you invest it instead?

There's no simple answer, and everyone's situation is different, but here are a few suggestions for helping you make a good choice:

- Evaluate your cash flow. If you already have enough cash to meet your daily living expenses, you might lean toward investing the money, but if you are just getting by, possibly due to heavy debt payments, then you might be better off using your newfound funds to reduce your debt load. Another way of possibly reducing your debt load is to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Once you have such a fund, you could use it, instead of going into debt, to pay for un-

expected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

- Evaluate your debts. Some of your debts are actually more "expensive" to you than others. This expense level doesn't necessarily refer to the size of the debt, however. You might have a large mortgage, for instance, but because your interest payments are typically tax deductible, your "after-tax" interest rate may be relatively modest. Therefore, you might consider using your excess cash for investments, rather than paying down your mortgage. But if you have consumer loans or credit cards that carry a high interest rate and whose interest payments are not deductible, you might be better off paying down this debt.

- Evaluate your investment opportunities. You may have heard that one season or another is a "better" time to invest – but there's really no strong evidence to support this claim. However, now that we are nearing the end of the calendar year, and only a few months away from the tax-filing deadline on April 15, you may want to take advantage of at least one time-related investment op-

portunity. Specifically, you could use whatever extra money you have to fully fund your IRA, if you haven't done so already. For the 2018 tax year, you can contribute \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you are 50 or older. (Depending on your income, you may not be able to contribute the full amount to a Roth IRA.) You've got until the April 15 deadline to fully fund your IRA, but if you have the money sooner, why wait? The quicker it's in your account, the faster it can go to work for you.

One final suggestion: If you have a company match as part of your 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, consider contributing enough to get your employer's full matching contribution before you pay down debts – don't leave this "free money" on the table.

Your year-end bonus, tax refund or other source of beyond-the-paycheck money can help you make progress toward your financial goals – so evaluate your situation and options carefully before making any moves. It will be time well spent.

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

## Ask A Trooper: Studded tires

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

**Question:** I will be travelling to Minnesota in a few weeks, can I use studded tires in your state?

**Answer:** According to Minnesota State Statute 169.72, "Every solid rubber tire on a vehicle must have rubber on its entire traction surface at least one inch thick above the edge of the flange of the entire periphery. No person shall operate or move on any highway any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer, having any metal tire in contact with the roadway, except in case of emergency."

An exemption includes the occasional use of studded tires by nonresidents under the following conditions:

- A person operating a motor vehicle licensed and registered in another state or province of a foreign country that authorizes the use of metal studs or wire embedded tires on its highways may use such on our state highways while occasionally within the state. Use of a vehicle in MN for less than 30 days in any consecutive six-month period would be considered occasional.

- The metal studs shall not exceed 5/16 of an inch in diameter including the stud casing with an average protrusion beyond the tread surface of not more than 7/64 of an inch. The number of studs in a tire shall not exceed two percent of the total net contact area.

