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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I had my shoes on the wrong feet until



lunch, I flossed with a gum-my bear this morning and I ran out of plastic silverware. Don't ever try eating chili through a straw. I'm waiting for the flying monkeys. I knew bad weather was on the way. The cows were on the porch. They always beg to get into the house when the weather is getting colder. I returned a pile of my Christmas gifts to Dollar Tree. I'm ahead by nearly \$7 on that deal. I stopped to see my nephew Carl's new baby, a son named Carl, Jr. The kid has that new Carl smell."

Naturally

The cold had been overly ambitious, but my "Arizona is for wimps" T-shirt

warmed me. I hit the trail, hoping curiosity might drag some information with it. I took a lovely walk filled with wonder and discovery. It was a quiet day. The outdoors must have been listening. Demonstrating the art of patience, I hoped to stumble upon things.

I looked at a dandelion plant. Dandelions develop taproots that can extend 15 feet deep in ideal conditions. I watched squirrels and woodpeckers on a dead tree. A dead tree lives. I'm a member of the dead tree appreciation society. Dead trees provide vital habitat for many species of wildlife.

A chickadee was busy at a feeder. It was on a diet in which it eats only one thing. More. I watched it fly into the shelter of a small tree and fluff up for warmth. On cold days, being fluffy is a good thing to be.

I spoke at the Albert Lea Seed House and told the wonderful crowd gathered there why the chickadee was my favorite bird. As I listened

to the stories of others, my wife shopped for Christmas gifts. I bloviated. She bought.

While doing Christmas Bird Counts (CBC), I've noticed an abundance of squirrels this winter. Rabbits were, as always, in good numbers. This year, I called every eastern cottontail Hopalong. CBCs are a way of playing hide-and-seek with birds. John Hockema of Rochester showed up with old Swift Audubon binoculars. It was good to see John. He and his aged optics brought great memories. I did stumble onto good birds.

John Leininger of Albert Lea informed me of some bad behavior demonstrated by wild turkeys in his neighborhood. The birds have been acting aggressively towards humans. It's a good idea not to turn your back to this kind of a bully.

Snow fell. It was lovely, as if I were in a snow globe. I don't appreciate each individual snowflake as much as I should.

Birds wallpapered my

stroll. There was a dazzling array of winter birds. The sounds they and the squirrels made were calls of the wild. I watched downy woodpeckers forage. Males and females divide feeding territories in winter.

portant thing to look for in binoculars?" They should be easy to use. There are two primary kinds of binoculars - porro prism and roof prism. A porro looks like an M and a roof prism resembles a capital H.



It was a wonderful Christmas pheasant. Photo by Al Batt

Males tend to feed on small branches and weed stems, while females feed on larger branches and trunks. Males discourage females from foraging in better spots. Downies eat foods that larger woodpeckers cannot reach.

Q-and-A

"Did you really kick a skunk when you were barefooted?" Yes, but I'm not stupid. I thought it was a rock.

"What is the most im-

portant thing to look for in binoculars?" They should be easy to use. There are two primary kinds of binoculars - porro prism and roof prism. A porro looks like an M and a roof prism resembles a capital H.

"Where is the best location for a feeder?" Where you can watch the birds visiting it. Try to find a place sheltered from wind and away from predators.

"Can birds fly upside down?" Hummingbirds can for short periods. Other species do during conflicts and while courting.

"What bird is most likely to be hit by an aircraft in North America?" According to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, the spe-

cies most often involved in birdstrikes is the horned lark.

"What could I do to get a young child to watch birds?" An easy way is to attach a feeder to a window where the child could watch it.

"What preys upon Japanese beetle grubs in the lawn?" Starlings, grackles, crows, meadowlarks, catbirds, gulls, pheasants, chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, skunks, raccoons and moles are predators.

Thanks for stopping by

"The world is big and I want to have a good look at it before it gets dark." - John Muir

"I don't want to be a great leader; I want to be a man who goes around with a little oilcan and when he sees a breakdown, offers his help. To me, the man who does that is greater than any holy man in saffron-colored robes. The mechanic with the oilcan: that is my ideal in life." - Baba Amte

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Community Options & Resources (COR) is a private, non-profit organization which provides residential and in-home support services to persons with disabilities in Martin, Jackson and Watonwan Counties.

The COR mission is to provide a service promoting the ability of each individual to lead a productive and enjoyable life in all environments with the support of professionally skilled staff.



Desiree (left) has been a Direct Support Professional with COR for 1½ years. She enjoys being able to promote an independent lifestyle for the people served by COR. Desiree looks forward to her air hockey matches with Alan. They also had a great time watching the Fairmont Glows Parade in November. Her favorite part of working with Alan is seeing a smile on his face when he achieves a goal. She would like the community to know that Alan has a great sense of humor and loves to laugh and joke around.

Alan enjoys going for walks, movies at the Fairmont Theatre, as well as attending musicals and Broadway plays, listening to music, and the Friday night Arc Bowling League at Bowlmor Lanes in Fairmont. His favorite holidays are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. He recently volunteered at the Coats for Community Coat Drive in Five Lakes Centre Mall in Fairmont. Alan also helped clean up after the September 20th, 2018 tornado that struck the city of Granada. If you see Alan out in the community, he would love for you to stop and say hello!

Since 1975, COR's values have been the people we support, our staff, our homes, networking, and the future. If interested in joining the COR team, please visit www.cormn.com or call (507) 764-4612, ext 5.

Fairmont United Methodist Church resumes their **Wednesday Evening Suppers** January 9th from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. They will serve A&W Swiss burgers, baked beans and chips. On January 16th they will serve tacos and all the fixings along with fruit. All meals include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, beverages and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Class of 2021 is looking for Chili Chefs who would like to compete in a **Chili Challenge competition** that will be held at MLHS on Tuesday, January 29th from 5-7 p.m. First place competitors will win a \$30 HyVee card and 2nd place wins a \$20 card. Registration is free and due by January 15th. To register call 507-436-5249 or register at www.martinlutherhs.com. The tasting and voting is open that evening to the general public for a \$5 cost.

Toddler Tinker Lab at the Fairmont library

The Fairmont Library will host monthly Toddler Tinker Labs on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Dates are: January 16th, February 6th, March 20th, and April 24th.

The "lab" is designed to allow toddlers to explore, grow

and create with a variety of activities each month...the best part? Leave the mess behind at the library!

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions. No registration is required and this event is free and open to the public.

Ceylon Area Historical Society memorials

The Ceylon Area Historical Society acknowledges the following memorials received July 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2018:

Memorials to Museum: (In memory of/ from)

Eva Harper: Laura Nagel, William Ditz, Tony and Doris Rosener, Alice Barnes, Bill and Jan Bremer, Jon and Cheryl Rippke, David and Dana Nawrocki, Claire and Karen Anderson, Melinda Wezina and Waclaw, Rod and Deb Laue, Shirley Schmidt, Richard and Linda Kling, Larry and Ellen Kling, Rod and Jacci Jahnke Family, Deloris Houseman.

Agnes Fritz: Joe and Mary Kay Schultz.

Veryl Champagne: William Ditz.

Cheryl (McKean) Foster: Gordon and Loretta Luckow.

Wallace Schueler: 59er's PLUS Ceylonite Group, Edna Thayer.

Melvin Schley: Deloris Houseman.

William Peters: Darin Hagen, Jim and Laurie Hagen.

Howard Simmering: William Ditz.

Randy Buchan: Darrel and Muriel Klenz.

Elsie Simon: Shirley Schmidt.

Melvin Knuth: Shirley Schmidt, Sherry Schmidt.

Get Healthy With Hy-Vee

Join the Martin County Library in Fairmont and get healthy in 2019 with the Hy-Vee Dietician.

Join them on Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30 p.m. for "Healthy Swaps" and on Wednesday, February 27th at 5:30 p.m. for "Eating on the Go."

There is no cost to attend and these programs are open to the public.

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

An **Acrylic Pour Painting Class** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, January 12th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30/person and includes materials. Call 507-436-5249 to register. Leave your name and phone number. Please specify if you want to paint an 8X10 canvas, set of 4 ceramic tiles, or a record.



Soil Health Winter Workshop

Hosted by Martin SWCD and the Blue Earth Watershed Civic Engagement Team.

Dan Perkins



When: January 24th, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall

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10:00-11:30	Dan Perkins <i>Seeding Methods for Cover Crops - Old and New</i>
11:30-12:00	Herman Bartsch
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Jerry Hatfield <i>Soil Health, Climate Change, Efficient Crop Production, and Increasing Soil Health starts with Biology</i>
2:00-2:30	Local Farmer Panel
2:30-3:00	Table Discussions

Dicamba training for 2019 is mandatory

2019 U.S. EPA regulations require all applicators of dicamba herbicide products to complete dicamba-specific training even if you took it last year.

Register now to complete the training requirement while at the Farm Futures Summit or Boot Camp. Participants completing this training will receive a certificate following the session.

Farmers can get free dicamba training January 23rd or 24th as part of their Farm Futures Ag finance Boot Camp and Farm Futures Business Summit registrations. The Farm Futures Boot Camp held January 23rd, and the Summit, held January 24th -25th at the Coralville Marriott Conference Center in Iowa City, Iowa.

This training satisfies the US EPA requirement for mandatory training to apply approved dicamba formulations on dicamba-

tolerant and certain conventional crops.

Participants in the 2019 dicamba virtual training will learn 2019 label and record keeping requirements:

- Temperature inversions
- Spray system hygiene best practices
- Using Engenia herbicide in a weed management system

Dicamba Training sessions:

Training Session 1 - Wednesday January 23rd, 2019 at 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Training Session 2 - Thursday January 24th, 2019 at 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.

Please note: You must be registered for the Farm Futures Ag Finance Boot Camp or the Business Summit to participate in these dicamba training sessions.

Full dicamba training and event details are available at FarmFuturesSummit.com.

Gentle Yoga at the Fairmont library

Join us for Gentle Yoga at the Fairmont Library on Monday, January 14th and Monday, January 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Class will be taught by Tam Plunhoff, Certified

Yoga Instructor.

Please bring a yoga mat, block and strap, if available.

There is no cost to attend and no registration is required.

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Thank You to all the Focus on Fairmont volunteers for working so hard, in order to make our community a little prettier. DeAnn Eversman, Nancy Johnson, Angela Gregory, Heather Hawkins, Tammie Hested, Cathy Celandier, Steve Hawkins, Ann Tehrfer & Judy Leiding

A special thank you to volunteers, Bob Charnecki and Blake Potthoff for making the downtown music come alive again!

Donations are always welcome! Checks can be mailed to: Focus on Fairmont/Project 1590, P.O. Box 705, Fairmont, MN 56031

Martin County seeks input on mitigation plan

The Martin County Office of Emergency Management is currently working with the U of M Duluth-Geospatial Analysis Center (GAC) to prepare an update of the county's 2013 "Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan" (MHMP).

The plan is a requirement of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and must be updated every five years in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

The Martin County plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan covering Martin County, including the cities of Ceylon, Dunnell, Fairmont, Granada, Northrop, Sherburn, Trimont, Truman and Welcome. It also incorpo-

rates the needs of the townships, school districts and other stakeholders participating in the plan.

According to Martin County Emergency Management Director, Abigail Nesbit, "Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program. Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient."

As part of the planning process, gathering input from the public is an important and required step. Martin County seeks to gather feedback from residents and businesses from across the county to incorporate

into the plan the following:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- Have you experienced a previous disaster event?
- What concerns do you have, and what sorts of mitigation actions or projects do you feel would help to reduce the damages of potential future events for your personal property, your community or the county as a whole?

The public is strongly encouraged to submit your comments, concerns or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update process.

