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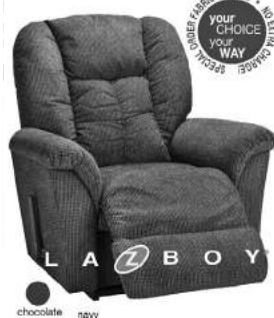
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SCHULTZE-HILGENDORF - Cammy Schultze and Nick Hilgendorf have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage. Cammy's parents are Steve and Linda Schultze of Ceylon and Nick's parents are Jeff and Trina Hilgendorf of Fairmont. Cammy is a 2013 graduate of Fairmont Area High School and currently studies studio art at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Nick is a 2013 graduate of Fairmont Area High School and currently studies electrical engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota. A June 25th, 2016 wedding is planned at the bride's family residence. *Photo courtesy of Inspired Portrait Photography of Mankato*



PETERSON-WINNER - Felicia Peterson and Matt Winner were married on August 8th, 2015 at the Peterson family farm in East Chain with Brent Stromme officiating. A reception was held at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church. The bride's parents are Rick and Linda Peterson of East Chain. The groom's parents are Bill and Cindy Winner of Patterson, Missouri. Felicia is the Office Manager/HR at New Frontiers Camp in Dowelltown, Tennessee. Matt is a builder/inspector of Challenge Courses for Edgie Designs in Dowelltown, Tennessee. *Photo courtesy of DZ Photography*



HILGENDORF 60TH - Bob and JoAnn Hilgendorf celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 13th, 2016. Their family had a surprise meal for them, along with their children and grandchildren at the Cup and Saucer Cafe in Sherburn. A delicious five-course meal was served and a wonderful time was had by all!



HOLTZ 65TH - Virgil and Donna Holtz will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on February 18th. Cards will reach them at 1628 Sayles Drive, Jackson, MN 56171.

All members and spouses of the **Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 254** are invited to a Valentine's Day Dinner at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont on Saturday, February 13th at 12:00 noon. There will be a drawing for prizes after dinner. All Korean War Veterans are invited.

The Ceylon American Legion and Sons of the American Legion will have a **Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed** on Saturday, February 12th at the Nassen-Detert Post #529 in Ceylon. Serving is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds go to benefit the programs of Ceylon American Legion Post #529.



SAGGAU 95TH - A card shower is planned to honor Erma Saggau for her 95th birthday on February 13th, 2016. Greetings may be sent to 601 Shoreacres Drive, Unit 102, Fairmont, MN 56031.

American Cancer Society **Martin County Relay for Life** will be held on June 25th, 2016. Now is the time to gather your friends and family and start a team for this year's Relay for Life. The kick-off meeting for the Team Captains will be March 7th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems-Fairmont in the main class room from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Team Captains please join us to pick up information for this year's Relay and help us with the fight against cancer.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dunnell will be having a **Valentine's Day Soup and Dessert Supper** on Sunday, February 14th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Ladies Aid. Suggested donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 4-11, and free for under 4 years. There will be soups as well as rolls, crackers, beverages and various desserts. We look forward to seeing you!



Troy Dean Fritz to Lisa Lynette Klein

A **Granny Basketball Competition** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on February 20th at 12:30 p.m. with pre-game activities. Spectators can enjoy an exhibition of the Fairbault Hot Shots vs. the Wamamingo Bulldogs followed by these Grannys vs. MCR Students and Grannys vs. Community Women. There will be a charge for the event. Exhibition is six-on-six basketball with 1920 rules.

The East Chain United Methodist Church will host the **Community Coffee Party** on Saturday, February 13th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. They will be serving rolls, donuts, coffee, tea, juice and hot chocolate.

Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!

A **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** will be served by the youth group at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn on Sunday, February 14th in the church basement. Menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee. Free will donation.

Welcome Festival Fund-raiser

The Welcome Summer Festival Committee will serve shredded beef soft-shell tacos or nachos with all the fixin's, on Friday, February 19th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or until gone).

The fund-raiser will be at the Welcome Legion Hall.

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Madelia Fund Set Up For Those Affected By Fire

Madelia business owners, employees and the entire community have been greatly affected by the devastating fire that destroyed and damaged a large portion of Main Street in the early morning hours of February 3rd. The losses suffered will have a long term impact on the Madelia community.

Madelia will stay strong and rebuild.

In response to the outpouring of support after this terrible loss a fund has been set up to help all of those affected by the fire. If you would like to show your support and to help Madelia rebuild submit your contributions to: Madelia Area Chamber of

Commerce, PO Box 171, Madelia, MN 56062.

Make checks payable to "Region Nine Area, Inc" with "Madelia" in the memo line.

All proceeds will benefit the businesses and individuals affected by the fire and mitigate the disastrous losses incurred.

Tony Downs Foods Increases Its Support to Madelia Fire Relief

Tony Downs Foods announced today an increase in its donation to the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) to help support relief efforts for the Feb. 3rd fire in downtown Madelia.

The Company will contribute up to an additional \$80,000 to the fund, bringing the total

Company commitment to \$100,000. This additional support is to help cover those expenses not reimbursed by insurance or other sources.

This is a very close-knit community and our team members are a tremendous part of it. We are grateful to the community and businesses here for the support they have given

us over the years and we will give our continued support to the community during this time of need."

Tony Downs Foods is proud to employ almost 400 team members who live, work and support the Madelia area and businesses. The Company has been located in Madelia for 60 years.

Wendy Nickel is Artist of the Month at Red Rock Center

The public is invited to a meet-the-artist reception for Wendy Nickel of Kieser on Saturday, February 13th, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

"Embellishment - The Art of Buttons and Twigs," a collection of quilts, wall hangings, weavings, wearable art, accessories, and

dolls will be on display and you will have the opportunity to visit with Wendy and learn about the inspiration behind the artwork. Wine and light refreshments will be served. This is a free event and open to the public.

Fiber art classes by Wendy for children 5 years and older will begin Satur-

day, February 13th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Red Rock Center and running for three consecutive Saturdays. Children will engage in a thread art project for Valentine's Day, learn how to weave, and have some fun with kool aid tie dye. Classes are \$5 per session. Call CER at 507-235-3141 to pre-register.

Mayo Donates \$10,000 to Madelia Fire Relief

Mayo Clinic Health System announced a \$10,000 donation to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) to help support relief efforts for the February 3rd fire in downtown Madelia.

"Our hearts go out to the business owners and the entire Madelia community who have been impacted by the devastating fire," says Greg Kutcher, M.D., president and CEO of Mayo Clinic Health System in the Southwest Minnesota region.

Among the businesses affected were restaurants, a dentistry, an upholstery shop and the Culligan store, which was bulldozed down to stop the fire from spreading to the north side of town.

"In past years, when tragedy strikes our southern Minnesota region, we have worked with partners to provide business recovery grants," explains Tim Penny, Southern Minnesota Foundation Initiative President and CEO. "We are prepared to do the same for the Madelia community in the aftermath of

their terrible loss. The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation is grateful to Mayo their grant of \$10,000, which will go to a grant fund to help the eight businesses affected by the fire. We're hopeful that other businesses will also contribute to this fund."

To donate, contact the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation at 507-455-3215 or visit <https://smifoundation.org/presencehost.net/philanthropy/donate.html>.

Ultimate Klondike Racing Competition

The North Star District of Boy Scouts of America is hosting "The Ultimate Klondike Racing Competition" on Saturday, February 13th at Cedar Point Scout Camp, south of Fairmont.

The events take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and include: Ice Golf, Broom-

ball, Buddy Stove, Firewood, Snow Sculpture Contest and the racing competition.

Units should arrive at Cedar Point by 8 a.m. ready for a full day of activities. Dress accordingly for the weather outdoors!

For this competition, the Scouts will move from sta-

tion to station participating in a variety of "tried and true" events. Lunch will be a soup and sandwich potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Cost for the day is \$5.00 per person.

For more info, contact Mike Phippen at 507-381-8093 or email him at phippen5@bevcomm.net.

Fairmont Teacher Eligible for Teacher of the Year

The 2016 Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be chosen from a field of 114 candidates. These candidates have accepted their nominations and completed the required materials to become eligible for the honor.

This year's program will name the 52nd Minnesota Teacher of the Year, celebrating the

tradition of excellence in teaching in Minnesota. Candidates include pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade and Adult Basic Education teachers, from public or private schools.

The 2016 Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be announced Sunday, May 15th, at the Radisson Blu Mall of America in Bloom-

ington, Minnesota.

Catherine Kallenbach, of Fairmont Area Schools, has been nominated and is among the 114 candidates this year.

Over the coming weeks, a 25-member panel of community leaders will name a group of semifinalists and finalists.

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Remembering Bob Porter

Guest Columnist



Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

There are many individuals from the past that have contributed significantly to the business and economic development of Martin County. One of those individuals was Robert E. Porter, best known as "Bob" to his friends.

Porter was born in Alliance, Nebraska, and moved to Fairmont with his parents at the age of one. When they moved to Fairmont and saw the lakes they were impressed and decided to make Fairmont their home.

