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## Highlighting the top ag issues for 2019

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At the end of every year, various publications, websites, etc. have their "Top 10" or "Top 5" list for that year. In this issue of "FOCUS ON AG", I am highlighting my "Top 5 Ag Issues" for 2019, based on issues that were discussed in the columns throughout the year. Following are my "Top 5 Ag Issues" for 2019:

### 1. Weather issues and crop production challenges.

"Mother nature" was not kind to many farmers in the Upper Midwest in 2019, as well as in some areas of the Eastern Corn Belt. Many weather reporting stations across the region reported record precipitation in 2019, with several areas receiving 50% or more above the normal growing season

rainfall. This resulted in very late planting in some areas, crop drown-out and poor growing conditions in other areas, and widespread areas of delayed harvest. In fact, some portions of North and South Dakota, and adjoining areas of Western Minnesota, still have thousands of acres of corn yet to be harvested. Severe storms with hail and wind damage to crops also resulted in yield reduction in many parts of the region.

Some growers in Western Minnesota, along with North and South Dakota, are reporting their lowest corn yields since the disaster year of 1993. Overall, corn yields in region were 10-20 percent below long-term averages, and probably 15-30 percent lower than 2015-2017 average

yields. In general, soybean yields were 5-20 percent below long-term average yields.

Minnesota is projected to have a 2019 corn yield of 170 bushels per acre, which compares to 182 bushels per acre in 2018 and the record yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017. Other 2019 projected statewide corn yields that are below recent averages are North Dakota at 142 bushels per acre, South Dakota at 151 bushels per acre, Indiana at 165 bushels per acre, and Illinois at 179 bushels per acre. The projected 2019 corn yield for Iowa is better at 192 bushels per acre. USDA is estimating the 2019 Minnesota soybean yield at 45 bushels per acre, Iowa at 53 bushels per acre, South Dakota at 43 bushels per

acre, and North Dakota at 33 bushels per acre, which are all below average yields in recent years.

### 2. The ongoing Trade War.

During 2019, the so-called "trade war" with China continued, which kept increased tariffs in place on many ag products being shipped to China. The total amount of ag exports has decreased in two years from over \$20 billion in 2017 to less than \$10 billion in 2019. Soybeans and pork have been two of the commodities hit the hardest by the added tariffs on grain and pork products being shipped to China. Tariffs have also remained in place on products traded with Canada and Mexico, the partners with the U.S. in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). China, Canada and Mexico account for over 40 percent of all U.S. ag exports on an annual basis.

The new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) to replace NAFTA was agreed upon

by the leaders of the three countries late in 2018. However, the USMCA agreement needs to be approved within the various countries, including by the U.S. Congress, before being implemented. Congress did not take up any action on the USMCA agreement until very late in 2019, needing to work out some language in the agreement related to labor and environmental issues. As we end 2019, it appears that the USMCA agreement will be approved by Congress and implemented in early 2020, which should help stabilize agriculture trade among the three countries. Late in the year, there was also some positive news regarding phase #1 of a new U.S. and Chinese trade agreement. If implemented, this agreement could greatly enhance U.S. exports of certain ag products to China in the coming years.

### 3. Tight cash flow margins and the declining farm economy.

Earlier in 2019, The University of Minnesota

reported that the median net farm income for Minnesota farmers in 2018 was only \$26,055, which was the lowest in the past 23 years of analyzing farm business management records. 2018 was the fifth year in a row of sup-par net farm income levels in the State, which was the first time that this has occurred since the 1980's. Some farm operators across Southern Minnesota had 2018 net farm incomes that were even lower, feeling the effect of reduced crop yields that resulted from excessive rainfall during the 2018 growing season, as well as the impacts of reduced crop and livestock prices, resulting from the U.S. trade wars.

Net farm income levels for 2019 are likely to again be quite low in many portions of the region, due to the reduced crop yields and continued low grain and livestock prices during most of the year. The

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

Kids grades K-6 are invited to a **Winter STEM Lab** at the Fairmont Library on Monday, December 30th at 10:30 a.m. Explore a variety of winter-themed STEM experiments and activities. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

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 25th and Wednesday, January 1st they will be closed due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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 info, call Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

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 Plumhoff at 507-632-4368.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st they will not have meals due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Martin County Extension/4H invites community members to its open house on New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st from 2 to 4 p.m. Coffee punch and cookies will be served at the new office location at the Martin County Fairgrounds: 1300 N. Bixby Road, Fairmont.



The students of Martin Luther High School, Northrop gathered 252.5 pounds of food for Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Fairmont. Pictured (L to R) are Student Council members Alexys Flohrs, Lydia Steinhaus and Lizzie Oothoudt as they prepare to load the items. (Submitted photo)



It was fun for students to be out of the cold and enjoy a comfy, cozy pajama day last week in Mrs. Harris' early childhood classes at Fairmont Area Elementary School. (Submitted photo)

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**FORDICE** - Ann Gronewald and Jeff Fordice are happy to announce their marriage on March 2nd, 2019, at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, before their family. We are thankful to God, our children, family, friends and community for their love and encouragement. We honor and stand on the love legacy and memory of Scott and Paula. Jeff practices dentistry and Ann farms in this community. Love is the greatest gift of all so we are thankful to have been granted each other in our remaining years.

## MLHS Art outreach to supporting congregations

In 2018, the Art and Technology Departments of Martin Luther High School, Northrop worked together to create 3D prints of Solomon's Temple and gifted them to the pastors of area LCMS congregations. (This outreach also included reaching south of the Minnesota border into the Iowa District West Algona circuit.) The goal was to give

much of His life.

