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## We all wait for this season/ Shovel out the cuts

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



Christmas music should sound familiar as it has been remembered over the years; not to be changed by some performer, it has to be familiar to the ears.

I am one who resents such changes, music that I know from deep within being performed with different beat and rhythm; I want the familiar music to begin.

Like the blended voices of a choir or the clear sound of a solo voice; music that sounds like Christmas, it would be my choice.

We all wait for this season, it signifies an important time in our lives; when we can intently listen to music with an expecting ear.

December 20, 2018

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He was a story teller

in word and song. He was very proud of his Norwegian heritage and proud of his family who had settled on the prairie of Southern Minnesota. He saw the land as something special. It seemed to me that the land of his immigrant father and Norwegian music that his father had taught him was a connection to the homeland.

Some of my previous essays have dealt with my friendship with Sidney Mathistad. I felt very close to this first generation immigrant. It was Sidney who restored my father's violin, played violin at the wedding of one of our children, took great pride in making me what he called a "poor-man's" old-time Norwegian drink called, "Ponz." He was so proud

when I nominated and he won his county "Outstanding Senior Citizen Award."

I would stop at the farm from time to time to visit them. They seemed to enjoy such company. However, it was during the Christmas season that we would have a special visit. My wife has a childhood friend in Norway. She sends a Christmas greeting each year that is written in Norwegian. We needed to have it translated and Sidney and his wife, Anna, seemed happy to translate the remembered language of their childhood. It was during these visits, when Anna was doing the translation that Sidney would tell me the stories of his family.

The recent snow storms reminded me

of one of his stories. One of the first signs of progress and a way to attract settlers to the prairie was to build a railroad. In those days the railroads were seen as a lifeline to the outside world. Even though our Southern Minnesota landscape is very flat there were slight hills in the prairie. The road bed of the railroad had to be as level as possible. Even the slightest hill resulted in a cut to keep the road bed as level as possible. The higher the hill the deeper the cuts had to be to maintain the proper grade. These cuts became a problem during the winter. The open prairie had nothing to stop the drifting and the snow filled in the cuts. If there was a lot of snow the large snowplows that pushed by the locomotive could not make it through the cuts. There was only one answer. The railroad would hire people to SHOVEL OUT THE CUTS. He told that the railroad liked to hire



farmers for they were in good shape, needed the money, and knew how to work. His father was one of those who shoveled snow.

The family lived in a "dug-out" located at the side of the slight hill on the very farm first settled by his family. His father had been away from home for several days shoveling. He told of how much they needed the money to put in the crop. He finished the work and began to the long walk home. He walked from the railroad station at St. James, MN across the snow-covered prairie to his farm. It was probably

a fifteen mile walk. He held the scoop shovel up to his face to block a fierce wind. He had only the lay of the snow-covered land to guide him. He walked to what he thought his farm and looked for the "dug-out." He soon realized that the snow had completely covered the "dug-out" in the side of the hill. He was walking back and forth when he heard a muffled sound. The family dog was in the "dug-out," heard someone walking, and began to bark. The father dug his way to the door to be greeted by a very happy family.

# Merry Christmas

May the songs of joy fill your home with warmth and your heart with happiness this holiday season!

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## Marriage License Applications

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Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will have their **annual Christmas party** on Thursday, December 19th at 6 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont. Spouses and friends are welcome.

Join the Martin County Library in Fairmont on Monday, December 23rd at 1 p.m. for a **PJ Party**. We will watch the "Polar Express" movie and have a pajama party. Wear your jammies and we'll see you there. This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

The **Fairmont library** will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) and all day Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day). Truman, Sherburn and Trimont branches will be closed both December 24th and December 25th. All libraries will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.

## eat play shop LOCAL

The Christian Church of Fairmont, 625 Johnson Street, will be serving a **FREE Christmas dinner** to the community on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th. Serving will begin at noon and continue until 2 p.m. The church is handicap accessible. Questions? Contact Pastor Glen Davis at 236-6338.

A **free hot meal** will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie in Fairmont the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome.



**MERGE Board of Directors** recently accepted a \$1,000.00 donation from Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander-Steve Fosness (left) for Martin County youth activities. (Submitted photo)

## Where was Jesus born?

Submitted by Mike Foty, Fairmont

**How did the shepherds know where to find Jesus?**

Answer: These were Levitical shepherds.

Their sole job was to raise the sacrificial lambs for the Temple.

Bethlehem was not a small city at that time. In fact it was a much larger city at the time of Jesus' birth than it is today.

The place where Jesus was born was in Migdal Eder, which is located on the northern edge of Bethlehem, approximately six miles south of the Temple. Migdal Eder is also known as "The Tower of the Flock". The tower watched over the flock to protect them from animals and enemies who

might want to do harm to the flock. When a ewe was about to give birth, it was taken into the Tower of the Flock. As soon as it lambed, the lamb would be wrapped in a swaddling cloth to protect them from any blemish or dirt, so that they would be the perfect sacrifice to God.

find the Messiah wrapped in swaddling cloths, laying in a manger, they knew instantly where to find Jesus.

The sacrificial "Lamb of God" was born exactly where He should have been born, where all the sacrificial lambs were born. Jesus was not born in a stinky, smelly barn.

Levitical law required serious cleanliness.

Migdal Eder is mentioned in Genesis 35:21.

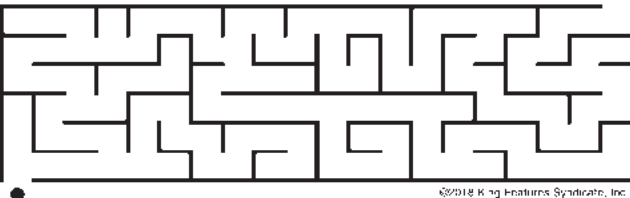
I (Mike Foty) have spoken to a lady whose job is to do the weaving for the garments for the new

Temple. We discussed the above at great length. She told me the pronunciation of Eder puts the emphasis on the "Ed".

There are abundant references on a simple "Google" search.



## Kids' Maze



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**SINN 50TH** - Dean and Cindy Sinn of Trimont celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 12th. They were married at Fairmont Methodist Church on December 12th, 1969. Cards can reach them at 1857 40th Avenue, Trimont, MN 56176.

## Henriksen Christmas concert Sunday 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 22nd, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dunnell.

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

A free-will offering will be taken. Plan to stay for coffee and bars following the concert, where you can meet Glenn in person.

Glenn will have CDs available for sale, and can autograph them for you, the perfect Christmas gift for the music lover on your list.

Plan to join them for Glenn Henriksen's special Christmas concert on December 22nd. The church



is located at 315 N. Seeley Avenue in Dunnell. For more info, please call 507-695-2552 or 507-848-5210.

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Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis and Fairmont Area Jr/Sr High School recognize the following students as November Students of the Month. Students recognized included (L to R): Lily Steuber, Kolton Fritz, Karalyn Closs, Gavin Hand and Carter Davis. Not pictured: Katelyn Schultze. (Submitted photo)



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## Mayo changes design of ambulance interiors

Mayo Clinic changed the look of the outside of its ambulances earlier this year, adding a distinctive black and white reflective wrap material and other high visibility features. Now Mayo Clinic ambulance interiors are being redesigned to enhance the safety and comfort of patients and patient care providers.

