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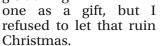
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The cat had its own Christmas tradition By Al Batt

was own to an ugly Christmas sweater.

I lived under the threat of getting



Mvfather grown up in a large family during tough times financially. As Christmas time neared, he'd remind me of the Christmas he was surprised when his gifts were a wooden pencil and an orange. He was pleasantly surprised year.

He'd accustomed to not it came time to buy ever bought. It had a few boxes of Christmas The ornaments were

too young the perfect tree. We as neckties on toads. were searching for the remaining tree. We'd home, lashed to the drive by tree lots until roof of the Pontiac. This we found one that had caused even the most It was an onerous but one tree left. My stubborn of the needles task that would have father reasoned that the still clutching to the tree reduced a lesser man to fellow working there to fall off. would be anxious to unload his last tree so tree was carried into the the tree with tinsel and refused to let that ruin he could go home. It house. A red and green cockeyed would be on sale. It was had a patient man's game, but the prey was finally located.

father to the lot. I tried beyond ever drinking as my mother worked looking even more again, pitiful than usual in the provided. hopes it'd reduce the cost. The man seemed optimistic, likely happy looked as if it had just then the ornaments to see another living struck out with the were hung on the because he didn't thing after spending so expect any gifts that much time with a dead tree. Dad and the man worst Christmas ever, I variation on theme become dickered over the price. had no doubt. Dad won because it was having much money. his money. The rescue the attic brought a rate among fragile This was evident when tree was the worst he'd a Christmas tree. We needles remaining, but decorations. Each box like our dinner plates --

The poor excuse for a water

I looked at the tree. It was a sad plant. It followed the tinsel, and bases loaded.

weren't searching for they were nearly as rare had "Christmas" written no two were the same.

on it. My mother was in charge of decorating the tree. It was tradition. It's good to have traditions. My father's job was to The tree was driven get the multi-colored Christmas tree lights to work. It was tradition.

My mother trimmed optimism. metal tree stand was I said it looked as if fetched from the attic. someone had sneezed The tree was clamped on the tree. I laughed into that device and, uproariously at my I walked with my even though it was world-class witticism was to keep her frown from turning into a smile. She succeeded. Icicles boughs lacking needles. This would be the There was a slight from one Christmas to Another trip to the next as the casualty couple of cardboard ornaments was high.

pretty.

My mother took

her time in finding the

perfect location for

each ornament. Each

came with a story.

She told what each

represented, the origin

of the ornament and

whom it reminded her

of. The stories changed

with the ornaments and

my mother's memories.

The declarations were

more important than

the decorations. The dog alternated her

time between glaring

suspiciously at the

cat (the dog and the

cat took pleasure in

annoying one another)

and wagging her tail

she had the notion.

She slid off into a nap.

The cat sat contentedly

in an empty box. The

feline believed in living

in the present. I listened

intently to my mother's

stories of my family, my

history, my beginnings.

The stories grabbed

me. My family tree had

become a discount Christmas tree made

stories. They

when

appreciatively

The sparse foliage gave happiness room to dance among the branches. Ornaments may have been hung from the tree, but what dangled in their places were precious memories.

By the time Mom put the star on the top of that tree, a miracle had happened. That poor, pathetic excuse for an evergreen had been transformed into the most beautiful Christmas tree in the world. Everything had become remarkable. Angels come in many forms.

It wasn't going to be the worst Christmas ever.

Even after a curious, climbing cat tipped the tree over at two in the morning.

It was then that I realized the cat had his traditions, too.

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KROPP 80TH - David Kropp of Fairmont will be turning 80 on Tuesday, January 1st. Cards will reach him at 1803 Oakwood Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Fairmont United Methodist Church will not have a Wednesday night supper this week due to Christmas vacation or next Wednesday, January 2nd due to the New Year holiday. The suppers will resume on January 9th, 2019.