In 2019, the MLHS Art Department created large scale, hand painted maps of first century Israel. These maps provide spatial awareness of the travels of Jesus and show the physicality and actual history of the Gospels. They were painted on upcycled materials such as coffee tables, wooden boards and framed pictures and then given out to the same association congregations.



pastors a physical object for use in Bible and Catechism classes when illustrating the Holiness of God and where our Lord Jesus spent

tunity happen and looks forward to partnering with congregations in teaching The Word until Christ's return.



Rev. David Fretham (left), vacancy pastor at St Paul's, Truman and Rev David Schultz holding the hand painted map of first century Israel.

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As a special thank you for being the lifeline for patients this holiday season, those who come out to give blood with the Red Cross Dec. 19-Jan. 5 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Local opportunities include:

- **Blue Earth**  
January 2nd, 2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., United Hos-

pital District, 515 S. Moore St.

- **Elmore**  
January 6th, 2020: 1 - 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 311 E. Mondale St.
- **Fairmont**  
January 6th, 2020: 2 - 7 p.m., St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave.
- **Madelia**  
January 9th, 2020: 1:30 - 6:30 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, 109 3rd St. SE

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

## Over 55 Defensive Driving Refresher Course

An Over 55 Defensive Driving-Refresher Course is being offered in early January through Fairmont CER.

The class will be offered Wednesday, January 8th from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Fairmont Area Elementary School, Room 1017 (Budd Room).

Drivers 55 and older are eligible to receive a 10% discount on their auto insurance if they attend these classes every three years.

If it has not been more than three years since you last attended, just the 4-hour refresher is

needed, there is not a need to retake the 8-hour class.

These sessions are interactive, informative and interesting, including videos and handouts. Attendees are able to fine-tune their driving skills, learn about the latest in auto technology, traffic laws and safe driving techniques. The fee for this course is \$22 for the 4-hour course. Preregistration with payment is requested through CER at 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. For more info, call 235-3141.

## Snowmobile Safety Class to be offered in Fairmont

A snowmobile safety class will be offered through Fairmont CER in January.

The class will be held Saturday, January 4th at 9 a.m. in the Fairmont Area Elementary School cafeteria. This class is a one-day review and riding performance course. Students must complete one of the online courses: snowmobilecourse.com before signing up for the class.

Once they complete the online course, students print out a "youth follow-up voucher" and bring it along with a copy of their birth certificate.

Students will not be allowed to participate in the classroom review/per-

formance test unless you have first completed the online Snowmobile Safety Course. Parent or guardian must accompany youth to sign the waiver.

Each student must have proper attire: helmet, gloves, snow pants, jacket and boots. A snowmobile will be available.

Youth must be 11 years old by the date of the class attended. All residents in Minnesota born after December 31st, 1976 MUST have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota.

Please pre-register with CER in Fairmont (235-3141) before attending class.

# Key Tips That Save Lives:

- **FOOD FIRST.** If you plan to drink, eat foods that are rich in protein (meats, cheese, vegetables) and never drink on an empty stomach.
- **EASY DOES IT.** One drink per hour sets the pace for moderate drinking. Never exceed three drinks per party regardless of your body weight.
- **SIZE UP THE SITUATION.** Remember that a 12 oz. mug of beer, a 5 oz. glass of wine and a 1¼ oz. shot of hard liquor all pack the same punch.

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- **JOIN THE KEY CLUB.** If you want to indulge, hand over your keys to a designated driver for the evening.
- **TAKE CONTROL.** Insist on driving home any friend or guest who appears intoxicated. If this is not an option, offer to call a cab or have this person sleep over.
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## New book by locally-raised author to benefit ranchers across the country

Every time I see an ambulance go by, I stop and say a prayer because odds are, I know the person riding inside," says Adam Jones, rancher near St. Francis, Kansas.

It's a sentiment many in Rural America share, where neighbors may not be just around the corner, but the bond of community is thick. His family ranch, Crooked Creek Angus, is one of 40 stories included in the new coffee table book *Sheltering Generations — The American Barn*.

The book features stories of beef producers in more than 20 different states, cataloging ranch life, rural community and the role of barns in our landscape.

Produced by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), each family featured in the book has one thing in common: they all have the brand logo painted on their barns. In 2018, in a throwback to "old school" marketing, the brand

painted 40 barns to celebrate the 40th anniversary.

Miranda Reiman, of Cozad, Nebraska, and her colleague Nicole Lane Erceg, of Wooster, Ohio, co-authored the book in their roles with the brand. Miranda is the daughter of Mark and Karla Malo of Granada, and is a 2002 graduate of Granada-Huntley East Chain High



Co-author **Miranda Reiman.**

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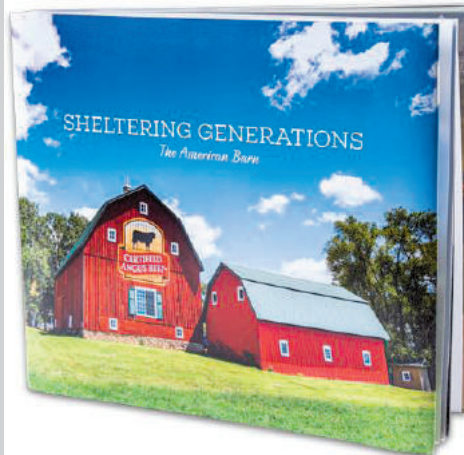
"People have asked if I've always wanted to write a book, and my answer of-

ten surprised them," Reiman says. "It's not that I wanted to write a book so much as I saw that each of these families has a story to tell."

