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Telling the Story of Local Veterans Through a Portrait Project

by Jeff Hagen

The old saying goes, "A picture can paint a thousand words." That might be good enough for a short story, but the work of a local man is producing enough words to fill volumes of books.

Joseph Kreiss of Fairmont has always had a love of photography. He is owner/photographer of Minnesota-based Joseph Kreiss Photography. He recently found himself wanting to "refocus his photography" on new

things. He has always had a respect and admiration of veterans, so last year he came up with an idea to give back with his talents by starting up the "Portrait of a Veteran" Photo Project. The idea was to interview veterans from Martin

County and nearby towns in Iowa and then take their portrait to "put a face to the story".

Kreiss is originally from northern California and has worked in newspaper in small to medium market areas, including the Sacramento Bee. He also has worked in radio, which took him to the state of Washington, then to Colorado and finally to Minnesota and the Fairmont area a little over five years ago. Joseph and his wife Kim, who is originally from Fairmont, both work on-air for Woodward Broadcasting at KFMC/KSUM radio.

Kreiss' love of photography and obvious talent for "capturing the focus of the picture" has been a drive for him to expand and evolve his photography business. That is how the Portrait of a Veteran Photo Project began. His first veteran interview was with a disabled Vietnam Veteran from Armstrong in August of 2015. Dennis

"Denny" Theesfield was injured during the Vietnam War and is in a wheelchair today, but his story was a compelling one for Kreiss and in his words, "validated the Portrait of a Veteran Project and my involvement in it." After posting Dennis' portrait and story on Facebook, he had over a thousand views or "hits" to his site and it proved to Kreiss that this was a needed project for many people. Joseph stated that "the response has really fueled the fire for me on this project."

Kreiss has interviewed over 40 local veterans, both men and women, from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm and he wants to continue adding more from any conflict up to present day.

When conducting the interviews and photo shoots, Kreiss has a portable studio so he can go right to where the veteran lives. He then sits down with the veteran and gathers info based

on a list of questions he has put together ahead of time. After the information has been gathered, he has the veteran sign a model release and then sets up the portable studio, complete with backdrops, and begins to capture the "real story" of the veteran in pictures. Kreiss stated that he "wants the veteran to tell his story in each photo." There is no cost to the veteran to be photographed as Kreiss states that it is "my way to honor the veteran for their service and sacrifice and share their story with the community."

Joseph's veterans postings on Facebook have drawn thousands of hits by viewers and he has been getting many suggestions for future interviews and the project has grown much faster than he had expected.

The portrait sessions

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Photographer Joseph Kreiss holding two Veteran's portraits as part of the "Portrait of a Veteran" Photo Project.

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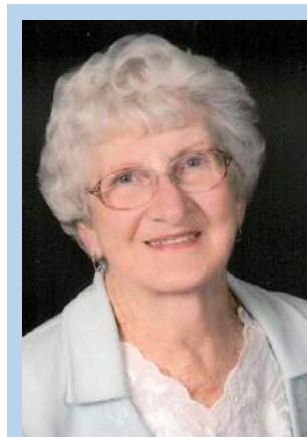
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MILLER-TRUE - Erin Rene Miller and Michael William True were married September 13th, 2015 at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. Pastor Tony Fink officiated. Parents of the couple are Paul and the late Gwen Miller of Fairmont and Robert and Bonnie True of Fairmont. Matron of honor was Jenny Willard of Fairmont, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Isabelle Sorensen, daughter of the bride; Lynda Stauter and Janet Sahlstrom, friends of the couple. Best man was Jarod True, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Lance Willard, brother-in-law of the groom; Mark True, brother of the groom and Rob Stauter, friend of the couple. Anne Marte, friend of the couple, was personal attendant. Accompanists were Stacey Aukes-Thompson, friend of the couple and Jenny Willard, sister of the groom. Soloist was Jarod True. Erin graduated from Fairmont High School in 2002 and is the gas station manager at Hy-Vee in New Ulm. Michael graduated from Fairmont High School in 1987 and is full-time cashier at the New Ulm Hy-Vee. A reception followed the ceremony at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall. The couple is at home in Courtland, Minnesota. (Photo by Seifried Portrait Design)



PARNELL-CHRISTENSON - Megan Jean Parnell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Parnell of Fairmont, and Jason Dale Christenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Christenson of Granada, were married on August 15th, 2015. The ceremony was held at Heritage Acres and was officiated by Pastor Steve Witmer. Standing up for the bride and groom were Maid of Honor, Stephanie Parnell (sister of the bride), Bridesmaids: Kellie Reyelts (sister of the bride), Rebekah Boer (sister of the bride) and Tammy VonBank (sister of the groom). Best Man, Nick Schultz (friend of the groom), Grooms men: Mike Beletti (friend of the groom), Jake Ruppert (friend of the groom) and Tim Dirkes (friend of the groom). Flower girls: Annie Reyelts, Julia Reyelts and Amelia Boer (nieces of the bride). Ring bearers: Benjamin Boer, Evan Reyelts and Collin Reyelts (nephews of the bride). The couple honeymooned in Jamaica.



SCHWAB 90TH - Golda Schwab of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday with an Open House on Saturday, February 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. No gifts please. Golda was born February 24th, 1926. Cards can reach her at 850 Goldfinch Street, Room 405, Fairmont, MN 56031.



FOUR GENERATIONS - Four generations of the Malo family gathered recently for a group photo. Pictured are: Great-grandma Arlys Malo (right), grandpa Mark Malo (center), mother Miranda (Malo) Reiman (left) and baby Nora Reiman.

Marriage License Applications

James Robert Arnold Oelkers and Cheryl Lynn Schumann

Fairmont High School Classmates of 1962 and their spouses will meet for lunch on Friday, February 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Fairmont Pizza Ranch.

There will be an Open House Come & Go Bridal Shower for **Shelby Sackett, fiancée of Bryan Hauge**, on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the fellowship room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. Shelby is the daughter of Jim and Daphne Sackett. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Small Sprouts Preschool Open House February 25

Small Sprouts Preschool, which is located at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont, will be having an open house on Thursday, February 25th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The preschool is for children ages three to five years by September 1st, 2016. Returning registrations are being accepted now. New registrations will be accepted during the open house on Febru-

ary 25th. Space is limited.

The mission of Small Sprouts Preschool is to be a safe place designed to nurture the spiritual, intellectual, social/emotional and physical needs of children, while keeping Jesus at the center of all they do.

There will be three registration options available to those who register. For fees and scholarship options, please call Bethel Evangelical Free Church at 507-235-5513.

Fairmont Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group will be having a meeting on Saturday, February 27th from 10 a.m. to Noon at Mayo Clinic Health Systems Hospital - Fairmont at "The Classroom".

The group will have more new information to share, however this will be primarily a social meeting. Be sure to bring any questions you might have.

All patients, caregivers, family and friends are invited.

For further questions please call Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

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have had a very positive effect, not only for the veterans and their families, but also for Kreiss himself. "Many times when these veterans tell me their story and sit down to have their

stories, the Portrait of a Veteran project updates and more. He stated that eventually he would like to be able to have enough portraits compiled that he can put together a traveling photo gallery exhibit, along with the ultimate goal of putting the images



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portraits taken, they still have the look in their eye, sometimes as if the events they were involved in was still fresh in their mind," states Kreiss. He goes on to add that telling their story as part of this project can be healing for some of them, as they still have emotions inside that have not come out since their time in the service many years ago.

Besides Facebook, Kreiss also has a blog, where he shares the veterans'

and the stories together in to a coffee-table style book for those histories to be passed on to others. His work on the project, of course, has to be worked around his time dedicated to his job, but Kreiss hopes that this project grows beyond his expectations.

A project as large as this doesn't come without a price tag for Kreiss and he wants to keep the funding focused on going back into the project. Businesses, community service clubs,

local organizations and even individuals can help to continue growing this project and make the reality of a traveling exhibit and book (or books) take shape by donating to the project. Kreiss intends on publishing an updated "Honor Roll of Donors" where he will accept donations of any amount and can be made in the name of a veteran. Underwriting and funding is crucial to help Kreiss to pay expenses related to the project, including costs for travel, equipment, advertising and promotion, gallery exhibit, and eventually design and printing of a book.

Kreiss welcomes any help from the community in donations, so that the books and the portraits can be given at no charge to the veterans or their families. Donors can contribute by contacting Joseph at jeepinjoseph@hotmail.com or go to Facebook at the "Portrait of a Veteran" Photo Project page. For more information on the project itself, visit his blog at www.somnvetphotoproject.blogspot.com or call him at 507-848-0287. You can also visit his photography website at josephkreiss-photography.com.

Slater, General Surgeon, Joins Center for Specialty Care

Corey Welchlin, DO and President of the Center for Specialty Care, is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Jared Slater, General Surgeon, to



their specialty care team in Fairmont.

Dr. Slater is a board certified general surgeon

by the American College of Surgeons. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN; received his doctorate from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA; and did his residency with Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Dr. Slater is seeing patients for consultations at the Center for Primary Care located in the Victoria State Crossing professional building at 717 South State Street in Fairmont. Surgeries are performed at the adjacent South Central Surgical Center. Among the surgeries and procedures Dr. Slater will be performing

are: Colonoscopy, Upper Endoscopy, Hernia Repair, Gallbladders, Varicose Vein Treatment, Sclero Therapy for Spider Veins, Breast Biopsies and Breast Procedures, Wound Care, Skin Cancers, and Port-A-Cath for Cancer Patients for Chemotherapy.

Dr. Slater and his wife, Julie Ann, and children are from Victoria, MN.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Slater, please contact the Center for Primary Care at (507) 238-9533.



The Martin County Area Foundation held their annual grant awards ceremony at the 2015 Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Sue Moore (right) is pictured presenting a check to a representative from the Interlaken Heritage Days Committee.

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ReUse Relmagine

Guest Columnist

Tim McConnell, Chair of ReUse Relmagine Committee

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Welcome to the new Reuse Relmagine column! I am Tim McConnell, chair of the R/R committee and this is our first column of hopefully many more to come. The Photo Press has graciously allowed us to have a spot to promote our activities and help people get connected with the information and resources that are available in our City and County to help fix up or repair homes and businesses in Fairmont.

About Our Group

If you have never heard of our group before it's because we are relatively new, forming last May of 2015, out the "Top Ten" initiative to discover what the people of Fairmont care about most, run by Project 1590. As such we are a subcommittee of Project 1590. The Reuse/Re-imagine Vacant Buildings (full name) came from 2 different but similar goals merged into one. We are tasked with look-

ing into the condition of buildings in our city, but specifically why there are so many falling into disrepair, underutilized or vacant and to seek solutions for them.

That's a big task! Where do we start? How about we measure the problem by taking a survey from the curb? That's what we did.

Windshield Survey

We drove or walked the entire city to determine how many properties need help, or are vacant, and where they are located. Each property that was determined to have a need was recorded on a form.

Currently R/R is tabulating over 700 forms collected by our volunteers during the Windshield Survey. In collaboration with the City of Fairmont, we will be entering all this data into a searchable, mapable data base. When we are done we should have the ability to map the various needs of our

buildings.

Our Need

If your hobby or passion is entering data, we could sure use your help!

Our next column will be in 2 weeks, and will be more topical. We just wanted take a little time to introduce ourselves and the purpose of our group.

Grant Available

The City of Fairmont is applying for grants for residents in a portion of Fairmont to apply for financial help in updating their homes. The area is from Blue Earth Avenue to the north to Budd Street on the South and from South Orient on the east to Albion Avenue on the west. Contact City Hall. 507-238-9461 to apply or for more questions on the grant.

