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Taste, sight or smell; Dark tunnell of black

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

Anyone who is Scandinavian or married into a Scandinavian family has faced it. The first TASTE, SIGHT, OR SMELL of lutefisk is a remembered event. Sometimes the first taste is enough to ward off any future tries.

Even the smell in the kitchen sometimes does the trick. However, there are those who seem to enjoy what others despise. Many were brought up with lutefisk being "a special Christmas meal". Others, like me, have learned to eat it. This has been done by gaining an appreciation for the TASTE, SIGHT, OR SMELL of something that so many others enjoy.

My last experience with lutefisk will always be a memorable one. We have attended the St. Olaf College Christmas Concert for thirty-five years. The

college has a true Norwegian background that goes back to its very beginning. It is for this reason that they continue to serve a true Norwegian buffet



each year. It is served from two places, the student cafeteria or a separate dining area called the "Kings Room". We usually eat in the student dining area. However, the large room is usually very crowded so it is hard to find seating for our rather large

group. It is also noisy and hard for some to hear the sometimes soft conversation. It is only in the past few years that we have eaten in the "Kings Room". The room contains many large round tables that are covered with white tableclothes with a beautiful seasonal arrangement at the center. Each is set up with high-stem glasses, polished silverware, and white cloth napkins. Being seated at a round table allows for quiet conversation. The buffet is always set up in a serving line which offers an attractive and systematic manner of serving. You just help yourself! It is interesting to listen to those who are serving themselves and trying lutefisk for the first time.

Our group went through the buffet with the hope of once again

enjoying the taste of the Scandinavian delicacies. We returned to the table and started eating. Then it happened! Those who took both lutefisk and red cabbage were shocked by what they saw happening. The lutefisk on their plates started to change in color. We decided that the chemicals in two of the foods were in conflict. The vinegar of the red cabbage and the lye if the lutefisk had a chemical reaction. The lutefisk on each plate turned from white to mint green. Looking down and seeing this change was something unbelievable. Gone was the worry of TASTE OR SMELL. It was now the SIGHT that was in question.

Dark tunnel of black

You saw them often if you grew up on a farm. Rats and mice loved the same grain that fed the livestock of the farm. However, I always thought that they loved the ear corn crib to most. They formed runs

within the ear corn and lived within this place of plenty

An inexperienced farm boy was sometimes asked to help shell ear corn.

This meant that they would have to go directly into the crib and shovel the corn into "the drag", a long metal trough with a moving chain. The chain would carry the corn to the machine.

The workers with experience in shelling had a good idea which farms had rats. Some claimed that they could smell them. Some could spot the runs within the corn.

One of the joys when training the inexperienced was not telling them about something that should be feared. When rodents are disturbed they will always run to the nearest DARK TUNNEL OF BLACK. This



could be the pant leg of someone shoveling corn.

Most of the inexperienced thought that they were only being teased and did nothing to protect their DARK TUNNEL OF BLACK. However, seeing the first rat made them believers. It taught them that this fear was not a joke-it was something real. They soon learned to fold the bottom of their pant legs tightly around their legs and cover them with their "pulled up" socks. This blocked the DARK TUNNEL OF BLACK.

I have shoveled corn-I have seen the rats-I am a believer in this lesson of the prairie.

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Baby Buzz

Os Thomas Heuer, son of Simon and Kate Heuer of Burbank, California, was born December 15th, 2017 in Tarzana, California. He weighed nine pounds, 10 ounces and was 21½ inches long.

Grandparents are John and Kathy Heuer of Fairmont and Roger and Cindy Stadum of Fargo, North Dakota.

Great grandparents are Shirley Heuer of Turlock, California, Betty Stadum of Moorhead, Minnesota and Ron and Barb Martin of East Gull Lake, Minnesota. Os has a brother Jack and a sister, Betty.

The Ceylon Fire Department will have a **pancake breakfast fundraiser** on Sunday, January 14th from 9 a.m. to noon at Legends 2/Ceylon American Legion Hall in Ceylon. They will be serving pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham and sausage. Funds raised from the pancake feed will go towards the Ceylon Fire Relief Association.



