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## The Guy From Just Around the Corner By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall

stops by. "How are you doing?" I

ask.

E v erything is nearly copacetic, but I think it's time the weather adjusted to my liking. I'd



like it a little warmer with no ice, less snow, not so windy and more sun. Maybe the County should hire a meteorologist from San Diego. The worst thing I've ever done is to watch TV from somewhere with kinder weather. I have a satellite dish. I get too many channels. I get so many, I found myself watching an infomercial about enema kits. I found it moving. I subscribed to the dish because I got a deal with my Bumper Sticker of the Month Club membership. This month's sticker was, 'Forget world peace, visualize using your turn signal.' You know, I didn't get a Fulbright Scholarship. I got a PhD (posthole digger) on a Halfbright

Scholarship and you, neighbor, are the only fruitcake I I walked as if I were wearing can abide. I wish you a Merry Christmas.'

### Naturally

card from a Baltimore oriole. It said he was warm and eating fruit and nectar in Costa Rica. After reading the card, I moved to a pretty place. The window.

There were chickadees at the feeders. My favorite bird eats about 35 percent of its weight per day. A Cooper's hawk had been hunting/ haunting the yard. That raptor eats 12 percent of its weight daily.

It was 10 degrees and an opossum was nibbling on seeds that had fallen from feeders. I was eating an apple. I tossed the apple core outside, nearly hitting the opossum. I didn't mean to come that close. It didn't alarm the animal. An opossum's eyesight isn't the greatest, but it smelled the apple and grabbed it with its mouth of 50 teeth and ambled away. I felt good about my simple gift.

joy the winter wonderland. gravy boats for shoes. It was that icy.

A male house sparrow I got a nice Christmas in the yard had an impaired wing. Birds don't fly well on one wing. I tried to catch the little bird, but it was too quick for me. I've been feeding it. Many would say that it's just a house sparrow. Even though I'm more than willing to trap a mouse or swat a mosquito or stable fly, I try not to judge creatures. They are what they are. The house sparrow's popularity does exceed that of the starling. Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring," said this of the starling: "In spite of his remarkable success as a pioneer, the starling probably has fewer friends than almost any other creature that wears feathers." I remain hopeful on the sparrow's behalf.

Some trees have held fast to their dead and dried leaves. This leaf retention is called marcescence and is common in some oak species and ironwood. Marcescence I ventured outside to en- is most common with small-

er trees and the reduced sunlight when growing beneath taller trees might slow abscission (the natural detachment of the leaves). The understory leaves might continue the photosynthetic



A squirrel feeder feeds a squirrel. The feeder was built by Jerry Determan of Fairmont. Photo by Al Batt

process as upper leaves fall. Some speculate the retained leaves deter browsing animals, such as deer, by concealing the buds. Perhaps by holding onto their leaves, trees are able to retain and

recycle nutrients. The night before, my wife and I had been awakened at 2:30 in the morning by a weeks old. From autumn until mid-winter, the pups leave the den and search for their own territories.

coyote cacophony. It sound-

ed like a celebration. Covote

mating season is January

and February. Five to seven

pups are born in April. Their

mother teaches them to

I saw where crows, coyotes and a young bald eagle had been feeding upon a dead deer. Deer are nature's living "reduce speed" signs. Just think how fast people would drive if it weren't for

### deer. **O-and-A**

"Any Christmas gift suggestions?" You betcha! Books, backpack, bird feeders, heated birdbath, binoculars, state park pass, warm gloves or socks, small notebooks, membership in a local organization, subscription to Bird Watcher's Digest magazine, a subscription to this fine newspaper or a snow shovel for your good neighbor as a hint for him to become an even better neighbor.

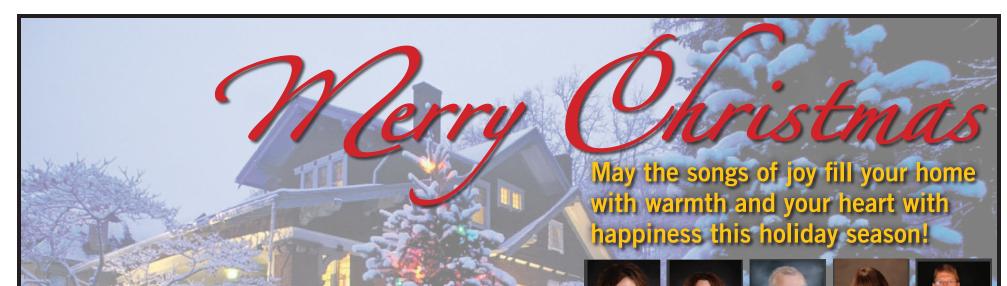
I found a small nest low in a tree with blue eggs in it this past summer. What kind of bird made it?" Sounds like a chipping sparrow nest. They typically build nests low in a shrub or tree.

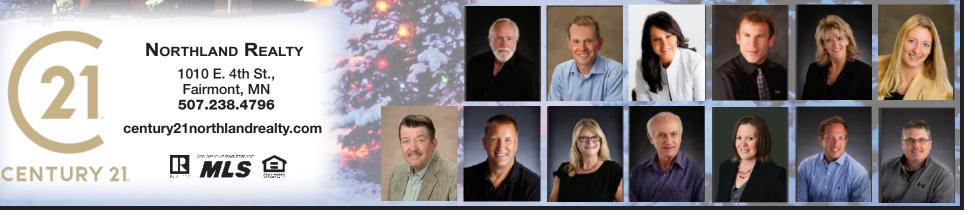
Thanks for stopping by "If you truly love nature, you will find beauty every-

where." - Vincent Van Gogh "The wind lifted me up into the trees, where I danced to the rhythm of the evergreen. Swaying to the tune of the northern breeze, frozen in timeless melody -- Christy Ann Martine

DO GOOD. Merry Christmas.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018



ZINKE 80TH - Edith Zinke of Lewisville will be turning 80 on Monday, December 24th! Please help her celebrate by sending cards to Edith at: P. O. Box 175, Lewisville, MN 56060.



There will be an open house for Arlene Darmer's 95th birthday on Sunday, December 23rd from 2 to 4 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **Open** Door Meal every Wednesday from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. at the church. This Wednesday they will serve baked potatoes. Next Wednesday, December 26th they will not have a meal because of Christmas break. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. A \$3 donation is suggested.



will celebrate his 90th birthday on Monday, December 31st. Cards will reach him at: 1240 E. Business Hwy 83, Lot 63, Mission, TX 78572-9351.

The winner of the **\$150** Downtown Dollars for the recent Holiday Delights drawing was Summer Goerndt.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their Wednesday **Evening Supper** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. This week they will serve scalloped potatoes and ham along with green beans. Next week December 26th they will not have a supper due to Christmas break. All suppers include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, donated desserts and beverages. A \$2 donation is suggested.

**Prairieland** Antique Tractor Association will hold their monthly meeting at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont on Thursday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. for their annual Christmas party. Spouses and friends are invited.

A free hot meal will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome!



**GRONEWALD-FORDICE - Dr. Jeff Fordice and Ann** Gronewald announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Jeff practices dentistry in Fairmont and Ann farms near Granada. A March wedding with their children and grandchildren is being planned.

# **Broom Ball Tournament** and Open Skate invite

broom ball tournament rental is \$2.00. and open skate on Saturtin County Fairgrounds.

The invitation is being one when you arrive. made by MERGE, which is a group of youth groups being donated by the Fair-including YOCO (Martin mont Hockey Association. County YOuth COalition). If you have any questions skate from 3 to 4 p.m. that Kahler at 507-320-9377.

Skaters of all ages and day, which is open to all families are invited to a ages and families. Skate

day, December 29th from 3 nament will be held from to 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages Hockey Arena on the Mar- 7th grade to adult. You can come with a team or join



time singing together! It is wonderful to share the joy of music as a memorable Christmas gift! Pictured (L to R): Bryon Kittleson of Welcome, Biny Claussen of Sherburn, Ted Kittleson of Ceylon, Barbara Schmidt of Vesta, Betty Egan of Fairmont, Billye Kruse of Ormsby and Cindy Nelson of St. James. (Submitted photo)





their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends. They were married December 5th, 1958. Cards may reach them at 1310 Adams Avenue, Apt. 111, Fairmont, MN 56031.

# **MCHS** in Fairmont donates to food shelf

tem donated \$1,000 to the gion." Heaven's Table Food Shelf to help improve access to Shelf is a supplemental healthy foods.

food plays an important tin County. role in the overall health and well-being of families," says James Hebl, extends beyond our clin-M.D., regional vice presi- ics and hospital," says Dr. dent of Mayo Clinic Health Hebl. "Mayo Clinic Health System. "Supporting food System is proud to provide shelves not only helps this additional donation prevent chronic disease, around the busy holiday but also contributes to season." meeting the basic needs

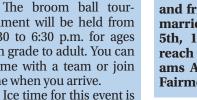
Mayo Clinic Health Sys- of communities in our re-

Heaven's Table Food food program serving low "Access to nutritious income residents of Mar-

> "We know meeting the needs of our patients







Ice time for this event is They will have an open on the event, contact Jen

May the joy & happiness of the season continue throughout the year

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Tara Survis, Morgan Christensen

Kim Velda Adam Amanda Kasey In warm appreciation of our association during the past year, we extend our very best wishes for a happy holiday season.



