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Seasons Greetings

We hope your Christmas is merry in every way. Best wishes from our family to yours!

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Merry Christmas

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Support Fairmont Community Hospital Foundation in the purchase of a Saphenous Vein Ablation Laser to help in the treatment of varicose and spider veins.

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For some, veins are simply a cosmetic concern; however, they can cause aching pain and discomfort and sometimes lead to more serious problems.

Bringing this piece of equipment to the Fairmont Hospital will broaden the scope of practice for General Surgery and allow to treat many symptomatic patients with varicose vein disease who otherwise must travel long distances to obtain care.

To make this service available in Fairmont, FCH Foundation needs to raise \$64,000.

You can help by sending in a donation to FCH Foundation at PO Box 826, Fairmont, MN 56031 or online at www.fchfoundation.com.

Questions, please contact Kayla Caven at 507.236.3397.



RICARD 90TH - an open house celebration honoring Marie Ricard's 90th birthday will be Saturday, December 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Goldfinch Estates dining room in Fairmont. Your presence will be her gift. Cards will reach her at 850 Goldfinch Street, Apt. #606, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Marriage License Applications

Mackenzie Lynn Brummond and Lucas James Freeman

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will be meeting on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont for their Christmas party. All members and their spouses are invited to attend.

The **Senior Singles group of the Sherburn area** will not be meeting this month due to other Christmas events.

Welcome American Legion Post #553 will have a **Partners Cribbage Tournament** on Saturday, December 19th. Check in is at 1:15 p.m. Play starts at 1:30 p.m. There is a small fee to play. All are invited.

Arc Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVPs for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, December 17th. Contact Pat Willett-Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

Glenn Henriksen to Appear at Immanuel Lutheran in Dunnell

Renowned pianist and organist Glenn Henriksen of Armstrong, Iowa, will be performing a concert celebrating Christmas hymns of the church on Sunday, December 20th, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dunnell.

This concert will celebrate Christmas, with original arrangements by Glenn as well as special

the church, and a special appearance by Santa Lucia. The concert will also include an audience hymn sing-a-long. A free-will offering will be taken.

Plan to stay for refreshments following the concert where you can meet Glenn and guests in person. Glenn will have CDs available for sale, and can autograph them for you,



guests including Millie Kittleson, Swedish folk fiddlers Ivares Pojkarna (Ivares Boys - have played several times for Garrison Keillor, Smithsonian Folklife Festival, and numerous trips to Sweden) performing Swedish songs to reflect the heritage of

the perfect Christmas gift for the music lover on your list.

Join us for Glenn Henriksen's special Christmas concert on Sunday, December 20th, 2:00 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 315 N Seeley Ave, Dunnell.



The Support Center, Fairmont and Sherburn Bank Midwest locations ran an employee and customer food drive throughout the month of November. Each week, the employees were asked to donate either 4 food items or \$5 each. Customers were also asked to participate for 5 days, from November 16th-20th. The Sherburn location made their food donation to the Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Sherburn and the Fairmont/Support Center locations donated their items to the Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Fairmont.

Items donated to the Fairmont food shelf was in time for Thanksgiving. A total donation of six full, large totes of food, as well as making a monetary donation of \$445.72 was made.

Jared Pomerence (above, left) and Nicky Simpson (above, far right) presented the donation to Fairmont Heaven's Table and Sherburn Bank Midwest Employees (below) stand with their donation.



Exhibitors get ready for the D&S Toys & Train Show at the Five Lakes Centre last Saturday and Sunday.

Area College Student News

Christmas at Concordia weekend December 4th-6th, 2015, included three events as part of Concordia University, Nebraska's annual Christmas celebration: Christmas at Concordia concerts, a community open house and the Scholarship Parade of Homes.

Four Christmas at Concordia concerts brought more than 3,000 Concordia students, faculty and staff, alumni and community members to St. John Lutheran Church near campus. The concerts featured the University A Cappella Choir, Male Chorus, Women's Chorale,

University Symphonic Band, Concordia Handbell Choir and University Brass Ensemble.

Students who participated in the concerts include: Mason Koeritz, a senior from Northrop, University A Cappella Choir, Bass I.

Scripture readings, original music from Concordia faculty and traditional hymns that invited congregation participation were part of the celebration. Songs included "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and "A Stable Lamp is Lighted," among others.

Fox Lake Conservation League 2015 Print



"Restoring Nature" This print is a view from North Shore Drive looking out over 4 Corners WMA just north of Sherburn. You can view the print at Welcome Legion and Amborn Lumber.

Purchase before 10am on Monday, December 21 for Christmas delivery. Contact Doug 507-236-1700; Nate, 507-236-2075; or Tim 507 236 8404.



Christmas Vacation Activities at Fairmont CER

New Year's Eve (Afternoon)

Family Roller Skating

Bring your family and friends for a fun time of skating together. No need to preregister. \$5 admission includes skates, wrist guards and helmets. Enter through Door 17.

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mont Elementary School. Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 31st, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Enter thru door 15A. Free admissions

Fairmont Community Education and Recreation is located at Five Lakes Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

For more information, call 507-235-3141.

Thank you!



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

- Kathy Smith

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Sherburn Man Takes Part in Freedom Honor Flight

On Saturday, October 17th, 2015, Swede Theobald of Sherburn took the "trip of a lifetime".

Along with son Dan, he flew from LaCrosse, Wisconsin on the Freedom Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The flight was composed of 75 veterans, their escorts (guardians), doctors, nurses, paramedics and scores of handicap equipment to be available as needed.

They arrived in D.C. to a rousing welcome with bands, flags and balloons. The group, comprised of four buses, had a police escort throughout the city as they visited each monument, the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery for the impressive changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, accompanied by the placing of the wreath.

They proceeded to the various war memorials, especially significant to this group, namely World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. During the time there, they were greeted by former Senator and Medal of Honor winner, Bob Dole, who shook their hands. During the day, they were provided meals and snacks with plenty of

water and juices.

The plane returned to LaCrosse late that evening, and as it taxied up to the hangar, the doors opened to a flag-waving, cheering crowd of about 2,000. They were composed of

Cummings were in the welcome-home crowd. Swede said it was the most amazing, humbling, emotional day he could ever imagine.

On Sunday, December 6th, they returned to La-



Swede Theobald (left) and his son Dan Theobald.

numerous military personnel, American Legion and VFW members, Patriot Guard, Boy and Girl Scouts, school children and family members as two bands played every theme of every branch of service and fireworks lit up the night sky. Swede's wife Mickey, sons Chris and Joe and two friends, Rose Kreutz and Earl

Crosse for a reunion arranged for the vets who made the trip. Several shared their experiences of that day. They were presented with a beautiful book filled with pictures of the day, a CD and a DVD, plus an embroidered pillowcase donated by various volunteers in the area. It was the perfect finale of that wonderful day!

US Bank Military Drive a Success

Throughout the month of November, the US Bank Fairmont staff held their annual Military drive to collect various items to be shipped to local service people stationed overseas. Items

were donated by employees, customers and local businesses. The drive raised enough items to fill 15 large boxes. Special thanks to the donations from the American Legion Auxiliary, Walmart, Wal-

greens and to the children in Erin Simpson's kindergarten class at St. Paul Lutheran School for their help in packing the boxes.



Teens Have Opportunity to See History Come to Life

A local teenager will experience firsthand the pride of being an American by winning a free trip to Washington, D.C. June 11th-16th. Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, will select the winner of this trip through its annual Youth Tour Contest.

