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## KC's to hold "Burger Friday"

The Fairmont Knights of Columbus will hold a fund-raising "Burger Night" on Friday, December 11th, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a parking lot drive through pick-up. The KC Hall is located at 920 East 10th Street. Place your order when you arrive.

The menu features

burger and fries for \$11, cheeseburger and fries, \$11, onion rings, \$7 and cheese curds, \$8.

During the long extended closure of the Fairmont Knights of Columbus because of the Covid-10 pandemic, the organization decided to have this outside fund-raiser. Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Hall.

**CHARLES AND URSULA SCOTT** will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on December 12th. (Submitted photo)



**LORRAINE (TOOTIE) MILLER** - Due to Covid 19 we are unable to have a celebration. Please help us shower Lorraine with cards as she celebrates her 94th birthday on December 10th. Cards will reach her at Lorraine Miller, 850 Goldfinch Street, Apt. 109, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)



**MARY LOUISE SANDERS'** 89th birthday is December 7th. Cards can reach her at 2600 Poetters Circle, Fairmont, Mn 56031. (Submitted photo)



**Congratulations** to the word search puzzle winners who won turkeys from Hy-Vee and Fairmont Butcher Block! Pictured is De Nawrocki, other winners were Melissa Baarson, Susan Gallagher and Becky Tonne.

## What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

### Christmas Cookies

Today Santa left the food section of the Minneapolis Tribune containing some prize winning Christmas cookie recipe's on my front porch! Whoever left them thank you, I always like to try one or two new recipes during the holidays! I have decided that since we have cancelled our family Christmas get together I am going to send each family a package of goodies so this week I will be in my kitchen. I wasn't going to put many decorations up this year but when I got started I was on a roll so even though it will be just the two of us it will look festive!

I have several variations of the good all American chocolate chip cookie but a couple of weeks ago a long time friend sent me a new take. I would say that this Chocolate chip cookie rates to be a holiday cookie. Try it and see what you think!

#### Bailey's Irish Cream Chocolate Chip Cookie

2 1/2 cups flour  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 1/2 tsp. espresso powder or instant coffee  
1 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
3 Tablespoons Bailey's Irish Cream liquor  
2 room temperature eggs  
12 oz. chocolate chips

Whisk together the flour, salt, baking soda, cinnamon and espresso powder, set aside. Combine sugar and butter, beat until light and fluffy about 2 minutes then add vanilla and Bailey's Irish Cream liquor, mix then beat in eggs one at a time. Using a rubber spatula or wooden spoon, mix in the dry ingredients, fold in chocolate chips. Chill dough for 2 hours or up to three days. Roll one Tablespoon of dough in a ball and place on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 9-10 min. Let cool for a couple of minutes before removing from pan.

*Have a great week and stay safe!*



Martin Luther High School, Northrop has selected a Sophomore student to attend the 2021 HOBY State Leadership Seminar next summer. Pictured left to right is Sutton Bohlsen, representative; and Hannah Bergt and Jacob Taylor, alternate attendees. Since 1958, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) has provided transformative leadership development training that has positively impacted the lives of over 600,000 high school students in the U.S. and abroad.

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## MLHS's virtual Christmas Concert

The Martin Luther High School Music Department will be presenting "The Promise Arrives in Silence" as a virtual Christmas Concert. Musicians from area Lutheran elementary schools, MLHS and MLHS alumni and parents are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult.

Gemini Studios will be recording the concert and it will be avail-

able after Wednesday, December 16th at [www.martinlutherhs.com/SpecialEvents](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/SpecialEvents), on the Martin Luther High School (Northrop) FACEBOOK Group page, or Fairmont Cable Channel 12 Christmas Marathon at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The concert will also be aired on KBEW Radio, Blue Earth 1560 AM and 95.3 FM on December 25th at 10:30 a.m.

## Heaven's Table

Heaven's Table Food Shelf in coordination with Second Harvest Heartland will be providing another free emergency food distribution to the residents of Martin County. This is an effort again by the USDA to connect farm fresh product with families that have a need.

The distribution will be on Wednesday, December 9 from 10-12 noon at the Martin County Fairgrounds

while supplies last. Please enter the grounds at the south entrance by the arena (not the race-track), exit on the north side of the arena. You will receive a box containing produce, dairy and protein products. We would prefer a limit of 2 families per car, with a representative of each family in the car. We will collect data of the ages of family members only. This distribution is open to the public and is free to all who attend. Please mark your calendar.

**M I T T E N TREE - Consider giving the gift of warmth this holiday season. The Fairmont United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Mitten Tree at 119 E. 2nd Street, Fairmont, MN. Bring your donations of NEW or handmade hats, mittens, gloves and scarves**



to the Fairmont United Methodist Church and hang them on the Mitten Tree. New and gently used children's jackets will also be accepted. Items on the Mitten Tree are available to anyone in our community who is in need. If you or someone in your family need any of these items, please come to the church and choose the item(s) you need. The Mitten Tree will be available from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through December 23, 2020. It is located inside the front entry doors under the canopy. The church is located at 119 E. 2nd Street (corner of Park Street & 2nd), in Fairmont. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season. (Submitted photo)



**Chain Lake Lodge #64 Donates to Heavens Table Food Shelf - Past Master Bill Gunther, Chainlake Lodge 64 Martin Co Area Masons, presents an \$500 check to Greta Lintleman, Manager of the Heavens Table Food Shelf. Area Masons made the \$500 monetary donation to Heavens Table for the Thanksgiving Day meal and supplies, earmarked "Turkeys", on November 20th, 2020. (Submitted photo)**

## Obituary Notices



### Lambert J. "Junior" Zimmer, 85

Lambert J. "Junior" Zimmer, 85, of Fairmont, MN, was born November 14, 1935, in Emmetsburg, IA, the son of Lambert J.,

Sr. and Mathilda (Hildman) Zimmer. At age 2, the family moved to a farm by Fairmont. He attended grade school at St. Paul's Catholic School. He graduated from Fairmont High School in 1953. On November 22, 1958, Junior was united in marriage to Carol Rowley at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. They were blessed with 4 children, Neil, Cindy, Kimberly and Kent.