Bob Porter's father, Clayton, and uncle, Fred, wanted to own a bank in Fairmont, but needed funding for that endeavor. Consequently, as a result of their honest and hard work in Nebraska, Clayton's employer from Alliance, Nebraska, provided the financial backing necessary. The bank they were associated with was the First National Bank in Fairmont.

Bob Porter came from a family of bankers. His father, Clayton, was president of the First National Bank in Fairmont, and his uncle, Fred, was cashier. However, neither Clayton nor Fred were handed their positions, rather, they earned them. Clayton as a bookkeeper in a crockery store in Alliance, Nebraska, and Fred worked at a buggy factory.

Bob Porter graduated from Fairmont High School in 1910 and the University of Minnesota in 1914. He returned to Fairmont and began working at the First National Bank as an assistant cashier.

Then, when the United States was involved in World War I, he was accepted into officer candidate school at Fort Snelling in 1917. He served overseas as a first lieutenant during the Army occupation of Germany. After his military service, he returned to his job at the bank.

In 1929, the Porters sold their bank to the First Bank Corporation. After they sold the bank, they formed two corporations. The corporation that Bob was in charge of was eventually named "Porter Farms" with holdings that represented farmland in Martin County. In addition to overseeing family interests in that corporation, he also



served as treasurer of Fairmont Railway Motors, Inc. and Vice President of Martin County National Bank.

Bob Porter kept himself quite busy in a number of other endeavors as well. Perhaps one of the most notable was in 1921 when he, Dr. Lester Webb, Dr. R. H. Zierke, and Frank Jones bought the Grill Motor Company from J. H. Grill. This became the Park Motor Company in Fairmont, presently known as Fairmont Ford. Porter served at various times as secretary or treasurer for Park Motor Company over the years.

Perhaps one of the more memorable, and courageous, events in his life, of which he did not emphasize, came about in 1916 in California. Porter, his father and his sister, were vacationing in the Los Angeles, California, area. They were out for a swim in the ocean when a friend that accompanied Porter complained of being tired and wanting to return to shore to rest. However, the

strong undertow kept him from coming to shore. Porter swam out to help his friend, who then panicked grabbing Porter around the neck. Porter continued to hold his friend above water as best as possible, but in the process was also becoming exhausted. Their cries for help couldn't be heard above the roar of the pounding

surf. Fortunately, Porter's sister saw that something was very wrong and called to the life guards for help. The life guards then threw out a life-saving buoy in an attempt to rescue the two boys. The rope broke on the first attempt, but fortunately held the second time as the two boys would have likely drowned from exhaustion very soon.

The Los Angeles papers reported the incident; however, Porter was too modest to admit to any heroic actions. He did, however, qualify for a Carnegie Hero Medal as a result of his valiant efforts.

Porter passed away on December 15, 1973, and is buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

For more information on this topic, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs

Donors Urged to Help Red Cross Maintain Blood Supply

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients by giving blood this February.

During the winter months, inclement winter weather and seasonal illnesses can keep regular donors from giving blood. Healthy donors of all blood types are needed to help maintain an adequate blood supply for patients in their own communities as well as areas where donors were unable to give due to se-

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Truman

February 24th, 2016: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Truman High School, 401 E 1st St. S.

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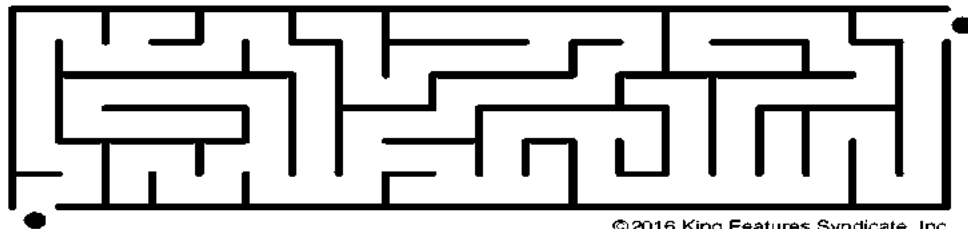


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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

High Fiber Bread

I had finished a book and hit a snag with a knitting project, so what to do on a day when your pretty well snowed in?! Oh, I know, there is always a deep cleaning project I could do but I wasn't in the mood. Then I thought about a bread cookbook my Mother had given me several years ago, written by Linda Hinrichsen Kastner. Linda now lives in California, but went to school at Elmore. She was a friend that I have lost track of over the years. I enjoyed reading her cookbook on how to bake bread along with several recipes. I decided it was time I try one. I am so glad I did! It is the best whole wheat bread I've tasted. It makes 3 loaves, so you can eat one, freeze one and have one to share with a friend!

High Fiber Bread:

2 cups scalded milk
1 cup warm water
2 pkgs. dry yeast, dissolved in 1/2 cup warm water and 1 tsp sugar. Let set until foams
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup molasses
1/4 cup oil
2 tsp salt
3 cups whole wheat flour
1 cup rye flour
1 cup flax meal or wheat germ (I used flax meal)
1 cup yellow corn meal
2-3 cups white bread flour

Scald milk, then put in a large bowl, add cold water to the hot milk to cool it. Add dissolved yeast mixture. Stir in the honey, molasses, oil and salt, then the flours, whole wheat, rye, flax meal, corn meal, stir well. Add white bread flour until you can knead. (I used 2 1/2 cups and kneaded in the last 1/2 cup) Turn out on a floured counter, let rest 10 minutes and then knead 10 minutes. The longer the better. (I set a timer) Place in a greased bowl and cover. Let rise until double, punch down and let raise again. Shape into 3 loaves, place in greased bread pans 8" in length x 3 inches deep. Let rise only to the top of the pans. Bake at 375 degrees for 30- 35 minutes. Remove from pans, brushing tops with butter. Cool completely. Great toasted. Stay safe and warm and have a great week!

Mayo School of Health Sciences' Career Immersion Program

Mayo School of Health Sciences is hosting its first Career Immersion Program for diverse high school juniors and seniors. The program, to be held July 11th-15th, 2016, includes a week of career exploration, supervised lodging and meals in downtown Rochester, Minnesota. Participants will meet with current students and professionals in a range of health science professions, network with

Mayo Clinic faculty and learn the academic path for enrolling in accredited health science education programs.

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Qualified students will be Minnesota juniors or seniors during the 2016-2017 school year, have GPAs of 2.75 or higher, and an expressed interest in health science professions. Completed applications are due by Friday, March 18th, 2016, and must include:

•Completed online application form

•Current high school transcript

•One letter of recommendation from a science teacher, guidance counselor or principal

•A brief one page essay about the student's interest in health sciences

Successful applicants will be notified in the spring.

Educators, parents and students can direct questions to mshsadministration@mayo.edu.

Area College Student News



Zachery A. Eversman of Fairmont and **Elizabeth J. Lange** of Sherburn have been named to the University of St. Thomas 2015 fall semester dean's list. Students must post grade-point averages of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale to be named to the dean's list.

St. Thomas, founded in 1885, is a Catholic, independent, liberal arts university located in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ronald Helmich of Trimont was named to Buena Vista University's Graduate & Professional Studies Dean's List for terms one and two. Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the two terms, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and

must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework.

Helmich attends the Buena Vista University Graduate & Professional Studies Estherville location.

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa:

Derek Hunwardsen of Fairmont

Elizabeth Kim of Fairmont

Emily Kim of Fairmont

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the way to create a lovely lake scene.

Visit the Fairmont Women of Today Facebook page to see a sample of the painting. Participants may bring their beverage of choice. Pre-registration and \$35 payment by mail is required. Make checks payable to Paint'n Party and mail to FWT Painting Party c/o Sue Bay, 902 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Martin County Youth Foundation Acknowledges 2015 Donations

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Truman Public Schools Announce 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Truman Public Schools has released its list of students who have been named to the Honor Roll for the second quarter of the school year.

Highest Honor Roll:

Name:	Grade:
Clay Gieseke	9
Chloe Hartman	9
Lydia Studer	9
Mason Maloney	10
Parker Stevens	10
Brytni Drevlow	11
Courtney Zaharia	11
Zachary Hansen	12
JaeSeok Kang	12
Sara Molinari	12
Brianna Pearson	12

"A" Honor Roll:

Tallin Cook	7
Eden Studer	7
Kylee Harder	8
Mitchell Steuber	9

"B" Honor Roll:

Derek Schoen	10
Remi Fukuda	11
Jordan Smith	11
Kaitlyn Gleason	12
Jui-Ting Liu	12
Waratat Losereewanich	12
Louis Bowers	7
Carson Peters	7
Alyssa Nagorske	9
Matthew Camelin	10
Dalton Terry	10
Logan Davis	11
Bailey May	11
Savannah Hodge	12
Elizabeth Kotewa	12
Jackson Maloney	12
Amber Nickerson	12
Travis Raatz	12
Weston Ricard	12
Mason Steuber	12
Jacob Worlds	12

Al Batt's Work Appears in New Yorker Magazine

Al Batt, who, among other ventures, writes a weekly nature column which is published in the Photo Press, recently was honored to have one of his cartoon ideas published in the New Yorker magazine. Copies of the cartoon were later were framed and installed in every conference room in the New York headquarters of Bloomberg, an international media, financial software, finance, and data company headquartered in midtown Manhattan.