Mayo Clinic's ambulance team convened a group of emergency medical technicians, paramedics and representatives from other work disciplines in September 2018 to consider ways to increase safety. The group brainstormed ideas that included putting equipment and supplies within arm's reach in the back of the ambulance to minimize times when crew

were not restrained with seat belts. They also looked for ways to enhance ergonomics and reduce injury due to lifting and exertion.

"We made a determination that our current configuration needed to be updated to better protect and better restrain our patient care providers when they are in the back of a moving ambulance taking care of patients," says Matthew Will, director of clinical services for Mayo Clinic Ambulance. "We took one of our existing ambulances that had been removed from service, and with the help of our fleet services vendor, we took all of the existing cabinets and compartments out of the back and began with a clean slate," Will says.

The team set out to design what a patient care area of an ambulance could look like. It took the group about four months to draw up what they wanted, says Paul McIntyre, a support services specialist with Mayo Clinic Ambulance. "We had a functional prototype ambulance that was about 95% complete in matching what we wanted to

create," McIntyre says. "We included enhanced safety features to allow our patient care providers to be seated, including better seat belt technology, and still gave them access to the things they needed and do what was needed for their patient."

The team didn't stop there. The redesign also added injury-reduction features, such as:

- A lift for large patient oxygen tanks
- Security enhancements using fortified anti-theft technology
- Monitoring systems that would indicate when the driver was making a turn, braking or stopping

The result was a completely redesigned layout in the patient care area.

The heating and cooling system in the patient care area also was updated for the comfort of patients and patient care providers. Not only are the climate control systems more regulated for a comfortable environment, they keep medications and equipment at optimal temperatures at all times.

The new ambulances will go into service at all Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service locations, starting in December.

Coke Bottling Company, together with Wal-Mart, donated \$1,000 to the Fairmont Area High School Automotive Academy. We are thankful for this wonderful show of support! Pictured (L-R): Back Row: Matt Singleton, Todd Larson, Jeff Heinrichs. Front Row: Jennifer Hummel, Summer Stefanske, Superintendent Joseph Brown, Mindy Kelly, Mary Heupel. (Submitted photo)

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## CER family vacation open gym schedules

Fairmont Area Community Education and Recreation (CER) have announced their Family Vacation Open Gym schedules, which are free.

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• Monday, December 23rd from 9-11 a.m. at Five Lakes Gym

• Wednesday, December 25th, no open gym. MERRY CHRISTMAS

• Friday, December 27th from 9-11 a.m. at Five Lakes Gym

• Monday, December 30th from 9-11 a.m. at Five Lakes Gym

• Wednesday, January 1st - no open gym. HAPPY NEW YEAR

• Thursday, January 2nd from 9-11 a.m. at Five Lakes Gym

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## Martin County Extension and 4H Open House

Martin County Extension/4-H invites community members to its open house on New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

They will serve coffee, punch, and cookies at

the new office location at the Martin County Fairgrounds: 1300 N. Bixby Road, Fairmont MN 56031.

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## 8 Questions to ask your family during the holidays

Find the right words to connect with loved ones and capture their stories.

An old family secret you're finally ready to know. The wisdom of your elders. The story about that time grandma's brother caught an alligator and left it in the tub. If you have the courage to ask, you never know what you might discover about your nearest and dearest.

As you gather with loved ones for the holidays, think about preserving their memories and life lessons through oral histories. Here we've gathered some questions that can lead to meaningful conversations about fam-

ily and values, along with tips to get you started.

### 8 questions to ask your loved ones:

1. What's your favorite place to visit in the world?
2. Are there any funny stories you want to tell me about?
3. What was the happiest moment of your life?
4. What are the most important life lessons you've learned?
5. What do I need to know about our family's medical history that could affect my health?
6. Tell me about some traditions that have been passed down through our family. When and how did they get started?

7. How would you like to be remembered? (This can help spark a discussion about end of life wishes, if it's something you haven't spoken about before.)

8. Is there anything you have always wanted to tell me but never have? (This can also be a jumping off point for practical considerations, such as where estate planning documents are kept, or long-term care arrangements.)

### Setting the stage for a life story

The questions above can help inspire conversation even in an informal setting – but consider taking things a step further by

preserving those memories via audio or video.

If so (and if your family member is willing), decide whether you'd like to conduct your interview one-on-one or in a group setting. Then, arrange a time and place and select questions that will get your loved one talking.

Once you've chosen your questions and you're in a quiet and comfortable location, begin your recording (hint: you can use a smartphone app like Evernote to record audio). Start by stating the date and the name of the person you're interviewing. Then begin with light-hearted questions to break the ice.

If your interviewee isn't exactly chatty, you might need some cues to get the conversation going. You can break out old family photo albums that might spark memories. Or make it a game: you can buy card decks with questions to ask family members

and grandparents, or you can use an app like Conversation Starters.

### Sharing treasured moments

Once you've captured the interview, ask whether you may share it with other members of your family such as children or grandchildren. You might even consider using the StoryCorps app, which allows you to upload your recording to their archive at the Library of Congress, which is full of interviews about the lives of everyday people.

With a little effort, you can turn the stories of the people in your life into treasured keepsakes – portable insight that can be passed along from generation to generation. "If we take the time to listen, we'll find wisdom, wonder, and poetry in the lives and stories of the people all around us," says StoryCorps founder David Isay. "We all want to know our lives have mattered and

we won't ever be forgotten."

### Next steps

• After these conversations on family values, talk with your advisor about how you can incorporate your values into your financial plan.

• If these family conversations get you thinking about your estate and legacy planning, follow up with your advisor to take action in a coordinated way.

• Consider including your advisor in your next family meeting as a neutral third party who can facilitate a discussion about family legacy or charitable giving.

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## Federated REA Youth Tour contest announced

A local teenager will experience firsthand the pride of being an American by winning a free trip to Washington, D.C. June 20th-25th, 2020. Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, will select the winner of this trip through its annual Youth Tour Contest.

High school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and 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 (www.federatedrea.coop). The student writes a 300-word essay on an energy-related topic, which is due with the application by February 3. The first 15 students to enter receive \$20 gift certificates to Amazon.com.

Five finalists are selected for short interviews March 9th, starting at 4 p.m. The combined scores from the essay, interview and application determine the trip winner, along with second and third place who receive \$150 and \$100, respectively.

"Last year only five local students entered the contest so your odds of winning are great," stated

Andrea Christoffer, Federated's marketing & communications manager. "Investing an hour or two in writing an essay and doing the short application could mean winning a free trip to D.C.!"

The winner will travel with 40 other Minnesota teens sponsored by other rural electric co-ops. Federated's delegate is one of 1,900 delegates nationally. Here's a few possible tour highlights:

- Tour the monuments
- Tour historic sights: Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Memorial Museum, Newseum, 9/11 Memorial, National Cathedral and Mount Vernon.
- Attend special events: theater performance and all-states dinner and dance.
- Interact with 1,900 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 2020 Youth Leadership Council July 20th-24th and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, February 20th-24th, 2021.

## USDA extends deadlines for Dairy Margin Coverage

Due to the prolonged and extensive impacts of weather events this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today extended the deadline to December 20th for producers to enroll in the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program for the 2020 calendar year. The deadline had been December 13th. USDA announced is also continuing to accept applications for the Market Facilitation Program through December 20th.