Junior worked for several area farmers, Cashway Gas & Oil, General Trading and Harold Conkling, Excavating. He joined the National Guard

in 1958. In 1961 he bought Harold Conkling Excavating and started Junior Zimmer, Excavating. In 1970 Bill Thate joined the business and it became Zimmer and Thate, Inc., Excavating. They sold the business in 1992. He then worked at Beemers, got his real estate license and worked for Cavers Realty.

Junior was very proud of his 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, spending as much time as possible with them. A highlight for 35 years was the summer family vacation to Sunset Lodge on Potato Lake. He enjoyed hunting, fishing (especially ice fishing), golfing and traveling. He and Carol traveled for 12 years in a motor home through-

out the U.S., Canada and Mexico. They spent their winters in Florida, Texas, Arizona and California, eventually settling in Casa Grande, AZ during the winter months. Junior and Carol shared 62 years of marriage. Junior was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Martin County Conservation Club, the Elks Lodge and a former member of Interlaken Golf Club.

Junior passed away of natural causes on November 28, 2020, in Casa Grande, AZ. Funeral services will be held in Fairmont, MN at a later date.

Junior is survived by his wife, Carol, of Fairmont, MN. Children: Neil Zimmer (Tamara Harmon) of Kasson, MN; Cindy (Da-

vid) Staloch of Chanhassen, MN; Kimberly (Greg) Hickcox of Lindstrom, MN; Kent Zimmer of Minnetonka, MN. Grandchildren: Ben (Sarah) Siebert; Gretchen (Jim) Niemann; Morgan Staloch; Jordan, Ethan and Arran Hickcox; Austin, Brooklynn, Evan and Chelsea Zimmer. Great-grandchildren: Charlotte, Graham and Sullivan Siebert; Macklyn Niemann. Siblings: Jack Zimmer of Fairmont, MN; Marlys Warman of St Paul, MN; Bonnie Larson of Swea City, IA; Angela (Joe) Brinkman of Seven Bays, WA; Mary Jo Neusch of Fairmont, MN; sister-in-law Phyllis Nagel of Blue Earth, MN; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his par-

ents, Lambert & Mathilda Zimmer, and parents-in-law, Edwin & Florence Rowley, Junior was also preceded in death by an infant brother, sister, Darlene Askeland and husband Harlan; brother, Jerry Zimmer and wife Connie; sister, Sally Keough and husband John, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Charles Neusch, Nelda Zimmer, Bob Warman, Fred and Joyce Werner and Arnold Nagel.

Memorials are preferred to Knights of Columbus, SJV School Endowment Fund, SJV Catholic Church, Martin County Conservation Club or the donor's choice.



### Marjorie L. Smith, 94

Marjorie ("Midge") Louise Smith, age 94, of Fairmont, Granada and then Grand Rapids, Minnesota, passed away on December 2, 2020 at The Fountains of Hosanna Senior Living in Lakeville, Minnesota. A private visitation and service (immediate family and rela-

tives only) will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Visitation will begin at 11:15 AM and service at 12:00 PM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, MN. Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont, MN. To those attending the service, please be mindful of social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and best practices in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Those wishing to view the service may do so at the following link: <https://client.tribuncast.com/tcid/65982889> at 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Marjorie Louise Nelson was born January 5, 1926 in Fairmont, MN to Charles and Louise (Sanftner) Nelson and

grew up there with three older brothers; Richard, Kenneth and Howard. She graduated from Fairmont High School in 1944. Marjorie worked at the Ration Board during WWII. On May 18, 1948 she married Leon C. Smith. They were married 67 years until Leon passed away in 2015. Leon and Marjorie had two children, Diane and Steve. Marjorie was a homemaker until she went to work at Fairmont Railway Motors in their Exporting Department. After she retired from "the Motors", she and Leon moved from Granada to their beloved lake home on Pokegama Lake, near Grand Rapids, Minnesota. There, with family and friends, they made many more happy

memories.

Marjorie was active in "Circle" at the St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. She enjoyed "coffee" with lady friends, doing crossword puzzles, writing poetry, fishing, Civil War history, family ancestry and playing thousands of cribbage games each year with Leon! She loved all animals; especially the family pet dogs and all her "granddogs"!

Marjorie took special interest and pride in each of her four grandchildren. Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Louise Nelson; her husband, Leon C. Smith; and her brothers - Richard, Kenneth and Howard Nelson. She is survived by, and lov-

ingly remembered by, her children: Diane (Steve) Hedberg of Plymouth and Steve (Polly) Smith of Lakeville; 4 grandchildren: Todd (Emiley) Hedberg, Jenna (Sam) Varghese, Dan (Alyssa) Smith, and Krista (Jake) Larson; 4 great grandchildren: Jonah and Jade Varghese, Eloise Smith and Amelia Hedberg; and

many loving nieces and nephews who treated her like royalty.

Memorials are preferred to St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

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### Francis W. Swanson, 89

Memorial Service for Francis W. Swanson, age 88, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. The family asks that people are mindful of social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and best practices in helping to reduce the spread of

COVID-19. The number of people allowed will be monitored. Those wishing to view a livestream of the service may do so at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/98852045>. Inurnment will be in St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Pleasant Prairie Township with military honors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Francis passed away on Thursday afternoon, December 3, 2020, at Seasons Health Care in Trimont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society or to the donor's choice.

Francis William Swanson was born on October 14, 1932, in East Chain Township, Martin County, MN. He was the son of Grant and Anna (Zielski) Swanson. Francis attended East Chain schools and graduated from East Chain High School.

Francis enlisted in the Army on March 10, 1956. He served in Korea along the 38th parallel until earning his honorable discharge on February 14, 1958.

On September 27, 1959, Francis was united in marriage to Mae Riegel at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Pleasant Prairie Township, MN. The couple resided in Fairmont and later at Mae's parents' acreage in Pleasant Prairie. This union was blessed with four children, Daniel, Roger, Linda, and Cathy. Francis and Mae later returned to Fairmont in 1983 and enjoyed win-

tering in their R.V. in Arizona. They shared nearly forty-two years together before Mae passed away on August 2, 2001.

Francis was blessed with love a second time when he met and married Wilma Bird on August 30, 2003, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. The couple resided in Fairmont and shared over seventeen years together.