High school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and now even seniors, attending a high school in Federated's service area can enter. Pick up an application from the school counselor or contact Federated (info@federatedrea.coop or call 1-800-321-3520). The application and information are also found on Federated's website (federatedrea.coop). The student writes a 300-word essay on an energy-related topic, which is due with the application by February 29th. The first 15 students to enter receive \$20 gift certificates to Amazon.com.

Five finalists are selected for short interviews March 29th, starting at 4

p.m. The combined scores from the essay, interview and application determine the trip winner, along with second and third place who receive \$150 and \$100, respectively.

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

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

- Tour the monuments: Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean Veterans Memorial, Iwo Jima Stat-

ue, World War II Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and Arlington Cemetery

- Tour historic sights: Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Memorial Museum, Newseum, 9/11 Memorial and Mount Vernon.

- Attend special events: theater performance and all-states dinner & dance.

- Interact with: 1,500 teenagers from across the U.S. sponsored by rural electric co-ops; meet with your Members of Congress and make new friends.

- Go places: Interview to be the Minnesota representative on the Youth Leadership Council. If selected, you will travel to D.C. again for the 2017 Youth Tour.

Federated is a Touchstone Energy cooperative serving 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties. Sponsoring this trip demonstrates Federated's commitment to their local communities and its youth.



The K-8 students from St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont sang a Christmas Concert at the Red Rock Center for the Arts on December 8th. It was their first concert under the direction of the new music director, Mr. Michael Kutch.

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—Phyllis Steinman



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Ag Update: Ag Review 2015

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As we reach the end of the year, it is a good time to reflect on what happened agriculturally in the region and across the United States in 2015. This will be the first of a two-part article, with a review of 2015 crop production and weather conditions this week, and a review of livestock production, input costs, grain prices and the overall farm economy next week. Following are some highlights regarding crop production and weather conditions for 2015:

2015 will be remembered as one of the best crop production years ever in many areas of the Upper Midwest. Farm operators in many portions of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Eastern South Dakota experienced some of the best corn and soybean yields in their farming career this past growing season. Most of the corn acres in southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa were planted on a timely basis in late April or early May. Similarly, most soybean acres were planted by mid-late May. Most areas avoided heavy rainfalls in late May and early June, resulting in very minimal drought-out acres, and there were only a few isolated severe storms during the growing season.

Crop growing conditions in much of the Upper Midwest was almost ideal throughout much of the growing season. After a fairly dry Spring, many portions of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa received normal to slightly

above-normal rainfall amounts during the balance of the growing season. There were a few local areas of western South Central Minnesota and eastern Southwest Minnesota that got a bit dry during early August. Temperature levels during the 2015 growing season were adequate for a normal growing pattern for corn and soybeans, but did not get critically hot during sensitive stages of crop development. Finally, the growing season finished off with almost ideal harvest conditions in late September and October.

Crop conditions were not nearly as favorable in the Eastern and Southern Corn Belt. States such as Illinois, Indiana and Missouri dealt with crop conditions in 2015 that were similar to portions of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa during the 2014 growing season. This included late corn and soybean planting, heavy rains during the early growing season that caused drought-out damage and generally poor early season growing conditions. Weather patterns did improve in these areas later in the year; however, 2015 corn and soybean yields were reduced in several portions of this region.

In most areas of Southern Minnesota, the 2015 corn and soybean yields were very good to excellent. Whole field corn yields generally ranged from 185 to over 200 bushels per acre, while whole-field soybean yields were mostly in a range from near 50 to

over 60 bushels per acre. As normal, there was some yield variation in 2015, due to the occurrence of timely rainfall, severe storm events, and other management factors. Many whole farm corn and soybean yields across Southern and Western Minnesota in 2015 were among the best ever.

Based on the November 10th Crop Report, USDA is estimating the 2015 corn yield in Minnesota at the record level of 187 bushels per acre, which is well above the 2014 statewide average yield of 156, or the 2013 yield of 160. The previous Minnesota record yield was 177 bushels per acre in 2010. USDA is projecting Iowa to also have a record 2015 corn yield of 189 bushels per acre, which is well above the 2014 corn yield of 178, and the 2013 yield of 165. USDA is estimating a national average corn yield of 169.3 bushels per acre for 2015, compared to the record average U.S. corn yield of 171 in 2014.

USDA is estimating the 2015 Minnesota soybean yield at the record level of 50 bushels per acre, which is well above the statewide average yield of 41.5 in 2014. The previous State record yield was 45 bushels per acre in 2010. The 2015 Iowa soybean yield is also pegged to be a record at 56 bushels per acre, which compares to 51 in 2014. USDA is projecting a record national average soybean yield of 48.3 bushels per acre in 2015, which surpasses the previous record of 47.5 in 2014.

The University of Minnesota Southern Research Center at Waseca, Minnesota, had received over 42 inches of precipitation in 2015, as of November 30th, according to weather data recorded at that site, and has continued to receive additional rainfall in December. This is about 8 inches above the normal annual precipitation at Waseca; however, most of the above normal precipitation amounts have occurred in the second half of 2015. The added rainfall

has helped restore stored soil moisture levels to near capacity in most areas of South Central and Southeast Minnesota. By comparison, many portions of Southwest and West Central Minnesota have received far lower amounts of precipitation during the last half of 2015, and have stored soil moisture levels that are near to slightly below normal at many locations.

Over 2,700 growing degree units were accumulated at Waseca during

the 2015 growing season, which is more than 10 percent above normal. The higher level of growing degree units in 2015 was due to a combination of warmer than normal temperatures in the last half of the growing season, as well as a very long growing season, which extended well into October in most areas. This allowed the 2015 corn and soybean crop to mature naturally in the field and helped reduce 2015 corn drying expenses.

Hospitalized Vets Need Holiday Cheer

By Freddie Groves

I can't think of a sadder place to be during the holidays than a hospital. But the healthy among us can step up and brighten the day of a hospitalized veteran with very little effort.

Call your local Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and ask for the nursing-home care unit or Volunteer Services. Nursing-home patients often will never leave the hospital and move back home. A holiday visit and a small present can go a long way toward brightening their day and letting them know they're remembered.

Here are some gift ideas, subject to approval from staff:

- Stationery with pre-stamped envelopes and pens
- Tube socks
- Watches
- Bedside travel clocks
- Wallets

- Photo frames (no glass)
- Combs
- Small hand-held games
- Pocket calendars
- Colorful bedside containers for small miscellaneous items
- Canteen Service Coupon Books: These allow the patients to make purchases at the canteen for small items they want. In many locations these are books of \$5 worth of coupons, perfect for putting in a card or small package.

Nursing staff might be

able to tell you if there is a specific small item a patient might like to have, and whether or not a patient can have sweets. Or you could make a group gift to the whole medical unit for the day room. A large-screen television, a stereo with CDs or an ice-cream maker would benefit the whole unit.

I know what you're thinking: Nobody likes hospitals, and you don't want to do this. But hospitalized vets need us, especially during the holidays.



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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Albert Niss' Kentucky Pecan Pie

Always room for pie!

One of my favorite kinds of pie is pecan, but my Mom never made it at home and my roommate doesn't eat it. I didn't make it until a few years ago when I decided I would take it to the bake sales. I went searching for recipes and the one I choose was from The First Congregational Church cookbook here in Fairmont. It was submitted by none other than Albert Niss. He came to mind when I read the article about his community work in last week's Photo Press.

This pie always receives rave reviews when I take it anywhere or from those who buy it at bake sales. I have made one adjustment to the recipe. When I was looking for the perfect recipe, I noticed that some recipes called for white corn syrup and some dark, so I use 1/2 cup of each.