We meet every first and third Monday at HyVee at 3:30 in food court.



Fiftieth Anniversary of Ole and Lena Comedy at the Fairmont Opera House

The Fairmont Opera House will present the romantic comedy "Ole and Lena's 50th Wedding Anniversary and Vow Renewal" on Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. "We're very excited to be hosting a light-hearted comedy to help lighten winter spirits," said Jonas Nissen, Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera house.

interactive plays or hilarious sketches. The Batesons have been performing Ole and Lena for over 10 years for a wide variety of groups and theater audiences across the upper Midwest.

Using the small South-eastern Minnesota town of Potsdam as Ole & Lena's home town, the Batesons bring the entire popula-

and neighbor Sven and his wife Margaret, Mike and Julie have developed characters to round out the entire population of Ole & Lena's friends, relatives and acquaintances from their community and church.

The Batesons have been performing Ole in Lena in theaters throughout South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. In between theater performance, Mike and Julie perform for private groups, fundraisers, congregations and corporate meetings. Ole and Lena's home spun humor strikes a chord with a wide variety of audiences of all ages.

The themes the Batesons try to bring to audiences through their Ole and Lena plays focus on the joys of life, love, family and growing old together.

Tickets are available at 507-238-4900 or by visiting www.fairmontopera-house.com.



The real-life husband and wife acting team of Michael and Julie Bateson bring the loveable and universally known Scandinavian couple, Ole and Lena, to life in one of their wonderfully

tion of Potsdam, Minnesota, not to mention the crazy extended Gustafson family, to life through well timed phone calls that are made or received by Ole and Lena. Whether it's Ole's life-long friend

Mayo Introduces Drug Deactivation System

Mayo Clinic Health System and numerous Martin County law enforcement agencies have partnered to distribute free drug deactivation pouches throughout area communities to offer a more convenient, safe and

deactivation pouch at the time of their medication pickup. Martin County law enforcement agencies will deliver the pouches to certain community groups and citizens as well.

The drug deactivation

throughout the United States, and Fairmont isn't immune," says Perry Sweeten, Pharm.D., Mayo Clinic Health System regional director of Pharmacy. "Through this collaborative effort with law enforcement, we're

safe disposal reduces access to these drugs with the intent to misuse.

"Prescription pill misuse and addiction is one of several substance problems negatively impacting our youth, adults and community," says Greg Broelsma, City of Fairmont police chief. "The most recent Minnesota Student Survey of Martin County youth shows misuse of pharmaceuticals to be almost twice as high as the Minnesota state average. Disposing leftover pills is one of many important ways to combat that problem. We encourage citizens to take advantage of this effort or the 'Take it to the Box' disposal bin in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center in Fairmont. Your cooperation makes it safer for your loved ones and the entire community."

Partners include Mayo Clinic Health System, Fairmont Police Department, Dunnell Police Department, Martin County Sheriff's Department, Sherburn/Welch Police Department, Trimont Police Department and Truman Police Department.

The Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Foundation funded the purchase of the drug deactivation pouches.

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environmentally friendly method for disposing unused prescription drugs. The mechanism is 99 percent effective in rendering narcotics, antibiotics and transdermal patches disabled.

Starting in February, Mayo Clinic Health System patients in Fairmont, Sherburn and Truman began receiving a drug

system uses a molecular absorption technology to neutralize active chemicals in prescription drugs when water is added. A small pouch can deactivate up to 15 pills, two ounces of liquid or two patches. In addition, the packaging is biodegradable and safe for landfills.

"Medication abuse is a serious concern all

offering an efficient, effective way to reduce the improper use of controlled substances and simplify disposal."

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Corn Chowder Soup

Yet another soup recipe!

I really didn't plan on another soup recipe this week, but I am submitting this one because it was requested by several people. Not only that, it looks like soup weather is with us for a while longer. We serve a soup supper at our church on Wednesday evenings during lent. The circle I belong to was responsible for the supper on Ash Wednesday, so for one of our soup choices, I made corn chowder. I had never made it before but it was a hit! This is another recipe Faye Miller shared with me, one that will stay in my recipe file.

Corn Chowder soup:

1/2 lb sliced bacon, cut in small pieces, fried crisp, drained on paper towels and crumbled

1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups cubed potatoes
1 cup water (I used chicken broth)
2 cups frozen corn
1 can cream corn
1 can evaporated milk (12 oz.)
1 tsp dill weed
salt and pepper to taste

Sauté onion and celery in 3 Tbs butter (you can use drippings from the bacon if you want, but I used butter)

Add all other ingredients in kettle and simmer about 30 minutes until the potatoes are tender. Yields 1 1/2 quarts.

Since I was making this soup for about 50 people, I 6x the recipe. It makes an electric roaster full and we only had 1 cup left. I cubed the potatoes and boiled and drained them separately for about 15 minutes before adding them to the soup. If I was making just a single recipe, I would have just tossed it all together. Stay warm and safe and have a great week!



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•**Quit smoking**, or if you're not a smoker, don't ever start. Smoking damages blood vessels and increases your risk of heart attack and artery disease.

•**Aim to exercise 30 minutes** or more each day most days of the week. Moderate exercise, such as a brisk walk or morning jog, protects you from numerous health conditions, including many forms of heart disease.

•**Eat a healthy diet.** Consume a diet that's high

in fruits and vegetables and low in salt and saturated fat.

•**Manage other health conditions.** Managing your current health issues like diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol helps lower your susceptibility to heart problems.

•**Control and reduce stress.** High stress that goes unaddressed can lead to artery damage and exacerbation of other heart disease risk factors. Work to take care of stressors by meditating, exercising or speaking with your health care team.

•**Maintain a healthy weight.** By eating right and remaining physically active, you'll be able to maintain a healthy weight and subsequently reduce the threat of heart disease.

If you have questions or concerns about your heart health, talk to your health care team. Call 507-238-8500 to schedule an appointment at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, and visit mayo-clinichealthsystem.org.

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Updating Addresses Hitchhiking Legal?

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: How long do I have before I need to update my address on my driver's license after moving?

Answer: When a person moves to a new address within Minnesota the law requires them to update their driver's license within thirty days. If a person moves to Minnesota from another state they must update their driver's license within sixty days. The same also applies to those changing their name on a driver's license.

Note: Students attending college are exempt and

can legally use their parents' address.

To change your address on your license, you must visit a Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) location in person. DVS officials will use your existing license, ID, or other photograph file to verify your identity. If DVS doesn't have a photo on file, or you have changed your name, you will need to provide additional identification. This includes the following:

- One Primary Document (Example: Certified birth certificate, valid passport)

- One Secondary Document (Example: An additional primary document or U.S. social security card)

- Certified marriage certificates, certified divorce decrees or other certified court orders for name changes.

- Proof of residence.

The fee for an updated or replacement Minnesota license is \$15.75.

For a list of other documents and information, visit <https://dps.mn.gov> click Divisions and click on Driver & Vehicle Services.

Question: Is it legal to hitchhike in Minnesota?

Answer: Minnesota State Statute 169.22 states "No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose

of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle." A roadway is defined as "a portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk or shoulder." If a pedestrian is off the roadway (shoulder or ditch) technically, they could solicit a ride from a person driving a motor vehicle.

It is important to mention that no pedestrian is allowed on or along the freeway (including the shoulder and ditch).

There is serious concern for pedestrian safety with vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed; along with the possibility of distracted and impaired drivers. In addition, picking up a hitchhiker car-

ries a certain amount of risk. I believe you should use common sense and good judgment in these situations. It comes down to these crucial factors - personal safety and traffic

safety.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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FEB 18 - 24

Elementary hot breakfast can be found online.

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon breakfast round or cereal, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Granola, yogurt, fruit, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple muffins, or PB&J, apple slices, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheeseburger, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, baked beans, caesar side salad, orange, peaches. JR/HS: Teriyaki chicken, rice, peas, Asian coleslaw, red pepper strips, grapes, pineapple tidbits.

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: Grilled cheese sandwich, blueberry muffin fun lunch, tomato soup, sliced cucumbers, apple, mixed fruit. JR/HS: Turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry spinach salad, carrots, orange, mixed fruit.

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: Turkey corn dogs, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, baked beans, broccoli, apple, pears. JR/HS: Italian dunkers, peas, cucumbers & tomatoes, 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: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, celery sticks, orange, applesauce. JR/HS: Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, three bean salad, cucumber slices, banana, apple-sauce.

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. **Lunch** K-6: Max pizza sticks, ham and cheese wrap, broccoli, carrots, banana, strawberries. JR/HS: Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, broccoli, apple, peaches.

St. James Lutheran

Menus subject to change.

FEB 18 - 24

THUR: Mini corn dogs, mac & cheese, broccoli, bread, mandarin oranges.

FRI: Sloppy joe, tri-tators, baked beans, apple slices.

MON: Soft shell taco, refried beans, fixings, applesauce, cookie.

TUES: Pork chopette, mashed potato, gravy, corn, bread, peaches.

WED: Chicken patty, lettuce, cheese, peas, raisins, jello.

— Society: Henry Thoreau

friendship, three for

solitude, two for

my house: One for

I had three chairs in

answer

Cryptogram

Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

— King Crossword —

TRUMAN AREA

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FEB 18 - 24

THUR: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders, salsa, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, breadstick, spinach salad, veggies, pears.

FRI: Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, raisins, juice. **Lunch:** Shrimp poppers, string cheese, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, oranges, apples.

MON: Breakfast: Banana Bread fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, calico beans, spinach salad, fruit.

TUE: Breakfast: French toast stix, syrup, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, spanish rice, green beans, carrots, fruit.

WED: Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Veggie beef soup, PB sandwich, spinach salad, peaches.

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FEB 18 - 24

THUR: Chicken supreme casserole, peas, peaches, bread, milk.

FRI: Pizza, peas, peaches, PB cookie, milk.

MON: French toast sticks, sausage links, banana, tator tots, milk.

TUES: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, bread, milk.

WED: Chicken patty, peaches, green beans, milk.

Sticklers Answer
shark SKIN tight
flip PANT suit
work HORSE power
thumb SCREW ball

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Feb 18-24

THURSDAY: Tator tot hotdish, peas/carrots, beet pickles, ice cream.

FRIDAY: Lemon pepper fish, red skin potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding.

MONDAY: Beef stroganoff, corn on the cob, éclair.

TUESDAY: Chicken cordon bleu, hashbrown bake, brussel sprouts, bread pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger, tri-tator, bush beans, angel food cake.

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(Left to right): Emma Ward, Jenna Pavich, Emma Koehler, Courtney Lopau, Mikayla Soelter

a special day in the Girl Scout year when we remember we are part of a worldwide movement."

World Thinking day is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Global Action Theme, based on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. The theme of World Thinking Day 2016 is "Connect!"

On February 12th, Fairmont/Martin County Girl Scouts explored the country of Costa Rica, lead by Ambassador Troop 30213. The five Ambassadors, with the help of

Melinda Stewart, Spanish Instructor at Fairmont High School, helped over 90 girls learn about the culture, language, food, games, animals, music and Girl Guides who live in Costa Rica.

The event raised awareness for girls in over 140 nations who are also Girl Scouts, by being involved in a special ceremony around the globe.



Receiving donations to the Juliette Low World Foundation Fund: Emma Kohler, Courtney Lopau, Mikayla Soelter, Jenna Pavich, Emma Ward, Elizabeth Ward, Leader

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Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, on Saturday, February 27th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

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Hello from the State Capitol,

Farmers and rural landowners who were concerned that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was overstepping its bounds in its enforcement of Minnesota's buffer law can now rest easier.