Francis worked at Guckeen Farmers Elevator from 1959 until 1965. It was then that he began working with the City of Fairmont in the Water Department until his retirement on January 29, 1994.

Francis was a member of Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont and was a former member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. He also held a life-membership to the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. During his free

time, Francis enjoyed going out to eat, traveling, and taking fishing trips up north. He could also be seen volunteering as a school crossing guard for the Citizens on Patrol.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Wilma Swanson of Fairmont, MN; children, Daniel (Mary) Swanson of Fairmont, MN, Linda (Brian) Sauck of rural Fairmont, Roger (Heidi) Swanson of St. Michael, MN, and Cathy (Matthew "Lee") Frasier of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Christopher (Kerri) Swanson, Kayla Swanson, Michael Sauck, Matthew (Ashley) Sauck, Rachael Sauck, Zachary (Toni) Swanson, Breanna (Dean) Eull, Stephanie (Josh) Langston, Justin (Yuricel) Schneewind, Taylor Frasier, Tanner (Hayley) Frasier, and Sam Frasier; great grandchildren, Tyler Swanson, Ben Swanson, Henry Sauck, Chase Sauck, Leighton

Swanson, and Audrey Langston; step-children, JoAnn (Curt) Meyer of Fairmont, MN, Jeff Bird of Fairmont, MN, Carolyn Bird of Fairmont, MN, and Dennis (Carol) Mattson of St. Cloud, MN; siblings, Marian Holland, Robert Swanson, Elaine (Lester) Lenz, and Edward (Lorna) Swanson; sister-in-law, Liz Riegel; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Grant and Anna Swanson, Francis was preceded in death by his first wife, Mae Swanson; parents-in-law, Sam and Emma Riegel; brothers-in-law, Marv Holland, Maurice Holland, Leonard Riegel, and Richard Riegel; sisters-in-law, Ella Jean Holland, Muriel Riegel, and Charlene Swanson; nephew, Charlie Lenz; and aunts and uncles.

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### Leo E. Reinke, 99

Leo Reinke age 99, of Madelia, MN died on November 29, 2020, at Living Meadows at Luther in Madelia.

Interment with military honors will be at the Trinity Fieldon Lutheran Cemetery in rural Madelia at a later date.

Arrangements are with the Sturm Funeral Home, Pilgrim Chapel in Madelia, Minnesota. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.sturmfmh.com](http://www.sturmfmh.com).

Leo Emil Reinke was born in rural Vernon Center, MN on May 15, 1921 to Emil and Bertha (Arndt) Reinke. He grew

up in the Willow Creek area and as a young man, enlisted in the United States Army. Leo served from 1942-1946 and after his honorable discharge, returned to the Lewisville area. He married Malinda Knaak on December 25, 1947 and the couple raised 3 sons together. Leo

worked as a machinist for many years and was a member of the Lewisville American Legion Post 561.

Leo is survived by his sons, Jim Reinke and Sam (Jeanette) Reinke; grandchildren, Jason (Bridget) Reinke, Monica (Tom) Borlaug, Christopher (Abbey)

Reinke, Joseph (Meagan) Reinke, Alaina (Jason) Young; 6 great-grandchildren, James, Philip, Molly, Marshall, Finnley and Ivy Marie. He is preceded in death by his wife, Malinda Reinke; son, Philip Reinke; brother, Ben Reinke; sister, Adeline Mau and several in-laws.



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### Tommy A. Johnson, 56

Funeral Service for Tommy A. Johnson, age 56, of Fairmont, MN, were held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont with interment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Tommy passed away on Friday evening, December 4, 2020, at his home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to Peoples First.

Tommy Allen Johnson was born on April 1, 1964, in Fairmont, MN. He was the son of John and Betty (Christensen) Johnson. He attended Fairmont public schools

and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1985.

Tommy worked for over 20 years at MRCI and for two years at STEP. Tommy was very proud of his work at MRCI. He rolled tape for 3M, packed candy for Farley's & Sathers, and made boxes for the workshop production line. Tommy also provided janitorial duties at Harsco Track Technologies. Tommy's greatest sense of pride came from being a greeter at Walmart. He was known for being super friendly, out-going, pleasant, and funny, and he really enjoyed handing out stickers to kids. His responsibilities also included stocking fruit.

Tommy had many hobbies, and he enjoyed life. He cared for his dogs, Skipper and Pickles. He participated in People First and Special Olympics. He enjoyed bowling, dancing, watching the Twins and Vikings, and going to casinos. He was also an avid outdoorsman who went fishing and hunting. He was a world traveler, visiting Germa-

ny, Hawaii, Ft. Drum, Ft. Lewis, and many states. Tommy was a huge Elvis fan, and he was able to visit his favorite place, Graceland (Home of Elvis), two times. Family was the most important to Tommy, and he enjoyed spending as much time with them as possible.

Left to cherish his memory include his mother, Betty Johnson; siblings, Janice (Mike) Newville, John (Nyla) Johnson, James (Debby) Johnson, Mary Jo Tungland (special friend, Carl Hartman), and Ricky Johnson (fiancé, Nikki Treider); many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, other relatives and too many friends to count.

Along with his father, John F. Johnson, Tommy was preceded in death by his brothers, Floyd Johnson and Bennie Johnson; sister-in-law, Pat Johnson, brother-in-law, Larry "Whitey" Tungland; niece, Sherry Johnson; great niece, Kaylee Cook; grandparents; uncles and aunts.

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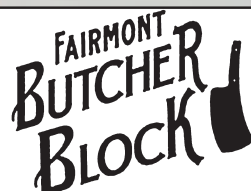
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# WINTER CAR CARE



## Safety measures for winter drivers

Winter weather causes many people to retreat indoors until the spring thaw. However, for those who embrace the cooler temperatures or find that life must go on despite snow and ice, taking inventory of their vehicles is a must before the first snowflakes start to fall.

Tire care is an especially important area of vehicle maintenance. The tire experts at Michelin say that regular tires may be ineffective for winter driving. Summer tires are made from materials that are optimized for warm conditions. When the mercury drops, these same materials can harden, reducing their ability to grip the road. That lack of traction can be compounded by the presence of snow or ice. Even all-season tires, which are designed to be driven year-round, can be insufficient in severe weather conditions. Winter tires can help drivers safely navigate winter roadways.