Albert Niss' Kentucky Pecan Pie:

1/2 cup white corn syrup
1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1 cup brown sugar
1/3 tsp salt
1/3 cup melted butter
1 tsp vanilla
3 whole eggs, slightly beaten
1 heaping cup shelled whole pecans
9 inch unbaked pie shell

Combine syrup, sugar, salt, butter and vanilla; mix well. Add slightly beaten eggs; pour into a 9-inch unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle pecans over all. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 45 minutes, or until knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool. May serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

One time I didn't think the pie shell was full enough so I one-and-a-halfed the recipe. Big mistake! The filling ran over in my oven! When baked it sort of puffs up so trust me, one recipe is enough for the 9 inch pie! Have a great week!

Ask A Trooper: Tire Safety



by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: How do you determine if your tires are unsafe?

Answer: Tire talk is important anytime of the year, but as winter approaches it is important to double your efforts when maintaining your tires.

Over the years, I have investigated numerous crashes where worn tires were a contributing factor. Tires with inadequate tread depth may cause your vehicle to skid or slide out of control on a slippery or wet road surface. Although our area has seen more rain than snow this season, it is important to remember that unsafe tires can hydroplane on both wet and snowy roadways becoming a hazard. When losing control of your vehicle, you can easily go off the road and into the ditch, or into oncoming traffic, possibly causing serious injury or death.

According to Minnesota State Statute 169.723 a tire shall be considered unsafe if it has:

(1) Any part of the ply or cord exposed; or

(2) Any bump, bulge or separation; or

(3) a tread design depth of less than 2/32 (1/16) of an inch measured in the tread groove nearest the center of the tire at three locations equally spaced around the circumference of the tire, exclusive of tie bars or for those tires with tread wear indicators; or

(4) Been worn to the level of the tread wear indicators in any two tread grooves at three locations; or

(5) A marking "not for highway use," or "for racing purposes only," or "unsafe for highway use;" or

(6) Tread or sidewall cracks, cuts or snags deep enough to expose the body cords.

My best advice is to keep an eye on your tires. Check your tire pressure often as it can be as much as 50% underinflated before it is visibly noticeable. Use a pressure gauge to check each tire and know what your pressure should be. Routine maintenance is good insurance; rotate, balance and be sure that your vehicle is correctly aligned, according to your vehicle owner's manual.

Taking a few seconds to walk around your vehicle before leaving for your destination can pay off, potentially keeping you from getting into a crash. Speaking from personal and professional experience, the "snow" tires I run at this time of the year have made all the difference throughout some of the deepest snow and treacherous conditions. I would not want to be without them. Having a set of tires with good, legal tread depth will increase your chances of not being involved in a crash, especially when the weather and road conditions become poor.

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

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on the following days for the Christmas holiday: Thursday December 24th hours are 9-12, Friday December 25th and Saturday December 26th the libraries will be closed.

You may still access your account online during this time by visiting our website at www.martincountylibrary.org and clicking on the blue "Library Catalog" link.

500 Years of Christmas Trees

• In 1510, the first Christmas tree is decorated in Riga, Latvia. Early Christmas trees are decorated with paper, fruits and sweets.

• In 1531, the first retail Christmas tree lots appear in German cities. Laws limited the size of trees to "8 shoe lengths" (slightly over 4 feet).

• By the 1600s, it is common in Germany to decorate Christmas trees with apples. Trees decorated with ribbon, tin shapes, small books and lace, as well as food soon followed.

• By the 1700s, edible ornaments become so popular on Christmas trees that they are often called "sugartrees."

• In the 18th century, the first accounts of using lighted candles as decorations on Christmas trees come from France.

• In 1777, the tradition of the Christmas tree is brought to Colonial America by Hessian troops fighting for Britain in the Revolutionary War.

• In 1804, U.S. soldiers stationed at Fort Dearborn (now Chicago) bring evergreen trees into their barracks at Christmas.

• In 1842, Charles Minnegrode introduces the custom of a decorated Christmas tree in Williamsburg, Virginia.

• In 1851, Mark Carr opens a retail Christmas tree lot in New York City, the first in the United States. Trees were taken at random from forests.

• In 1856, Franklin Pierce, the 14th U.S. President, brings the first

Christmas tree into the White House.

• Around 1883, Sears, Roebuck & Company begins offering the first artificial Christmas trees: 33 limbs for 50 cents and 55 limbs for \$1. (Today, 80 percent of all artificial trees are made in China.)

• In the early 1900s, due to overharvesting, many magazines begin to encourage people to substitute an artificial "snow"-covered tree, consisting of a branch of a deciduous tree wrapped in cotton.

• In 1901, the first Christmas-tree farm is started when W.V. McGalliard plants 25,000 Norway spruce on his farm in New Jersey.

• In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge starts the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, now held every year on the White House lawn.

• In 1966, for the first time, the tree displayed in the Blue Room of the White House is presented by the winner of a competition held by the National Christmas Tree Association.

• In 2015, approximately 25-30 million real Christmas trees will be sold in the U.S.

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In 1510 in Riga, the capital of Latvia, the local Order of the Blackheads (a guild for unmarried merchants) set a pine tree in the town square on Christmas Eve. It was laden with candles, fruit, nuts and paper flowers, and young men and women sang and danced around it, and at the end the tree was set ablaze. Riga celebrates its heritage as the "birthplace" of the decorated Christmas tree with a colorful market in the town square, selling sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes and meat pies with Black Balsam, a traditional Latvian herbal liqueur.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Monday, December 7th was a typical day until about four p.m. for my family. I know it's so easy to pass along the bad experiences that we have, but we need to even more so pass on the good things!

My eight-year-old daughter Rylee had just finished her appointment on at a business on Fairmont's downtown plaza as my four-year-old son then went for his appointment. I was holding my sleeping one-year-old daughter, visiting with my mom.

We watched Rylee play on the bench with a toy. Rylee was being my typical girl- playing, smiling, (animals talking). She got up, hugged her grandma, and walked around for a little bit. I looked down at my one-year-old for only a second and THUMP Rylee fell, hitting her head on a bench and she was on the floor! I quickly grabbed a cloth and Kris called 911 for us! Rylee was sticky, sweaty and shaking with tight muscles. Within minutes, two great guys

walked in - Fairmont Police Officers Bass and Kelly! These two were calm, friendly and helpful, asking us questions, but staying focused on my daughter. They asked her some questions, one that we remember is, "Do you know Mrs. Bass?" (Mrs. Bass is her teacher). Rylee remembered her, but she didn't remember falling or what happened before!

Some may say they were doing their job, but even more exceptional about these two men is that they know my mom's back is bad and I needed to be with my oldest daughter. Officer Bass followed my mom to her house and helped her carry in my youngest two kids, smiling and talking to them so they were not scared.

My daughter may not remember falling, which I'm grateful for, but she remembers the two police officers and the Fairmont ER Doctor Dombeck, who taught her a really "cool" trick about 11 fingers!

So, I want to send out a big "Thank-You" to the Fairmont Police Department and Fairmont Hospital ER staff! Thank you for everything!

Peggy Young
Fairmont

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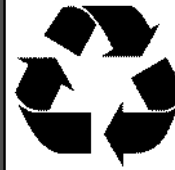
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FRI: Breakfast K-6: Cheerios Bar, cinn. graham cracker, tangerine juice, apples, milk. JR/HS: Sausage Egg and Cheese Bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Chicken and Gravy, dinner roll, nachos chip and salsa fun lunch, mashed potatoes, caesar salad, orange, cranberries. JR/HS: Toasted Cheese, tomato soup, caesar salad, cucumber slices, orange,

pineapple tidbits.

