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## The Days of John Barleycorn & "Hatchetations"

Guest Columnist

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John Barleycorn is the personification of the crop, barley, and the alcoholic drinks made from it. However, it may well transgress ideals and moral standards. That might well be exemplified by events that took place in early 1900s Martin County regarding saloons, individuals that frequented these establishments, and others opposed to the use of alcohol.

The famous "saloon smasher," Carrie Nation, was scheduled to give a lecture in Fairmont on June 30, 1902. So, just who was Carrie Nation and why was she important?

"Carrie was the eldest of four girls and two boys. In 1899, Carrie Nation, inspired by what she believed was divine revelation, entered a saloon in Medicine Lodge (Kansas) and began singing a tem-

perance hymn. A supportive crowd gathered, and the saloon was shut down. Whether she had success with other saloons in town or not is disputed by different sources. The following year, in May, Carrie Nation took bricks with her to a saloon. With a group of women, she entered the saloon, and began to sing and pray. Then she took the bricks and smashed bottles, furniture, and any pictures they deemed pornographic. This was repeated at other saloons. Her husband suggested that a hatchet would be more effective; she adopted that instead of bricks in her saloon-smashing, calling these slashings 'hatchetations.' The saloons that sold liquor were sometimes called 'joints' and those who supported the 'joints' were called 'jointists.'"

In 1902 the Martin County Sentinel reported that the famous saloon smasher, Carrie Nation, gave a lecture with her hatchet in hand, ironically, above a Fairmont saloon. Nation, who was almost six feet tall, used her imposing presence to promote her movement. Following her address, she remained in the lecture hall and sold hatchets. On her way out of the venue, she "bolted" into the Neumann & Vieselman Saloon located below the lecture hall. She denounced the owners for running a "hell hole" and "den of inequity" saying that they were murdering young men. The saloon was packed with men who were drinking while at the same time becoming visibly upset with the situation. The sheriff came to her rescue, but Nation called him a "saloon

dog" telling him to take his hands off her. Then, an individual described as a "long haired traveling man" came to her rescue. However, "big Paul Krahmer," thinking the sheriff needed help, grabbed the "traveling man" by the nape of the neck and threw him "several sled lengths" toward the door. The story indicated that others took a "biff" at him while he was flat on the floor, but he finally made an escape on his hands and knees. It's too bad cell phone cameras did not exist at that time to record the altercation. It would have undoubtedly gone "viral."

Nation's lecture drew mixed reviews, at best, from the area. The July 10, 1902, edition of the Martin County Independent called her a "hysterical maniac." The Fairmont News of July 10, 1902, stated in part that "She is a crank out looking for notoriety." The

July 11, 1902, edition of the Truman Tribune declared the following: "It is regretted that the reception Fairmont tendered Carrie Nation should be such a stormy one. To successfully deal with intemperance one should be 'as wise as serpents and harmless as doves.' If Mrs. Nation had only struck at our State Government, the head of the serpent instead of the saloon, the tip of the monster's tail, the blow would have seemed to be better aimed whether more effectual or no."

There was apparently no shortage of opinions regarding her controversial ambitions. Carry Nation preferred the name, "Carry A. Nation," and sold souvenir hatchets to help fund her movement. "She officially changed her name, spelled 'Carrie' in her younger years, to 'Carry' when she was an adult. She told people her name,

'Carry A. Nation,' meant 'Carry A Nation to Prohibition.' She was unusually tall and usually wore simple black clothing." Mrs. Nation, twice divorced, became world famous with her strong right arm and hatchet in hand. Some viewed her as a crusader while others considered her irascible. Born in 1846, she died in 1911 before prohibition went into effect in 1918, later to be repealed in 1933.

For more information on this topic, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum or its website at [www.fairmont.org/mchs](http://www.fairmont.org/mchs).



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## Red Bag pick-up is on Saturday

The Salvation Army's Red Bag pickup in Martin County will be held Saturday, December 5th. The Sentinel and the Photo Press are distributing the red plastic bags. The Sentinel and Sentinel Plus have delivered the bags during the week in Fairmont and the Photo Press has delivered the bags to the Martin County towns of Ceylon, Dunnell, Granada,

Northrop, Sherburn, Trimont, Truman and Welcome.

Anyone wishing to contribute may place nonperishable food items, toiletries, etc., in these bags. The bags will be picked up in Fairmont on Saturday morning, December 5th by the staffs of KSUM, Sentinel and Photo Press, and other volunteers.

