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## The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I found a

sale on paper plates. I buy a lot of paper plates. I hate doing dishes. I'm on one of those diets where I stop eating when my knees begin to buckle. I'm not sure whether I've reached the old age of youth or the youth of old age. I know I'm at the peak of my lardhood, but I'm doing well for someone with so many old parts. I went to the gift shop at the medical clinic. It was full of Teddy Bears. I found them a little stuffy. My sister Cruella said I needed glasses. I guess she was right. If I'd have been wearing glasses, I'd have gone to the eye clinic instead of the gift shop. Sticks and stones may break my bones, but so will falling on the ice. My neighbor Wea-



sel fell into the lake while he was ice fishing. He claimed someone had pulled the ice out from under him. I wanted to play a sad violin for him. I have a musical background. Grandpa used to spank me with his fiddle."

**Naturally**

I tromped around the yard, happy to be a speck in the universe. Our yard is my local park. It's important. Every place has an ecological significance. The landscape had fallen into a white silence. I walked through the snow, following in my own footsteps.

Blue jays and chickadees were vocal. I appreciate chickadees. I do more than appreciate. I'm their cheerleader. I wonder if there is a sports team nicknamed the Chickadees? If not, there should be.

I investigate familiar tracks. I hear them called trash pandas, but I call them noisy raccoons when they wake me at night. I've been seeing a pair of cardinals at my feeders all winter. I enjoy

their company. This day, I saw only the male. I vowed to look harder for the female. I hoped she still survived. Cardinal pairs might stay together throughout winter, but the Cornell Lab of Ornithology found as many as 20 percent split up by nesting season. I hope the local pair of redbirds had an amicable divorce.

I was in Alaska before Thanksgiving and was entertained by the antics of Anna's hummingbirds in Haines. They were still being seen in that fine city in January. This hummingbird either doesn't migrate or migrates short distances to more desirable feeding areas. They are found wintering in the Pacific Northwest. The northernmost observation of Anna's hummingbirds in December, January and February are those seen in Haines. Christopher Columbus wondered if Anna's hummingbirds were a cross between bird and insect. They were sometimes called flybirds.

I saw a belted kingfisher not far from my home. It's a species that goes as far south as required to find needed resources.

I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to evolve in concert with nature.

**Q-and-A**

"Is wild asparagus a real thing?" In the 1960s, Euell Gibbons wrote a book about eating wild edibles titled, "Stalking the Wild Asparagus." I enjoy asparagus. One of my father's favorite dishes was creamed asparagus on toast. Our asparagus patch was treated with respect. It seemed as if everyone grew asparagus. The wild plant we commonly see along roadsides is the same species as tame asparagus--Asparagus officinalis. Wild asparagus produces without human assistance or manipulation. Asparagus plants are insect pollinated and its seeds are spread by birds, allowing domesticated crops to escape into the wild.

"What is Smokey the Bear's middle name?" The.

"What causes deer to drop their antlers?" Dimin-

ishing daylight and falling hormones following the breeding season initiate the antler-weakening process. Testosterone controls the antler cycle, but production of testosterone and the annual

antler cycle is ultimately controlled by photoperiod. Large-antlered older bucks typically shed their antlers earlier than young small-antlered bucks. Weakened bucks may shed earlier than those in better physical condition. Genetics has some effect on the time of shedding.

"How are cormorants able to feed in muddy waters?" The birds rely on vision to hunt in clear water, but their sensory abilities are limited in turbid water. I suspect they change from visual to tactile cues to maintain their foraging efficiency.



**Bewitching and bombastic. It's the blue jay way. Photo by Al Batt**

**Thanks for stopping by**

"When it's over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement. I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms."

When it's over, I don't want to wonder if I have made of my life something particular, and real. I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened, or full of argument. I don't want to end up simply having visited this world." -- Mary Oliver

"Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content." --Helen Keller

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**HINRICHS 80TH** - William Hinrichs of Amboy, formerly of Welcome, will be observing his 80th birthday on Wednesday, February 20th. Birthday wishes and cards will reach him at Box 3, Amboy, MN 56010.

The **Ceylon Cemetery Association Annual Meeting** has been postponed until Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Legends 2 Banquet Hall in Ceylon. All residents of Ceylon and Lake Belt Township are welcome to attend.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, February 13th they will serve scalloped potatoes and ham. On February 20th it will be tacos. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter/jelly sandwich. Suggested donation is \$3.

## eat play shop LOCAL

The **Fairmont MN Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group** will meet Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Fairmont Hospital from 10 a.m. to noon. All patients, family, caregivers and friends are invited to attend. A light lunch will be available. Topics will be highlights of the American Society of Hematologists and Myeloma Action Month. Please RSVP with Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

Community Covenant Church in Huntley, MN is serving a **Wednesday Night Community Supper** each week. On Wednesday, February 13th they will serve chili or soup, corn bread, veggie tray and cake. February 20th will be beef stroganoff, noodles, fruit salad, ice cream and cookies. Menus are subject to change at the whim of the cooks. Free will offering.



**ALTENBURG 89TH** - Vaileen Altenburg of Lewisville will celebrate her 89th birthday on Monday, February 18th. She was born February 18th, 1930. Cards and birthday wishes will reach her at 213 W. Martin Street, Lewisville, MN 56060.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, February 13th they will serve A&W Swiss burgers, baked beans and chips. Next Wednesday, February 20th it will be tacos and all the fixings along with fruit. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

**Come to Our  
BOOK  
FAIR!**

Mark your calendars! Small Sprouts Preschool and Fairmont Christian Schools are hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** February 21st-22nd and February 25th-27th. The book fair will be held at the Bethel Free Church in Fairmont. For times and online shopping, please visit [www.scholastic.com/bf/fairmontchristian](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/fairmontchristian). Proceeds will go to purchase STEM kits and books for the school library.



**BAUMGART 95TH** - Irene Baumgart of Fairmont, formerly of Welcome, will celebrate her 95th birthday on Wednesday, February 20th. She was born February 20th, 1924. Cards can reach her at: 850 Goldfinch Street, Apt. 304, Fairmont, MN 56031.

The **Fairmont High School class of 1962** spouses and friends will meet for lunch on Friday, February 15th at the Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m.

## Fairmont Library to host Code Academy

Kids ages 7-10 who are interested in learning to code should sign up for Code Academy at the Fairmont library. Join them on Tuesday, February 19th

at 4 p.m. Due to space limitations, please pre-register at the library by stopping in or calling 238-4207. There is no cost to attend this event.

## Fairmont Community Blood Drive next week

The need for blood donations is huge this year, mostly because of the weather and the many cancelled blood drives.

You can help with the blood supply by donating during the Fairmont Community Blood Drive.

It will be held Tuesday, February 19th from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 20th from

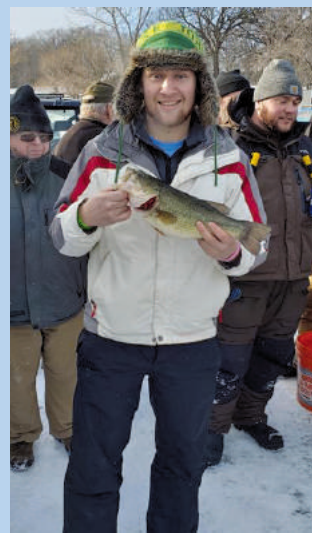
noon to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood drive will take place at the Fairmont Holiday Inn Budd Room.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: FAIRMONTMN

Remember - every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

## Fairmont Lakes Foundation Ice Fishing Contest

held January 26th on Fairmont's lakes



## Lakes Foundation ice fishing contest winners

Two hundred nineteen anglers participated in the 5th annual Fairmont Lakes Foundation Ice Fishing Contest, held Saturday, January 26th on the Fairmont Chain of Lakes.

Winners included:

**1st** Taylor Grathwohl  
4.14lb Pike  
**2nd** Nathan Eaton  
2.56lb LMB  
**3rd** Jason Christen  
2.32lb Walleye BFW

**4th** Nathan Rolling  
2.14lb Walleye  
**5th** Loren Eckert  
1.24lb Walleye  
**6th** Kevin Phillipp  
1.00lb Walleye  
**7th** Ashtyn Senne  
.80lb Crappie BFW  
**8th** Mitchell Steuber  
.74lb Crappie  
**9th** Katelyn Ellis .72lb  
Crappie  
**10th** Ronald Trueblood .68lb Crappie

## Winter afternoon BINGO at the Fairmont library

Stop by the Fairmont library and enjoy a winter afternoon BINGO event!

It will be held on Wednesday, February 20th at 2 p.m., so come and play BINGO!

There is no cost to attend, no registration required and this event is open to the public.

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- ◆ Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins Feb. 21 for **PreK—Gr. 3**.
- ◆ Shop at our Scholastic Book Fair!
- ◆ K-3 Info Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### For More Info:

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Fairmont Cardinal Speech team won the team sweepstakes championship last weekend at Mankato Loyola. They took first place with 124 points in the tournament. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont Speech Team Novice and Varsity medalists at the Mankato Loyola Speech Tournament. (Submitted photo)

**Aktion Club Theatre**, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, February 14th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Any questions about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580.

Fairmont United Methodist Church Youth will have a **"Winter Wonderland" Dinner and Dessert Auction** as a fundraiser on Sunday, February 17th from 10 a.m. to noon with the dessert auction to follow. They will serve pork loin, hash brown casserole, green beans, breadstick, jello salad and beverage. Carry outs are available. Presale tickets available at the church for \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets are \$12 and \$6 at the door. Proceeds support the youth program.

## Family Fun Fair exhibitor registration begins

Fairmont Community Education and Recreation and Early Childhood Family Education are organizing the 34th Annual Family Fun Fair.

The Fair will be held on Friday, March 29th, 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the Fairmont Elementary School.

The purpose of the Family Fun Fair is to assemble local agencies which are advocates of families with young children. The fair will give the public an opportunity to see the numerous educational, economic, health and support services available to families in this area.

Exhibitors provide an exciting variety of hands-on activities for young children.