Please submit your feedback to Martin County Emergency Management Director Abigail Nesbit at 507-238-3193 or via email at: EOC@co.martin.mn.us.

Hawkins Chevrolet breaks ground on new collision center in Fairmont



Hawkins Chevrolet breaks ground on a new collision center. Pictured (L to R): Jeff Smith, Auto Body Technician; Josh Walker, Fixed Operations Manager; Clint Christianson, Estimator; Tom Hawkins, Owner; Steve Hawkins, General Manager. (Submitted photo)

Just over a year ago, a well-known and respected body shop in Fairmont, Don's Body Shop, closed its doors due to Don and his wife Pat's retirement.

Hawkins Chevrolet did most of their body work with Don's Body Shop for all of the nearly 30 years that he was in business.

Hawkins Chevrolet Dealer and second generation owner Tom Hawkins, Jr. said that the decision to close the business presented a challenge to their business. "Don did almost all our body work and we discovered after it closed that it left a real gap in the collision repair side of our business," stated Hawkins.

"We researched ways to employ Jeff Smith, Don's longtime employee to do our body work."

After a year of research and planning Hawkins Chevrolet recently announced that they have broken ground on the new "Hawkins Collision Center". "The new center will be located on the east end of our north lot, across the street from Day Plumbing," Hawkins stated. "It will be a simple but efficient building that will include an indoor estimating bay, efficient downdraft paint booth with a baking system, plus room for future growth."

The decision to build-

ing this new collision center not only saved one job in Fairmont, but it will also add three more jobs to the local area.

Hawkins stated that their body shop is already in business, as the new owner of the Don's Body Shop building is renting it out to Hawkins Chevrolet while construction of the new building takes place.

Hawkins Chevrolet is celebrating 30 years of business in Fairmont in 2019. Tom said that he is very happy with the Fairmont community for supporting their existing business and is excited about the new venture.

R.S. Bradley Scholarship awards

One of the proud traditions at Avery Weigh-Tronix (AWTX) in Fairmont is the annual R.S. Bradley Scholarship award.

Richard Bradley was the founder and owner of Weigh-Tronix. The scholarship fund originated from a 1979 Christmas gift of money from Weigh-Tronix employees to Richard Bradley to start a scholarship fund in his name. Additional employee contributions were made in 1980 and 1981. Mr. Bradley was a firm believer in higher education, and the AWTX team continues to support this program with annual awards.

All dependent children of Avery Weigh-Tronix regular full time employees who are attending an advanced edu-

cational program are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The program may be in a vocational or academic field, but be a minimum of two years and lead to a specific degree or certification. This includes a two-year technical school, two-year junior college or present enrollment to acquire a B.A. or B.S. degree.

Our four Scholarship Winners for 2018 will receive \$500.00 each. They are:

• Jaycie Eaton, daughter of Chad Eaton (Repair Department)

- Jaycie attends Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. She is working toward a degree in Elementary Education.

• Cameron Hainy, son of Cory Hainy (Engineering

Department)

- Cameron attends South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City, SD. He is pursuing a Mechanical Engineering degree.

• Darren Bettin, son of Lori Bettin (Weigh Bar Room)

- Darren attends Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, MN. He is pursuing certification in law enforcement.

• Alexis Brolsma, daughter of Tim Brolsma (Weigh Bar Room)

- Alexis attends the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD. She is pursuing a degree in medical biology.

Congratulations to the R.S. Bradley Scholarship winners!



(L-R): Cory Hainy, Tim Brolsma, Lori Bettin, Chad Eaton and Ross Hunwardson. (Submitted photo)

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Fairmont hockey to hold military salute Saturday

Fairmont's hockey program will hold a military salute on Saturday, January 12th at the hockey arena located at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

This will be a day to thank all active duty, along with honoring all veterans of Fairmont Youth Hockey Association families. The day will feature double header hockey action against Morris Benson. At 1 p.m. will be the Fairmont girls high school game. At

3 p.m. will be the boys high school hockey action.

The double header will have free admission for all veterans.

Fairmont American Legion Post 36 and the Fairmont VFW Post 1222 will be providing Color Guard and presenting the colors at the games.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation (personal hygiene or socks) for a local VA hospital and receive a free hot chocolate!

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The **Prairie Star Quilt Guild** will meet January 14th, 2019, at the Covenant Church of Fairmont. The board will meet at 12:30 p.m. and the regular meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Sew and Share will follow the meeting and also the group will be making new name tags. The evening group will meet at 5:30 p.m. The Prairie Star Quilt meets on the second Monday of each month at the Covenant Church at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. The guild offers daytime and nighttime meetings. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are welcome! Information and photos can be found on Facebook at Prairie Star Quilt Guild. For more information contact Debra Engman at 507-236-6253.

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Perplexing Political Peculiarities

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



In today's news there seems to be questions regarding improprieties in voting and other governmental actions in some parts of the country. Although it may be tempting to say it wasn't like that in the "old days," that in and of itself may be far from the truth. The archives of the Pioneer Museum point to some questionable tactics involving census taking and elections in the formative years of Martin County.

Martin County's first census took place in 1860 and instructions were to only count "free" inhabitants as slavery was not yet abolished. That census showed the county had 151 inhabitants. This number was comprised of twenty-seven Norwegians, eight Canadians, fifteen school children, and others. However, the manner in which it was conducted might be considered somewhat unreliable at best.

It appears that the census taken at that time took a total of two days. The efficiency of that census seems somewhat dubious considering the fact that in that era a neighbor was considered as anyone living within twenty miles. Interestingly enough, the census taker named

Elias D. Bruinius failed to list himself among the county's inhabitants even though he lived in Martin County. Also, at that time there were three organized towns in Martin County: Waverly; Fairmont; and Nevada. However, the most populated town of the three at that time, Nevada, was not included in his report and according to Arthur "Major" Nelson's book, "Know Your Own County," it states that Nevada "remains only in memory as an early historic division." Other somewhat peculiar findings include incorrect names of children, listing a two-year-old child as being in school, and noting that some residences were unoccupied although the inhabitants were most likely working in the fields. These, among other ques-



Arthur "Major" Nelson

tionable recordings would seem to invalidate the data.

In summary, although the first census in Martin County was taken in 1860, the accuracy and reliability of the results appear a bit uncertain.

Perhaps more scandalous, according to the research conducted by Arthur Nelson, involved some political maneuvering that took place in the very early history of Martin County during the years from 1848-1858. It seems that in drafting the constitution of the new state of Minnesota, and in an attempt to ensure the election of Henry H. Sibley as Minnesota's first governor, an individual by the name of Joseph R. Brown engaged in some questionable tactics in order to accomplish his goal. Brown was called the "biggest, brainiest" man in Minnesota along with being considered as an "astute and unscrupulous" politician. To his credit, he founded the cities of Stillwater and Henderson, was the namesake of Brown County, served as a Major in the Civil War, and was known for other significant accomplishments.

What transpired, according to Nelson's account, was that in order

to influence elections, it was in his interest to divide Brown County Territory into a number of new counties. Those new counties became Martin, Jackson, Nobles, Cottonwood, Murray, Rock, and Pipestone. This maneuver took place on the last day of the territorial legislature's session simply accomplished by a shrewd politician. This manipulation, of course, was done to work to Brown's advantage as each county would then be able to send delegates to the state convention thereby, from Brown's perspective, furthering to solidify his choice for governor. Although Brown was probably never in Martin County, he could arguably be credited as Martin County's first politician.

Apparently, the year 1857 involved a great deal of political activity in addition to outright political corruption. What emerged was that the seven new counties created in 1857 sent delegates to the state constitutional convention to cast ballots for governor. Of the seven counties, Martin County was credited with casting a unanimous ballot of thirty-one votes for Henry H. Sibley and none for his rival, that being Alexander Ramsey. In further muddying the waters, the man representing Martin County by the name of George Reed had never resided in Martin County. Finally, apparently no one from Martin County knew

of the constitutional convention, when it was being held, and who was on the ballot.

In addition, the state constitution also required that a census of the territory be taken in 1857. This was accomplished by William B. Gere, a U. S. Marshal, and Nat Brown, one of his assistants who was also the brother of the previously mentioned Joseph Brown. However, according to Nelson's account, in conducting the census they never left St. Paul and that all of the names on the census rolls were fabricated as no one named on the census ever lived in Martin County. In addition, for census purposes, apparently Brown used two settlements in Martin County as a basis for his report. One was Fairmont and the other was Fairfield, an imaginary settlement. He swore that he took the census in Fairmont on October 18, 1857, and in Fairfield a few days after that. The census returns of 1857, although apparently blatantly falsified, were sworn correct by N. R. Brown, notarized by Samuel S. Selby, Notary Public, and certified by William B. Gere, U. S. Marshal for Minnesota.

Finally, it appears that the thirty-one votes from Martin County for Henry H. Sibley who became Minnesota's first governor were tainted along with the 1857 census data compiled by N. R. Brown. It would seem safe to say that these events are a result of political corruption in addition to ineptness and incompetence.

In conclusion, was the "will of the people" accomplished in those early days of state and local government? Apparently the people involved with being delegates, the census takers, and those comprising the local census data may neither have existed nor may never have even set foot in Martin County. Of course, peculiarities in the world of politics would never happen today, would they?

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



Major Nelson's wedding day, September 12th, 1905 at Waterside Farm, Tenhassen. Pictured (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Day, Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Aldrich.

Hy-Vee Pharmacies implement new policy

To assist in combatting the national opioid epidemic Hy-Vee, Inc. announces the implementation of a new controlled substance prescription policy. As of January 1st, 2019, Hy-Vee pharmacies no longer allow a subsequent fill of a Schedule II controlled substance, or a refill of a Schedule III or Scheduled IV controlled substance more than 72 hours early without authorization from the prescriber. Hy-Vee pharmacies also no longer accept GoodRx coupons for controlled substance prescriptions.

"The opioid epidemic in the United States claims the lives of more than 100 people every day, and Hy-Vee is continually working to assist in the fight," said Kristin Williams, senior vice president and chief health

officer for Hy-Vee. "Implementing this 72-hour policy is one more step toward combatting the opioid epidemic in communities throughout the eight states we serve."

Hy-Vee already offers naloxone without a prescription in all eight states where it operates pharmacies: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Naloxone is available at Hy-Vee pharmacies in nasal spray and injection forms (upon request), although, nasal spray is the most commonly used form. The drug is stored behind the counter and cost varies, depending on the form and whether a customer goes through his or her insurance, or pays cash.

Hy-Vee pharmacists also ensure that patients and their family members understand how to recognize signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer the medication. While naloxone is not a cure for an opioid overdose, it can assist an individual until emergency treatment is available and long-term treatment is provided. The medication has no effect if opioids are absent.

Naloxone can be administered to any person who has overdosed on a wide range of opioids, including hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine and codeine, as well as heroin. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioids killed more than 47,000 people in 2017, more than any year on record. Nearly half of all opioid overdose deaths involve a prescription opioid.

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by Gary Kopervas



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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

An old fashioned dessert!

A former co-worker, the late Germaine Johnson, always brought her Swedish rice at our request, when we had a potluck at work. It was the best! She shared her recipe in a Lutz Wing/FCH employee cookbook. I just made it recently when a friend and I took lunch over to a mutual friend for her birthday. It was just as good as I remembered it! It's a cozy dessert, just right for this winter weather, try it you will like it!