Boy Scout Troop and Pack 55 will pick up bags in Truman, and Northrop Boy Scouts from Pack 69 will pick up the bags in Sherburn, Dunnell, Welcome, Trimont and Ceylon. Granada citizens should leave their bags at the C Store.

For those who will be having the bags picked up, place the needed items listed below in

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**ROUND - ABOUT** - Pictured is the new roundabout at the intersection of Downtown Plaza and Blue Earth Avenue. The roundabout is part of the Lake



Avenue reconstruction project which was started this summer and is nearly complete, with sodding, seeding, etc., scheduled for next spring.

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Ag Update:

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November 30, 2020

**BASIS LEVELS HELP GUIDE GRAIN MARKETING DECISIONS**

On any given day, farm operators and others can get grain price quotes from the CME Group, also known as the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), in “real-time” on their computer or I-phone. Almost as quickly, they can get current and future corn and soybean market price quotes from local grain elevators, ethanol plants, and processing plants. The difference between the local grain price and the CBOT price is known as “basis”. Understanding how basis works and the seasonal trends associated with basis can be an important factor in making corn and soybean marketing decisions. More specifically, “basis” is the difference be-

tween the local grain price quote on a specific date and the CBOT price for the corresponding futures contract month. Local harvest price quotes for corn and soybeans would correspond to the December CBOT corn futures price and the November CBOT soybean futures price. By comparison, storing the corn or soybeans after harvest and selling the grain via a forward contract in June or early July the following Summer would have the basis level determined by the July CBOT corn or soybean futures price. A “narrow or tighter basis” means that the local corn or soybean price is nearer or getting closer to the corresponding CBOT price, while a “wide or widening basis” reflects local grain prices that have a greater margin below the CBOT prices. In most instances, farmers in the Upper Midwest deal with “negative basis levels,” which means than local corn and

soybean prices are lower than the corresponding CBOT prices. Areas near the Mississippi River ports or in the Southern U.S may typically have “positive basis levels,” where local grain prices are actually higher than CBOT prices. While the definition of basis may seem quite simple, the dynamics of understanding basis can be quite complex. Basis is variable at different locations and can vary throughout the year, or suddenly be adjusted due to changing dynamics in grain market fundamentals. Following are the main factors that affect basis and can lead to changes in basis levels:

- Geographic Variations--- Corn and soybean basis can vary greatly from location-to-location, largely dependent on the amount of the local grain production to be used as livestock feed or for use in processing and ethanol production. This is why basis levels tend to be wider

in Western Minnesota and the Dakota’s than in Southern Minnesota, which has a high amount of livestock production, as well as several ethanol plants and soybean processing plants.

- Transportation Costs --- This is the cost of shipping grain from the point of local sale to the final destination point, whether it be for use within the U.S. or transported to the ports to be shipped for exports to other countries. For example, areas that utilize a large percentage of the corn and soybean production in the local area have less grain to be transported to the ports or to other portions of the U.S. In addition, being closer to the Mississippi River, an important port, or a major rail line tends to reduce transportation costs and result in tighter basis levels.
- Supply and Demand --- The overall U.S. grain supply, based on crop production in a given year and grain carryover levels from the previous year, along with the grain usage for livestock feed, processing, ethanol production, and exports, can result in year-to-year variations in basis levels. For example, the 2020 corn and soybean harvest price basis levels in many areas have been tighter than normal due to the strong demand for exports

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- Crazy Chemistry (Grades 2-6)
- Young Inventors (Ages 7+ with adult)
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- pH Testing & Art Bot STEM Sampler (ages 8+ with adult)
- The Science of Slime & Crazy Catapults STEM Sampler (ages 8+ with adult)

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Hy-Vee reinstates reserved shopping for “high risk”

Hy-Vee ass reinstated its reserved shopping hour for customers considered “high risk” in response to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases throughout its eight-state region.

The reserved hour will be offered at all Hy-Vee locations from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and is dedicated for these customers:

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St John’s Antrim Church will be having its 4th annual **Beef Commercial Meal** on Sunday Dec. 6th, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., take out only. You can call or stop by to pick up your meal(s) for a free will donation. The phone number to order is (507) 621-3314.

**UCC to hold online auction**

The First Congregational UCC of Fairmont is having an online auction starting Monday, December 7th through Monday, December 14th. The auction is to help support the ongoing missions of our church.