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# **Doolittle's named** Mohawk's regional winner



Nearly 40 retailers na- of showroom and 4,000 tionwide were nominat- square feet of warehouse ed for Mohawk's Retailer of the Year awards and Fairmont's Carpet and Paints was one of the 40.

Recently Jack and Jeanne Doolittle were in to Karen Mendelsohn, Orlando for Mohawk's Edge Convention. Retail- marketing, is to create ers were on hand to see a simpler, streamlined new styles and color in- shopper experience for troductions for Mohawk the consumers. "A lot of in 2019.

little's found out that so overwhelmed, conthey had been named the region's 2018 Five Star Retailer of the Year and were recognized by those in attendance, as well as store, " says Mendelsohn. Mohawk representatives.

Paints, and second gen- will be carrying the new eration owner Jack Doo- lines of Mohawk Revlittle have implemented Wood Plus, which is a significant changes in the waterproof wood flooring past few years, including and also Pergo Extreme, expansion of its facility to which is waterproof luxuinclude 5,000 square feet ry vinyl planking.

space. Mohawk and Doo-

Doolittle's little's seek to provide the best experience for the flooring consumer. The primary goal, according senior vice president of what we hear from con-While there, the Doo- sumers today is they are fused and distrustful because what they see online is not the same as the brand they see in the

Doolittle's carries Doolittle's Carpet and many Mohawk lines and

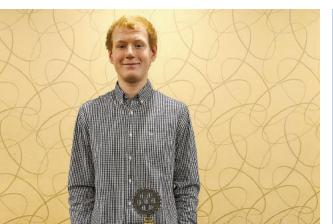
# Ruby's Pantry food distribution Saturday

Ruby's Pantry will have dry baskets for food. They a food distribution in receive an abundance of East Chain on Saturday, food to distribute. December 22nd from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the East 11th year of serving rural Chain Evangelical Free communities with do-Church, 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby's Pantry is funded visit by the \$20 cash donation via email at goodnews@ per participant for opera- rubyspantry.org or call tional costs. Please bring two large boxes or laun-

Ruby's Pantry is in its nated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease.

For more information, rubyspantry.org, them at 507-236-4653.



Nicholas Eversman, a senior at Fairmont High School, was named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Nick is the son of Jeff and Deb Eversman. He has an older brother, Zachary and an older sister, Alyson. Nick has stayed active during high school playing football, basketball, and baseball. He is considering several college options following graduation. (Sub*mitted photo*)

# **Teen Vision Board event**

Martin County Library in and creativity. Fairmont on Thursday, to make a vision board for 2019.

All supplies will be pro- questions.

# eat play shop

Dee's Floral and **Gifts** announced their winners for the Holiday drawings. Delight Deann Helfritz won calendar, Diane a Luedtke was the winner of a cardinal picture and Kathleen Klug won a bracelet.

First Congregational UCC in Fairmont will host a FREE Community Meal on Wednesday, December 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the church, located at 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. They will serve chicken alfredo, green beans, cranberry supreme, biscuits, drinks and birthday cupcakes. If you know someone who has a December birthday, bring them along! Served by the Mission Board.

Colidays

Teens and tweens ages vided, but please bring 10-18 are invited to the your own photos, quotes This event is free and

December 27th at 3 p.m. no registration is required. Call the Martin County Library at 238-4207 with

# **Pianist Glenn Henriksen** to perform in Dunnell

organist Glenn Henrik- son. Glenn will have CDs sen of Armstrong, Iowa, available for sale, and can will be performing a con- autograph them for you, cert celebrating Christ- the perfect Christmas gift mas hymns of the church for the music lover on on Sunday, December your list. 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church Glenn Henriksen's spein Dunnell.

concert This 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 Mil-

lie Kittleson, Santa Lucia cial Christmas concert on and others. The concert Sunday, December 23rd, will also include an audi- at 2:00 p.m., at Imman-

be taken. Plan to stay for Dunnell. For questions, coffee and bars following please call 507-695-2552 the concert, where you or 507-848-5210.

Renowned pianist and can meet Glenn in per-

Be sure and join us for



ence hymn sing-a-long. uel Lutheran Church, A free-will offering will 315 N Seeley Avenue in



Loin Dinner on Sunday, October 14th. The \$1,973.08 proceeds was presented to the Adventure Playground Committee at the December 4th KC Membership meeting. Pictured are representatives of the KC's presenting the check to representatives of Adventure Playground Committee. (Submitted photo)



Martin Luther High School, Northrop students donated 482.5 pounds of food to Heaven's Table Food Shelf. Pictured (L to R) are Student Council members Shawna Appel, Sierra Geistfeld, Bennett Shane with Advisor Amanda Bergt who deliverd the food. (Submitted photo)

ishing all our patrons and friends the Happiest of Holidays and we look forward to serving you in the New Year!

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## Ask the Fairmont **City Administrator Guest Columnist**

Mike Humpal, City of Fairmont Administrator

### **Fairmont's Employee Statistics**

How many employees ment: does the City of Fairmont employ and what are time (FT) their skill levels?

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Fairmont employs 87 fulltime employees and 146 part-time employees, 104 of those only work in the summer (93 at the Aquatic Park).

#### City Fairmont **Employee Statistics:**

• Average years of service: 16.6

• 67 employees have college degrees:

- ° 48 college degrees
- <sup>o</sup> 19 vocational degrees
- ° 48 special licenses

• Employees eligible to retire in eight years or less: 26 or 31 %

Employees by depart- full time

WEEK OF

**DECEMBER 22, 1993** 

disc jockey at KFMC in

Fairmont set up camp at the corner of Blue

Earth Avenue and State

Street to raise money

for the Salvation Army.

He pledged that if any

organization contrib-

uted \$2,500, he would

shave his head. The

Martin County VFW

Post 1222 presented a

check for \$5,000 and

Travis then inscribed

the other side. Travis

raised a total of \$10,000

plus food, toys and oth-

artist and producer Jon

Denzene has completed work on his second

album of nature mu-

sic with his recording group, "The Torrent".

The album was titled

"Surface Tension" and is a follow-up to last year's "Life Waves" al-

bum, which met with great acceptance by local music lovers of all

er items.

ages.

Al Travis, morning

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

• Administration: 5 full-

• Aquatic Park: 1 full Answer: The City of time and 93 part time (PT) • Building Officials: 2 full

> time • Community Development: 1 full time

• Economic Development: 1 full time

- Engineering: 4 full time
- tion: 11 full time
  - Finance: 3 full time • Fire Department: 32
- part time
- Legal Department: 1 full time
- Liquor Store: 3 full time and 11 part time
- Mechanic: 2 full time • Parks Department: 9

Fairmont 3M company donated 2,000 red ribbons, which can be tied to car antennas, mirrors or door handles to show the driver's support of the MADD campaign.

# YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF **DECEMBER 22, 1968** Fairmont schools were offering 22 adult education courses during the winter.

Fairmont Fire "VFW" on one side of Department elected his head and "1222" on officers at the annual meeting. They were: Chief-Don Simmons, Assistant Chief-Tom Foreman-Cavers, Lewis Clark, Assistant Fairmont recording Foreman-Ed Hendricks.

> The Fairmont High gymnastics School team had high hopes for a great season, after winning its second

• Police Department: <sup>o</sup> Sworn Officers - 16 FT

<sup>o</sup> Animal Control/Code Enforcement: 1 FT

Guards: 9 part time

full time • Wastewater Depart-

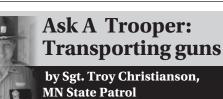
ment: 5 full time • Water Department: 12

TOTAL: 87 full time

straight meet by a 60<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 44<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> margin. The Cardinals took four firsts out of seven events at Bloomington Lincoln, with Doug Giles, all-around gymnast, leading the scoring.

Super braska, South Dakota pharmacy Madsen's then at the corner of Christmas including Cure 81 ham at 99 cents a pound, hen turkeys at 27 cents a pound and Wilson's bacon at 59 cents a pound.





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transport a loaded a motor vehicle; or (3) a handgun carried in compliance Answer: The permit with sections 624.714 to carry law applies and 624.715 Subd. Exceptions; the answer is no with hunting and shooting rangesperson а A may transport an person may not unloaded, uncased transport a firearm firearm, excluding in a motor vehicle a pistol, in a motor vehicle while at (1) unloaded and in a shooting range, a gun case expressly lawfully hunting on private or public a firearm, and the land; or traveling to or case fully encloses from a site the person the firearm by being intends hunt to lawfully that day or has hunted lawfully otherwise fastened, that day, unless: (1) within Anoka,

Hennepin, or Ramsey County;

(2) within the boundaries of a home rule charter or statutory city with a population of 2,500 or more;

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needs."