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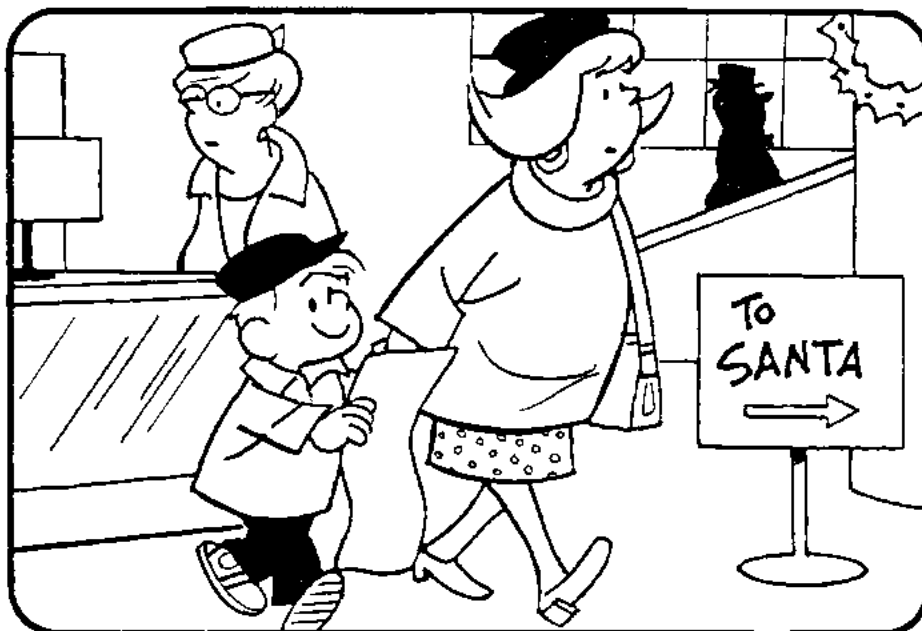
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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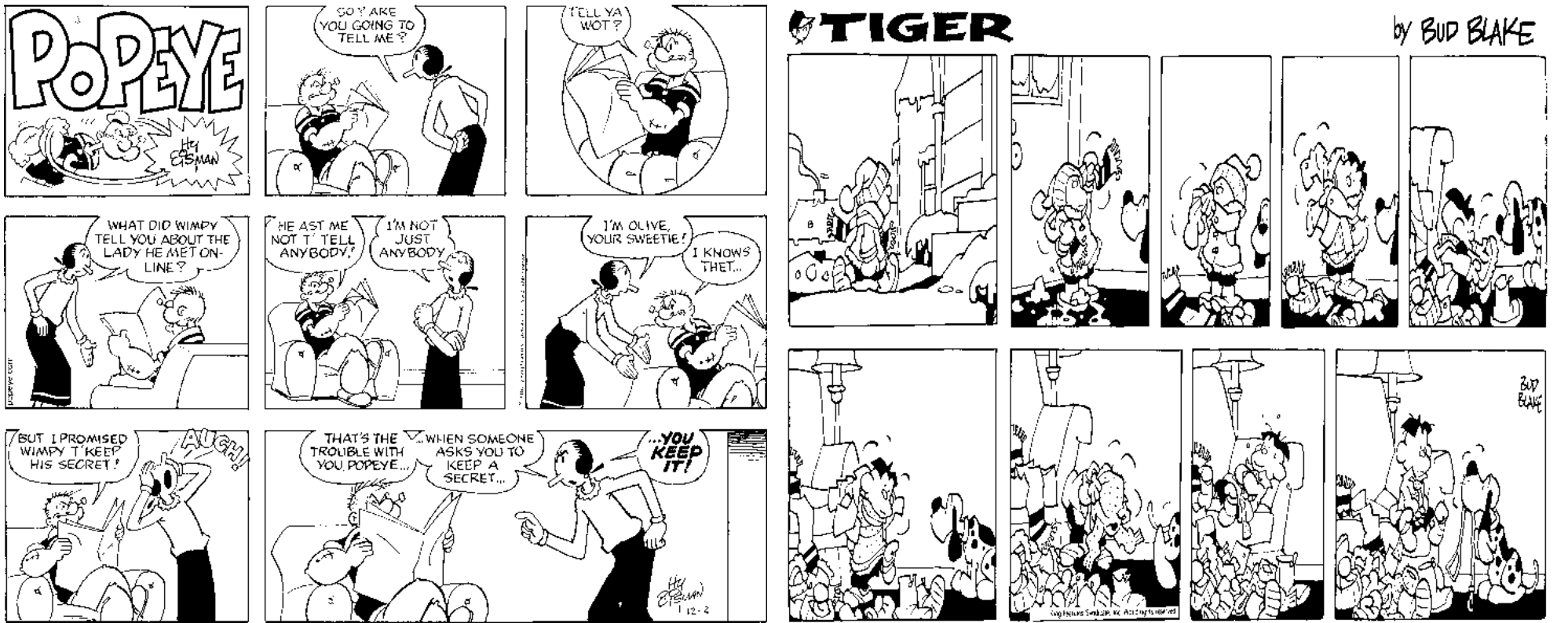
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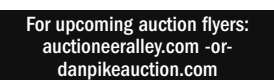
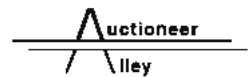
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Janet Lynda White, Robert G. White to Donna J. Steuber, Kenneth L. Steuber, S½ of NW¼, 1-101-30

Joseph A. Quam, Mari C. Schuh Quam to Nick C. Klunder, EXC N5; Lot 25, Block 3, Larsens Subdivision Linda K. Shaw to Christine E. Steele, Russell D. Steele, PT 3.80 AC W/50' easement, NW¼NW¼, 19-103-31