Bridgestone Tires says that having the right snow tires matters when driving in winter weather conditions. It's important to look for

tires that can disperse water sufficiently and also grip the road. Snow tires are designed to remain softer and more flexible to conform to the road better in cold conditions. Some winter tires are even studded to provide better traction.

Unfortunately, even the best winter tires cannot provide perfect traction on slippery roadways. That is why it is essential — in conjunction with the use of winter tires or snow chains — to modify driving techniques to navigate safely.

- Drive slowly. Slow down on winter roads. Allow a greater distance for stopping than for dry conditions. Slippery conditions can make it more challenging to stop, and excessive speeds can make the situation worse.

- Shift into low gear. On hills, rely on low gears to maximize traction to travel up and down hills. This can minimize skids or sliding.

- Get the vehicle a tuneup. In addition to tires, be sure the braking system, battery and other major components of the vehicle are in good

working order.

- Replace windshield wipers. Reduced visibility can compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. Replace windshield wiper blades before winter arrives. Consider purchasing winter-rated windshield blades.

- Know how to recover from a skid. When skids occur on black ice or slush, drivers should take their feet off of the pedals and steer gently in the direction they want to go. As the vehicle regains traction, only then should the brakes or accelerator be applied.

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## Important winter car care tips

Keep your car running smoothly in the winter months.

From low tire pressure to frozen fuel lines to road salt damage, winter can take its toll on your vehicle. Here are five car care tips to prevent long-term damage:

Swap out regular tires for winter tires. Snow or not, if you live in an area where temperatures regularly fall below 45 degrees, winter tires are recommended. They're made to give you better traction while turning or stopping on cold pave-

ment.

Check tire pressure weekly. Driving on underinflated tires can cause them to wear down prematurely and lose traction on icy or slippery surfaces. Your tires lose a pound of pressure with every 10-degree drop in temperature.

During winter weather, it's a good idea to keep at least half a tank of fuel in the vehicle in the event of an emergency or if you get stuck in the snow and need to wait for rescue. For longer road trips, plan

stops for gas in advance.

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## Headlight savings time: Switch today, see better tonight.

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the importance of proactive headlight bulb maintenance.

As part of the campaign, Sylvania conducted research to determine how consumers feel about replacing their headlights and found that nearly 8 in 10 drivers are unaware that headlights can dim considerably over time and wait until burnout to replace theirs. Furthermore, this gradual dimming of headlights can lead to a loss of up to 50 feet of visibility even before headlights reach total

burnout - an amount approximately equal to the same length as a semi-truck.

With days getting shorter and nights getting longer, many drivers will find themselves on dark roads more often in the coming months. According to the National Safety Council and Geico, fatal accidents are three times more likely to happen at night. And that's not all - the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently reported that even though the COVID-19

pandemic has decreased overall road traffic, those still on the road are engaging in riskier driving behaviors, like speeding and forgoing seatbelts.

According to the CDC, nearly 150,000 bicyclists and pedestrians are hit by cars each year, and more than 6,000 of these individuals were killed in 2019 - the highest number since 1990. While more automobile makers are increasing the safety technologies in their vehicles, it is still the responsibility of each driver to ensure they are

keeping those in bike lanes and crosswalks safe. One way to increase your safety while driving in the dark is to ensure that your headlights are properly lit.

Greg Bibbo, Director of Aftermarket Sales and Marketing at Sylvania, recommends that drivers replace their headlights regularly and in pairs to avoid uneven illumination. "If you've never changed your headlight bulbs and feel that your nighttime visibility is declining, this Headlight Savings Time

is a great opportunity to switch your headlights out with a new set of bulbs and make changing your headlights part of your vehicle's overall maintenance."

This Headlight Savings Time, Sylvania encourages all drivers to consider replacing your headlight bulbs before they burn out to ensure nighttime visibility for you, your passengers, and everyone else on the road around you. For more information, visit [HeadlightSavingsTime.com](http://HeadlightSavingsTime.com).

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### Six quick tips from Car Care Council for winter driving

When it comes to winter car care, many motorists tend to think of anti-freeze and batteries—but vehicles need extra attention in winter, especially when the temperatures drop.

"Making sure your vehicle is properly prepared for all of winter's elements will help you avoid the aggravation of an unplanned road emer-

gency," says Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

The nonprofit Car Care Council offers six quick tips to help your vehicle perform at its best during cold weather months:

Keep the gas tank at least half full; this decreases the chance of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing.

Check the tire pressure, including the spare, as tires can lose pressure when temperatures drop. Consider special tires if snow and ice are a prob-

lem in your area.

Have the exhaust system checked for carbon monoxide leaks, which can be especially dangerous during cold weather driving when windows are closed.

Allow your car a little more time to warm up when temperatures are below freezing, so that the oil in the engine and transmission circulate and get warm.

Change to low-viscosity oil in winter as it will flow more easily between moving parts when it is cold. Drivers in sub-zero temperatures should drop their oil weight from 10-W30 to 5-W30, as thick-

ened oil can make it hard to start the car.

Consider using cold weather washer fluid and special winter windshield blades if you live in a place with especially harsh winter conditions.

Drivers should also stock an emergency kit with an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, dry food snacks and needed medication. In addition, the Car Care Council recommends a thorough vehicle inspection by a trusted professional service technician, as winter magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance or rough idling.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council's con-

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## 4 driving safety tips that could save you money

Bad driving habits aren't just obnoxious, they're also dangerous - motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the U.S., with more than 38,000 people having lost their lives and nearly 4.4 million injured in collisions in 2019, according to the National Safety Council.

"Many car collisions are entirely preventable," said Kevin Quinn, vice president of claims and customer experience at Mercury Insurance. "The simple solution is for drivers to be responsible, obey traffic laws and stay focused on the road. Don't play with your phone while you're driving, don't

speed and don't drink and drive. And if you practice these things regularly and keep your driving record free of accidents and traffic violations, it could lower auto insurance rates."

Quinn recommends the following four tips to stay safe behind the wheel.