Following a meeting on January 28th between House leadership and Governor Dayton to discuss buffer concerns, the governor instructed the agency to only map public - not private - ditches.

It was very clear that the DNR was misinterpreting the law, and Republicans and Democrats alike expressed their dissatisfaction. The governor needed

to step in and I'm glad he did.

Under an agreement reached by the House, Senate, and Governor Dayton last year, buffers of 16.5 feet must be installed on all public ditches by November, 2018.

But several months ago lawmakers learned that the DNR had begun mapping private ditches, which greatly exceeded the scope and intent of the compromise.

Many area farmers were rightfully concerned that the DNR was exceeding its buffer mapping authority, so I'm pleased we've eliminated the confusion.

Rep. Bob Gunther
Dist. 23A, Fairmont

State Fair Century Farm Applications Deadline is April 1

Minnesota families who have owned their farms for 100 years or more may apply for the 2016 Century Farms Program. Produced by the Minnesota State Fair in conjunction with the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, the Century Farms Program was created to promote agriculture and honor historic family farms in the state. More than 10,000 Minnesota farms have been honored since the program began in 1976.

Family farms are recognized as Century Farms when they meet three requirements. The farm must be: 1) at least 100 years old according to au-

ty extension and county Farm Bureau offices. The submission deadline is April 1st. Recipients will be announced in May. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

Information on all Century Farms will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2016 Minnesota State Fair, which runs August 25th - Labor Day, September 5th. A Century Farm database is also available at fbmn.org.

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thentic land records; 2) in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years (continuous residence on the farm is not required); and 3) at least 50 acres.

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nually. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Grand tale

5 Slight application

8 Big party

12 Netlike structures

14 Deserlike

15 Accelerator

16 Start a garden

17 That man's

18 Bob and Jakob of music

20 Urge on

23 "Scat, gnati"

24 Close by

25 Baseball legend

28 "Le Coq —"

29 Ritzzy violin, for short

30 Do some lawn work

32 Placed a bet

34 Chinese menu staple

35 Acknow- ledge

36 Prove false

37 Up

40 Nonstick spray name

41 "And" or "but" (Abbr.)

42 Bergman/Boyer thriller

47 Horse's neck hair

48 "Hamlet" setting

49 Formerly, formerly

50 On pension (Abbr.)

51 Medicinal amount

DOWN

1 Work unit

2 Pellet for a certain shooter

3 "— Complicated"

4 Code

5 Clothing

6 Carte lead-in

7 Trademark for Yul or Telly

8 Fireplace fuel

9 Geometry calculation

10 Legal claim

11 Tosses in

13 Overlay with plaster,

19 "— Cassius has ..."

20 Third-party abbr.

21 Cat call?

22 Brazilian rubber area

23 Scatter about

25 More mighty

26 Old-time actor

27 Jannings of activity

29 Ballesteros of golf

31 Tiny

33 Nozzle attached to a Bunsen burner

34 Jog one's memory

36 "— Hai"

37 Pinnacle

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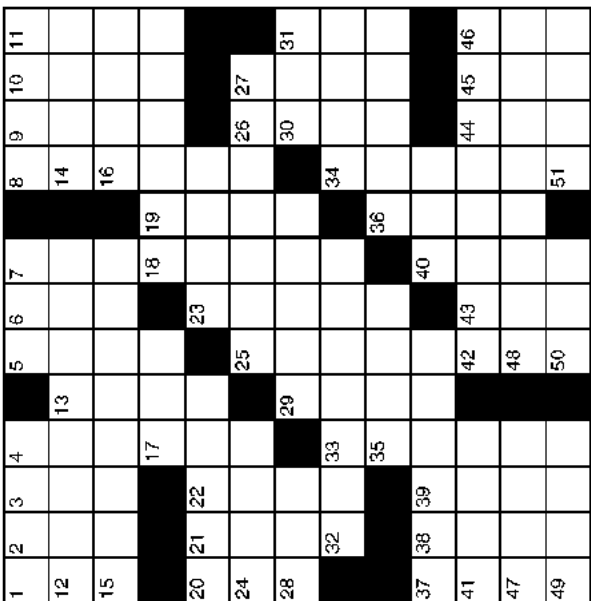
40 "Hey, you!"

43 Hearty brew

44 Stickum

45 Day fractions (Abbr.)

46 Prop for 29-Down



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High blood pressure, if unrecognized or untreated, increases morbidity and mortality. It can cause or is related to heart disease, kidney disease, stroke and eye disease among other health care problems. Health care risks further include the presence of smoking, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, male gender, African American race or increasing age. Treatment of hypertension can greatly reduce some morbidity and mortality risks.

The definition of hypertension is arbitrary (it even varies from country to country). The major consensus among health care committees recommends a systolic blood pressure (top number) greater than 140 mm of Mercury, and a diastolic blood pressure (bottom number) 90 mm of Mercury or more for the diagnosis of hypertension.

The diagnosis of hypertension must be individualized for each patient.

The diagnosis derives not only from the absolute level of blood pressure, but also the presence or absence of other risk factors, as mentioned above. Patient should consult their health care provider concerning what level of blood pressure is best for them. This level may vary depending upon the patient's medical history.

There are two types of hypertension (essential or primary hypertension and secondary hypertension). Essential hypertension has no known cause and accounts for 95% of the cases. Most of these patients have no symptoms, but may have symptoms if there is organ damage. Secondary hypertension accounts for only 5% of cases and has a definable cause. It usually has abrupt onset.

Treatment of hypertension starts with lifestyle changes, if indicated. These include losing weight, proper diet includ-

ing no salt intake, smoking cessation and decreased alcohol consumption. If these measures fail to control the blood pressure then medications are indicated. Your health care provider can choose the best medication for you based on your medical history.

In summary, hypertension is called "the silent killer," because most people do not know they have it and it can go untreated. Hypertension is a common problem health care providers see every day. It is easily diagnosed and usually responds to simple treatments.

Contributing columnists will include: Tim Soelter, Physician Assistant; Holly Kotewa, Family Nurse Practitioner; Dr. Hal Martens, Rheumatologist; Dr. Richard Erbes, Podiatry; Dr. Kevin Kimm, Family Practice; Dr. Corey Welchlin, Orthopedic Surgeon

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Watch for Changes to the FAFSA

If you have a child in college, you're probably familiar with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which must be completed to help ensure that students don't miss out on federal and state grants, work-study jobs and loans. But you might not know that some important changes will be coming to the FAFSA during 2016 - and these changes can affect both the process of filing for aid, and, possibly, the amount of aid your child will receive.

Here are three key changes to watch for:

- Earlier availability of the FAFSA - Currently, you need to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st - which means you're probably filling out the form even before you've filed your taxes, which aren't due until April. As a result, you may have to estimate your income and update the information later. However, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, you can complete the FAFSA starting on October 1st of the previous calendar year, rather than wait until January. At that point, you will already have filed your 2015 taxes, so in filling out the FAFSA, you won't have to rely on estimates of your

income.

For 2016 only, this change presents something of an anomaly - specifically, you should fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible for the 2016-2017 school year, using an estimate of your 2015 income, and then complete the FAFSA again in October for the 2017-2018 school year, using your actual 2015 income. In future years, you'll only have to complete the FAFSA once, with applications accepted beginning each Oct. 1.

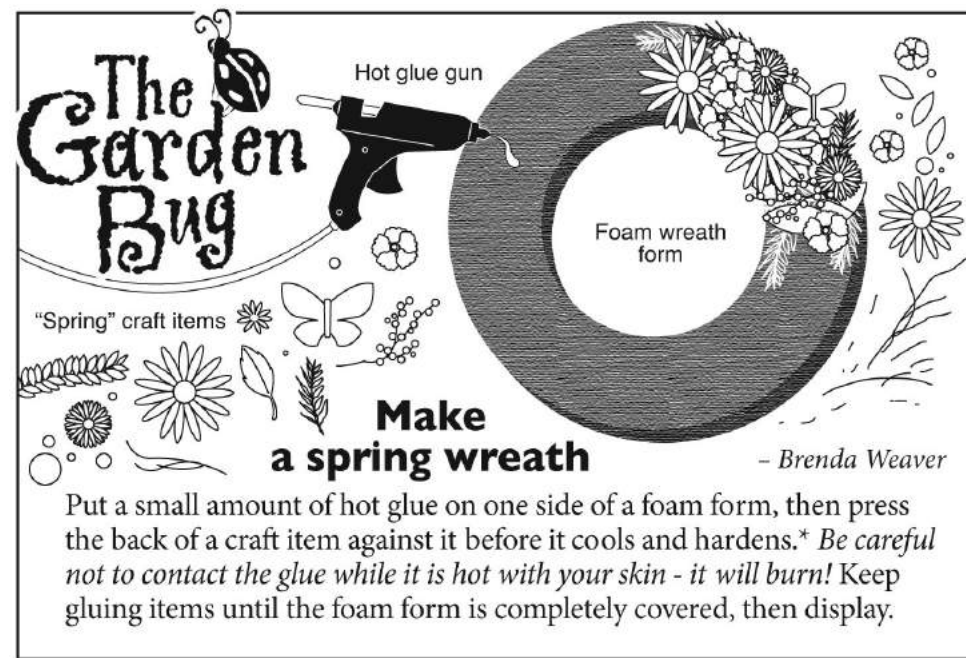
- Lower "asset protection" allowance -When you report your financial information on the FAFSA, some of your assets - such as your IRA and 401(k) - are not counted toward the resources you're expected to contribute to your child's education. Some other assets are considered available, but a percentage of these assets can be sheltered, with the exact amount depending largely on your age and marital status. For the 2016-17 school year, this sheltered asset amount has been reduced significantly. However, while this reduction could have some effect on your student's aid package, it shouldn't be too severe because income, more than assets, is a bigger fac-

tor in the federal financial aid formula.

- No more shared mailing list - When filing the FAFSA, students can choose up to 10 colleges to receive their financial information. Previously, when students sent their FAFSAs to multiple colleges and universities, these schools could see the other institutions on the mailing list. But starting with the 2016-2017 application, schools will no longer have this information. This could actually benefit your child. Previously, if a school saw it was listed first on the FAFSA, it might have assumed it was the student's first choice and, as a result, may not have felt the need to be flexible in awarding financial aid. Now, though, without a list of its competitors, a school might be more open to negotiating a more favorable aid package for your child.

It's a good idea to stay current on the changes connected to the FAFSA because it helps determine financial aid eligibility - and financial aid is a key component of your strategy to pay for your child's (or grandchild's) education.