In addition to traditional pharmacy Hy-Vee, Inc. an- Fairmont will begin services, Hy-Vee Pharnounced last week filling prescriptions for macy locations feathat it has acquired the Shopko pharmacy cus- ture free prescription business of 22 Shopko tomers on Thursday, delivery, automated pharmacies in Iowa, Il- December 20th. "As we refill ordering, imlinois, Minnesota, Ne- continue to grow our munization services, business, free blood pressure Valu, whose store was and Wisconsin. Shopko we pride ourselves on checks, private medipatient files will merge providing an excellent cation consultations Blue Earth Avenue and into existing Hy-Vee experience to our cus- and a registered dieti-Park Street, advertised Pharmacy locations in tomers," said Randy tian available for nuspecials the 17 cities where the Edeker, Hy-Vee's chair- tritional consultations. acquisitions have tak- man of the board, CEO Generic prescriptions and president. "Our are available for \$4 for pharmacists will go a 30-day supply or \$10 was one of the acquired above and beyond to for a 90-day supply.

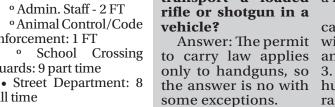
All impacted Shop-Shopko pharmacies in vices to our patients ko pharmacy patients Mankato, Austin, Al- so we can help them will receive a letter bert Lea, Sioux Falls, understand and assist from their new Hy-Vee Rochester and Winona. with caring for their Pharmacy with addi-HyVee Pharmacy in specific health care tional details.



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If you have a question you would like to ask the Fairmont City Administrator, you can contact Mike at 507-238-3936 or email him at: mhumpal@fair-







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# with Kathy Lloyd

# **Once a Year!**

I like to cook and try new recipes all year long, but there are some recipes I only make at Christmas. If I made them routinely they would no longer be a special treat! Such is the case of Finnish cardamom braids. I made two loaves today for gifts, one got too dark on the bottom so I will keep that one for us. This recipe came from a Taste of Home magazine and is pretty much an all day project because I let it rise twice before I form it into braids. Today I had a little brain lapse and couldn't remember how to braid, I know another senior moment but I did figure it out! We think its worth the time to make.

### **Finnish Cardamom Braids**:

2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast 1/2 cup warm water 2 cups warm milk 3/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup butter, softened 11/2 tsp. salt 3/4 tsp. ground cardamom 2 eggs 7-8 cups all-purpose flour

In a large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add milk, sugar, butter, salt, cardamom, eggs and 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. (I used 7 cups). Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning to grease top, cover and let raise in a warm place until doubled, 1-2 hours, punch dough down and let rise again. Turn onto a lightly floured surface, divide dough in half and then each half into thirds. Shape each piece into a 13 -inch rope. Place three ropes on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Braid ropes; pinch ends to seal and tuck under. Repeat with remaining dough, cover and let rise until doubled, about 45 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool. Yield two loaves. When cool I frost with powdered sugar frosting and decorate with almonds and maraschino cherries. This dough can be used for cinnamon rolls too.

### Have a Merry Christmas!



a friendly greeting to our many loyal customers. We look forward to serving you in the New Year.



### **Response to community forum**

citizens in this community who took time Wednesday to attend the proposed community center meeting at the Opera House.

one-sided presentation on the greatness of this building project. However, despite a number of speakers stating opposing views, the committee in charge did not address citizen concerns directly. Every time a dissenting viewpoint was presented, the speaker(s) who responded did their best to side-step the question.

A number of questions went unanswered: (1) What is going to be the cost to a family to "join" or participate? (2) What is the plan for preserving the existing businesses that building a castle. will be impacted by this taxpayer funded project? Specifically the Knights of Columbus facility as presented by Andy Lucas! We cannot and should not turn NOT a top priority. Again, a deaf ear to their concerns. in January 2016, plan-(3) What is the tax burden going to be on a household in the city? (4) What about reusing vacant buildings, ongoing maintenance costs and staffing costs? (The "Y" didn't talk - they aren't going to bail out the facility). Keep in mind too, when a building project is a poll was taken and this proposed, we are hearing a "best case" scenario and there are always costs overruns before completion.

Today we have an outdoor pool that loses money and gets bail-out support sales tax increase in June from the Liquor Store. If of 2017, it was earmarked the city builds this complex, it would be only fair to allow other stores (Walmart, HyVee, Casey's, center." Four months later, etc) to stock and sell liquor in October, the "City OK's as well. Level the playing community center study" -

I am one of the senior field so the city can feel the impact of hurting business.

When I moved to Fairmont in 1974, one of the main attractions was the swimming pool, but due The meeting was truly a to a number of factors they closed it rather than make the necessary fixes. One of the first men I talked to after moving to Fairmont, was Albert Niss and when I asked him how it was that Fairmont built such a nice big pool, his answer was an emphatic "our lakes are not fit to bathe in." Now we are going to redouble our efforts and build a new one (or two) in addition to the outdoor one? Give me a break. It seems every time Fairmont builds, we go overboard -- BIG -- as if our community is growing. We need a tent but end up

> Back in May of 2015 the 1590 group made a list of enhancements needed in the community. The Community Center was ning was progressing on the Multi-purpose trails, beautifying our waterways, etc. The Wellness Center (as it was called at that time) again, was not a top priority. By October 2016, project was moved into a \$40 million dollar venture outlined in a 90-page report by the architects and consulting team. When the city passed the half-cent for recreational amenities such as "parks and trails and a possible community

headline of the article and spent \$125,000 for a business plan. No mention of this in a subsequent article on November 14th, 2017 when it is stated that the "City Ok's update for trail plans."

It seems to me that this has been a behindthe-scenes effort to build regardless of citizen concerns. I would like to see this brought up for a vote before proceeding any further. I fail to see the legality of burdening the taxpayers with this debt. It's like spending a nickel because we have a dollar showing up in 15 years -- a lack of fiscal responsibility. Voters beware: some council members deserve to be replaced if this is the way they govern.

The Census Bureau statistics show we are losing population. Young people do not stay in Fairmont mainly because there is no new industry here to give them jobs. Time and again we are considered by companies but get out-maneuvered by other, more

### progressive, communities, iust 30 miles away, in Jackson and Blue Earth. City council: You need to step back and examine what we are doing wrong. Going way back look at the loss of the Jr. College, the loss of John Deere facilities, the loss of Winnebago Industries expansion, the loss of Stokleys, Wick Homes, Teledyne Aerospace, -- the list goes on and on.

We have a lot more pressing matters to attend to rather than a fitness center as proposed. Our roads are a disgrace coming into town from the west, an enterprising company would question their decision to locate here. Finally, our building codes are such that building here is a big financial burden. Again, the city has chosen to make expansion and new business development as tough as possible - I do not see the council as a pro-business and growth driven entity.

**Verlus Burkhart** Fairmont

### **Special Thanks to the Fairmont** Community

I would like to extend lected a special thank you to the Fairmont Community for 6th: 35 units collected their support of the blood drive held the beginning donors of December.

Cross has had a severe blood shortage. Thanks areas to the Fairmont donors who listened to our call for help. Thanks to the Fairmont Sentinel and Fairmont Photo Press ald and Kyle Redenius for their help communicating the details of the Troops. blood drive.

Listed below are the for-profit units of blood collected. that depends on volun-In total, 213 units were teers and the generosity collected on the goal of of the American public to 207.

Tuesday, December 4th: 82 units collected Wednesday, December 5th: 96 units col-

# Thursday, December

There were 5 first time

Special thank you to all The American Red the volunteers working in the canteen and greeter

> • Holiday Inn/Green Mill for the fine facilities and great staff.

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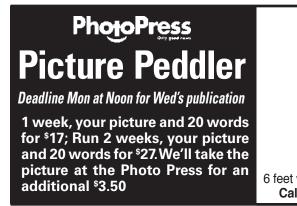
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# Kathryn E. Tow, 90



Kenneth S. Korolewski, 61



It is with great sadness that the family of Ken-

Burial for Kathryn "Kathy" E. Tow, 90, of Fairmont, Fund. Lakeview Funeral will be 10:30 a.m. on Home in Fairmont is nia and in Fairmont once Thursday, December 20th, 2018, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation Thursday, December 20th, 2018 at St. John passed away Thursday home in Fairmont until morning, 13th, 2018, at Goldfinch Memory Care in Fairmont. Memorials are preferred

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neth Stanley Korolewski his wife and family happy. announces his passing battle against cancer. Ken was born May 29th, 1957 in Fairmont and raised on the family farm in East Chain.