Captivating images and short, entertaining stories fill the pages of the book, but in the spirit of community that inspired it, the funds from sales will support farmers and ranchers. The entire purchase price of each book will benefit the newly launched Certified Angus Beef Rural Relief Fund, helping cattlemen recover from natural disasters.

"We've all heard some weather event referenced as the drought/flood/blizzard/fire of our generation too many times already," says John Stika, president of the brand. "As a mem-

ber of the beef community, when our farmers and ranchers are hurting, our brand is committed to pro-



viding help."

The book is dual purpose: a way to share the stories of everyday ranch life and to help provide relief when those who produce it need aid.

*Sheltering Generations — The American Barn* is on sale now at [shop.certifiedangusbeef.com](http://shop.certifiedangusbeef.com) or you can stop by the Photo Press to purchase a copy for \$20 plus tax.

## Avery WeighTronix lists R.S. Bradley Scholarships

A proud tradition at Avery Weigh-Tronix in Fairmont is the R.S. Bradley Scholarship award.

Richard Bradley was the founder and owner of Weigh-Tronix. The scholarship fund originated from a 1979 Christmas gift of money from Weigh-Tronix employees to Richard to start a scholarship fund in his name. Additional employee contributions were made in 1980 and 1981. Mr. Bradley was a firm believer in higher education, and the Avery Weigh-Tronix team continues to support this program with annual awards.

All dependent children of Avery Weigh-Tronix regular, full-time employees who are attending an advanced educational program are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The program may be in a vocational or academic field, but be a minimum of two years and lead to a specific degree or certification. This includes a two-year technical school, two-year junior college or present enrollment to acquire a B.A or B.S. degree.

The scholarship winners for 2019 will each receive \$500.00. They are:

• Jaiden Cook, son of Tim Cook (Maintenance); Jaiden

is a student at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. He is studying to become an Electrician.

• Jacquelyn Frerichs, daughter of John Frerichs (Repair Dept.): Jacquelyn is attending Minnesota State University in Mankato. She is working toward a degree in Elementary Education.

• Cameron Hainy, son of Cory Hainy (Engineering): Cameron attends South Dakota School of Mines and Technology studying Mechanical Engineering.

• Sydney Hainy - daughter of Cory Hainy (Engineering): Sydney attends the University of Minnesota studying Architecture.

• Eric Head, son of Jim Head (Manufacturing Engineering): Eric is a student at Luther College working toward a degree in Music and Communications.

• Tyler Head, son of Jim Head (Manufacturing Engineering): Tyler is attending the University of North Dakota studying Marketing and Sport Business.

• Alexander Johnson, son of Roman Johnson (IT Dept): Alexander is studying Law Enforcement at Alexandria Technical College.

## Ask A Trooper: Safe following distance

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

**Question: What is the legal following distance? What can I do when someone is following too close behind me? Isn't there a rule of so many vehicle lengths for miles per hour to use as a guide?**

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following distance rule. Watch the vehicle in front of you. When that vehicle gets past an object such as a sign, pole, bridge, etc., then count off three seconds. You should not arrive at that spot sooner than your count to three. If you do, then you are following too close! Also, you must add one second for every hazard that exists. Hazards include but are not limited to heavy traffic, rain, snow, fog, driving into the sun, etc. In some cases you might have to allow six, seven seconds (or even more) to be safe because of existing hazards.

Learn how to recognize any kind of hazard while you are driving out there, and practice the 3-second (plus) following rule. If everyone were to follow this simple rule, many crashes that cause serious injuries and or death could be prevented.

Check your mirrors every 3 to 5 seconds so you know what is going around you. While we cannot control the vehicles around us, we can control our own driving habits.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths

*If you have any questions concerning*

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

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## CREST "Lunch & Learn" to focus on 2020 Census

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

The program this month will take a look at the 2020

census.

Following the presentation, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served. Donations are welcome to defray costs.

Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.



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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Special Friends!

Except for family, today is my last holiday entertaining. I am having my birthday group ( the friends I do some traveling with) for lunch. I love spending time with them and today we can share our mental health holiday woes to get us through the coming two weeks! Its such a blessing to have friends. One can bear their soul with and know we aren't judged! Maybe it's time I get my Christmas Therapy book out for a read!

Today I am sharing a cozy soup recipe with you. Its always nice after the holidays to get back to regular food. I hope this recipe warms you up!

**Creamy Tomato Tortellini Soup:**  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
4 large cloves garlic, minced  
28 oz. diced tomatoes  
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
1/2 tsp. red chili flakes ( optional)  
4 cups chicken broth  
28 oz. jar tomato puree  
3 Tablespoons tomato paste  
1 cup heavy cream  
salt and pepper to taste  
2-9 oz. packets cheese tortellini, refrigerated or dry  
1/2 cup parmesan cheese  
4 cups baby spinach leaves  
1/4 cup fresh basil

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Saute onion until soft, then add garlic and saute until fragrant ( about 1 minute).  
Add tomatoes, Italian seasoning and chili flakes if using. Let tomatoes cook about 5 minutes, then mix in chicken stock, tomato puree and tomato paste. Season with salt and pepper. Partially cover pot with a lid, bring to a simmer on low heat for 15 minutes. Stir in cream and tortellini, cook on medium-low heat until tortellini is just cooked about 6-7 minutes. Add the parmesan cheese, spinach and basil, stir until wilted, serve hot.

Merry Christmas!

CER Winter Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League Forming

The Fairmont CER Winter Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League will be played on Thursday evenings at the Fairmont Elementary School Little Cardinal Gym.

Team registrations with payment of \$159 are due by January 2nd at the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Office. Play begins on Thursday, January 9th.