"2019 has challenged the country's ag sector – prevented or late planting followed by a delayed harvest has been further complicated by wet and cold weather," said Bill Northey, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. "Because some of our producers are still in the field, time to conduct business at the local USDA office is at a premium. We hope this deadline extension will allow producers the opportunity to participate in these important programs."

The Ceylon High School Reunion Committee is planning for the next **Ceylon High School All-School Reunion**, which will take place June 27th, 2020. Make sure you save the date! Do you know of any family members with address changes since the last reunion? If so, contact committee member Jim Plumbhoff at 507-632-4368.

Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and available through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), the program offers reasonably priced protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

The Market Facilitation Program is part of a relief strategy to support American agricultural producers while the Administration continues to work on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets to help American farmers compete globally. MFP payments are aimed at assisting farmers suffering from damage due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations.

## USDA opens CRP sign-up period

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture opened sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on December 9th, 2019. The deadline for agricultural producers to sign up for general CRP is February 28th, 2020, while sign-up for continuous CRP is ongoing.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "cover") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

"The Conservation Reserve Program is one

of our nation's largest conservation endeavors and a critical tool to help producers better manage their operations while conserving natural resources," Secretary Perdue said. "The program marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and we're hoping to see one of our largest signups in many years."

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres. This means farmers and ranchers have a chance to enroll in CRP for the first time or continue their participation for another term.

To enroll in CRP, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

## Merry Christmas!

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Christmas cookies!

I think just about every one makes special cookies at this time of year we call Christmas cookies. Some are what our mothers made, some are from our heritage that we just make at this time of year and some are recipes we get from friends that maybe we received from those famous cookie exchange parties! I always manage to make more than we can eat although I have cut down a bit over the years. Every year I try one new recipe. Today I am sharing a new cookie recipe I tried this year. I love raspberry so I will make it again some year. They are a bit time consuming, see what you think!

### Holiday Tarts

#### Bottom layer:

1/2 cup butter  
3 oz. cream cheese  
1 cup flour with 1/4 tsp. salt  
Raspberry filling:  
1/4 cup red raspberry jam  
Almond Paste topping:

1 egg  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup almond paste, chopped almonds for top

#### Bottom Layer:

Beat together the butter and cream cheese, stir in flour and salt, chill one hour. Shape into 1 inch balls and press into mini muffin cups, forming crust. spoon 1/2 tsp. raspberry jam into each tart.

#### Topping:

Beat egg, sugar and almond paste until smooth, spoon 1 tsp. of this mixture over jam, next sprinkle with chopped almonds. Bake at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes, cool in pans and remove. Makes about 2 dozen.

Happy Baking, have a great week!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank you for financial support

I would like to acknowledge the Martin County Sentence To Serve program, their supervisors, Kyle Redenius and John McDonald, and the workers for the work they do in our community.

Specifically, their crew did a very thorough job in cleaning up the grounds

of the Pioneer Museum at the Martin County Historical Society in Fairmont when contacted for help this fall.

I appreciate what they have done to help.

Lenny Tvedten  
Executive Director  
Martin County  
Historical Society

### Why Dubai?

On Sunday, November 24th, Shaikh Shakhboub Medical City (SSMC) signed a joint venture agreement with Mayo Clinic, which will see both entities working together to run the United Arab Emirates (UAE) largest hospital (located in Dubai) ([gulfnews.com](http://gulfnews.com)).

Mayo Clinic, touted as one of the world's best hospitals, agrees to help operate a 700 plus bed hospital 12,000 miles away from Rochester.

Mayo Clinic leaves workers and residents in peril in rural hospitals throughout southern Minnesota less than 100 miles from Rochester? Why? Is this morally right? Where does the ethics of the Mayo Brothers enter here? Can morality have a place in the numbers of the Mayo Clinic accountants? Mayo Clinic has a 2030 plan. Where is Dubai in the 2030 plan? Will Fairmont still have a hospital in 2030?

Is it possible that Mayo Clinic would give more attention to Fairmont if Fairmont's 10,000 residents could provide the monetary incentives

of Dubai? Yes.

Dubai is different from Fairmont. For example, according to Wikipedia, freedom of speech in Dubai is limited, with both residents and citizens facing severe sanctions from the government for speaking out against the royal family or local laws and culture. Most of the low paid laborers are victims of human trafficking or forced labor. Some women are even trafficked into the growing sex trade in Dubai, a center of human trafficking and prostitution.

It is possible that the brand new 741-bed hospital, the owners of which Mayo Clinic entered into the agreement to help run, was built by modern day slaves. If one does even a cursory internet or U-Tube search is sure appears possible.

Why Dubai (pronounced doo bye)? The answer is simple. Today's health care business is based on money and profits. Not people. Until medicine in the United States and at Mayo Clinic puts people

above profit, agreements such as the one noted above, will flourish.

Rural hospitals, die.

Peter Engstrom  
Fairmont

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### Join us for Christmas dinner

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

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## Area College Student News



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# OBITUARY notices

## Leona M. Lehman, 100



Services for Leona M. Lehman, 100, of Fairmont, were held Tuesday, December 17th, 2019, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Burial was in Fairmont Lakeside Cemetery. Leona passed away Wednesday, December 11th, 2019, (two days short of her 101st birthday) at Goldfinch Estates Memory Care in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Leona Mildred (Brei) Lehman was born December 13th, 1918, in Lewiston, MN, the daughter

of William and Minnie (Munsterman) Brei. She began her education by attending school in Lewiston before her family moved to Mission, SD. In 1936, Leona returned to Minnesota with her family where they made their home in New Ulm, MN. Leona was working at the Silver Latch Restaurant in New Ulm when she met Clifford Lehman at a local football game.

On May 6th, 1939, Leona was united in marriage to Clifford and the couple spent the rest of their married life together farming in Fraser Township of

Martin County. After Clifford's death she continued to farm with her son Eugene Lehman.

Leona was a hardworking devoted wife who loved farm life. Leona spent many hours sewing, crocheting and quilting. She was an active member of St. John's United Church of Christ and enjoyed the Quilting Club and visiting shut ins. Over the years Leona enjoyed the rewards from her vegetable and flower gardens. She really enjoyed watching the farm crops grow every year and worked hard to help bring in the

harvest.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Elaine (Richard) Poulson of New Ulm, MN; daughter-in-law, Betty Lehman of rural Fairmont; five grandchildren, Jeanie (David) Johanson of Ames, IA, Jeffery (Michelle) Poulson of Eagan, MN, Tammy Bulock of Fairmont, Wendy Lindberg of North Mankato, MN, Ed Lehman of New Ulm, MN; nine great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Marge Brei of New Ulm, MN and brother-in-law, Donald Ohland of Gibbon, MN;

plus everyone whose life she has touched over the past years.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband Clifford, parents, William and Minnie Brei; son, Eugene Lehman (2019); siblings, Raymond Brei, William Brei, Ruth Knittle, Helen Bloedel, Esther Patterson, and Melda Ohland; plus many other family members and friends.

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## Leonard A. Campe, 95



Funeral Mass for Leonard A. O. Campe, 95, of Fairmont, was held Monday, December 16th, 2019 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Military Honors were provided by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

1222. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Leonard passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. Memorials are preferred to St. John Vianney Endowment Fund or memorial of your choice. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Leonard A. O. Campe was born September 8th, 1924, to Henry and Edith (Thate) Campe in Pleasant Prairie Township, Martin County. He attended grade school at Pleasant Prairie country school and graduated from Granada High School. After graduating, Leonard helped his Dad on the farm in the spring after graduation. On December 10th,

1942, Leonard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served, including service in the Pacific Theatre, until being honorably discharged March 26th, 1946.