Ken settled in Crownsville, Maryland where he owned and operated K&D Welding Inc. for many years. He also had a residence in Fruitland Park, Florida. Being from Minnesota, itss not a surprise that his favorite hobbies were fishing and being a loyal fan to his Vikings. He also loved golfing and watching NASCAR racing. Most of all, he loved to see

John Vianney Endowment assisting the family with she moved back where arrangements.

Kathryn Erlene Tow was for twenty-five years. born on October 5th, 1928 in Fairmont, to Earl and Kathy was united in mar-Clara Smith. She received riage to Lou Toye in Fairwill be held from 9:00 her education from Faira.m. to 10:30 a.m. on mont Public Schools. On January 20th, 1947, Kathy was united in marriage to Vianney Catholic Church Marlin Gilbertson in Fairin Fairmont. Kathryn mont. They made their December 1959 when they moved to California where they lived until Marlin passed away in 1970. After his St. John Vianney Catholic

He will be lovingly re-November 20th, 2018 at membered by his wife the age of 61, after a long of 13 years, Carrie; two daughters- Feleasha Korolewski and Malia Gomez and her husband Shawn and son Lance; three stepchildren- Justin Barnes, John Barnes and Jessica vate celebration of life De-Barnes; 16 grandchildren; siblings- Keith Korolewski and wife Leann; Linda Korolewski and husband Val Littman; Barbara Allen; Teresa Johnson and husband Vern; Ann Zell and husband Ken, and Mary Korolewski; "fave" mother-in-law Barbara Mealy; - in honor of Kenneth Kosister-in-law Robin Long; rolewski. and brother-in-law Jack Libby.

to Fairmont. Kathy worked for JC Penney's in Califorshe was a sales supervisor

On January 3rd, 1972, mont. Lou passed away on January 25th, 1980.

On February 23rd, 2006, Kathryn was united in marriage to Donald Tow in Fairmont. They were together for thirty-two years before he passed away in 2013.

Kathy was a member of

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Percy and Margaret Korolewski; siblings Douglas, Mavis and Larry; brother-in-law Morris Allen; Stepson Jason Barnes; and grandson

Robbie Morales. The family hosted a pricember 16th. In the future a celebration of life will be held for family and friends in Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 USF Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Christian to UHD Hospice or St. death, Kathy moved back Church in Fairmont and cial friend, Don Justice of involved in the St. Michael Circle. She was also Nicholson of Pawpaw, IL: a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and of Blue Earth; brotherthe Ladies Auxiliary to the in-law, Lee Larimore of Veterans of Foreign War. Kathy enjoyed gardening and loving on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

> four children, Kristine Gilbertson of Fairmont, James (Dawn) Gilbertson ertson; grandson, Joseph of Brandon, SD, Kathy (Jerry) Sukalski of Fairmont and Karen Zwiefel Smith; and sister, Clarice of Swea City, IA; eleven Larimore. grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; spe-

Fairmont; sister, Lucille sister-in-law, Susan Smith Wadena; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three She is survived by her husbands, Marlin Gilbertson, Lou Toye and Donald Tow; son, Stephen Gilb-Gilbertson; two brothers, Martin Smith and Howard

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December 13 - Kathryn E. Tow, 90, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

December 13 - Dennis H. Krumwiede, 76, Finlayson, MN, formerly of Trimont. Kramer Funeral Home December 16 - Berniece A. Boell, 93, Jackson

Kramer Family Funeral Home

### In Memoriam **One Year Ago This Week**

December 11 - Nancy M. (Bowman) Hasse, 82, Fairmont

- December 12 Darla A. Willette, 74, Fairmont December 13 - Alan E. Kuehl, 78, Odin December 15 - Jean M. Widger, 62, Fairmont
- December 15 Kurt R. Hagen, 59, Sherburn

December 17 - Rudy Schoewe, 93, Trimont December 18 - Deanna M. Garbers, 46, Sherburn

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All obituaries must be submitted by noon on Monday of the week that it is to be placed. Any photos submitted must be in high resolution and high quality. Any questions on the Photo Press obituary policy can be directed to Jeff Hagen at 238-9456 or jeff@fairmontphotopress.com

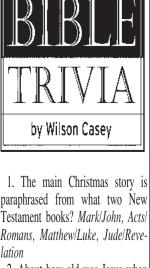
### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...He took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." LUKE 2: 28-32



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2. About how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? 1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years

3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi

4. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible

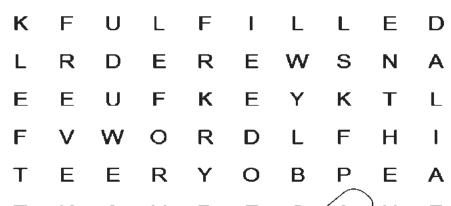
# **BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

LUKE 1:37-38

The angel said, "For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "<u>May your</u> word to me be <u>fulfilled</u>." <u>Then</u> the angel left her.

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(KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7 5. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer 6. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Zero; 5) Bethlehem; 6) Herod

Wilson Casey's book "Test Your Bible Knowledge" makes a great Christmas gift. It's available in stores and online.

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# Area College Student News

Minnesota Mankato University, awarded 1,745 degrees at Atzenhoefer, BS, Nursing, the end of the fall semester, commencement with ceremonies held Saturday, December 15th in Taylor BS, Finance; Cole Emler, Center's Bresnan Arena BS, on the Minnesota State Mankato campus.

Graduates of the of Arts & College Humanities, College of Business and College of Science, Engineering and BS, Technology participated in the ceremony, along with graduates of the College of Allied Health and Nursing, College of Education and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

local area included:

Alpha: Sarah Cain, BS, Disorders Communication Studies, Cum Laude

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Graduates from the Petrowiak, MS, Spec Ed: Emotional Behavior

Lewisville: Maloney, Cleo BS, **Dunnell:** Denise Allen, Communication MS, Special Ed Autism Disorders

# **Noon Year's Eve Pajama Party at library**

All families are invited and cookie toast to the to join the Martin County New Year! Library in Fairmont for a Noon Year's Eve Pajama no registration is re-Party on Saturday, December 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Enjoy a variety of ac- tions. tivites, including a milk

# **Dive team seeks** donations for equipment

quired.

The South Central Volunteer Dive Team is seek- detector to help the team ing your help so they can find and recover objects purchase much-needed equipment.

The equipment is needed to enable them to continue to provide their volunteer rescue and recovery.

The team is currently the following items:

• Four Mustang Ice Commander Suits, which enable volunteers to stay dry and warmer in freezing water when doing a rescue or recovery.

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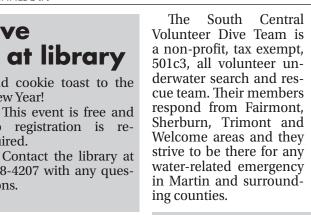
• An underwater metal in lakes that have poor or

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no visibility. • Two new laptop computers, which are used for grid pattern searches linked with sonar to locate drowning victims.

• A new 25 HP motor raising funds to purchase for their Jon Boat. The motor they have now is about 26 years old and has failed them while on a search.

The team is also in need of multiple less expensive search and safety items.



They do not charge for their services to rescue or recover any victim of a water related emergency, so they are totally dependent on the generosity of the public.

Any gift from you would help them to continue to provide this needed service and any amount would be greatly appreciated.

# Teens: See history come to life by winning a trip

experience firsthand the zon.com. pride of being an American by winning a free trip for short interviews March to Washington, D.C. June 18th, starting at 4 p.m. The 15th-20th, 2019. 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 winning are great," stated up an application from the Andrea Christoffer, Federschool counselor or contact ated's marketing & com-Federated (info@federatedrea.coop or call 1-800-321-3520). The application writing an essay and doing and information are also the short application could found on Federated's web- mean winning a free trip to site (www.federatedrea. D.C.!" coop). The student writes a 300-word essay on an en- with 40 other Minnesota ergy-related topic, which is teens sponsored by other due with the application by rural electric co-ops. Fed-February 4th, 2019. The first erated's delegate is one of

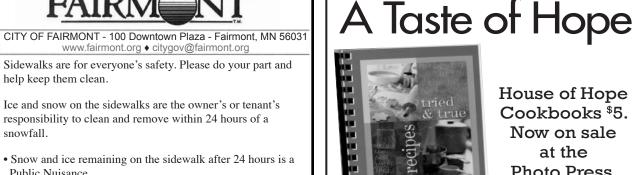
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A local teenager will \$20 gift certificates to Ama-

Five finalists are selected combined scores from the essay, interview and application determine the trip winner, along with second and third place who receive \$150 and \$100, respectively.

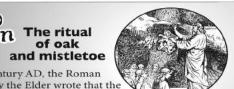
"Last year only eight local students entered the contest so your odds of munications manager. "Investing an hour or two in

The winner will travel 15 students to enter receive 1,600 delegates nationally.