For more information, contact the CER Office located in the Fairmont Elementary School Door 15A, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. Call 507-235-3141 or email [rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us](mailto:rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us) or email [rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us](mailto:rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us).

Online registration with payment by Mastercard/VISA is also available at the CER Web Store located at [www.fairmontareaschools.com](http://www.fairmontareaschools.com).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF GRANADA

Notice is hereby given that the City of Granada will hold a Public Hearing on January 8th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Granada City Hall.

This will be an informational meeting to discuss the Emergency Siren, including economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, and potential funding sources, including USDA Rural Development. All residents and property owners within the City of Granada are encouraged to attend.

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The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus were recently informed that they received the Supreme Council “Columbian Award” for the 2018-2019 Council Year. This prestigious award recognizes councils’ for excellence in programming conducted in four categories: “Faith”, “Family”, “Community” and “Life”. Pictured (L to R): Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council and Jim Kasel—Award Recipient and 2018-2019 Grand Knight. (Submitted photo)

Ruby’s Pantry food distribution in East Chain

Ruby’s Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on Saturday, December 28th from 10-11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby’s Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Please bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

Ruby’s Pantry is in its eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month.

For more information please see their website at [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org), email [goodnews@rubyspantry.org](mailto:goodnews@rubyspantry.org) or call 507-236-4653.

Additional memorials to Martin Luther High School

A list sent by Martin Luther High School recently accidentally omitted some names from their list of memorials from September 1st to November 30th, 2019:

IN MEMORY OF: by  
LUCILLE BECKER:

Philip and Pam Hartmann  
VERIL CONRAD: Randy and Deb Morrison  
RALETTA FLOHRS: Philip and Pam Hartmann  
PEGGY GOEKE: Philip and Pam Hartmann  
LOREN WESSEL: Ron and Mary Reinke

Celebrate the New Year at the Sherburn Legion

Ring in the New Year at the Sherburn American Legion Hall in Sherburn on Tuesday, December 31st.

The Sherburn Lions Club will be having their annual New Year’s Eve Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. that night. They will serve steak, shrimp, pork chops and combos. The cost per person is \$16. A baked potato and salad is included with all meals.

This event is sponsored by the Sherburn Lions Club and funds raised will go to support community projects for the Lions Club.

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

New year, new books! Here are a few big titles coming in early 2020 that we are excited to read!!  
Long Bright River by Liz Moore: The opioid crisis is plaguing our country. This is a twisty mystery where one of two inseparable sisters addicted to drugs goes missing. All the while a string of murders are happening in their Philadelphia neighborhood.  
Followers by Megan Angelo: This debut novel traces the stories of three women, unexpectedly connected, who find themselves on the brink of high-profile success while discovering what their follower counts really means for their goals and dreams.  
Love Her or Lose Her by Tessa Bailey: Bailey is back with a juicy rom-com about a couple who seemingly grows apart instead of growing together—forcing one of them to establish a marriage boot camp and the other to expose a big secret.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 1994  
Heather Wenzel won the “World’s Largest Christmas Stocking” given away at the Fairmont Happy Chef. Heather is the daughter of Faye Wenzel of Fairmont and Dean Wenzel of Ceylon.

The Southwood Drive neighborhood won the Fairmont Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Fairmont GLOWS committee. Second place neighborhood went to Homewood Drive and third to a residence at 820 N. Elm Street.

Edward D. Jones had a front page advertisement promoting 8.50% on Insured Corporate Bonds.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 1969  
Rufus Goetz announced his retirement as State Farm agent, and was to be replaced by Jim Dahlstrom of Springfield.

Gordon Patterson, administrator of Lakeview Methodist Retirement Home if Fairmont, was preparing to also take over administration of the Truman Lutheran Retirement Home. Patterson, who has a degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota, came to Fairmont a year ago from a similar administrative job in Montana.

George Musser was named to the Fairmont Housing Authority, replacing the unexpired term of Rev. Gary Gilbertson, who had accepted a new Episcopal parish in Fargo, ND.

eat play shop LOCAL

CER Winter Men’s Basketball League forming

The CER Winter Men’s Basketball League will be played on Monday evenings at the Fairmont Elementary School Little Cardinal Gym. Team registrations with payment of \$180 are due by January 2nd at the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Office.

Play begins on Monday, January 13th. For more information, contact the CER Office located in the Fairmont Elementary School Door 15A, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. Call 507-235-3141 or email [rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us](mailto:rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us).

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A Heartfelt Thank You...

from our family to yours. Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and support for our darling angel Emmalyne!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year

with love, Tom, Laura, Carter, Kennedy and CC Spitzer

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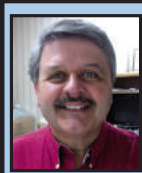
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## Jeff's Jottings

I am going to deviate from my normal column this week because some of you will be reading this before Christmas and others the day after Christmas. I am bringing back a column I wrote December 23rd, 2015 - but with some updates to December 24th, 2019 - so here goes.

Twas the day before Christmas and all through the Photo Press, employees and customers were scurrying about - you could really sense the stress.

This week's newspaper had been delivered from our printer to the North; Sherman was busy prepping paper bundles for the carriers, carrying bundles to his car - carrying, packing and hurrying back and forth; There is urgency on making sure the Photo Press

is delivered by carrier before Christmas Day and via the post office the day after. Sherm's in his element, delivering the bundles to our carriers, whistling Christmas carols to himself and taking in all the cheer and laughter.

Meanwhile back at the Photo Press office, Tari is busy with customers - both on the phone and in the store; she can sense the stress in their voices and the way they nervously scurry around the sales floor. Tari also knows the holiday stress herself, as she goes through her family's Christmas list in her head; "So much to think about, prepare for and buy before the day is over and I go to bed!"