A recent grant was made in Martin County from the Odell Windfarm Community Fund. The Martin County 4-H program was awarded \$500 for its arts program, specifically skills development and performing arts lessons. Presenting the \$500 check to Martin County 4-H coordinator Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence was Jean Burkhardt, advisory board member. More information on the fund is available at facebook.com/odell-wind-farm-community-fund or email odellwindfarm@gmail.com. The next round of applications due January 15th. (Submitted photo)



After a debut performance in 2014 at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, Harper's Chord is back by popular demand, bigger and stronger than ever, for another great evening of music, Saturday, January 20th at 7 p.m. Jill, Paul and Roger embarked on a magnificent musical journey five years ago which has taken them far beyond their humble aspirations. Inspired by groups like Little Big Town, Lady Antebellum, Dixie Chicks, Sarah Jarosz and Alison Krauss, Harper's Chord is all about the music, playing originals and carefully selected covers that tell poignant stories and speak to their musical sensibilities. Tickets are available in advance at Hy-Vee in Fairmont or the online box office at www.redrockcenter.org. Tickets will be \$2 higher at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



GRUNIG 70TH - Bill and Eulalie Ann Grunig of Truman will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Friday, January 19th. Cards can reach them at: 2048 - 210th Avenue, Truman, MN 56088.

CREST hosts "Matter of Balance" Class

The volunteer caregivers organization "CREST" of Martin County will be presenting the class "A Matter of Balance" on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning on January 23rd and concluding on March 13th at the Trimont Community Building, located at 41 2nd Avenue NW in Trimont.

This 8 session class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. It includes an exercise program, identifying our fears and finding options for overcoming them. We

also check our homes for safety and falling issues. This curriculum is good for planning ahead to still do the things we like to do.

Anyone having concerns about falling or wanting to improve their balance, flexibility, and strength is encouraged to attend. Registration is required in order to provide the needed materials and a \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. Registration deadline is Friday, January 19th. If you have questions or would like to register for this class, call the CREST office at 235-3833.

Rotary Trivia Quiz Night is January 18th

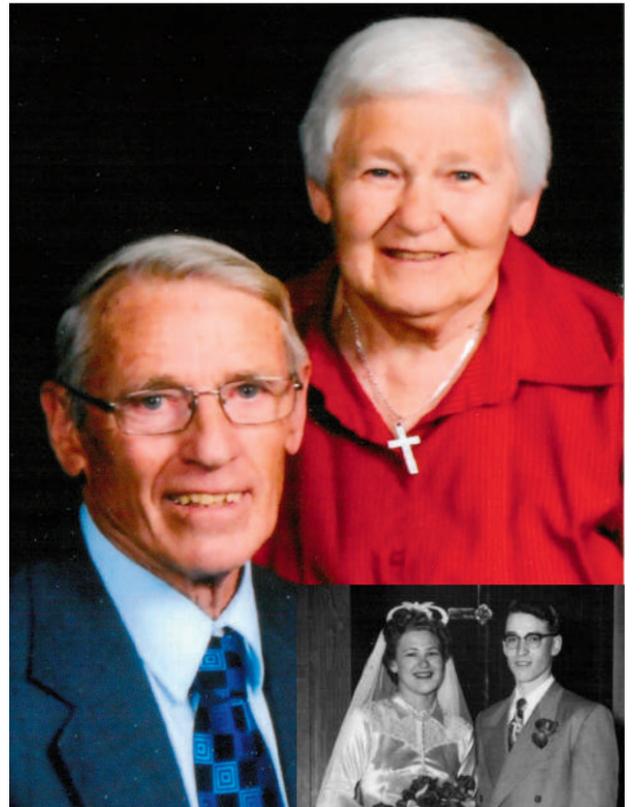
Fairmont Rotary's Trivia Quiz Night will be held on Thursday, January 18th, 7 p.m. at the Blazer Bar, Downtown Plaza, Fairmont.

Come and support Rotary International's fundraising projects. Cost is \$10 per person with teams

of up to eight members of all ages, with cash prizes awarded.

Call 507-236-7159 for any questions. <https://www.facebook.com/fairmont.rotary>.

The next Trivia Quiz Night will be February 15th.



CROSS 65TH - Gene and Ione Cross of Fairmont, formerly of rural Sherburn, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Fairmont United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 20th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. They were married January 18th, 1953. They request no gifts, please. Your presence will be gift enough.



The Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will be having a **community meal** on Sunday, January 14th from 5-6 p.m. They will be serving beef-chicken chili and dessert. The worship center is located at 2 Crossroads Drive, across from Kum & Go convenience store in Sherburn.

East Chain United Methodist Church in East Chain will host the monthly **Community Coffee Party** on Saturday, January 13th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. They will serve rolls, donuts, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!

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Leonard & Lenore Wendt

Annual DFS fundraiser to be held January 22



The annual chicken dinner fund-raiser for the Fairmont chapter of Dollars for Scholars will be held Monday, January 22nd. The meal, to be catered by Pizza Ranch, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus at 920 East 10th Street in Fairmont.

The two-piece chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw and roll will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue to 6:30 p.m.; carryout will be available. Tickets are \$10 at the door. If the dinner is postponed due to poor weather, the snow date is Monday, January 29th.

Profits from this fundraiser go toward scholarships for Fairmont High School graduates. Since its inception in 1974, Fairmont Dollars for Scholars has awarded 3,646 scholarships worth more than \$2.9 million. Applications for the 2018 awards cycle are now being accepted at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org.

If you would like to discuss creating a scholarship or have questions about the dinner, contact Loren Dunham at (507) 238-1172 or email [Liz Wheeler](mailto:Liz.Wheeler@fairmontdollars.org) at Liz.Wheeler@fairmontdollars.org.

Welcome Historical Society memorials

The Welcome Historical Society acknowledges all memorials received from 7/1/2017 thru 12/31/2017

Virginia Austin: Wendell and Helen Rode, Gary and Janet Miller

Jim Schmidt: Gary and Marsha Williams, Lois and Ione Nelson, Mary M. Williams

Charlene Swanson: Lois and Ione Nelson

Clyde Bong: Lois and Ione Nelson

Corey Williams: Lois and Ione Nelson

Betty Stine: Gary and

Marsha Williams, Lois and Ione Nelson, Mary M. Williams, Joe and Ida Rae Reosler, Wendell and Helen Rode, Larry and Gayle Schuett, Grace Mulso

Gwen Monk: Jim and Carol Kliver

Donald Daleske: Wendell and Helen Rode, Jim and Carol Kliver, Joe and Ida Rae Reosler, Brian and Renee Poppe, Chuck and Pat Schultz

Jim Wintheiser: Joe and Ida Rae Roessler

Jim Scholl: Mildred Miller



James Johnson (left) of James Johnson American Family Insurance of Windom made a donation of \$550 to Ceylon Area First, a new local non-profit aimed at improving the quality of life of the entire Ceylon area. Its most recent project is its collaboration with the Imagination Library of Tennessee to bring a reading program for children ages 0-5 in the Ceylon zip code. Accepting the donation is Ceylon Area Director John D. Gibeau. (Submitted photo)

Fairmont Ice fishing contest January 27th

Fairmont Lakes Foundation's annual ice fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, January 27th on the Fairmont Lakes. Registration is open to the first 150 anglers and registration forms and information is available at Sommer Outdoors, 1547 Albion Avenue.

Check-in begins at Sommer Outdoors between 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Entry fee is \$30, payable to Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. The

fee includes a burger and chips that day at the Channel Inn.

Prizes include: Clam Nanook Ice House, Humminbird 5" Helix, 8" K-Drill, StrikeMaster Ion auger, Engle bait cooler, Big Buddy heater, Marcum LX-6 flasher, ice fishing package, Otter sled, underwater camera.

In addition the biggest walleye and biggest panfish caught will pay \$100 in cash each.



The Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis group recently hosted speakers representing Kids Against Hunger. This will be the tenth year that the Kiwanis group has faithfully packed meals with Martin County Kids Against Hunger. They also contributed \$200 to the event which will be held on February 17th, 2018 at St. John Vianney School in Fairmont. (Submitted photo)

Schellpepers fund four DFS scholarships

Kay, Paul, Kathy and Drew Schellpeper have made a donation to Fairmont Dollars for Scholars to create four annual scholarships for graduating students pursuing studies in the hard sciences.

"We've done this for several years at South Dakota State. Drew and Kathy graduated from there and felt they received a very good education," said Paul. "Our scholarships have worked well ever since."