ACME Magic Factory and Remarkable Reptiles will be featured attractions of this year's Family Fun Fair. Family Entertainer Brian Richards will present two interactive performances of his ACME Magic Factory featuring magic, humor and fun for children and families of all ages. Remarkable Reptiles will bring several live reptiles (all harmless) including a friendly boa constrictor and assorted artifacts.

Groups interested in being exhibitors at the Fair are invited to contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Office (507-235-3141) or Early Childhood Family Education (507-235-6205) for more information.

**Kermit and Loralie Brown** of Fairmont are at home recovering after some recent falls. Kermit has a broken leg and Loralie has a broken ankle. Their wedding anniversary was February 10th when they celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary and it will be one they won't forget!



On Saturday, February 2nd more than 300 people enjoyed a prime rib supper at the Elks Lodge in Estherville as part of the Emmet County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting. Through the raffle ticket sales, several thousand dollars worth of prizes were awarded including seed corn, Traeger grill, bulk fuel, free hay grinding, Cat skid loader usage, a night stay at Wild Rose Casino and \$100 dollar meat bundles. All attending took home a Hormel heat and serve beef tip entree to enjoy later. Thank you to all who attended and to the sponsors! Board members are (front row L to R): Tom Rezac, Derek Smith, Tony Brown, Ward Harsin, Gary Eckelberg. Back row: Neal Ruschy, Gary Hansen, Matt White, Mike Schnell, Morgan Matthews, Scott Kloucek. Not present were Jeff Ulrich and Jesse Prochniak. (Submitted photo)

## Book signing and open house slated to celebrate Tvedten's new release

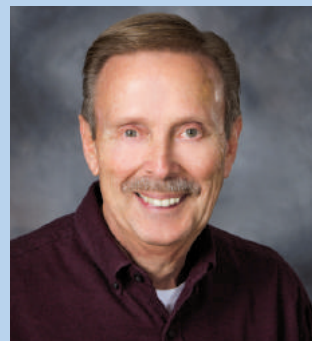
Lenny Tvedten's book, *Tales of Martin County's Past*, will be released in February 2019. To celebrate, the Martin County Historical Society is hosting a book signing and open house at the Pioneer Museum on Thursday, February 21st from 3-7 p.m.

Tvedten has been writing columns regarding local history for over 15 years. This book is a culmination of many of those columns and covers the first pioneers to the area up through an interview with Walter Mondale.

Tvedten, a retired Fairmont fifth grade teacher, began his second career as executive director of MCHS in 2001. Since that time, he has helped develop a school visitation program, the addition of a research library at the museum, the acquisition and renovation of the Pioneer Parsonage, and much more. But perhaps what he is best known for in the community are his newspaper columns.

"I was contacted by

the Sentinel in I think about 2003 and asked if the historical society would like to contribute to their newspaper," Tvedten said. "I started submitting some articles, and the feedback was positive, so I've continued since then and



broadened it to include the Fairmont Photo Press, the Truman Tribune, and the Martin County Star."

Many of those readers encouraged Tvedten to consolidate those 15 years' worth of articles into a book. This also gave him a chance to include historical photos to accompany many of those stories, something the original columns didn't have. "By putting these articles in a book and including pictures from the substantial collection in our

picture file, it tells the story much more completely and creates more interest."

"Had I known that I might put these articles in a book, I would have been more diligent in organizing and filing them more carefully over the years," he said. "Of course, hindsight is usually 20/20!"

The publication of *Tales of Martin County's Past* was made possible in part by the people of Minnesota through a grant funded by an appropriation to the Minnesota Historical Society from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The official release date of the book is February 15th. After that date, the book will be available for sale for \$20 at the museum, located at 304 East Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. Copies of the book will also be for sale at the open house. Light refreshments will be provided that evening, and tours of the museum and parsonage are encouraged.

For more information, call the museum at 507-235-5178 or follow them on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.



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**Date:** Tuesday, February 19th

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Place:** Red Rock Center, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont

Appetizers & Wine will be served

RSVP Here: [womenforwardsvp.com/rsvp-financial-freedom](http://womenforwardsvp.com/rsvp-financial-freedom) (complimentary and open to the public event)

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# A legendary fire truck

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



Records in the archives of the Pioneer Museum indicate that Fairmont's first fire company, as it was called at that time, was organized in 1882 with fifty-four members. It was said to be comprised of a wide range of local residents from all walks of life. Within the organization, there seemed to be considerable



rivalry for the important positions of foreman, first and second assistant foreman, and other positions considered important by the members. They held an Annual Firemen's Ball in that era, however, the earnings were usually minimal. In one instance they netted a mere \$3.50. Fire protection and public safety is certainly vital to every community. Fire departments and fire equipment have evolved

significantly over time. Early fire trucks were hand drawn or horse drawn and had little capacity for fighting fires as compared to today's elaborate equipment. As time went on, motorized equipment was developed and additional firefighting equipment was introduced and included with fire engines.

Locally, firefighting equipment has also evolved significantly. The city of Fairmont purchased its first motorized fire engine in 1923, an American La France, at a cost of \$12,000.00.

An individual, referred to as an "expert," was sent from the American La France Fire Engine Company in Elmira, New York,

to instruct the Fairmont Fire Department of that time in the use of this fire fighting machine. The "expert" was expected to stay in Fairmont for about two weeks and was also going to assist in moving the new fire engine from the Milwaukee Depot to the Fairmont fire station.

The new American La France was a Type 75 combination pumping, chemical, and hose car. It was promoted as the ideal type of fire apparatus for general fire protection purposes. It could pump 750 gallons of water per minute, it had a forty-gallon chemical solution tank, and included 1,200 feet of hose. It had a six-cylinder engine, two ladders, two lanterns, and two extinguishers.

Following a trial run, the fire engine was said



to be very efficient and effective. It took only a few seconds to rush the department, fully equipped, to an imaginary fire doing speeds of sixty miles per hour. Additional testing included taking water from hydrants on North Avenue as well as directly from Lake Sisseton.

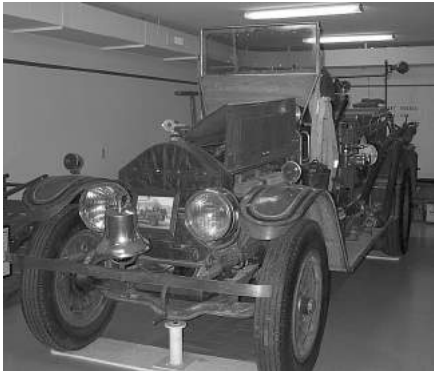
The first real test of the new equipment involved a corn crib fire in the country. The fire engine made the three and one-half mile run to the fire in exactly five minutes from when the whistle blew. It apparently could have even been faster had the regular driver of the fire engine not been out of town thereby causing a slight

delay in getting the fire engine started. The truck pulled out of town with eighteen men aboard on a muddy road toward the fire. The truck reportedly held the road very well, and the firemen were back in Fairmont exactly one hour after the first alarm. The fire was completely extinguished by emptying the forty-gallon tank of chemical. The loss due to the fire was estimated at \$300.00.

There have been many advances in firefighting from the time that the American La France began its lengthy tenure with the Fairmont Fire Department back in 1923. The Fairmont Fire Department continues to do an excellent job of protecting local residents from fires, and over the years has also done an admirable job in keeping the American La France fire truck in first-rate condition. This fire truck served

the area for many years and one of the last fires it encountered was the Stokely Van-Kamp fire in the later 1960's. It was retired shortly after that fire.

The 1923 American La France fire truck referred to in this article is operational and has been used in local parades. It is on display and can be viewed by the public in the Carlson Room of the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont. The Martin County Historical Society is grateful to the local firemen who have helped to maintain this vehicle and have kept this historic reminder of the past in superb running condition.



For more information on this topic, to view the American La France fire truck, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at [www.fairmont.org/mchs](http://www.fairmont.org/mchs).



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Join them as they share six essential tips to help you create your financial plan. Appetizers and wine will be served. This

is a complimentary and open to the public event. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to: [women-forwardsvp.com](mailto:women-forwardsvp.com)

Questions? Email Marsha at [marsha@sweetfinancial.com](mailto:marsha@sweetfinancial.com) or call 507-235-5587. Please RSVP by Friday, February 15th.



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Election of Officers and Annual Meetings will be held on: Tuesday, March 12, 2019. (In case of inclement weather, the meetings and elections will be postponed to March 19, 2019.)

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5 TO 8 P.M.**  
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The voters will elect: ONE SUPERVISOR for a 3-year term  
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	LOCATION	MEETING TIME
CEDAR	Cedar Town Hall	8:01 pm
CENTER CREEK	Center Creek Townhall	8:00 pm
EAST CHAIN	East Chain Activity Center – Old School	8:00 pm
ELM CREEK	Trimont FireHall	4:00 pm
FAIRMONT	Fairmont Elementary School -cafeteria	8:05 pm
FOX LAKE	Fox Lake Township Hall	4:00 pm
FRASER	Welcome City Hall	8:01 pm
GALENA	Galena Township Hall/Grader Shed	8:01 pm
JAY	Jay Township Hall - 2 Supervisors	4:00 pm
LAKE BELT	Lake Belt Grader Shed/Townhall	4:00 pm
LAKE FREMONT	Lake Fremont Grader Shed	4:00 pm
MANYASKA	Fox Lake Township Hall	8:15 pm
NASHVILLE	Nashville Township Hall	4:00 pm
PLEASANT PRAIRIE	Township Hall – Section 20 (Election 4-8)	3:00 pm
ROLLING GREEN	Rolling Green Township Hall	8:05 pm
RUTLAND	Rutland Township Hall – Supervisor only	8:15 pm
SILVER LAKE	Boy Scout Camp/Iowa Lake MC Hwy 41	4:00 pm
TENHASSEN	Tenhasseen Township Hall	4:00 pm
WAVERLY	Waverly Township Hall	4:00 pm
WESTFORD	Westford Grader Shed	4:00 pm

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## A native Minnesota food!

Yes I am talking about wild rice. I may be wrong but I don't think any other state grows wild rice, at least not to my knowledge. I love it, I just made wild rice soup and I know I have given you that recipe. Today I am going to share a side dish for wild rice that is one of my favorites! To me this is a cozy warm you up dish, and don't we need that this winter! Well it is pretty out and the snow is good insulation for my flowers, I'm trying hard to think positive!!