Swedish Rice:
1/2 cup uncooked rice (I use long grain)
4 cups whole milk
3 eggs, separated
3/4 scant cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 Tbsp. butter
1/3 cup sugar, for meringue

Combine rice and milk in a double boiler until rice is done, stir occasionally, this takes almost an hour, it should be somewhat thick. Whisk egg yolks and add sugar then add this slowly to the hot rice and milk mixture, cook about 10-20 minutes or until rice is thick. Take off stove, add vanilla and butter, pour into square baking dish. (I used 8 inch square Pyrex pan) Beat egg whites until foamy; add 1/3 cup sugar slowly beating until stiff peaks, Spread over rice. Bake 10 minutes or until light brown in a 375 degree oven. May serve warm or cold. Store in refrigerator.

Have a great week!

MCHS in Fairmont welcomes first baby of year

Mayo Clinic Health System today announced the birth of the first baby of the New Year in its Fairmont hospital.

Guadalupe Santiago Juárez, a girl, was born at 8:25 a.m. on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, to parents Héctor and Giovanna Juárez of Fairmont. Guadalupe weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 20.75 inches long. She has one older sister, Candelaria Nicole, who

is four years old.

The most popular names for babies born at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont in 2018 were Evelyn, Harper and Ella for girls and Henry, Gavin and Benson for boys.

According to BabyCenter.com, the most popular names for babies born in the United States in 2018 were Sophia, Olivia, Emma and Ava for girls and Jackson, Liam, Noah and Aiden for boys

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
BRI is an adorable little black female kitty, 3 months old. Good with other cats, Bri loves attention from her humans, and she's tolerant of a dog's attention.
PETEY is a handsome young male kitty. He was found injured in the middle of the highway, and still has a slight limp as a result. He's not one who likes to be carried, but he loves his belly rubbed! Playful with his toys, Petey will need some patience to give him time to adjust.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
ZEKE is a yellow lab cross. He's energetic, loves attention, and is ready for the adventure of finding his very own family! Our boy has cute, googly wide eyes. He's a younger dog, under two years old. He's good with female dogs, and is okay with male dogs as long as they aren't too bossy.
MAGGIE is a 15 year old Yorkie whose owner passed away, so she came to live with us. She was born with a deformed front right leg, but that doesn't stop her from getting around! A pretty little girl, Maggie is loveable and enjoys being with people.

Area College Student News

The following students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence after the fall 2018 semester at South Dakota State University.

School Codes:
SAFES - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
SAHSS - College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
SEHS - College of Education and Human Sciences
SENGR - Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering
SNS - College of Natural Sciences
SNURS - College of Nursing
SPAHP - College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions

Blue Earth: Jared Thomas Kennedy, SEHS; Lucas Scott Kramer, SAFES
Ceylon: Emma Elizabeth Ward, SEHS
Dunnell: Erin Alaina Tlam, SEHS; Jack Martin Ziemer, SAFES

Fairmont: Pauline Marjorie Anderson, SNURS; Kaitlyn A. Cihoski*, SAFES; Riann Addison Dietz, SEHS; Matthew John Larson, SPAHP; Brielle Alexis Meade, SEHS; Macy Ann Petrowiak, SEHS; Sara Kristine Schellpeper*, SAHSS
Jackson: Jayni Faith Anderson*, SENGR; Jacob Lee Christopher, SAFES; Ana Pearl Dunlavey*, SEHS; Jacey Rose Edlin, SAFES; Kristin Elizabeth Stoltenberg, SNS
Sherburn: Alexis Marie Ringnell*, SEHS
Trimont: Jacob Ryan Sinn, SAFES
Truman: Macy Rose Quinn, SAFES
Students from Iowa:
Armstrong: Landra Catherine McClellan, SAHSS
Lakota: Shelby Lynn Berte*, SEHS
Ringsted: Cecelia Rose Madden, SEHS
Ruthven: Eric Lee Sundall, SNS

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Jake Dane Faber of Sherburn received a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, during the 2018 Fall commencement exercises at Angelo State University. Angelo State conferred 599 undergraduate and graduate degrees on Saturday, December 15th, 2018.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a thriving four-year public school in Texas. Our Ram Family environment helps students feel at home, a place where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont resumes its **Open Door Meal** Wednesday, January 9th from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are serving chicken breast/nuggets. On January 16th they will be serving hotdish. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. A \$3 donation is suggested.

ARC Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 20th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVP's for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up to noon on Thursday, January 17th. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

Get Well Soon Sheryl

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Book your calendars for several fun events happening this year as part of our Adult Winter Reading Program. First up, we have two sessions of Gentle Yoga with Tam Plumhoff. Join us on Monday, January 14 and Monday, January 28 at 5:30 pm for yoga with Tam, a certified yoga instructor. Please bring along a mat, block and strap, if you have them. Also, we have two healthy eating sessions with our Hy-Vee Dietician planned! The first is Healthy Swaps and will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 5:30 pm. The second, Eating on the Go, is booked for Wednesday, February 27 at 5:30 pm. Our final adult event is Winter Afternoon Bingo. Join us for a fun afternoon on Wednesday, February 20 at 2 pm. Don't miss out on the winter fun at the Fairmont Library!

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 1994

Bruce Saxton of Fairmont Foods was to receive a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation for support of the National Guard. Saxton was nominated for the award by John Frichtman, an employee and specialist in the Minnesota National Guard. The award was part of the national effort to recognize supportive employers of Guardsmen and Reservists.

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The Fairmont City Council began the year "newly formed" as it went from an eight-member council down to a five-member council. Among the important decisions facing the new council was hiring a new City Administrator to replace Tom Reber, along with replacing Russell Jacobson, who resigned as Economic Development Director the month before.

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Poppe's 66 Store and Car Wash was advertising its "Ultimate Automatic Soft Cloth Car Wash" and also the high performance racing fuels it was selling in 55 gallon drums.

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David Vogel, Executive Director of the Fairmont Convention and Visitor's

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 1969

The new hospital had received many gifts and memorials toward its Coronary Care Unit. The unit was awaiting the arrival of electronic equipment which would make it one of the best in the area.

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Fairmont High School senior Alice Bremer was chosen to represent Fairmont in the Miss Minnesota pageant. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bremer of Rolling Green Township.

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Beginning the first of the year, the former J. F. Anderson Lumber Company outlet in Fairmont was to be known as UBC. The name became official following purchase of all 20 Anderson outlets by United Building Centers whose main offices were in Winona.

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The Smorgasbord editor said "a babysitter is a teenager who comes in to act like an adult while the parents go out to act like a teenager."

Kids' Maze

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Welcome Motor Co., 1310 N. State St., Fairmont, MN, 235-3447, welcomemotorcompany.com

2002 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LT
4x4, 151,000 miles, sale price \$3,995.
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OBITUARY notices

Charles E. Koestler, 79



A celebration of life service for Charles E. Koestler, 79, of Granada, was held at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont on Saturday, January 5th, 2018. Full military honors by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 followed the service at the funeral home. A private family burial will be held at a later date at Rose Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Prairie Township. Charles passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 26th, 2018, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont surrounded by his family. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation

Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Charles E. Koestler was born February 11th, 1939, in Delavan, the son of Ewald J. and Esther (Ehrich) Koestler. He grew up in the rural Guckeen area.

On March 19th, 1956, Charles enlisted with the United States Army where he proudly served his country in Korea. Following his return to the states, he served as a member of the Army Reserve until receiving his honorable discharge February 28th, 1962.

On January 26th, 1959, Charles was united in marriage to Lily Sager in Milbank, SD. Together the

couple made their home in rural Guckeen until 1968. They then moved to their current home and farm near Granada. Charlie and Lil were blessed with three children, Eugene, Debbie, and Teresa and were to celebrate their 60th year of marriage in January 2019. Charles was a dedicated and caring husband and father.

Charlie loved life on the farm. He farmed for himself for 25 years prior to starting Koestler Farm Equipment where he bought, sold, and repaired farm equipment for over 30 years. Even after his retirement on May 20th, 2017, Charlie still enjoyed keeping up to date on what

was happening in the farming industry.

In his spare time, Charlie enjoyed tinkering in his shop, attending farm auctions, spending time with friends, hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and snowmobiling in his earlier years.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Lily Koestler; children, Eugene Koestler, Debbie (Richard) Mosloski, and Teresa (Jerry) Lund; grandchildren, Nicholas (Cassie Shumski) Mosloski, Nathan Mosloski, Conor Mae Lund, and Cade Lund; great-grandchildren, Chloe Mosloski and Maveric Mosloski; sisters, Marilyn (Dennis) Becker,

and Sharon Pausewang; sisters-in-law, Sylvia Stedman, Emily (Lowell) Hatfield, and Eileen McLean; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Charles was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edwin and Elsie Sager; sister, Shirley Stringham; brother, Wayne Koestler; brothers-in-law, George Jones, Vern Stringham, Joseph Pausewang, Glen Stedman, and Jerry McLean.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Lois R. Bird, 56



vices were held in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Lois passed away Friday, December 28th, 2018, at her home in Fairmont surrounded by her loving family. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Lois Rene (Smith) Bird was born April 22nd, 1962, in Fairmont, the daughter of Arlene (Hinz) Smith and Richard Smith. She grew up in East Chain, and attended school in East Chain with the class of 1980.

Lois worked at John's Super Valu in Truman following her family's move to Truman and later worked in the Lutheran Retirement Home in Truman where she took care of laundry for

many years before obtaining her CNA and working as a nurse's aide.

In 2011, Lois and Tim moved to Fairmont where Lois worked as a CNA at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont for a few years before taking some time off to nanny for her grandchildren while her daughter was stationed in Hawaii. Following her return from Hawaii, Lois then began working for Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center where she worked in the kitchen as a baker and continued working there until 2016, when she began her battle with cancer and because of her illness decided to retire.

Lois was a courageous cancer fighter with strength and determination to live

life to the fullest. Her first priority was always being an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. She found true passion in collecting unicorns and had an eye for finding the truly beautiful and unique ones. Lois was an avid gardener and baker, known especially for her famous Special K bars, spending countless hours bringing beauty and life to her yard and indoors. Her gardens in both Truman and Fairmont were featured in local tour of gardens. Lois was also a life member of the National Home Gardening Club. Her quiet time was spent cherishing time spent outdoors, drinking coffee and sharing a laugh with family and friends. Lois loved garage sales and

thrift shopping and looked forward to treating herself with chocolates. Lois was a devoted grandmother who was adored by all her grandchildren and was one of their biggest cheerleaders in all their activities. She loved being able to spoil her grandchildren as well as her fur babies.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 20 years, Tim Bird of Fairmont; children, Erica (Gordy) Diekmann of Coon Rapids, Tia (Larry) Schweiss of Welcome, Amanda (James) Johnson of Fairmont, and Michael Johannsen of Fairmont; grandchildren, Ayrton Aust, Kazin Diekmann, Mason Schweiss, Kiaya Schweiss, James Johnson, Daeden Diekmann, Elijah

Johnson, Nathaliah Johnson, and Lelani Johannsen; mother, Arlene (Hinz) Smith; three sisters, Kim (Tom) Garry, Karla (Dan) Heibel and Tonia (Dan) Hewett; brother, Brad (Jose Gallon) Smith; two sisters-in-law, Kelly (Larry) Iverson and Mary Bird-Lowry; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Lois is preceded in death by her father, Richard Smith and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lyle and Avis Bird.

The family would like to thank Shelly, Karen, Kendra and the Mayo Hospice Team for helping make Lois' final months comfortable and helping them take such good care of her.

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Evelyn J. Laue, 85



Funeral services for Evelyn Laue, 85, of Fairmont, were held Monday, January 7th, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert.

Burial was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. Evelyn passed away Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Evelyn Joan (Diersen) Laue was born March 13th, 1933, in rural Martin County, the daughter of Adolph and Alma (Goebel) Diersen. She was baptized March 26th, 1933 and was later confirmed in the Lutheran faith in 1947, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert.

Evelyn attended grade school at St. Paul's Lutheran in Wilbert and later gradu-

ated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1951.