The link to the website to view the items is: <https://www.32auctions.com/FairmontUCCwinter2020>

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CREST volunteers drive seniors to medical appointments, the bank, the library, grocery shopping, hair appointments, and even to lunch. Most trips are local, but some trips for medical appointments might be to Rochester, Sioux Falls, Mankato or the Twin Cities. For these trips gas cards are provided to help with expenses.

Currently, there are restrictions that prohibit us from going into homes to help with cleaning and small repairs. BUT, the need for your time continues to grow. Imagine the joy you will bring and even the relief that help is available. Then imagine how it will make you feel to have made it happen!

Contact CREST at 507-235-3833 or email us at [crest@crestvolunteers.org](mailto:crest@crestvolunteers.org) today.

What’s Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY!

My Thanksgiving dinner was a sad tale! On Wednesday afternoon I had a dessert in the oven baking, when the timer went off. It wasn’t done so I gave it another 10 minutes. It still didn’t seem done on further investigation my oven didn’t seem very hot so I determined my oven was to put it bluntly dead. Luckily I have an electric roaster so I put my dessert in that to finish cooking. It did seem done but the consistency was off we each had a piece and I threw the rest out. I fixed our Thanksgiving ham in the roaster, that too, wasn’t the same, I cooked the dressing in the crock pot which I have done before but it was dry. I even managed to over-salt the green beans. The only good part of our meal was the cranberry salad I had made. The good thing was we didn’t have that stuffed feeling we usually have after eating Thanksgiving dinner and of course a memory! I have decided I just wasn’t motivated this year, my heart wasn’t in it!! The repairman is due to come today or tomorrow.

On to today’s recipe, I am sharing a cozy taco soup. The recipe comes from Cindy Tonne. I like it better than chili, I hope that you will like it too.

Taco Soup

- 1 # hamburger, browned and drained
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 cans beans, any kind or a combination such as black beans, kidney beans or white beans, do not drain.
- 3 cans Ro-Tel diced tomatoes or 1 large can diced tomatoes and 1 can green chilies
- 1 can water
- 1 can Mexicorn, do not drain
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning
- 1 pkg. dry Hidden Valley Ranch dressing

Combine all ingredients, simmer 20 minutes to 1 hour. Makes 12-14 cups, freezes well. To serve may top with grated cheese, sour cream and Fritos.

Have a great week and stay safe!

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## Obituary Notices



### Leroy H. Deling, 71

Private family services for Leroy H. Deling, 71, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Burial will be in Tenhassen Township Cemetery, rural Ceylon, MN.

Leroy passed away peacefully on November 24, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Anoka, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.


Leroy H. Deling was born to Herman and Irleen (Palmer) Deling on March 12, 1949 in Fairmont, MN. Leroy grew up in and around the rural Fairmont/Ceylon, MN area. He graduated from Ceylon High School in 1968. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969 and received a medical discharge in 1970. He married Connie Tesdahl in 1976. They divorced in 1982. This union welcomed daughter Jessica in 1977. He and Fonda Fugate would welcome home a son, Dustin in 1984.

Growing up, Leroy enjoyed horseback riding, tobogganing, roller skating and playing checkers. As a teenager and young adult, he worked for various farmers in the Fairmont/Ceylon area until he became disabled. Leroy lived most of his adult life in Fairmont, MN. In his later years, he lived for a time in Mankato, MN where he enjoyed spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. For the past two years, he resided at The Emeralds Nursing Home in Faribault, MN. Leroy enjoyed time visiting with his brothers and sisters and their families. He always enjoyed going out for a good meal or for a doughnut and cup of coffee.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his daughter Jessica (Jesse) Bejarano of Mankato, MN; grandchildren Dylan, Jordan, Braydan, and Madison; son Dustin of Minneapolis, MN; brothers Orville (Irene) of Fairmont, MN, Russell (Brenda) of Dolliver, Iowa, Loren (Marilyn) of Rochester, MN, Marlin (Lori) of Ramsey, MN; sisters Mary Deling (Dale Elford) of Stewartville, MN, Marjorie (Scott) Kittleson of Sherburn, MN; Uncle Harold (Darlene) Palmer of Brainerd, MN; and several nieces and nephews.