Al Batt says: "I attend countless meetings each

year. Most all are good, but one must not have been that good and it inspired the gag. I'm not sure which one it was. I've written for New Yorker cartoonists for over 40 years. They are such talented artists that they make me both happy and humble to be allowed to work with them. I do work with a number of cartoonists. It's how I've eked out a living for eons."

It was surmised that the New Yorker cartoon was placed in the conference rooms in order to "subtly discourage pointless meetings." A source noted that there seems to be an

endless drag of meetings, making it impossible to book a conference room in the building.



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OBITUARY notices

Julane L. Hansen, 84



Funeral Service for Julane L. Hansen, 84, of Fairmont will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 19th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont with interment in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18th, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Julane passed away Thursday, February 4th, 2016 at Truman Senior Living. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Julane Luella Ann (Ziemer) Hansen was born September 7th, 1931, in Fairmont. She was the daughter of George and Hazel (Langford) Ziemer. She was raised in rural Granada and graduated from East Chain High School in 1949. Julane was

united in marriage to Donald Hansen on September 23rd, 1951, in Fairmont. They were parents of three children and farmed in rural East Chain, Truman, and Fairmont. Julane also worked for many years at J.C. Penney in Fairmont before retiring in 1993 to the family farm in rural Fairmont. She enjoyed playing cards, reading, tending to her flower and vegetable gardens, and crossword puzzles. In 2012, she moved to Truman Senior Living where she died peacefully Thursday morning.

Julane was preceded in death by her husband Donald in 2001; her parents, George and Hazel Ziemer; brothers, Marland, Eldon, and Gary; and by her sisters, Delores and Alice. Julane is survived by her children, Douglas of Roseville, MN, Duane of Fairmont, and Sheree Hagfors (Brad) of Maple Grove, MN; one grandson, Erik; one sister, Ardis Osborn (Larry); sisters-in-law, Melva Ziemer, and Becky Kolbow; brothers-in-law, Arlo Hansen, Al Reed, and Howard Riggle; and many nieces and nephews whom she enjoyed seeing at annual cousins camping weekends.

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Connie E. Jensen, 87



A Celebration of Life Service for Connie E. Jensen, 87, of rural Welcome, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 12th, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome, with Rev. Anthony Christoffels officiating. Burial will be in Welcome City Cemetery in Welcome.

Connie was called to her eternal rest on Thursday afternoon, February 4th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Visitation and a time of sharing memories with the Jensen Family will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11th, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome, Minnesota and one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.

Constance (Connie) Elaine Jensen was born on March 7th, 1928 in East Chain Township, Martin County. Connie graduated from East Chain High School in 1946. She was united in marriage to Norman Ellsworth Jensen in August 19th, 1949 in the East Chain Luther-

an Church. Norman and Connie were high school sweethearts and were married for 65 years. Connie and Norman lived in Frost, MN, a farm in Man-yaska Township and a house on Fox Lake which was second home to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Connie greatly enjoyed her family, friends and life in general. Her attitude towards life was always optimistic and positive. She always had a smile and kind words for all. She enjoyed farming and traveling with Norman, spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, family vacations and gardening. Connie was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and it's ladies aide, and the Welcome American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Becky (Joel) Detert of rural Welcome, Paul (Lorri) Jensen of Shorewood, Minnesota, David (Laurie) Jensen of rural Welcome; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Seth (Kristen) Detert and children, Ana, Paige and Grant; Chris (Christine) Detert, Kyle (Katie) Detert and sons, Mason and Owen; Jennifer Wautulok and son, Wyatt, Jessica (Andrew) Bergen and daughter, Jo-Hanna; Kelsey Jensen, Kirsten Olson and sons, Kaden and Bennett, Mara and Haley Jensen; sisters, Lucille (Mylo) Hagberg of Fairbault, Ardyce (Dewey) Nelson of St. Paul, Barbara

(Ken) Scheef of Fairmont; brother, Clayton (Carol) Johnson of Milltown, Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Genevieve Deggendorf of Salisbury, Maryland; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Ellsworth Jen-

sen on April 26th, 2015; parents, Henry and Irene (Madison) Johnson; mother and father in law, Art and Ethel (Madsen) Jensen; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald (Ruth) Jensen; brother-in-law, Herb Deggendorf and other relatives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public Schools are a critical component of an informed, democratic society and the American Way of life. They provide the educational foundation that each and every child needs to go on to college and careers - succeed in life. The public school system relies on many who serve, including school board members.

We in Education Minnesota - Fairmont would like to thank our school board members: Dan Brookens, Julie Laue, Diane Gerhardt, Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green and Danielle Schutz. Each help make decisions that impact our

children's futures and our community life. We know that each devotes a great deal of time studying educational issues. Their service is much appreciated.

School Board Recognition Week is celebrated February 15th - 19th. We would like to encourage all in the surrounding communities to thank our school board members. These public servants make it possible for our schools to be strong and to make a difference in the lives of children.

Jodi Kristenson,
teacher

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— Billy Sunday

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Jeff's Jottings

It looks like all of the nice weather we have had in November, December and January is now all but a dream the way that the month of February has started out. The past two weeks, the beginning of the workweek has been a challenge on getting to work due to winter weather. Living out in the country, the wind conditions play a big factor on

whether you go to work, or you stay put at home. Last Tuesday, I never did make it in to work because of the snow and blowing snow creating near white-out conditions. The paper arrived later than normal on Wednesday due to the roads in our area being closed until late morning. This week pretty much started the same way. When I woke up Monday morning, I looked out



at our yard light to see a blanket of white snow, both falling and blowing from the strong winds out of the northwest. When Karis and I wake up in the morning, we look out our kitchen window towards Fairmont to see if we can see the red lights on the radio station towers. If we can see them, the weather is good. This Monday, there were no lights to be seen and it was even a challenge to see the yard light, which is only about 25 yards from the house. When it got lighter out, you could see the effects of the blowing snow on all of our buildings and the barn was just white with snow. I made it in to work that day, but it was not a fun drive in and the roads around the county were closed not long after I arrived in Fairmont. Let's hope that Puxatony Phil is correct with an early spring!

Pack 'Em Up!

The Martin County Kids Against Hunger food pack is taking place this Saturday at the National Guard

Armory in Fairmont. The volunteer list is nearing capacity, but more help is always welcome. They will be having three work shifts: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This is a very important program that packages nutritious meal packs for local food shelves and also for shipping overseas to Haiti where the food is much-needed. The Hagen family will be there helping out in the afternoon, and we are looking forward to joining all of the other churches, businesses, families and individuals who help make this a successful project for the Martin County area. For more information, you can read the article on the food pack in this week's Photo Press.

Be My Valentine

Sunday is Valentine's Day, a time-honored tradition and a time to recognize loving spouses, family members, friends and others. I can remember how we celebrated Valentine's Day at Ceylon

Public School growing up. In the days leading up to Valentine's Day, we would get a shoebox, cut a slot in the top, wrap it in some red construction paper and then decorate it with hearts, messages and so on. Then on Valentine's Day, we would all place our boxes on top of our small desk and classmates would then place their Valentine in the box throughout the day. I can remember eagerly waiting for the day to end so we could open our Valentine's box and see what we received from others. When I was younger, I didn't care so much who gave the Valentine as much as what was included in the Valentine (a piece of gum, small chocolate or a candy heart). I wonder if they still do such things in the area elementary schools, or has this holiday also fallen "victim" to the electronic and technology age we live in?

Oysters, Klondike Races and Valentines, Oh My!
There are a few events

coming up in the next week to highlight for you. On Friday night the Ceylon American Legion and Sons of the American Legion are hosting their famous Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ceylon Legion Hall. Saturday, the Ultimate Klondike Racing Competition will take place at Cedar Point Scout Camp south of Fairmont from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also on Saturday, the Martin County Kids Against Hunger food pack takes place at the Fairmont National Guard Armory from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And of course, on Sunday is Valentine's Day with lots of restaurants having special dinners.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - don't forget your Valentine!

- Jeff

Martin County Kids Against Hunger Food Pack Saturday

Over the past seven years, Martin County Kids Against Hunger volunteers have packed over 737,122 meals and have raised over \$181,225 for



covering the costs of the food packages and shipping overseas to Haiti.

This Saturday, many teams of volunteers will be converging on the Fairmont National Guard Armory to add to those totals in their 8th annual food pack. With goals of packing 100,000 meals and raising \$20,000, the volunteers have their work cut out for them, but according to committee member Karen Sandhurst, the chances of meeting or even exceeding those goals are very reachable. "We have teams of 10 people and have the equipment available to have 13 teams per shift helping pack food throughout the

County. All of the packing/fundraising teams, volunteers and local businesses are making a difference in the lives of hungry people here in Martin County and in earthquake ravaged Haiti," states Sandhurst.

Last year, 9% of the meals that were packed stayed in the local area in food shelves and other programs. 85% of the meals that are shipped overseas go to Haiti through the "Mission Haiti" program, which feeds 600 kids per day in Haiti. The remaining 15% this year will go to La Gonave Alive, which is an elderly feeding program.