Lorelei Johnson, Lorlie Johnson, Radd Johnson, Bonnie Nelson, Donovan Nelson Jr., Donavan Nelson Jr., Duane Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Lester Nelson, Lynel Nelson, Melvin Nelson, Nancey Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Stanley Nelson to Jonathan V. Peterson, Kristine K. Peterson, Lots 30 and 31, Block 1, Fox Lake Park

Easy Biofuels Inc. to Daniel and Mary Freeman Trust Agreement, Daniel R. Freeman Trustee, Mary B. Freeman Trustee, PT NW¼NW¼, 10-104-30 and .948 AC of Lot 1, Block 3, North Branch Addition Truman

Perrie Sanders, William Sanders, Candyce Tiff, Donnie Tiff to David Hurn, Elaine Hurn, NE½ of Lot 18, Block 3 and Lot 19, Block 3, Oak Beach Addition

Dale Harbitz, Debra Harbitz to Diane Larson, NW¼NW¼, 8-102-33 and W½ PT 17.77 AC of SW¼, 33-103-33

Diane Larson, Michael Larson to Debra Harbitz, W½ PT 58.79 AC of SW¼, 33-103-33

Bruce Johnson, Carol Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Daphne Johnson, Roxane Kuderer to H. Lon Hargan, Harold L. Hargan, PT Lot 1, Block 2, Southview Fourth Addition

Carla J. Nagel, Keith Nagel to Bernard J. Loosbrock, Stacy A. Loosbrock, Lot 4, Block 3, Larsens Subdivision Continental Real Estate Service Inc. Atty In Fact, Fannie Mae, Federal National Mortgage Association to Derrick Greiner, Lot 1, Block 2, Southgate 1st Addition

Kent Unke, Lynn Unke to Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence, Grant Pomerence, S½ PT 7.92 AC of SW¼, 35-104-31 Martin County Rental Resources LLC to Mid American Properties LLC, E80' of Lot 6, Block 1, Wards Addn.

**CONTRACT FOR DEEDS**

Debra Jean Petersen to Erik Godwin, Jessica Godwin, Lot 3, Block 4, Original Plat of Dunnell

Olson Farming LLC to Stephen Olson, UND ½ INT of SE¼ and S½ UND ½ INT of NE¼, 11-101-29 and UND ½ INT of SW¼SW¼, 12-101-29

**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

Linda Olson, Stephen Olson to Olson Farming LLC, UND ½ INT of SE¼ and S½ UND ½ INT of NE¼, 11-101-29 and UND ½ INT of SW¼SW¼, 12-101-29

William Robert Hecht to Sarah Torene Hecht, Lot 2, Block 15 and EXC S40, Lot 3, Block 15, Lake George Addition

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 For the following:  
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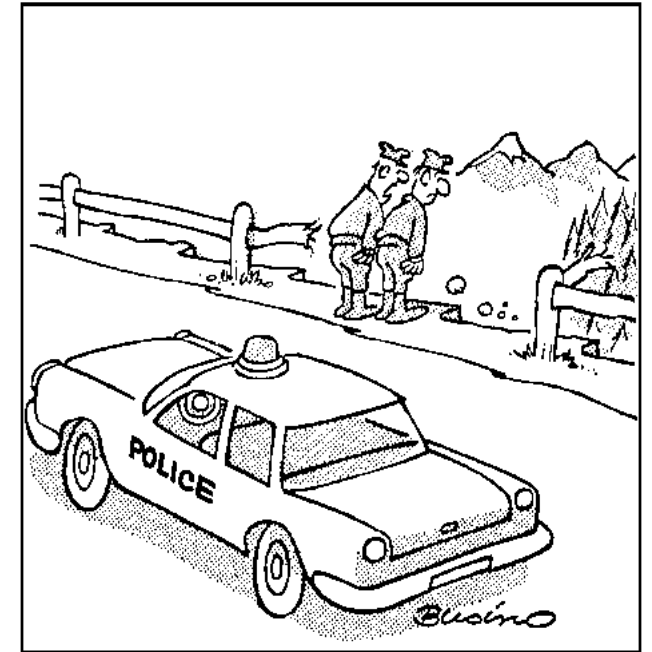
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Dale F. Kettner Revocable Trust, Lori K. Kettner, Natalie A. Kettner Trustee, Terry L. Kettner, Vanessa A. Kettner Trustee, Kettner Family Trust to Lori K. Kettner, Terry L. Kettner, PT 91.38 AC of SW¼, 17-104-30

**D DEED**

D. Roger Harris Estate, Jason Harris Per Rep, Roger Harris Estate to Shawn Sween, Patrick Sween, SW¼, 20-102-30

**LAFF - A - DAY**



"You shouldn't have yelled, 'Pull over!'"