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# DEATH notices



November 21 - Marie Rose Hanson-Peterson, 93, Truman (formerly of St. James and Erskine). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

November 24 - Leroy H. Deling, 71, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

November 25 - Terri L Ringnell, 54, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Home

November 28 - Dennis D. Krueger, 78, Trimont. Kramer Funeral Home

November 28 - Nathan R. Behne, 77, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Home

**IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO**

November 27 - Gayle Mau, 60, Fairmont

November 27 - David W. Iverson, 55, Fairmont

December 1 - Ellis E. Saxton, 91, Fairmont

December 1 - Edwin W. Fitzlaff, 65, Truman (formerly of Jackson)

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to China. Poor crop yields in a local area can also affect basis in a given year. As recently as early 2020, portions of Southwest Minnesota and Northwest Iowa had a temporary "positive basis" for corn due to the poor local corn yields in 2019 and strong local corn demand for feed usage and ethanol production.

•Storage and Interest Costs --- In a normal year, both CBOT corn and soybean futures prices and cash prices tend to be the lowest at harvest time and then increase by the Summer months in the following year. This normal trend in prices reflects the cost of storing the grain after harvest and the interest costs of holding the grain for several months. As the time gets closer to the actual date of delivery for the grain, the storage and interest costs typically decrease, and the basis tends to narrow. At times during the Summer grain markets, depending on demand, the local grain prices may be stronger than the CBOT prices, resulting in tighter basis levels.

Iowa State University tracks statewide and regional corn and soybean basis levels across Iowa and in Southern Minnesota. The 5-year (2014-15 to 2018-19) statewide average corn harvest basis level in October during the year of harvest was \$.42-\$.44 per bushel, based on December corn futures. The basis level for July CBOT futures contracts were near \$.69 per bushel at harvest time in October; however, the basis decreased to an average of \$.33 per bushel by late June the following year. Average corn basis levels were fairly consistent across Iowa; however, basis levels were somewhat wider in Southwest Iowa and Southern Minnesota and basis levels were tighter near Mississippi River locations.

The 5-year average Iowa soybean basis during that same period was near \$.76 per bushel at harvest time in October, based on November soybean futures. The soybean basis level for July CBOT futures contracts were near \$1.08 per bushel at harvest time in October but decreased to an average of \$.63 per bushel by late June the following year. Average soybean basis levels were also quite consistent across most of Iowa; however, basis levels were somewhat wider in Southwest Iowa and were again tighter near Mississippi River locations, as well as in the Omaha markets. Average soybean basis levels in Southern Minnesota were very close to the statewide average basis levels in Iowa.

There are many grain marketing tools available for farm operators to utilize in addition to cash sales, including a variety of hedging, options and basis contracts. In general, a hedging or options contract locks in the CBOT futures price, but not the cash price, meaning that the farmer still has basis risk. For example, a "hedge-to-arrive" contract locks in a CBOT futures price, but does not finalize the basis until the futures contract is cleared and the grain is actually sold at the local level. By comparison, a basis contract locks in the basis, but keeps the final price open depending on changes in the corresponding CBOT futures price and actual local cash price at the time of delivery.

As was mentioned earlier, the current local basis levels for corn and soybeans following the 2020 harvest season are tighter than normal. This could limit the basis improvement that is usually experienced by utilizing "hedge-to-arrive" contracts for the Summer of 2021. A basis contract to take advantage of the relatively narrow basis could be an alternative strategy, which would still keep the final price level open. Depending on an individual's willingness to assume some market risk, they could also sell the grain for cash to realize the advantage of the current tighter basis levels and take a CBOT options or futures price position to keep some upside potential in the corn and soybean markets.

Most grain marketing strategies, including storing unpriced grain in a bin on the farm, involve some level of price and/or basis risk. Understanding the dynamics of basis in corn and soybean market prices is a key element in analyzing the various types of grain marketing contracts that are available to farm operators. Iowa State University has some good information available on understanding basis and various grain marketing strategies. This information is available on the "Ag Decision Maker" website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/>

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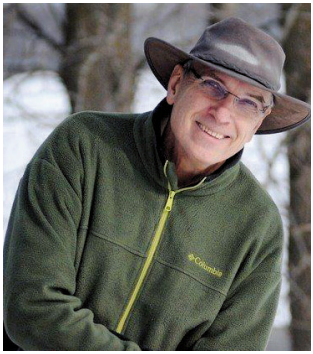
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## Naturally.

By Al Batt

I watched a nuthatch take peanuts from a feeder. It was a white-breasted peanuthatch. A bluebird of crankiness or the bluebird of Minneapolis perched nearby. I studied squirrels gathering leaves at the tops of the trees. They were nest contractors.