Becky is busily working on last-minute customer

Christmas letters; busy typing and proofing before the harried customers return to pick them up, pay for them and get them in the mail - saying "Next year I'll do better!" Becky is one of our graphic artists who works with customer and business print jobs and is good at what she does; just ask the many satisfied customers she has created letters, art work for - her ideas and creations many times create quite a buzz.

Morgan is relishing the completion of yet another edition of the Photo Press; she is the creative one behind the layout of each week's paper (even if she has to deal with our salesman Randy and all of the stress!). She doesn't have any time to rest from that labor soon; as next week's paper will have to be done and "out the door" to the printers by next Monday before noon.

Larry, our favorite press operator, 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 those print jobs cause him problems, which creates some grumbling that rumbles from the cellar. Some see Larry as having a gruff exterior; but to those of us who really know him, to his grandchildren he is considered "superior".

Randy, our ad salesman is busy running about, visiting advertisers for for New Year's ads with a promise that the ad will have the look that will give them the most clout; he moves around the office so quietly, most of us don't know whether he is "in" or he is "out". You can see him this time of year wearing his favorite hat; his biggest joy is taking in any kind of sporting event, whether it is watching a receiver catching a football or someone swinging a bat.

Jeff, the manager, is busy scampering around the of-

fice, making sure everyone is doing their work so they don't have to stay late; after all it is the day before Christmas and we all need a break. Since it is Christmas Eve, he knows he can now finish up his Christmas shopping; local retailers will see him running around picking up last-minute gifts for his wife and his family, in order to finish he needs to keep hopping!

The day is almost over, just a few more hours of business before the office gets shut down; Jeff can be heard saying from his back office, "Merry Christmas to all of you and remember - be sure and shop local, keep your business in town!"

Some things may change in the new year ahead; but one thing that never changes, the real reason for the season - the birth of Jesus and the manger to which



the shepherds were led. We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas, we just love your positive reviews; whatever lies ahead for all of us, one thing you can count on from everyone at the Photo Press is "Only Good News!"

Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat, play, shop local - Merry Christmas!*

*Jeff*

## "Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



### The Tree

I love this tree. It shines alone in the night bringing comfort and joy to weary travelers. As brilliant

home, other's going places; maybe to join family and friends, or to, work.

contentment and hope; warmth on a bitterly cold night. She encourages me.

Her gentle light dances on the soft bed of clean, white snow beneath her. Along the busy interstate, she sings softly: Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright.

I drive on into the cold, dark night; I will be home for Christmas.

Merry Christmas. I-35 near Faribault, Mn.



as the stars in the sky, she draws the attention of all. Some, such as myself, on their way

In solitude, she stands strong, no matter the weather. The tree offers, peace,



MN West administrators visited classes in the Fairmont High School vocational wing. Pictured (L-R): Bruce Peterson, MN West Chief Academic Officer; Terry Gaalswyk, MN West President; Jake Tietje, high school co-principal; Bob Bonin, high school vocational teacher. (Submitted photo)

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# Dining and Entertainment

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The first 50 to register receive an etched  
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**Wednesday, January 1:** Happy New Years

**Thursday, January 2 • 7pm:** Meeting

**Friday, January 3 • 5-7pm:** Burger Night  
**Burgers \$6**



**Sunday, January 5 • 8:30am to 12:30pm:** Breakfast Buffet • \$10

**Monday, January 6:** Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

Fridays: Full Menu Available • Full Service Bar • Everyone Welcome! f

### SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

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

**DEC 26 - JAN 1**

**THURS:** Meatballs, baked potato, winter mix veggie, bread pudding.

**FRI:** Tilapia, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes & zucchini, ice cream.

**MON:** Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, peas & carrots, pie.

**TUE:** Pork chops, rice, corn, spiced apple ring, blueberry crisp.

**WED:** Closed. Happy New Year!

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**Tuesday, Dec. 31  
Sherburn  
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**5:00-8:00 pm** - Serving:  
Steak, Shrimp, Pork Chop  
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Baked Potato and Salad  
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Monday through Saturday  
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purchase and prepare  
adequate meals. Meals  
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Fairmont between 11 a.m.  
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is a community project  
and is non-profit and not  
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more info on Hot Meals  
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Toupal 507-236-8781.

## St. Martin's Episcopal Church

### SOUP LUNCH Fundraiser

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## NEW YEARS EVE

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## Stocking Stuffer Winner...

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## Motor Frustration

### Guest Columnist

**Darwin Anthony, Business Bar Owner, Artist, Writer**

I took on the chore of mowing our church lawn when I was in junior high. This was before the time of rotary mowers, so I used our "old-style" reel-type lawn mower.

We did not have a pickup truck, so the heavy mower had to be loaded into the trunk of our 1949 Packard and hauled to and from the church. The mower had a small engine



mounted on its very top. It was started by winding a small rope around a circular extension on the side of the motor and pulling. Pulling on the rope forced the motor to turn. However, it was always a surprise when it started. This was my first experience with MOTOR FRUSTRATION. The motor would sometimes stop and starting it was something terrible. I didn't understand its workings. A good thing came out of this situation. A man with small motor knowledge was visiting his relative who lived next to the church. He witnessed my problem and came over to help me. He taught me "the what" to do and how

to do it. I appreciated such kindness!

However my most remembered MOTOR FRUSTRATION comes from trying to start a hot Wisconsin engine on our hay baler. The

motor had to be cranked by hand. What made it hard was the motor was high on the baler, had a short crank, and I could not brace myself to get the power needed. It was a very awkward situation. I thought it was only me! However, I have learned that anyone who tried to start a hot Wisconsin motor agrees with my assessment. They produced true MOTOR FRUSTRATION.