1. Remove distractions. Most crashes are caused by distracted drivers. Driver distractions extend beyond texting - anything that takes your attention away from the road is a distraction. While you should put your phone away when behind the wheel, some driving tech can actually help improve your

driving habits, such as a usage-based insurance program that comes with a virtual coach to let you know how you can improve behind the wheel.

2. Maintain proper following distance. Following a car too closely reduces the time you have to react if the car you are following suddenly slows or stops. This can lead to a rear-end collision, which is the most common auto insurance claim, according to Mercury Insurance. Make sure you give yourself enough time and distance to react to the car in front of you. You should always maintain at least three seconds of space

in between your vehicle and the car in front of you - and during bad weather conditions, five seconds of space is recommended.

3. Be aware of your speed. Speeding is one of the most common causes of traffic-related deaths, so pay attention and stick to posted speed limits - they're there to keep you safe. Give yourself some extra time for your drive so there's no need to rush and be sure to exercise extra caution while driving in bad weather.

4. Pay attention to other drivers. Safe driving isn't just about your behavior, but also depends on those around

you. Don't assume other drivers are being attentive - they may be distracted and not see the stop sign or traffic light ahead of them. Use caution when entering and exiting parking spots, turning, entering intersections and changing lanes on the freeway, especially if you're driving in heavy traffic or late at night when other drivers may let their focus wander.

"Drivers may also want to consider enrolling in a usage-based insurance program to help improve their driving skills," adds Quinn. "These apps and devices allow drivers to get a crystal-clear view of their behavior and see which areas need some improvement. Plus, auto insurance customers who enroll in these programs may even qualify for a discount."



### Adapt Your Holiday Plans

To the Editor:

Places are closed, organizations have drastically shifted their service delivery, and plans have been canceled. This has become the norm during the pandemic of 2020. One thing that is not canceled is the holiday season. Many of us look forward to either going to a loved one's house, hosting people in your neighborhood/community or celebrating with a new family member.

How we celebrate will be different this year; however, we still need to stay connected now more than ever. Here are a few ways to stay connected:

Host a virtual gathering where you can visit with loved ones;

Prepare frozen meals for friends and neighbors and deliver following health guidelines;

Write letters or emails, bring back the pen pal system; and/or

Spend time talking over the phone. Yes, you can still call people with cell phones!

If you are gathering in your home, health officials have guidelines to help people stay safe:

Make a meal for those that live within your household;

Indoor gatherings are difficult; try meeting outside around a bonfire;

Clean hands often, either washing or utilizing hand sanitizer; and,

Arrange chairs and place settings that encourage social distancing.

If you or someone else is feeling ill or has been exposed, please stay home and take care of yourself or your loved one. There will be opportunities to gather later; your health is the most important.

Do not cancel your holiday plans; make adaptations. We have an opportunity to improve how we communicate; letters, emails, virtual conferencing, video calling (Jetson style) and more! This year's holiday season is one that we won't soon forget but let us make it a season we won't forget on a positive note. Explore new ways to celebrate and, most importantly, stay safe.

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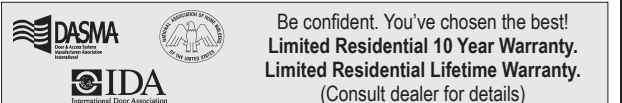


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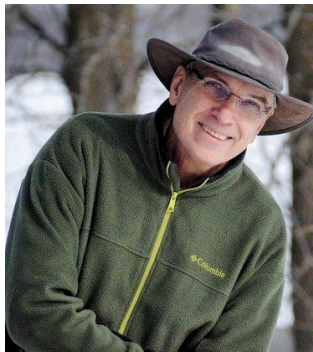


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# WINTER CAR CARE



## Naturally.

By Al Batt

The first day of meteorological winter hit on December 1. December is the darkest month. The proverb says, "If December be changeable and mild, the whole winter will remain a child." Each day will continue to be a weather event.

Fox squirrels chased one another. They mate twice a year, typically

from December to February and June through July.

I heard great horned owls softly hooting in the night as part of their courtship. The most common owl in Minnesota calls hoo-h'HOO-hoo-hoo before nesting begins in January or February.

I watched and listened to outraged birds. Chickadees, nuthatches, jays and a downy woodpecker flushed a Cooper's hawk from a tree. Four uncharacteristically quiet crows sat out the vocal mobbing, concentrating instead on chasing the flying raptor as it retreated from the yard. The gang of house sparrows perched in arborvitae stayed out of it. Life isn't perfect but I saw birds. Sometimes that's enough.

The Minnesota Ornithologist Union's Paper Session was virtual. Notes from "Climate

Change and Forests" by Lee Frelich, Director, University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology. Drought, insect infestation, wind and fire will accompany climate change. There is more of a treed climate in southwest Minnesota now than at the time of European settlement when it was more favorable to the prairie.

High temperatures in March 2012 caused magnolias to bloom in Minnesota. (This writer remembers 81° on March 17 and 80° on March 18 in Rochester). If climate change isn't mitigated, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area will have the climate of Granite Falls by 2070 due to higher temperatures. Deer will replace moose, bobcats will replace lynx, and red-bellied woodpeckers will replace black-backed woodpeckers. Red-bellies are being seen in Ely now. Frelich said, "We have a perfectly good Kansas now. We don't need a second one in Minnesota."

Notes from "Eagles as Ambassadors" by Scott Mehus, Education Director at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. Scott started the Wintering Golden Eagle Survey in 2005. On the third Saturday of January each year, volunteer citizen scientists drive over 40 counties (5,801 total miles this year) in the bluffslands

of Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, straddling the Mississippi River from the Hastings-Stillwater area to Dubuque. They counted 119 golden eagles in 2020, 145 in 2019, 62 in 2018, and 44 in 2017. Golden eagles aren't found near water. Scott has found only one golden eagle within 30 feet of the Mississippi River. They feed on rabbits, squirrels and wild turkeys.