Grace Lutheran Church of Fairmont will not have an Open Door Meal Wednesday, December 26th or Wednesday, January 2nd due to the holiday break. Open Door Meals will resume Wednesday, January 9th, 2019.

Congregational First 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.

The Fairmont MN Area **Multiple Myeloma Support** Group will be meeting Saturday, December 29th (note: due to Christmas, meeting is scheduled on the 29th instead of the 22nd) at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Fairmont Hospital in "The Classroom" from 10 a.m. until noon. This will be a combination of a holiday and informawill be provided. All patients, are welcome to attend. For further information, call Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.



RASMUSSEN 90TH -Dolliver, Iowa will be 90 90th birthday on Satyears old on Friday, Janu- urday, December 29th. ary 4th. Her family wish- Cards es to honor her with a wishes will reach her at card shower: 5075 130th 615 Washington Avenue, Street, Dolliver, IA 50531. Fairmont, MN 56031.



PETERSON 90TH **Marion Peterson of Fair**and birthday



DARMER 95TH - Ar-Jeannine Rasmussen of mont will celebrate her lene Darmer of Fairmont will celebrate her 95th birthday on Thursday, December 27th. Cards can be sent to 350 Goldfinch Street, Apt. 501, Fairmont, MN 56031.

RUDOLPH **50TH** Chuck and Evelyn Rudolph of Fairmont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 27th. Cards may reach them at: 6 Elm Road, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Youth foundation awards grants to local groups

Youth Foundation awarded \$25,257 in grants to ten vide mentees and their ed in September to Martin organizations and/or proj-families opportunities to County West School for ects in November. Grants participate in activities. were given to the following organizations and projects:

Services: \$10,000. Project: students. Comprehensive Dental Services for Low-Income ervation Association/Red tribute funds to enhance

Commerce: \$2,450. Proj- shop. ect: Area Career Exploration Day.

school Eco-Club.

• Fairmont Area Kin-

• Fairmont Area Kin- Program.

The Martin County ship: \$2,500. Project: Scholarship funds to pro- of \$1,650 was also award-

> • Fairmont Jr. Sr. High Retreat. School: \$2,000. Project: Scholarship funds for ba-

• Fairmont Chamber of Show and Student Work-

• Fairmont CER-ISD Rock Center: \$425. Proj-2752: \$932. Project: After- ect: Children's Theatre Workshop and Play.

ship: \$4,000. Project: ical Society: \$500. Project: information, visit www. Adopt-a-Match Program. Annual School Visitation martincountyyouthfoun-

• An emergency grant their 8th Grade Courage

The Martin County Youth Foundation was • Children's Dental sic needs of low income founded in 2000. The organization is committed to • Martin County Pres- acquire, manage and dis-Children and Pregnant Rock Center: \$800. Proj- the lives of youth in Martin Women in Martin County. ect: Area High School Art County. Since its inception more than \$440,000 have been granted to support • Martin County Pres- youth related programs ervation Association/Red and activities in Martin County. March 15th, 2019 is the next grant deadline for projects beginning af-• Martin County Histor- ter May 15th. For more dation.org.

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"Lunch & Learn" on **Organic Farming**

A "Lunch & Learn" their organic farming and sponsored event CREST and Temperance Lake Ridge will be held on ing menu of brats, baked Wednesday, January 2nd beans, chips with dips, at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior and brownies to celebrate Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

program this The Whole Grain Milling, as he some visiting. will share information on

by food products.

A lunch with a tailgatthe Vikings season will follow with a free will donation to defray expenses.

Anyone from the area month will be presented is welcome to enjoy the by Doug Hilgendorf from presentation, lunch, and

Chili chefs wanted for chili cookoff competition

High School, Northrop a \$20 card. Registration is Class of 2021 is looking for Chili Chefs who would 15th. like to compete in a Chili Challenge competition.

school on Tuesday, Janu- ing is open that evening ary 29th from 5-7 p.m.