On June 7th, 1950, Leonard was united in marriage to Joan Wankarka at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Fairmont. They made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with two daughters, Jill in 1955 and Jayne in 1961. Leonard worked at Farmers Co-op Creamery and for several years at Breen Implement. In the late 1950's, Leonard accepted employment at the Fairmont Post Office where he was carrier, clerk and was then appointed Postmaster. He worked tirelessly on saving money for the postal service and could be seen out measuring the

routes by walking them in Fairmont and driving the truck routes to save on manpower hours and times. While Leonard was Postmaster he was also selected by the postal department as "accident investigator" for much of the surrounding area to determine causes and to be sure when postal property, vehicles or issues were involved, that everything was taken care of in a fair manner. Leonard retired as Postmaster December 1st, 1986. After his retirement, Leonard and Joan enjoyed their retirement together golfing, spending many winters at their condo in Arizona and later bus tours all over the United States. Their greatest joy was their grandchildren who always got grandma to take them shopping and grandpa to take them

on morning walks to have coffee with his friends.

Leonard was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kiwanis, Interlaken Golf Club, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, American Legion Post 36, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. He loved golfing, fishing, duck and pheasant hunting. He was also a Vikings Football fan and stamp and coin collector.

Leonard is survived by his loving wife of 69 1/2 years, Joan Campe of Fairmont; daughters, Jill (Mike) Boike of Ham Lake and Jayne (Joe) Morley of Cambridge; grandchildren, Jennifer (Jake) Armerding, Michelle Boike, Jessica Boike, Erin (Travis) Christensen, Emily (Wei) Yu and Andrew Morley (fiancée, Anne

Gleich); great-grandchildren, Jude and Larkin Armerding, and Sarah and Leah Christensen; brother, Lowell (Shirley) Campe of Algona, IA; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, George and Alma Wankarka; siblings, Philip (Anna Mae) Campe, Eleanor (Irvin) Wille, Cleo (Leonard) Meschke, Ruby (Kenneth) Rudy and Truman (Shirley) Campe.

Leonard's family wishes to express their appreciation and thanks for the loving and professional care he received while at Ingleside, Goldfinch, Fairmont Mayo Hospital, and from both Dr. Green and Dr. Joseph.

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## Gayle A. Mau, 60



A Memorial Mass for Gayle A. Mau, 60, of Fairmont, will be held at 11:00

a.m. Saturday, December 28th, 2019 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be held 4 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 27th, 2019 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Visitation will also continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Gayle passed away Wednesday, November 27th, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Crema-

tion Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with the services.

Gayle Ann (Austin) Mau was born September 17th, 1959, to Marland and Florence (Stinar) Austin in Fairmont. She graduated from Fairmont High School in 1978 and she continued her education in Mankato for architectural and civil drafting.

On October 1st, 1983, Gayle was united in marriage to David Mau at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. After their marriage, Gayle and David lived in many

different places, including Trimont, Kansas, Nebraska, South Carolina, North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan and then to Coon Rapids, MN where they lived for many years until recently moving to Fairmont. Gayle worked at civil engineering firms for most of the time and since 1995 she owned and operated Merit Building Company, Inc., a general contractor for residential and commercial businesses.

Gayle was an active member at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. She was involved

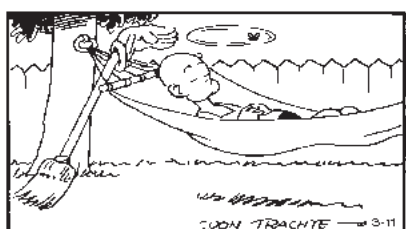
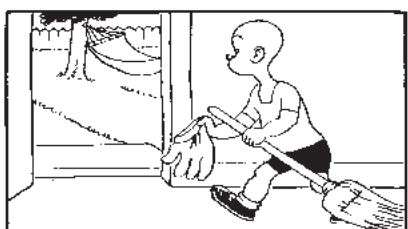
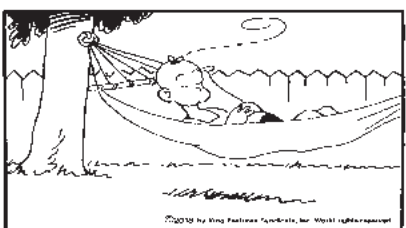
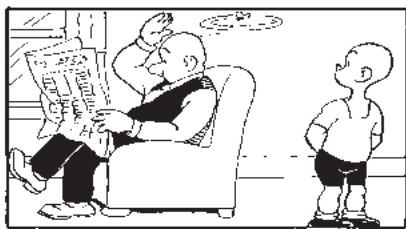
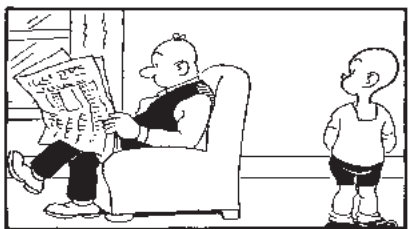
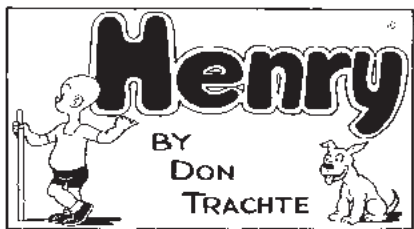
in the Miss America Pageant system with her daughter, Leah for many years. Gayle was also active in judging high school DECA. She enjoyed attending her children's sporting events and loved arts and crafts, sewing, going to movies and traveling. Some of her favorite trips with her family were to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Jamaica.

She is survived by her husband, David Mau; four children, Daniel (Katie) Mau, Amy, Jesse and Leah Mau; brothers and

sisters, Sherry (Mike) Sullivan, Gene (Laurie) Austin, Mary Jo (David) Abel, Barb (Greg) Smith, Marcy (Greg) Cochran, Mark Austin and Mike (Barb) Austin; sisters-in-law, Joanne Boelter and Maggie Mau; many nieces and nephews; and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Lisa Mau; brother, Wayne Austin; and brothers-in-law, Richard, Roger and Kenneth Mau.

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# DEATH notices

December 6 - Zachary M. Thompson, 35, Fairmont

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December 10 - Leonard A. O. Campe, 95, Fairmont

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December 11 - Leona M. Lehman, 100, Fairmont

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December 11 - Janet R. Malo, 66, Fairmont

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December 14 - Kreg S. Russenberger, 53, Rock Rapids, IA

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## In Memorium

### One Year Ago This Week

December 13 - Kathryn E. Tow, 90, Fairmont

December 13 - Dennis H. Krumwiede, 76, Finlayson (formerly of Trimont)

December 16 - Berniece A. Boell, 93, Jackson



# The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. Dogs are following me around. I wish it were because I'd eaten too much



bacon, but it's because the cold weather makes my nose whistle. I've been eating Limburger cheese and sardine sandwiches. It's a Christmas tradition of mine to eat sandwiches that cause people to say, 'Ewww! What's that smell?' I was doing some full-contact Christmas shopping in a combat zone otherwise known as a store, when someone bumped into my parked car. They left a note."

"Well, of course. It's Christmas time," I added.