However, we had an ingenious neighbor. He had a plan as to how to start such a motor when it was hot. His plan was to completely empty the baler so that there was as little resistance to its internal move-

ment as possible. The baler had a large flywheel that had several spokes within it. The flywheel was located on the side of the baler near the ground. A drive belt powered the baler which

ran over a pulley on the motor then over the outside of the flywheel. The neighbor taught me the trick of starting such a hot motor. He called it "shocking" the motor as though it

didn't seem to understand. His manner of cranking was done by producing an un-interrupted effort of starting to the motor instead of the interrupted effort of cranking it by hand. It was done by stepping down on a spoke of the large flywheel and pulling down. It was as though the motor was "shocked" into starting by someone's determination.

Have you ever faced such MOTOR FRUSTRATION when trying to start your own lawn mower, boat motor, snowmobile, chain saw or leaf blower? Have you asked yourself how others find starting them "so easy"?

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level of crop insurance carried by farm operators for the 2019 crop year, along with grain and livestock marketing decisions that were made, will likely have a significant impact on profitability for individual farm businesses. It is estimated that government payments will make up one-third or more of potential net farm income for 2019 in the U.S. farm sector. These payments will primarily come from crop insurance indemnity payments, disaster payments, and market facilitation program (MFP) payments to farmers that are being paid to offset income loss from the ongoing trade wars.

### 4. RFS waivers and the impact on the ethanol industry

The granting of "small refinery exemptions" (SRE's) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has garnered considerable attention by ethanol and biodiesel plants, farm organizations, and political leaders during 2019. In the past couple of years, the EPA has granted an unusually high number of SRE's, which has impacted demand for re-

newable fuels and has negatively impacted the profitability of the ethanol and biodiesel industries. Since EPA increased the use of SRE's, 19 ethanol plants in the U.S. have either closed or idled production, including the Corn Plus ethanol plant at Winnebago, MN, with additional plants reducing their production levels. It is estimated that the 2.5 billion gallon per year biodiesel industry in the U.S. has lost nearly 10 percent of the total demand due to the SRE's granted by EPA in the past three years. The Trump Administration has proposed some changes to the procedures for the Renewable Fuel Standard that will hopefully address some of the issues related to the granting of the SRE's. However, as we end 2019, it is still unclear if the EPA will limit the use of SRE's in the future or implement the strategies to stabilize demand for renewable fuels.

### 5. Implementation of the New Farm Bill.

The new Farm Bill, titled the "Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018" will govern U.S. farm programs from 2019 through 2023. Sign-up for the new farm program for the

2019 and 2020 crop years is currently ongoing at local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office and will continue until March 15, 2020. Producers will have a choice between the price-only "price loss coverage" (PLC) and county yield revenue-based "ag risk coverage" (ARC-CO) program choices for the 2019 and 2020 crop production years. Beginning with the 2021 crop year, producers will be able to make an annual election between the ARC-CO and PLC program choices. Farm operators with prevent plant acres in 2019 may also consider the "ag risk coverage individual" (ARC-IC) program option, which utilizes farm-level crop yields. FSA and University Extension Services are hosting many farm program information meetings in early 2020.

Kent Thiesse has prepared an information sheet titled: "Evaluating Farm Program Decisions for the 2019 and 2020 Crop Years" To receive a free copy of this information sheet, send an e-mail to: [kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com](mailto:kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com)



# Be in the present like a cat

By Al Batt

"Aisle do it!" I said that because someone had to run to the store to get a couple of things. I was that designated someone to participate in combat-shopping. It gives me that happy holiday feeling - broke.

I know it's getting close to Christmas when the pumpkin spice-scented cat litter loses its odor.

We have a watch-cat. During the night she makes pre-upchuck sounds as warnings. Those wake me more effectively than any alarm clock. Staggering out of bed, I step in her production. The cat doesn't believe in throwing up on bare floor. That would be embarrassing for her. She must vomit on carpet, as is the traditional feline way. When I step in it, I make pre-upchuck sounds. The cat watched, pleased with my apparent appreciation of her Christmas gift. We each give what we can. Then she waddled off to reboot at her food bowl. I growled that hers would be a parting gift, but that was an empty threat. The cat loves to see gifts opened. She sits in the boxes. Cats live in the present.

I was lucky to have both river and woods on the farm where I was hatched. Over the river and through the woods, to grandmother's house we go. The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh, through the white and drifted snow. Our horse couldn't have carried a sleigh even if we'd had a horse and a sleigh. My father came from a big family. He told me his best Christmas as a boy was the year when it was his turn to get the Christmas gift. For me, having so many cousins made life interesting.

If Grandma got my name right on the fourth or fifth try, that was reason for celebration.

This Christmas isn't my first rodeo. I've been to town before and I've learned things. Well-chewed gum serves as a nice option when you run out of tape while wrapping presents. There is hope for the world as long as people continue to turn sawdust and apples into fruitcake. It might be a good idea to gnaw on a bedpost for a few weeks prior to Christmas so you'll be ready for the fruit-

cake. If you get socks for Christmas, try to think how your feet feel about them. If you want to spice up your Christmas letter, pretend you are Warren Buffett or Oprah Winfrey.

While ringing bells for the Salvation Army, I saw so many people wearing Carhartt watch caps, I'm guessing they were a popular Christmas gift last year. It may be because they are warm or low-priced - or both.

I love Longfellow's words, "May your merriment never stop, but turn

down the music or I'm calling a cop." Those were yelled at me by my old neighbor, Shorty Longfellow. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote something quite good, too: "I heard the bells on Christmas Day. Their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

I don't believe he was any kin to Shorty.