First place competitors will win \$30 HyVee

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To register call 507-436-5249 or register at The chili competition www.martinlutherhs. will be held at the high com. The tasting and votto the general public for a \$5 cost.



broom ball tournament rental is \$2.00. and open skate on Satur-Hockey Arena on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

The invitation is being tional meeting. A light lunch made by MERGE, which is a group of youth groups being donated by the Faircaregivers, family and friends including YOCO (Martin mont Hockey Association. They will have an open on the event, contact Jen skate from 3 to 4 p.m. that Kahler at 507-320-9377.

families are invited to a ages and families. Skate

The broom ball tourday, 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 7th grade to adult. You can come with a team or join one when you arrive.

Ice time for this event is County YOuth COalition). If you have any questions







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Teen Vision Board event

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provided,

Teens and tweens please bring your own ages 10-18 are invited photos, quotes and

This event is free Thursday, December and no registration is

Call the Martin County Library at 238-All supplies will 4207 with questions.

Noon Year's Eve Pajama Party at library

families Martin County Library the New Year! in Fairmont for a Noon Year's Eve Pajama Party and no registration is on Saturday, December 29th from 11 a.m. to 12

Enjoy a variety of questions.

are activities, including a invited to join the milk and cookie toast to

This event is free required.

Contact the library at 238-4207 with any

Soup's on!

hot bowl of soup is becoming available this winter to those needing a cup of warmth, spiritual uplift, and fellowship.

The Shepherd's In, a new nonprofit, will be serving a We hope to provide that free soup meal at the Parsonage in front of the Martin County Historical Society at 304 East Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont on the following Saturdays: December 29th, January 19th and February 9th. Serving time is 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. each date. There is no charge for the meal.

The Shepherd's In nonprofit was formed in 2018 with a mission to provide assistance that helps people improve their situation. by operating a soup kitchen; be directed to the shepherdsupport strong family rela-sin@gmail.com.

A new opportunity for a tionships; utilize nutritious, fresh, local grown food; and support the human mind, body and spirit. "There are so many people in our community that need a moral uplift and a warm meal. through our work with The Shepherd's In." said Curt Moeckel, Founder. "We are beginning our mission with a soup kitchen."

Thank you to the Martin County Historical Society who are donating the use of their Parsonage for our first soup meals. The Shepherd's In is accepting donations and they can be mailed to The Shepherd's In, 1446 30th Street, Ceylon, MN 56121 or by giving them directly to They will accomplish this Mr. Moeckel. Questions can

Ask A Trooper: **Expired health card**

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, **MN State Patrol**

Question: What is the could receive another penalty for an expired citation. health card while driving a commercial vehicle such as a semi?

health card is required pounds. If the driver's Toward Zero Deaths. health card is expired, the driver would be subject questions could be allowed to issues out-of-service until the *mn.us*) health card is valid and

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Key Tips That Save

- 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.



- if you choose to drink
- 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.
- NONE FOR THE ROAD. Remember, you don't have to drink at all to have a great

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Ask the Fairmont City Administrator

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Mike Humpal, City of Fairmont Administrator

Ask the Public Works Director/City Engineer

What is the current street improvement pro- oped for 2019. The projschedule for fixing our gram every other year ects that are included in roads and how is that to address aging streets the improvement proand utilities. The next gram are determined The City completes a program is being devel- by multiple factors. The

condition of the street, the age of the utilities, traffic volumes, trail or ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) upgrades, and finally the amount of money available for construction. The cost for 2019 plan is estimated at \$5,000,000 with these funds coming from general fund debt service, assessments, grants, and State

Aid. Do I have to pay to get a new street by my

house?

The City's funding current requires program that assessments be imposed on any property that receiving the benefit of a new or improved

street. The City currently has several levels of street improvements and the assessments rates vary for each type of improvement. Assessments are based on the amount of frontage a property has on the improved street. Rates vary widely from \$2.50/ft of frontage to \$85/ft of frontage, all dependent on the type of improvement.