"Right. The note said, 'I didn't do it.'"

**Naturally**

It was a calm day. Geese seldom migrate against a strong wind. They wait for the wind to blow from the

right direction and go with it.

I watched juncos, often called snowbirds, feed on the ground. Some people consider this bird a harbinger of winter. That's a miserable responsibility for a lovely, little bird.

Snow had given my world a natural texture. December and January are typically our snowiest months. Red squirrels tunnel under and through the snow. They are much more likely to do so than are gray or fox squirrels. Weasels (ermine) tunnel through snow in search of voles, mice, and shrews.

Deer, turkey, and squirrel dig through the snow for acorns. I sampled acorns when I was a boy. I had to. I was a boy. The acorns weren't tasty. They needed frosting.

**It was a real pane**

I feel terrible when a bird hits a window of our house. "That's it!" I say to my long-suffering wife, "We're moving to a cave."

The temperature had fallen below zero as my wife and I rang bells for the Salvation Army. I heard

the demoralizing thud of a bird crashing into a store window. My wife spotted a female house sparrow that had fallen to the concrete. I held the bird in my closed hands. The warmth helped. I opened my hands and the bird flew off. I felt good about having a tender soul. Later, I heard house sparrows chirping. I hoped that bird was one of them.

**The winningest birds**

Ranker rated the most successful pro teams with bird nicknames from the most successful down to the least: Baltimore Ravens, Pittsburgh Penguins, St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Eagles, Baltimore Orioles, Toronto Blue Jays, Seattle Seahawks (I'm not certain what kind of bird that is), Anaheim Ducks, Atlanta Hawks, Arizona Cardinals, Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Pelicans.

**Q&A**

"Where do juncos nest?" Dark-eyed juncos breed in forests across much of North America, including northeastern Minnesota. The female chooses the

nest site, typically on or near the ground in roots, moss, or grasses — occasionally nesting off the ground.

"Do bears need to eliminate waste during hibernation?" Scientists don't agree whether or not bears are true hibernators. Some people of science maintain bears enter a sleep-state called torpor. Torpor, like hibernation, is a survival tactic used to survive the winter months, and is triggered by colder temperatures and decreased food availability. Torpor involves decreased breathing and heart rates, and lower metabolic rate, but not the dramatic decrease in body temperature often associated with true hibernation. No matter what it's called, do sleeping bears need to use the little bear's room or do what bears do in the woods? Bears are able to sleep 100 days without passing waste. Bears avoid eliminating metabolic wastes by recycling them. Bears lose fat and may gain lean muscle mass while sleeping. They need to do an infomercial.

"What towers kill the most birds?" It would be the tall structures like the radio

and TV towers that have guy wires. The guy wires can be treacherous for flying birds. The lights on those towers can confuse birds in foggy weather, causing them to fly into the guy wires. Self-supporting, shorter towers are less of a problem because they lack guy wires. Studies have found wind turbines are murder on bats.

"Do trees have feelings?" It depends upon how you'd define of feelings. I think they do, but when I see a dog lift a leg to one, I hope they don't.

Thanks for stopping by

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me. — Fred Allen

"The best Christmas trees come very close to exceeding nature. If some of our great decorated trees had been grown in a remote forest area with lights that came on every evening as it grew dark, the whole world would come to look at them and marvel at the mystery of their great beauty." - Andy Rooney

Do good. Merry Christmas.

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A mourning dove dreams of spring. Photo by Al Batt

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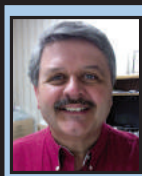
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## Jeff's Jottings

Many of us may have seen this brightly lit tree adorned with white lights along the side of Interstate 35, just north of the Medford, Minnesota exit. We may not have thought much about it, but I bet it brought a smile to your face, just because of the light it gave to a dreary "white world". I did a little research on the tree and this is what I found: In 2012, Jerry Lageson of Faribault had an idea to "beautify" his knarly red oak tree in his backyard, which is lo-



cated next to Interstate 35. That year he strung 8,500 white LED lights on the tree to greet motorists flying by on the interstate. Since then hundreds of thousands of travelers have seen the tree as it shines each year. Today the tree has more than 24,000 LED lights on it. Jerry leaves the lights on year-round, but only lights them this time of year. (from 4:30 p.m. to midnight). He continues to add more lights each year "to make it glow even more". It comes at a cost - over \$13,000 for lights and lift rental each year to put more lights on. Jerry said the cost is of no concern to him because he knows he gets much more back knowing the light he brings to the many motorists on the roadway. A little gesture by Jerry has

brightened people's hearts (and eyes) for over 7 years now and hopefully many more to come. So, my question to you is, how have you brought light into someone's life?

### "What is it?"

Our "What is it?" item from last week apparently was more of a challenge as only one reader correctly identified it. Jim Oltman of Fairmont correctly identified the item as a bracket that mounts on the side of the barn. A pulley was hung from the hook and the sling rope went through the pulley to the tractor that was pulling the sling load. Thanks to Darwin Petersen for bringing the item in. This week we have an item that was brought in by a faithful reader from Fairmont. She said the item has hung in her garage for many



years and was used by her father. It is made of steel and measures 26 inches long, on the one



end is a metal handle, and on the other end is an arrow-type head, but the point of the arrow actually has a cup to it instead of a point. I am guessing that maybe it was hand-forged? So do you know what it is? If you know the answer or want to guess what it is, email me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call us at 507-238-9456 with your answer. Do you have an item you think would be good to have in this column? Just bring it in and we will take some pictures and get measurements and you will see it featured in a future Photo Press.

### Help wish them well!

St. John Lutheran Church in Sherburn will be wishing a "good and faithful servant" farewell this Sun-

day, December 22nd. Daryl Hoewish has served as DYE for St. John's over 20 years. Church members invite you to join them in wishing he and his wife Sonia well on future endeavors at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall of St. John Lutheran. Coffee cake, rolls and coffee or juice will be served and a short program will also be presented.

### Soup, a hot meal and Christmas dinner

Here are a brief list of some of the events happening in the coming week: • Thursday, December 12th, the Shepherd's In will serve soup starting at 5 p.m. at the Blazer Bar Hall on Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. • Sunday, December 22nd St. John Vianney Catholic

Church will have a free hot meal beginning at 6 p.m. • Monday, December 23rd the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will host a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. • Christmas Day, December 25th, join the Christian Church of Fairmont for a free Christmas dinner from noon until 2 p.m. The church is located at 625 Johnson Street and is handicapped accessible. Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat, play, shop local - add a little light to someone's life!*

Jeff

## "Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

### Where East Meets West

Someday I would like to visit the Aleutian Islands, a chain of Islands running from Alaska to Russia. The islands divide the Bering Sea from the Pacific Ocean. It's also where east meets west - or is it where west meets east. I digress, but I'm sure you get the point. I'm not sure what there is to see or do, but I like to travel and I think it would be a fun place to visit. Maybe there's not anything to do there - but I still want to go.

Speaking of not much to see, the other day I posted on Facebook, that I was turning on to I-80 eastbound in Nebraska. I asked that people wish me luck as it is a long, long, uneventful drive to the Iowa state line. Anyone who has traveled this road understands.

A friend of mine, Dave, commented that he too would be traveling I-80 across Nebraska, but he was headed westbound. I suggested we should meet for dinner. Dave said I would be long gone by the time he got there. As usual I found things that distracted me and slowed me down.