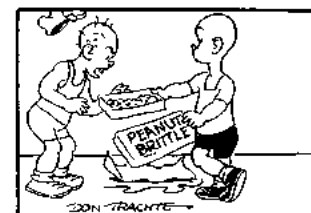
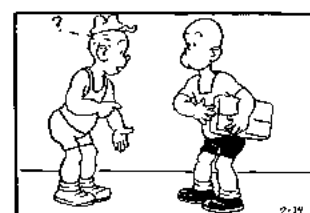
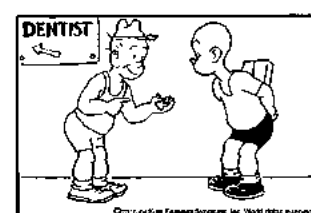
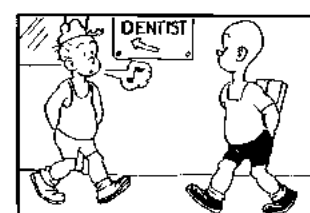
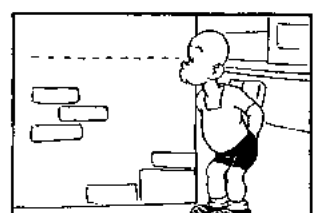
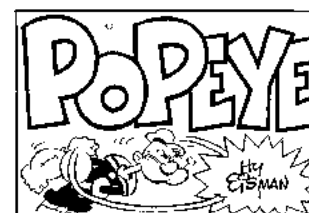
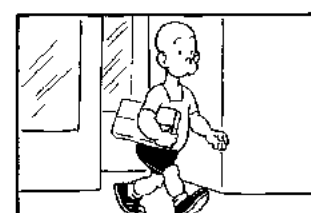
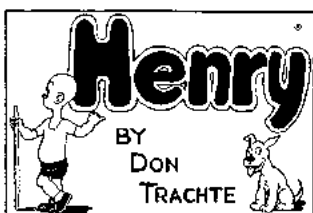
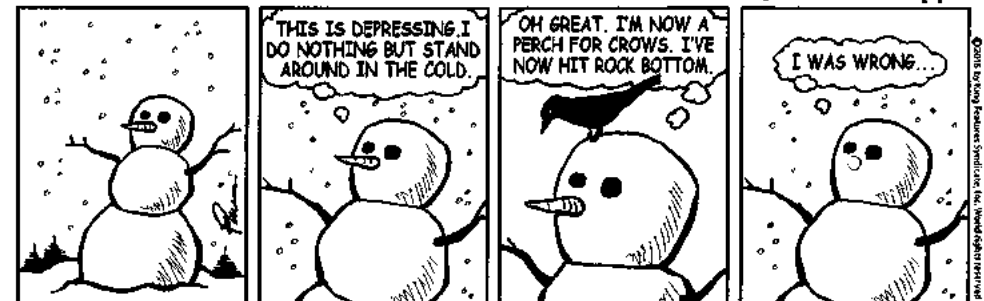
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





Jeff's Jottings

I had the time of my life last weekend when the Martin County Kids Against Hunger held their annual food pack at the Fairmont National Guard Armory! It was a busy day for the hundreds of volunteers that showed up to pack food for Haiti and for the area food shelves. The day was a huge success, with over \$20,000 in

donations raised and the volunteers packed 104,868 meals! The financial and meal packing goals were met and surpassed for the Martin County group. The Hagen family took part for the first time in the meal pack and had a great time helping pack the meals. During their 1½-hour work shift, they packed 540 meals and had a great time doing it. I spent the day at



the armory, helping teams out by packing the packaged meals into the boxes, taping it shut and putting it on the pallets for shipping out to Haiti. I was sore the next day, but like some of my family members commented after working their shift, the soreness was overcome by the feeling of satisfaction in helping the Martin County group surpass its goal. There were volunteers from churches, businesses, organizations, families and individuals who all joined together to pack the meals throughout the day on Saturday. Thank-you to everyone who was involved in the fundraising, packing, organizing and supporting this event in any way. Thanks also to the Fairmont Area High School Hockey and Basketball teams who were there before the event prepping the boxes and afterwards aiding in the cleanup. I'm looking forward to next year's food pack!

Painting a Portrait

I had the opportunity to interview a Fairmont resident last week that has started up a project with the focus on veterans through his love of photography. The project is called

"Portrait of a Veteran" and it focuses on veterans in Martin County and some bordering Iowa counties. The veteran's story is told through photography and interviews conducted by Joseph Kreiss. Joseph



and his wife Kim both work on-air at Woodward Broadcasting (KFMC/KSUM) in Fairmont, but Joseph's previous work in newspaper and his love (and exceptional talent) in photography has led him to begin this project. It has caught on "like wildfire" and has already grown faster than he anticipated. I enjoyed my visit with him and found it to be a very interesting interview. He then turned the tables on me and ended up interviewing me for his Veteran's project and had me tell my story of my involvement in Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf and now I am part of his project! You can read the full story on Joseph and the Portrait

of a Veteran project in this week's Photo Press.

Saluting the FFA

This week the Photo Press is saluting area FFA organizations. National FFA Week is February 20th - 27th. Like many other groups, the FFA has evolved over the years, but the focus of the FFA in schools is still on agricultural education and to ignite a passion for agriculture in today's young people. We salute the FFA organizations at Martin County West, Truman, Fairmont and Granada-Huntley-East Chain schools and encourage readers to support those organizations to help keep agriculture as a focus in our area. I never had the opportunity to be involved in FFA when I was in school (Ceylon didn't have a FFA group), but I know the importance of keeping agriculture in the spotlight as future career opportunities for our young people. Congratulations to area FFA organizations and thank you for your contribution to our communities!

Granny, Tacos & More!

There are a few events

coming up in the next week to point out. On Friday night, the Welcome Summer Festival Committee is having a Taco Fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Welcome American Legion with proceeds going towards this year's festival. On Saturday, Martin Luther High School will be the sight of "Granny Basketball" at 12:30 p.m. This event is all part of the "Martin County Reads" program at MLHS. Also on Saturday, the Martin County Conservation Club will have their 4th Annual Banquet at the Fairmont National Guard Armory. 5 p.m. Social and 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets are available at HyVee and Sommer Outdoors. On Monday, February 22nd, FHS Band Boosters will have a "Dine and Dash Fundraiser" at Perkins in Fairmont from 4 to 10 p.m. 15% of the sales will be donated to the FHS Marching Band Scholarship Fund.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Salute the FFA!

- Jeff

Pheasants Forever "The Beginning to Today"

by Mike Murphy

Pheasants Forever had its beginnings here in Minnesota in 1982. The main focus of this fledgling organization was to

both of Fairmont, contacted area pheasant hunters and conservationists for a meeting to consider a chapter for Martin County. Those in attendance were



(L to R) Mike Murphy "Dedication award", Brian Poppe "Long Spur Award" and Richard Pooley "Dedication Award".

improve anemic pheasant numbers through habitat improvement. Chapters began being chartered in the effort to achieve the goals set forth through membership and fund raising.

In 1984, recognizing the need to address the shrinking pheasant population in our area, Dave Boschert and Bob Siedel,

anxious to be part of this effort and soon after Martin County Pheasants Forever was chartered as the 49th chapter and held the first annual fund raising banquet at the Fairmont VFW in the winter of 1985.

Today - Pheasants Forever chapters number 700 plus and Martin County Pheasants Forever will celebrate its 31st banquet

April 30th at the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus hall. The ticket price is \$50.00, which is the same as last year.

Just to let you know what happens to your \$50, \$35 goes to Pheasants Forever for your membership and the \$15 left covers your meal cost. That leaves the raffles, games and auctions as the means to raise funds, so visit them often April 30th. Ticket sales will be limited to the first 200 members and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Martin County Pheasants forever "Tree and Seed Day" is set for Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m. at Hefty Seed in Fairmont.

On the weekend of January 29th and 30th several members of Martin County Pheasants Forever attended the state conventional in Willmar. This year's convention featured breakout sessions covering the pheasants action plan, the buffer initiative

and CREP, No Child Left Indoors, the Monarch Butterfly and other pollinators plus additional sessions covering other pheasants and habitat-related subjects. During the Friday night banquet and awards presentation three charter members of the Martin County chapter were recognized for years of service.

Brian Poppe was inducted into the Long Spur

Society for 31 years of work and for serving 25 of those years as chapter President. Mike Murphy received a Dedication Award for 31 years of work and emceeding chapter banquets. Dick Pooley, who was unable to attend, also received the Dedication Award for his 31 years of work and for serving 25 years as chapter Treasurer. The Saturday night banquet was highlighted by more awards

presented to individuals, corporations and chapters for their achievements through the year. Martin County Pheasants Forever members, not expecting any Saturday night awards, were pleasantly surprised when their chapter was recognized and presented with a plaque for reaching the \$2 Million Dollar level in their fund raising and conservation efforts.



Members of Martin County Pheasants Forever with the \$2 million dollar plaque. Front row (Left to Right) Troy Sunken, Mike Murphy, Troy Diekmann, Brian Poppe, Bryan Gregor and Tim Langer. Back row Josh Nutt, L. J. Maidl, Joe Maidl, Kyle Tenney, Richard Pooley.

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Nature by the yard

By Al Batt

I filled the bird feeders. I hadn't left the scene of the filling before chickadees, nuthatches, finches and various woodpeckers flew in to slop at the trough.

I felt a joy in seeing the familiar birds. I found comfort in the common place. Some might consider the cold weather a lemon. The birds are a cherry on top of that lemon.



The days are becoming longer. Around the middle of February, it's evident. The interior of a car parked in the sun becomes warm. That's good news for greenhouse owners and drivers with cold buns.

Q-and-A

"I don't have any cardinals this winter. How come?" Did you leave a window open? Birds have wings and sometimes for reasons known only to the birds, they move to a different winter territory. Food and security are the two big determinants. They might enjoy company. They might not enjoy the company of a predator. Maybe your neighbor is having a sale on safflower.

"Can a woodchuck really chuck wood?" Woodchuck, the name that many use for the groundhog, is derived from an alteration of the Algonquian name for the animal, otchcock or wejck. Woodchucks aren't prone to tossing about bits of pine or oak. They are failures as furry lumberjacks. They can't even predict how

much wood they would chuck if they would chuck wood. How about their annual forecast of our weather? Groundhogs often hibernate until March or April. No matter what they predict on Groundhog Day, the woodchucks go back to sleep.

"How could I tell if I'm really a birder?" There is a simple test. If someone yells, "Duck!" and you look up, you are a birder.

"How many teeth does a opossum have?" The opossum has more teeth, 50, than any other North American mammal. The Virginia opossum is about the size of a house cat. It

feeders.

"Does a snowflake need dirt to form?" Are you sure you're not thinking about TV talk shows. They would be out of business without dirt. A snowflake forms inside a cloud, typically in the middle and upper atmosphere, when a droplet of water freezes around a tiny particle of dust, salt, dirt, bacteria, smog, pollen or other substances, but not celebrity gossip.

"I saw some bald eagles feeding in the area of a farm field where manure had been spread. I almost hate to ask, but what are they eating?" Please don't hesitate to ask a question.



BALD EAGLE by Al Batt.

doesn't wander far in its lifetime, up to as many as 300 acres.

"There is a hawk killing the birds at the feeders in my yard. What can I do to stop it?" Accipiters (sharp-shinned hawks and Cooper's hawks) consider your bird feeders to be bird feeders. Each songbird in your yard is a potential prey item. They capture birds for food. The hawks are protected species. Try taking down your feeders for a week or so and see if the scarcity of birds had made the hawk scarce by the time you activate the

There are no dumb questions, just dumb answers. Bald eagles are opportunistic feeders and during our nasty winters, beggars can't be choosy. The eagles have likely found a field where a farmer had discarded dead animals or ground the carcasses up and spread them with the manure. Perhaps a deer had died in the field. Bald eagles enjoy venison. Wild turkeys are often seen feeding at manure spread on fields as the manure contains undigested corn. Turkeys chow down on cow exhaust.

"How many feathers does a Canada goose have?" A goose of the Canada species has 20,000 to 25,000 feathers. A typical songbird might have 7,000 to 10,000.

"What raptors are most often seen at Hawk Ridge?" The broad-winged hawk is the most often counted raptor at this wonderful site in Duluth. The sharp-shinned hawk is the second most numerous and the bald eagle third.

Thanks for stopping by

"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them."

- Ralph Nichols

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for accessories, so let's get to it!

But... Always remember.... Life is a fashion show and the world is your runway.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 1991

Formal Affair was to hold a Grand Opening at its new location, 213 Downtown Plaza, between Jake's Pizza and Lily Creek Landing. Carolyn Seidel was owner.