This is an irruption year for finches. Pine siskins have been numerous and we'll likely be seeing common redpolls. I'm keeping sharp eyes out for evening grosbeaks. I've had four people in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa tell me they'd seen these beautiful yellow, black and white birds. The birds are good eaters and when they visit a feeder, they're like hogs at a trough. There was a good crop of spruce budworms in the north this year. Those are prime food for the grosbeak nestlings and produced a good crop of grosbeaks.

I've been a member of the board of the American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) in Haines, Alaska, for a goodly number of years. Each year, we hold a festival where people come from all over to see the eagles and other wildlife. Smithsonian Magazine did an article recently titled, "Behold the Largest Congregation of Bald Eagles in the United States." The subtitle was, "Every November, hundreds if not thousands of the birds of prey gather in Haines, Alaska, to feast on salmon."

The festival was canceled this year because of COVID-19 and the Canadian border being closed. A friend, Cheryl Roberts of Haines, drove the route along the Chilkat River where the birds typically congregate and counted 25 eagles. Another friend, Dave Olerud of Haines, drove the same road and counted 20 eagles. If there was a festival this year, we'd have had to put up cardboard cutouts of eagles. Low salmon runs are believed to be the cause for the poor eagle crowd and combined with a poor berry season has caused bears to seek other food sources.

Add that the local landfill has become more secure and you have bears

raiding things like garages in search of food. At least 40 brown bears were killed, some to protect property, in Haines during the regulatory year running July — June. Those numbers are unprecedented as the previous high was 22. Residents were cautioned to do a better job securing bear attractants. In other sad news, a wild brown bear broke in and killed Caesar, a 16-year-old alpaca and unofficial mascot of the zoo in Anchorage. Wildlife officials euthanized the bear.

At the ABEF, a magpie got into the mew of Bella, a bald eagle. There was no damage done to either bird and the two were seen perched on the same roost.

### Q&A

"What is the chicken hawk?" The misleading moniker is typically applied to three raptors. The Cooper's hawk is the one I first think of. It's also nicknamed big blue darter, hen hawk, quail hawk, striker or swift hawk. The sharp-shinned hawk is also called bird hawk, bullet hawk, little blue darter or slate-colored hawk.

The red-tailed hawk is the other bird of prey.

"How many bald eagles spend the winter in Minnesota?" The eagle is a regular in winter in southeastern Minnesota and other parts of Minnesota where there is open water. Wabasha, Read's Landing, Camp Lacupolis and the surrounding riverfront areas hold lovely viewing spots for wintering bald eagles. The birds overwinter in the Red Wing and Wabasha areas near the Mississippi River, where the current of the inflowing Chipewa River maintains open water.

Susan Wegner of Maine wrote, "Here is a bird plumage question for you. After watching the gyrations of little birds at the feeders, I became aware of the white-breasted nuthatch's chestnut-colored 'undergump' as the Norwegians say. Or undertail coverts as my 1980 Peterson says. So, rather than ask the 'source of all knowledge' (internet through google search), I thought I would ask you, humorous human source of bird knowledge. So why

the colors down under?" It's related to courtship. Arthur Cleveland Bent wrote in 1948, "Standing back to her, he bows slowly downward as he sings, then in the interval before another song he straightens up, then bows as he sings again. The songs come with perfect regularity over and over again and can thus be recognized even in the distance as the courtship song. We may imagine what a changing color scheme is presented to the female bird, if, as his song invites her to do, she glances his way — the black of his crown and his rough raised mane, then the blue-gray of his back, then the variegated black and white pattern of his expanded tail, then, perhaps, at the end of his bow, a flash of ruddy brown."

Thanks for stopping by "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." G.K. Chesterton

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## Financial Moves for the Recently Divorced

Divorce is common in our society, but that doesn't make it any easier to navigate. If you've recently finalized a divorce, you've likely been coping with uncertainty and tension, but you can still avoid turning an already difficult situation into one that's even more challenging. How? By making the right financial and investment moves, including the following:

- Establish your separate financial presence. Even when you were married, you and your spouse might have maintained some separate accounts. But if you only had joint accounts, now is the time

to open your own checking, savings and credit accounts.

- Update your budget. It's likely your budget needs updating. Your household income may be lower or may need to be adjusted for alimony or child support (paid or received). Additionally, your living expenses may have shifted, either higher because you're no longer splitting expenses such as housing or utilities, or possibly lower because you're no longer supporting your ex's spending habits. Understanding your new budget will help you feel better informed about your financial options and more

in control of your new situation.

- Prioritize emergency savings. Divorce is expensive and may have depleted your savings. To get back on your feet, you may want to build an easily accessible source of funds for unexpected drops in income and/or spikes in expenses. If you're not retired, you may want to keep three to six months' worth of expenses in emergency savings, although even much smaller amounts can boost your feelings of financial security.