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and it gives a person the nutrition they need for one full day. It contains 21 vitamins and minerals.

There are a total of 22 people that make up the Martin County Kids Against Hunger Committee and the food pack teams are made up of businesses, churches, families and individuals. "It is a huge community effort to put on a food pack," Sandhurst stated. Another event that helped raise funds for the food pack was a recent Kids Against Hunger concert at the Fairmont Area High School. The concert raised \$2,917.27 for the



food pack. The committee works hard to insure that all money raised for the food pack goes toward the cost of ingredients and the shipping, not towards other expenses.

Some new items for this year's food pack distribution is that Kids Against Hunger is going to provide local food shelves with some recipes that can be used to "spice up and enhance" the meals that will be provided to individuals. These recipes will suggest

some ingredients that can be added to the meal contents to give the recipients added options when preparing the meals.

This year's food pack is close to capacity, according to Sandhurst, but individuals are still needed and welcomed. If you would like to volunteer to help out on a team, contact Beth Reeve at 235-5107. Donations also are still being accepted and are welcomed. All donations are 100% deductible as Kids Against Hunger is a 501c3 organization. Checks can be made out to "Kids Against Hun-



ger" and can be sent to Beth Reeve at 918 Summit Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031. For more information on Kids Against Hun-

ger and more specifically, the Martin County Food pack, visit kahfairmont-mn.weebly.com.



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Nature nurtures

by Al Batt

I try to keep the yard natural.

My milkweed garden was lackadaisical last summer.

I recall a boyhood of wandering. I was never alone. Fascination, delight and anticipation were my constant companions. I recall identifying my first American redstart one spring morning.



It was a common, but excellent bird.

One of many excellent birds that I've seen on equally excellent mornings.

Q-and-A

"I saw a white-throated sparrow on New Year's Day. Is that unusual?" This lovely sparrow migrates in mid-April to late May and again in mid-August to November. Most breed in Canada, but some breed in Minnesota's north central and northeastern regions. Most winter in the eastern US. The sparrow is said to whistle "Poor Sam Peabody, Peabody, Peabody" or "Oh sweet Canada, Canada, Canada." In Minnesota, white-throated sparrows sing, "Poor Sven Peterson, Peterson, Peterson."

"Have you ever seen a butterfly in the winter?" One day during my boyhood, I was carrying the Clarks Grove Creamery butter, left in the barn by the milk truck driver, to the house. I slipped on the ice. I put my hands out to break my fall and both containers of butter went flying. It was below zero and I saw butter fly.

The mourning cloak butterfly is usually the first butterfly we see in spring because it spends the winter as an adult in tree holes, under bark or in other shelters, and emerges as soon as temperature allows. It's purple-black and has a muted yellow wing border with a row of blue dots inside. An unseasonably warm winter day might encourage flight.

"How can I attract house finches?" Leave a Christmas wreath up. House finches commonly nest in wreaths and hanging plants. The ones in my yard chow down with gusto on safflower seeds, but they also enjoy sunflower and nyjer seeds.

Golden Eagle Survey

Golden Eagle Project Co-coordinator and National Eagle Center Education Director Scott Mehus reported that more than 180 volunteers searched the bluffslands for golden eagles on January 16th. The 12th annual Wintering Golden Eagle Survey produced a record 147 golden eagles in an area covering 26 counties in five states. Volunteers also spotted 1,509 bald golden eagles are typically found away from water where they feed on terrestrial prey such as squirrels, rabbits and wild turkeys. Although they aren't known to breed in the Upper Midwest, golden eagles are regular winter inhabitants of the region.

Information and registration for upcoming golden eagle field trips can be found at: <http://www.nationaleaglecenter.org/golden-eagle-project/golden-eagle-field-trips/>. The National Eagle Center in Wabasha is an educational interpretive center



A REDBIRD with a black sunflower seed by Al Batt

whose mission is to foster environmental stewardship and education about North American eagles.

The BBRP EXPO

The Bluebird Recovery Program (BBRP) EXPO will be held at the Middle School located at 601 4th Street NW in Byron on April 16th. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The International Owl Institute will present live owls and Minnesota Audubon will do a program on red-headed woodpeckers. Other presenters will be Jake Langeslag on using goats to rid property of invasive species, Keith Radel on how to raise more bluebirds, Ray Simon on bat houses and this happy hick from Hartland will yap on this and that. There will be vendors, exhibits and helpful advice. The BBRP's mission statement reads, "To encourage, inspire, educate and assist individuals and organizations to become actively involved in the restoration and preservation efforts to sustain a healthy and expanding population of bluebirds and native cavity nesters."

For more information on this delightful event, email

Jeanie Mortenson at jeanieandcarl@hotmail.com.

Project FeederWatch

Sign up online at feederwatch.org for Project FeederWatch by February 29th for \$18 (covers this year and next year) and receive a free course valued at \$29. Participants contribute information on their birding observations and send it to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to help monitor bird populations.

Line 21

Line 21 of the Minnesota income tax form, marked by a loon, offers people an opportunity to help nongame wildlife. When taxpayers designate donations to the DNR's Nongame Wildlife Program, their tax-deductible donations are matched by state conservation license plate funds. These donations help more than 800 species of animals that aren't hunted--from eagles and loons to turtles and butterflies. The fund receives no money from hunting and fishing license fees or sales taxes.

Thanks for stopping by "Wisdom begins with wonder."--Socrates

DO GOOD.

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Healthy Home Advice: Falls, Chemicals, Meds and Sharps

"When thinking about staying healthy, your home may seem like the safest place. A big part of being healthy means preventing accidents and injuries in your own home," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "In order to improve your well-being, consider the following tips for reducing falls, lessening household chemical incidents, properly managing medications and disposing of sharps appropriately."

Fall prevention

Falls are quite common, especially among the senior citizen population and during the winter months. Here are a few strategies to help you avoid slips and falls:

- Light it up. Keep your house, inside and out, well lit. Dark rooms and areas pose greater risks than spaces with adequate lighting.
- Remove clutter. Excess boxes, cords and rugs should be stored in a safe place. These things, among others, are all fall hazards.
- Use support as needed. If you move around better with a cane or walker, use that device. And make sure you have hand railings, seating and nonslip treads throughout your home, including in your bathroom and shower.
- Wear practical shoes. Choose sturdy, well-fitting shoes with skid-proof soles. High heels, sandals, slippers and stocking feet can be a catalyst for falling.
- Stay active. Physical activity keeps you moving and enhances your strength, balance, coordination and flexibility - all of which help reduce falls.

• Talk with your health care provider. Discuss medications and health conditions that could possibly contribute to falls. Additionally, cover your fall history and what led to those incidents.

Medication safety

Always keep your medications in their original containers, except for medications you choose to place in a daily pill box. Use this pill box to assist with compliance, and always store medication in a safe place. Never take another person's medication, share your medications, or take more or less of a medication than directed.

Dispose of unused or unneeded controlled substances and all old medications. Mayo Clinic Health System is partner-

ing with the Fairmont Police Department to offer environmentally friendly medication deactivation bags to improve safety and disposal convenience for patients. The program is set to start in February.

Household chemical safety

Another common and often overlooked danger at the homestead is the common chemicals you have on shelves, benches and countertops. Follow this advice when it comes to household chemicals:

- Store chemicals in original containers or clearly label them.
- Keep cleaners and other toxins out of the reach of children.
- Read warning labels.
- Follow safety instructions.
- Have the poison control center phone number available: 1-800-222-1222.
- Properly dispose of expired, leaking or contaminated chemicals.
- Don't combine chemicals.
- Keep chemicals far from food items.
- Stay diligent about handwashing after using cleaners and other chemicals.

Sharps disposal

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, sharps, including needles, lancets and syringes, should be stored in a sharps disposal container or a laundry detergent bottle with a cap. Sharps disposal containers are available for purchase at most pharmacies.

Destroy sharps at home by using an incinerating device or needle cutter.

Melted metal and remaining parts of syringes can then be safely deposited in the garbage - not the recycling bin. Dispose of clipped needles at a sharps collection site or via a sharps mail-back program. Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont currently doesn't accept sharps for disposal.

"Keep these fall prevention, chemical handling, medication management and sharps disposal tips in mind to ensure you, your family and your visitors are safer in your home," adds Dr. Morris.

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The Respect Team at Fairmont Area Elementary has implemented a program called “Character of the Month”. In January, the character trait focused on Perseverance. These students in grades K-6 show great “Perseverance”. (Front, left to right): Joseph Moreno-2nd grade; Annaliese Rahm-1st grade; Ayden Vogt-Kindergarten. (Back, left to right): Alyssa Lutz-6th grade; Tiffany Zageth-Cambara-5th grade; TyMaulsby-4th grade; Kaylee Lutz-3rd grade. Students also received a pizza courtesy of Jake’s Pizza. There were 80 other students that received a treat courtesy of Rick DeBoer Signs.