Park Motor Company was holding an Indoor Used Car and Truck Sale with 44 A1 used cars and trucks in the showroom and shop area.

Harold Rey and Genevieve Lenort were named King and Queen of Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Charles Weber and Esther Lewis were named the Lutz Wing royalty.

Martha W. Jorgensen, LPN, was to receive the 1990 "Book of Golden Deeds" award, the 16th recipient of the award. "For four decades she has poured out her love and

concern on the sick, the lonely and the hurting."

Carlisle Plastic Films Group was fulfilling an initial Army contract for 50,000 meal bags for Desert Storm, at its Fairmont plant.

Louis R. Donnelly, 66, former Fairmont mayor, school board member and Martin County Commissioner, died of a heart attack. He was owner of the Sirloin House on Albion Avenue since 1955.

Interlaken Golf Club was closed for the rest of February and all of March for remodeling.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 1966

Police Sergeant Major Jones, who was director of the Fairmont School Patrol, was to head the annual trip to the Shrine Circus

for 144 patrol members and chaperones.

Fairmont gymnasts, under direction of Herb Wolf, won the championship of the Northwest Open at the University of Minnesota, over gymnasts from 32 schools. Fairmont totaled 96 points - ten more than their closest rival, Albert Lea.

Camp Cedar Point, the Boy Scout camp south of Fairmont, received a gift from the Fairmont Fire Department, two dry powder extinguishers and a liquid type for use at the camp. Firemen pictured were Don Anderson, Larry Theesfield, Tom Cavers and Lewis Clark.

Albert E. Fillmore, prominent Fairmont businessman, died of a heart attack at age 60.

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2016 MCW FFA Officers (front - left to right): Sierra Williamson (Reporter), Emily Ziemer (Secretary), Kooper Janssen (Sentinel), Samantha Gonzalez (Treasurer), Emelia Melson (Officer-at-Large), Maggie Bachenberg (Historian), Seth Melson (Vice President). On tractor: Jacob Ebeling (President), Ellie Kuehl (Officer-at-Large).



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right: Fairmont Area Schools FFA Homecoming Float: **left to right:** Larissa Becker, Hannah Johnson, Andrea Thate, Taylor Mattila, Laura Schwieger, Deonna Crissinger, Allison Johnston, Alyssa Feters, Brandon Schwieger, Nick Tonne, Carter Kotewa, Reilly Hoefker, Briclyn Bonin, Lance Becker, Camren Saxton.

left: National FFA Convention: **(left to right)** Dayna Madsen, Holly Petrowiak, Deonna Crissinger, Reilly Hoefker, Hannah Johnson, Austin Philipp, Larissa Becker, Camren Saxton, Lance Becker, Caleb Johnson, Briclyn Bonin.



National Officer Visit: **(Back Row)** Abbey Gretsch (National FFA Officer), Sydney Snider (National FFA Officer), Sarah Draper (National FFA Officer), Lance Becker, Isaac Isenberg-Donnelly, Camren Saxton, Matt Kotewa, Steven Bulfer, Kaitlyn Cihoski, Autumn Wildfeuer, Taylor McNeel (National FFA Officer), Abrah Meyer (National FFA Officer), Nick Baker (National FFA Officer). **Front Row:** Tejay Luhmann, Holly Petrowiak, Dayna Madsen, Larissa Becker, Briclyn Bonin, Chloe Graif, Hannah Johnson.



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Truman FFA: Front Row (Left to Right) - Beth Kotewa, Jordan Smith, Eden Studer, Chloe Hartman, Kylee Harder. Second Row - Christine Hanson, Haley Olson, Lydia Studer, Briannia Pearson. Third Row - Amber Nickerson, Logan Davis, Tallin Cook, Clay Geiske, Micah Hudson. Fourth Row - Jeremy Stickler, Tommy Kotewa, Tucker May, Bailey May, James Hodge. Back Row - Quinton Greier, Mason Maloney, Derek Davis, Zach Jahnz, Derek Shoen, Parker Stevens.

Truman FFA Highlights This Year:

•Our annual grain drive raised money for the following charities. \$5000 Camp Courage, \$4000 Heaven's Table Food Shelf, and \$2000 Fairmont Salvation Army.

As a whole we have do-

nated \$128,500 to camp courage since the grain drives inception.

•Truman FFA Farm Management team finished 4th at the Region 7 contest

•Truman FFA will be

holding our annual FFA pancake breakfast on Friday, February 26th. It is open to the public. We will be serving from 6-9 a.m. in the Ag shop.

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Lydia Studer (center) of Truman FFA showing at the Martin County Fair in 2015.



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above: Derek Shoen (left) and Jordan Smith planting the Truman FFA garden sponsored by WFS and Land O Lakes.



left: A load of squash and pumpkins that were donated to Heavens Table Food Shelf by the Truman FFA.



The Truman FFA Garden Crew: Front - Beth Kotewa. Middle row (L to R) - Tucker May, Christine Hansen, Amber Nickerson, Cloe Hartman, Clay Geieske, Mitchel Steuber. Back row - Tommy Kotewa, Derek Davis, Derek Shoen, Jeremy Stickler, Eli McDonald.



Alissa Voyles of the Truman FFA showing her Champion Ewe at the Martin County Fair in 2015.

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National FFA Week to be Held February 20-27

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. The week-long tradition began in 1947 when the National FFA Board of Directors designated the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. The first National FFA Week was held in 1948. Today, FFA Week always runs Saturday to Saturday and encompasses February 22nd, Washington's birthday.

National FFA Week did not start out as a week-long event. At first it was National FFA Day. The 1933 National FFA Convention Proceedings records the beginning of FFA Day in this way: "Stewart of Montana requested the floor at this time to present a matter of general interest. He suggested the idea of having a special Future Farmer Day some time during 1934, preferably on one of the regular national FFA broadcasting days. It

was pointed out that the various state associations could perhaps plan special state broadcasts also



on that day and that chapters might plan their father and son banquets on the date specified. The idea seemed to meet with general delegate approval and after some discussion it was moved by Stewart that the Board of Trustees arrange for such a day; motion passed."

National FFA Week is an

opportunity for FFA members, alumni and sponsors to advocate for agricultural education and FFA. It's a time to share with local, state and national audiences what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

There are a variety of events throughout the week that allow a chapter to communicate with others what FFA is all about and ignite a passion for agriculture! Some chapters host teacher appreciation breakfasts, others conduct "Agriculture Olympics" competitions, while still others reach out to the community through service projects. This is just a small sampling of how chapters promote FFA in their schools and communities.

Due to the current tight margins in crop production for the 2016 crop year, some farmers are contemplating reducing their crop insurance coverage in order to save on premium costs. While there may be a small savings in the premium costs per acre, that decision could add considerable risk to the farm operation for the coming year. Many farm operators remember a few years ago when crop insurance coverage virtually guaranteed a profit from crop production in a given year. Crop price guarantees have changed, and that is no longer possible; however, the risk protection provided by crop insurance coverage may be more important than ever.

The price guarantee for revenue protection (RP) crop insurance coverage for corn in 2012 was \$5.68 per bushel, and \$5.65 in 2013. At those price guar-

antees, a farm operator with a 180 bushel per acre actual production history (APH) yield could guarantee approximately \$860 per acre with an 85% RP insurance policy, and over \$815 with an 80% RP policy. The average corn costs per acre on rented land in Southern Minnesota for direct expenses, overhead costs, and land rent were approximately \$508 per acre in 2012 and \$540 in 2013.

The situation with soybeans and RP insurance coverage for 2012 and 2013 was similar to corn. The price guarantee for RP soybean crop insurance was \$12.55 per bushel in 2012 and \$12.87 in 2013. Using those price guarantees, a farm operator with a 50 bushel per acre actual

production history (APH) yield could guarantee approximately \$533 per acre in 2012 and \$547 in 2013 with an 85% RP insurance policy. The average FINBIN soybean costs per acre in Southern Minnesota for direct expenses, overhead costs, and land rent were approximately \$508 per acre in 2012 and \$540 in 2013.

The revenue guarantees per acre provided by RP crop insurance policies in 2012 and 2013 virtually covered direct and overhead expenses, as well as land rental costs, and in some cases provided a profit margin. Things have changed in 2015 and 2016. By 2015, the corn price guarantee had dropped to \$4.15 per bushel, which lowered the dollar guarantee with a 180 bushel per acre APH yield to near

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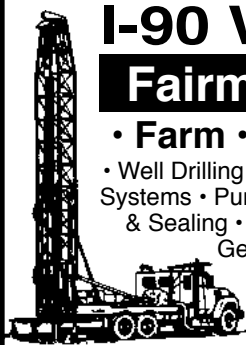
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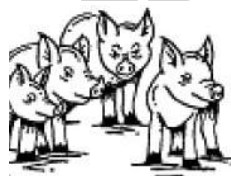


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\$635 per acre with 85% RP insurance coverage, and \$597 with 80% RP coverage. The 2015 corn average expense for land rents, direct and overhead expenses exceeded \$800 per acre in many instances. Similarly for soybeans, the RP price guarantee for 2015 was \$9.73 per bushel, lowering the guarantee to about \$413 per acre with a 50 bushel per acre APH yield and 85% RP insurance coverage. The 2015 average expense for land rent, direct and overhead costs was likely near \$525 per acre.

For the 2016 crop year, the RP crop insurance price guarantees will likely erode even further. As of February 15th, the RP price estimates were \$3.88

per bushel for corn and \$8.85 for soybeans. Using a 180 bushel per acre APH corn yield, the resulting revenue guarantee would be approximately \$593 per acre with an 85% RP policy and \$558 with an 80% RP policy. If we assume a 50 bushel per acre APH soybean yield, the resulting revenue guarantee would be \$376 per acre with an 85% RP policy and \$354 with an 80% RP policy. Estimated 2016 production costs for land rent, direct and overhead expenses are still expected to be \$750 per acre or higher for corn, and \$500 or higher for soybeans, in most instances.

Some producers have a tendency to overlook crop insurance as an im-

portant risk management tool, since the available revenue guarantees are lower than the cost of production in many situations. However, the overall financial risk in 2016 may be far greater than it was in 2012 or 2013, when much more favorable guarantees existed. Crop insurance premiums for 85% RP coverage are much more favorable than they were in previous years. Some producers have been able to increase their APH corn and soybean yields in recent years by using the trend-adjusted yield (TA-APH) yield endorsement for their crop insurance coverage. This has helped expand the insurance guarantee with only a minimal premium

cost increase.

As recently as the 2014 crop year, many farm operators in Southern Minnesota saw the benefits of having 80% or 85% RP crop insurance coverage for corn and soybeans. In many areas of the region, 2014 featured some of the lowest corn and soybean yields in many years, which were combined with rapidly declining crop prices. The corn price in 2014 dropped from a RP price guarantee of \$4.62 per bushel in February to a harvest price \$3.49 in October. Similarly, the 2014 soybean price dropped from a price guarantee of \$11.36 per bushel to a harvest price of \$9.36. Based on the FINBIN data, the average crop insurance revenues in Southern Minnesota for 2014 were over \$148 per acre for corn, and over \$50 for soybeans. Without that added crop insurance revenue, most crop producers would have shown a large loss per acre in 2014.

As we enter 2016, we have very tight crop margins for the coming year, and in some cases negative margins on cash rental acres to cover land rents, direct and overhead costs. Before reducing crop insurance coverage for 2016, a producer needs to assess whether they want to take on the extra risk of the reduced revenue guarantee of the lower crop insurance coverage. Reducing from an 85% RP policy for corn to a 75% RP policy will reduce the insurance guarantee by \$70-\$80 per acre. As a farm operator, is

that a risk you are willing to take in 2016?