They survey other birds, too. There were 1,403 bald eagles seen in 2020, 1,392 in 2019, 1,202 in 2018, 893 in 2017, and 1,515 in 2016. Red-tailed hawks: 461 in 2020, 583 in 2019, and 747 in 2018. Rough-legged hawks: 127 in 2020, 124 in 2019, and 131 in 2018. American kestrels: 89 in 2020, 64 in 2019, and 141 in 2018. There were 60 unidentified eagles and 19 red-headed woodpeckers seen in 2020.

The golden eagles like goat prairies, which are dry, upland bluff prairies where thermal give lift to eagles saving them energy and haste altitude gain. The goat prairies, named because goats fed on them while cows grazed lower hillsides, also offer access to prey. Red cedar trees have invaded many of the goat prairies. Where do the golden eagles counted by Scott and the squad go? They breed in northern Cana-

da. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2021 Wintering Golden Eagle Survey on Saturday, Jan. 16, email golden@nationaleaglecenter.org.

### Q&A

"There was a rather nondescript bird in my yard this summer that wagged its tail when perched. Why did it do that?" It sounds like an eastern phoebe, a flycatcher that is dull in coloration and without bold markings. Gregory Avelis, a California scientist, studied black phoebes to determine if the tail pumping was related to balance, territorial aggression, foraging or predators. It was found the tail fidgeting was a message to predators, letting them know that they'd been spotted and eliminating the element of surprise. A playback of the calls of a Cooper's hawk, a raptor that preys

on birds, caused a phoebe's tail-pumping rate to triple.

Thanks for stopping by "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so." — accredited to Mark Twain, Josh Billings, Artemus Ward, Kin Hubbard and Will Rogers

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# WINTER CAR CARE



## Prepare Your Car for Winter

In addition to annual maintenance, here are some tips to winterize your car:

Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops

Make sure the cooling system is in good working order

Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car

If using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch

Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops

Check your wiper blades and replace if needed

Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees

Keep your gas tank at

least half full to avoid gas line freeze

Remember to keep your car's emergency preparedness kit fully stocked, too.

### Before You Start Out

Clean your car's external camera lenses and side view mirrors so you'll be able to see what's around you

Remove dirt, ice and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features like automatic emergency braking to work

In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive it

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage

– even with the garage door up

If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

### How to Avoid a Crash

AAA offers the following driving tips:

Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions

Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to over-correct to stay in your lane

Accelerate and decelerate slowly

Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds

If possible, don't stop

when going uphill

If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

### Know Your Car's Capabilities

My Car Does What? is a national campaign to help educate drivers about the safety features built into vehicles. Search for your car and find out what safety features are already built in.

Traction control is now standard on most new vehicles. This function helps your vehicle gain traction on snowy, icy or wet surfaces, par-

ticularly when accelerating from a stopped or slowed position, or when trying to make it up a slippery hill.

Anti-lock braking system (ABS) helps you steer in emergencies by restoring traction to your tires and is standard on most new vehicles as well. ABS may vibrate or pulse when engaged. This is normal. Continue to press and hold pres-

sure to the brake pedal.

Remember, you are your car's best safety feature. Take precautions to ensure you arrive safely at your destination. If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Light flares in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud or objects.



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## As Days Get Shorter, Check Vehicle Lights, Wipers

Winter is quickly approaching and that means fewer hours of daylight. To be sure you can be seen by others and your visibility is not compromised, check your vehicle's lights and wipers, says the non-profit Car Care Council.

"The days are getting shorter, so it is a good time to check that your vehicle's wipers and lighting are working properly because the chance of an accident increases if you can't see or be seen," said Nathan Perrine, executive director, Car Care Council. "From the driver's seat you may not notice a light that isn't working, so check all of your car's lights and replace those that are out. Also, be sure to inspect and replace wiper blades so you can see clearly when wet weather hits."

The wiper system keeps excessive water, snow and dirt from building up on the windshield, maintaining clear visibility. Many factors can accelerate the replacement interval of wipers, including oper-

ating conditions (winter conditions are tough on wiper blades), frequency of use, material and type of wipers and sunny weather. In fact, wiper blades can deteriorate faster and need more frequent replacement in desert states.

Lights are normal wear items that require periodic inspection and replacement. The lighting system provides nighttime visibility; signals and alerts other drivers; and supplies light for viewing instruments and the vehicle's interior. In addition to replacing dimming, rapidly blinking and non-functioning lights, the

following tips can help keep you safe:

If there is any doubt on whether or not your headlights should be on, turn them on. Lights not only help you see better in early twilight, they also make it easier for other drivers to see you.

Keep headlights, tail lights and signal lights clean. External dirt and debris can dim operational lights from being seen by others.

Make sure that your headlights are properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see the road.

Don't overdrive your headlights; you should

be able to stop inside the illuminated area, otherwise you are creating a blind crash area in front of your vehicle.

For more information about keeping your vehicle in safe, dependable operating condition, visit the Car Care Council website at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

The non-profit Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council's consumer education website at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

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2 bedroom house. New Lennox furnace & roof, possible rental, \$500 per month. Also, rooms to rent for right individuals. 507-230-1248. 31-3tp-14

### 28 Rummage & Garage Sales

Johnson In-side Estate Sale 706 4th Ave. Armstrong, IA Dec. 10, 11, & 12th Thurs. 1pm-5pm Fri. 9am-5pm Sat. 9am-3pm Masks and Covid Restrictions will be followed. Nice Vintage Large Dining Room Table with 6 chairs. Cedar Chest, Other Furniture, Vintage Accordion, Antiques & Collectables. Step ladder, Misc. 31-1tp-28

### 24 Household Items

Kitchen table, 4 chairs and leaf \$125. 507-236-1538. 31-1tp-24

## HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST

Martin County Highway Department – Fairmont Shop

Martin County is taking applications for a full-time Highway Maintenance Specialist to report to the Fairmont, MN shop of the Martin County Highway Department. Valid Class A CDL driver's license, criminal background check, and drug test are required. Graduation from high school plus two years of related technical plus one year of experience; or equivalent combined education and experience. Responsibilities include maintenance activities primarily on highways, bridges, shops, and equipment.

Additional posting information and required applications can be obtained on the Martin County website at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/applications/employment>

Starting salary is \$21.21 per hour. Applications should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 23rd, 2020 via email to [Leigha.Johnson@co.martin.mn.us](mailto:Leigha.Johnson@co.martin.mn.us) or mail/drop off to Human Resources at the Martin County Coordinator's Office, Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031.