MON: Breakfast K-6: Cinn. Toast Crunch Bar, sunflower seeds, tangerine juice, orange, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast Pizza, Cinn. Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin PB&J, pears, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheeseburger, turkey and cheese sandwich, baked beans, caesar salad, apple, pears. JR/HS: Sweet and Sour Popcorn Chicken, rice, broccoli, asian coleslaw, carrots, apple, pears.

TUES: Breakfast K-6: Trix Bar, goldfish, apple juice, banana, milk. JR/HS: Pancake on a Stick, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, apple, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheese Pizza, ham and cheese sandwich, corn, carrots, orange, applesauce. JR/HS: Hot Dog, baked beans, carrot broccoli ranch salad, celery sticks, orange, strawberries.

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MON: Breakfast: Banana Bread, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Cheese Pizza, green beans, spinach salad, pineapple tidbits.

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Jeff's Jottings

Last weekend was a "whirlwind" weekend for me as far as activities go. As many of you know, I sing in an acapella quartet named "SonG-QuesT". Yes, that is the correct way to spell it - we did it that way so the name would stick out wherever it was printed. Anyway, with the Advent season in full swing, there are a lot of benefits and Christmas parties taking place. This weekend was full of those types of activities and my quartet was involved in a fundraiser benefit concert in Worthington along with a number of local music performers from that area. We had a practice for all of the groups in Worthington at 9:30 Saturday morning, so my morning was tied up with that activity. Saturday afternoon was when I worked on my monthly township clerk duties before our meeting, and since it is almost the end of the year, I worked into the evening on paperwork for the township. Sunday morning started early since Karis and I needed to be to church by 7:30 to set up her Sunday School room and for me to prepare for taping the 8 a.m. service. After the service, the church went over to Temperance Lake Ridge to do Christmas caroling for the residents and I stayed behind to set up the video recording system and the audio system for the children's Christmas program,

which was taking place at 1 p.m. that afternoon. I had to leave Sherburn at 1 p.m. to travel with the quartet back to Worthington to perform for the benefit concert, which was at 3 p.m. that afternoon. After performing for 2 hours in the show, I had to head



four inches in diameter. We have three different views for you to look at. The center hole is threaded and as you can see, it was patented in between 1905 and 1907. One hint: it would be something that antique automobile and airplane enthusiasts might recognize. Email your guesses in to me at: jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call us at 238-9456. Make sure to leave your name, city and phone number with your guess.

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Christmas is just around the corner, so just to warn local store merchants, I will be doing my annual Christmas shopping early next week, and will be stopping in a number of local stores to do my shopping. Someone asked me once why I wait until the last minute to do my Christmas shopping. The honest reason is I have found that if I do my Christmas shopping early in the year and then hide them so no one can sneak a peak, I have been known to forget where I hid them. I did that a number of years ago and didn't find the gifts until about Febru-

ary of the following year, so I vowed never to do that again and instead do all my shopping the week of Christmas. That way I can either get them wrapped for me, or I wrap them right after I get home and put them under the tree and don't have to worry about forgetting where they are.

Your Weekend Plans

Before I go this week, there are a couple of events coming up in the next week to bring to your attention. On Saturday the Welcome American Legion will host a Partners Cribbage Tournament. Sign-in is at 1:15 and play will begin at 1:30 p.m. There is a small fee. On Sunday morning at 9 a.m., the St. John Lutheran Church Choir of Sherburn will have a Christmas Cantata during the service at St. John's. There will be coffee and goodies afterwards. ARC Different Drummers Dance Club will have their dinner/dance from 4 to 7 p.m. at Holiday Inn. RSVPs are needed. Also on Sunday, pianist Glenn Henriksen will hold a Christmas concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dunnell at 2 p.m. Come early for that to get a good seat! His performances are well worth attending!!

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- Jeff



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TROY SUNKEN



Troy Sunken has been a Kiwanis member since October 2015.

Troy is a Fairmont High School graduate, and is employed at Hawkins Chevrolet in Fairmont. He and his wife, Maggie, have three children: Clayton 18,

Abby 12, and Ben 7.

Troy is an avid outdoors person, enjoying hunting and fishing. He professes to enjoy all sports, but claims that "baseball is my love."

Troy was a successful high school pitcher for the Cardinals, graduating in 1992, then playing three years for Bethany Lutheran College and finishing his college career at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He participated on a lot of amateur baseball teams, finishing his "baseball career" with the Fairmont Martins. Another interest which Troy enjoys is showing and driving his classic 1968 Chevy Camaro SS convertible.

Although new to Early Risers, Troy has expressed interest in being a part of the upcoming Spring Fishing Derby project.

Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant.
Uptown Kiwanis meets every other Tuesday at noon at Tami's on the Ave.

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

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would they write with?" That's an excellent question and likely the reason why you are sitting in the front row.

You could give a combo gift. A notebook and a Fisher Space Pen. A Fisher Space Pen fits comfortably in a pants pocket and the pen writes upside down. I use one of those handy pens most days. Let's face it, we all need to write upside down more often. But wait, there's more. A nice travel mug that doesn't leak or spill. My bride gave me a Contigo Mug. I feel safe holding it upside down over my lap even when my mug is filled with hot tea. I tested it on a neighbor. Not a single drip or scream. I squeeze it when I want to drink and when I relax my grip, it seals the opening. And it's just that easy. It keeps hot things hot and cold things cold, but not if you put both in the mug at the same time.

"Where is the best place for me to practice my loon calls?" At Death Valley, right next to the novice bagpipe player.

"How many species of bats are there in Minnesota?" There are seven, all small creatures. The little brown bat, northern myotis, big brown bat and eastern pipistrelle (tricolored bat) can be found in groups in caves, buildings and hollow trees. They typically feed over fields, along woodland edges or over water. Silver-haired bat, red bat, and hoary bat are commonly called tree bats, reflecting their preferred habitat. They lead solitary lives, roosting in trees and feeding in or around forested areas.

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"Christmas is a time when you get homesick—even when you're home."

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MCHS in Fairmont Welcomes Evan Jones, Hospitalist

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont welcomes hospitalist to expanding list of providers.

Evan Jones, physician assistant, joined the team of providers at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont October 26th, where he began his training and eventually started seeing patients full time in December. As a hospitalist, Jones' primary professional focus is the general medical care of hospitalized patients. His duties include patient care, teaching, research and leadership.

"The opportunity to work as a provider within Mayo Clinic Health System was not a difficult decision," says Jones. "I'm originally from Rochester, Minnesota, so I grew up understanding the significant role Mayo Clinic provides in the arena of medicine. Working in Fairmont also allows me the chance to return to my home state and remain close to family, which is important to me."

Jones' connection to Mayo Clinic reaches back to his younger years. Growing up, he remembers excelling in math and science. It was not until his grandmother became sick and a patient at Mayo Clinic that his attention turned to a potential career in medicine.

"Here I was at 16 years of age, watching the doctors at Mayo Clinic, these experts using all this knowledge and expertise to help my grandmother. It really hit home for me," says Jones. "I knew I wanted to pursue a ca-

reer that would allow me the chance to care for other individuals in need."

Jones' education took him to North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, where he graduated with a degree in Zoology and a minor in chemistry. Recently, he received a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) from Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

"As a hospitalist, my medical interests lie in internal medicine and how the body works," states Jones. "I enjoy the challenge of medical diagnosis and breaking things down in order to discover what is wrong and help the patient. Each day presents a new set of challenges that pushes you to be at your best."

"Having an inpatient hospitalist like Evan join our team provides patients with even greater access to the care they need when they need it, right here at the hospital," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director.