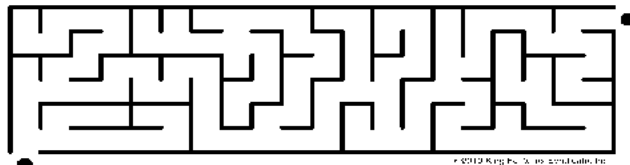
### Wild Rice casserole:

1 cup wild rice  
4 cups boiling water  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
8 oz. can mushroom stems and pieces  
2 beef bouillon cubes, dissolved in 1 1/2 cups hot water  
1/4 tsp. celery salt  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
1/4 tsp. onion salt  
1/4 tsp. paprika  
3/4 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup slivered almonds

Put wild rice in saucepan. Pour boiling water over it and let stand 20 minutes then drain. Put rice in 2 quart casserole. Add soups and mushrooms. Saute' onion and celery in 3 Tablespoons of butter then add to rice. Dissolve bouillon cubes in the 1 1/2 cups hot water, then add celery salt, garlic powder, pepper, onion salt, and paprika to the beef bouillon, mix well and add to casserole. Sprinkle slivered almonds on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6-8

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## Area College Student News



The following student(s) are named to Mount Mercy University's Fall 2018 Dean's List. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better and who

\* \* \*

Camren Saxton of Granada has been named to the Deans' List/Explore Center List of Distinguished Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2018-19 academic year. Saxton, a sophomore undeclared-undergraduate student, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Engineering.

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The following local students have been named to the President's List at Drake University. This academic honor is achieved

\* \* \*

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2018 semester at Bethel University, St. Paul. The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during

\* \* \*

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

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Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, Minn.) students have been honored for achievement during the 2018 fall semester of study. There are two Honors categories for the Dean's List. An undergraduate student who completes 12 or more A-F graded credits and achieves a grade-point-average of 3.5 or

higher earns Honors. If a 4.0 grade-point-average is achieved, the student earns High Honors.

### High Honors

• Hayley Fogelson, Fairmont

### Honors

• Gabriella Coxworth, Blue Earth  
• Alexis Bass, Fairmont  
• Jordan Biehn, Jackson

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@ the Martin County Library

2019 marks the second year that all Martin County Libraries are overdue fine free! That's right—if you bring your items back late, there are no fines charged to your account! If you can't

get your items returned to the library because you're sick, or on vacation, or the weather is bad, don't worry! Bring it back when you get the chance and there will not be a fine! As a library, we just want the items returned so another person can check it out and take it home, so we said goodbye to those overdue fines! Please note that we do still charge for lost or damaged materials. Thank you for being library users, we appreciate you!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Conservation Club Fundraiser

Martin County Conservation Club, Inc. (MCCCI) was established on March 25th, 1914. This organization is responsible for having the foresight for purchasing and protecting many areas in Martin County which are now enjoyed by our residents in the way of public accesses to lakes, specific parks, and Wildlife Management Areas. Land acquisition is where the large dollars go. Other dollars go to fish stocking, fishing piers on area lakes, student conservation studies, soil and water conservation, high school trap shooting team, Let's Go Fishing, 4-H, Dollars For Scholars, and many other local projects.

Listed are several projects that MCCCI has partially or fully funded over the years: Amber Lake Park, Timberlane Park, Bright Lake Park, Center Creek, and East Chain Wildlife Management Areas just to name a few.

This month we will be hosting our annual banquet

Saturday, February 23rd, at Martin Luther High School in Northrop, where games, gun raffles, silent and live auctions, a social hour, as well as a great meal featuring prime rib or stuffed pork chops, will raise funds for "Conservation". The banquet is heaps of fun for the entire family. MCCCI has no administration fees, all funds raised go directly back into Martin County to help make all of our lives more enjoyable.

Where can you find a private park with lake access to North Silver for just a \$15 club membership.....only in Martin County! Please consider becoming a club member, joining us at the banquet (\$40), becoming a sponsor (\$250), or donor (\$100). Martin County needs you!

Banquet tickets are available at Hy-Vee, Sommer Outdoors, or by calling 507-235-3692.

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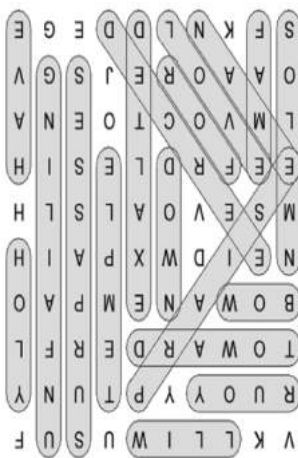
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### Jeff's Jottings!



What is it?




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OBITUARY

notices

Frank P. Nowak, 95



A private family burial for Frank P. Nowak, 95, of Fairmont, will be held at a later date in the spring with burial held in the Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery. Frank passed away peacefully with his family by his side at his home in Fairmont on Monday evening, February 4th, 2019. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Francis "Frank" P. Nowak was born March 18th, 1923, in Guckeen, MN, the son of Boleslaus "Ben" and Agnes (Wirth) Nowak. He received his education attending

school in Guckeen, MN. Frank enlisted with the United States Army on February 13th, 1943 and following a surgery, received his honorable discharge on August 26th, 1943.

Frank was united in marriage to Mavis Klein. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont.

Frank worked for many years in the Sears Retail Store in Fairmont and also worked for many years as a real-estate agent for Century 21 in Fairmont.

Frank loved working in the yard and tending to his garden and flowers and was known for his plant

sales in the summer held at his home.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Marilyn J. Hardt; grandchildren, Charles Hardt, Romney (Annette) Hardt, Lisa Rank, and Rory (Tracy) Hardt; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Agnes Nowak; wife, Mavis Nowak; son-in-law, Jerald Hardt; four brothers; and six sisters.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

DEATH

notices

February 1 - Lawrence H.E. Krenz, 93, Truman Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

February 3 - Marilyn K. Johnson, 77, Truman Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

February 4 - David A. Shelstad, 66, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 4 - Frank P. Nowak, 95, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 5 - Jonathan E. Sumey, 56, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 5 - Darlene A. Isenberg, 91, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 8 - Arlen L. Maschoff, 94, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 9 - Hazel Plumhoff, 101, Alpha Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

January 31 - Richard M. Hall, 88, Dunnell

February 8 - Barbara L. Kollasch, 65, Fairmont

February 8 - Carla C. Rosa, 55, Sherburn

Jonathan E. Sumey, 56



Services for Jonathan Edward Sumey, 56, of Fairmont, were held Saturday, February 9th, 2019, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Eagle Bend, MN. Jonathan passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, February 5th, 2019, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Jonathan Edward Sumey was born to Wayne

and Violet (Dahl) Sumey on February 9th, 1962, in Minneapolis. He was baptized and confirmed at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Minnetonka. He grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Wayzata High School in 1980. Jon graduated from Golden Valley Lutheran College in 1982 and then from Texas Lutheran College in 1984 majoring in German and History. Jon continued his education in Germany and back home at Augsburg College and also at-

tended the Lutheran Bible Institute in California.

Jon stayed in California working nights at a Circle K Store. His life changed on November 30th, 1997, when leaving work, he became the victim of a drive by shooting. After 9 brain surgeries, months in ICU, and years of rehab and group homes, Jon came to live near family in Fairmont in 2004.

Jon joined Grace Lutheran Church and Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis. He enjoyed listening to

music, especially the Beatles and specifically, Paul McCartney. He was able to see Paul live in concert three times. Jon also enjoyed watching movies, collecting coins, walking and following sports, especially the Fairmont Cardinals and Minnesota Vikings.


Left to cherish his

memory are his mother, Violet M. Sumey; brothers, James A. Sumey and Dr. Steven W. Sumey and his wife, Deb; many nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Jon was preceded in death by his father, Wayne D. Sumey and his sister, Susan M. Sumey.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

Darlene A. Isenberg, 91



Funeral services for Darlene A. Isenberg, 91, of Fairmont, were held Wednesday morning, February 13th, 2019 at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church in rural East Chain. Burial was in the East Chain Evangelical Free Church Cemetery. Darlene died Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Darlene A. Isenberg was born on October 5th, 1927 to Alvin and Melinda (Miller) Milbrandt in Fairmont. She attended school in Fairmont where she graduated with the Class of 1945. Darlene did secretarial work and waitressing for her uncle in his hamburger shop.

On November 26th, 1966, Darlene married Roger Isenberg at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. They lived on the farm in the East Chain area un-

til 2005 when they retired to Fairmont. She loved spending time with family and was thrilled to be with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Roger Isenberg of Rochester; seven children, Trina Brown of Fairmont, Byron (Sandra) Brown of Casa Grande, AZ, Michael (Dixie) Meixell of Fairmont, Alice (Rande) Isenberg of Fairmont, Martin (Kathy) Meixell of Fairmont, Mat-

thew (Elizabeth) Meixell of Paradise Valley, AZ and Carrie (Tony) Hall of Kasson; twenty-one grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; sister, Lila Welchlin of Fairmont; sister-in-law, Berniece Milbrandt of Fairmont; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Melinda Milbrandt; parents-in-law, Carl and Flo Ella Isenberg; two husbands, Ethan Brown and

Edward Meixell; brothers, Leslie, Arvin and Donald Milbrandt; sister-in-law, Audrey Milbrandt; and brother-in-law, Milton Welchlin.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

PSALM 138:2

I will **bow down** toward your **holy temple** and will **praise** your **name** for your **unfailing love** and your faithfulness, **for** you **have** so **exalted** your **solemn decree** that it **surpasses** your **fame**.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Song of Solomon 8, what is so powerful that many waters cannot quench it? *Hope, Love, Salvation, Peace*

3. Thorns and what else grew from the ground that God cursed after Adam and Eve's sins? *Vines, Ivy, Thistles, Weeds*

4. According to Paul, in hardships Christians are "more than" what? *Friends, Conquerors, Warriors, Immkeepers*

5. From Luke 19, what town was home to Zacchaeus? *Jericho, Tarsus, Thessalonica, Corinth*

6. How many sons did Isaac have? *2, 4, 6, 8*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Love; 3) Thistles; 4) Conquerors; 5) Jericho; 6) 2 (Esau and Jacob)


Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

ACTS 17:24,25



"The Ancient of Days" by William Blake (1794)

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## Financial Focus



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### Market Outlook for 2019: Uncertainty is Certain

To say the financial markets were a bit bumpy in 2018 may be an understatement. The S&P 500 was down 6.2 percent for the year, the first time this key index fell since 2008, during the financial crisis. So what can you anticipate in 2019? And what investment moves should you make?