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Full or part time, depends on qualifications. Includes light maintenance duties, automotive mechanical experience required.

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## MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA Bids for Cash Rent Farm Lease

Sealed bids will be received by the Martin County Engineer at the Martin County Highway Department until 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2020, to rent the farm lands listed below for a 3 year period (2021-2023):

The SW ¼ of the SE ¼, and Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 19, T101N, R31W, Tenhassen Township, according to the United States Government Survey, containing 127 and 30/100ths of an acre, of which 107 acres more or less are tillable. (McClain property)

The NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 25, T102N, R30W, Fairmont Township, and all that land lying east of Public roadway in Lot 3 in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 25, T102N, R30W, containing approximately 78.05 acres, of which 32 acres more or less are tillable. (Rose Lake pit property)

A tract of land in Government Lot 7 of Section 6, T103N, R30W, Rutland Township, containing 10.8 acres more or less of tillable ground. (Landfill farm property)

The NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 36, T104N, R33W, Cedar Township, containing approximately 40 acres, of which 5 acres more or less is tillable. (Vanderwert Property)

Bids will be accepted for 3 years. Official award of contract will be made at the December 15, 2020 Martin County Commissioners meeting. Bid forms can be found at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>

Published in the Fairmont Photo Press on December 9, 2020

## Paraprofessional Positions

Martin County West Schools is seeking paraprofessionals to work in person at school with students with special needs.

Essential qualifications for these positions include: the ability to work cooperatively with other staff, the capability to work with students with special needs, proficient knowledge in Math and Reading, and strong human relations skills. Prior paraprofessional training and/or two years of college will be preferred.

Interested applicants may submit a letter of interest, resume' and completed district application to:

Jessica Maday  
Martin County West Schools  
105 East Fifth Street  
Sherburn, MN 56171

Application forms are available at all school offices or may be completed and submitted online at [www.martin.k12.mn.us](http://www.martin.k12.mn.us).

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## THE CITY OF FAIRMONT WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF:

### Building Maintenance Technician/Pool Operator

This is a fulltime, non-exempt position. The successful candidate's employment is in compliance with the stipulations set forth in the agreement between the local AFSCME union and the City of Fairmont.

Qualifications for this position require a minimum of a high school diploma and valid Minnesota driver's license. Five years of experience in carpentry/construction, building maintenance, or facility management is preferred. Requires a MN commercial driver's license, special engineer boiler license, and certified pool operator license or ability to obtain all within six months. The starting hourly rate for this position is \$23.43/hour with an excellent benefit package.

A complete job application and description is available online at [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org). All applicants MUST complete a City of Fairmont job application.

Please submit cover letter, resume and application to City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 or to [djones@fairmont.org](mailto:djones@fairmont.org). Completed applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on December 11, 2020.

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## BARE FARMLAND AUCTION

**153.54 Acres +/- of Excellent Tillable Farmland in South Branch Twp., Watonwan Co., MN**  
**Friday, December 18, 2020 @ 2:00 PM**

Auction to be held at Martin Luther HS Gymnasium at 315 Martin Luther Dr, Northrop, MN or ONLINE via Zoom!  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 153.54 Acres +/- located in Section 34 of South Branch Twp., Watonwan Co., MN, T105N, R31W approx. 6 miles NW of Truman, MN.



For full flyer, informational booklet and bidding details, visit [www.landservicesunlimited.com](http://www.landservicesunlimited.com)!

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## UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**ONLINE MACHINERY AUCTION:** Bidding opens Monday, December 7th and closes Wednesday, December 9th. Sale includes: TRACTORS: JD 8370RT, JD 4430, JD 2640 w/JD 146 Loader, JD 6105D & JD 4020; JD DB90 Max Emerge Planter, CIH Tigermate 200 Field Cult, Polaris Ranger XP, Balzer 6350 Low Pro Tank, Nuhn Chopper Pump, New Holland Disc Mower, JD MX8 Cutter, CIH 1250 Grinder Mixer, JD 680 Chisel Plow, JD 115 Stalk Cutter & Much More! Details listed at [www.auctioneeralleylive.com](http://www.auctioneeralleylive.com). Call Kevin Kahler 507-920-8060 or Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629

**FARMLAND AUCTION:** Friday, December 18, 2020 @ Auction time at 2 PM: Auction will be held at Martin Luther HS Gymnasium at 315 Martin Luther Dr, Northrop, MN or ONLINE via Zoom-SCHWANZ ESTATE-153.54 Acres +/- located in Section 34 of South Branch Township, Watonwan County, MN. Sale to be held ONLINE. For full flyer, booklet & bidding details, visit [www.landservicesunlimited.com](http://www.landservicesunlimited.com) or contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629

**NEW PRIVATE LISTING: SALE PENDING** 60 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland (subject to survey) located in Section 2 of Fairmont Twp., Martin Co., MN, 2 miles East of Fairmont, MN. For Sale By Private Treaty! Please contact Dustyn 507-236-7629 or Kevin 507-920-8060 for price, terms, etc.

**NEW PRIVATE LISTING-Approx.** 2 Acre Buildable Lake Lot for Sale on East side of Temperance Lake located at 21 Schafer Shore Drive, Sherburn, MN. Please contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc

**NEW PRIVATE LISTING! - PRICE REDUCED** 3.71 acre building site located at 725 110th Street, Sherburn, MN including a nice 1 1/2-story house w/3 beds & 1 1/2 baths. This acreage is currently set up with a large 36' x 144' building with 16 horse stalls for boarding (known as Dream Catchers Stables & Horse Boarding). For more pictures and info, please check out [www.landservicesunlimited.com](http://www.landservicesunlimited.com) or call Dustyn 507-236-7629 or Leah 507-236-8786 for a showing!

**PRIVATE LISTING- SALE PENDING** 97.74 acres located in Sec 35 of Cedar Twp., Martin Co., MN T104N, R33W 2 miles W of Trimont, MN and very nice 6.5 acre building site located at 2247 90TH Ave, Trimont, MN. Contact Kevin Kahler 507-920-8060 or Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc.