Jones resides in Blue Earth, and leads an active life, enjoying hockey, marathons, golfing and, at one point, he was a sponsored racquetball player.

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One Dress, Two Looks

One great dress is all it takes for two marvelous holiday looks. For a more casual party, add a cow-girl inspired cross necklace and bronze cowboy boots. Top it off with a sparkly wrap and it's too cute for words!

Now give that same stunning dress a formal look. Add a fabulous rhinestone necklace,

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Heading to a more casual party atmosphere, but still like to dress up? Take a pair of ripped skinny jeans, add a sequined top, drape yourself in pearls - neck and wrists - and top it



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Comfy Doesn't Mean Frumpy!

Headed to see the family or just out to finish that last minute shopping? Comfy is in order. Now you can grab your leggings and

forget to don that great hat you just bought. Add a red plaid festive wrap and top it all off with tons

of bangles and you're good to go!!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all my Fashionistas and always remember...

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then some tight fitting, sleek, high heeled boots. Top it off with a glitzy wrap and va-va-va-voom!

that same sparkly holiday top, add sock toppers and of course your most comfortable boots. Don't



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Holiday Decorating Tips

- The color red belongs to Christmas. Fill a clear glass with cranberries and top it off with a few white roses or lilies. Float cranberries and a few floating candles in a silver bowl, or fill some small, stylish bowls with cranberries and place them throughout the house.

- Arrange pears, pomegranates, artichokes and apples in a bowl with a few pine cones and evergreen cuttings. Add a few ornaments to boot.

- Family photos are a great way to personalize your tree. Put your favorite photo in a simple, light-

weight frame and attach it to the tree with a ribbon.

- A grapevine wreath makes a perfect year-round welcome. For Christmas, dress it with ornaments and red ribbon. For New Year's Eve, add a touch of silver and gold.

- A bowl of ornaments makes a simple and stunning centerpiece or holiday accent for a tabletop or mantel. It's also a great way to put broken ornaments to use. Choose two or three colors of balls and arrange them in a decorative glass bowl or a weathered wooden bowl.

- To personalize a plain

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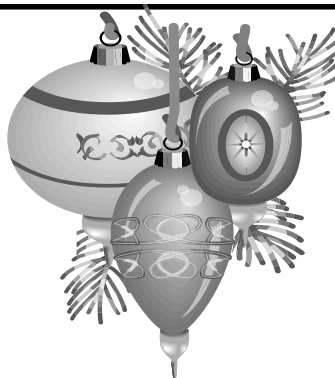
and inexpensive ever-green wreath, tuck in small snips of dried flowers or wire on some favorite trinket or keepsakes such as pieces of costume jewelry or small antique toys.

- To hang a wreath without exposing unattractive wire or putting a hole in the middle of a door, tie a length of pretty ribbon around the wreath and then tack the ribbon to the top of the door.

- Use old socks to protect fragile ornaments and figurines when packing up holiday decorations. Slip an item inside an old sock and roll it up.

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Maximize the Benefits of Your Charitable Giving

It's certainly the season for giving – and when you make charitable gifts, you can both give and receive.

To get the most out of your gifts, your first step is to make sure you are giving to a worthy charity. That means you'll need to ask some questions. How does a group measure its effectiveness? And does it use its money wisely? Is it devoting as much of its contributions as possible to the actual work of the organization, or is it spending too much money on administrative costs? Generally, a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75% of its income on programs.

You may be able to find this type of information in a charitable group's annual report and on its website. But if you want to dig deeper, and get information from an independent source, you may want to go to the website of one of the agencies that evaluates charitable groups. On these sites, you can get a lot of information dealing with a charity's effectiveness, income, spending, mission, governance, transparency, executive salaries and other topics.

Once you've chosen a charity, or charities, you can decide how much you want to give. And your generosity will be re-

warded, because your gift to a qualified charitable organization may entitle you to a deduction against your income tax, as long as you itemize deductions. A "qualified" charitable group is one that the government has classified as a tax-exempt organization. Ask your intended charity for information on its tax status. Reputable nonprofits will be more than happy to offer proof.

But what if you'd rather not simply give cash to the charitable group? What if you've owned some stocks for several years, and the stocks no longer fit your investment needs? Should you sell the stocks and then donate the proceeds to the charitable group?

You could – but you'll likely be better off, from a tax standpoint, by simply donating the appreciated stocks. If you were to sell these stocks, you'd have to pay capital gains taxes. Consequently, your gift to a charity would end up costing you more than just the loss of the asset.

But if you directly donate the appreciated stocks to the charity, you'll get an immediate tax deduction, which is normally worth the property's fair market value. And, perhaps even more importantly, you'll avoid any capital gains taxes on

the donated stocks' appreciation. If you've held the stocks for a long time, and they've increased in value substantially, these capital gains taxes could be significant.

Once you've donated the appreciated stocks to the charity, it can decide whether to hold them for a while or sell them immediately. In either case, though, you'll have no capital gains tax obligation.

However you choose to make your gift, be sure to document it. Typically, no deduction is allowed for a contribution of \$250 or more unless you have a written confirmation from the charity. Consult with your tax advisor on the specifics of the deductibility of your gifts.

Finally, whether you give cash or appreciated assets, you'll need to make your gift by Dec. 31 if you're going to deduct it on your 2015 taxes.

Charitable giving can benefit everyone. Your gift can help a group whose work you support, while at the same time providing you with potential tax advantages. That's a win-win situation.

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South Dakota Company Goes "Green" in the Production of Pressure Washers

Whether you like the smell or not, you have to admit that Martin County and the surrounding area is one of the leaders in pork production and new technology in not only the state of Minnesota, but also in the nation.

Many pork producers are continuously searching for new and better technologies for use in their operation and now a South Dakota-based company has developed a way to use green technology for energy-efficient pressure washers. Pressure washer play an important role in the maintenance of many pork production barns, but there has always been a concern for the efficiency and safety of these units in many operations.

AaLadin Cleaning Systems, which is based in Elk Point in southeastern South Dakota, has patented an energy-efficient design with their Eco-Green series of pressure washers. "The series is designed with energy savings and the environment in mind, based on the way it heats the water to the way it exhausts hot air," states Chad Cable, a Marketing Communications Specialist with AaLadin. "It reduces carbon emissions, which helps the environment and saves users money."

AaLadin has found that the new energy-effi-

cient pressure washers are finding a large niche with pork producers.

Pressure washers help producers needing a sanitary wash as part of their biosecurity measures, in order to help keep viruses out of their hog barns. The new Eco-Green patented exchange technology heats water and is vented in a way that minimizes outside air entering the barn, which helps pro-

market. Because of the lower temperatures, the exhaust ventilation systems that are designed to carry the heat produced from these machines out of the barn does not have to meet such high standards as many other systems. "It can be vented through CPVC pipe out of a sidewall in the building, which leads to large savings in venting systems," states Cable.



The Eco-Green products have been available from AaLadin since 2012, but extensive testing and analysis has limited the presence of the new systems in a

more negative pressure for added biosecurity.

"Eco-Green pressure washers cost about 10 percent more than a standard pressure washer," states Cable, "but heavy users report savings upwards of \$10,000 per year on operating costs and other efficiencies."

Heat comes out of the Eco-Green equipment at a much lower temperature (between 85 and 105 degrees) than many other pressure washers on the

widespread area of the pork industry until more recent years. The Eco-Green pressure washers are available locally through David Hill Ag-Industrial, which is located at 1151 Lake Avenue on the west side of Fairmont, across from Rosen's Diversified. David states that he welcomes questions and inquiries from area pork producers and other users of pressure wash systems to learn more about this "Green" technology.