The deadline to purchase crop insurance for corn and soybeans for the 2016 crop year is March 15th, 2016. For more information on various crop insurance policies and alternatives for 2016, producers should contact a reputable crop insurance agent. Kent Thiesse has written an information sheet titled: "2016 Crop Insurance Decisions". To receive a free copy, please forward an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com.

Other Fairmont Area FFA Highlights This Year

2015 State FFA Convention results:

• Parliamentary Procedure team - 5th place, Gold ranking
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OBITUARY notices

David L. McKnight, 60



A Celebration of Life Service for David L. McKnight, 60, of Fairmont was held Saturday, February 13th, at Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church with burial following in Fairmont. David passed away Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

David Lynn McKnight was born on August 8th, 1955 in Callaway, NE, the son of Edward and Ruby (Dill) McKnight. He started out living on a ranch near Comstock, NE and attended country school there. In 1965, the family moved to Sargent, NE where he continued his schooling, graduating in 1974. After high school, David worked in Wyoming and Arizona before attending the Dakota Bible College in Huron, SD. On July 4th, 1982 he met Brenda Castle and they began dating. They were united in marriage on April 14th, 1984 in Redwood Falls, MN. After their marriage they lived in Rochester and Kasson, MN. During this time David did a short internship at a church in Webster City, IA.

In the fall of 1984, they moved to Fairmont. While in Fairmont, David worked at Red Owl, Service Master and D & B Plastics. After that he operated Shadow Plastics out of Fairmont. In the early 2000's, he started with Gemini Music and Bruce Abitz recording church services in the community to be broadcast on the local TV channel. This led to video recording all other community and school events, which David enjoyed a lot. He also taught the Media program at Fairmont High School and Martin Luther High School. David coached Girls Softball at both schools. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing and watching his Nebraska Cornhuskers. He was a member of the Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church where he videoed a lot of the services and events.

Those who will cherish David's memory include his wife, Brenda McKnight of Fairmont; three sons, Adam McKnight and his girlfriend, Ashley Earhart and her children, Dominic and Maya, of Fairmont, Brian McKnight and his wife, Jachline, and their baby on the way, of Wakefield, KS, Gary McK-

night of Fairmont; brother, Edward McKnight and his wife, Cindy, of Scottsbluff, NE; foster-sisters, Marina Burson and her boyfriend, John, of Aurora, NE, Nellene Martin and her husband, Darren, of Columbia, MO; parents-in-law, Quentin and Letha Castle of Redwood Falls, MN; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Chuck and Dawn Castle, Steve and Charlene Castle, Linda and Curt Van Overbeke, Wendy and Moose von Wald; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to David's parents, he is also preceded in death by one brother, Gary McKnight.

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LaJune Poppe-Wiltse, 92



A Celebration of Life Service for LaJune Poppe-Wiltse, 92, of Ceylon, was held on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon with Pastor Anthony Christoffels officiating. Burial was in Lake Belt Cemetery in rural Ceylon.

LaJune was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday evening, February 9th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

LaJune Olga Katy Plumhoff was born June 30th, 1923, daughter of Arthur and Lila (Eickhoff) Plumhoff in rural Welcome, Minnesota. She attended Welcome country school through the eighth grade. The oldest of seven children, she left the family home at age 14 to work for the Smock family in rural Trimont, who provided her the opportunity to continue her education, graduating with the Class of 1943 from Triumph High School. LaJune was employed at a grocery store in Triumph and then moved to Ceylon where she was employed at a hotel.

She was united in marriage to Ervin "Pat" Poppe on November 14th, 1947, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairmont. After their marriage, they lived in Ceylon where they owned and operated Ceylon Lumber Company and the Ceylon Bowling Alley where LaJune was the bookkeeper for both businesses. She also was employed at Stokley Van Camp Canning Company in Fairmont. They raised their family in their lake home on the east side of Clear Lake in rural Ceylon. Pat died on March 21st, 1985.

LaJune married Willard "Bud" Wiltse 1991. They

wintered in Texas and did a lot of travelling to Europe, Alaska, Hawaii and other places. She golfed St. Andrew's in Scotland and parasailed in Puerto Vallarta at the age of eighty. She continued to live in her home on the east side of Clear Lake until becoming a resident of Ingleside Assisted Living and then Goldfinch Estates, both in Fairmont. Thank you for the excellent care she received from the staff and caregivers at Goldfinch Estates Memory Care.

Survivors include her four children, daughters, Bonnie Roggow of Fairmont, Karen (Wayne) Sunde of Estherville, Iowa; sons, Keith (Cindy) Poppe of Aurora, Colorado; Chuck (Barb) Poppe of Welcome; seven grandchildren, Jason and Tony Petersen, Kurt and Chaz Poppe, and Carrie Mandeville, Adam Poppe, Angie Schmidt; fourteen great-grandchildren, Zachary, Steven, Sydney, Bailey, Anna, Lyla, Daniel, Ryan, Cory, Karter, Cameron, Faith, Tyler and Hunter; sisters, Elaine Speckman of Fairmont, Gerry (George) Hendricks of Welcome, Charlotte (John) Schmidtke of Ceylon; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin "Pat" Poppe; brothers, Marlen (Elnora) Plumhoff, Merle (Margery) Plumhoff; sister, Shirley (Ron) Thompson; sister-in-law, Leona (Leo) Winchell; brothers-in-law, Vernon Speckman and other relatives.

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Tyler John Lenort, 38



Tyler John Lenort, 38, of Lakeville, MN died on January 31st, 2016 as a result of head injuries sustained when hit by a drunk driver while working for the City of Bloomington. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his death.

Tyler was a 15 year employee of the street department for the city of Bloomington. Tyler loved his job and extended family of co-workers. He took great pride in modifying his equipment to meet his standards.

Tyler is, and will always be, a man that had a "project" to do. He loved to "tinker" around in his garage and in the shop at his parents farm EVERY weekend. Doing "odds and ends" were what he lived for. Tyler loved NASCAR, snowmobiling, and LED lights.

Tyler's spirit will live on through his decision to be organ donor. This decision, with the help of Life Source can potentially help up to 62 people.

Tyler was proceeded into death by grandparents: Mathew & Marie Lenort and Dick & Beverly Boland. Also by several extended relatives.

Tyler is survived by his parents; John & Shielah Lenort, brother Casey Lenort, twin brother Ryan Lenort, sister Rachel Madsen (Lenort) and husband Chuck and their daughter Moxie. Along with several other extended relatives. Tyler is also survived by his long time girlfriend Catherine Hunziker and their fur-baby Leena.

Marian E. Meyer, 92



A Celebration of Life Service for Marian E. Meyer, 92, of Fairmont, formerly of Trimont, was held Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Chapel in Fairmont with Pastor Wade Daul officiating. Burial was in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery at Fairmont. Marian was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.

Marian Edna Baumhoefer was born April 5th, 1923, daughter of Otto and Marie (Furler) Baumhoefer on the family farm in Fraser Township, Martin County, Minnesota. She was baptized on April 29th, 1923 and later confirmed on May 17th, 1936 both at Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township. She received her education in rural country school and later graduated from Welcome High School in 1940. On August 28th, 1943, Marian was united in marriage to Melvin D. Meyer at Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township. After their marriage, they farmed in Fraser and Galena Township for many years and raised their family. Marian was employed for W.D. Hodgeman & Sons Road Construction of Fairmont and Duinink Brothers Construction of Prinsburg, Minnesota. They retired to Trimont in 1984. Melvin died on May 29th, 1993. In 1998, Marian made her home at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. She was honored by Lakeview for doing volunteer work there. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont since 1995 and was a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont. She was

a member of the Fairmont Eagles Club. She greatly enjoyed visiting with people, crocheting and doing needle work and playing the piano.

Survivors include: her three daughters, Marsha (Donald) Atzenhoefer of Fairmont, Carla (Roger) Charlton of Duluth, Minnesota, Debra (Dixon) Anderson of Princeton, Minnesota; son, Steven Meyer of Modesto, California; thirteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband; brothers, Victor, Roy, Oscar Baumhoefer; three sisters, Martha, Esther and Hilda and other relatives.

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Beatrice L. Hanson, 91



Funeral Service for Beatrice L. Hanson, 91, of Fairmont, formerly of Granada, was held Sunday, February 14th, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont.

Beatrice passed away Thursday, February 11th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Beatrice Lavon was born September 22nd, 1924 in Estherville, Iowa to Edward and Olive (Parker) Sabin. She grew up in Maple Hill, Iowa and graduated from high school in Swea City, Iowa.

On January 1st, 1950 Beatrice was united in marriage to Harvey Hanson in Fairmont. This union was blessed with five children: Gloria, Cheryl, Sharon, Gary and Bonnie. Beatrice helped Harvey farm in Granada until his sudden death on April 29, 1987.

Beatrice was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church where she remained an active member her entire life. She was a member of the Grace Lutheran Woman's Group and spent many years teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Beatrice served as chairman of the Martin County Church Women United and also volunteered at the Fairmont Community Hospital. She enjoyed baking, shopping and traveling.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Gloria (Calvin) Mattson of Granada, Cheryl (Cordell) Satre of Buffalo

Center, IA, Sharon (Gregory) Hanson of Stillwater, OK, Gary (Linda) Hanson of Fairmont, and Bonnie (Douglas) Delahunt of Shoreview, MN; grandchildren: Jill (Matthew) Wagner of Luverne, MN, Bradley (Jackie) Mattson of Granada, Laura (Lonnie) Friesenborg of Forest City, IA, John (Beth) Satre of Briceville, MN, Eric (Heidi) Satre of South St. Paul, Lisa (Alex) Meyer of North Mankato, Jessica (Chad) Putman of Broken Arrow, OK, Amy (Eli) Roberts of Fayetteville, AR, Shari Jo (Shane) Hatfield of Tulsa, OK, Joseph (Anna) Hanson of Bixby, OK, Ruth (Nicholas) Lightner of Denver, CO, Neil (Crystal) Hanson of Granada, Marc (Katie) Hanson of Granada, Greg (Nikki) Hanson of Granada, Katelyn Hanson of Minneapolis, Kevin Hanson of Jamestown, ND, Paul (Heather) Delahunt of Minneapolis, MN, Michael Delahunt of Blaine, MN, Cara (Jason) Daus of Coon Rapids, MN, Alyssa Delahunt of Shoreview, MN, Becca Delahunt of Shoreview, MN, and Julia Delahunt of Shoreview; thirty-nine great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Janice Nelson of Minneapolis, MN, Carol Hanson-Peterson of St. Peter, MN, and Pat Hanson of Sherburn; nieces, nephews and other extended relatives; and many friends.

Beatrice was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey; parents, Edward and Olive Sabin; and brother, Lyle Sabin.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, the previously uncontrollable Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming a lecturer and activist.

- On March 6, 1899, the patent office in Berlin registers Aspirin, the brand name for acetylsalicylic acid, on behalf of Friedrich Bayer & Co. Acetylsalicylic acid was originally made from a chemical found in the bark of willow trees.

- On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "The Cat in the Hat," is born in Massachusetts. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," was rejected by over two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937.

- On March 5, 1929, David Dunbar Buick, founder of the Buick Motor Company, dies in relative obscurity after years of working menial jobs. By 1906, Buick had lost control of the business and sold his stock, which would later be worth millions of dollars.

- On March 1, 1932, the 20-month-old son of aviator Charles Lindbergh is kidnapped from the family's mansion in New Jersey. Although a ransom note demanding \$50,000 was left in the nursery, the baby had been killed the night of the kidnapping.