Let's review the causes for last year's market volatility. Generally speaking, uncertainty was a major culprit. Uncertainty about tariffs, uncertainty about the continued trade dis-

pute with China, uncertainty about Brexit – they all combined to make the markets nervous. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates four times, and even though rates remain low by historical standards, the increases caused some concern, as higher borrowing costs can eventually crimp the growth prospects for businesses.

And now that we're into 2019, these same uncertainties remain, so markets are likely to remain volatile. Although the Fed

has indicated it may be more cautious with regard to new rate hikes, there are indications of slower growth ahead, particularly in China, the world's second-largest economy. And after strong 2018 earnings growth, helped by the corporate tax cuts, corporate earnings may grow more slowly – and, as always, earnings are a key driver of stock prices.

Nonetheless, the U.S. economy is showing enough strength that a recession does not appear to be on the horizon, which

is also likely to be the case globally – and that should be good news, because an extended “bear” market typically does need to be fueled by a recession. Ultimately, the projected continued growth of the U.S. economy and the possible resolution of some uncertainties could help markets rebound.

As investors, we cannot control the everyday ups and downs in the markets, but we can control our decisions, look for opportunities and keep a long-term perspective within our investment portfolios. Consider these actions for 2019:

- Be prepared for volatility. As mentioned, many of the same factors that led to the market upheavals of 2018 are still with us, along with the impact of the partial government shutdown – so don't be surprised to see contin-

ued volatility. The more you're prepared for market turbulence, the less startled you'll be when it arrives.

- Stay diversified. At any given time, different financial assets may move in different directions: stocks up, bonds down, or vice versa. To help dilute risk and take advantage of different opportunities, you should maintain a broadly diversified portfolio containing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and so on. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain an appropriate proportion of each asset class, based on your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

- Take a long-term perspective. It can be disconcerting to see several-hundred point drops in the stock market. But you can look past short-term events, especially if your most important financial target – a comfortable retirement – is still years or decades away. By keeping your focus on the long term, you can make investment decisions based on your objectives – not your emotions.

If 2019 continues to be volatile, you'll need to stay prepared and make the right moves – so you can be confident that you did everything you could to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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



### Ask A Trooper: Private vehicle sales

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
MN State Patrol

**Question: If I sell my vehicle to a private party, what do you recommend I do to protect myself in the event the new owner gets into a crash or is arrested prior to them transferring the title into their name?**

**Answer:** If the vehicle you sold is involved in a hit and run or pursuit and the driver flees the scene, law enforcement will contact the registered owner in an attempt to locate the driver. The steps below will help protect you as the seller or buyer of a vehicle from a private party.

When you sell a vehicle, you (owner/seller) are re-

sponsible for filing the “Notice of Sale” within ten days of the sale. This is located in the lower portion of the Certificate of Title. Doing this in a timely manner protects you and helps law enforcement to have access to the most current registered owner information. It is also helpful to create a receipt that contains the buyer's contact information and date of sale. This will serve as proof of when you sold the vehicle and to whom.

When purchasing a vehicle from a private party it is important that the vehicle title is transferred as soon as possible. Minnesota state

law says that you have to transfer the vehicle's title within ten days of the date of sale, other than a sale by or to a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers, or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up, you must obtain Minnesota registration at the time of expiration.

For additional information visit: [https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/documents/buyingorsellingmotorvehicle\\_just\\_the\\_facts.pdf](https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/documents/buyingorsellingmotorvehicle_just_the_facts.pdf)

You can avoid a ticket —

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

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



**25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS**

**WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 16, 1994**

Aaron Schlophoff, son of Paul and Irene Schlophoff of Sherburn, and a senior at Martin County West High School, placed first in District 2 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy contest. Schlophoff was the local winner and then placed 5th in the state, out of nine district contestants.

St. John Vianney School held its annual Spelling Bee. Lori Borowski placed first and Johannah Hill placed second in the school competition. Lori then went on to the Spelling Bee at the Middle School and placed first in the city-wide event. She will go on to the region competition in Mankato.

Wedding and prom fashions were the highlight of the Fair Mall/Elegant Affair Bridal and Prom Show held at the Fair Mall Shopping Center. Nearly 20 businesses who serve the wedding trade had exhibits at the show.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS**

**WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 16, 1969**

The City of Fairmont had purchased the Crystal Bottling Company building at the corner of Blue Earth Avenue and Main Street for a parking lot, and planned to round off the corner for automobile drivers. Simultaneously, Fairmont Federal Savings and Loan announced that the financial institution had purchased the Luedtke building facing Main Street in the same block, for expansion purposes. Both properties were to be developed during the coming year.

Captain Robert Burkhardt of the Salvation Army said the Army was opening a Family Thrift Store in Fairmont, at 117 East Second Street. Stock for the store was to be donated and would be sold at a nominal fee to assist the Salvation Army to be more self-supporting.

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I have noticed that many, including myself, have made the comment in the past week or so, "I'm moving south!" I used to love snow (as a kid) because it usually meant a day off from school and the chance to build snow forts or go sliding down the hill by the creek nearby, but as I have grown older, the "love" for snow has become less and less to the point this winter that I just am ready to say "Uncle!" It makes it



My front lawn.

really hard to plan anything ahead this winter because of the snowy weather, frigid cold and blizzards. One example is that our local Ceylon Cemetery Association has rescheduled the annual meeting twice already due to bad weather and we hope our next planned date is snow-free. It seems like every other day there is snow (and not just a dusting!) in the forecast. It makes it a real challenge out in the country because the ditches are full and it's hard to see the edges of the road. Punxsutawney Phil, the famous ground hog, predicted last week that spring will arrive early this year. I think Phil was partaking of a little too much cheer before making that prediction!

#### So, "What is it?"

Bob from Twelve Baskets here in Fairmont had an item dropped off for me last week to put in my column.



I have never seen anything like it and am not sure if it is homemade or just a very old item. It is made of wood and has thin metal inserts. It measures 18 inches long by 8 inches wide and is 2 1/2 inches tall. It is nailed together with brads, nails and wire staples and as you can tell by the photos, it is either missing two metal strips or you can move the two existing ones to a wider gap. So, what is it? If you think you know, drop me an email at [jeff@fairmontphotopress.com](mailto:jeff@fairmontphotopress.com) or call me at 507-238-9456. If you have an item you think would be a good piece for this column, stop in or email me some photos along with a description.

#### Food pack Saturday

This Saturday, February 16th, a number of volunteers will be gathering at the

St. John Vianney Catholic School Gymnasium to take part in the annual "Kids Against Hunger" Food Pack. The is the 11th year that this event has been taking place in Fairmont and last year our teams packed the one millionth meal for the Fairmont site since the beginning. Last year the group raised over \$37,000 to help feed those in need, both locally and abroad. Don't have a team but still want to help? We are always looking for individuals to take part. We will pair you up with a team that is short of help so you can be a part of the "Kids Against Hunger" 2019 food pack. See you Saturday!



#### Food, food and more food!

Here are a few things to let you know about before I go this week: • The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. and will feature A&W Swiss burgers. All meals also come with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, dessert and beverages. A \$2 donation is suggested. • Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont continues its Open Door Meal Wednesday, February 6th from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are serving scalloped potatoes and ham. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert bar/cookie and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. A \$3 donation is suggested for this meal. • The Wednesday night supper at Community Covenant Church in Huntley is from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. They will serve chili or soup, corn bread, veggie tray and cake. Free will donation. • Friday, February 15th, enjoy a good old fashion roast

beef dinner and entertainment by "The OK Factor" at The Red Rock Center in Fairmont. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. This is a collaborated fundraiser with St. Paul Lutheran Youth Ministry. • Sunday, February 17th Fairmont United Methodist Church Youth will have a "Winter Wonderland" Dinner and Dessert Auction from 10 a.m. to noon with the dessert auction to follow. Funds raised will go toward youth programs. • Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 19th, 20th and 21st, the American Red Cross is having their blood drive at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. Check out their ad in this week's Photo Press for times to donate each day. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Is it Spring yet?

Jeff

## "Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



### "A Winter Wonderland"

Here's a helpful tip for surviving the harsh winters of northern Minnesota and the upper midwest, actually, the entire Midwest this year. Look for the simple wonders of winter outdoors. They are there and they will keep until you find them because they're frozen. Well, so long as you find them before the spring thaw. Here's a few simple winter things I found recently, that entertained me.

The other day, at the crack of dawn, our dog, June, started barking like crazy at the front door. I hushed her, "Go to sleep! Whatever it is outside that's bothering you, is meant to be outside. It's okay." I assured her. A couple hours later when I went to shovel the snow, there were deer print coming up the steps and onto the front porch. I've never seen that before. There was no doubt in my mind this deer was coming to raid the bird feeder until her plot was foiled by our trusty guard dog sounding off.

This morning when I went out to shovel the new snow off the front stoop, there were deer prints again coming up the steps and onto the porch. This time the deer made her way across the porch where the bird feeder hangs. Her efforts were fruitless. The doe left hungry as the chickadees

don't take long to empty the feeder each day when I refill it. The small birds do however spill quite a bit of sunflower seed on the ground below the feeder. In this environment, no source of food goes to waste. The grouse that lives under the pine trees would claim this fallen bounty as her meal.

The hen made a neat little trail where she had come out from under cover, making way across the top of the powdery snow, leaving a channel behind. The imprint was shaped perfectly by the bird as she plowed her breast through the snow, just like a boat pushes its bow through the water. In the bottom of the track there were marks left by her feet. It looked like she swam through the snow to reach her destination where she cleaned

up all the spillage below. There was no path going back to the pines, though; I supposed she took flight on her return. Perhaps she was scared off by the guard dog inside.