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**Strange BUT TRUE**  
 By Samantha Weaver

- It was New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd who made the following sage observation: "The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for."
- A law in Memphis, Tennessee, states that it is illegal for a woman to drive a car unless a man walks in front of it to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.
- Martha Stewart got her start in business by catering from her home.
- It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of the maple syrup you put on your pancakes.
- The Tom Thumb locomotive and Jell-O were invented by the same person.
- Ancient Egyptians often were buried with opium, boats and artificial limbs for use in the afterlife. And it wasn't unusual to have a model of the deceased's home included, as well — just in case shelter was needed.
- England's Prince Philip was born on a kitchen table in Greece.
- The word "widget" was coined by an American humorist in the 1930s and referred to an imaginary gadget or machine. In the 1990s, however, widgets moved out of the realm of fiction when the makers of beverage cans invented a device that releases carbon dioxide to make foam after a can has been opened — and they named it a "widget."
- In its entire lifetime — four to six weeks — a single worker bee produces a sum total of about 1.5 teaspoons of honey.
- North Carolina once outlawed cats and dogs fighting with each other.

**Thought for the Day:** "No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." — Jascha Heifetz

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## Fairmont PeeWee Hockey results

The Fairmont Pee Wee A hockey team won the Chill Classic Pee Wee Hockey tournament this past weekend in La Crosse Wisconsin.

Last Friday night Fairmont defeated Altoona Wisc hockey 6-1. Scoring for Fairmont was Mathew Cone with two goals and two assists from Brock Lutterman. Cone also had an assisted goal to Luke Kester. Unassisted goals came from Brock Lutterman, Connor Gronewald and Hank Artz.

Saturday Fairmont defeated Monroe Wisc Hockey 7-2. Scoring for Fairmont was Brock Lutterman and Jace Teveldal each with two unassisted goals. Hank Artz recorded at hat trick. Ethan Geerdes recorded 19 saves.

On Sunday Fairmont defeated Beloit 9-1 for the championship game. Scoring for Fairmont was Hank Artz who recorded a hat trick. Luke Kester also had a hat trick with one assist coming from Tyson Pankow. Kegan Roloff had an assisted goal from Luke Kester. Tyson Pankow had a double assisted goal from Luke Kester from Kegan Roloff. Brock Lutterman had the final goal with an assist from Jace Teveldal. Ethan Geerdes recorded 11 saves.

This coming Saturday the Fairmont Pee-Wee team will travel to Luverne and then on to Sioux Falls for a 2nd game. Sunday at 5:00 Fairmont will host New Ulm/Sleepy Eye at the Martin County Arena.



**REBOUND BLOCK** - Cards Hudson Artz peers over the crossbar as his shot is blocked by the Bulldogs goalie Hunter Wamre while teammate Thomas Withuski runs into Artz. Karson Legred, who had two goals, seconds later knocked in the rebound. Cards Eli Anderson added his first two varsity goals in the 9-5 loss vs Breckenridge/Whapeton Saturday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**BIG SAVE** - Hadley Artz blocks Minnesota River's Nicole McCabe's shot as Card teammate Anna Nordquist looks on. Joni Becker's hat trick helped the Cards edged the Bulldogs 5-4 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls wrestling team:** front (l-r): Manager Kyra Williamson, Jayden Aubart, Jesse Potts, Lucas Jagodzinske, Kain Sanders, Connor Simmonds, Jaxson Rohman, Cesar Flores and manager Jenna Clow. Middle row: Miles Fitzgerald, Michael Johnson, James Joyner, Shayne Steinbrink, Andrew Lawrence, Payton Anderson, Blake Jagodzinske, Jordan Wolter and Mario Maldonado. Back row: Nathan Simmonds, Cale Steuber, Garrett Myren, Jacob Rahn, Tristan Lange, Chris Johnson and Everardo Hernandez. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*