On June 5th, 1953, Evelyn was united in marriage to Martin J. Laue at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. Together the couple made their home on the Laue homestead farm in Tenhasen Township and there raised their five children, Donna, Mary, Russ, Jeff, and Brenda. In addition, Evelyn and Martin also considered Mary Jo Doffing and Mark, Shirley and Megan Maschoff as family.

Evelyn worked for a short time at First Bank and then became Martin's partner working on the family farm. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran

Church in Wilbert, a member of the LWML and served her church in many different roles. Evelyn served on the Ceylon School Board for six years and was a member of the Hospital Auxiliary and the Truman Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary. She was active in the community and volunteered for many different projects and in the service of others.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Donna Laue of Mankato, Mary Mielke McManus and her husband, Dennis of New Germany, MN, Russ Laue and his wife, Julie of Fairmont, Jeff Laue and his wife, Julie of Fairmont, and Brenda Laue of Sioux Falls; additional family Mary Jo Doff-

ing and Mark and Shirley Maschoff; grandchildren, Rachel (Mike) Ford, Jonathan Mielke, Laura (Chris) Hier, David (Mollee) Mielke, Joshua Mielke, Kristen (Luke) Thun, Jennifer (Jeremy) Jacob, Michael (Amy) Laue, Erica (Matt) Berhow, Katelyn (Mike) Steeves, Tyler (Jessica) Laue, Ben Post, Megan Maschoff, Kristina (Dan) Jorgensen, Lisa (Andy) Auld, Julie McManus and Martin McManus; 20 great-grandchildren; extended family Lola and Lawrence Schultze, Marlene and Dennis Rolf, Tammy Diersen, Judith Gove, Gary and Jackie Diersen, Diane and Steve Chase, Jean and Paul Labbus, Linda and Gary Stangland, Leona Sim-

onett, Bonnie Conner, Kari Wedel, and Norma Conner as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Laue; parents, Adolph and Alma Diersen; stepmothers Clara and Elaine Diersen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry C. and Bertha Laue; brothers, Howard Diersen, Bruce Diersen and Roger Conner; sister Carolyn Conner; brothers-in-law Robert Gove and Lloyd Wedel; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Art and Annette Bremer and Cord and Vivian Laue; son-in-law Kendall Mielke and great-grandchild Brooke Lynn Laue.

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Helen S. Hartjen, 90



Funeral services for Helen S. Hartjen, 90, of rural Welcome, were held Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township,

rural Fairmont. Burial was in Welcome City Cemetery. Helen was called to her eternal rest Friday, January 4th, 2019 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center, Fairmont.

Helen Sophia Marie Winter was born June 9th, 1928 to Christian Frederick Daniel Winter and Alma Martha Amanda Anna Schulz in Lake Belt Township, Martin County. She was baptized in 1928 and later confirmed, both in Ceylon. Helen received her education in Ceylon Public School, later graduating with the class of 1946. On November 7th, 1945 she was united in marriage to Melvin Joseph Hartjen at the home of Helen's par-

ents. Helen was a housewife and farm wife and, together with Melvin, raised their eight daughters in Fox Lake Township, rural Welcome. Melvin was called to his eternal rest Friday, May 7th, 1999. Helen continued living on the farm until becoming a resident of Goldfinch Estates and Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Helen was a member of Zion Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. She greatly enjoyed traveling, crocheting, leather work, genealogy, Scrabble, Cribbage, computer games and email, and solving number finds.

Helen is survived by her eight daughters: Patricia

(Louis) Plueger of Mankato, Beverly Stowe of Minneapolis, Lonnie (Robert) Moffitt of rural Welcome, Kathleen (David) Schultz of Spirit Lake, Iowa, Jennifer Schmolke of rural Welcome, Marsha (Paul) Peterson of Blaine, Minnesota, Amy (Brad) Handevit of Mantorville, Minnesota, and Rita (Byron) Cole of Mantorville; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Melvin; two sisters, Hazel (Justin) Zitterich and Hilda (Al) Terfehr; and other relatives.

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Every good gift
and every perfect gift
is from above,
and comes down from
the Father of lights,
with whom there is
no variation or
shadow of turning.

JAMES 1:17



"Mary Magdalene in Ecstasy At The Foot of The Cross" by Guido Reni (1628/1629)

Faye
Preuss, 92



Funeral Service for Faye Preuss, 92, of Fairmont, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 10th, 2019, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in

Fairmont. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Faye passed away Saturday morning, January 5th, 2019, at Heartland Senior Living in Truman. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lois “Faye” Preuss was born on January 7th, 1926 to Floyd and Elizabeth (Culshaw) Lewis in Wells, MN. She received her education from Wells Public School.

On February 28th, 1960,

Faye was united in marriage to Norman Preuss at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Mankato. This marriage was blessed with two children, John and Julie. After their marriage, they made their home in Mankato until 1962 when they moved to New Ulm. In 1970, Norman and Faye moved to Fairmont. Faye worked for many years at JCPenney’s in Fairmont.

Faye was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Faye enjoyed socializing with friends and family. She always wanted to make sure everyone was happy and having a good time. She will be remembered for

her “nuts and bolts” chex mix and was never afraid to try new things.

Faye is survived by her children, John (Angela) Preuss of Fairmont and Julie (Paul) Brammer of Burnsville; three grandchildren, Justin (Melanie) Preuss, Elizabeth (Brady) Meyer and Olivia Brammer; two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Gavin Meyer; sister-in-law, Lucille (Mike) Alm; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Norman Preuss; and other relatives.

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James E.
Fellersen, 67



Memorial services for James “Jim” E. Fellersen, 67, of Fairmont, were held on

Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Military honors were provided by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. Jim passed away Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

James Edward Fellersen was born July 8th, 1951 to Clarence and Irene (Hughes) Fellersen in Fairmont. He graduated from Fairmont Senior High

School with the Class of 1969. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army in July of 1969 and served in Vietnam and Germany until being honorably discharged in February of 1972.

Jim was united in marriage to Debra Clark in Madison, WI. They were later divorced. Jim lived in Madison and then later moved to Fairmont. He worked at Gunthers Foods, Armour’s (Fairmont Foods) and Fairmont Tamper.

Jim was a member of the Martin County VFW Post #1222, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America and served on the VFW Honor Guard. He enjoyed hunting and fish-

ing trips, Las Vegas casino trips, long walks and the outdoors.

He is survived by his fiancé, Ruth Emery of Fairmont; son, Craig Fellersen of Fairmont; daughter, Jennifer Varnrobinson of Mesa, AZ; three grandchildren, Jaren, Jada and Hunter; two brothers, Owen (Sherry) Fellersen of Fairmont and Ken (Kathy) Fellersen of Monona, WI; sister-in-law, Barb Fellersen of Fairmont; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; twin sister, Jean Fellersen; and brother, Donald Fellersen.

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DEATH
notices



December 26 - Charles E. Koestler, 79, Granada Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
December 28 - Lois R. Bird, 56, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
December 30 - June M. Teeslink, 85, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
December 31 - Dennis D. Turner, 68, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 2 - Evelyn J. Laue, 85, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 2- James “Jim” E. Fellersen, 67, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 3 - David D. Olson, 70, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 4 - Helen S. Hartjen, 90, rural Welcome Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 5 - Faye Preuss, 92, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

January 2 - Ruth M. Schaefer, 90, Fairmont
January 3 - Linda Somerville, 71, Fairmont
January 4 - Mary A. Hoscheid, 85, Truman
January 4 - Luella B. Boesch, 96, Truman
January 5 - Merle K. Mitchell, 64, Fairmont

The Three Friends of Winter

Pine and bamboo are evergreen through winter, and plum tree blossoms signal the approach of spring. Together these plants form a motif in Chinese art and culture called “The Three Friends of Winter” that represents steadfastness, perseverance, and resilience. This imagery has been used in Chinese literature, painting, poetry, and calligraphy since the thirteen century. - Brenda Weaver

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MLHS memorials/honorariums

Martin Luther High School in Northrop recognizes these Honorarium and Memorial donations given to Martin Luther High School from November 1st to December 15th, 2018.

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MARVEL GENS - Erv and Ann Arndt, Dolly Mae Kassube, Gertrude Kassube
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BILL GRUNIG - Jerome and Janice Becker, Lawrence and Bea Wolf
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LUVENA HARTMANN - Jason and Sarah Wirth
VERONICA HOLLAND - Jamee and Tara Bohlsen, Robert and Pat Kosbab,

Martin Krause
ALBERT HOPFINGER - Elroy and Rhonda Geistfeld
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MELVIN KNUTH - JoAnn Wink
WAYNE and JILL KOENIG - Greg and Deb Schulz
DONALD A KRUSE - Gloria Barchenger
MARVIN LARSON - Richard A and Kathryn Schultz
LESLIE LEWIS - Elroy and Rhonda Geistfeld, Lyle and Bonnie Ann

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LAURA LORENZ - Steve Salzman
CINDI MCNAIR - Marlen and June Bents, Kurt and Lori Schlomann
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It was a quiet New Year for Karis and I this year. Karis came down with a nasty cough and draining sinuses the weekend before and she still has lingering effects of whatever it is. So, we both stayed home that night and basically fell asleep before even watching the ball drop. Of course, even if Karis hadn't been sick I doubt we would have made midnight anyway! We did wake up to a nice morning on New Year's Day though. Even if it was a little "crisp"



out there, it provided for a nice setting waking up to a peaceful day. After all of the hustle and bustle of work schedules, family time and social events, it is nice to settle back down into our "normal" everyday routine once again. January and February do tend to seem like they drag on forever since it is in the heart of winter, but so far this January has been a pleasant surprise weather-wise. Let's hope this trend continues!

"What is it?" continues

Last week's item is one that I had in the paper a couple weeks ago with no answers and it appears to have still stumped the readers. So I will run it again



this week and give you a small hint. The piece that is hinged and opens up is a leg. It is made mostly out of wood and is approximately 37 inches in overall length, is 3 3/4 inches wide and it has a few moveable parts. The movable piece slides back and forth on the main piece when it is extended and can be locked in place. So, what is it and what is it used for? Let's see if my hint helps anyone figure out what it is. If you know the answer, drop me an email at

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Time to start planning your garden!

I know it is tough thinking about gardening when temperatures are just over freezing and snow is on the ground (even if it isn't that much snow!), but I have already received two gardening catalogs in the mail in the past week. The annual "Burpee" catalog arrived the day after New Years and the Farmers Seed & Nursery catalog arrived last weekend. Since we didn't go anywhere last weekend with Karis still under the weather, I sat down and started

my garden planning for this year. It is fun taking a look at all the new and unique things to grow in the garden or in our patio planters. We usually try to have something new each year. Last year we grew "rainbow" carrots, which were different colors on the outside but either to traditional orange or white on the inside. We also grow a variety of squash, gourds, pumpkins and cucumbers each year. Never too early to plan your garden!

Food and Hockey

Here are a few things to let you know about before I go this week: •The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. and will feature A&W Swiss burgers, baked beans and chips. All meals also come with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, dessert and beverages. A \$2 donation is suggested. •Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont resumes its Open Door Meal Wednesday, January 9th from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are serving

chicken breast/nuggets. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert bar/cookie and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. A \$3 donation is suggested for this meal. •Saturday, January 12th the East Chain United Methodist Church will host the Monthly Community Coffee Party from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. They will be serving; rolls, donuts, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice. Free Will offering. •Saturday, January 12th, Fairmont Youth Hockey Association is honoring all active and past veterans with free admission to their girl's and boy's hockey games taking place at Martin County Arena at the fairgrounds starting at 1 p.m. that day. All area veterans are invited to attend and cheer on Fairmont hockey! Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - daylight hours are getting longer!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



"Blind Faith"

I read, somewhere, driving in a Minnesota snowstorm is a guessing game at best; you don't really know if you're in your lane, driving on the sidewalk, or across a lake! Truer words were never spoken, at least not between October and May in northern Minnesota. The secret is knowing your limits; when you can handle it and when you should consider staying off the road.