A Semi Trailer recently brought a load of this year’s Girl Scout cookies to Fairmont. Now through March 20th, Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts will be selling nine types of cookies: Thin Mints, Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Thanks-a-lot, Lemonades, Cranberry Citrus Crips and Trios, a gluten free cookie. Girl Scouts will hold Cookie Booth sales starting February 11th at Fareway Foods, Hy-Vee, Perkins and Shopko in Fairmont. If a Girl Scout hasn’t stopped at your home, please call Judy at 236-2540 to help find a Girl Scout in your area.

Red Bulls Wrestlers Finish Third at BSC Meet

The Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls took third place at the Big South Conference Tournament in Luverne last Saturday with a 35-33 win over Pipestone. The Red Bulls opened with a 42-29 loss to eventual champion Worthington

who went on to defeat Blue Earth Area in the championship match 32-19. BEA defeated Pipestone 44-26. Collin Stueber, Jaxon Rohmann, Payton Anderson and Luis Figueroa had wins in their match’s vs Pipestone and Worthington.



Luis Figueroa



Payton Anderson



Collin Stueber



Jaxon Rohmann



EYE ON THE PRIZE – Cards Lexi Lunn closely guards the Saints Allison Brandts. The Cardinals defeated St. James Area 70-49 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



Martin County Fair Board members recently recognized two members who have retired after many years of service to the Martin County Fair. Retiring from the board are Curt Luetgers (left) and Delmer Whitaker.



SETUP – Cardinals Brooke Lemon sets up Windom Areas’ goalie Emily Steen and scored a backhand goal in the Cards 6-1 win last Tuesday. The #3 seeded Cards defeated #2 seeded Mankato East/Loyola by the same score Friday. Fairmont Area played the #1 seed Luverne Cardinals Tuesday in Redwood for the Section 3A championship for the right to go to State. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*

Magic Gymnasts Fourth at Big South

Martin County Area gymnastics team captured 4th at the Big South Conference Tournament in Jackson last Saturday. Magics Brynna Peterson placed first in the all-around with a score of 37. Peterson won the floor exercise (9.475) and bars (9.3). She finished 2nd in the beam (8.9) and third in the vault (9.325)

Team scores: 1. JCC 141.25, 2. Worthington 140.2, 3. New Ulm 137.75, 4. Magic 137.275, 5. Redwood 131.325, 6. Luverne 131.215



Brynna Peterson

BOYS BASKETBALL

Big South East		REC
St. Peter	9-1	18-4
Waseca	9-1	15-6
CARDS	6-4	13-9
New Ulm	3-7	3-19
Blue Earth Area	2-8	3-17
St. James Area	1-9	4-16
Big South West		REC
Marshall	12-0	21-3
JCC	8-3	16-5
Redwood Valley	5-5	13-8
Windom Area	5-6	14-8
Pipestone Area	5-7	9-12
Worthington	3-8	6-14
Luverne	1-10	8-14

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Big South East		REC
St. Peter	9-1	18-4
Waseca	9-1	15-6
CARDS	6-4	13-9
New Ulm	3-7	3-19
Blue Earth Area	2-8	3-17
St. James Area	1-9	4-16
Big South West		REC
Marshall	12-0	21-3
JCCI	8-3	16-5
Redwood Valley	5-5	13-8
Windom Area	5-6	14-8
Pipestone Area	5-7	9-12
Worthington	3-8	6-14
Luverne	1-10	8-14

BOYS HOCKEY

Big South Conference		REC
Luverne	13-1-0	18-5-0
Marshall	11-3-1	14-8-1
Redwood V	11-4-0	15-6-0
New Ulm	10-4-1	12-10-2
LSHSPTCUC	10-5-0	14-9-0
Waseca	6-8-0	7-15-0
Windom	4-12-0	7-16-0
CARDS	2-14-0	4-19-0
Worthington	0-16-0	0-21-0

GIRLS HOCKEY

Big South Conference		REC
New Ulm	14-0-0	19-6-2
Luverne	12-2-0	19-6-0
Waseca	8-5-0	14-11-1
Marshall	7-7-0	11-15-0
SP/L-H/TCU	7-7-0	8-18-0
CARDS	6-9-0	15-12-0
Windom	3-11-0	4-18-1
Worthington	0-16-0	0-20-0

WRESTLING

Big South East		REC
Blue Earth	4-0	17-8
CARDS	4-1	14-3
Waseca	3-2	10-6
St. James	1-3	11-11
St. Peter	1-4	10-16

USDA Presents Two Recipes For Readers

Easy Mini Fruit Pies
(Makes 24 mini pies)

Ingredients Needed:
4 prepared pie crust circles (you can purchase ready-made or make your own) room temperature
¼ cup pie filling
1 egg + 1 Tbsp. milk
2 Tbsp. butter, diced
Sugar

You will also need:
2 muffin tins
3.25" circle cutter

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Gently roll out pie crust

3. With your circle cutter, cut out 24 circles.
4. Remove the circles and place each circle into a muffin tin cup pressing gently in the middle and then press the sides into each cup.
5. Using a knife or edge of the cooking cutter, cut the left-over dough into 3" x 3/8" lattice strips. They do not need to be perfect. Get creative.
6. Spoon ¼ cup of pie filling into each muffin cup.

7. Dot fruit filling inside muffin tin with a couple dices of butter.
8. Place the lattice strips of extra dough over the fruit filling.
9. Beat Egg and Milk together and brush over the lattice tops.
10. Sprinkle tops with sugar.
11. Bake in oven at 400 degrees for about 35 minutes or until golden brown.



Ice Cream in a Bag
(Yield = One Serving)

Ingredients:
½ cup Half and Half
1 Tbsp. white sugar
¼ tsp vanilla
2 sandwich-sized Ziploc bags
1 gallon size Ziploc bag
3 cups crushed ice
1/3 cup rock salt

Directions:
1. Place the first three ingredients in the first sandwich sized Ziploc bag, eliminating as much air as possible, and seal tightly.
2. Once bag is sealed, place inside your second sandwich sized Ziploc bag to prevent leaking and seal tightly.
3. Add Ice and Rock Salt in the Gallon Sized Bag

and then add the sandwich bags full of ice cream mixture.
4. Remove air and seal the large bag.
5. Squeeze and shake your bag until ice cream forms! To achieve the consistency of a thick frosty shake for ten to fifteen minutes.
6. Remove the ice cream mixture from the other bags and enjoy!



Farm Service Agency Program Technician Lori Janssen disperses ingredients to the youth to make ice cream, while Lights On For Kids Aide Shirley Darcy looks on.



FSA Program Technician Vicky Nyman helps youth shake the ice cream mixture. Brrr "cold hands"!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Henry

BY DON TRACHTE

POPEYE

Be Mine

Valentine's Day is February 14

Valentine's Day Facts

141 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second-most popular greeting-card-giving occasion. (This total excludes packaged kids valentines for classroom exchanges.) (Source: Hallmark research)

Over 50 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased in the six days prior to the observance, making Valentine's Day a procrastinator's delight. Research reveals that more than half of the U.S. population celebrates Valentine's Day by purchasing a greeting card. There are 119 single men (i.e., never married, widowed or divorced) who are in their 20s for every 100 single women of the same ages. Corresponding numbers for the following race and ethnic groups are:

- Hispanics: 153 men per 100 women
- Asians (single race): 132 men per 100 women (This ratio is not significantly different from that for Hispanics or non-Hispanic whites.)
- Non-Hispanic whites (single race): 120 men per 100 women
- Blacks (single race): 92 men per 100 women (The

numbers of black men and women in this age group are not significantly different from one another.

There are 34 single men (i.e., never married, widowed or divorced) age 65 or older for every 100 single women of the same ages. Corresponding numbers for the following race and ethnic groups are:

- Hispanics: 38 men per 100 women
- Non-Hispanic whites (single race): 33 men per 100 women
- Blacks (single race): 33 men per 100 women
- Asians (single race): 28 men per 100 women

904: The number of dating service establishments nationwide as of 2002. These establishments, which include Internet dating services, employed nearly 4,300 people and pulled in \$489 million in revenues.

Be Mine

2.2 million marriages take place in the United States annually. That breaks down to more than 6,000 a day. 112,185 marriages were performed in Nevada during 2008. So many couples "tie the knot" in the Silver State

that it ranked fourth nationally in marriages, even though its total population that year among states was 35th. The estimated U.S. median ages at first marriage for women and men are 25.9 and 27.6 respectively, in 2008. The age for women rose 4.2 years in the last three decades. The age for men at first marriage is up 3.6 years. Men and women in northeast-



ern states generally have a higher median age at first marriage than the national average. In Massachusetts, for example, women were a median of 27.4 years old and men 29.1 years of age at first marriage. States where people typi-

cally marry young include Utah, where women were a median of 21.9 years and men, 23.9 years.

57% and 60% of American women and men, respectively, are 15 or older and currently married (includes those who are separated).

70%: The percentage of men and women ages 30 to 34 in 2008 who had been married at some point in their lives – either currently or formerly.

4.9 million opposite-sex cohabitating couples maintained households in 2005. These couples comprised 4.3 percent of all households.