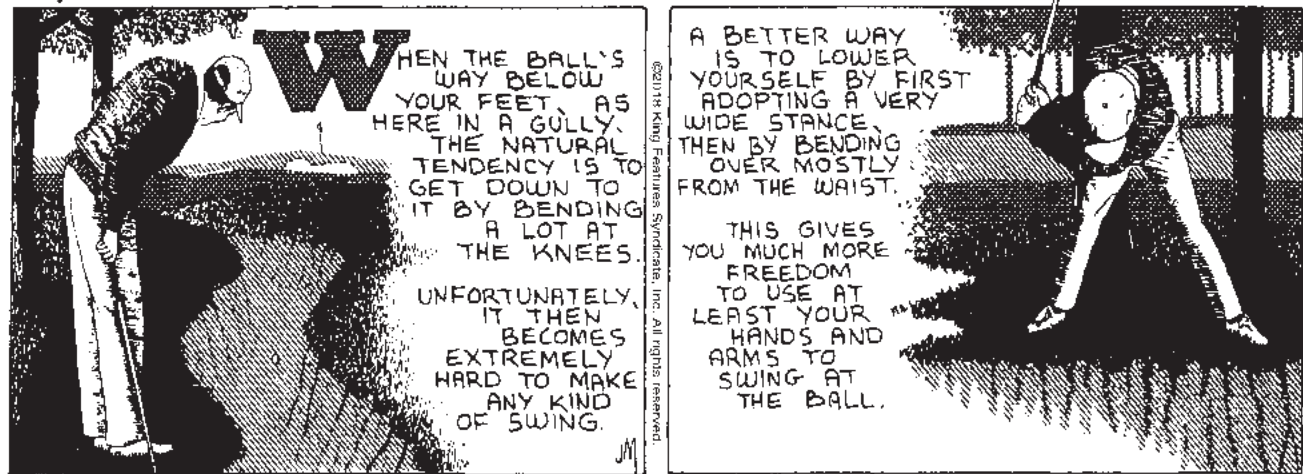


**Fairmont Cardinals boys basketball team:** front (l-r): Kordell Rogge, Luis de Jesus Reyes, Pete Ortega, Caden Baarts, Carson Toomer, Dalen Keltgen and Tony Ortega. Back row: Dan Betts, Caleb Snelson, Wyatt Frank, Nick Eversman, Dustin Schultz, Jack Hested, Joey Flohrs, Zach Jorgensen and Lucas Denney. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



Fairmont Alumni class of 2018 and parents are invited to an informal get-together on Thursday, December 27th at Ambiance on Albion, back room from 7 to 10 p.m. Please join fellow alumni and parents! If you have any questions, contact Amy Brinkman at 507-399-1268, Denise Mosloski at 507-399-1265 or Courtney Cutler at 507-236-9965. *(Photo by Steve Seifried Portrait Design)*

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# Finalizing farm machinery payments for 2018

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Many farm operators provide some type of custom work or use of farm machinery to other farmers during the growing season, and payment is usually made following the completion of the harvest season. Sometimes, it can be difficult to arrive a fair custom rate is for the certain farming practices, or for the use of various pieces of machinery. Iowa State University releases the annual "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" each year in February, which is based on a survey of custom operators, farm managers, and ag lenders on what they expect custom farm rates to be for various farm operations to be for the coming year. This is probably the most widely used and updated custom rate information that is available in the Upper Midwest.

The 2018 Iowa Custom Rate Survey includes farm

custom rates for typical tillage, planting, and harvesting practices, as well as custom farming rates. It also includes average custom rates for less typical practices and services performed on the farm. All listed custom rates in the Iowa survey results include fuel and labor, unless listed as rental rates or otherwise specified. These average rates are only meant to be a guide for custom rates, as actual custom rates charged may vary depending on increases in fuel costs, availability of custom operators, timeliness, field size, etc. The 2018 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey is available on the following web site: <file:///C:/Users/kvt/Downloads/FM1698.pdf>

Even though fuel prices increased somewhat in the past year, the availability of more farm operators being available

for custom work services, has resulted in average 2018 custom rates for farm work remaining close to steady compared to 2017 rates. Most custom rates for tillage, planting, and harvest operations in 2018 are listed at no increase or down slightly, compared to the rates for similar operations in 2017. The 2018 custom farming rates for corn and soybean production declined slightly from a year earlier. In addition to the higher fuel costs, labor expenses also increased slightly compared to 2017 levels. The cost for new and used machinery has also remained fairly stable in 2018, thus helping keep most custom rates at a fairly even pace.