The other day I was in Wisconsin, homeward bound on Highway 53, a four-lane road. With over 100 miles left to go, it was pushing midnight and I was heading into a snowstorm. A storm the weather forecasters promised to be a big one. The roads were getting slick but the visibility was still good, so I kept going.

Posted speed limits become irrelevant in such conditions. Other driver's on the road have a wide range of driving skills and a 65 miles-per-hour speed limit certainly does not

mean it's safe to drive that fast. There's an old saying: anyone going slower than me is an obstacle; a hazard on the roadway. Anyone going faster than me is a maniac! I was meeting both.

I was comfortable running at 50 mph, keeping a safe distance behind the car in front of me, who was doing about the same speed. Ahead of him, there were some slower moving vehicles. He was approaching them too fast. I felt something bad was going to happen, so I slowed down, backing way off. He changed lanes to pass the slower cars, but one of them had the same idea at the same time. They played bumper

cars, bouncing off one another and spinning out. It appeared no one was hurt, so I drove on.

A bit later a semi, probably doing 60 or 65, passed me. Some cars were only doing 35 mph. I thought they were going too slow, but if that is the speed where they were comfortable and felt safe, so be it. I just hoped these "hazards" would be home and off the road soon. If that semi flies up behind one of those cars going that much slower, he's not going to be able to stop. I thought to myself, "What a maniac!" The snow was coming down heavier and visibility was falling with it.

Sometimes, when it's snowing really hard or if

you're behind a semi, or worse yet, a snowplow, you end up in a complete whiteout. With no visibility, you find yourself guided by the taillights of the vehicle in front of you, because they are the only thing you can see. Not knowing who you're following, this can be dangerous. You need to be careful.

In the distance ahead, as I was nearing the city of Superior, a barrage of flashing red, blue, and amber lights from emergency vehicles put on a colorful show. The usually intense, harsh lights were defused by the falling snow, blending the colors together softly, creating an image that looked like a dancing, colorful cotton ball. Danger lurked ahead...

To read the rest of this story, visit our website at fairmontphotopress.com or stop in to get a printed version of the full story upon request.

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January 26th, 2019

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ADULT

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- Championship, Competitive adult (including HS players)

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YOUTH

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ADULT

- Games are two 15-minute halves
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FAIRMONT AREA

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Breakfast menu can be found online. JAN 10 - 16

THUR: K-6: Pancakes, turkey sausage patty, blueberry parfait, roasted potatoes, celery sticks, apple, strawberries. **JR/HS:** Spaghetti, breadstick, broccoli & cauliflower, caesar salad, carrots, grapes, pears.

FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, ham & cheese sub, broccoli with cheese, cucumbers, orange, pineapple tidbits. **JR/HS:** Sloppy joe, tator tots, green beans, pepper strips, apple, fruit cocktail.

MON: K-6: Turkey hot dog, turkey, cheddar & bacon ranch wrap, fries, mixed greens salad, banana, applesauce. **JR/HS:**

Mac & cheese, dinner roll, peas, carrots, spinach & cranberry salad, apple, pineapple tidbits.

TUE: K-6: Nachos, rice, egg & cheddar chef salad, black beans, pico de gallo, carrots, orange, peaches. **JR/HS:** Tator tot casserole, dinner roll, corn, coleslaw, cucumbers, orange apple cinnamon slices.

WED: K-6: Spaghetti, dinner roll, turkey & cheese sandwich, corn, caesar salad, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, broccoli salad, banana, mandarin oranges.

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JAN 10 - 16

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

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

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

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

WED: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, harvard beets, cheesecake w/ cherry topping.

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JAN 10 - 16

THUR: Hamburger, fries, spinach salad, fruit.

FRI: Taco in a bag, rice, corn, veggies, applesauce.

MON: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, peaches, spinach salad, fruit.

TUE: Fish sandwich, cheesy hashbrowns, veggies, apples, oranges.

WED: Turkey cheese croissant, potato salad, baked beans, strawberries, fruit.

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JAN 10 - 16

THUR: Spaghetti, breadstick, broccoli & cauliflower, caesar salad, pears.

FRI: Sloppy joe, tator tots, pepper strips, orange.

MON: Mac & cheese, dinner roll, peas, pineapple chunks.

TUE: Tator tot casserole, dinner roll, corn, cucumbers, applesauce.

WED: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, broccoli salad, banana.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.

JANUARY 10 - 16

THUR: Pancakes, ham, green beans, strawberries.

FRI: hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, mandarin oranges.

MON: Taco salad, chips, apple wedges.

TUE: Chicken patty sandwich, mac & cheese, broccoli, peaches.

WED: Hamburger hotdish, carrots, bread, applesauce.

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The 5 most popular wedding colors for 2019

by Elise, EasyWeddings.com

1. White

It's a nice day for a white wedding after all and white is still a staple color for most weddings.

It's easy to pair with other color schemes and is used a lot as a supplementary color to complement the primary color theme.

2. Navy

Navy is the most popular primary color for weddings, being used as both a primary and a secondary color for most couples. It's rich nature give it that moody effect,

while the color itself is quite suited to a lot of other colors as well as skin tones for suits and dresses.



Greens and blacks in an industrial styled wedding reception setting. Image by Tess Follett Photography

3. Burgundy

We have loved watching burgundy surge into popularity this year as the second most popular primary colors at weddings. Again it's an-

other moody tone that is very rich, and is also a great and accessible pop of color to be used in stunning wedding florals.

4. Blush

Hanging on from 2017 as one of the most popular shades is blush, or millennial pink as we like to call it. While it's a much lighter tone than some of these other moody colors, we do love the lightness and playfulness that blush can give to a wedding. Plus, it's another one that's easily found in florals and décor.

5. Dusty Rose

A moodier pink than blush, more couples are going to be opting for dusty rose in their weddings in 2019. It's perfectly complemen-

tary to burgundy while still keeping that darker tone and shying away from the more pastel-like feel of blush.

While a certain color might not be the most popular shade over others, we're still seeing that there are some color groups where various shades of the same color are used more than one particular shade from a single group.

For instance, pinks are more popular for weddings overall than reds are, due to the fact that both blush and dusty rose are used as popular colors whereas burgundy is holding the flag on its own for redder shades.

When looking at popular wedding colors it's important to look at the

different shades within certain wedding groups. For instance, gold is currently a much more popular shade than silver, while elements of greenery as used in styling more than the actual color green.

We're also seeing that certain colors are more popular with certain themes, and these themes and colors rise

into popularity together. For instance, burgundy has been a bit color of boho weddings which we will see become more popular again in 2019, whereas dark navy coloring can bring an element of luxury to a wedding which we're seeing with the rise of luxe rustic and glamorous weddings.

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Outdoor weddings: The pros and cons

by Roya, EasyWeddings.com

Thinking of hosting a wedding beneath the stars? Here's a few of the pros and cons outdoor weddings bring up.

Pros:

• Celebrate beneath the stars.

If you are hoping to create a truly magical event, a wedding beneath the stars is the best way to go. String up hundreds of fairy lights, have outdoor fire pits and heaters and a large dance floor - guests will love it!

• Good weather = unforgettable event

If the weather is the

perfect temperature, your outdoor wedding has the potential to be one to remember for many years to come. You can tie the knot at a beautiful garden ceremony, host pre-function drinks and canapés complete with giant Jenga and croquet, and host your reception beneath the stars. Bliss.

• Unique venue possibilities

Having an outdoor wedding means you won't be constricted by venue possibilities and facilities. You can host in a backyard, a field or out in the

sticks if you really want to. Just make sure you have organised all the facilities the site might need: music, toilets, lights, dance floor, mobile catering op-



tions, etc.

• Festival weddings

Let's face it, festival weddings are the coolest thing since interactive mirror photo booths. The unlimited lawn space means lawn games, bouncy castles, food trucks, the best tunes and tipi wedding receptions. Awesome!

Cons:

• You are exposed to the elements

Unfortunately, hosting an outdoor wedding makes you vulnerable to Mother Nature. If it happens to rain heavily on the night, it might change

the entire outdoor experience. To prepare for the weather's unpredictability, make sure your reception is undercover in a marquee or tipi, and

have plenty of umbrellas, wellingtons, blankets and raincoats to go around.

• Limited facilities

Hosting your wedding in a backyard or a field might sound like an awesome idea, but you'll need all the facilities a venue offers to make it possible, and they don't come cheaply. For instance, you'll need to hire portaloos, mobile catering, power and lighting facilities, music, and all the reception decor items such as tables, chairs, plates, cutlery etc. Keep these items in mind when choosing to host an outdoor wedding - with all the additional facilities your field wedding may end up costing more than a function centre.

12 month wedding plan checklist

So you're getting married? Congratulations! You probably want your special day to be picture perfect - but there are a lot of things to do before the wedding bells ring.

This monthly wedding checklist, made with the help of highly rated wedding planners, outlines the steps from getting the ring to saying, "I do."

12-9 months before the wedding:

- Make a guest list
- Hire a wedding consultant
- Determine a budget
- Find your ceremony and reception venues
- Hire your photographer/videographer
- Hire your band or DJ
- Research marriage license requirements (regulations on when to get this vary based on state and county)
- Book your officiant
- Select wedding party attendants
- Hire your caterer
- Order the wedding dress
- Establish wedding colors and/or theme
- Decide on décor (floral, lighting, draping, china, linens, etc.)
- Send "save-the-date" cards
- Secure hotel rooms

for out-of-town guests
9-6 months before the wedding:

- Look at men's attire, whether custom-made or rented tuxedos or suits
- Pick out and order wedding invitations
- Decide on the menu
- Look into wedding hairstyles, bridal makeup and accessories
- Think about wedding cake

• Start dance lessons

• Plan your honeymoon

• Figure out transportation

• Plan your rehearsal dinner

• Take engagement photos

6-4 months before the wedding:

- Get wedding rings
- Finalize your menu and do a tasting
- Finalize music selections for ceremony and reception
- Meet with your officiant to finalize ceremony
- Choose readings and music
- Address wedding invitations: hire calligrapher, or do by hand or on computer
- Register for gifts
- Create formal photography list

4-2 months before the wedding:

- Mail wedding invitations
- Do a trial-run on hair and wedding makeup
- Design and print ceremony programs
- Start recording RSVPs

• Plan seating arrangements for the wedding reception

1 month before the wedding:

- Change name and address, determine other changes required (driver's license, Social Security, etc.)

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15 top tips for perfect wedding plans

By Lottie Dainton

1. Start planning early

You've got May 2018 in your mind as the ideal wedding date, but don't think that means you have to wait two years before you start plan-

ning! The earlier you get onto it, the easier, and less stressful it will be as your day approaches. Having a clear plan before you start will help you keep on top of everything and be sure that

you don't forget something important. Insurance, rough guest list numbers and the budget should always be your first three things.

2. Nail the budget

Don't spend anything until you've set a realistic budget that won't stretch you too far. It's a common mistake to forget all the little extras, too - for the budget to work, you need to factor in every detail. Don't forget to account for additional costs like dress alterations, gifts and beauty expenses. These can all add up!

3. Helping hands

Although it's your big day, your friends and family will be more than willing to help and will want to be involved in the planning. By getting help from people you trust, you're more likely

to feel that you can be honest if things aren't exactly as you want them!