Put a Bow on It! Our Obsession With Gift Wrap

by Lucie Winborne

Some of us hate it enough to pay someone else to do it. Others take delight in folding corners just so, or the challenge of covering uneven angles, not to mention the seemingly endless varieties of design and texture.

But why do we wrap gifts in paper in the first place?

As with so many modern practices, it dates back to ancient cultures. First came the Chinese and their gift of the invention of paper in 105 A.D. That was followed in the eighth century by the Japanese "furoshiki" and Korean "bojagi," reusable wrapping cloths originally designed for transporting goods as well as covering gifts.

By 1509, a new English invention appropriately dubbed wallpaper filled a similarly dual purpose, but not for long, since it easily cracked and tore upon folding. The Victorians, whose notions of decor are considered "fussy" by many nowadays, applied a like aesthetic to their gift wrapping, using elaborately decorated paper adorned with ribbons and lace. But that paper also was heavy and rather unwieldy. It gave way in the early 20th century to col-

ored tissue ... which is still in use today, but more as an interior covering.

So what happened in between?

In 1917, holiday business boomed so well for a couple of stationery store-owning brothers in Kansas City, Missouri, that they ran out of colored tissue paper. Fortunately, a search of their inventory yielded a supply of "fancy French paper" designed for lining envelopes. In the true spirit of American ingenuity, they put it on sale

at 10 cents a sheet.

Guess what was snapped up in a Kansas City minute?

The enterprising brothers tried their experiment again the following year, and the year after that. Finally convinced they were on to something, they began designing and producing their own decorative paper, solely for the purpose of wrapping gifts.

Still, let's face it -- gift wrap isn't practical. In fact, it's downright wasteful. So why do we spend more than \$2 billion on it yearly?

Maybe it's the element of surprise. Maybe it's because, as research has suggested, we feel more positive about a gift that is wrapped. Or maybe it's just because that paper is so darned pretty.

Whatever the case, those two brothers from Kansas City knew a good thing when they stumbled upon it. Because, in case you hadn't guessed it, their last name was Hall. As in Joyce and Rollie Hall.

As in Hallmark. You heard it here.

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JERSEY RETIRED – Cardinals Colby Kuhl places former FHS alum Parker Burtis’ jersey in the goal net. The Fairmont Hockey Association and the High School posthumously honored Burtis before Saturday’s hockey game. Parker, a 2006 graduate, passed away in April after a seven-year battle with cancer. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



PENALTY SHOT – Cards Ethan Lubenow goes top shelf to beat Breckenridge/Whapeton goalie Tucker Barth on a third period penalty shot. The Blades downed the Cardinals 5-3 last Saturday. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



REBOUND GOAL – Cards Bryan Karp scored when he knocked in his rebound off Breckenridge/Whapeton goalie Tucker Barth. Blades Tyler Breuer scoops the goal out of the net. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*

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New Ulm	1-1	2-1	Waseca	2-1-0	4-6-0
St. Peter	1-1	3-2	Marshall	3-2-0	3-6-0
CARDS	0-2	2-4	SP/L-H/TCU	4-4-0	4-6-0
St. James Area	0-2	0-2	CARDS	2-3-0	4-4-0
			Windom	1-5-0	2-6-0
			Worth/Fulda	0-7-0	0-9-0
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New Ulm	0-2	3-4			
St. James Area	0-0	1-3			



GOAL CELEBRATION – Cards Taylor Nuss, center, celebrates her goal with teammates. The Cards fell to the New Ulm Eagles 5-1 last Tuesday at the Martin County Arena. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



DENIED – Cards Jalyssa Wilson shot is swept away by New Ulm goalie Bailey Landreville. The Cards play Thursday 7:30 p.m. vs Marshall. The Boys squad takes on the Tigers at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin County Arena. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*

Fairmont Junior/Senior High School 1st quarter honor roll

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OBITUARY notices

Janice E. Goebel, 74



Services for Janice E. Goebel, 74, of Fairmont, were held Monday, December 14th, 2015, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was held in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Wilbert. Janice passed away Wednesday, December 9th, 2015, at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Janice Elaine (Meyer) Goebel was born February 3rd, 1941, in rural Bingham Lake, MN, the daughter of Elmer and Hulda (Siemglusz) Meyer. As an infant, she was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mountain Lake, on March 9th, 1941, by Pastor R.A. Marquardt and was later confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Windom, by Pastor Theo. Krenzke.

Janice attended country school for two years and then Jeffers Public School, graduating in May, 1958. On June 11th, 1966, Janice was united in marriage to Marvin Martin Goebel at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Windom. Janice worked for John Deere Implement Co., Windom Plbg & Htg, Mayo Clinic, and Erickson Law Firm as a secretary and bookkeeper. She later worked as a sales clerk in various Fairmont stores and was an assistant manager at Schweiser's and secretary for two insurance agents. For 20 years, Janice also worked as an Avon representative.

Janice was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont, where she sang in the choir, was an LWML representative and was the K.I.D.S. Stamp coordinator through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. She also served as the treasurer of St. Paul's Fairmont Lutheran Layman League. In her spare time, Janice enjoyed quilting and sewing. Family was very important to her and she cherished any opportunity to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Marvin Goebel of Fair-

mont; children, Debra Coleman and husband, Jack of Greer, SC, Karen Leininger and husband, Troy of St. Cloud, FL, and David Goebel of Orlando, FL; four grandchildren, Brittany Coleman, Cameron Kotewa, Logan Kotewa, and Haleigh Leininger; brother-in-law, Velmer Goebel and wife, Lori of Enid, OK; sisters-in-law, Laraine Ritchie of Rochester, MN, Elaine Fjelsrud of Armstrong, IA, and Marlys Goebel of Minneapolis; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents; a stillborn son; an infant daughter, Shari Ann; granddaughter, Sara; brothers, Myron Meyer and Arlen Meyer; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Martin and Anna Goebel; brother-in-law, Helmer Fjelsrud and a sister-in-law, Arlene Meyer.

The family requests memorials be given in Janice's name to Lutheran Hour Ministries and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont, or to the donor's choice.

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Carl J. Bonin, 79



Funeral Service for Carl J. Bonin, 79, of Fairmont, was held on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Interment was in Sherburn City Cemetery with military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Carl passed away on Wednesday, December 9th, 2015, at his home in Fairmont.

Carl Junyor Bonin was born on December 30th, 1935, in Iowa Falls, IA. He was the son of Max Carl Reinold and Grace (Stewart) Bonin. He attended Iowa Falls public schools.

On January 19th, 1954, Carl enlisted in the Air Force and served as a Cable Splicer. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal before earning an honorable discharge on October 4th, 1957.

On December 7th, 1957, Carl was united in marriage to Loraine Tennyson at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fair-

mont. The couple resided in various locations before moving back to Fairmont in 1980. Carl worked as a telephone lineman for Central Telephone Company in Worthington, until his retirement in 1973. He and Loraine shared fifty-eight years together.

Carl was a member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. During his free time, Carl enjoyed playing BINGO and working on old cars because it reminded him of his stock car racing days in Worthington. Carl loved playing cards and was known to be somewhat of a card shark.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Loraine Bonin of Fairmont; children, Deb (Tim) Schwager of Sherburn, Alan Bonin of Palm Springs, CA, Craig (Stephanie) Bonin of Fairmont, and Troy (special friend, Sherry Hermann of Prior Lake, MN) Bonin of Fairmont; 12 grandchildren: Racheal Crissinger, Lucas Schwager, Jordan Schwager, Brooks Bonin, Ashley Bonin, Alex Stefanske, Max Bonin, Hayes Bonin, Tyler Bonin, Carrita Shumski, and Cassandra Shumski; 3 great grandchildren, Jaden Bonin, Lyric Bonin, and Chloe Mosloski; siblings, Robert (Beatrice) Bonin of Fairmont, and Susan Hembra of Buffalo, MN; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Max Carl and Grace Bonin, Carl was preceded in death by his son, Todd Bonin; brother, Wilbur Skog; and parents-in-law, Morgan and Alvina Tennyson.