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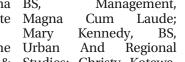
In the first century AD, the Roman historian Pliny the Elder wrote that the druids held nothing more sacred than finding mistletoe growing on an oak tree. While chanting to the moon, they would bring two white bulls to the tree and

sacrifice them to consecrate the event. A golden sickle would then be used to cut away the mistletoe, and great care was taken to gather it up in white cloth. - Brenda Weaver

### COUNTY OF MARTIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Regarding Proposed Property Tax Abatement

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners of the County of Martin, Minnesota (the "County"), will hold a public hearing at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, to be held at the Martin County Courthouse 201 Lake Ave, Fairmont, Minnesota on the request of Arthur Andrews Properties, L.L.C. (the "Company"), in connection with the proposed expansion of an existing building to accommodate additional office space for the tenant Great Plains Transport Services, Inc., and to grant an abatement to the Company of property taxes to be levied by the County on Parcel ID Nos. 232-90-0030 and 232-90-0040, which are intended to be combined into one parcel, in the City of Fairmont (the "Property"). The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the County on the Property for the years 2022 through 2031 is estimated to be not more than \$164,000. The Board of Commissioners will consider granting a property tax abatement, which is a business subsidy, in response to the request.







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Information about the proposed business subsidy will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Martin County Coordinator at the Martin County Courthouse, located at 201 Lake Ave, Fairmont, MN.

A person with residence in or the owner of taxable property in the granting jurisdiction may file a written complaint with the County if the County fails to comply with Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, and no action may be filed against the County for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed.

All interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views orally or in writing. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the County Coordinator's office at the Martin County Courthouse, telephone (507) 238-3124.

By Order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners Martin County, MN Dated this 19th day of December, 2018

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### **Consider Some New Year's Financial Resolutions**

As the year winds sored retirement plans. down, you may want to look ahead to see which tribute up to \$19,000 (up areas of your life you can improve in 2019. Perhaps you'll decide to exercise more, eat healthier foods, reconnect with old friends or volunteer at a school or charitable organization. All these goals are certainly worthwhile - but you also may want to add some New Year's financial resolutions to your list.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Good news! Contribution limits will be increasing

from \$18,500 in 2018), or \$25,000 (up from \$24,500 in 2018) if you're 50 or older to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while any earnings growth is tax-deferred. (Keep in mind that taxes • **Boost contributions** are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59 ½ may be subject to

For 2019, you can con-

At a minimum, put in

ployer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

• Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2019, you can put in up to \$6,000 in a traditional or Roth IRA (up from \$5,500 in 2018), or \$7,000 (up from \$6,500) if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Do what you can to keep Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and any earnings growth is tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, financial market volatilbut earnings growth can ity. In 2018 - especially the be provided you don't start -

taking withdrawals until market volatility, with you are 59 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and you've had your account at least five years. You can put most types of investments stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on - into an over the course of an en-IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

• Build an emergency fund. Try to build an an investment strategy emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping in to your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair.

• Control your debts. your debts under control. Ultimately, the less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

• Don't overreact to withdrawn tax-free, last few months of the year we saw considerable

that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Following these suggestions can help you become a better investor in 2019 - and beyond.

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

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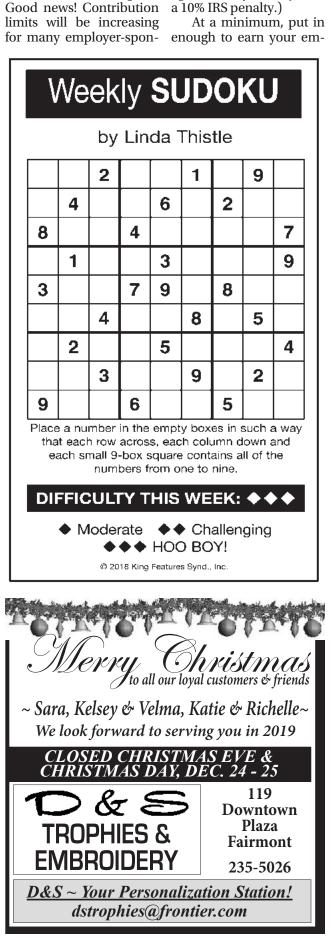
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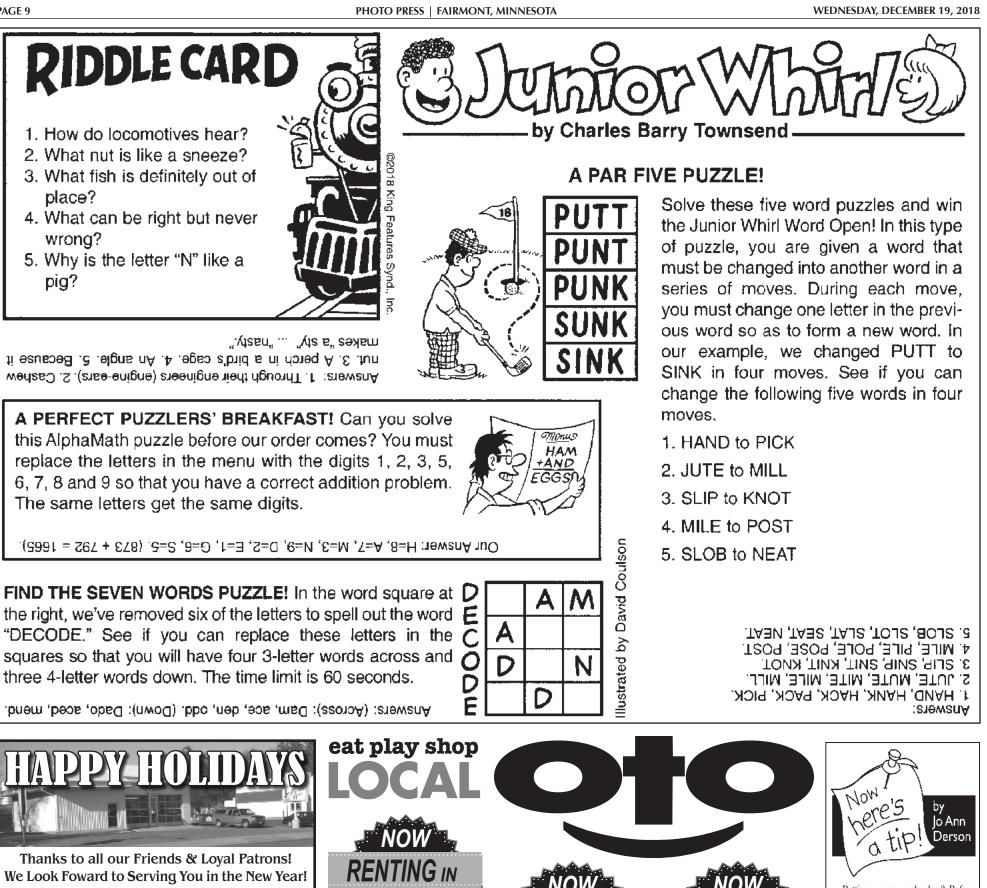
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• "Make your own coffee creamer with this easy recipe: Combine 1 can of sweetened condensed milk with 2 cups of whole milk and 1/3 to 1/2 cup flavoring syrup, available in the coffee aisle of your grocery store. Add a teaspoon of vanilla or almond extract for additional flavor."-W.B. inNewYork

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fore Christmas and all throughout the Photo Press, employees and customers alike were hurrying about - you could just sense all the stress!

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This week's newspaper has been delivered from our buy before the weekend printer to the north; Sherman was busy preparing the papers for the carriers - carrying bundles and packing them - hurrying back and forth. There is an urgency for making sure that the Photo Press is delivered by carrier and by mail before the last weekend of shopping for Christmas Day. Sherm's in his element, delivering to the carriers and humming Christmas carols to himself while enjoying his time away.

Meanwhile, back at the Photo Press office, Tari is busy with customers both on the phone and in results create quite a buzz! the store; she can sense

was the week be- vously pace around the sales floor. She too knows about holiday stress, as she goes through her family's Christmas list in her head; "So much to still do before Christmas arrives - so much to prepare and is over and finally put this gift wrapping to bed!"

Becky is busy working on last minute customer Christmas letter; all the typing and proofing before the harried customer returns; they realize that even if they hurry to get them mailed out, they won't arrive before Christmas, but they tell Becky, "Next year I'll do better!" Becky is one of our graphic artists at the Photo Press and she's good at what she does; just ask the many satisfied customers she has done work for as her

Morgan is relishing the stress in their voices, the completion of yet an-

Press; she is the creative of the 2018 one behind the layout of year each week's paper - she the does well at handling our will go out; "paper day" stress. She He runs in doesn't have much time and out of to relish the completion the of one paper as the holi- these days day deadlines mean com- so pleting two papers in one ly, week; The early time con- of us here striants and the pressures of deadlines will mean whether he Christmas is what Morgan he's will seek.