When I let the fearless guard dog out to do her morning business, she ran down to the driveway. I wish she wouldn't do that, as she leaves unsightly yellow circles in the driveway below the snow. I have a place cleared for her to go in the yard, but apparently, she thought the snow in the uncleared driveway was less deep than the yard. Maybe she just wanted a change of scenery today.

A couple hours later, after my morning coffee and filling the bird feeder, I went out and started the snow blower to clear the drive. Our driveway is rock, and if the snow blower catches them, it can throw

those rocks pretty fast and far with such fury, I have to be careful which way the snow chute is pointed to avoid windows, the house and cars. The rocks make quite a racket when going through the powerful machine.

Making my way down the driveway near the edge of the grass, I shot three rocks out with the snow. They landed up in the yard. I watched the rocks and thought I was going crazy as they continued to move sporadically up the hill in the yard! "Rocks can't roll uphill like that. Why didn't they sink into the snow?" I asked myself. As I continued to watch it occurred to me, those weren't rocks - they were voles! A vole

being a small mouse like animal that burrows into the ground - or a redneck on the game show, Wheel of Fortune: "I'd like to buy a vole." Okay, that was a really bad joke, let's get back to the story. ...when I fell

from my hands and knees to the floor, flat on my belly, I admitted it was an impossible task...

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**FEB 14 - 20**

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**FRI:** No school.

**MON:** No school.

**TUE: K-6:** Chicken fajitas, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, corn, carrots, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS: ?????**

**WED: K-6:** Italian meatball sub, ham & cheese sandwich, carrots, caesar salad, apple, diced pears. **JR/HS:** Taco meat, chips, rice, carrots, corn salad, broccoli, banana, peaches.

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**FEB 14 - 20**

**THURS:** Porcupine meatballs, baked potato, winter mix veggies, bread pudding.

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

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

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

**WED:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, harvard beets, cheesecake with cherry topping.

**TRUMAN AREA**

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**FEB 14 - 20**

**THUR:** Pork chopette, mashed potato, gravy, corn, fruit cup, Valentine treat.

**FRI:** Chicken fajita, rice, green beans, veggies, fruit.

**MON:** No school.

**TUE:** Pizza, CA veggies, pineapple tidbits, fruit.

**WED:** Chicken hotdish, breadstick, spinach salad, peas, mandarin oranges, fruit.

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**FRI:** No school.

**MON:** No school.

**TUE:** Cheeseburger, tator tots, cucumbers, applesauce.

**WED:** Taco meat, chips, rice, broccoli, banana.

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**FEB 14 - 20**

**THUR:** Ham & egg muffin with cheese, carrots, hash brown patty, mandarin oranges.

**FRI:** Shrimp poppers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, bread, pears.

**MON:** No school.

**TUE:** Taco salad, chips, fruit.

**WED:** Meat & cheese wrap, potato chips, veggie slices, peaches.

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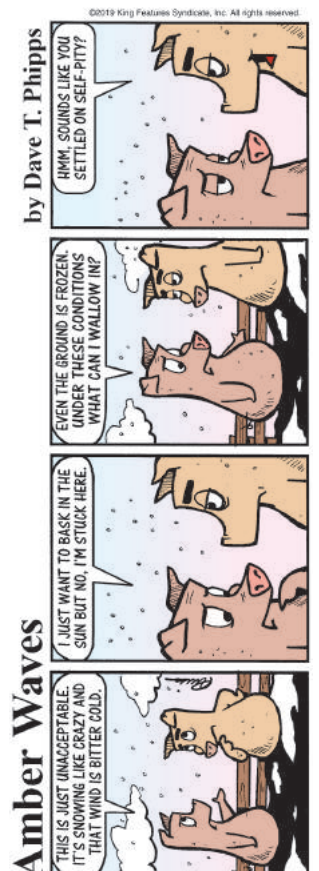
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## Celebrate 2019 National FFA Week

The Fairmont, Martin County West and Truman-Granada-Huntley-East Chain FFA chapters will celebrate National FFA Week, February 16th-23rd, 2019. This FFA Week embraces more than 91 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. Nearly 670,000 members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

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Five members of the MCW FFA chapter received their American FFA degree in October at the National FFA Convention. Bryan Potthoff (left), Samantha Gonzalez (middle), Emily Ziemer (right), along with Sierra Williamson and Jacob Ebeling (not pictured) received the award along with less than .5% of FFA members nationwide.



**MCW FFA CHAPTER:** *Front row (l to r):* Nick Bittner, Katie Ebeling, Alyssa Williamson, Grace Meyers, Nic Potthoff, Emily Matejka, Alexi Schafer, Carson Kahler, Karson Janssen, Gabby Lange, Tanner Sinn, Cash Owens. *2nd row:* Lane Rasche, Seth Scarfpin, Jacob Fiala, Madison Klima, Hannah Olson, Nick Beseke, Hannah Bliesmer, Cheyenne Owens, Dani Nelson, Derrek Russenberger, Nic Miller, Tate Leiding, Jesse Potts. *3rd row:* Ivy Kokoruda, Ella Meyers, Austin Harris, Jarek Cutler, James Bittner, Hunter Swanson, Todd Morrow, Blake Jagodzinske, Nick Rathman, Katelyn Lyon, Isaac Strierner. *4th row:* Sway Buchmeier, Miah Olson, Taylor Elliott, Zoie Thate, Lauren Borchardt, Hailee Schuett, Abby Bachenberg, Kain Sanders, Lucas Jagodzinske, Liz Fisher, Shaylynn Anderson, Olivia Anderson, Logan Kosbab, Macey Becker, Zach Forsberg. *5th row:* Lillian Krogman-Gibson, Shanna Amborn, Bella Lange, Brianna Morrow, Kaylea Truesdell, Anna Bachenberg, Emma Omvig, Kari Matejka, Sydney Borntrager, Hailey Rasche, Sydney Anderson, Katie Lange, Hunter Schmidtke, Noah Schettler. *6th row:* Morgan Curtis, Alyx Stahl, Brice Oechsle, Harlie Fletcher, Talen Kettner, Joseph Forsberg, Raef Omvig, Harrison Rathman, Riley Kascht, Nick Matejka, Jameson Forsberg, Samantha Schwager, Alec Thompson. *7th row:* Kelley Bettin, Cade Williamson, Liz Peterson, Katie Hartke, Sarah Fisher, Ryelynn Forsberg, Rylan Cutler, Jacob Clarke, Riley Allen, Gabriel Strierner, Drew Stade, Heather Trumpold, Hayden Jahnke. *8th row:* Kelly Cronk, Kiley Bettin, Brock Lange, Ben Matejka, Eastyn Anderson, Colby Schwichtenberg, Isaac Meyer, Karsyn Anderson, Braelyn Faber, Angelina Arnold, Callie McCorkell, Elle Carlson, Liv Borchardt, Thea Anderson, Sydney Flohrs, Evan Roben. *Advisor:* Stephanie Wohlhuter



The National FFA Convention is held in Indianapolis, IN each year in October. FFA members compete in a variety of events, attend keynote speakers/sessions, participate in workshops and tour agricultural facilities. The MCW FFA chapter sent six students to the National Convention this year, including a tour of a honeybee farm.



The annual "From the Ground Up" event is an opportunity to celebrate agriculture in Martin County and educate those in non-agricultural careers about the industry. MCW FFA members assisted with the event including (l to r): Liz Fisher, Grace Meyers, Emily Matejka, Madison Klima, Gabby Lange and Alyssa Williamson.

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MCW FFA members joined in with the Bacon Capital USA committee to celebrate Bacon Capital Day at the Martin County Fair.



**MCW FFA Officers** - The 2018 MCW FFA Officer Retreat included a trip to Sioux Falls complete with activities at the Sky Zone, team-building challenges and a stop at the Falls Park. Officers are Gabby Lange, Nic Potthoff, Alyssa Williamson, Grace Meyers, Emily Matejka, Alexi Schafer, Karson Janssen, Carson Kahler, and Katie Ebeling.

MCW FFA members are active during the summer months in a variety of activities, camps/conferences, and other events. During FFA Day at the Martin County Fair, FFA members participate in a variety of livestock shows, ag-related stations and Ag Olympics.



Katelyn Lyon, Leah Amborn, Macey Becker, Alexi Schafer, Liz Fisher, Katie Ebeling and Nic Potthoff were MCW FFA's representation at the National FFA convention this year. They had a phenomenal experience!



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Students attended the Region VII Fall Leadership Day and learned from the Region VII Officers and gathered ideas from other chapters. Front Row: Justine Eisenmenger, Bailey Martinson, Alleyna Lewis, Aleasha Broome-Hembree, Brooklyn Meyer, Natalie Tonne. Back Row: Dylan Kennedy, Ciara Cowing, Andrew Moeller.



**FAIRMONT FFA CHAPTER:** Front Row: Mackenzie Householder, Andrew Moeller, Cadee Becker, Carissa Saxton, Jenna Gustafson, Allison Schwieger, Joni Becker, Mikayla Stradtman, Mason Kotewa, Dan Betts. Second Row: Justine Eisenmenger, Bailey Martinson, Tessa Fowler, Audrianna Lewison, Chloe Murphy, Jacob Lueth, Marshall Crissinger, Lili Bulfer. Third Row: Ciara Cowing, Lincoln Becker, Carson Johnson, Levi Buhmann, Nick Thate, Tyler Davis, Jed Fowler, Ty Wintheiser, Logan Wedel. Fourth Row: Gracie Ziemer, Madison Moeller, Corynn Azevedo, Aleasha Broome-Hembree, Carter Davis, Blake Buntjer, Kinze Stradtman, Mya Mosloski, Bailee Swanson. Advisor: Amber Seibert



Every year, Fairmont FFA partners with the Martin County West FFA Chapter to assist in serving the "From The Ground Up" meal. Front Row: Jenna Gustafson, Gracie Ziemer, Allison Schwieger, Hannah Johnson, Joni Becker. Back Row: Mason Kotewa, Dan Betts, Andrew Moeller.