- On Feb. 29, 1940, the film "Gone With the Wind" is honored with eight Oscars. The most momentous award went to Hattie McDaniel for her portrayal of "Mammy," a housemaid and former slave. McDaniel was the first black actor ever to win an Oscar.

- On March 4, 1962, a Trans-African DC-7 crashes on takeoff in Cameroon, its 111 passengers and crew doomed by a mechanical failure. It was the first single-airplane disaster in history in which more than 100 people died.

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Melvin V. Shumski, 84



Funeral service for Melvin V. Shumski, 84, of East Chain, will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont with Father Peter Schuster officiating. Burial will be Thursday afternoon, at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in East Chain with full military honors by the Martin County V.F.W. Post 1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home in Fairmont. Melvin passed away Saturday, February 13th, 2016 at the Keystone Assisted Living Center in Mankato.

Melvin Valentine Shumski was born on August 15th, 1931 in Fairmont, the son of John and Sadie (Thate) Shumski. Melvin grew up on a farm near East Chain and attended District 6 country school. He entered the U.S. Army in September of 1955 and served stateside and then spent some time in Newfoundland. He transferred to the Army reserved where he served another 6 years. After his service in the Army he came back to East Chain to farm and milk cows. On June 5th, 1958 he married Janice Tonne

and they had four sons together, James, Steven, Gary and Mark. Melvin and Janice were later divorced and Melvin continued to farm and was a Garst seed dealer for many years. He retired in 1996 and during his retirement he helped Arden Kramersmeier with his farming operation.

Melvin enjoyed playing cards of all types, fishing, gardening, traveling and played in a bowling league in Fairmont. In September of 2011, Melvin moved to the Keystone Senior Living center in Mankato.

He is survived by four sons, James Shumski of rural Blue Earth, Steven Shumski and his wife, Phyllis, of rural Granada, Gary Shumski and his wife, Mary, of Granada, Mark Shumski of rural Granada; special friend, Shirley Greve of Fairmont; nine grandchildren, Kayla Huper (Eric) of Wells, MN, Derek Shumski of Granada, Carter Shumski of Fairmont, Danielle Blazejak (Wade) of Rochester, MN, Becky Sharp of Granada, Ryan Shumski of Granada, Rachel Shumski of Granada, Chelsey Hanson (Cameron) of New Salem, ND, Ashley Shumski of Fairmont; 5 great grandchildren; one sister, Blossom Spencer of Fairmont; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Melvin was also preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Bernard Shumski, and one nephew, Charles Spencer.

Memorials are preferred to the American Alzheimer's Association.

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DEATH notices

February 3 - Daniel J. Graif, 64, Fairmont.

Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

February 9 - Marian E. Meyer, 92, Fairmont.

Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 9 - LaJune Poppe-Wiltse, 92, Ceylon.

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February 9 - Marilyn Hardt, 83, St. Cloud

(formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral Home

February 9 - David L. McKnight, 60, Fairmont.

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February 9 - Harlan G. Schuller, 72, Fairmont.

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February 11 - Beatrice L. Hanson, 91, Fairmont

(formerly of Granada). Lakeview Funeral Home

February 12 - Jeffery M. Finke, 37, Fairmont

(formerly of Sherburn). Kramer Funeral Home

February 13 - Melvin V. Shumski, 84, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

February 13 - Larry A. Hoffmeyer, 78, Sherburn.

Kramer Family Funeral Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

February 12 - Gerald A. Nielsen, 85, Fairmont

February 12 - Angela Jo (Foster) Brewer, 31,

Splendora, Texas (formerly of Fairmont)

February 13 - Lucille Zarling, 91, Fairmont

February 14 - Ferne I. Lewis, 93, Fairmont

February 14 - Robert J. Young, 81, Welcome

February 15 - Joan L. Yost, 81, Fairmont

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NOTICE to the residents of PLEASANT PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby give to the qualified voters of Pleasant Prairie Township, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

The election poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following offices:

(1) Supervisor - 3 years
(1) Clerk - 2 years

The Annual Meeting will commence at 3:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the Pleasant Prairie Town Hall.

The Board of Canvass will meet at 8:15 p.m.

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PLEASANT PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Gregory B. Murphy, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Fairmont Township, Martin County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 15, 2016.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:

Supervisor.....3 yrs
Clerk.....2 yrs

The Board of Canvass will meet, immediately following the election to certify the official election results. The Annual meeting will commence at 8:05 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Fairmont Elementary School Cafeteria, 714 Victoria Street Fairmont, MN. Please enter through the North doors

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FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
Heather Trembley, Clerk

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 8, 2016 at the Town Hall, 978 160th Avenue, Fairmont, MN.

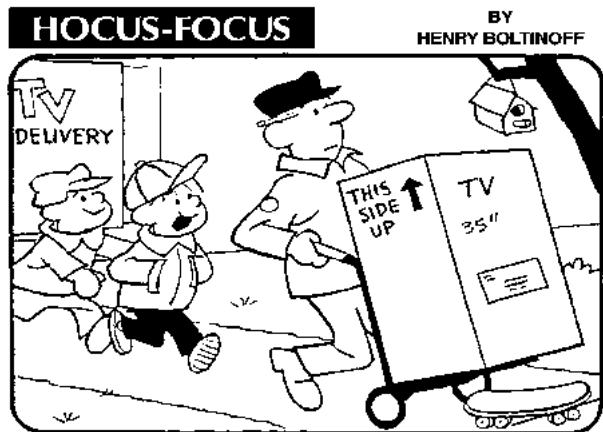
In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The Election Poll Hours will be open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) Supervisor - 3 year term
(1) Clerk - 2 year term

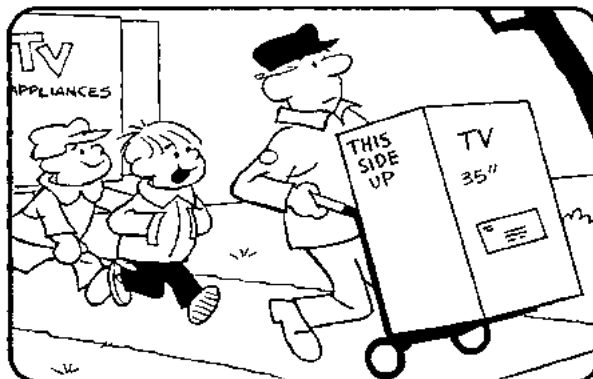
The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:05 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

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Dan Bebernes, Clerk



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WARRANTY DEEDS

Dennis D. Burmeister, Sylvia A. Burmeister to Dennis D. Burmeister, Trustee, Sylvia A. Burmeister, Trustee, Dennis D. Burmeister and Sylvia A. Burmeister Trust, Lots 6, 3, E.3' Lot 5, Block 1, Morgans Addn., Truman

James Leiker, Patricia Phelps to Tenhassen Farms, Inc., Und. 2/12 int. SW¼NW¼, 12-102-31; Und. 2/12 int., NE¼, 11-102-31

Judy A. Schaffer, Leon V. Schaffer to Kim Schutterle, Kim R. Schutterle, Lot 18, Block 1, Stellas Addn., Block 2

Diane M. Friese to Jess M. Wheldon, Lot 7, Block 1, Casey Jones Addn.

Darcy Lynn Dorman, Jeremy Robert Dorman to Elite Properties MN LLC, E½ Lot 15, Lot 16, Block 2, Original Plat Truman

Westman Investments LLP to Westman Acquisition LLC, Pt. W½SW¼, 33-103-33; E.40' Lot 1, Block 1, Park Plaza 1st Addn.

Joseph Burdorf, Stephanie L. Burdorf, Stephanie L. Simon to Jamie Sue DeJaynes, Lot 6, Block 2, Smiths Addn., Lot 6, Block 2, Smiths Addn.

Jane Vader, William Vader to Stephanie L. Burdorf, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SW¼, 8-102-30

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Alan Richard Pelzer to Elizabeth Dennise Pelzer, Lot 5, Block 2, Birds Budd Lake Addn.

William J. Angell, Cynthia K. Lee, Sharon L. Winslow to Mary Silcox-Dybevik, Pt. W½W½SW¼, W½SW¼NW¼; E½W½SW¼ w/drainage easement, E½SW¼NW¼, 20-101-33

Mary Silcox-Dybevik to William J. Angell, Cynthia K. Lee, Sharon L. Winslow, E½W½SW¼, E½SW¼NW¼; W½W½SW¼ w/drainage easement; W½SW¼NW¼ w/drainage easement, 20-101-33

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Friday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.: Knutson Family Trust – Choice parcel of 65.18 acres bare farm land in Sec. 17, Hunter Twp., Jackson County. Auction to be held at Lakefield American Legion. *Dan Pike & Associates.*

Monday, March 14, 5:00 p.m.: Sherburn Annual Civic & Commerce White Elephant Auction & Supper. *Kahler Family.*

Saturday, March 26, Forenoon: Consignment Auction of Farm & Construction Equipment – Sale is at the Martin County Fairgrounds, Fairmont. Farm Equipment, Construction Equipment, Vehicles, Lawn and Sports Equipment. Contact any of the staff to inspect and value items. **Consignments of all types of equipment needed! Advertising deadline is noon, Thursday, March 3, 2016!** *Wedel, Kahlers, Hall, Pike and Hartung. Contact any of below listed staff.*

March: Antique and Miscellaneous Auction – St. James Fairgrounds. *Contact Dar Hall, Sales Manager.*

Fri., Apr. 1, Evening: Mountain Lake Christian School Annual Auction. *Hall and Kahler*

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Erin J. Danner, David Roiger, Erin J. Roiger to Lee C. Hummel, Lot 24, Block 3, 3rd Ext. Wards Central Addn.

D-DEEDS

William R. Phelps Estate, Profinium Inc., Per. Rep to Tenhassen Farms, Inc., Und. 3/12 int., SW¼NW¼, 12-102-31; Und. 3/12 int. NE¼, 11-102-31

Louis M. Bulfer, Jr., Per. Rep., Estate of Louis M. Bulfer, Sr., Patrick J. Bulfer, Per. Rep. to Diane Gerhardt, Dick Gerhardt, Pt. Govt. Lots 14, 13, 15, 12, SW¼, 18-102-30

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Patrick Wright, Patrick Wright Living Trust, to Tenhassen Farms, Inc., Und. 3/12 int. NE¼, 11-102-31; Und. 3/12 int. SW¼NW¼, 12-102-31

Barbara Jean Phelps, Carie Marie Phelps, Barbara Jean Phelps Living Trust, to Tenhassen Farms, Inc., Und. 2/12 int. NE¼, 11-102-31; Und. 2/12 int. SW¼NW¼, 12-102-31

To the Voters of TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election of Town Officers will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** at Tenhassen Town Hall.

Business Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m.
 Polls open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 to elect the following:

ONE SUPERVISOR - 3 years
ONE CLERK - 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Larry Simpson, Clerk

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Rutland Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Rutland Township Hall, 1448 St. Hwy 15. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the 3rd Tuesday in March. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 years
(1) CLERK-TREASURER - 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet following the election to certify the official election results. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all business prescribed by law.

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Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Lake Belt Township Grader Shed / Town Hall.

Business Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m.
 Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 year term
(1) CLERK - 2 year term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls.

In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Jeff Hagen, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers & Board of Canvass for

CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Center Creek Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Township Grader Shed in Granada.

Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. Voting times are 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 year term
(1) CLERK - 2 year term

In case of bad weather, the above will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Kim Shoemaker, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

MANYASKA TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Manyaska Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 3 Main Street, Fox Lake Village, Welcome, MN

Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 yr. term
(1) CLERK - 2 yr. term

The Annual meeting will be held at 8:15 p.m.