Larry, our favorite press is not out operator and resident 'printer extraordinaire" is busy printing up last minute customer jobs from his work area, where he is known around here as the "basement dweller"; he is the best at what he does, even if sometimes challenging print jobs tends to create some creative grumbling coming from the cellar. Some may see Larry as someone with a gruff exterior; but to those of us who really know him, to his family and grandchildren he is superior.

Randy is busy running about, visiting advertisers for New Year's ads since and by the way they ner- other edition of the Photo it will be the last edition

that ads office quick- 🚽 most don't know When he

selling, a sporting event is where he will be at; his biggest joy is calling sporting events on TV or taking pictures of kids hitting a 3-pointer or swinging a bat.

Jeff is busy running around the office, making sure that everyone is doing their work so they don't have to stay late; only a few days more of business, before the Photo Press staff goes on a much-deserved Christmas break. Since the last weekend of Christmas shopping is nearly upon us, he knows he can now do his annual tradition of Christmas shopping at the last minute means more

wards, they invited me in for coffee. We shared some nice conversation. I thanked them for their hospitality, then I said, "I need to go find a motel, which is not always easy to do when traveling with a dog, so I better get going."

Lynda had some good suggestions for motels, then handed me a bag. "We want-ed to give you a little gift for bringing the Scamp." she said. Inside the bag was a box of pastries from White's Bakery. "There's a lob-ster tail in there and a couple of ...

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that rest and relaxation at is "in" or 1965, with his Grandpa Hagen and his Jeff's first Christmas, December "out" first John Deere.

stress and a lot of fuss. Local retailers will find him in their stores looking for gifts for family and friends with his Christmas shopping; the urgency to finish before Christmas will surely keep him hopping!

The Christmas shopping season is nearly over, only a few more business days left before the "closed for Christmas" sign gets not forget to put the focus pulled down; Jeff can be hear saying from his back office, "Merry Christmas in or family member - Eat, to all of you and remem- Play, Shop Local - have a ber - be sure and shop local, keep your business in town!"

Before I go this week, since Christmas and New Year's day both fall on Tuesdays this year, we are on early deadlines for our December 26th and January 2nd editions of the Photo Press. For the December 26th edition, news items need to be in to us by the end of the day Wednesday, December 19th and ads by noon on Thursday, December 20th. The same thing will take place for the January 2nd edition a week later. Both the December 26th and January 2nd editions will be delivered on their normal schedules.

I want to wish all of our readers, carriers and advertisers a very Merry Christmas this year. Most of all, be sure to take the time to attend your place of worship on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day. Jesus is the true reason for this season - let us on him this special day.

Drive safely - visit a shutvery Merry Christmas!

# "Just the other day"



Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

## "Lobster Tails"

the idea that every trip I wanted to hear. He I take is perfect and went on "It could be a trouble free. That sim- head gasket, ply is not true. My last a trip was an example head of when good trips go bad.

My dog June and I other probwere headed for Mas- lems." sachusetts with a was not get-Scamp. The trip was ting going very well - at least the first thirteen-hundred miles were. That's the when the car started to overheat. Not good. I waited on the shoulder of the highway for the engine to cool down, and rented a U-Haul to added coolant and limped along until we the way to Mansfield, reached Moosic, Penn- Massachusetts. At least sylvania, where I found that part of the trip a mechanics shop.

the me-Bobby, chanic,

Some people get said." That is not what

cracked or block, or a varietv of This better. Then he dropped bomb. "You're going to need a

new engine." I left the car with him get the trailer the rest of went smoothly.

Mandy, and her parexplained, ents, Joe and Lynda, "You're blowing anti- were excited for me freeze out the tailpipes, to arrive with her new that's what's causing Scamp. Joe and June the white smoke." he quickly became good





### The infamous pastry "lobster tail".

over everything on the trailer. It was cold outside and we were working in the dark. After-



Americanisms

"Even as an adult I find it difficult to sleep on Christmas Eve. Yuletide excitement is a potent caffeine, no matter your age." - Carrie Latet

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





The Fairmont Youth Hockey Association collected 182 pounds of perishables for Heavens Food Table during their November Rock On Ice event. A few of the association's mites are represented in the photo (*left*). Fairmont Hockey Association held a "Fill the Net" event (*right*) December 11th, collecting almost 200 toys along with nearly \$100 all donated to the Salvation Army for local children in the area. (*Submitted photos*) Monday, December, 24 @ Noon & Tuesday, December 25

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# Just a mug of Christmas coffee **Guest Columnist**

### Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

morning when I decide to deliver a basket of fruit as a part of our service club's Christmas project. The members of the club are to take a basket of fruit to a person who we feel would like some winter company. The basket of fruit is just a gesture. It is the visiting with these people that we feel is important. It is listening to them, really hearing them, and waiting until they are done talking before leaving. They are lonesome and everyone knows it, but very few people do anything about it. This is the purpose of our project.

of the southern Minnesota farm. As I approach the home, I notice that the sidewalk has been swiped of snow. It is a farm home that is of the prairie style so common in this area over ing the coffee when she the years. I go up the sidewalk, up the cement step, and knock on the outside door. Nothing happens. I knock again and hear the inside door open ever so slightly. The storm door is locked as protection. She smiles at me for she is a long time friend and asks me to come in. I walk into the room and explain to her my mission. "I have brought you a basket of fruit and I would like to spend some time talk-ing with you," I tell her. We go to the kitchen, a farm kitchen of an older home. The home is warm, neat, and well kept. The kitchen has wanescoating on the kitchen walls

It is a cold winter and I comment on how this is again so popular in building of new homes. She smiles with a sense of approval for she is proud of her home and it shows. She asks me to sit down at the kitchen table and she pours me a MUG OF CHRISTMAS COFFEE.

As I listen to her. I hear that she has so very few visitors. She tells me that it is lonesome, but that she is getting along fine. She worries about driving on the ice and snow. She explains that she misses her husband who has died many years ago. As I sit at the table I ask myself, "Why did she I drive up the long lane have the coffee ready when she did not know that I was coming? Was she hoping that someone would come?" I think so! I believe that she did not want to waste time makcould be talking to a visitor. She was so gracious as she joined me at the table. She told of her limited

plans for the Christmas season. She asked about my family and how they were. She then started to talk about her family and told me where they were living and what they were doing. I remember thinking that they are all so far away from her. What was holding her to this prairie? As she talked, I thought to myself, "There must be a hundred places that I should be this morning during this busy holiday season." However, I decided that there was no place that I could be that was as important as sitting at this kitchen table with this long-time friend. What I learned from her was that this farm is where she wants to be. It is home and she is fine.

When I think of the club project of visiting special people during this holiday season. I recall a sermon that I heard at my daughter's college chapel Christmas service so

many years ago. The pastor spoke of an old college professor who had taught for so many years. He was about ready to retire and his wife died. He was so alone. He would do his duties in such a routine manner. He would come to the college at a regular time and would go to his post office box. One morning during the Christmas season he picked up his mail He then walked back to and noted that he had received a Christmas card, something unusual. What had happened was that next day thinking that some college girl had writ- maybe it was one of his ten a Christmas card to a students who sent the boy and it was put into the wrong mailbox. The professor read the card which said, "Merry Christmas" and was signed by someone who simply signed it "I love you—Your friend." The professor was at a loss as to who would send him such a card. It bothered him all that day. When he was walking home that evening, he stopped at a drug store and bought some Christmas cards. He sat down at his kitchen table and started to ad-

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dress the cards to some of his co-workers. Maybe they were the ones who had sent him the card! The old college professor wrote the same message in the cards as what he had received. It said, "Merry Christmas" and he signed them the same way that the card that he had received was signed, "I love you-Your friend." the college post office and mailed the cards.

He went to work the message. He returned to the drug store that evening and purchased more cards. When he got back to his home that evening he sat down and addressed more cards to the students he felt might be the ones who would send him such a Christmas message. He walked back to the college post office and mailed the cards.

When the college pro-

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fessor went to work the next morning, he was amazed to find that every mailbox in the college post office was overflowing with Christmas cards. Everyone had done the exact thing that he had done. They had mailed cards to people that they thought had mailed one to them. The pastor then finished with, "So it is with the word of God, it spreads."

I would like to think that our service club is working in a similar way. If all of our members visit a couple of people during this holiday season, taking time to visit, to laugh, to talk and to ask questions, think of the good that would be done. It is a joy to spend time with such a person. My cold, winter morning visit will always be something special to me. I had taken time to visit a long-time friend and had shared JUST A MUG OF CHRIST-MAS COFFEE.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018



As families gather for the season's festivities, all of us at CFS would like to wish our friends, neighbors and customers a joyous holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our patrons for your business and support of CFS in 2018. We wish you health, happiness and prosperity in the years ahead.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at **Central Farm Service.** 





Greg Wohlhuter

We would like to take time to remember our family and friends who are not with us this year. Please turn to our website www.kramerfuneralhome.com and click on the icon Holiday Tributes in the center of our home page to remember those who are not with us this past year. The Staff of Kramer Family Funeral Homes

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Rotary has named Fairmont High School senior Taylor Crissinger "Student of the Week." Taylor is the daughter of Jeff and Leslie Crissinger. She has two younger brothers, Jacob and Joey. Taylor's activities during high school have included volleyball, basketball, softball, band, the high school musical, Target, and choir. Taylor is looking at several college options following graduation. (Submitted photo)

# Merry Christmas!



Lee, John & Michele Wishing you all the best during the Holiday Season! We look forward to serving you in the new year!