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More input on the proposed community center

I would like to provide a taxpayer's point of view on the proposed Fairmont recreation community center and provide a few suggestions to the appointed Community Center Committee.

Fairmont residents passed a "Sales and Use Tax", a tax dedicated to fund "recreational amenities, trails and/or a Fairmont Community Center". I believe most of the citizens are in favor of developing recreational alternatives for Fairmont. It is not clear if there is a Project Execution Plan (PEP) developed, outlining purpose, scope and objectives utilizing the new tax dollars and/or committing other tax dollars/funds to a community center. The community center seems to be a preconceived need/notion, by certain business, minority public input and newspaper articles. I cannot support an expensive endeavor without an appropriate execution plan and a cost benefit financial plan. Please address these concerns. The following points may help in addressing these gaps and emphasizing a PEP:

- Is the city of Fairmont meeting voter expectations by reviewing alternatives to spend the Sales and Use Tax funds, i.e., other than a community center?
- The concept to have a community center where elderly or young people have a place to gather and en-

gage in "recreation" seems feasible, however the City of Fairmont has no business competing with private enterprise nor non-profit organizations, ie: fitness centers and banquet halls. Dedicated tax dollars towards public use amenities should not directly compete with local establishments/ facilities/business already in place. Explain how the city will assure there will be no competition on tax generating resources?

Tax Dollar Stewardship **Questions:**

- 1. The City of Fairmont is proposing a huge financial commitment on a multiphased Community Center project, with phase 1 estimated at \$24.7 million and operating expenses of \$530K per year. Where are the funds for this project coming from?
- 2. The Community Center Committee plans to raise \$10 million in private donations, is this feasible?
- 3. The Local Sales and Use Sales Tax (0.5%) is generating about \$600,000 per year or \$15 million over 25 years, this amount of tax revenue does not come close to paying for Community Center expenditure, very likely just cover operating expenses each year. Where are the other funds coming from?
- 4. Transparency and accountability are a concern. with citizens not being al-

lowed to vote on whether or not a Community Center will be built. This looks a bit like taxation without representation. The city council requiring a simple majority of 3 of the 5 council members, albeit elected officials, is this appropriate?

- 5. Our supporting area, e.g. Martin County residents, have county commissioners and residents approached on financial support and risks? Has the county assisted the city on other projects?
- 6. What does past performance on other city project/ endeavors look like, such as the aquatic park? Are they self-sustaining or require supplements?
- 7. How does this project fit in with other future tax dollar demands, such as a new jail, low income housing, etc.?
- I support Fairmont's growth and success! I appreciate the resources it takes to manage a city and I do desire an appropriate future for the community with transparency on tax revenue spending and executing well thought out plans.

Hugh Fraser Fairmont

Editor's note: not all of Hugh's letter was published, due to space limitations. Copies of his full letter are available upon request at the Photo Press.

Thank you for Aksenof benefit

everyone who attended and every one of you from the benefit in support of the bottom of our hearts. our daughter, Alaina Aksenov. We are grateful for all of the love, support Scotty Bigg's BBQ from and generosity you have Winnebago for the won-

A special thank you to shown to us in this diffi- derful meal, each of the

We would like to thank cult time. We thank each volunteers who donated their time and everyone who donated items to the meal and silent auction.

> Thank you, again. Vladimir, Logan, Alaina and Evan Aksenov

Community Center discussion feedback

cational/feedback meeting at the Fairmont Opera House.

I was very glad to see the meeting conducted respectfully by people attending.

I went with three "major questions":

- 1. What affect would the 6.5% estimated potential tax increase be on my property for upfront bonding? (I was told \$52.00 on opinion, "not a deal break-
- 2. I had/have concerns of who might run the facility and potential for similar to the proposed

I attended the recent operating deficiency. (I community center edu- was told the city and comwith the YMCA). It would rience in such endeavors.