- Evaluate your retirement plan contributions. When you were married, you may have been count-

ing on sharing resources and expenses with your spouse in retirement. But now, you may be solely responsible for your retirement, so if you can afford it, you may want to ramp up your retirement plan contributions. You may want to consult a financial professional about setting and achieving new goals.

- Think about Social Security. Your divorce could play a role in the benefits you can receive. Once you are eligible for benefits, if you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried, you might be able to receive up to 50% of your ex-spouse's benefits, offset by your own benefit. If your ex passes away and you haven't remarried (or you remarry only after age 60), you could receive 100% of their benefit in place of your own. This could be beneficial if your ex-spouse had a higher income or spent longer in the labor force. Since rules can be complicated, contact your local Social Security office to better understand your situation, and keep a record of your ex's Social Security number.

- Review your beneficiary designations and legal documents. You'll likely need to revise the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede the instructions in your will. And, speaking of your will, you'll likely need to revise it too, along with other legal documents, such as a living trust. Consult with your legal professional to make these revisions.

It can feel like a long road to stability after a divorce – but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to make the trip a little less bumpy – and hopefully shorter – as well.

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## Holiday Stress... Less is Best

Guest Columnist



Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center

'Tis the season...to be stressed, overwhelmed, hurried, and harried. Not what you're used to hearing, right? This year, more than ever, the holidays bring far more than their usual share of stress and tension. We like to focus on the joy, the sharing, the bright lights, and bright smiles. Even in a normal year this can be difficult; but this year it looks to be overwhelming, when for many of us life is already there.

What is a person to do? Many of us are already handling as much as we

can. Our patience and our schedules have been stretched. Our school kids have been bounced back and forth, our jobs have been up and down, we've been locked down and released; sometimes the uncertainty is the worst thing. Our kids suffer, our relationships suffer, we suffer, and we still don't know what's next.

Through it all, our health suffers as well. Stress was a pandemic long before Covid-19 was even a thing. As we all know, stress affects

all aspects of our lives, especially our health. Anyone who knows the effect stress can have on our bodies knows that stress can lead to heart attacks, ulcers, IBS, acid reflux, muscle aches, and so much more.

Thankfully, there are healthy things we can do to counter the effects stress can have on our minds and bodies — a number of these things we already know about. Exercise is one of the best ways, whether it is running, yoga, lifting weights; anything

physical in essence burns stress off and out of our bodies. Getting adequate sleep releases stress as well. Most of us are notorious for under-sleeping. A recent article on UC Davis' website even had a name for it: Coronasomnia. The average American was already sleep deprived by an average of one to two hours a night to begin with.

Believe it or not, healthy eating also relieves stress. Chronic consumption of junk food actually raises cortisol levels and makes your body think it is under even more stress. Fruits and vegetables, grass-fed beef, and organic foods all subtract from this.

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A number of natural products have been shown to reduce stress in your body as well. Magnesium helps relax muscles and nerves; calcium can do the same. A number of herbs such as ashwagandha, theanine, and rhodiola can both energize and relax. But remember, low quality supplements typically

contain impurities and even heavy metals that can make them outright bad for you.

Finally, prayer (my favorite) has also been shown to reduce stress and lead to better levels of stress markers in your body. Connecting to your maker has never been more important. Seems only fitting when you consider the real reason for the season.

This holiday season, take steps to reduce stress in your household and in your body. Take better care of yourself so you can be the source of calm in your family — it has to start with someone. When the side effect is better health and vitality, it can only be a good thing. May peace be on you and your family now and into 2021.

## SHOP AT HOME

Guest Columnist



Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

It was once easy to Christmas shop for our three children. However, times have changed. They are now grown and have their own tastes. We have no idea what to give them if we go into a department store or catalog. This is also true for the six grandchildren. Is this the main reason that many parents and grandparents give only money as gifts? My wife decided that we could be creative. She developed SHOP AT HOME Christmas gifting.

We are of an age where we have inherited things with family history. Each of these has a story! Giving something such as this makes it something special. Therefore, our SHOP AT HOME form of gifting has become a favorite of all.

It happened again this year. We could sense the anxious feelings as they sat waiting for the SHOP AT HOME to begin. One such gift was a meat grinder that belonged to our daughter's grandmother and had been given to her by her brother (a favorite great uncle) as a shower gift. It was a grinder that had come down through the family and had been used by several generations to grind various ingredients for special Swedish foods and a favorite, ground raisin cookies.