Naomi Claire Wee, 62



A Celebration of Life Service for Naomi Claire Wee, 62, of Fairmont will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 18th, 2015 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at a later date in Hauges Cemetery in rural Jackson. Naomi passed away peacefully with her sisters by her side Friday, December 4th, 2015 at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in

Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Naomi Claire was born August 12th, 1953 to Orville and Gertrude (Heinck) Wee in Lakefield. As an infant she was baptized into the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield. At the age of ten her family moved to Worthington where she attended school and was confirmed at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. In 1990 Naomi moved to Fairmont where she made her home and was employed at STEP.

She enjoyed traveling and taking vacations with her family. Naomi especially cherished her time spent at Camp Metigoshe Summer Camp in North Dakota, which she attended for twenty-two years. She was an avid bowler and loved music. Naomi participated in the Special Olympics and threw shot put. Her biggest joy was her family and friends. Naomi loved to partake in family events and was extremely proud of those whom she loved.

Naomi was born with Down Syndrome, but did not let that define her. She saw herself as a "normal" person and was a role model to many. Naomi was full of love and joy, and was always eager to make new friends. Her big heart and positive attitude helped teach those she met about the true importance of life, to love unconditionally and to not be judgmental. Naomi was a true blessing to all.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sisters: Judy Rickbeil and her husband, Dick of Breezy Point, MN and Krista Nelson and her husband, Don of Verona, WI; nieces and nephews: Martha (Judd) Sather of Stillwater, MN, Mark (Stephanie) Rickbeil of Billings, MT, Emily (Eric) Turney of Big Bear City, CA, Paul (Emilie) Rickbeil of Evanston, WY, Tom (Melissa) Rickbeil of Red Lodge, MT, Dan (Angie) Rickbeil of Mankato, Anne (Ivan) Kosorok of Red Lodge, MT, Peter (Kathryn) Nelson of Madison, WI, and Jonathan (Megan) Nelson of Beloit, WI; great-nieces and nephews: Bjorn, Kai, and Gunnar Sather, Peder, Bengt, and Annika Rickbeil, Gretchen, Garret and Anja Turney, Sether and Helen Rickbeil, Anna and Kate Rickbeil, Elaina, Claira, and Kian Rickbeil, and Drew Nelson; cousins, other extended family and many friends.

Naomi was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Deb Wee.

The family requests memorials be directed to The ARC Minnesota, STEP Inc. of Fairmont, or Metigoshe Ministries.

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Loretta G. Hertle, 91



A Service of Remembrance for Loretta G. Hertle, 91, of Alpha will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 19th, 2015 at Evangelical Covenant Church in Trimont with Chaplain Merwin Dick officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Jackson.

Loretta went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society-"The Village" in Mountain Lake. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19th, 2015 at the Kramer Family Funeral Home in Trimont.

Loretta Gene Garber was born February 27th, 1924 to Charles and Fannie (Hartzler) Garber in Jackson County, Minnesota. She moved with her family to Hesston, Kansas and attended and graduated from Hesston Academy. Loretta moved to Minnesota and settled in the Jackson area. On October 10th, 1943 she was united in marriage to Albert Hertle at Alpha Men-

nonite Church in Alpha. After their marriage they farmed in the Petersburg area and then in the Alpha area. Along with Loretta they provided the word of the Lord to these areas, Fox Lake Chapel, North Redwood, Green Hill, Kimbrae, Island, Wilder, Lake Crystal, Montevideo, Chandler. Albert and Loretta served many Bible Camps and provided various Bible Studies and School. Loretta was employed at Dorskie's Café in Alpha for twenty five years and also did home day care for various families in the area. In their later years, Albert and Loretta sold stainless steel cookware. When they retired they lived in Alpha until becoming a resident of the Good Samaritan Home in Mountain Lake in 2005. Albert was called to his eternal rest on April 8th, 2009.

Loretta is survived by son, David (Laura) Hertle of Omaha, Nebraska; daughter, Nila Gene (Eldon) Olson of rural Trimont; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; sister, Janet (Wayne) Whynaucht of Missouri; sister-in-law, Barbara Garber, Nevada; brothers-in-law, Leo Escherhausen of Phoenix, Arizona and Lee Evans of Rochester and other relatives and friends.

Loretta is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Albert Hertle; brother, C.J. Garber; sisters, Roberta Bontrager and Bonnie (Emerson) Evans and other relatives.

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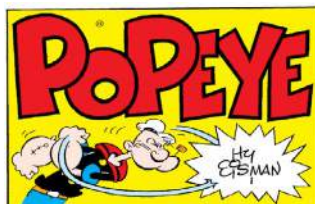
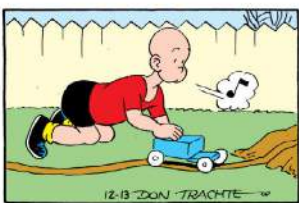
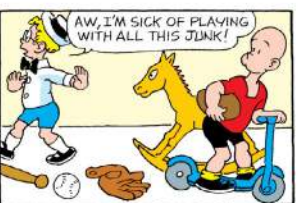
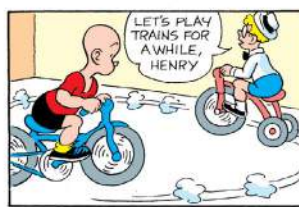
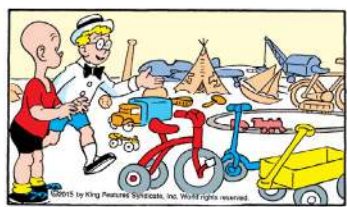
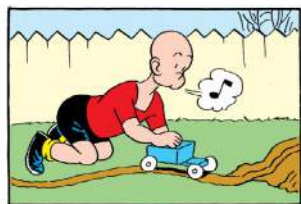
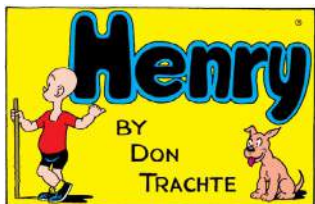
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ACROSS

- 1 Brings together
7 Refrain from
12 Wild prank
20 Toss again, as dice
21 Took steps
22 Wynton of jazz trumpet
23 PANE
25 Blows stormily, as wind
26 Lessens in worth
27 Congeal
28 Plains tribe
29 Baby's first word, maybe
32 "— heard worse"
33 CORNE
35 Rudimentary seeds
37 Skull
41 Weed-chopping tool
42 KIELBASA
44 Requests desperately
48 Sugary
49 Car tire's outer layer
50 "— la vie"
51 Suffix with press or prefect
52 UFO crew members

- 54 "How can — thank you?"
57 Archipelago part
59 Result of a belly flop
63 KOUCHUU
67 Prudish type
68 Garlic-seasoned mayonnaise
70 Howling mad
71 Artist
72 LUACH
75 Shylock, e.g.
77 Actor/singer
78 Pizzelle
79 Eur. country or Can. province
80 Stephen of "The Heavy"
81 Old letter salutation
83 Mountain cats
87 Tail off
92 "Tobacco Road" novelist
94 TORTILLA
97 — Khan (Islamic title)
98 Ships transporting fossil fuel
99 Troubles terribly