> money needed to be raised/pledged and timelline? (I was told about \$10.8 million by the committee and likely all needed to be lined up prior to proceeding).

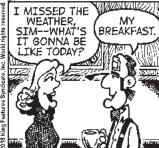
a \$150,000 house) - in my factory answers that ap- ing on the project as some pears to limit taxpayer common ground is perdollars with an entity of haps reached. YMCA, that has a track record of managing facilities

I very much like the mittee are in negotiations idea of youth activities and possibly addressing child be a satisfactory answer to day care needs facing our me given the YMCA expe- community. On that note, as I step closer to retire-3. How much private ment, an adult day care (ie: Senior Citizen) with activities for elderly people sounds like a good fit also.

I appreciate being a part of the communithy discussion and hopefully Personally, I got satis- see more giving and tak-

> Ed Willett Fairmont







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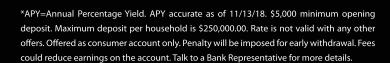


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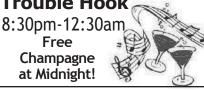
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December 21 - LeRoy Flohrs, 99, Truman (formerly Trimont)

December 22 - Patricia A. Meyer, 83, Fairmont

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

As we're almost to the end of the year, let's take a look at what books were Martin County's Top Ten Most Read in 2018! These titles are all adult fiction. Without further ado, here's the list!

10 (Tie): The Wife Between Us by Greer Kristin Hannah

Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen and Y is for Yesterday is Sue Grafton

9 The Woman in the Window by AJ Finn

8 Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate 7 The Nightingale by

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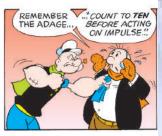
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FRI: Golden broil fish, creamed potatoes, beets,

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TUE: Closed. I WED: Roast turkey, ■ mashed potatoes, gravy,

creamed corn, cherry crisp.



BUDDY... MAY I JOIN YOU FOR LUNCH?



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WRONG TIMET MOOCH ME, Y'SWAB!



Jeff's Jottings

y the time you I have reread this column. ferred to as Christmas will already have come and gone. in nature! I'm sure that you will have Speaking undone your belt, much of which, I like I will, from all the great haven't had food you have taken in over anything to the past couple days. I will have the luck of two great meals. One up in Mountain Lake at my in-laws last Saturday and then Christmas Day was spent at my parent's home in Fairmont. It is always great to get together with family during the holidays. I go from a relatively calm setting at the Harder home in Mt. Lake to the "near chaos" of the Hagen clan for our family gettogethers. Now don't get me wrong, I love my family dearly, but sometimes the volume level when we are visiting gets to be near "rock concert" levels. Now I won't use any names, but the loudest is usually one

"redneck" talk about



coming from that family in a while, maybe that will change over Christmas. We'll just have to wait and see. We will also have our annual tradition pickle ornament in Mom and Dad's Christmas tree. Mom does a great job of hiding it each year and it's fun watching my sisters scrambling to find it. German tradition is that whoever finds the pickle ornament gets to receive a special gift. It's more fun for me to watch all the action than to take part.

"What is it?" returns!

Well, the item that I had as a "What is it?" two weeks

ago has apparently stumped item that you want featured our readers. I didn't have in a future column? Stop by any guesses on the item at the Photo Press with your all, so I think I will save it item so we can take a picfor a future column and see ture, get details and meaif I have better luck with an answer in the future. This week's item is a heavy piece. It is made out of cast steel and is approximately 24 inches in overall length and it has a number of moveable parts. There is also a long metal handle as you can see in the photo. The entire piece is mounted on a wood board and the inscription on the handle is "American". So, what is it and what is it used for? If you know the answer, drop me an email at created so many issues for jeff@fairmontphotopress. us that we get bogged down



surements to be featured in a future column.

No resolutions for me!