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<b>7</b> American Classics • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Hash Brown Patty Extra Extra • Fresh Cauliflower Florets • Sliced Fresh Apples Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>8</b> American Classics • Macaroni and Cheese • Garlic Twist Extra Extra • Seasoned Peas • Chilled Peas Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>9</b> American Classics • Chicken Nuggets • Chips, Potato, Original, Baked, Lay's, 1.125 oz Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Chilled Peaches Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>10</b> American Classics • BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich • Baked Beans Extra Extra • Sliced Cucumbers • Fresh Orange Wedges Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>11</b> American Classics • Chili Cheese Dog • Tater Tots Extra Extra • Applesauce Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk
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<b>7</b> Main Entrees • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich Sides for All Meals • Baked Beans Extra Extra • Applesauce Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>8</b> Main Entrees • Macaroni and Cheese • Whole Grain Dinner Roll Sides for All Meals • Seasoned Peas Extra Extra • Fresh Banana Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>9</b> Main Entrees • Classic American Cheeseburger Sides for All Meals • Baked Crinkle Fries Extra Extra • Sliced Fresh Apples Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>10</b> Main Entrees • Crispy Fish Filet • Homemade Tartar Sauce • Whole Grain Dinner Roll Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Chilled Peas Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>11</b> Main Entrees • Cheesy French Bread Pizza Sides for All Meals • Seasoned Carrots Extra Extra • Fresh Orange Wedges Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk
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<b>7</b> American Classics • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Hash Brown Patty Extra Extra • Fresh Cauliflower Florets • Sliced Fresh Apples Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>8</b> American Classics • Macaroni and Cheese • Garlic Twist Extra Extra • Seasoned Peas • Chilled Peas Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>9</b> American Classics • Chicken Nuggets • Chips, Potato, Original, Baked, Lay's, 1.125 oz Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Chilled Peaches Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>10</b> American Classics • BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich • Baked Beans Extra Extra • Sliced Cucumbers • Fresh Orange Wedges Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk	<b>11</b> American Classics • Chili Cheese Dog • Tater Tots Extra Extra • Applesauce Milk & Condiments • Skim Milk • 1% Low-fat Milk • Chocolate Skim Milk
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Sanders-Thank you very much to everyone who

made my birthday special with calls, visits, cards, and gifts. Richard Sanders 30-1tp-1

Williams- The family of Gary Williams would like to thank everyone for their caring support

to our family during Gary's Covid-19 diagnosis, hospitalizations and death. We also want to thank the Welcome First Responders, Sherburn Ambulance, Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service, Mayo Clinic Fairmont and Mayo Clinic Rochester St. Mary's Campus ICU for the wonderful compassionate care to Gary and also our family. Thank you so much 30-1tp-1

Anders- The family of the late June Anders wishes to express our deep appreciation to those who have offered support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. We especially wish to thank Reverend Anthony Bertram of St. Paul Lutheran Church for his visits and beautiful funeral service as well as UHD Hospice and Ingleside Assisted Living in Fairmont for their compassionate care provided. 30-1tp-1

### 7 Help Wanted

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### 10 Apartments For Rent

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### 12 Other Rentals

For Rent: Available for September 1, 2021. Three 1,000 head wean to finish hog barns north of Fairmont, next to a blacktop a mile north of I-90 entrance. Contact Glenn Moeller 507-848-1765 30-3tp-12

### 14 Houses For Sale

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Robert C. Crockett to Destiny Rainville, Maxime Rainville, Lot 15, Block 4, Holden Addition

Carmine C. Giglio, Rita J. Giglio to Dion D. Montgomery, Teresa J. Montgomery, Lot 6, Block 1, Belle Vue Acres 1st Addition.

Todd C. Miles to Montana E. Thiesse, Lot 16, Block 6, Original Plat Northrop

### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

East Chain Township to Roger Whitman, Susanne

Whitman, Pt. SW 1/4, 7-101-29 Sandra L. McKean, Thomas R. McKean to Jaime Lee Core, Dustin Thomas McKean, NE 1/4 Ex. 2 tracts, 30-101-31

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Sanda K. Tobin, Michael L. Tobin Revocable Living Trust, to Carolyn E. Hall, Trustee, Michael L. Tobin Family Trust, Nathan H. Tobin, Trustee, Sandra K. Tobin, Trustee, Pt. Und. 1/2 Int. SW 1/4, 22-101-29

### D-DEEDS

Estate of Roger F. Martin, Kathryn Pope Personal Rep. to Cynthia Hicks, N.71' Lots 1 and 2, Pt. Lot 3, Block 3, Original Plat Truman

## PUBLIC ACCESS RESTRICTIONS MARTIN COUNTY OFFICES

Beginning Monday, November 23, 2020 public access to Martin County Offices and all other county facilities/offices will be restricted until further notice. Courts will remain open for scheduled hearings.