Tessa Fowler and Erin Hoch (pictured here with MN FFA State Sentinel James Mathiowetz and Region VII President Zach Hoffman) attended the State Greenhand Leadership Conference, where they were able to connect with members from across the state and learn more about FFA.



Five students attended the 2018 FFA Day with the Twins, were able to walk the field before the game and participated in FFA activities at Target Field. Allison Schwieger, Gracie Ziemer, Dan Betts, Camren Saxton, Lance Becker.



Jazlyn Meyer (above right) and Camren Saxton earned their State FFA Degrees at the 2018 State FFA Convention. The State FFA Degree is the second-highest level of membership that an FFA member can earn. Since the chapter has re-chartered, seven members have achieved this honor.



Lance Becker (center) was the 2018 Minnesota State Swine Production placement Proficiency Award winner. His application received a silver ranking at the national level. Lance is employed at LB Pork, and raises show pigs in addition to managing hog sites.

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(L to R): Brett Davis, Louis Bowers, Emma Ritz, Kaley Meyer, Kylee Bentz, Chloe Hartman, Eden Studer, Mitchell Steuber, heading out for the annual grain drive. To date, Truman FFA has donated over \$120,000 to Camp Courage since the grain drive has been started.



TRUMAN-GHEC FFA: (front row L-R) Kylee Bentz, Eden Studer, Carter Brudellie, Ameila Heald, Emma Ritz, Chole Hartman, Jaime Balcom, Mikala Hall, Spencer Salic, Jorvik Jensen. (Back row) Peyton Franzen, Louis Bowers, Clay Gieske, Jaiden Cook, Tallin Cook, Mitchell Steuber, Kaley Meyer, Lydia Studer, Jenna Balcom, Annika Jensen. Advisor: Ryan Brudellie



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Chloe Hartman with her fainting goats at baby animal day for Truman elementary students.



Tallin Cook (right) holding a lamb for the kids to pet during baby animal day.

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Carter Brudellie (right) and sitting across from him (L to R): Chris Studer, Jim Utermarck, and Melissa Kutch sitting down to enjoy a breakfast cooked by Truman FFA members.



Truman Elementary students enjoying the donkey and the miniature pony at baby animal day.



Truman Elementary students checking out the baby pigs during baby animal day.

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Fairmont FFA 2018-19 officer team: Front Row: Jenna Gustafson (Reporter), Allison Schwieger (Secretary), Joni Becker (Vice President); Back Row: Mikayla Stradtman (Officer-At-Large), Mason Kotewa (Sentinel), Andrew Moeller (President), Dan Betts (Treasurer).



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Week of: February 14, 2019

**NEXT FFA MEETING:**  
Monday, February 11 at 6:30pm!  
Activity: Group games!

**UPCOMING DATES**

- ★ **February 15: Region CDEs**
  - **Interview day:** State Degrees, Proficiencies, Region VII Office
  - **Speaking contests:** Prepared, Extemp, Employment Skills
- ★ **February 18-23: FFA Week!**
  - **Feb 18:** Region VII Dodgeball tourney (get a permission slip in the Ag Room)
  - **Feb 21:** Ag Symposium (get a permission slip in the Ag Room)
  - **Feb 23:** Annual Community Pancake Breakfast! (Look for your invite in the mail and sign up to help!)

**FFA CALENDAR**

Mon	7:40am: Conduct of Chapter Meetings 6:30pm: FFA Meeting!
Tues	7:30am: Parli Practice Interview Day Permission Slips Due 5:00pm-7pm: Ag Room Open Hours
Wed	
Thurs	7:40am: Conduct of Chapter Meetings
Fri	Region VII Interview Day: leaving at 7:30am (Official Dress Required!)

**FFA WEEK IS COMING!**  
Have you checked out the sign-ups in the Ag Room? Our FFA Officer team has an AMAZING FFA week planned, and we need help if we are going to pull this off!

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Soliciting donations of grain on the Truman FFA grain drive. This money is donated to Camp Courage, and local food shelves. The kids feel that it is important to keep some of the money local to help those in need in our own community. Front (L-R): Kylee Bentz, Chloe Hartman. Back: Emma Ritz, Kaley Meyer, Eden Studer



Tallin Cook (center) and Karson Davis (right) asking Norm Brudellie (left) if there farm would be willing to help out our FFA chapter with donating grain for our grain drive.

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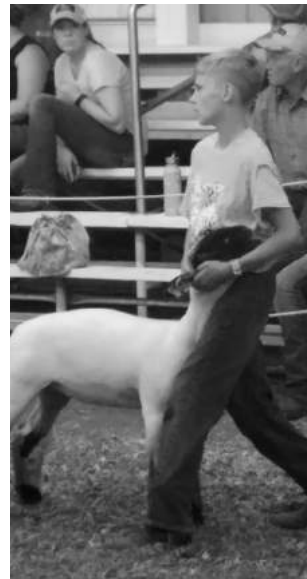
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Alissa Kallemeyn showing sheep at the Martin County Fair.



Spencer Salic showing sheep at the Martin County Fair.



Keegan Hastad Showing his commercial speckled face ewe at the Martin County Fair.

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Deion (middle) has been a Direct Support Professional with COR for 8 months. He enjoys taking Paul (left) to the REPLAY game store (Downtown Plaza) where they discuss different video games. They also have a great time at the Different Drummer Dance Club where Paul is very excited to DJ. Deion enjoys taking David (right) to the racetrack and high school sporting events where they cheer to support their team. Deion says, "Working with the guys is like being at home where everyone makes their own choices in life events. There are different challenges in every job, but I like this job, because it's very unique and rewarding. I go home feeling like I made a difference in someone's life, and that makes me feel good."

Paul's interests include anything to do with electronics, and he has taught Deion a few things. Paul also enjoys music, singing, and meeting new people. He likes the opportunity to share his interests with others and perhaps educate them with some of his technology skills. If you see Paul in the community, feel free to introduce yourself.

As Deion reported above, David is a huge supporter of FHS sports. He also enjoys attending the races and taking walks in the community. If you see David, he would enjoy a simple "hi" and a handshake. David may ask you questions such as "What's your name" and "Where do you live" so as to strike up a conversation. In turn, others can ask David what sporting events he has taken in lately.

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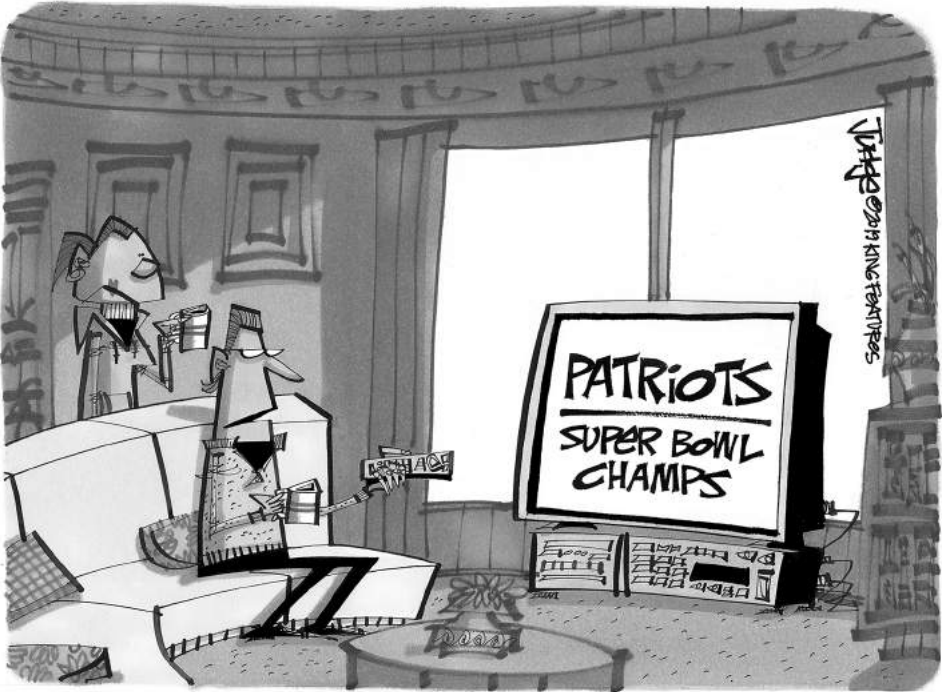
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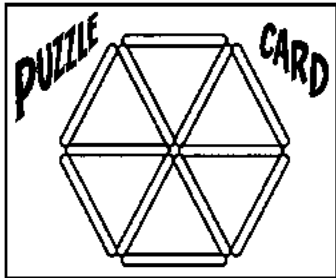
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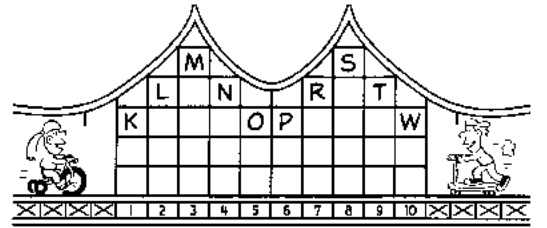
Answers: 12 + 12/12 and 14 - 14/14 both equal 13.

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

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2. Hog fat.
3. Indians cultivated it.
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5. A clumsy fellow.
6. A type of talk.
7. Where coral is found.
8. Spicy sauce, or dance.
9. What ice skaters hate.
10. A frying pan.