I have made the comment in years past that I have never been a big believer in making resolutions - mainly because I know most of those I would make would be broken in relatively short order, so why go through the heartache? I think instead of resolutions, we all should just stop and take a look at our own lives. Society has (German) of looking for the com or call the office at 507- or distracted by things

> any relevance in our lives. Through social media, news outlets, and special interest groups, we constantly being told

that we should place "me •Monday evening, Decemfirst". Slow down and enjoy life as it is, not as you think it Eve meal from 5 to 8 p.m. at how much good there really is in this world.

With it being the week between Christmas and place around the area. you know about before I go this week: •First Congregational UCC in Fairmont will have a FREE community meal on Wednesday, December 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the church. They will also as they celebrate all who have December birthdays. This meal is served by the church Mission Board. •The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church and the Wednesday Open Door Meal at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont will New Year's Eve! not take place this week or Wednesday, January 2nd due to the holiday break. Both meals will resume on Wednesday, January 9th.

first" instead of "others ber 31st the Sherburn Lions Club will host a New Year's should be! You'll be amazed at the Sherburn American Legion. You can have steak, shrimp, pork chop or com-Have a Happy New Year bo meals for a charge and then stay and enjoy fellowship with others! Check out News Years, there are not their ad in this week's Photo too many events taking Press. There will be many people enjoying good food Here are a few things to let and beverages at many local establishments. If you partake of a little too much of the latter, please be responsible and have a designated driver, or just leave your vehicle in the lot and call a cab. A little inconvebe serving birthday cake nience of having to rely on someone else is much better than driving when you shouldn't be. If you are out and about that evening, be wary of other drivers on the roads. Have a great week!

> Drive safely - visit a shutin or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - be safe



YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF **DECEMBER 29, 1993**

Fairmont Tamper recognized two long-time employees who were retiring. Janice Nelson was with Fairmont Tamper for 32 years, most of it serving as bookkeeper. Tom Sime was retiring after 17 years with the company. He spent his entire career in the Inventory Control Department.

Fairmont's hopes of landing a North Carolinabased "Ocu-Tec" contact lens manufacturing company collapsed after an announcement that FEDA also featured the lighting of a

Director Russell Jacobson had resigned by order of acting city administrator Jim Zarling. Zarling stated that Jacobson's announcement of the company coming to Fairmont were "premature". Two weeks later city officials announced they ended discussions with the company after financial sources withdrew financing offers.

Martin County Hospice celebrated its first year of service with a "Hospice Helping Hands" service of love and thanksgiving at First Congregational Church in Fairmont. The celebration offered prayers of thanks for loved ones remembered and

string of lights on the Helping Hands Tree.

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF **DECEMBER 29. 1968**

Fairmont Cooperative Association's Midland Store at 500 S. State Street advertised housewares at a close-out reduction of 30 percent. Twelve cubic foot refrigerator-freezers were going at \$290, electric clothes dryers at \$90 and dishwashers at \$159. A 30inch coppertone gas range with timer and window oven

was on sale at \$125.

Notes from the Photo Press "Smorgasbord" column: A man always feels good with a few winks, especially if she winks back. A beautiful woman is one you notice; a charming woman is one who notices you. Next to automation, nothing beats a wastebasket to speed up your work.

George A. Barden, prominent dry goods merchant, died of a heart attack at age

Area College Student News



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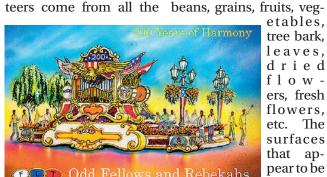
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Odd Fellows Rebekahs to have float in Rose Parade

lows will be celebrating the last weeks of Decem- girl's Theta Rho lodges. their 200th anniversary. The theme of the upcoming 2019 Rose Parade in California is "Melody of Life" The Odd Fellows Rebekahs float will be titled "200 years of Harmony" in celebration of the bicentennial of Odd Fellowship in North America.