Candy is Dandy

1,241: The number of locations producing chocolate and cocoa products in 2004. These establishments employed 43,322 people. California led the

value of shipments in 2004 for firms producing chocolate and cocoa products was \$13.9 billion. Non-chocolate confectionery product manufacturing, meanwhile, was a \$5.7 billion industry.

3,467: Number of confectionery and nut stores in the United States in 2004. Often referred to as candy stores, they are among the best sources of sweets for Valentine's Day. The per capita consumption of candy by Americans in 2005 was 25.7 pounds. Candy consumption has actually declined over the last few years; in 1997, each American gobbled or savored more than 27 pounds of candy a year.

Flowers

The combined wholesale value of domestically produced cut flowers in 2005 for all flower-producing operations with \$100,000 or more in sales was \$397 million. Among states, California was the leading producer, alone accounting for nearly three-quarters of this amount (\$289 million). The combined wholesale value of domestically produced cut roses in 2005 for all operations with \$100,000 or more in sales was \$39 million. Among all types of cut flowers, roses were third in receipts (\$39 million) to lilies (\$76.9 million) and tulips (\$39.1 million).

There were 21,667 florists nationwide in 2004. These businesses employed 109,915 people.

Jewelry

There were 28,772 jewelry stores in the United States in 2004. Jewelry stores offer engagement, wedding and other rings to lovers of all ages. In February 2006, these stores sold \$2.6 billion worth of merchandise. (This figure has not been adjusted for seasonal variation, holiday or trading day differences or price changes). The merchandise at these locations could well have been produced at one of the nation's 1,864 jewelry-manufacturing establishments. The manufacture of jewelry was a \$9 billion industry in 2004.

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Valentine's Day is February 14

6 Surprising Facts About St. Valentine

by Elizabeth Hanes

A man named Valentinus was martyred on February 14th late in the third century A.D.—this much we know. But when it comes to details about the life of St. Valentine, legend often supersedes fact. As you celebrate this Valentine's Day, find out the truth about the man for whom the day is named, as well as some other intriguing facts about history's most romantic holiday.

1. The St. Valentine who inspired the holiday may have been two different men.

Officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, St. Valentine is known to be a real person who died around A.D. 270. However, his true identity was questioned as early as A.D. 496 by Pope Gelasius I, who referred to the martyr and his acts as "being known only to God." One account from the 1400s

describes Valentine as a temple priest who was beheaded near Rome by the emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. A different account claims Valentine was the Bishop of Terni, also martyred by Claudius II on the outskirts of Rome. Because of the similarities of these accounts, it's thought they may refer to the same person. Enough confusion surrounds the true identity of St. Valentine that the Catholic Church discontinued liturgical veneration of him in 1969, though his name remains on its list of officially recognized saints.

2. In all, there are about a dozen St. Valentines, plus a pope.

The saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because "Valentinus"—from the

Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful—was a popular moniker between the second and eighth centuries A.D., several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof. The most recently beatified Valentine is St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa, a Spaniard of the Dominican order who traveled to Vietnam, where he served as bishop until his beheading in 1861. Pope John Paul II canonized Berrio-Ochoa in 1988.

There was even a Pope Valentine, though little is known about him except that he served a mere 40 days around A.D. 827.

3. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things.

Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St. Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the

he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

4. You can find Valentine's skull in Rome.

The flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St. Valentine. As is customary, these bits and pieces of the late saint's body have subsequently been distributed to reliquaries around the world.

You'll find other bits of St. Valentine's skeleton on display in the Czech Republic, Ireland, Scotland, England and France.

5. Chaucer may have invented Valentine's Day.

The medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he

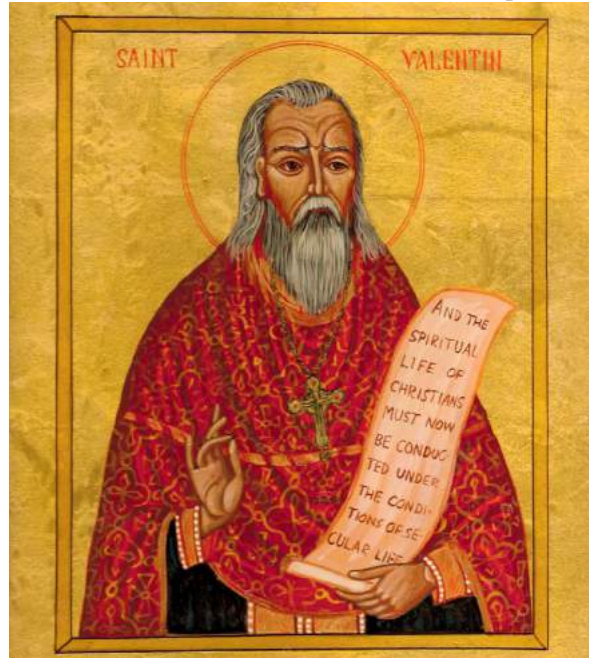
lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and traveling. As you might expect,

represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around

1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day—an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14th as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentynes day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate," he may have invented the holiday we know today.

6. You can celebrate Valentine's Day several times a year.

Because of the abundance of St. Valentines on the Roman Catholic roster, you can choose to celebrate the saint multiple times each year. Besides February 14th, you might decide to celebrate St. Valentine of Viterbo on November 3rd. Or maybe you want to get a jump on the traditional Valentine celebration by feting St. Valentine of Raetia on January 7th. Women might choose to honor the only female St. Valentine (Valentina), a virgin martyred in Palestine on July 25th, A.D. 308. The Eastern Orthodox Church officially celebrates St. Valentine twice, once as an elder of the church on July 6th and once as a martyr on July 30th.



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A Time to Express Love

Guest Columnist

Michael Riley, Top 20 Committee Member

In mid-February when the media reminds us that February 14th is Valentine's Day, our thoughts turn to romantic love and perhaps also to agape love. This is a wonderful respite from the political bantering and bickering in the media that is constantly trying to grab our attention. This is a great time to 'change the channel' so to speak, for a breather from national and world events to express our love to those who are important in our lives. Interestingly, the finale theme of the half time entertainment at the Super Bowl watched by millions around the world was "We gotta get it together; believe in LOVE." This is certainly a worthwhile message to the world, but how do we practice this in our daily lives?

On Saturday, my wife and I gave a small arrangement of flowers to a friend. She was very touched and said, "I haven't got a Valentine since my kids were little." We brightened someone's day that we care about but wondered how this person who is

a mother, and a grandmother, not receive a Valentine since her kids were little? Yes, Valentine's Day is about romantic love, and that's a great thing to celebrate & recognize but how about friendship and agape or universal love to the other human beings in our lives, especially our family members?

Many years ago when our children were young and our youngest was just three months old my grandmother passed away. She was very special in my life and loved everyone unconditionally. She was the ideal grandmother, full of love and encouragement often expressed through her baking and flowers from her garden. Even in her 90s she was still was so focused on unconditionally loving those around her. I was at her side when she passed. As she was taking her last breaths, she squeezed my hand and said, "Love each other, that's what counts." At the time I thought she was talking about my wife and I, and our family, but as time has passed, I realize

she meant everyone that we come in contact with and especially, family and friends. She modeled this love to everybody around her by letting them know it with acts of kindness. She practiced Valentine's Day every day of the year. Her message and how she lived it has stayed with me through the years. I think of her directive often and try to practice it with family and friends. I am grateful that she gave me this directive, and only hope I can practice it as she did. I have found that

TOP 20 thinking helps in this regard.

So how do we bring agape or unconditional love to others in our lives? Think about all the people we can express our love to; our spouse or significant other if not married, our children, grandchildren, mother, father, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins, friends, co-workers, bosses, church members, store clerks, etc. Here are a few ideas related to TOP 20 principles:

- A handwritten card or note expressing love and appreciation.

- An e-mail or text expressing love and appreciation.

- Make it a point to tell people that they really matter in our lives.

- Help people in your life to succeed, by loving, coaching, mentoring, encouraging, etc.

- Be kind and loving to those you meet on the street or in the store.

- Practice generosity of spirit when interacting with others.

- Be willing to forgive someone that we perceive has wronged us.

- Give a gift of your presence in a visit to a family member, friend, someone

in an assisted or memory care facility, or a nursing home.

- Bake something or cook a special meal for someone (like my grandma did so often).

- Give someone flowers. They don't have to be expensive or elaborate.

- Do a random or intentional act of kindness for someone special in your life or someone you don't know well, or someone you don't even know at all, like giving flowers, cookies, candy, a special cup of coffee, etc.

Realize how important this can be to someone. These gifts of love and kindness can make a huge difference in someone's life. We often don't realize how we can be a gift to others. And there is a benefit to us as well, as Mark Twain said, "The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer up somebody else." Love, there is no power in the world quite like it, and as my grandma said, "Love each other, that's what counts." Happy Valentine's Day!

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 Kristy Jo Walters to Jesse Walters, Pt. NE¼SE¼, w/ driveway easement, 21-101-30
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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 1991

The Spencer School of Business in Spencer, Iowa was offering a three month Nanny Program.