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## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

December 6, 1995

A live nativity drive-through was presented at the Christian Church of Fairmont, 625 Johnson Street. The event was sponsored by Horicon Church of Christ, Truman Church of Christ and the Christian Church of Fairmont. They planned to make it an annual event and considered it as a gift to the community, with free admission.

The Helen Jorgenson family marked the arrival of two sets of five generations.

Stephanie and Brian Rosburg of Welcome were pictured with Wayne Terwilliger of the Saint Paul Saints and Minnesota Twins. Terwiller signed

hundreds of autographs at Enderson Clothing of Fairmont.

John Rosa had joined Century 21 Northland Realty as a full time realtor and sales agent.

Doolittles' Carpet and Paints had completed its move into the former Freitag Floors building at 1225 Highway 15 South.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

December 6, 1970

The Photo Press had received a letter from a Swea City couple after the paper had printed an error stating that the "border" population was being reduced, instead of "borer" population. The Iowans wanted to know which "border" was being considered, since

they lived close to Minnesota.

A free baby sitting service for the Christmas season was to be held on weekdays.

The standing remains of the fire-destroyed junior high school was to be demolished in order to collect the remainder of the fire insurance settlement. The north half of the building had been used for storage.

Madsen's Supermarket had a double page ad with many coupons saving customers cash during the Christmas season.

Newton Johnson of the law firm of Seifert, Johnson, Hand and Behrens was named Fairmont City Attorney, succeeding Charles Zierke who had resigned.

## CER VOLLEYBALL

Due to COVID 19 and related health guidelines, no start date nor organizational meeting date for the Fairmont CER Winter Adult Co-Ed Volleyball and Basketball League has yet been determined.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the CER Office directly at: 507-235-3141 or Email [rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us](mailto:rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us)

## Noah Becker Named to A-R-C All-Academic Team

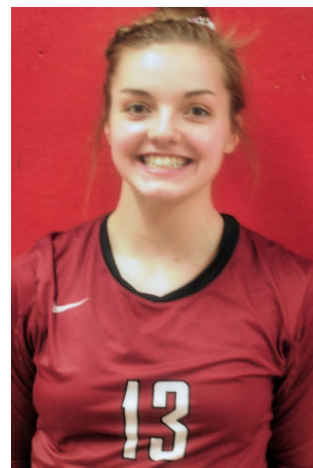
The American Rivers Conference recently announced its 2020 Fall Academic All-Conference Team and Buena Vista University was recognized with 29 student-athletes on the list.

Noah Becker, a native of Fairmont and a graduate of Fairmont High School, is among the list of Beavers honored.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a member of one of the conference's eight sponsored fall sports, be at least a sophomore in academic standing at his or her current institution with at least one full year of residency, and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The BVU men's soccer team had seven individuals named which was the highest total by any fall sport among the Beavers.

A total of 522 student-athletes from across the A-R-C were named to this year's fall team. The eight fall sports include: football, volleyball, men and women soccer, volleyball, men and women cross country, women's tennis and women's golf.



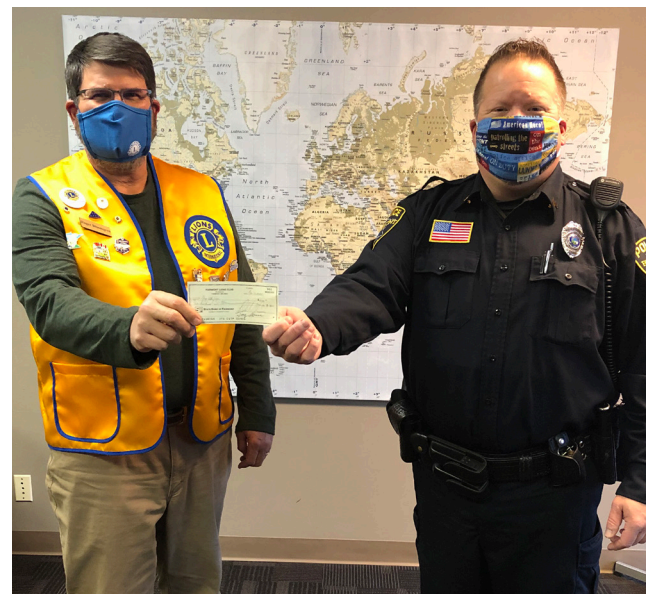
The Big South Conference Volleyball All-Conference Team Selections were announced with two Fairmont Cardinals being selected. Junior Brittney Mosloski was selected to the East Division first-team, while senior Sabrina Segar was on the East Division honorable mention squad.



Employees of Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont collected snack items to donate to the Alateen program that meets at Fairmont High School. Also, the Health Guide for Young Adults was provided to be used as a discussion guide at Alateen meetings. Pictured are Michelle Thompson, social worker, Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School, Jenna Schafer, Karyn Riewe and Mickey Mailahn, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont employees and Steph Johnson, Project Coordinator, Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. (Submitted photo)



Our goal for KSUM Kamp For Kids this year was 4,000 pounds of food and supplies for the Salvation Army Food Shelf in Fairmont. Final Total: 4,971 pounds! Thank you Martin County!!



Roger Bloomgren, President of Fairmont's Lions Club presents a check for \$200 on December 7th to Officer Jamie Blees, coordinator for Shop with Cops program. (Submitted photo)

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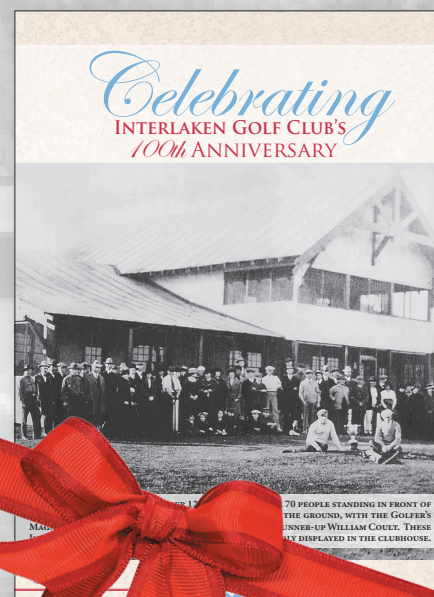
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