Each year since 1908 the Odd Fellows Rebekahs have had a float in the Rose Parade, which takes place on New Year's Day. The Odd Fellows Rebekahs floats have been recognized by Rose Parade judges over the past half century for the complex and painstakingly precise detail of their ar-

ber each year by dozens of members of the Inde- Rose Parade float MUST pendent Order of Odd be covered in natural Fellows (IOOF). Volun- materials such as seeds,



Concept drawing of the Odd Fellows are actuand Rebekahs Rose Parade float for 2019.

affiliated orders of the ed with an underlayer of IOOF around the world: white glue upon which Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, is manually

In 2019, the Odd Fel- float is decorated during Junior Odd Fellows and

The entire surface of a

etables, tree bark, leaves, dried flowers, fresh flowers, etc. The surfaces that appear to be 'painted"

ally coatdabbed

rial which is prepared by grinding seeds and flower petals into a fine dust. Many different floral materials are requried to achieve the range of colors found on the floats.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have participated in the Rose Parade since 1908, continuously since 1955.

Dave "Ace" Adams, a local member of the Odd Fellows, and his wife Deb, both of Fairmont, had the opportunity to assist with the parade float in 2008-2009 when Dave was the Grand Master for the Minnesota jurisdiction. Adams stated at the time that he thought it would be a fun opportunity, "FUN it was! We said we should do it again someday because we met lots of people, learned about the float process,

the grandstand seating

and even took in the Rose Bowl football game."

Ace and his wife the got opportunity to take part again this year and

jumped at the chance to again be part of the parade process as walkers along the parade route. "We submitted our applications in June and began a walking schedule to prepare for the 5.5 mile parade that could take as long as 3 hours," stated Adams. "We found out in August that we were selected and that we would

watched the parade from the float for at least two days."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018



Odd Fellows Rebekahs parade float from 1908.

The Adams and another couple will be making the trip, as they will fly out on December 26th. Ace and Deb plan to stick around after the parade to attend a membership seminar that begins January 4th.

Photos and information courtesy of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Rose Float website.





Martin Luther High School students kicked-off Finals Week with an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest. Pictured are students and staff who participated. Winners were Mallery Geistfeld and Joshua Bergt. (Submitted photo)



St. James Lutheran School in Northrop would like to give a HUGE THANKS to all those who donated to help make our new school bus a REALITY. (Submitted photo)



Great Plains Transportation Services, Inc. recently donated \$1,000 to Kids Against Hunger (KAH). They are also forming a team of ten to help pack on February 16th, 2019 at St. John Vianney School Gym. Pictured (L to R): Theresa Petersen, Patti Mielke, Jessica Andrews, Britta Helgeson, Tami Borchardt, Jessica Swenstad, Emily Shumski, Annie Post, Ashley Wiederhoeft, Sue Homan (KAH, Karen Sandhurst (KAH), Karla Ebert (KAH), and Ron Sandhurst (KAH). (Submitted photo)



Partners Funding, Inc. recently donated \$1,000 to Kids Against Hunger. They are also forming a team of ten to help pack on February 16th at St. John Vianney School Gym. Pictured (L to R): Ron Sandhurst (KAH), Karla Ebert (KAH), Lisa Meyer, Karen Sandhurst (KAH), Sue Homan (KAH), Dawn Christensen, Ashley Wiederhoeft, Andrea DeWar, Kristen Cartwright, Macy Elness, Becky Grathwohl, and April Garrison. (Submitted photo)

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Mayo Clinic Health System Community Update

thanks, our team at Mayo project

We've it wouldn't have been demand and communities. We look forward to our ongoing to bringing the best Mayo health care to southern System Minnesota and northern and Iowa in 2019.

what's been taking place A Clinical Psychologist, with Mayo Clinic Health Dr. LaLonde's primary System in Fairmont.