Brenda Saxton of Granada, a student at the University of Minnesota Waseca campus was shown presenting a videocassette to Rep. Gene Hugoson. Miss Saxton and other students had traveled to the Capitol to lobby lawmakers against the proposed closing of the UMW college.

PUBLIC NOTICE Official Publication

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY MARTIN DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT: 5TH

Case Type: Dissolution Without Children In Re the Marriage of:

Samuel Brewster, Jr.
 Name of Petitioner

and

Heidi Brewster
 Name of Respondent

Summons Without Real Estate THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: **WARNING: YOUR SPOUSE (HUSBAND OR WIFE) HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU FOR DISSOLUTION OF YOUR MARRIAGE. A COPY OF THE PAPERWORK REGARDING THE LAWSUIT IS SERVED ON YOU WITH THIS SUMMONS. THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.**

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3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

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Under Minnesota Law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

1. Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of a sets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.
2. Neither party may harass the other party.
3. All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.
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50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 1966

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Charles Woodward, owner of Radio Station KSUM in Fairmont, was honored with a public service citation by Pastor Arthur Krueger of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Richard Toohey, business manager for the Fairmont school district for the past six years, resigned to become manager for St. Paul Book & Stationery Co.

Billy Witt, who had operated a shoe repair service in Fairmont for 45 years, sold his shop at 214 East Blue Earth Avenue to Glen Swanson.

Bruce J. Lundquist was named manager of the Fairmont National Insurance Agency. He was a Korean war veteran.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Rolling Green Township, Martin County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016** at the Town Hall, 978 160th Avenue, Fairmont, MN.

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Are You Prepared for Financial Disasters?

"Be prepared" is the Scout motto, and it's also pretty good advice for anyone seeking to guard against various disasters – including financial ones.

Here are some events that can have serious financial consequences, along with suggestions on preparing yourself:

- **Loss of employment** – If you were to lose your job, your family might have to struggle financially to make it until you're employed again. To protect against this potential threat, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses. That's a lot of money, of course, so it will be challenging to build such a fund – but try to contribute something each month to a liquid, low-risk account. Without such an emergency fund, you might be forced to cash out your 401(k) or other retirement plan to pay for your living expenses during your period of unemployment.

- **Loss of health** – If you were ill or injured, you might be out of work for weeks or months. Your employer may offer you some type of disability insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient. So you may also want to purchase an individual plan to cover as much of your after-tax income as possible. You'll have the flexibility to cre-

ate a policy that is tailored to your needs, budget and overall financial goals. However, policies vary widely in cost and benefits, so you'll want to shop around for the coverage that best meets your needs.

- **Loss of life** – Death may be an uncomfortable topic to discuss. However, if you were to pass away, it would be emotionally devastating to your loved ones – but it could also be financially catastrophic. Would your family still be able to pay the mortgage? Could your surviving spouse afford to send your kids to college? Without life insurance, your death could leave your family without the ability to cover financial obligations. The exact amount you require depends on a variety of factors, such as your family's expenses, size of family, savings needs over time, and so on. Generally speaking, you can choose between two broad categories of insurance: term and permanent. Term insurance, as the name suggests, is designed for a specific number of years and only provides a death benefit. Permanent insurance is typically more expensive, because, in addition to the death benefit, it offers a savings component. A financial professional can help guide you through your options to determine which one is appropriate for your needs.

- **Loss of property** – If

you own a home, you already have homeowners insurance, but it doesn't hurt to periodically check your policy to make sure it's kept up with any improvements or additions you've made to your house or other property. If you're under-covered, and had to pay out-of-pocket for some major damage, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. And while you're making sure your property is covered, you might also want to consider adding "umbrella" coverage, which can provide extra protection to you in case someone is injured at your home, or even at an event at which you may be in charge, such as a Scout meeting.

With luck, you can avoid all the threats to your financial security and that of your family. But you can't count on always being lucky – so you need to take "financial disaster preparedness" measures soon.

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Don't Delay Contributing To Your IRA

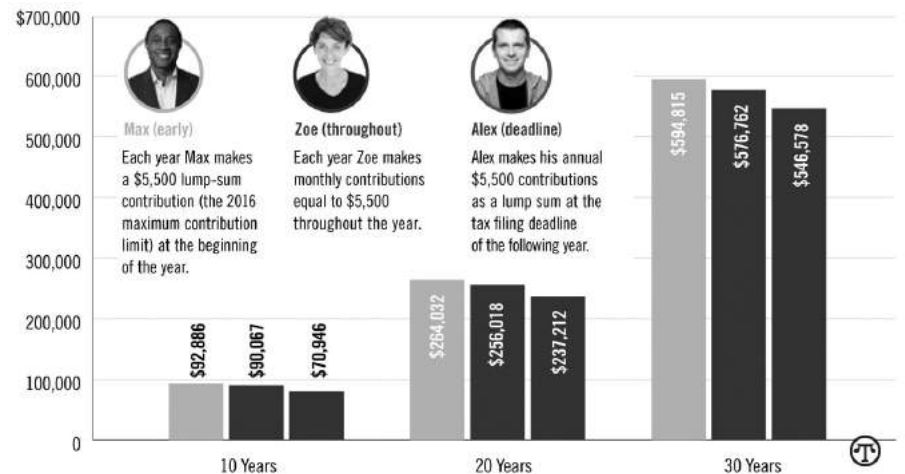
(NAPS)—Here's a hint on how to have a better retirement. Investors have the potential to earn thousands more in tax-deferred savings by moving their IRA contributions up earlier.

Fortunately, you have many options for making qualified annual contributions to an IRA in 2016, from starting to fund it on January 1st, 2016 to, at the very latest, fully funding it

throughout the year—gives your savings more time to benefit from the power of compounding. Accelerating contributions by a few months may not seem like a big deal for one year, but it can have a significant impact over the long term. Schedule your contribution in a way that fits into your overall budget and financial plan but consider making it a priority to contribute as early as

you reach age 59½ as long as the account has been open for at least five years. There are no age restrictions for contributions but you may not be eligible to contribute if your income is over a certain amount. Also, there are no required minimum distributions (RMDs).

With a Traditional IRA, your contributions may be tax deductible and your earnings grow



at the tax-filing deadline in April 2017. But you may want to consider making those 2016 IRA contributions as quickly as you can afford to because you could benefit from months of additional tax-advantaged growth if you do.

Here's why: Making an early contribution—whether through a lump sum at the start of the tax year or by contributing evenly each month

possible.

You should also know the difference between kinds of IRAs.

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tax-deferred. You generally pay taxes when you make withdrawals, often in retirement. You must be under age 70½ to contribute, and while there's no income restrictions on eligibility to contribute, there may be restrictions on deductibility. Plus, you must begin taking RMDs at age 70½.

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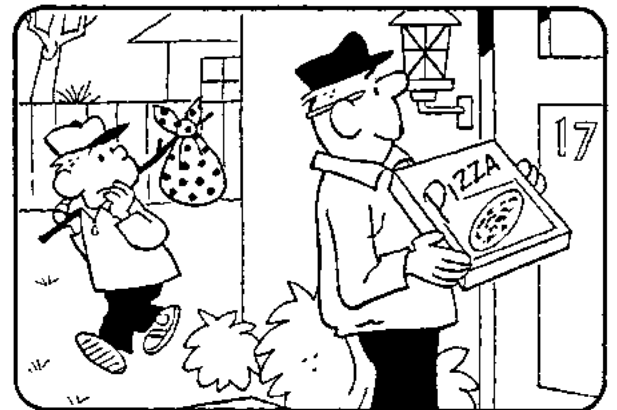
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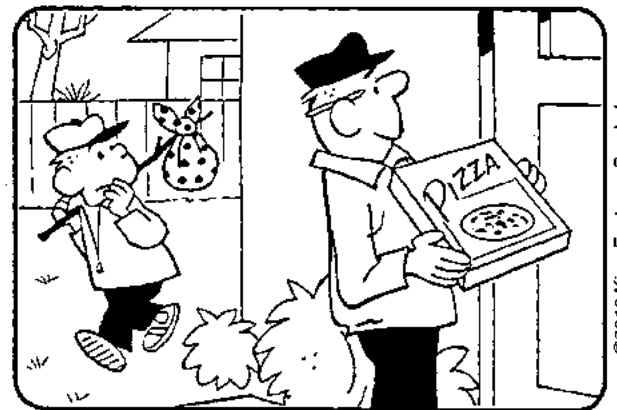
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FRI: Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice.

Lunch: Fish Nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, applesauce.

MON: No School.

TUE: Breakfast: Cereal Bar, string cheese, fruit, juice.

Lunch: Cheese Pizza, green beans, celery, PB, pineapple tidbits.

WED: Breakfast: Pancakes, blueberry fluff, fruit, juice.

Lunch: Chicken Strips, potato wedges, green beans, fruit.

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FEB 11 - 17

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THUR: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon breakfast round or cereal, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Egg and cheese flatbread, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple muffins, or PB&J, apple slices, OJ, milk.

Lunch K-6: Cheese pizza, turkey and cheese wrap, carrots, caesar side salad, orange, pears. JR/HS: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, carrot broccoli ranch salad, cucumber slices, grapes, cinnamon apple slices.