The 2018 Iowa Custom Rate Survey lists a range of custom rates being charged, in addition to the "average" custom rates for most farming practices. Some of the "average"

custom rates listed, may be a bit low, given the increasing ownership costs of larger farm machinery, and the difficult field conditions and long harvest season that existed in some areas in 2018. An analysis of farm custom rates from a couple of years ago found that some of the harvesting costs for combining, as well as for the use of a grain cart and grain hauling, were somewhat undervalued in some of the custom rate surveys. Based on this cost analysis, the 2018 farm custom rates in some areas for harvesting, Fall tillage, and custom farming should probably be a bit higher than the "average" custom rates listed in the Iowa survey, in order to reflect the "true" costs of operation.

The University of Minnesota periodically releases a publication titled: "Machinery Cost Estimates", which was last updated in May, 2018. This summary looks at use-related (operating) cost of farm machinery, as well as overhead (ownership) costs. The use-related expenses include fuel, repairs and maintenance, labor, and depreciation.

Overhead costs include interest, insurance, and housing, which are calculated based on pre-set formulas. This can serve as a good guide to help farm operators estimate their "true cost" of farm machinery ownership. The University of Minnesota Center for Farm Financial Management has this publication and some other very good resources available on the costs of farm machinery ownership available on their web site at: <http://www.cffm.umn.edu/>

## CHECK GRAIN BINS

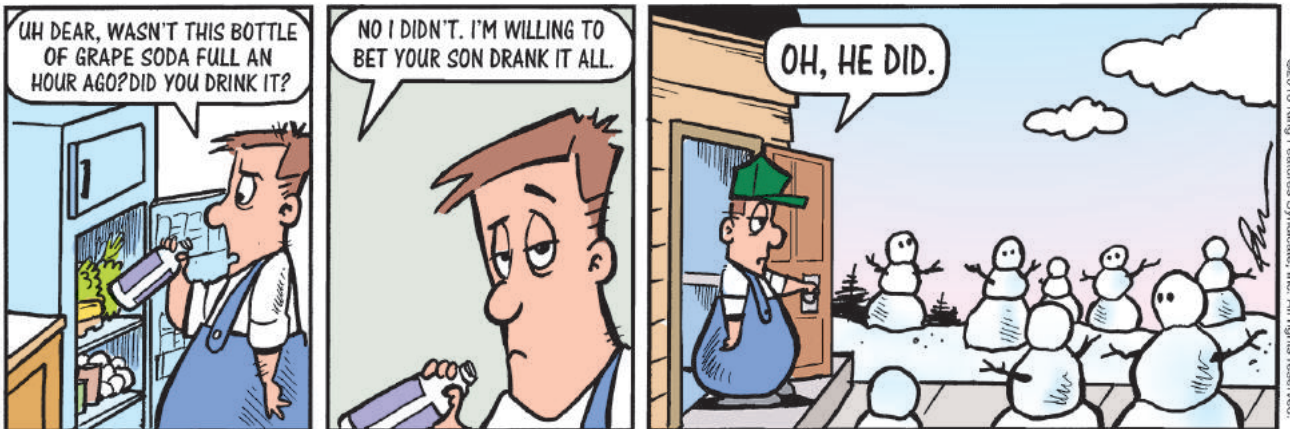
Most corn and soybean producers across the Midwest have completed the 2018 harvest season, and now need to pay close attention to grain that is stored in on-farm grain bins for potential storage problems. Due to low local corn and soybean prices, a much higher level of corn and soybeans in the Upper Midwest are likely being stored following harvest in 2018. It is likely that most of the crop was placed into grain bins at a variety of outside temperatures, some grain at fairly warm temperatures, and other grain at quite cool

temperatures. This grain temperature difference, along with fluctuations in recent outside temperatures, can result in wide temperature variations in the final grain temperature in grain bins. This can lead to moisture migration in the bin, which could potentially result in significant grain spoilage, if not properly addressed. There have already been reports of grain going out of condition in some areas.

Farm operators should run aeration fans periodically to equalize the grain bin temperatures, which will help prevent this situation from occurring. It is also very important to check grain bins on a regular basis for any potential storage issues, and to address those issues promptly. Otherwise, there can be considerable damage to grain that is in storage, resulting in a significant financial loss to the farm operator. This type of loss would only add to the financial difficulties that many farm operations are facing as we head into 2019.

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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