Members of the public are encouraged to conduct business with county staff by telephone, email, outside drop box, or special appointment. The public is requested to follow health and safety guidelines and keep a safe distance from employees and other visitors. Wearing face masks is required while visiting county buildings.

A listing of main office telephone numbers can be found at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/contact>

## FILING NOTICE Affidavits Of Candidacy CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the Clerk at her home:

**2849 150th Street  
Granada, MN**

Between 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. from December 29, 2020 through January 12, 2021

For the following:  
**One Supervisor - 3 Year Term  
One Treasurer - 2 Year Term**  
Filing Fee: \$2.00

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CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

## FILING NOTICE Affidavits Of Candidacy MANYASKA TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the Clerk at her home:

**20 Circle Drive  
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Between 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. from December 29, 2020 thru January 12, 2021

For the following:  
**One Supervisor - 3 Year Term  
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Diane Glidden, Clerk  
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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.auctioneerallylive.com](http://www.auctioneerallylive.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.landservice-sunlimited.com](http://www.landservice-sunlimited.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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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

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Those interested should seek an application from one of the district offices or access it on the school's website ([www.martin.k12.mn.us](http://www.martin.k12.mn.us)). Applications can be submitted within each office or forwarded to Chad Brusky, Principal ([chadbrusky@mcwmavericks.org](mailto:chadbrusky@mcwmavericks.org)).

## 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 1/4 of the SE 1/4, 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 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, T102N, R30W, Fairmont Township, and all that land lying east of Public roadway in Lot 3 in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 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 1/4 of the SW 1/4 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 2, 2020



## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**November 29, 1995**

Former Twins first base coach Wayne Terwilliger was to be at Enderson Clothing in downtown Fairmont. He was to sign autographs and have St. Paul Saints merchandise for sale. Terwilliger, 70, was first base coach for the Saints following his work with the Twins from 1986 to 1994, including winning two World Series rings with the Twins.

Gloria Gerhardt of Fairmont had written a poem about the Fairmont Opera House:

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*Written by Gloria Gerhardt,  
November 18th, 1995*

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**November 29, 1970**

A bomb threat at Fairmont High School resulted in Principal C.H. Hegdal clearing the building. Students were housed at Grace Lutheran Church nearby while the building was searched. The students returned to classes 40 minutes later.

The basketball season opened with Fairmont hosting Albert Lea. New coach Jim Hanson faced an 18-game schedule with only four lettermen returning - Tom Duffey, Dennis Graphenteen, Tom Mahoney and Brian Poppe. Season tickets were \$8.25 with student tickets at \$3.50.

It was reported that 127,000 low-income persons in Minnesota received food stamp assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Martin County had recently joined the national program.

Teamsters Local 487 of Fairmont and Mankato elected new officers: Eugene Vogel, president; Paul Wagner, vice president; Warren Cramer, secretary-treasurer; Robert Brush, recording secretary; E. Hendricks, C. Behne and W. West, trustees.

## Ask A Trooper: CMV Inspections



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MN State Patrol

by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

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Fairmont head coach Mat Mahoney announced the year-end football awards after the Cards' 35-6 victory over the Watertown-Mayer Rebels.

**Fairmont Team Awards:**  
 Tom Mahoney Award - Tyler Davis.  
 Fairmont Defensive Playmaker - Hudson Artz.  
 Lineman of the Year - Gavin Junkermeier.  
 Scout Team Player of the Year - Gage Cyphers.  
 Fairmont Offensive Threat - Eli Anderson.  
 Fairmont Football MVP - Zach Jorgenson.

**Big South All Conference Team:**  
 Eli Anderson, Hudson Artz, Gavin Rodning, Zach Jorgenson.  
 Honorable Mention: Shane Steinbrink, Gavin Junkermeier.

**District Players of The Year:**  
 Special Teams Player of the Year - Hudson Artz.  
 Defensive Back of the Year - Eli Anderson.



**TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):**  
 Zach Jorgenson, Hudson Artz, Gage Cyphers, Shane Steinbrink

**BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):**  
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