Community

System in Fairmont is includes many excited to offer a new of seven-week program conditions. is specifically for those who are at risk of falling, practitioner, have a fear of falling or Medicine, recently joined who have fallen more Mayo than once. Classes will System in Fairmont and be held on Fridays from 9 began seeing patients to 11 a.m. in the hospital October of this year. As main classroom Feb. 8th- a hospitalist, Dirksen's March 22nd. Participants primary will learn to identify and remove or avoid fall of hospitalized patients. hazards in their homes His duties include patient and outside; how vision, care, hearing, medication and research. footwear affect your risk of falling; the best strength 507-238-8101.

special thank you to the medical treatment for Fairmont Hospital Foundation for cuts, low-grade burns, ear launching a fundraiser aches, skin conditions, to benefit the new Lutz sprains, Cancer Center.

Lakeview held December 17th.

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* We were glad to give a \$1,000 gift to support Heaven's Table Food Shelf during the busy holiday at season.

> **Growth and Services** We're beginning questions.

As we continue this construction in January season of giving and 2019 on our \$1.7 million to Clinic Health System in Oncology and Infusion Fairmont would like to Therapy to the current express our gratitude to Lutz Wing. This will help all of the communities we us to improve patient serve for your generosity, experience and allow partnership and support. for adequate space and experienced privacy, as well as meet another great year, and the current and growing for possible without our services in southern patients, staff members Minnesota and northern Iowa.

* Cathleen LaLonde, commitment Ph.D., recently joined Clinic Health in Fairmont seeing began behavioral health Below is a snapshot of patients December 3rd. professional focus is the emotional and mental Mayo Clinic Health health of patients. This areas health behavioral program called Stepping service, such as anxiety, On. Stepping On is depression, trauma work, aimed at reducing falls women'shealthandmood and building confidence or emotional symptoms in older adults. This related to chronic health

> * Kevin Dirksen, nurse Hospital Clinic professional focus is the medical care education and

* Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and balance exercises for opened its new Urgent their personal needs and Care on Friday, November fitness level; and how to 2nd. Urgent Care, which get back on their feet the is located inside the right way if they fall. A \$10 clinic on the medical fee is charged to cover center campus, covers cost of the instructional treatment of allergies, booklet. To register, call bladder infections, ear and eye infections, strep * We want to extend a throat and rashes, minor Community back and muscle pain, joint and upper respiratory * Mayo Clinic Health infections. Urgent Care System was honored treats patients of all ages. to donate \$25,000 to In addition to Urgent Methodist Care, Express Care online Health Care Center in remains available through support of its capital Mayo Clinic's Patient campaign. A special Online Services portal as check presentation was a convenient, online care option for 14 common * The Mini Magic conditions for patients program ages 18 months through 75 years.

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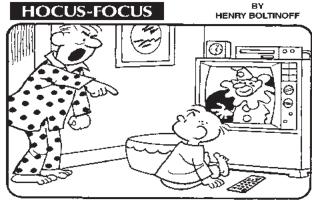
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GLOVE SAVE - Cardinals goalie Dakotah Hoefker makes a glove save on Marshall's Tristan VanDeVere. VanDeVere had a "Hat Trick" in the Tigers 8-0 victory over the Cards last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



POKE CHECK - Cards Anna Nordquist knocks the puck off the stick of the Trojans Makenna Nickel as goalie Hadley Artz defends the play. Mackenzie Householder and Brooklyn Meyer had two goals each in the Cards comeback win over Worthington/Fulda last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



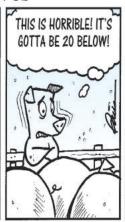
SET UP - Mackenzie Householder sets up Marshall's goalie Alexis Moat for a third period goal. Householder scored the only goal for the Cards in their 8-1 loss to the Tigers last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DRIVE BY - Cards Madysen Allen drives by St Peter's Allison McCabe. The Cardinals edged the Saints 48-45 last Thursday night in Fairmont. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*

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