4. Be selective with the guest list

Sorting the guest list early is important so you

can then focus on finding the perfect venue that will cater for your chosen number of guests. Costs per head will most likely be your biggest expense, so don't be guilt-tripped into inviting people you don't want to come. It's the biggest and hardest decision in the whole

5. Long distance venues

You may not be a fan of where you current-

majority of your guest list, as fewer people will be likely to attend. It will also affect the timings of your day - you can't expect guests in Liverpool to get to Somerset by 11am, for example. This is especially important if you're planning a wedding abroad. To be safe, expect that many people won't be able to make it.

6. Make sure you have a Plan B in place

However much you don't want to think it, something could go wrong on the day. This could be anything from a problem with the catering to rain (despite the forecast promising

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ity Card, credit cards, etc.)

• Make a wedding day timeline

• Make sure you know arrival and delivery times for vendors

• Have a final dress fitting

• Finalize all accessory purchases: guest-book, bridesmaids and groomsmen gifts, favors, etc.

1 week before the wedding:

• Pick up wedding dress or have it delivered

• Confirm honeymoon details

• Write your toast

• Make individual itineraries for the wedding party

• Send timetable to vendors and confirm de-

tails with them

• Compile a list of important cell phone numbers to give to people involved in wedding

• Pack for honeymoon

1 day before the wedding:

• Have giftbags for out-of-town guests delivered to hotel

• Get massage and mani/pedi

• Go to rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

• Put tips and final payments in individual envelopes

Day of the wedding:

• Eat breakfast

• Do hair and makeup

• Switch engagement ring to your other hand

• Rip the seam of the ring finger in your glove, if wearing gloves

• Relax and enjoy the day

• Breathe



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a dry day). Plan alternatives for each scenario and account for anything that might not go to plan so you're not left stressed out and panicking on the big day.

7. Pick your best girls

Your bridesmaids should be your biggest support throughout the planning process, so choose wisely. Friends you've recently made or cousins you rarely see are not the best choice. Instead choose your sisters, long-term best friends or close relatives. The last thing you'll want is to look at your wedding album a few years later and to be no longer

in touch with one of your bridesmaids.

8. Book the best photographer you can

Your wedding album is how you'll relive the cherished memories of your day, so don't underestimate the importance of a good photographer. Research carefully and find someone who understands exactly what you want. Engagement shoes are a great idea too, because you'll get to know your photographer better as well as practice your poses!

9. Get the menu right

One of the biggest talking points at any wedding is the food. From hog roasts and buffets to bake offs and mini fish 'n' chips, the quirkier the

better! Avoid skimping in this area – hungry guests are never a good thing!

10. Feel fabulous, but don't overdo it!

Everyone wants to look fab in their wedding photos, so if you'd like a confidence boost, now's the time to adopt a healthy eating plan and practise a few simple exercises to tone your body. On the other hand, going on an extreme diet is definitely not a good idea. Just remember that your groom wants to marry you exactly the way you are!

11. Don't fall for common beauty mishap!

The main culprits here are too much fake tan, coloured-in eyebrows and too much foundation! Yes, you will need to wear slightly heavier make-up than usual to make your features stand out in photos, but don't go crazy! 2015 is all about soft, smokey eyes and peachy tones on the lips and cheeks.

12. Give your groom his own responsibilities

Your fiancé may not have been planning his wedding since he was five, but he will definitely have his own ideas and opinions and will want

a say in the planning. Listen to what he says and remember it's his day, too! Most guys like to get involved with the menu, music and budget spreadsheets.

13. Make the little details personal

Your wedding is all about the two of you, so try to incorporate as much of your personalities into the day as you can. From the stationary and favours to the outfits and first dance, guests should say 'that's so them!'

14. Lists, lists and more lists!

With a million and one suppliers to deal with, each with different payment deadlines, it's impossible to keep track of everything by yourself. Sit down with your h2b, make a budget spreadsheet of forecast costs and actual costs as well as when payments are due, and list what things are left to do.

15. Don't forget what's important

Wedding planning can be stressful but if you find yourself getting too caught up in it all, take a step back and remind yourself what your wedding is really about – you marrying the love of your life!

How wedding planning has changed in last 10 years

By Katherine Santana

It's time to get the real low-down on weddings, and what better way than getting a first-hand opinion from real brides?

The results, based on the answers from a whopping 15,000 U.S.-based couples, reveal differing trends around budget, planning pressure, and more. The results are pretty surprising, and we definitely encourage you to take a look before you're knee-deep in planning for your own big day.

Budget

According to the survey, couples are spending nearly double on their wedding today as compared to 10 years ago, even though the guest list has generally stayed the same number of people.

Ten years ago, couples spent about \$16,000 on a wedding with an average of 110 guests. But today, that number has grown to approximately \$28,000 with an average of just 124 guests, making that an 81% increase over the

past 10 years (the guest list only increased by a measly 13 percent).

Wedding Planning Methods

Make no mistake, a lot of our favorite planning traditions are more popular than ever before. For example, per the data, only 27 percent of engaged couples sent a save-the-date to guests compared to 67 percent today!

Thinking of hiring a wedding planner? That might be a good idea! Thirty-one percent of engaged couples sought the help of planner to assist with their big day, compared to less than a third 10 years ago.

Make sure you book that photographer, too. Only 34 percent of couples decided to take engagement photos, compared to a whopping 62 percent today. Say cheese!

Have a Theme in Mind?

Creative brides, you're gonna LOVE this one! Ten years ago, only 17 percent of engaged couples incorporated a theme into their wedding, but, great news. Today, a little over 50 percent of couples plan their wedding around a theme—this trend has gone up nearly 188 percent! Feeling rustic? Go ahead! Want something

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Wait, what? Scholarships are taxable?



(StatePoint) Everyone knows about scholarships. They're no-strings-attached money to help students pay for their higher education. Right?

Usually, but not always. In some cases, there are significant strings attached -- including situations in which scholarships are treated as taxable income. While unusual, it's important for students, their families and scholarship providers to understand all the implications.

Tax Status

The tax status of scholarships first codified in 1954 was simple: for students pursuing a degree, all scholarships, fellowships and grants were tax-free. But later legislation specified portions of a scholarship could be taxed if it is considered "fees for services," or if it's used for living, travel or research expenses.

What's more, scholarships for non-degree candidates are also taxable. As professional certifications and certificate programs become vital to certain industries, experts say these laws put non-traditional students at risk of a heavy tax burden.

The Impact

Some experts say taxing scholarships comes at a cost for students and scholarship providers and even the federal government.

"For students, it can harm their ability to pay for their education," says Robert C. Ballard, president and CEO of Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit scholarship and education support organization. "For providers wanting to make the biggest charitable impact, it can make providing scholarships less attractive than alternative philanthropic efforts."

With most federal

financial aid calculations based on the pre-tax value of the scholarship, students risk a shortfall in aid. All of this has a disproportionate impact on low-income students. Those from the bottom income quartile spend the largest percentage of family income on higher education; almost half of that money is spent on the non-tuition costs for which scholarship awards are taxable.

"Taxing scholarship funds may increase government revenue in the short term, but it's short-sighted," says financial aid expert Mark Kantrowitz. "The federal government benefits financially long-term when students graduate and have the potential to earn more taxable income."

Should They Be Taxed?

Kantrowitz, along with Scholarship America's Despina Costopoulos Emerson, say restoring scholarships' tax-free status will help certificate- and degree-seeking students, and those who must work out of necessity, pursue their education without undue financial burdens.

To learn more about taxing of scholarships visit blog.scholarshipamerica.org.

Tips for a smooth tax season

(StatePoint) Though Tax Day happens every year, it still seems to take many Americans by surprise. This year, don't miss the deadline or let this crucial to-do loom large over your head.

To have a smooth tax season, consider the following:

- **Getting Started Early:** If you can, get a head start on your taxes. Filing early is a good tactic for anyone, but particularly those with evolving or complex financial circumstances. Not only will doing so help you prevent the anxiety that comes with procrastination, you'll receive your refund early -- if you're due one -- or give yourself time to prepare to

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- **Doing Research:** The list of what is tax deductible is more extensive than you might realize, so do your research. Keeping good records throughout the year of your expenditures can help you take advantage of these opportunities.

- **Having a Refund Plan:** Don't just let your checking account absorb your tax refund only to spend it on an impulse buy. Whether you invest



pay any owed taxes.

- **Relying on Old Tricks:** When it comes to tax preparation, sometimes, using old-school methods is the best way to go. Whether you are just getting started on crunching those numbers or you're finalizing all the information, a printing calculator like Casio's HR-170RC includes features that can aid in tax preparation and submission. This model also has some newer tools, like a built-in tax feature that lets you store a frequently-used rate and pull it up at-will, slicing your calculation times by an impressive margin.

the money in your retirement, sock it safely away for a rainy day or put it towards the purchase of a big-ticket item, such as the down payment of a house, having a plan for your tax refund can help you make the most of the money.

This year, have a fuss-free tax season. With a little planning, you can file your taxes efficiently, without headache and at the greatest benefit to your finances.

3 tips to help protect your retirement from fraud

It can take decades to save the amount of money you need for a happy and secure retirement.

It takes a lot less time -- maybe just minutes -- for con artists to rob you of that security.

"When you've reached retirement, your goal should be to protect what you've saved because it needs to last you the rest of your life," says Charisse Mackenzie, a financial planner.

"Unfortunately, there are plenty of scams out there designed to separate people from their money -- and sometimes specifically older people."

If you're a baby boomer who's recently retired or will soon retire, you want to be aware of such schemes, she says. If your elderly parents are still around, they could be susceptible, too, so you'll want to help protect them as well.

Mackenzie says there are plenty of things to be wary of, but just a few to be on the lookout for include:

Beware of "can't miss" investments. Perhaps you've heard radio commercials or online advertisements with tempting claims about "can't miss" investments that will give you extraordinary returns. Be skeptical, very skeptical, Mackenzie says. "You need to keep in mind the old wisdom that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is," she says. Yet often, retirees let themselves be lured into these investments, Mackenzie says, and soon find that the return in no way matches what was promised, or worse, it could be a Ponzi scheme of some sort and

they lose everything.

Be sure your financial professional is licensed. It's always a good idea to get help from a professional when you're investing your money. But it's equally important to make sure that person is properly licensed and registered to be doling out the advice they are giving you, Mackenzie says. The Securities and Exchange Commission points out you can check a financial professional's background through its database at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/>.

Beware of "pump and dump" schemes. Let's say an email pops into your inbox touting a great stock opportunity, but insisting you need to move quickly or you'll miss out. You could be the target of a "pump and dump" scheme. What's that? According to the SEC, in a "pump and dump" promoters try to boost the price of a stock with false or misleading statements about the company. Once the stock price has been pumped up, the fraudsters seek to profit by selling their own holdings of the stock, dumping shares into the market. They win, you lose.

"A little healthy skepticism never hurts," Mackenzie says. "If someone is pressuring you, or insisting that you must act quickly or you'll miss out on some great investment, alarms should go off."

"You should always take time to weigh financial decisions, especially when they could affect your retirement. You want to protect that money in every way you can."



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Wedding Attire—Grooms

Keepin' it casual is way in. Ten years ago, 31 percent of grooms dressed in a suit or opted for something more casual for their wedding-day look. But now, over half of grooms today prefer to don comfortable attire while walking down the aisle.

Catering and Dessert

The uber popular trend of incorporating non-traditional food options has doubled, with 26 percent of couples today using a food truck, pizza bar, ice cream station, and/or local fare during their big

day. Keep in mind, only 14 percent of engaged couples followed this trend 10 years ago.

More desserts, please! Over half of couples today provide their wedding guests with dessert other than the traditional wedding cake, compared to 28 percent 10 years ago.