Answers: 1. Keg 2. Lard 3. Maize 4. Noon 5. Cal. 6. Feep 7. Heel 8. Salsa 9. Traw 10. Wok

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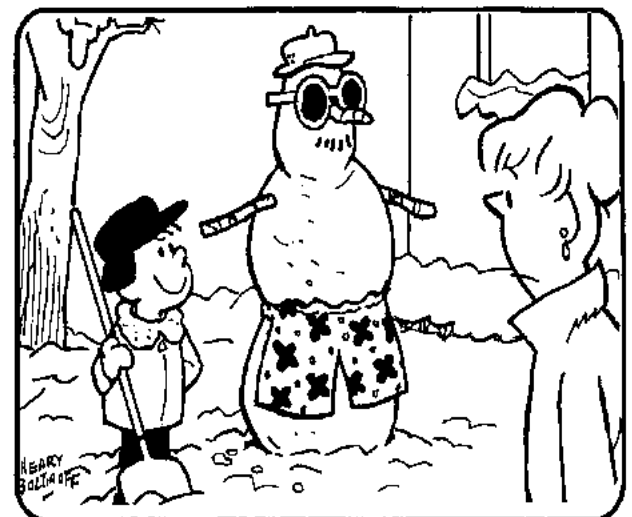
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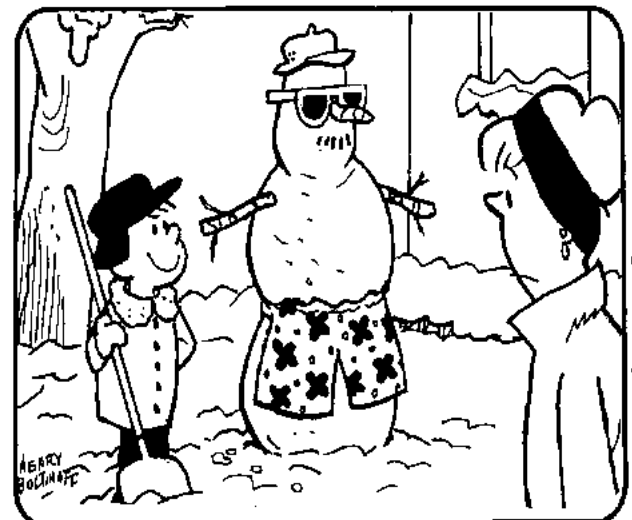
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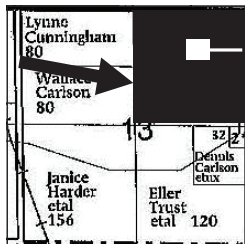
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Friday, February 15, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M.

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The alternative storm date would be Monday, February 18, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M.

**Sale Location:** The auction will be held at the Odin Community Center just west of the Odin State Bank in Odin, Minnesota.



**PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) except the 7.68 acre building site area in Section 13, Township 105N (Odin), Range 33W Watonwan County, MN.  
Containing 152.5 acres more or less.

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**OWNERS: Cunningham Family Farms LLP  
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**ATTORNEY FOR THE SELLER:**

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March 30th	Antique Auction Don Burgeson Estate/Janet Burgeson Estherville, IA
April 13th	Ceylon Community Day Consignment Auction - Ceylon MN
May 4th	3+ Acre Farm Acreage & Personal Property Auction - NE of Estherville IA
July 20th	Consignment Vehicle & Boats, ATV's, Equipment & Misc Auction - Ceylon MN
July 25th	Farm Machinery Retirement Auction Sherburn MN Area
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312.37 Acres +/- Sections 13 and 24 Sioux Valley Township,  
Jackson County, MN

### BARE FARMLAND AUCTION

Thursday, February 28, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M.

In case of VERY inclement weather—blizzards, please check our website at [www.auctioneeralley.com](http://www.auctioneeralley.com) for details.

**SALE LOCATION:** The auction will be held at the American Legion Hall located at 413 Main Street in Lakefield, MN.

#### PROPERTY LOCATION

From the Junction of I-90 and County Road 86 (Lakefield Exit): 8 miles south, then on County Road 4 go west 2 miles, then 1-mile north.

#### PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**Parcel #1:** W1/2 NE1/4 section 24-101-37 and W1/2 SE1/4 section 13-101-37 containing 160 acres more or less.

**Parcel #2:** E1/2 NE1/4 section 24-101-37 (excepting 7.63 acres) and E1/2 SE1/4 section 13-101-37 containing 152.37 acres more or less.

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

**Parcel #1:** Crop Productivity Index Rating 94.1

**Parcel #2:** Crop Productivity Index Rating 73.8

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**OWNER:** Ruth Draut Revocable Trust

#### Attorney for the Seller & Closing Agent

Kim Shaffer; Attorney  
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## BARE FARMLAND FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY-212.10 Acres +/- in Tenhassen Twp, Martin Co., MN

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** From Fairmont, MN approx. 5 mi. S on Bixby Road/190th Ave & 4 mi. W on 70th St **PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** 212.10 acres located in the NE 1/4 & N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 in Sec 5 of Tenhassen Twp., Martin Co., MN T101N, R31W.



**REAL ESTATE SALE TERMS:** The terms of sale for this farm are based on a cash sale with possession upon closing. The successful buyer will enter into a purchase agreement & make a 20% down payment which will be made out to the Erickson, Zierke, Kuderer & Madsen Trust Account and cashed upon acceptance by the Simon Family. This sale is NOT CONTINGENT ON BUYER FINANCING and 20% down payment is NON-REFUNDABLE. Property is being sold AS IS-WHERE IS. Property is being sold subject to any and all zoning, environmental, state, federal laws or any easements including road, drainage, utility, or other easements of record. Any appraisal or loan fees are buyer's obligation. It is interested bidder's obligation to inspect property prior to their purchase of it. Land Services Unlimited and Sales Staff represent the seller in this transaction. For more information regarding the sale terms of the Simon Farmland, please contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629.



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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019 AT 11 A.M.- CUNNINGHAM FAMILY FARMS, LLP & ROBERT R. CUNNINGHAM - High Quality Watonwan County 152.5 Acre Farmland Auction** Sale Location: Odin Community Center in Odin, MN Call 507-847-3468 or [www.danpikeauction.com](http://www.danpikeauction.com) for more information. **DAN PIKE AUCTION COMPANY & ASSOCIATES.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M.- RUTH DRAUT REVOCABLE TRUST - 312 Acres +/- Multi Parcel Farmland Auction** located in sections 13 and 24 Sioux Valley Township, Jackson County MN. Sale to be held at the American Legion Hall, 413 Main Street in Lakefield, MN. **WEDEL, KAHLER, PIKE & ASSOCIATES**

**THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2019 @ 10:30 AM - RUTH DRAUT REVOCABLE TRUST - 60 Acres +/- Single Parcel Farmland Auction** located in section 27 Allison Township, Osceola County Iowa. Sale to be held at the Ocheyedan Town Hall, 869 Main Street in Ocheyedan Iowa. **WEDEL, KAHLER, PIKE & ASSOCIATES**

**SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, 2019- SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION AND SUPPER - Martin Luther High School at Northrop. AUCTIONEER ALLEY CREW.**

**NEW PRIVATE LISTING! 212.20 ACRES +/- BARE FARMLAND** located in Section 5 of Tenhassen Twp, Martin Co., MN. **FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY, PLEASE CONTACT DUSTYN HARTUNG AT 507-236-7629 FOR PRICE, TERMS, ETC.**

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**PRIVATE LISTING: 25.4 Acres +/- Hunting & Recreational Land.** Located in Section 31 of Verona Township, Faribault Co., MN. For sale by private treaty, please contact Dustyn Hartung at 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc.

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**MINI MAGIC GYMNASTS** - These very talented girls had a meet this past weekend and scored a 115.00 as a team. It is their season-best to date. They have been working hard with one meet remaining, which is in Mankato this Saturday. These girls are the MCA Novas. These girls recieved 3rd place out of seven teams and scored 115.00. (Submitted photo)

## Summer fastpitch softball registration



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If you are interested, you will need to attend one of the registration meetings. The first regis-

tration meeting is Sunday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fairmont Area High School gym. (enter through the Sports Entrance on the north side of the high school)

At the first registration meeting, they will elect three new board members, accept registrations and explain some exciting new changes for the upcoming season.

For additional info, visit [cardinalpower.club](http://cardinalpower.club) or email them at [cardinalpowerfp@gmail.com](mailto:cardinalpowerfp@gmail.com).



The Fairmont 8th Grade girls basketball team took part in the Waconia Cupid Tournament last weekend and took home the championship! Fairmont defeated Cottage Grove 36-14 in the first game. In the second round they beat Shakopee 28-10 and in the championship game Fairmont edged out Tonka Black 27-26. (Submitted photo)



Alex Schliesmann competed in a Gameday CrossFit Competition January 16th and 27th in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He took first place in the male RX division.

## Pee Wee Hockey results

The Carlson Dental Fairmont Pee Wee A team hosted two games in Fairmont this past weekend to end the regular district game schedule. Saturday the PeeWee lost against Luverne 9-2. Scoring for Fairmont was Tyson Pankow with an assist from Kegan Roloff and Hank Artz with an assist from Jace Teveldal. Goalie Ethan Geerdes had 24 saves.

Sunday against Marshall the Pee Wee team defeated the Tigers 4-3. Scoring for Fairmont was Beau Becker with a double assist from Brock Lutterman from Hank Artz. Hank Artz had two goals with double assists on each coming Beau Becker from Brock Lutterman and the 2nd goal assists came from Tyson Pankow from Brock Lutterman. Brock Lutterman scored with an assist from Hank Artz. Goalie Ethan Geerdes recorded 24 saves.

Pee Wee Hockey will have their district tournament starting this Thursday night through Sunday in Worthington.



## Red Bulls Big South and Valley Conference Champs

The Class AA #4-ranked Red Bulls won two conference crowns this past week. The Big South Conference East Red Bulls (20-1) defended their last year's BSC title with a 44-18 victory over the Class AA #10-ranked, Big South Conference West Marshall Tigers (14-2) last Friday night. The Red Bulls followed that up capturing three matches to claim the Valley Conference title on Saturday at Lake Crystal. The Red Bulls won 10 of 14 matches vs Marshall highlighted with pins by State Class AA #3-ranked 120lb Jaxson Rohman, #3-ranked 145lb Payton Anderson #5-ranked 113lb Lucas Jagodzinske and Blake Jagodzinske. In an upset Blake Jagodzinske pinned the Tigers #8-ranked Hsa Law Eh in the 120lb match.