Later, I messaged Dave. He said he was about ninety minutes east of York, Nebraska, his stopping point for the night. I told him, "I'm about two hours west of York. Do you want to meet

for supper?" And just like that, I had a dinner date on a Friday night out in the middle of nowhere!

We met at the Huddle House Restaurant. A neat place just off the interstate with plenty of overnight parking for semi-trucks. I hadn't seen Dave for several years. He had a few more grey hairs, but other than that he looked the same.

Dave and I worked together at the radio station for a long time. I don't think I hired him - maybe it was Bill. Who ever hired him, he turned out to be the best music director we every had! We talked about the old days in radio. We caught up on what we were each doing now, and what are

kids are doing. I couldn't believe how grown up his kids are - he was surprised how my kids grew up so fast too. We both laughed about how the kids got older - and we didn't!

I think we met for dinner around seven p.m. and didn't leave the restaurant until ten. It was a good time and surely didn't seem like we were there for three hours. I've been blessed with many people in my life whom I may not see for years, but when we do get together, we click like it had only been a few weeks. Dave is definitely of those guys.

We said our farewells. Dave went back to his truck for the night - I went back to my van, but not

before grabbing a couple of toothpicks to hold my eyelids open for the rest of the drive across Nebraska.

I headed down the road toward Iowa. I chuckled and gave my dog June a rub on the head. "I didn't even have to pay for my dinner, June Bug - Dave picked up the tab. That's another thing I like about that guy." June and I shared a good laugh about that.

I started thinking about the Aleutian Islands, in Alaska. Some day I'll get there to see where east meets west, but Friday night, I was perfectly content being eastbound and meeting an old westbound friend, in York Nebraska.

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### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

#### WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 1994

Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce President Bob Eberle hosted a new weekly Chamber radio program on Saturdays on KSUM. The program focused on informing the community about Fairmont Area businesses and non-profit organizations that are members of the chamber.

The Fairmont Women of Today announced their Outstanding Young Adult Award for 1994-95. The winner was Beth Vasecka, daughter of Vern and Judy Vasecka of Fairmont. A total of eight nominations were received. Beth will receive a plaque and \$100 savings bond, provided by the Fairmont American Legion.

A five-day campout by KFMC's morning DJ Al Travis took in more than \$35,000 in donated items for the local Salvation Army. The \$35,000 is by far the largest amount raised in the three years Travis has been promoting it.

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#### WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 1969

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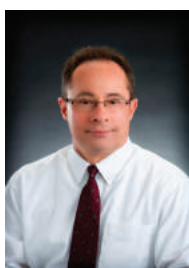
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## Ask A Trooper: Brake Light Violations

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
MN State Patrol

**Question: Is it a violation if the third brake light quits working on a passenger vehicle? What about a vehicle that is equipped with a brake light(s) that flash or pulsate?**

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Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, December 18th they will serve baked potato. On December 25th they will not have a meal. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. For a free will donation.

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# USMCA Trade Agreement nearly finalized

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While most of the national media focus in recent weeks in Washington, DC has been on the ongoing impeachment hearings, there has been a compromise reached on a very important trade agreement for the U.S. agriculture industry. The leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives has reached an agreement with leaders from the Trump Administration on the United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) trade agreement. The U.S. House is scheduled to vote on USMCA yet in December, followed by the U.S. Senate in early January. All indications are that the USMCA agreement will now pass both the House and Senate, and ultimately be signed by President Trump.

USMCA is the new trilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico, which was originally agreed upon by the three countries in the Fall of 2018. USMCA will replace the current North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which was originally set up in 1994

to eliminate many tariffs and other trade barriers among the participating countries. Beginning in 2017, the Trump administration challenged some of the trade provisions under NAFTA and began working on a new trade agreement among the three countries. USMCA requires approval by all three participating countries, including the need for Congressional approval in the United States, in order to be implemented. Mexico had already given approval to USMCA, and all indications are that Canada is likely to follow, once the U.S. finalizes approval; however, Mexico is now questioning some of the labor changes in the revised USMCA agreement.

Most experts agree that the biggest impact of the new USMCA trade agreement will probably be for the U.S. auto industry, as well as for steel and aluminum trade among the three countries. However, there are also provisions related to digital trade, financial services, intellectual property, telecommunications, energy, and

environmental issues that do not exist under the current NAFTA agreement. The USMCA agreement also contains key provisions for some segments of the agriculture industry, including dairy, hogs, poultry, and wheat.

## Details of the New USMCA Trade Agreement for the Agriculture Industry:

- As part of this new agreement, all food and agricultural products traded between the U.S., Canada and Mexico that had a zero tariff under NAFTA would continue to have a zero tariff under USMCA. Similar to NAFTA, the USMCA agreement will not eliminate tariffs on all ag products. One important aspect of USMCA is that it will provide more access to the Canadian market for U.S. dairy products, poultry and eggs.

- Much of the focus in the USMCA negotiations related to agriculture was on dairy provisions between the U.S. and Canada. USMCA will increase the access to ship U.S. dairy products into Canada to 3.59 percent of the annual Canadian production. This is higher than the 3.25 percent level proposed under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement that the U.S. chose to withdraw from in 2017. USMCA provides for specific increases in tariff-free quotas of U.S. dairy products into Canada for fluid milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, and other products. The USMCA pact also would eliminate Canada's class 6 and 7 milk pricing programs, which were limiting U.S. dairy exports to Canadian markets. It is estimated the agreement will allow U.S. dairy exports to Canada to increase by nearly \$300 million.

- USMCA increases the tariff-free quotas for eggs and egg products, as well as chicken and turkey products, that can be

shipped from the U.S. into Canada. The initial quotas will be allowed to increase by one percent per year for an additional ten years.

- As part of the USMCA deal, Canada agreed to grade U.S. wheat imports in a manner similar to Canadian wheat, and not to require a country of origin statement on the inspection certificate, both of which have been issues in the past. The two countries also agreed to collaborate on items related to seed quality and grading systems, as well as other seed regulatory issues.

- The biggest win for pork producers under the USMCA agreement is the

continuation of tariff-free trading of pork products with Mexico and Canada, both of which are major export markets for U.S. pork. In 2018, U.S. pork exports to Mexico totaled \$1.3 billion and to Canada totaled \$765 million, accounting for over 40 percent of total U.S. pork exports.

- The pork industry will also benefit from the strong sanitary-phytosanitary (SPS) provisions that are contained in the USMCA pact, which go beyond those contained in the current NAFTA agreement or in World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements. The SPS provisions will allow for more

The Fairmont MN Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group will meet Saturday December 28th from 10 a.m. to noon at Perkins in Fairmont. Please note the location change. This will be a social meeting and all patients, family, caregivers and friends are welcome to attend. For more information phone Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, December 18th they will serve scalloped potatoes and ham along with green beans. Next Wednesday, December 25th they will not have a meal. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

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• Even though there is not an immediate trade benefit for corn and soybeans, USMCA does free up easier access to Can-

ada and Mexico for the export of those products. Enhancing the livestock export markets also helps maintain domestic corn and soybean demand in the U.S. Mexico is actually the number two export market for U.S. soybeans, trailing only China. During the years of the NAFTA agreement, U.S. soybean exports to Mexico were four times greater than before NAFTA, and U.S. soybean sales to Canada

doubled during that time-frame.