The Board of Canvass will be held at approximately 8:25 p.m. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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MANYASKA TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Becky Weig, Clerk

To the Voters of FRASER TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** at Welcome City Hall

Polls open at 5:00 p.m.
 and close at 8:00 p.m.
 to elect the following:

ONE SUPERVISOR - 3 years
ONE CLERK - 2 years

Business Meeting after 8 p.m.
 Alternate Bad Weather Date is Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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FRASER TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Rita Garbers, Clerk

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.**

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*.
2. You must serve upon the Petitioner and file with the court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the court administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.
3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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.
4. Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

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Dated: 12-23-15

Sam Brewster
 Signature of Petitioner

Name: Samuel Brewster, Jr.
 Street Address: 500 Home Street 5C
 City/State/Zip: Fairmont, MN 56031

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1 Card of Thanks

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41-1tp-1

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Wabasso/RRC Wrestlers Defeat Red Bulls

After defeating Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove 42-30 in the opening round in the Section 3AA Team Meet, Wabasso/Red Rock

Central defeated the Red Bulls 34-29. Wabasso/RRC defeated Worthington 28-26 in the championship match to earn a state berth. Jordan

Wolter, Zach Ringnell, Payton Anderson, Mario Maldonado, Collin Steuber and Mark Washa each won two matches in the section.

The Section will 3AA Individual Meet begins Friday in Worthington.

Magic Third at Section Meet in Fairmont Last Weekend

Worthington edged JCC 139.7-139.15 for the team title. Martin County Area was third with 137.625 at Saturday's Section 3A gymnastics meet in Fairmont. Other team scores: 4. Redwood Valley 131.8; 5. Luverne 128.825; 6. Hendricks/Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 128.225; 7. Windom Area

119.9; 8. Pipestone Area 115.775; 9. Marshall 115.3. Magic junior Bryanna Peterson, the All-around winner will compete in the state meet on vault, bars, floor and all around. Maiya Dietz, the only other Magic gymnast to medal, finished sixth in the beam completion. Magic Scores: All-around: 1st Peterson

36.95, 10th Dietz 33.325. VAULT: 1st Peterson 9.225, Jenna Steele 8.7, Brielle Meade 8.65, Sydney Leichtnam 8.4, Dietz 8.3. BARS: 1st Peterson 9.425, Andrea Thate 8.35, Dietz 7.75, Maggie Bachenberg 7.75; Leichtnam 7.75. BALANCE BEAM: 5th Peterson 8.75, 6th Dietz

8.7, Meade 8.4, Bachenberg 8.175, Steele 7.475. FLOOR EXERCISE: 1st Peterson 9.55, Sabrina Segar 8.675, Dietz 8.575, Bachenberg 8.55, Meade 8.425. Photos Courtesy fairmontsports.com and Greg Abel Photography



MEDAL WINNERS - Bryanna Peterson, (blue ribbon medals - All-around winner), and Maiya Dietz (red ribbon medal - 6th on beam) pose with Martin County Area Magic head coach LeeAnn Steen and assistant coach Brian Steen. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



SQUEEZE PLAY - Cardinals Tierny Arens splits a pair of Luverne defenders. Arens and Brooke Lemon each scored first-period goals to give the Cardinals a short-lived 2-0 lead in the section championship game. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography



RACE IS ON - Cardinals #3 Myah Lytle skates evenly with Luverne's Mariah Aukes. Aukes had a hat trick including the game-winner in Luverne's 5-2 win in the Section 3A championship game. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography



HELMET ADJUSTMENT - Cardinals goalie Sadie Sandersfeld gets an equipment fix with the assistance of assistant coach Casey Kester. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography



LANE RUNNER - left: Cardinals Nate Kallenbach goes up for two against United South Central's Riley Kloos. The Cards downed the Rebels 56-44 last Thursday night. The Cardinals host St. James next Tuesday to open section play. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



'LIL SHOOTER - right: Fairmont youth basketball was the half-time entertainment during the boys varsity game versus United South Central. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



St Paul's Lutheran School, Fairmont B-Boys won first place in the St Paul's Lutheran Fairmont B-boys tournament February 5th and 6th. Front row: Sutton, Wyatt, Ryan, Jaxon, Josh and Lance. Back row: coach Matt Singleton, Sawyer, Jamie, Trevor, Jonah, Trey, Jakob and coach Rich Johnson

Another Solid Meet for BEAHS Knowledge Bowl

The 2016 Senior High Knowledge Bowl season is off to a steady start for the Blue Earth Area squad. Competing at three meets so far (Blue Earth Area, Mankato East, and Minnesota New Country School), the Blue Earth Area Ruby team with Ben Backstrom, Lucas Determan, Bryan Karp, Hunter Rock, and Jacob Willette, finished in seventh place with a score of 79.5 points - only three points out of third place in the very tight Mankato East meet. In the Blue Earth Area Blizzard Invitational, Ruby (with Backstrom, Karp and Bennett Petersen) finished in 10th and Emerald (with Determan, Rock and Willette) finished in 11th, while at the Minnesota New Country School meet Ruby (with Peterson, Rock,



Blue Earth Area Ruby left to right: Lucas Determan, Jacob Willette, Hunter Rock, Bryan , Ben Backstrom

BOYS BASKETBALL		
Big South East		REC
St. Peter	9-1	18-6
Waseca	9-1	17-7
CARDS	6-4	14-9
New Ulm	3-7	4-20
Blue Earth Area	2-8	4-20
St. James Area	1-9	6-17
Big South West		REC
Marshall	12-0	22-3
JCC	9-3	18-5
Windom Area	6-6	16-8
Redwood Valley	6-6	16-9
Pipestone Area	5-7	10-13
Worthington	3-9	6-17
Luverne	1-11	8-15

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

BOYS HOCKEY		
Big South Conference		REC
Luverne	15-1-0	20-5-0
Redwood V	12-4-0	16-6-0
Marshall	11-4-1	14-9-1
New Ulm	10-5-1	12-11-2
LSHSPTCUC	10-6-0	15-10-0
Waseca	7-9-0	9-16-0
Windom Area	4-12-0	7-17-0
CARDS	2-14-0	4-19-1
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	20-6-0
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	15-13-0
Windom Area	3-11-0	4-18-1
Worthington	0-16-0	0-20-0

Kinship Holds Annual Mentor Appreciation Night

January was National Mentoring month, and Kinship has much to appreciate! Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont provided an excellent meal for our mentors and mentees for our annual Mentor Appreciation Night, which was held January 20th. Grace Lutheran staff generously set up and took down tables and decorations and allowed us to use their fellowship hall for to show our mentors the appreciation they deserve. Kinship currently has 61 amazing mentors matched with 56 awesome mentees. Kinship mentors are kind, patient, generous, and fun! Our mentors spend between three and six hours per month with their mentees. This time together builds resilience, self-esteem, and responsibility in the mentee. It helps the mentee establish goals, a positive attitude, and social skills. More than anything, our mentors and mentees build long-lasting friendships. Our mentees were asked to share their thoughts about their mentors. One mentee wrote "I'm glad you are my mentor because we have fun and I learn something every time I am with you," and another said "My favorite thing about you is that when I am feeling down, you always know how to cheer me up." Another mentee wrote "I like spending time with you because I feel that I have learned how to be kind and respectful," and another wrote "I like spending time with you because I feel that I have learned how to be more open to everyone." These are just a handful of the comments from mentees about their incredible mentors. Kinship mentors are asked to commit to mentoring for at least a year, but many matches last much longer. Our longest match currently has been in place for eight years and in the past year we've welcomed 21 new mentors into Kinship! Thank you, Kinship mentors, for all you do! Kinship currently has 13 children on the waiting list who are in need of mentors. If you are interested in mentoring and would like to learn more, please call Anna Garbers, Kinship Director, at (507) 238 4440 or (507) 236 4514 or email at fairmontkinship@gmail.com.



Area College Student News

Rachel Ann Viesselman, of St. Paul (originally from Trimont), was named to the dean's list at Hamline University for the fall term of the 2015-2016 academic year. Members of the dean's list achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale. Hamline University is the top-ranked university in Minnesota in its class according to U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1854, Hamline is also Minnesota's first university, and among the first co-educational institutions in the nation.

WRESTLING		
Big South East		REC
Blue Earth Area	4-0	19-9
RED BULLS	4-1	15-4
Waseca	3-2	12-7
St. James Area	1-3	12-12
St. Peter	1-4	10-17
New Ulm	1-4	7-22
Big South West		REC
Worthington	6-0	22-4
Pipestone Area	5-2	20-12
Marshall/LV	4-2	15-11
Redwood-RV	3-3	16-11
Luverne	3-4	11-16
Windom/ML	2-5	4-17
JCC	0-7	2-15

Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska's University A Cappella Choir will travel to Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota, Oregon and Montana from March 2nd-13th, for its annual concert tour. Mason Koeritz, from Northrop, Bass I, is among the student performers. Two local performances will conclude the choir's spring performance season on Sunday, March 20th, 2016, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Newman Center) in Lincoln, Nebraska, at 2 p.m. and St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska, at 7:30 p.m.

Students of Concordia University, Nebraska will perform Craig Sodaro's "Murder by the Book" Fri-

day, February 26th, and Saturday, February 27th, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 28th, at 2 p.m. Each of the performances will be presented in the Black Box Studio Theatre in the lower level of the Music Building on campus. Performers include: Mason Koeritz, from Northrop, playing the role of William Shakespeare. The production is formed as a comedic mystery in which a secret society of literary critics gets together annually to select the best and worst mysteries of the year. In order to protect their identities from each other, they disguise themselves as famous authors. An anonymous threat is made, someone gets murdered and the plot unfolds from there.



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During the month of December the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast benefiting the two Seminarians from the St. John Vianney Parish, namely, Isaac Landsteiner and Matt Nordquist. The event resulted in a \$1,000 donation to each Seminarian. Pictured above (left to right): Bart Eriksen—KC Event Chairman, Isaac Landsteiner—St. John Vianney Parish Seminarian, Mike Murphy—KC Fundraising Chairman, Matt Nordquist—St. John Vianney Parish Seminarian, Dennis Lockwood—KC Event Chairman and Grandfather to Matt Nordquist.



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast benefiting the Fairmont Area Catholic Radio Program. Pictured above receiving the \$675 proceeds (left to right): Ben Landsteiner—KC Event Chairman, Mike Murphy—KC Fundraising Chairman, Steve Landsteiner—KC Member and President of Fairmont Area Catholic Radio, Frank Winzenburg—KC Event Chairman, Chris Pierce—Grand Knight of the local KC Council.



Chris Pierce, Grand Knight of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus (right), recently selected Chad McGowan as his "Most Supportive Knight" for the 2015 Council Year. Chad was recognized for his involvement and continual willingness to give of his time in service to others.

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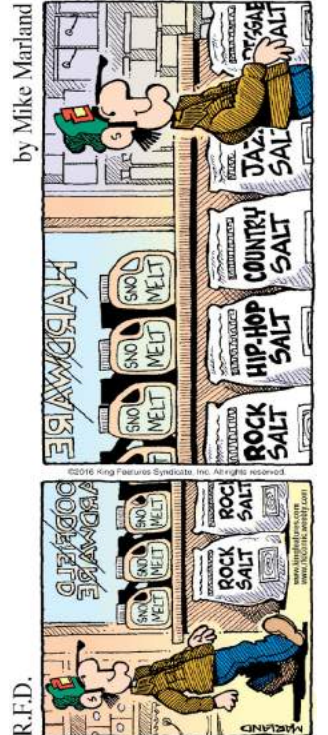
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