Social Media

Go ahead and share that engagement ring selfie! Sixty-four percent of couples announce their engagement via social media compared to 18 percent 10 years ago. The same goes for announcing your nuptials.

But, make sure guests unplug on the big day. Many couples today request that guests turn off their phones to be fully

present during the ceremony, compared to six percent 10 years ago.

Finding a Vendor

With the help of technology, finding a wedding vendor is basically easier than ever before. Just 47 percent of couples a decade ago would view vendors online compared to 72 percent today. There is one downside, though. Nearly half of engaged couples today reported it being more difficult to narrow down vendors compared to just 25 percent before.

Planning Pressure

The media aren't always your best friends. Nearly 40 percent of engaged couples say they felt pressure from the media to have the "perfect" wed-

ding, versus 20 percent 10 years ago.

Unfortunately, brides are feeling the heat now more than ever, too. Nearly 40 percent of brides-to-be say they do all the wedding planning themselves versus 20 percent of brides-to-be 10 years ago.

But! Grooms are also pulling their weight more, too. Ninety-two percent (yep!) of grooms say they helped with at least one aspect of the wedding planning process, compared to just 83 percent of grooms before.

And the Most Challenging Part of Wedding Planning Is...

The top concern of planning remains determining the budget and number of guests.

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by Linda Thistle

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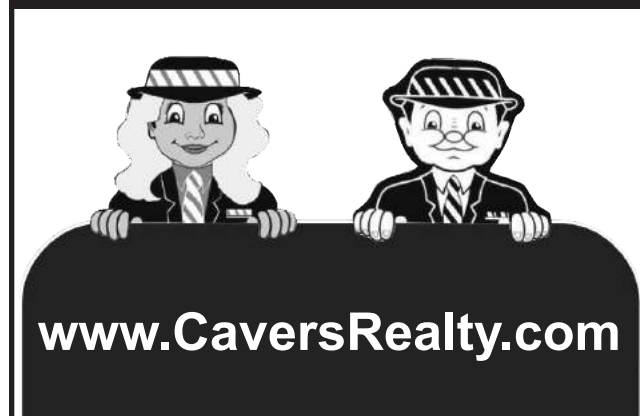
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Welcome State Bank to Jon Saxen, N½ Lot 2, Block 1 and S 41.10' Lot 3, Block 1, Campbells Subd OL 1 SS Welcome

Home 40 LLC to Brian Bosshart Trustee, Mob Trust II, EXC PT SW¼SW¼, 3-104-30

Joyce A. Lerum, Craig E. Leurum to Van Dewar Trustee, Van Dewar Revocable Trust, Lot 1, Block 1, Christensens Interlaken Addition

Marlin Bliesmer, Nancy Bliesmer to Mycah M. Bliesmer, Jami J. Poulson, Lots 31 and 32, Block 13, Original Plat of Dunnell

Gary E. Hanson, Linda M. Hanson to Marc E. Hanson, Neil G. Hanson, PT 161.60 AC, SW¼ 7-103-29

Frank J. Mensen to Jody Lyle, Stephen Lyle, N½ of E½ of E½, Block 3, Davis Park Addition Truman

Julie Liljenquist, Trent Liljenquist to Caroline North, PT Block 3, Wollastons Addition and Extension

Fisher Group of Mankato Inc. to OSD Partners LLC, Lot 1, Block 1, Center Creek Commons Addition

OSD Partners LLC to CDT LLC, Lot 1, Block 1, Center Creek Commons Addition

Fort Randall Cable Systems Inc. to Bevcomm Inc., N30', Lot 12, Block 4, Original Plat Welcome and Lot 8, Block 5, Original Plat Triumph and Lot 13, Block 9, Original Plat Truman

Randall N. Hines, Rhonda Hines to Colton J. Hines, E50' W100' of N½, Block 8, Goulds Addition

Gary L. Wassman, Linda S. Wassman to Amy Becher Trustee, E&T Wassman Family Farm Trust, EXC PT 7.72 AC, NE¼, 1-104-32

Joanne M. Maday, Richard L. Maday to Amy M. Maday, Tevi J. Maday, EXC 6.028 AC of NE¼ 3-102-30 and Lying S and E of RR and S of Hwy, NW¼ 3-102-30

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Elizabeth R. Smith to Elizabeth R. Smith Revocable Trust, Elizabeth R. Smith Trustee, SE¼NW¼ and E½ SW¼NW¼ and E½SW¼and E½ NW¼SW¼ and E½SW¼SW¼ and EXC 1.00 AC NW¼NE¼, 35-104-30

Arthur Stough, Norma Stough to Arthur Stough, Norma Stough, Lot 27, Vandrey Addition Truman

Ethan K. Schlemmer to Lyle E. Sathoff, N17½' Lot 30, Block 1 and EXC N50' Lot 31, Block 1, Southside Addition Sherburn

Angela L. Posivio, Angela L. Vaughn, Vincent C. Vaughn Jr. to Nolan Posivio, Lots 1,2,3 and 4 of Block 3, Village of Fox Lake

CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Delight Evelyn Kennedy, Dee Shell, Delight Evelyn Shell, James Shell to Faith A. Sitzman, Robert L. Sitzman, PT 24.1 AC SW¼SW¼ and PT 11.5 AC SW¼SW¼, 6-104-29

Duke Breyfogle to Maria Eugenia Saucedo, PT 50x50 in AP#13, NW¼NE¼ 8-102-30 and S44' Block 3, Stokes 2nd Addition

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Aaron Janssen, Alexander Janssen, Raymond Janssen, Vallus T. Janssen Trust-1998 to Jessica M. Laue, Tyler J. Laue, PT SE¼, Govt Lots 6 and 7 and PT SW¼, Govt Lots 2 and 7, 20-101-31

Julie A. Laue, Russell M. Laue, Julie A. Laue Revocable Living Trust, Russell M. Laue Revocable Living Trust to Amy J. Laue, Michael J. Laue, W½ EXC PT SE¼, 23-101-31

James A. Simon, Elsie C. Simon Irrevocable Trust to Debra J. Simon,

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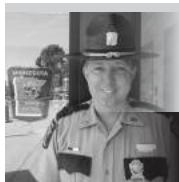
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N½ PT 8.28 AC, NE¼ 5-101-31

Janice M. Olson, Olson Revocable Trust Agreement to Ashley Becker, PT Outlot 10, Campbells Addition Welcome

P. E. Shellpeper, Paul Shellpeper, P.E. Living Trust to P.S. Trust, EXC S150' of W5' Lot 19, Block 2 and Lot 7,



Ask A Trooper: Vehicle headlight law

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
MN State Patrol

Question: I have noticed cars that can't be seen in the day when they fail to turn on their lights when it is snowing, raining or foggy. Can you please explain how dangerous it can be and what the law is that covers this?

Answer: Minnesota law states that every vehicle on a roadway shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps, and illuminating devices from sunset to sunrise. The law also applies when it's raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing and at any time when visibility is impaired by weather or insufficient light, at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

During the recent snow event, I noticed many vehicles without their lights on during the heavy snowfall. This can create a very dangerous situation, especially when visibility is reduced. Being seen can help reduce your chances of being involved in a crash.

Basic automatic headlights work through sensors which detect the amount of light outside. These sensors are located on the dash of the vehicle. The headlights turn on when the sensors detect a certain level of darkness or the level of ambient light.

The problem can be the limitations to automatic headlights. Sometimes they do not

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If your wipers need to be on, you should also turn on your headlights, taillights and marker lights. When lights are required, manually turn on your headlights to know that all your lights will be on. Also, make it a habit to check your lights often to ensure they are properly working.

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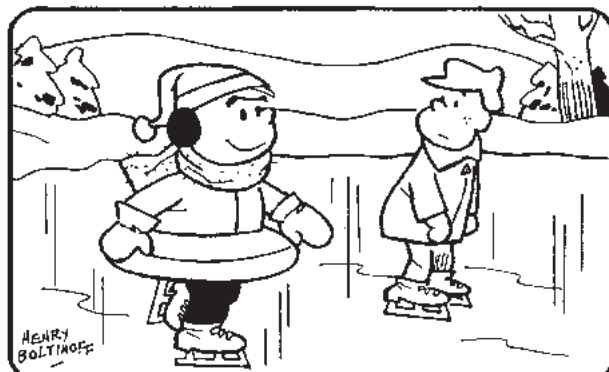


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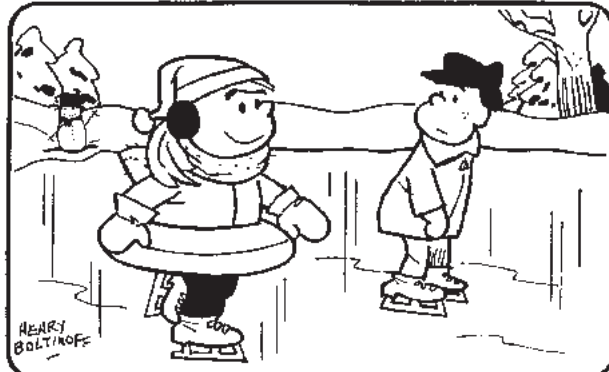
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Roth vs. Traditional 401(k): Which is right for you?

For many years, employees of companies that offered 401(k) plans only faced a couple of key decisions – how much to contribute and how to allocate their dollars among the various investment options in their plan. But in recent years, a third choice has emerged: the traditional versus Roth 401(k). Which is right for you?

To begin with, you need to understand the key difference between the two types of 401(k) plans. When you invest in a traditional 401(k), you put in pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Your contributions and earnings grow tax-deferred until you begin taking withdrawals, which will be taxed at your ordinary tax rate. With a Roth 401(k), the

situation is essentially reversed. You contribute after-tax dollars, so you won't lower your taxable income, but withdrawals of contributions and earnings are tax-free at age 59-1/2, as long as you've held the account at least five years.

So, now that you've got the basics of the two types of 401(k) plans, which should you choose? There's no one right answer for everyone. You essentially need to ask yourself these questions: When do you want to pay taxes? And what will your tax rate be in the future?

If you're just starting out in your career, and you're in a relatively low income tax bracket, but you think you might be in a higher one when you retire, you might want to consider the Roth 401(k). You'll be paying taxes

now on the money you earn and contribute to your Roth account, but you'll avoid being taxed at the higher rate when you start taking withdrawals. Conversely, if you think your tax rate will be lower when you retire, you might be more inclined to go with the traditional 401(k), which allows you to avoid paying taxes on your contributions now, when your tax rate is high.

Of course, you can see the obvious problem with these choices – specifically, how can you know with any certainty if your tax bracket will be lower or higher when you retire? Many people automatically assume that once they stop working, their tax liabilities will drop, but that's not always the case. Given their sources of retirement in-

come from investment accounts and Social Security, many people see no drop in their tax bracket once they retire.

Since you can't see into the future, your best move might be to split the difference, so to speak. Although not all businesses offer the Roth 401(k) option, many of those that do will allow employees to divide their contributions between the Roth and traditional accounts. If you chose this route, you could enjoy the benefits of both, but you still can't exceed the total annual 401(k) contribution limit, which for 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you're 50 or older.

You may want to consult with your tax advisor before making any decisions about a Roth or traditional 401(k) – or Roth and traditional 401(k) – but in the final analysis, these are positive choices to make, because a 401(k), in whatever form, is a great way to save for retirement. Try to take full advantage of it.

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Ellingsen featured quilter at "Sewing for Sight"



On Saturday, January 12th, area quilters will take over the Parish Center of St. George for the 8th annual Sewing for Sight event to raise funds for the Foundation for Saving Sight and their sight saving efforts in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. With 100% of funds from this event going to the foundation, over \$90,000 has been donated in the first seven years to make an amazing difference in the lives of the people of Guatemala.