U.S. agriculture exports to Canada and Mexico grew under the first 23 years of the NAFTA agreement from below \$9 billion per year before NAFTA to over \$38 billion per year by 2016. Trade with Canada and Mexico accounts for about 28 percent of the total annual U.S. ag exports. In 2016, U.S. ag exports to Canada were valued at just over \$20 billion, with leading export products being grains and feed, animal products, fruits and vegetables, oilseeds, and horticulture products. U.S. ag exports to Mexico in 2016 totaled nearly \$18 billion, with the top export products being animal products, grain and feed, and horticulture products. Mexico is either the largest or second largest ex-

port destination for U.S. beef, pork, poultry, wheat, corn, soybeans, and dairy products.

As usual, not everyone is in total agreement with the new USMCA agreement. However, many experts feel that USMCA is a step in the right direction to address the trade issues that have been affecting sales and profitability in some industries, especially certain segments of the U.S. agriculture industry. Many of the labor and environmental issues that were holding up approval of USMCA in Congress were worked out in the final agreement. Most segments of the agriculture industry are pleased with the USMCA agreement; however, they also realize that trade agreements are very complex and many times take years to fully develop.



Dan Betts, Fairmont Area High School senior, has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Dan's parents are Paul and Mary Betts. Dan has two younger sisters, Andrea and Mackenzie. Dan's active high school career has included participating in basketball, track, and band, and serving as president of FFA and the National Honor Society. Following graduation, Dan plans to attend Creighton University and will major in finance. (Submitted photo)

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Source: [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

- Brenda Weaver

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### Use Year-end Bonus (or Gift) Wisely

As 2019 draws to a close, you may be anticipating – or have already received – a year-end bonus from your employer. Or you might be receiving a substantial cash gift for the holidays. (If you're really lucky, you might get both.) You can doubtlessly think of many ways to spend this money right now, but how can you use it to help yourself in the long run?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Pay off some debts. Virtually all of us carry some type of debt, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. For example, your mortgage not only gives you a place to live and a chance to build equity in your home, but the interest payments are typically tax deductible. Other debts, though, such as those on consumer items, are not so positive – you generally can't deduct the

interest payments, and the items themselves probably won't enhance your personal wealth. Plus, the bigger your monthly debt payments, the less you'll have to invest for your future. So, you might want to use your bonus or monetary gift to pay off, or at least pay down, some of your less productive debts.

- Start an emergency fund. If you were to face a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a new furnace or a major car repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn't have the cash on hand, you might be forced to dip in to your long-term investments, such as your stocks and mutual funds. A much better option is to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It will take

time to build such a fund, of course, but your year-end bonus or gift money could give you a good start.

- Contribute to your IRA. You can put in up to \$6,000 to your IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. And although you've got until April 15, 2020, to fully fund your IRA for the 2019 tax year, you still might want to put your "extra" money into your account right away. If you wait, you'll probably find other uses for this money. And if you're going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you'll need to maximize every possible resource – and your IRA is one of your best ones. Furthermore, the sooner you get the

money into your IRA, the more potential it will have to grow over time.

- Feed your college fund. If you're already contributing to a college fund for your young children or grandchildren, you can use your year-end bonus or monetary gift to add to the fund. If you haven't already started such an account, you might want to use this money for that purpose. You could open a 529 plan, which provides possible tax benefits and gives you control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for college or some type of vocational school. (Depending on where you live, you might also get tax benefits from your state if you use a 529 savings plan to pay for K-12 expenses.)

To achieve all your financial goals, you'll need to take advantage of your opportunities – and your year-end bonus or monetary gift can certainly be one of them.

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## Financial Moves for Life's 'Inflection Points'

You've probably heard or read about inflection points. The term has a specific definition in mathematics, but it's also used widely to describe historical or technological events, such as the

Industrial Revolution or the creation of the internet - events that changed human existence in some important way. However, you have personal inflection points, too - and when they occur, you'll need to make the right financial moves.

Here are four of the most important of these inflection points, along with suggestions on dealing with them:

- Marriage - When you get married, you and your

spouse will need to discuss a variety of financial issues: What assets and liabilities do you each bring to the marriage? Should you combine your finances or continue with separate accounts? Is one of you a "saver" while the other is a "spender"? Do you share similar investment philosophies, or is one of you much more aggressive than the other? You don't necessarily have to agree on everything, but you should at least try to gain enough knowledge so you can avoid unpleasant surprises, such as hidden debts, and find enough common ground so your household can advance toward your common financial goals.

- New child - When you welcome a new child into your family, you'll need to

make sure you have adequate life insurance. You'll also want to review the beneficiary designations on any existing insurance policies, as well as on your IRA and 401(k). And if you can afford it, you may want to start contributing to a college fund, possibly using a 529 savings plan, which can provide you with tax advantages as you put money away for your child's higher education.

- Divorce - It's unfortunate, but true: Divorce is still pretty common, and it's neither pleasant nor cheap. You might not be able to avoid some of the costs, such as lawyers' bills, but if you and your ex-spouse can work together amicably, you both may be able to avoid serious financial disruptions. You'll need to work out how to divide your financial assets, paying attention to beneficiary designations, which you may well need to change. Also, as a newly single individual, you may need to review and revise your long-term investment strategy to accommodate changes in your goals and your retirement income.

- Retirement - By the time you retire, you will have hopefully been in-

vesting in your IRA and 401(k) or other retirement plan for several decades. But once you do retire, you'll need to determine how much you can afford to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts. Your withdrawal rate will depend on your age, your asset level and your retirement lifestyle. And you'll also want to consider other issues: Are you prepared to deal with health care costs? Even with Medicare, these costs may be higher than they were when you were working. And how about your estate plans? Are they up to date? Have you protected your family from the possibility of your estate going through the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate? You may need to work with your financial, tax and legal advisors to develop an effective estate strategy.

By making smart decisions following your own inflection points, you can ease the transitions in your life - wherever life takes you.