I'd love to be able to give my wife everything. But you can't have everything. Where would you put it? Instead, I give my wife an odd gift because I'm sure it isn't something she'd buy for herself. That takes the tense

out of presents. I'm giving her a new lens for my camera this year. There should be a bit of the giver in a gift. That won't be her only gift. I'll give her pepper, cinnamon, ginger, turmeric, and nutmeg. Seasonings' greetings. Last year, she told me, "I don't yearn for caviar or gaudy jewelry. Thanks for the Christmas gifts and for going to all the trouble of getting them."

"It was no trouble," I responded modestly.

"I didn't think it had been," she said with a sigh.

One year, I planned on giving my father a box of slightly used nails I'd picked from the ground after the neighbors had

shingled their house. I was gift-wrapping each individually in tissue paper when my mother convinced me that a Zane Grey book would be more appreciated. Later, I heard them talking at the kitchen table.

"What did you get Allen?" whispered my mother.

"I got him a pail of coal," said my pappy.

"Oh, no. I got him the same thing."

I had enough coal that year. This year, my plan is to have a Merry Christmas. I'm hoping for an alarm clock that sounds like a cat about to throw up.

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## 4 Weeks of HOT Coupon Deals!

	WEEK 4 January 15-21, 2020	WEEK 4 January 15-21, 2020	WEEK 4 January 15-21, 2020	WEEK 4 January 15-21, 2020
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## "The Piltz girls" of Welcome, Minnesota by Boyd Schuler, Charleston, SC

*Editor's Note: Boyd Schuler is the nephew of former Martin County residents Bernie Schuler. He wrote a story in 2018 about his foster parents Walter and Carolyn Abel. In this story he writes the history of the "Piltz girls" of Welcome, particularly Carolyn (Piltz) Abel and her family.*

This is a short story about the 4 Piltz Girls (Jean, Betty, Carolyn, and Lois) from rural Welcome in Fraser Township.

To understand the girls one needs to go back several years when their grandparents came to Minnesota as homesteaders.

The Piltz girls grandparents were Edward C Klussman and Caroline (Grinsell) Klussman. They settled in section 18 of Fraser Township in 1890 to begin their lives, with their 5 children but; will add a daughter named Caroline Emily Klussman. Caroline (Carrie as she was called) was born on the homestead in Fraser Township, May 24th, 1891. This is where the story begins.

The Klussman family

farmed, raised horse, and sent all their children to school at District #14 in Fraser Township. The family was very neighborly and attended church regularly. Edward and his 4 sons will help build the Emmanuel Methodist Church in rural Welcome. This church still stands today but since has been moved to Heritage Acres in Fairmont.

While attending church, Carrie saw a young man, or the young man saw Carrie and made her acquaintance. His name, George E Piltz, who will later become her husband and the father of the 4 Piltz Girls. George was born in Naperville, Illinois October 2nd, 1888. He lived with his family, in Downers Grove, Illinois, attended school, and later ventured out to Minnesota to find more meaningful work.

George had cousins in the Welcome area, Irvin and Hervey Phillips. The Phillips also lived in Fraser Township and attended that Emmanuel Methodist Church where George first saw Carrie. George

worked and lived with the Phillips on their homestead, homesteading was arduous and difficult work, long hours, and the Phillips were thankful for cousin George's help.

World War I changed George's life, the US Army drafted him along with George Goetz another man he worked for. They both served in the Army until the end of the war. George Piltz returns to Welcome to marry Caroline (Carrie) E Klussman on March 25th, 1919.

That marriage was held in Fairmont. The couple were driven to Welcome in a buggy, then by the train to Fairmont where they were married at Sam Starks home, a close friend of Carries. The honeymooners left for Minneapolis via the train and then returned to the Klussman farm in rural Fraser Township and to begin their married life.

George and Carrie Piltz continued the Klussmans' farming operation, started a family, by giving birth to the four Piltz girls. George farmed until 1951, retired

and continued living and enjoying his retirement on the family farm, passing away May 5th of 1964 at age 75.

Carrie continued living on the farm, and she was 106 when she passed away on May 19th, 1998. Always living and the farm and home that she was born at.

### These are the Piltz Girls:

Jean is the oldest, the first born February 3rd, 1920. Jean attended school in District #14, as did her

family in Fairmont. She said her most exciting job was with radio personality "Annabelle Webb" of KSUM radio. Jean was the radio program hostess welcoming guest, serving coffee, and making everyone feel at ease and comfortable. Jean returned to the farm to help her parents and sadly died in 1971 from cancer.

Betty, the second of the four girls, was born in 1921 on September 6th. She too

Betty emerged from the years of the depression as a vibrant young woman ready for the world, she enrolled at a Aurora, Illinois Bible College, where her uncle Harry Piltz lived. Each summer Betty worked at the college's summer camp in Wisconsin, there she met a nice young man from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. That courtship stayed active as both return to their respective colleges; but the war interrupts Betty's college life, she returns home and to work in Fairmont before joining the United States Coast Guard.

The early 1940 were uncertain years, lots of unknowns, life was worrisome, people were ready to live as much as they could. The four girls wanted to be together, see one another, talk, laugh, and just be sisters. At the conclusion of World War II, Betty returned to college, re-established her courtship with Richard Parson, the nice young man from Pittsburg who she later married in 1955 at the family home in Fraser Township. Richard



Piltz Family — November, 1943  
Back Row: Jean, Betty, Carolyn. Front Row: George, Lois, Carrie.

mother and sisters. Jean attended that rural school, finished school, worked then high school in Welcome, and lived with the Dewar

attended that rural school, then high school in Welcome, graduating in 1939.