FRI: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon bun mini pancakes or cereal, apples, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Sausage, egg & cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape juice, milk.

Lunch K-6: Nachos, pizza bagel fun lunch, Mexicali corn, carrots, apple, mandarin oranges and pineapple. JR/HS: Chicken enchilada, brown rice, sweet corn salad, red pepper strips, orange, peaches.

MON: Breakfast K-6: Pancake on a stick or cereal, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB&J, diced pears, apple juice, milk.

Lunch K-6: Chicken patty, turkey and cheese sandwich, tator tots, celery sticks, apple, pears. JR/HS: Pop-corn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, caesar side salad, carrots, apple, pears.

TUES: Breakfast K-6: Breakfast pizza or cereal, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: French toast sticks, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, apple, OJ, milk.

Lunch K-6: Italian meatballs, breadstick, tuna salad sandwich, green beans, carrots, bananas, applesauce. JR/HS: Beef hard shell taco, fixings, kidney bean salad, jicama sticks, orange, applesauce.

WED: Breakfast K-6: Apple cinnamon Texas toast or cereal, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Apple cinnamon Texas toast, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, string cheese, PB&J, peaches, apple juice, milk.

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MON: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, carrots, applesauce, bread, milk.

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FEB 11 - 17

THUR: Tomato Soup, grilled cheese, veggies, pineapple tidbits.

FRI: Meat and Cheese Wrap, potato chips, cucumber salad, mandarin oranges, cupcakes.

MON: No School.

TUES: Pancakes, sausage patty, green beans, strawberries and bananas.

WED: Shredded Pork, fries, carrots, mixed fruit.

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Feb 11-17

THURSDAY: Pork Roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, rice pudding.

FRIDAY: Golden Broil Fish, creamed potatoes, beets, custard.

MONDAY: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, pumpkin dessert.

TUESDAY: Chicken Strips, potato salad, green beans, cake.

WEDNESDAY: Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed corn, cherry crisp.

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2016 Crop Insurance Decisions

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During the next few weeks, many farm operators will be finalizing their crop insurance decisions for the 2016 crop year. March 15th is the deadline to purchase crop insurance for the 2016 crop year. Profit margins for crop production this year are the tightest that they have been for several years, which makes the 2016 crop insurance decisions even more critical. Producers have several crop insurance policy options to choose from, including yield protection (YP) policies and revenue protection (RP and RPE) policies, as well as several other group insurance policy options. There are also decisions with using "enterprise units" versus "optional units", and whether or not to take advantage of the "trend adjusted" APH yields for 2016.

Yield Protection (YP) insurance policy options provide for "yield only" insurance protection, based on historic actual production history (APH) yields on a given farm unit. YP prices are based on average Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) prices for December corn futures

and November soybean futures during the month of February, similar to revenue insurance products. Producers can purchase YP insurance coverage levels from 50% to 85%, and losses are paid if actual corn or soybean yields on a farm unit fall below the yield guarantees.

Revenue Protection (RP) insurance policy options provide for a guaranteed minimum dollars of gross revenue per acre (yield x price), based on yield history (APH) and the average CBOT prices for December corn futures and November soybean futures during the month of February. The revenue guarantee is increased for final insurance calculations, if average CBOT prices during the month of October are higher than the February CBOT prices. Producers purchase RP insurance coverage levels from 50% to 85%, and losses are paid if the final crop revenue falls below the revenue guarantee. The final crop revenue is the actual yield on a farm unit times the CBOT December corn futures price and November soybean futures price dur-

ing the month of October. The Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion (RPE) policy options function the same as RP policies, except RPE policies have a minimum revenue guarantee (yield and price) that is fixed, based on the February CBOT corn and soybean prices, and can not be increased later.

In recent years, a high percentage of crop insurance policies for corn and soybeans in the upper Midwest have been RP policies, because of the combination of yield and price protection. As of February 8th, the 2016 estimated crop prices in the Upper Midwest for YP, RP, and RPE policies was \$3.92 per bushel for corn, \$8.90 per bushel for soybeans, and \$5.18 per bushel for spring wheat. 2016 YP prices and RP base prices will be finalized on March 1st.

Some Important Considerations Regarding 2016 Crop Insurance Decisions:

• **Crop Insurance premium reductions for 2016:** 2016 Crop Insurance premiums for most coverage levels of corn

and soybeans in the Midwest should be the same, or slightly lower, than comparable 2015 premium levels, due to lower insurance guarantees for 2016, as well as RMA premium adjustments that are based on updated crop insurance actuarial data for several years.

• **There are a wide variety of crop insurance policies and coverage levels available.** Make sure you are comparing "apples to apples" when comparing crop insurance premium costs for various options or types of crop insurance policies, and recognize the limitations of the various crop insurance products.

• **View crop insurance decisions from a risk management perspective.** Given the tight profit margins for crop production in 2016, some producers may have a tendency to reduce their crop insurance coverage, in order to save a few dollars per acre. However, a producer must first decide: "How much financial risk can I handle if there are greatly reduced crop yields due to potential drought and weather problems in 2016, and/or lower than expected crop prices?" RP crop insurance policies serve as an excellent risk management tool for these situations, and 2016 may not be the year to reduce insurance coverage.

• **In most instances, utilize the Trend Adjust-**

ed (TA)-APH endorsement for 2016. Many producers in the Upper Midwest have been able to significantly enhance their insurance protection in recent years by utilizing the TA-APH option, with only slightly higher premium costs. Using the TA-APH endorsement is a very good crop insurance strategy for most eligible corn, soybeans, and wheat producers.

• **Utilizing "Enterprise Units" is generally favorable, but know the limitations.** "Enterprise units", which combine all acres of a crop in a given county into one crop insurance unit, are generally favorable to "optional units", which allow producers to insure crops separately in each township section. "Enterprise units" usually have significantly lower premium costs compared to "optional units" for comparable RP policies. However, "enterprise units" are based on larger coverage areas, and do not necessarily cover losses from isolated storms or crop damage that affect individual farm units, so additional insurance, such as hail insurance, may be required to insure against these type of losses.

• **Take a good look at the 85% coverage levels, especially when using "enterprise units" with RP insurance policies.** Most Midwest corn and soybean producers have

been utilizing a minimum of 80 % RP coverage with "enterprise units" in recent years. 2016 may be the time to consider upgrading to the 85% coverage level. In many cases, the 85% coverage level offers considerably more protection, with a modest increase in premium costs. Many producers will be able to guarantee near \$600.00 to \$650.00 per acre for corn, and near \$350.00 to \$400.00 per acre for soybeans at the 85% coverage level for 2016, when also utilizing trend-adjusted APH yields.

• **Where to get more information on 2016 crop insurance alternatives.** A reputable crop insurance agent is the best source of information to find out more details of the various coverage plans, to learn more about the TA-APH yield endorsement, to get premium quotes, and to help finalize 2016 crop insurance decisions.

• **Following are some very good web sites with crop insurance information:** >University of Illinois FarmDoc: www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/cropins/index.asp

> Iowa State Univ. Ag Decision Maker: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/>

> USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA): <http://www.rma.usda.gov/>

Ask A Trooper: DUI on Driver's License?

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Is there anything on a driver's license that tells a merchant/business whether someone has a DUI or on probation for a drinking violation?

Answer: If a person has three or more DWI arrests within ten years, or has four or more DWIs on their record, there is a notation placed on the back of their driver's license (if they are eligible for reinstatement). It will generally state, "Restrictions: Any Use of Alcohol or Drugs Invalidates License." See attached sample.

The restriction is placed on the license as a tool for law enforcement in case the license holder is stopped. This does not restrict that person from

entering an establishment that serves alcohol, but establishments can set their own policies.

I urge you to make smart choices when it comes to planning a party where alcohol will be served. For example, in 2010-2014 there were 945 people arrested for DWI in Minnesota during Super Bowl weekend. During that same time period there were 24 people killed on Minnesota roadways and more than 20% of those were alcohol related.

Always have a plan for a sober ride before you party or crash on a friend's couch to avoid crashing on the road.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your ques-

tions 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) Twitter:MSPPPIO_SOUTH



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by Linda Thistle

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Ian Bents of Profinium in Fairmont delivered a portion of the food donations and cash collected at Profinium during their holiday drive. Our thanks from Heaven's Table Food Shelf for your generous donations.



Rick and Deb DeBoer delivered the fantastic collection of food put together by the Fairmont Area Elementary School in December. Heaven's Table Food Shelf received 1,460 pounds of food to use on our shelves. Thank you for all of your efforts!



Heaven's Table Food Shelf was able to distribute the fantastic hams pictured, thanks to Bill Crawford of Preferred Capital Management. Bill collected funds for the project from employees at PCM, the Fairmont Vet Clinic and his neighbors, to provide close to 1,000 pounds of ham for those in need. Pictured are Deb Adams, Heaven's Table (left) and Bill Crawford, PCM.



Little Cheerleaders performed during halftime of the Fairmont Girls' Varsity Basketball game last Friday night. More photos can be found on Fairmont Sports Facebook page. Courtesy Fairmontsports.com



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