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  2. Which artist had an international hit with "Come Back and Stay"?
  3. Who wrote and released "Across 110th Street"?
  4. What was the original name of the band Gerry and the Pacemakers?
  5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now Jenny Diver, ho, ho, yeah, Sukey Tawdry, Ooh, Miss Lotte Lenya and old Lucy Brown, Oh, the line forms on the right, babe, Now that Macky's back in town."
- Answers**
1. John Denver, in 1972. It was temporarily censored by the FCC for promoting drugs, due to use of the word "high."
  2. Paul Young, in 1983. The song was used in "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories" in 2006.
  3. Bobby Womack, in 1973. He wrote most of the music for the film soundtrack of the same name.
  4. Gerry Marsden and the Mars Bars, but they had to change it when Mars, the candy company, objected.
  5. "Mack the Knife," by Bobby Darin, 1959. The German song was originally called "The Ballad of Mack the Knife" and became "Three Penny Opera" in America in 1933. Mack was a vicious fictional street thug by the name of Captain Macheath.
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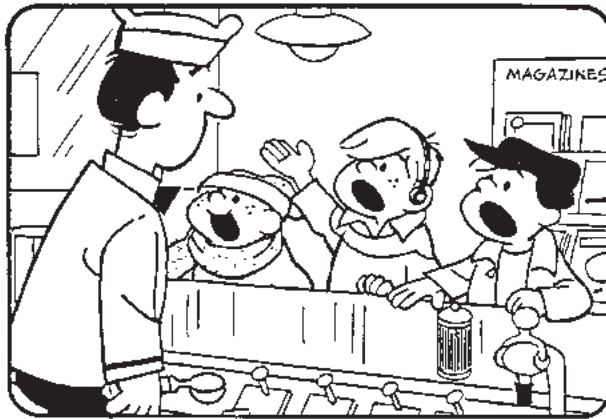
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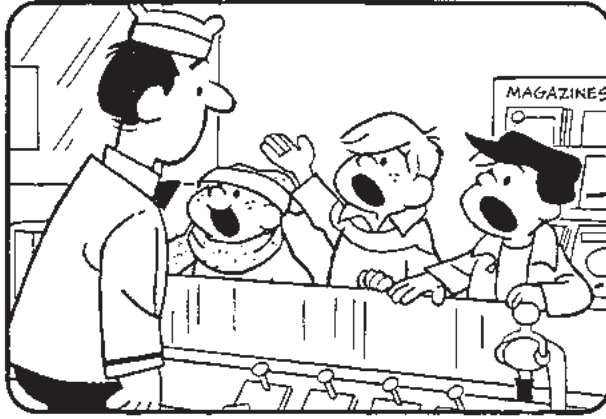
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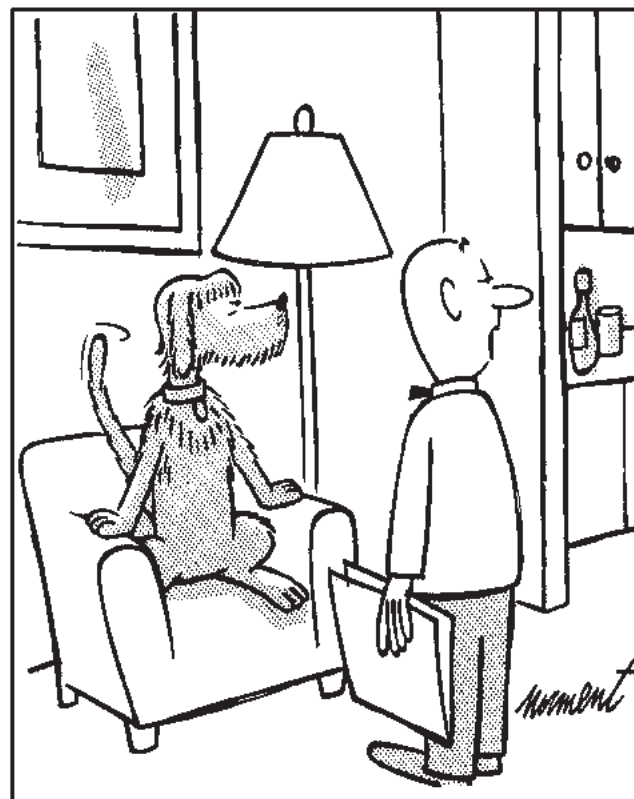
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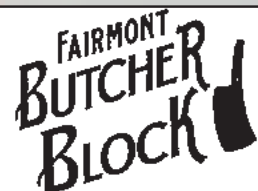
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Mayo Clinic Health System recently donated \$4,000 to Martin County Public Health to go toward establishing a mental health first aid program. The mental health training will be delivered to medical, school and city staff. "Treating a patient's physical health is just one piece of a person's overall health and well-being," says James Hebl, M.D., regional vice president of Mayo Clinic Health System. "We are proud to support Martin County Public Health in establishing a training program dedicated to mental health awareness and education." (Submitted photo)



CENTURY MARK PIN - Red Bulls Cale Steuber pinned Waseca's Christian Rodriguez to record his 100th career win. The Red Bulls defeated Redwood Valley 67-12 triangular match last Tuesday night. The Class AA #3-ranked Red Bulls (2-0) travel to Class A #4-ranked Blue Earth Area (2-0) this Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



WRESTLING "MILES" TONE - The Fairmont-Martin County West Red Bulls Miles Fitzgerald, Class AA #3-ranked at 160, pinned Waseca's Buck Kuhns for his 100th career victory. The Red Bulls defeated the Bluejays 64-8 last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



REVERSE LAYUP - Carter Bell lays one in for two of his game high 19 points in the Cards 61-51 win vs Luverne. The game was the last of seven Big South Conference Showcase games held Saturday at Cardinal Gym. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



DRIV'N THE LANE - Cards Zach Jorgensen drives past New Ulm's Cole Backer. Jorgensen had 17 points in the 57-45 win over the Eagles last Thursday night. The Cards (3-0) travel to St. James (3-3) Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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Lillian Hohensee, Fairmont High School senior, has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Lily is the daughter of Jeff and Shelia Hohensee and she has two older siblings, Derrick and Kalie. Lily has stayed active during high school through involvement in soccer (captain), choir, and the National Honor Society. She also serves as a blood drive organizer for Fairmont High School and as the manager for girls' hockey. Following graduation, Lily will be attending Lake Superior College for 2 years and will be a member of the soccer team. She will then finish her studies at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Lily plans to obtain a degree in the field of medicine. (Submitted photo)

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<p><b>'17 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L PLUS</b></p> <p>78980A</p> <p>Dual power heated/vented leather, rear DVD only 24000 miles</p> <p><b>\$27,995 or \$419/mo.</b></p>	<p><b>'13 FORD F-150 CREW</b></p> <p>T1991A</p> <p>Platinum ed, Loaded 3.5 Ecoboost, power running boards, sunroof 93K miles</p> <p><b>\$22,995 or \$399/mo.</b></p>	<p><b>'13 GMC SIERRA 1500 CREW</b></p> <p>T1907A1</p> <p>Loaded SLT, sunroof, heated leather, local trade</p> <p><b>\$22,995 or \$339/mo.</b></p>	<p><b>'16 CHRYSLER 200S</b></p> <p>79630</p> <p>Rear camera, heated cloth only 21K miles</p> <p><b>\$16,995 or \$249/mo.</b></p>	<p><b>'18 FIAT 500 HATCHBACK</b></p> <p>79420</p> <p>Pop trim level, 100 miles! Lots of warranty 24/32 epa rated mileage</p> <p><b>\$13,995 or \$225/mo.</b> 60 mo 3.99%</p>
<p><b>'16 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT</b></p> <p>T1993A</p> <p>Heated cloth seats &amp; wheel, R entertainment DVD, 68000 mile</p> <p><b>\$14,995 or \$239/mo.</b> 60 mo 3.99%</p>	<p><b>'13 CHRYSLER 200 TOURING</b></p> <p>79450A</p> <p>Heated cloth, sunroof, 85K miles</p> <p><b>\$8,495 or \$119/mo.</b> 60 mo 3.99%</p>	<p><b>'15 FORD FOCUS</b></p> <p>T1952D</p> <p>SE trim, only 57000 miles</p> <p><b>\$9,995 or \$147/mo.</b> 60 mo 3.99%</p>	<p><b>'12 HONDA FIT</b></p> <p>78560B</p> <p>1.5L 5 sp man. 27/33 epa rated mileage, only 56000 miles!</p> <p><b>\$7,995 or \$110/mo.</b> 60 mo 3.99%</p>	<p><b>'06 NISSAN XTERRA</b></p> <p>79390A</p> <p>SE, 172K Miles nice runner</p> <p><b>\$2,995</b></p>

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