- 100 CRUX
104 Finish
106 With 90-Down, side in a game that's not visiting
107 "How sad!"
108 DVR brand
109 Summer starts with one
113 At an unknown point in the future
115 BAGVAERK
119 Poe poem
120 Dunne of film
121 Make current
122 Most cheeky
123 Slacked off
124 Usher, often

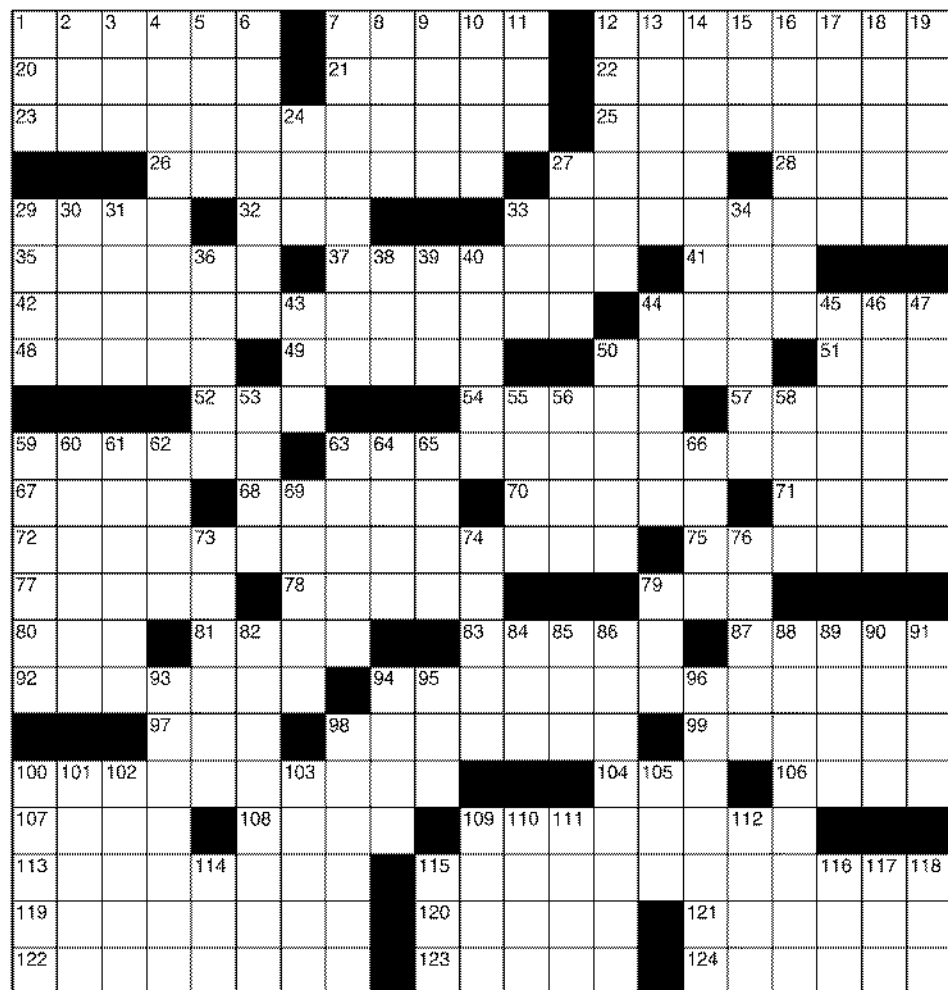
- 7 Tramway vehicle
8 Light tan
9 To — (exactly)
10 Adriatic and Baltic
11 Roush of the Reds
12 Symbol
13 Beauty shop
14 They're leaned on for support
15 Horse cousin
16 Eye covers
17 New Olds of 1999
18 More terrible
19 Ruhr city
24 Of warships: Abbr.
27 Rock's Mötley —
29 Swabs
30 Declare openly
31 Equine hybrid
33 Pear-shaped false fruit
34 Immobilize at a rodeo
36 Will of "Blue Bloods"
38 Wish to undo
39 Simile
40 Comaneci of gymnastics

- 43 Holy people: Abbr.
44 Flat cap
45 Steamboat pioneer
46 Bully's threat
47 Rip anew
50 Labor activist
53 Warm up
55 Writer
56 Bagnold
57 Wang of fashion
58 Medicinal fluids
59 Orb
60 Opt for first
61 Many babies born in fall
62 Farming-related prefix
63 Rivers and Baez
64 "For — know —"
65 Pizzeria orders
66 Toll producer
69 Statement of empathy
73 Pulver's rank
74 Sherpa land
76 Hawai-born president
79 Burning residue
82 Dormant
84 "A," in Brest
85 Earth orbiter until 2001

- 86 Gauged
88 Suburb of Washington, D.C.
89 To boot
90 See 106-Across
91 Smurf or Rock suffix
93 Old Austrian emperors
94 Mediocre
95 Speaker systems, for short
96 Sphinx riddle solver
98 London's — Garden
100 Makes it
101 Honolulu "hi"
102 Instills docility in
103 Singer
105 — power
109 Actress
110 Tip jar items
111 Queue (up)
112 Bullfight wear
114 — chi (martial art)
115 Stop existing
116 Rat-a —
117 Traveler's path: Abbr.
118 "Quit — bellyachin'!"

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- 1 Israeli mentalist
2 Fish-catching mesh
3 Lyric-writing
4 Fibbed
5 Writer
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Profinium served up treats, beverages and good cheer at their Christmas Open House last Friday.



First Farmers & Merchants Bank's Christmas Open House was held Monday, December 14th. Sandwiches, cookies and hot drinks were served.



Ice was just starting to form on the shores of Budd Lake last week. The rain, wind and warm temperatures have melted it all, keeping the anxious ice fishermen off the lakes.



Community Options & Resources has completed a year celebrating 40 years of service in 2015. As the celebration year ends, those supported and employed by COR want to recognize and extend a huge thank you to their Board of Directors (left to right): Lorie Ploehn, Mary Jo Manzey, Dr. Jim Eiselt, Mary Kittleson, Becky Johnson, and John Theobald. Not pictured is Susan Krueger.

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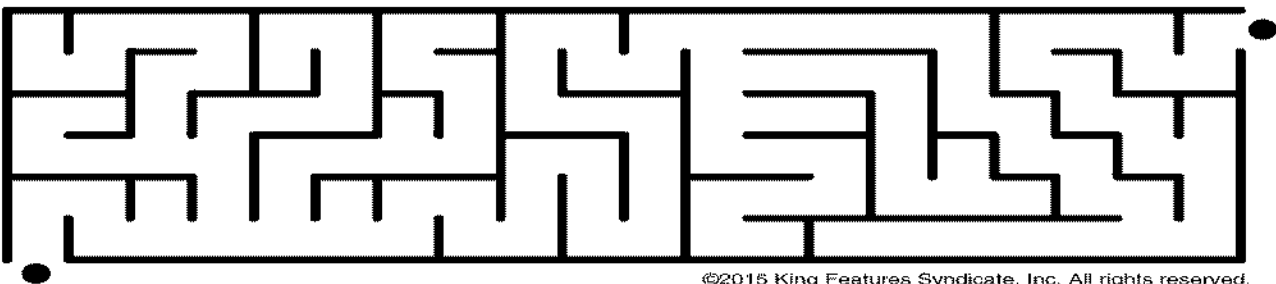
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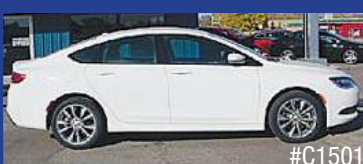
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'16 RAM 1500 CREW, LARAMIE



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