The Red Bulls dominated the Valley Conference dual-meet wrestling championship with two shut outs and losing one match in the final. The Red Bulls shutout Madelia/Truman/Martin Luther Jayhawks 70-0 and St. Clair/Loyola 68-0. In the final match the Red Bulls downed the Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Knights 66-6. At 132lbs, #8-ranked Connor Simmonds and 152lbs Miles Fitzgerald picked up three pins each. #6-ranked 170lb Mario Maldonado had two pins.

South Section 3AA Team quarterfinals begin Thursday in Fairmont with the #4-seed Luverne vs #5-seed Fulda/Murray County Central winner taking on the #1-seed Red Bulls at 7:15 p.m. #2-

seed Worthington hosts #3-seed New Ulm. The winners wrestle Saturday in Worthington with the South Section champ taking on the North Section Champ later that day.

2019 Valley Conference Wrestling All-Conference team: Red Bulls - Jesse Potts, Lucas Jagodzinske, Jaxson Rohman, Blake Jagodzinske, Connor Simmonds, Cale Steuber, Payton Anderson, Miles Fitzgerald, Nate

Simmonds, Mario Maldonado, Jacob Rahn, Everardo Hernandez; Avery Northquest - Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Area; Gage Baker - St. Clair/Mankato Loyola. Honorable Mention: Red Bulls - Jordan Wolter; Jed Altenburg - Madelia/Truman/Martin Luther; Trayton Hewitt - Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Area; Chase Baker - St. Clair/Mankato Loyola.



**BULL PIN** - The Red Bulls Class AA #5-ranked 113lb Lucas Jagodzinske works for a pin against #7-ranked Marshall's Hsa Khee Lar. The Red Bulls wrestle the Luverne vs Fulda/Murray County Central winner 7:15 Thursday night in the opening round of the South Section 3AA Team Meet. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**LIKE BROTHER** - Blake Jagodzinske pins the Tigers #8-ranked Hsa Law Eh in the 120lb match. The Red Bulls defeated the Marshall Tigers 4-18 last Friday night to win the Big South Conference Championship. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**FUTURE BEAVER**  
- Cardinals Garrett  
Myren, pictured with

mother Martha and father Steve Myren, signed a letter of intent to play

football with Bemidji State University. Myren completed 148-of-256 passes for 2,314 yards and 25 touchdowns with 621 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. Myren and his Cardinal teammates finished runner-ups to Rochester Lourdes in the state championship game. Also pictured coaches Mat Mahoney, John Kessling, Brian Wille and Brad Johnson. Submitted photo.



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Duke W. Breyfogle to Maria Eugenia Saucedo, PT 50x50 in AP#13, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  8-102-30 and S44', Block 3, Stokes 2nd Addition

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James Krohn to James Krohn, Sheryl Krohn, E $\frac{1}{2}$  PT 11.799 AC of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  27-102-33

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### Trustee Deed

Steven V. Williamson Trustee, Joan I. Williamson Irrevocable Trust to Mary A. Ebeling, Lori K. Kettner, Steven V. Williamson, EXC PT in E $\frac{1}{2}$  UND  $\frac{1}{2}$  INT, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  19-104-31 and PT EXC 2 Tract UND  $\frac{1}{2}$  INT, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  20-104-31

## January USDA reports offer very few surprises

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The latest USDA crop production report and the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report were both released on February 8. These reports were originally scheduled to be released in mid-January; however, they were delayed by the partial shutdown of the Federal government. The latest WASDE report showed a slight decrease in projected 2018-19 ending stocks for both corn and soybeans, compared to the last WASDE estimates in December, 2018. Following are some highlights from the latest USDA WASDE and crop production reports:

**Corn WASDE Summary:** Based on the January WASDE and USDA crop production report, total U.S. corn production for 2018 is estimated at just over 14.4 billion bushels, which is just below the 2017 total production of 14.6 billion bushels. The record U.S. corn production of 15.1 billion bushels occurred in 2016. The 81.7 million harvest acres of corn in the U.S. in 2018 compares 82.7 million acres in 2017 and 86.7 million acres in 2016.

The 2018-19 corn end-

ing stocks are projected to decline significantly from ending stock levels in the previous two years. The 2018-19 ending stocks are estimated at 1.73 billion bushels, which is similar to 2015-16 levels, and compares to 2.14 billion bushels in 2017-18 and 2.29 billion bushels in 2016-17. USDA expects total corn usage for 2018-19 to be up slightly from a year earlier, with small increases in the amount of corn utilized for feed and exports, but a slight reduction in the amount of corn used in ethanol production.

USDA is estimating the 2018-19 farm-level market year average (MYA) corn price in a range of \$3.35-\$3.85 per bushel, or an average of about \$3.60 per bushel. This compares to recent 12-month MYA corn prices of \$3.36 per bushel in both 2017-18 and 2016-17, \$3.61 per bushel in 2015-16, and \$3.70 per bushel for 2014-15. The corn and soybean MYA price for the 2018-19 crop year is based on the monthly average crop prices from September 1st, 2018 through August 31st, 2019, with the MYA prices finalized on September 30th, 2019.

**Soybean WASDE Summary:**

According to the latest WASDE report, total U.S. soybean production for 2018 is estimated at 4.54 billion bushels which compares 4.41 billion bushels in 2017-18 and 4.3 billion bushels in 2016-17. The total harvested U.S. soybean acreage in 2018 was estimated at 88.1 million acres, which is below the record level of 89.5 million acres in 2017, but far surpasses the 2016 level of 82.7 million harvested acres.

USDA is projecting 2018-19 soybean ending stocks to be 910 million bushels, which is more than double the 438 million bushel ending stocks in 2017-18, and is triple the final ending stocks of 302 million bushels in 2016-17. Soybean export levels are projected to decline nearly 12 percent in 2018-19 compared to a year earlier, primarily due to the ongoing trade conflict between the U.S. and China. Soybean exports to China account have accounted for approximately one-third of total U.S. soybean production in recent years prior to 2018-19.

USDA is estimating the 2018-19 MYA soybean

price in a range of \$8.10-\$9.10 per bushel, or an average of about \$8.60 per bushel. This compares to recent 12-month final MYA soybean prices of \$9.33 per bushel in 2017-18, \$9.47 per bushel in 2016-17, and \$8.95 per bushel in 2015-16. If achieved, the 2018-19 soybean MYA price of \$8.60 per bushel would be at the lowest level in a decade, since 2008-2009.

**2018 Corn Yield Summary:**

Based on the January USDA crop production report, the U.S. national average corn yield for 2018 is estimated to be 176.4 bushels per acre, which would be just below the previous record corn yield of 176.6 bushels per acre in 2017. Other recent national average corn yields are 174.6 bushels per acre in 2016, 168.4 bushels per acre in 2015, 171 bushels per acre in 2014, and 158.1 bushels per acre in 2013. The January statewide 2018 average corn yield estimates were lowered in nearly every Midwestern State except Illinois and North Dakota, as compared to the December estimates.

The 2018 average corn yield for Minnesota is estimated at 182 bushels per acre, which is at the lowest level in the past four years. The reduced corn yields in Minnesota last year were mainly due to the very low yields in portions of Southwest and South Central Minnesota

that resulted from the excessive rainfall during the 2018 growing season. The 2018 statewide corn yield is down considerably from the state record corn yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017, 193 bushels per acre in 2016, and 188 bushels per acre in 2015, but far surpasses the 156 bushel per acre yield level in 2014.

The 2018 Iowa average corn yield is projected at 196 bushels per acre, which is down from an average yield of 202 bushels per acre in 2017, and is well below the record statewide yield of 203 bushels per acre in 2016. Average 2018 corn yields from other major corn producing States included: Illinois at 210 bushels per acre, up from 201 bushels per acre in 2017; Indiana at 189 bushels per acre, up from 180 bushels per acre a year ago; and Nebraska at 192 bushels per acre, up from 181 bushels per acre in 2017. Corn yields for 2018 from other Upper Midwestern States were South Dakota at 160 bushels per acre, up from 145 bushels per acre in 2017; North Dakota at 153 bushels per acre, up from 139 bushels per acre a year ago; and Wisconsin at 172 bushels per acre, down from 174 bushels per acre in 2017.

**2018 Soybean Yield Summary:**

Based on the USDA report, the 2018 U.S. national average soybean yield is estimated at 51.6 bushels per acre, which is just below the previous re-

cord soybean yield of 51.9 bushels per acre in 2016, but is above the 2017 national average yield of 49.3 bushels per acre. Other recent national average soybean yields are 48 bushels per acre in 2015, 47.5 bushels per acre in 2014, and 44 bushels per acre in 2013. The estimated average 2018 soybean yield in Minnesota was 50.5 bushels per acre, which is an increase from 47.5 bushels per acre in 2017; however, it trails the State record yield of 52 bushels per acre in 2016.

The 2018 average soybean yield in Iowa is estimated at 57 bushels per acre, which matches the 2017 average yield, but is below the record yield of 60 bushels per acre in 2016. The estimated 2018 average soybean yields in other major production States are Illinois at an impressive 65 bushels per acre, compared to 58 bushels per acre in 2017; Indiana at 58.5 bushels per acre, up from 54 bushels per acre in 2017; and Nebraska at 59 bushels per acre, up from 57.5 bushels per acre in 2017. Soybean yield estimates for 2018 also included South Dakota at 46 bushels per acre, up from 43 bushels per acre in 2017; North Dakota at 35.5 bushels per acre, up from 34.5 bushels per acre in 2017; and Wisconsin at 49 bushels per acre, up from 47.5 bushels per acre in 2017.

## Ryan Mortensen Fishing Tournament action

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2019 Ryan Mortensen Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament: all those who braved the cold weather and fished, our volunteers who worked this event, the people and businesses who donated, for those of you who shopped our silent auction and those that stopped by for lunch and just to say hi.

It's hard to put this into words how much this support means to our family. We miss

Ryan and this event helps us keep his memory - so

from the bottom of our hearts we THANK all of

you.

The Mortensens



**Top four winners (L to R): 1st place - James Dallager; 2nd Place-Sedrik Parker; 3rd Place- Jacob Roberts; 4th Place-Ryan Frazer**



**Prayers were said before the tournament for the safety of those who took part.**



**Lucky winner of the traditional gift of Ryans favorites - Melissa Wroblewski.**