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# Volunteers collect red bag food donations

Representatives

of from the Girl Scouts, Boy KSUM and 106.5 Lakes Scouts and the commu-FM, along with the Fair- nity joined together last mont Photo Press and weekend to canvas Fairthe Fairmont Sentinel mont and the surround-

lect red bags containing food, health items and in Fairmont to be sorted toys as part of the Kamp and later distributed at For Kids Red Bag drive.

The collected bags dents in need. were joined by volunteers ing communities to col- were brought back to the

Salvation Army Center the food shelf to area resi-









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Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Gary Reutzel and Tam Plumhoff (*left and center*) receives their 2nd Annual bed donation from Slumberland Furniture's Tom Izen. These beds will be given to area active duty military families and are very much appreciated. God Bless and THANK YOU SLUMBER-LAND! (*Submitted photo*)



During the month of November the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast benefiting the St. John Vianney Good Samaritan Fund. Pictured (*L to R*) receiving the \$1,000 proceeds: Jim Kasel—Grand Knight of the local council, Jim Hahn—KC Event Chairman, Mike Murphy—KC Fundraising Chairman, Merlin Oddan—KC Event Chairman, Fr. Beerman—Pastor of the SJV Parish and Chaplain of the local KC Council. (*Submitted photo*)







Fairmont Area Elementary Phy Ed teacher Allison Klassen took her elementary Unified PE class snowshoeing last week. Students used the CER snowshoes to walk around the school and fill out their bingo sheets. A perfectly fun winter activity! (Submitted photos)









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### Financial Tips for Snowbirds - Present and Future

Winter is here again – Security, your 401(k) or which may make you wish you were somewhere else. You might be thinking how pleasant it would be to become a snowbird and move to a warmer climate trips without jeopardizfor the season. Of course, your stage of life will help determine if you are prepared to be a snowbird now or if you're just hoping to be one in the future. But in either case, you'll need to be financially prepared.

So, let's look at what it would take to be a snowbird - tomorrow and today:

Snowbird tomorrow for achieving them. - The further ahead you plan, the more options you're likely to have when vou embark on the snowbird life. If you're going to be retired, you'll need to review all your sources of retirement income - Social on some practical matters,

other employer-sponsored plan, your IRA, and so on to determine if you'll have enough money available for your yearly snowbird ing your retirement lifestyle. Your calculations will depend on what sort of snowbird existence you have in mind. Do you want to buy a second home or just rent? Will you be gone just a few weeks each year or several months? Clearly, to ensure a successful snowbird experience, you'll need to identify your goals and create a strategy

Snowbird today - If you've reached a point where you can indeed your snowbird make dream a reality, and you're ready to pack your bags, you'll need to take action

such as these:

• Secure your home. If you have a security system, make sure it's armed and working properly. Stop your newspapers and magazines, forward your mail, ask your neighbors to remove any stray papers, flyers and advertisements from your porch or entryway, and arrange to have your snow shoveled.

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• Pay your bills. If you already pay all your bills automatically through bank authorizations, you may not have to do anything when you leave. But if you still pay some bills the old-fashioned way, with checks and envelopes, look for these bills in your forwarded mail.

• Track your investments. You can probably track the progress of your

it's a good idea to do so, just as you would at your permanent address. Even if you're only gone a couple of months, you may need to make some investment moves, so stay on top of your accounts and contact your investment professional, as needed. As always, though, don't overreact to sudden market swings – ideally, you've got long-term strategies in place that can serve your needs in most investment environments.

The life of a snowbird can be a pleasant one. So take the necessary steps before you leave - and enjoy your days in the sun.

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# They tell a story about a time and place

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

people realize the importance of a local historical museum. Where else is the history of our community and fam-

I often wonder if ily being preserved in ing into any museum is such an organized way? I entered such a museum today. Did the warm feeling come because of my age? Go-

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but one thing is still the same – sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holiday

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like stepping back into my past. Somehow everything seemed so familiar. The shelves are lined with things that look normal to me. I began to realize that I was around when many of the business calendars that are dated many vears ago were printed, clothing of a certain era was worn. I saw the pic-

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ture leaders of the com- such museums are ormunity almost everythe business memorabilia, such as business signs, seemed so ordinary.

It is gratifying to see visitors from far away come into a museum. Most are on a mission. They move slowly and sometimes smile when they see something recognizable. Most cherish the past and appreciate how people gave to the museum in an effort to share. I continue to be amazed on how well

ganized. To mention day, war items brought the need of something remembered fear, and or thing is all that is needed to put the curator into an immediate search. Suddenly, as though the challenge needed an immediate reply, they return with "just what was needed". Visitors search for family history. Some have come far to feel the presence of their prairie relatives. Many want to prove something. Did my relatives really live like what I am seeing?

> Most museums contain show cases of treasures. These treasures are important for THEY

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(Photos by Sarah The musicians were High School of Northrop titled "In the Bleak Mid- directed by Mr. Evan Shane, MLHS yearbook Mills and accompanied *staff*) by Mr. Michael Kutch.





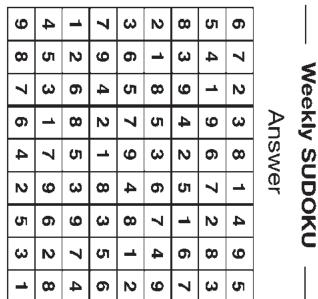
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Bennett Shane gave a scripture reading.



Joshua Bergt on the timpani.





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Duane A. Daleske, to Duane A. Daleske, Trustee, Duane A. Daleske Revocable Trust, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and 32

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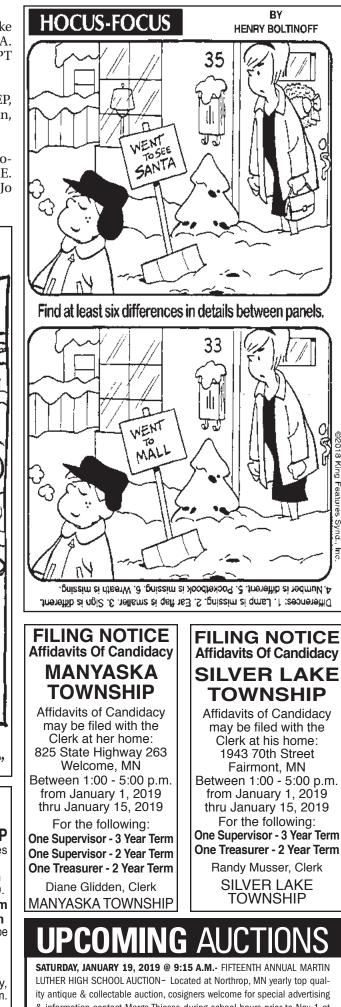
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For the following: One Supervisor - 3 Year Term **One Treasurer - 2 Year Term** Filing Fee: \$2.00

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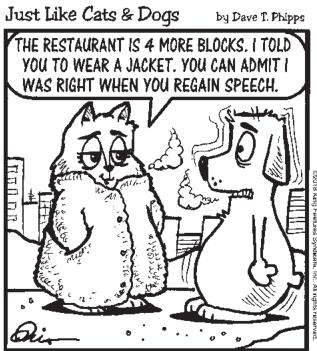
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# Second half of **MFP** payments approved **Guest Columnist**

### Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst; VP, MinnStar Bank

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cilitation Program" (MFP) will be made as scheduled. The MFP payments include aid support for soybeans, corn, sorghum, wheat, cotton, hogs, and dairy. USDA originally announced the details for a \$12 billion "Trade Retaliation Mitigation" (farm tariff) aid package for 2018 aid program is intended to help offset the financial impacts on farmers that have been created by the ongoing trade disputes with China, Mexico, Canada and other countries. The original announcement included an initial (.50) of the calculated total MFP payment for various commodities, with the potential for the 2nd half of the calculated MFP payment to be made after December 1. Those paywill occur.

The MFP sign-up period began on September 4th, 2018 and continues payments were originally through January 15th, 2019. Eligible producers are encouraged to sign-up by the January 15th deadline, as USDA does not plan to extend the date.