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becomes a teachers in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Betty and Richard will have children and Betty will live to be 94, passing away in 2015 near her Pennsylvania home.

Carolyn May Piltz, is the third born February 6th, 1925. Yes, she too attended District #14, it's a family tradition, then high school in the city of Fairmont, graduating in 1944.

Following high school Carolyn worked at the Martin County Bank before moving to Aurora, Illinois to live with Uncle Harry and Aunt Ethyl Piltz. Living in Aurora adjacent to Chicago area gave Carolyn the opportunity to work within the new field of computers.

Beginning in 1947 Carolyn was part of the office staff at work key punching data into IBM computers. Carolyn returns to Welcome in 1949 found employment with Sears and Montgomery Wards and then attended a dance with a girlfriend at Hans Park.

At the dance was a young man, Walter (Wally) Abel, who saw her across the dance floor. Walter was quite taken with this young woman and didn't have the chance to meet Carolyn that evening. Walter asked around, got her name, where she worked, and showed up the next week at her place of employment and asked for a date. They courted, saw one another, danced and the rest is history. They were married in 1951 on October 26th. That marriage took place right during the harvest season, Walter said to his brothers, "You get the crops out, I'm getting married." The wedding was held at St Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Welcome.

Carolyn and Walter moved onto the Piltz homestead in rural Fraser Township to begin farming. Several years later Walter and Carolyn purchased their own farm south of Welcome in Rolling Green Township, where they farmed until retirement.

Walter Abel is the oldest of eight children from Charles and Elda Abel of East Chain. Carolyn and Walter will adopted two children, Donna (Abel) Hunt of Amery, Wisconsin

and Greg Abel of Fairmont. They also raised a foster child, Boyd Schuler, who came to live with them in 1958.

Lois Fern Piltz, number four of the Piltz girls, the last born, the baby of the family. Lois was born May 28th, 1928. She was the last girl to attend that county school #14 in Fraser Township. Lois attended high school in Fairmont, but graduated later from St Cloud Agricultural High School in 1947.

Carrie, always the mother who made sure her girls were well-educated, would drive Lois to elementary and then high school in Fairmont daily. This driving got to be a chore, and the four girls wanted to see more of each other during those uncertain war years of the 40s. Carrie made arrangements for her girls to be together by renting an apartment on the south side near the old Fairmont Hospital. This was briefly during Carolyn's senior year (1943-44). Jean and Betty were both working in town and Lois was starting high school. What a time that must have been for the four Piltz Girls from the farm to live together the during those war years in Fairmont. A city where there were picture shows, shopping, restaurants and maybe dancing at the

ballrooms.

Following graduation from St Cloud Ag School, Lois found employment at the Fairmont Hospital and later met a young man, Lewis Handevitdt, at a dance near Sherburn at the Fox Lake Ballroom. That dance and other social events lead to their marriage at the Salem EUB Church in Fairmont.

Lois and Lewis (they called him Bud) farmed in rural Sherburn with their children. Bud became a Martin County Commissioner in the 1960's and sadly died young in an automobile accident. Lois remained on that farm in Sherburn until she acquired and moved to the family homestead in Fraser Township.

Today the Klussman/Piltz homestead of Section 18 in Fraser Township still remains in the family of Lois (Piltz) Handevitds daughter, Judy (Handevitdt-Piltz) Hemiller and her husband Glen. A farm that began as a homestead in 1890 has never been sold and still remains in the family today.

The story was written in June 2018 by, Boyd Schuler, the foster son of Carolyn and Walter Abel who never left them. He is a retired teacher from Minnesota who lives in Charleston, South Carolina. Y'all take care, ya hear. You betcha!

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# Early Deadlines

## New Years Holiday

**NEWS: Wednesday, December 26, 5 p.m.**

**ADS: Thursday, December 27, Noon**

**The Photo Press will be CLOSED on Tuesday, December 31 @ Noon & Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

**In order to get the Photo Press out in a timely manner, we MUST adhere to these deadlines. Thank you for your cooperation!**

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**Herbs can  
relieve stuffy  
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Thyme is antibacterial, and the menthol in mint is a natural decongestant that eases breathing. To ease congestion, place 3 teaspoons of dried thyme and 3 teaspoons dried peppermint in a small heatproof bowl and add boiling water. Lean over the bowl, covering your head and the bowl with a thick towel, and inhale for 10 minutes, keeping your face and nose a few inches above the water. Repeat as needed to relieve a stuffy nose.

— B. Weaver

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**LEFTY LAYUP** – Cadee Becker scores two of her game high 20 points as Tri-City United's #2 Erica Jackson and Isabelle Factor look on. Becker made 10 consecutive second-half free throws including the game tying one and one and the go ahead free throw with 2.7 seconds left in the game. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**FLOATER** – Cards Maggie Totske floats in the lane for two. Teammate Brittney Mosloski battles for position for a rebound against Tri-City United's Jess Dull. The Cards edged the Titans 43-42 last Thursday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

# Holiday Specials

Sale ends 12/31/19

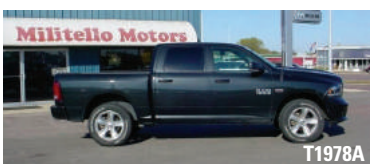
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## '19 RAM 1500 CREW



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## '16 RAM 1500 CREW



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## '13 FORD F-150 CREW



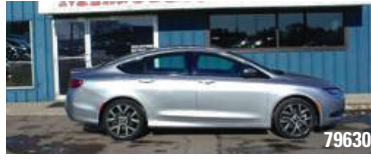
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