Blue Earth quilter Mike Ellingsen has been invited to be the featured quilter for this event. Over 100 of his quilts – some that have never been shown locally – will be on display, along with quilts from many of the sewing par-

ticipants. Quilters have registered to sew at a table from morning 'til night.

This quilt show will be open to the public from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with an admission charge of \$5. There will also be independent vendors, a second hand market, a quilters' boutique, silent auction, and a home-spun cafe on site. St. George Parish is located approximately 10 miles northwest of New Ulm at 63128-388th Lane.

The Sewing for Sight annual Quilt Show is organized by the Sewing Seeds Quilt Shop in New Ulm with assistance from the St. George United Financial. All proceeds go directly to the Foundation for Saving Sight.



Fairmont Area High School Junior Izzy Munsch tries to pep up the FHS pep band at last Friday night's double header basketball game. Go Izzy! (Submitted photos)



Jim Miller (right), Martin County Veterans Memorial President, accepting donation toward the purchase of a granite bench dedicated to the Korean Veterans Chapter 254 from Marvin Talledge, Korean Veterans Chapter 254 Member. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont Ford recently made a donation of \$1,000 to "Kids Just Want To Have Fun" group for their mini golf project. Pictured (L to R): Betsy Tino, Chris Hasek, Teresa Haycraft, Meaghan and Mackenzie Slam and Ed Willett. (Submitted photo)

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PeeWee Hockey results

The Fairmont PeeWee A team played two home games the final weekend of 2018.

Saturday, December 29th they hosted the St. Peter/Le Sueur Bulldogs and came back from a 3-1 deficit in the 3rd period for a win.

Brock Lutterman of Fairmont had a hat trick with assists from Barret Scholl, Beau Becker and Matthew Cone and Connor Gronewald had an unassisted goal. Goalie Ethan Geerdes had 29 saves.

Sunday, December 30th the PeeWee A team hosted the Dodge County Wildcats and defeated them 4-2.

Scoring for Fairmont was Brock Lutterman with an assist from Jace Teveldal from Barret Scholl. Lutterman had another assisted goal from Hank Artz. Beau Becker also had an assisted goal from Hank Artz. Jace Teveldal had an assisted goal from Brock Lutterman. Goalie Ethan Geerdes recorded 20 saves.



Fairmont Hockey Mite team (8U) went to a hockey tournament in Mitchell, SD last weekend and placed 2nd overall in a round robin tournament. They beat Worthington, Mitchell and the Oahe Capitals, but fell short against Brandon, SD. Front (L to R): Avery Kurt, Alexis Haycraft, and Kennedy Murphy. (middle) Luther Malo, Hayln Haycraft, Lauren Bettin, Wesley Topitzhopher, Kane Wohlhuter, and Lucas Kotewa. (back) Coach Aaron Haycraft and Maggie Malo. The team is sponsored by Fairmont Ford. (Submitted photo)



DANCE SHOW - The Cardinal dance team performed at the halftimes of the Cards and Maverick games last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



(At Left): **CONTESTED LAY-UP** - The Jaguars Makayla Hall drives to the basket against the Cards Madysen Allen. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



CROWDED LANE - Bryn Miller goes in for a lay-up against Granada Huntley East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther's Rachel Stauter and Michaelah Petrowiak. The Cards defeated the Jaguars 54-34 on Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

Red Bulls take 2nd in South Dakota Tourney

The Class AA, No. 4-ranked Red Bulls placed second at last Saturday's Dan Pansch/Jesse James Invitational at Brandon Valley, South Dakota. Eight Red Bull wrestlers placed led by Lucas Jagodzinske and Jaxson Rohman who finished first in their weight class. Canton, South Dakota, who was the undefeated Class B champs last year, took the event 254 points to the Red Bulls 229.

Team Results: 1. Canton 254; 2. Red Bulls 229;



3. Chamberlain 164.5; 4. Huron 153.5; 5. Harrisburg 126.5; 6. Brandon Valley 126; 7. Sioux Falls Roos-



evelt 95.5; 8. Dell Rapids 93; 9. Tea 87.5; 10. Bon Homme/Scotland 86; 11. Beresford 76; 12. Tri Val-

ley 70; 13. Vermillion 64.5; 14. (tie) West Central and Yankton 46s; 16. Sioux Falls O'Gorman 42; 17. Garretson 33; 18. Flandreau 20; 19. Luverne 15.5

Red Bulls individuals: 106 Jesse Potts 2nd, 113 Lucas Jagodzinske 1st, 120 Jaxson Rohman 1st, 126 Connor Simmonds 2nd, 132 Cale Steuber 3rd, 138 Jordan Wolter 3rd, 145 Payton Anderson 3rd, 160 Nathan Simmonds 2nd, 170 Mario Maldonado 4th, 182 Tristan Lange 4th, 220 Jacob Rahn 4th.



BULL PIN - Class AA #4-ranked Nathan Simmonds pinned the Bucs Kean Hicks in the 160 lb. weight class. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



RED BULL DELIGHT - Class AA #5-ranked Lucas Jagodzinske celebrates his pin of the Bucs Ty Peterson. The Class AA #4-ranked Red Bulls defeated Blue Earth Area 59-12 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



LANE RUNNER - The Mavericks Alyssa Williamson soars between the Cardinals #41 Faith Olson and Bryn Miller. Martin County West defeated the Cards 44-25 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



HIGH BLOCK - The Mavericks Wyatt Geistfeld goes up high to block a Cardinal shot as teammate Zach Anderson and the Cards #15 Wyatt Frank look on. Martin County West held of the Cards late rally to win 59-56 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



SOFT TOUCH - Cards Cadence Becker lays a shot up against the MCW Mavericks. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



FLOATER - Cards Dustin Schultz shoots over the out stretched hand of the Mavericks Zach Anderson. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



On Saturday, December 15th, members of the Blue Earth Singers joined the Tarnished Brass at the Basilica of St. Mary in the Twin Cities premiere of "My Soul Magnifies the Lord". This setting of the Magnificat (also known as the Song of Mary) was written for brass and voiced by Thomas Root in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Tarnished Brass. The work received its world debut in August 2017 in Fairmont. Singing in the ensemble were Morgan Dickman, Dee-Anne Helfritz, Paula Kabe, Shannon Dickman, Lill Robinson, Jolene Krussow, Maggie Ragan, Mike Ellingsen, Andrew Ellingsen, Kurt Steinke, and Eric Ellingsen. (Submitted photo)



The Fairmont Ambassadors paid a visit to the Photo Press before Christmas for a ribbon cutting celebrating the Photo Press 55th anniversary.



Ambassadors congratulate Dave Pederson of Fairmont Area Chamber member Bowlmor Lanes/Tee Box, on the installation of their new state-of-the-art Vector scoring system.



Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors welcome new business Last Touch Paint to their new location at 219 N. State Street in Fairmont.

Government shutdown could impact farm operators

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The partial shutdown of the U.S. government has entered its third week (as of January 7th). The shutdown officially began after December 21st, 2018. Through the holiday season, most of the discussion regarding the shutdown has been around the political division over the issues that initially lead to the shutdown. However, as the shutdown continues, more federal government services that will be suspended or reduced are being identified, and several of those could impact farm operators and the agriculture industry. Local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices remained open during the first week of the government shutdown through December 28th, 2018; however, they have been closed since that date.

A majority of farm operators received the second half of the market facilitation payments (MFP) for federal tariff aide prior to the closure of local FSA offices on December 28. Producers that had submitted MFP applications by December 21st, 2018 and had their 2018 production evidence processed, likely received their MFP payments, as

long as there were no other issues related to issuing the payments. Producers that did not submit a MFP application by December 21st or have not had their production evidence verified will need to wait until the government shutdown ends to receive eligible MFP payments. The deadline for MFP applications is January 15th, 2019, and the deadline to submit 2018 production evidence is May 1st, 2019. No announcement has been made by USDA if the MFP deadline dates will be extended due to the government shutdown.

The closure of FSA offices also means that producers will not be able to take out Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans until the government shutdown ends. The CCC loans are 9-month loans that are taken out on a producer's 2018 grain production that is in storage. CCC loan applications that were made by December 21st were likely processed by FSA offices, and the loan funds were released. Release of some CCC loan funds prior to the shutdown may have been delayed due to missing signatures or the FSA office needing other re-

quired information.

Many farm operators utilize CCC grain loans for short-term financing early in a given year to finish paying any accounts payable on their crop operation from the preceding year, or for payment of prepaid crop input costs for the current year. The CCC loans are usually at a reduced interest rate, compared to interest rates paid on traditional farm operating loans. Farmers that were counting on CCC loans for a portion of their 2019 financing may need to discuss other alternatives with their ag lender.

Many ag lenders utilize FSA direct and guaranteed loans as a financial tool for providing financing to farm operations. FSA loan guarantees have become extremely important in recent years during the current extended period of reduced farm income and low profit margins in most segments of farming. The loan guarantees reduce the risk to traditional ag lenders when they are providing financing to farm operations that have faced some financial challenges. The government shutdown will likely slow the FSA loan approval pro-

cess, and if the shutdown continues, it could result in difficulties for some farm operators being able to finalize their 2019 farm operating loans on a timely basis.

The FSA direct loans are especially important to younger farmers and those with less than 10 years of experience, who may have difficulty getting financing through traditional lenders. The direct loans typically provide longer term loans at lower interest rates to producers for land purchases and other capital improvements. For farmers that are in this situation, the government shutdown could prevent them from getting the necessary financing through traditional ag lenders. The shutdown could also delay the FSA loan approval process to a point where producers might miss out on a purchase opportunity.

USDA has also announced that the monthly crop reports, as well as the supply and demand reports, scheduled to be released on January 11th will be delayed until further notice. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) January crop report is widely referred to, as it is usually very close to final national and state crop production and yield data for the previous growing season. The U.S. crop production data, along with updated crop production data for South America and other parts of the world, are included

in the monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, which was also scheduled to be released on January 11th.

The WASDE report also includes updated grain usage and export estimates for U.S. grain supplies, as well as projections for farm-level grain prices for the current marketing year. These reports can be very useful to crop producers, livestock producers, processors, and others, as they are making marketing decisions, doing cash flow projections, and planning ahead for the coming year. If the government shutdown continues in the coming weeks, more USDA crop and livestock reports, as well as other data and reports, could be delayed.

The government shutdown will also likely slow the USDA implementation process for the new Farm Bill. It normally takes several weeks to get all the rules and regulations written for the revised farm programs and other Farm Bill provisions. FSA staff then need to be trained on the new farm programs before the sign-up process can begin. Farm operators will need to make a two-year farm program decision for all commodity crops for the 2019 and 2020 crop years once the farm program sign-up process begins at FSA offices.

As of this writing, there is no compromise federal

budget solution on the horizon that would end the government shutdown. However, government services could be restored quickly, and FSA offices reopened soon, if an agreement is reached and a bill is passed by Congress, which is then signed by President Trump. The last Federal government shutdown was 2013 and lasted just over two weeks before a resolution was reached. The longest government shutdown in recent history occurred in 1995 and lasted 21 days. The current shutdown reached 17 days on January 7th.

Farm operators that were counting on utilizing CCC loans for short-term financing early in 2019 need to be patient until the government shutdown ends and local FSA offices are open again. If the shutdown continues, they may want to consult with their traditional ag lender for financing alternatives to replace the CCC loans. Ag lenders and farmers that were planning on utilizing direct and guaranteed FSA loans for financing need to be communicating with each other regarding potential short-term alternatives until the shutdown is halted. Producers that still need to apply for MFP payments will want to address this as soon as FSA offices reopen, as well as watch for any details from USDA regarding a potential extension of the MFP application deadline, which is currently January 15th.