On December 17th, The easiest and preferred age. In addition, there has President Trump an- method to apply for the been no mention of China nounced that the final half MFP program payments of the direct aid payments is to complete the MFP under the "Market Fa- application form (CCC- beans and other ag prod-910), which is available on ucts that was initiated by a USDA web site at: www. farmers.gov/MFP. The web site also contains the Mexico-Canada MFP fact sheet and other useful information on the has been initiated to re-MFP program. MFP applications can also be made local FSA offices, either inperson, by mail, or electronically via e-mail, scan in August of this year. The or fax. The first MFP payment of 50 percent of the ment was signed a few calculated total payment will made to producers once the application has been verified by FSA, and now a second MFP payment of 50 percent will also be made.

payment of 50 percent making the second half of the MFP payments is that placed on U.S. ag prod-China only recently an- ucts being imported into 1,000 acres of soybeans nounced the first U.S. soybean purchases since the trade war began back in June. It may take months or even years for U.S. ag ments are now official and trade with China to return dropped nearly \$2.00 per gust 1, the 2nd half MFP to pre-trade war levels, if the U.S. ag exports return to that level at all. The MFP announced to compensate for farm income lost prices in Western Mindue to the trade war on nesota and the Dakota's 2018 crop and livestock production, as well as the 2017 crop that was in stor-

removing the 25 percent (25%) tariff on U.S. soythe trade war back in June. The new United States-

agreement (USMCA) that west, will have negative place the North American Free Trade Agreement and dairy producers, (NAFTA), which has been as well as their ag lendin place since 1997, was ers, are pleased that the announced earlier this second half of the MFP Fall. The USMCA agreeweeks ago by the leaders of the three countries; however, it still needs to be farm operations will likely approved within the various countries, including 2018, with farm losses the the U.S. Congress, before being implemented. In Part of the logic for the meantime, the tariffs that Mexico and Canada the two countries have remained in place.

> The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) November soybean futures price bushel after the trade war began mid-year in 2018, and prices have only rebounded slightly in recent weeks. Local cash soybean dropped even more, as local basis levels below the CBOT price widened

out. This localized price decline was due to limited market access in those areas, as most of the soybeans are shipped to west coast for export to China. Similarly, hog prices bottomed out late in the 2nd quarter and early in the third quarter of 2018, be-Hog prices normally reach their low point in the 4th

quarter. Many hog and dairy producers, along with numerous crop protrade ducers in the Upper Midprofit margins for 2018.

Most soybean, hog, payments will be part of their 2018 year-end farm income. Even with the full MFP payments, some still show a "net loss" for greatest in areas that had reduced crop yields this year due to weather problems. For a Southern Minnesota farm operator with the 2nd half MFP payment would likely total \$40,000 or more. If the farmer also had 10,000 head of finishing hogs on hand on Au-

payment would be an- the twelve Titles that are other \$40,000 for the hogs. This added income from The new Farm Bill will the MFP payments may prevent some producers from 2019 to 2023 and will from showing a "net oper- be very similar to the curating loss" in 2018, or least rent legislation, outside of the payments could help a few tweaks to the comlimit the operating losses.

fore rebounding slightly. Trump administration to visions of the new Farm issue the 2nd half of the Bill will be implemented MFP payments will probably have more short-term financial impact for many farm operators than the passed both Houses of recently passed 2018 Farm Congress; however, it has Bill. The Farm Bill will likely provide some long-term by President Trump. All financial stability in the indications are that this agricultural sector; how- will occur before the end ever, the Farm Bill will not of 2018. address the current financial difficulties that have Bill is signed by President resulted from the ongoing Trump, it will likely take trade disputes. USDA has a few weeks before USDA indicated that it will not initiates be recommending any tion of the legislation and further MFP payments releases farm program for 2019, feeling that crop and livestock producers should be able to adjust to the changes in market an information sheet on prices for the 2019 year.

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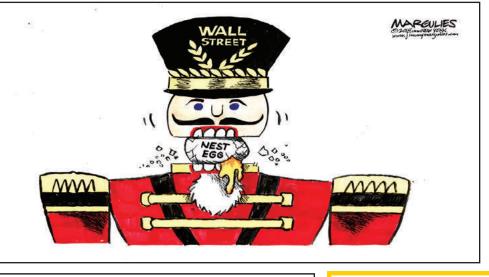
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# **Red Bulls 8th at Christmas Tournament**

tling team finished 8th 120 - Class AA #2-ranked out of 40 teams at the Jaxson Rohman, 6th; Rochester Tournament held last Connor Simmonds, 5th; Friday and Saturday.

nament touted some of - Class AA #6-ranked the best teams and in- Jordan Wolter, 7th; 145 dividual wrestlers from - Payton Anderson, 3rd. Minnesota and Wiscon- Lost in wrestleback acsin.



The Class #3-ranked Red Bulls had six individual medalist West 164.5, 7. #3-ranked led by Class AA #3-ranked Class AAA Owatonna 157, Payton Anderson's third 8. Class AA #3-ranked place finish. Individual Red Bulls 147.5, 9. Stillresults-Medalists:

The Red Bulls wres- Lucas Jagodzinske, 5th; Christmas 126 - Class AA #5-ranked 132 - Class AA #7-ranked The prestigious tour- Cale Steuber, 8th; 138 tion: 106 - Jesse Potts, 152 - Class AA #4-ranked Miles Fitzgerald, 160 -Class AA #4-ranked Nathan Simmonds, 170 -Marion Maldonado 182 Class AA #5-ranked Tristan Lange, 220 - Jacob Rahn

Team standings: Top 10 of 40 1. #2-ranked Class AA Simley 204.5, 2. #1-ranked Class AA Kasson-Mantorville 199.5, 3. #1-ranked Class AAA Shakopee 176, 4. #6-ranked Class AAA Willmar 175.5, 5. #2-ranked Class AAA AA Apple Valley 166.5, 6. #5-ranked Class AA Scott 113 water 131, 10. Class AA Class AA #5-ranked #7-ranked Waconia 127.



SLAP SHOT - Cardinals Joni Becker blasts a shot past New Ulm's #5 Kayla Adema as teammate #12 Ally Steffensmeier looks on. The Eagles downed the Cards 4-1 last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports. com



**DOUBLE FOUL - Cards Taylor Crissinger draws a** foul driving to the hoop. The Panthers Sarah Johns and Sophie Stork defend the play. The Cards downed New Richland-Hartland Ellendale-Geneva 74 to 46 last Saturday afternoon. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**Squirt B Hockey results** 



Last weekend the Fairmont Squirt B team traveled to Hudson, WI for the Hudson Raider Classic tournament. On Saturday, December 15th, in the morning they won theirfirst game against the Eau Claire Mustangs 8-1.

won their second game against the Dodge County Wildcats, 4-2.

Sunday morning they played in the championship game against the lost this game 2-8.

Saturday, December 15th vs. Eau Claire Mustangs: Fairmont scoring: Klay Beemer - 2 goals; Macklain Anderson; Preston Cepress; Gavin Kester - 2 goals; Lucas Roiger - 2 goals.

Saturday- 2nd game vs. Saturday evening, they Dodge County Wildcats: Fairmont scoring: Preston Cepress - 2 goals, Klay Beemer - 2 goals.

Sunday, December 16th vs. Hudson Raiders (championship game): Hudson Raiders. The team Fairmont scoring: Klay saves. Beemer - 2 goals.

SLOT DEFENDER - Cardinals Eli Anderson sweeps away Falcons Blake Vinar's shot as teammate #21 Kory Johnson looks on. Cardinal goalie Tyson Geerdes and #4 Tanner Dewar defend the play. Faribault defeated the Cards 5-0 last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

# **PeeWee hockey results**

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an assist from Brock Lutassisted goal from Hank hosted New Ulm/Sleepy Artz. Goalie was Ethan Eve and lost. Geerdes, who had 23

Last Saturday afternoon assist from Beau Becker. the Fairmont PeeWee Brock Lutterman scored hockey team traveled to the other two goals with Luverne and tied at 2 goals assists from Jace Teveldal and Connor Gronewald. Scoring for Fairmont Goalie Ethan Geerdes re-was Jace Teveldahl with corded 13 saves.

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Hank Artz had 2 un-Saturday evening the Lutterman had an unas-

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TALL SHOT - Cards Wyatt Frank shoots over the Panthers #5 Blake Ihrke as teammate #2 Brady Agrimson looks on. Frank had 16 points in the contest as the Cards late rally fell short, 46-43, to New Richland-Hartland Ellendale-Geneva last Saturday. assisted goal and Brock Courtesy fairmontsports.com

The team finished out the tournament in 2nd cord for the season was 10 Falls Flyers and won 3-2. place, and brought home wins, 2 losses. a trophy!

Fairmont Squirt B re- PeeWee team played Sioux sisted goal. Goalie Ethan Geerdes recorded Scoring for Fairmont saves. was Hank Artz with an

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HOLD THAT POSE - The Cardinals dance team performed at halftime of the girls and boys basketball teams games vs New Richland-Hartland Ellendale-Geneva. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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