The gift will create four renewable scholarships for the graduating class of 2018. Current seniors who plan to pursue post-high school education in majors such as chemistry, engineering, math, nursing, pre-med or computer science can apply for the awards beginning January 1st, 2018 at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org. Fairmont Dollars for Scholars also has more than 150 other scholarships for which students can apply beginning January 1.

SDSU allowed Schellpeper to create their own guidelines and incentives for the awards, to tailor-make the scholarships. "I was really pleased to find Dollars for Scholars would do that too," he said.

The Schellpeper Family

scholarship will award each of the four students \$2,000 the first year. If the students continue studies in the hard sciences and maintain 3.0 grade point average, they will receive \$3,000 their second year, \$4,000 their third year, and \$5,000 their fourth year.

Because all funds are considered pass-through funds, meaning the scholarship program uses all donations for that fund toward annual awards without investing the principal, this scholarship program depends on the continued investment of the Schellpeper family. So how long will this particular scholarship program go? "We would like to do a few of these every year for the foreseeable future," Paul said.

Since its inception in 1974, Fairmont Dollars for Scholars has awarded 3,646 scholarships worth more than \$2.9 million. For updates, you can follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/FairmontDFS](https://www.facebook.com/FairmontDFS).

If you have any questions about applying or creating a named scholarship, contact chapter president Loren Dunham at 507-238-1172 or Liz Wheeler at fairmontdollars@gmail.com.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

HEBREWS 4:13,14

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Sedition, Patriotism, The Commission of Public Safety & Liberty Bonds

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



The Nonpartisan League is a term that may not be very familiar today; however, during World War I it significantly affected some residents of Minnesota as well as Martin County. Sedition, patriotism, Liberty Bonds, and the Commission of Public Safety were terms that became widely used and accepted at that time in our history.

Initially, the Nonpartisan League was an agrarian effort that started in North Dakota in 1915 and spread to Minnesota shortly thereafter. It developed as a result of poor market conditions for farmers and it promoted economic reforms that were alleged to aid the farmers that considered themselves exploited by middlemen in the grain elevators, packinghouses, stockyards, and cold storage industries. Opponents labeled it as "Socialist," however, the League did not attempt a third party approach but rather endorsed candidates that pledged to support their goals. With the onset of World War I, Leaguers were viciously attacked as disloyal pacifists and the Commission of Public Safety, detailed below, was eventually instrumental in dismantling the League in 1918. At that time,

the NPL had over 50,000 members in Minnesota and had endorsed Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., as their candidate for Governor. He and league members faced brutal opposition during the campaign.

The Commission of Public Safety was created by the Minnesota Legislature. It had what appeared to be limitless latitude and authority in essentially trampling civil rights in the name of "Patriotism" at that time.

As a result of America's entry into World War I, a climate of suspicion arose about anyone seemingly different. This was not limited to Minnesota's long-established German population but included all immigrants, those who spoke a foreign language, those that belonged to unions or supported strikes, and those belonging to suspect organizations such as the Nonpartisan League. Then, with the establishment of the Alien Registration Act of 1918, all aliens were required to register, to declare their holdings, and to state why they had not become citizens. Consequently, many schools discontinued the instruction of foreign languages and even foreign language speakers were considered unpatriotic.

Homes and businesses of those considered unpatriotic were given coats of bright yellow paint by loyalty enthusiasts. This heralded a rather dark chapter in the history of Minnesota, a state generally considered to be quite progressive.

So how did this play out in Martin County? Editions of The Martin County Sentinel from January through June of 1918 portrayed front page accounts of incidents deemed "unpatriotic." Included in the articles were the alleged crimes, the perpetrator's names, and their penalty. Some examples of headlines making the news at that time were as follows: "Guilty Traitor in Drunken Talk Defames Country - Fined \$200;" "Waverly Farmer Questioned on Loyalty and Why He Has Bought No Liberty Bonds;" "3 More Arrested on Disloyalty by Deputy Roepke;" "War Safety Board of 23 To Be Named - A Countywide Organization Formed to Quell Sedition in Advance of the Nonpartisan League's Expected Invasion;" "Nonpartisan League Manager

Spends Night in County Jail, Then Taken Back to St. Paul escorted by the Martin County Attorney;" "Loyalty Teaching Opposed, Five Homes Get Coat of Yellow Paint;" "Nonpartisan Meeting Banned by Sheriff Carver and County Attorney Allen;" and there were many more described throughout this time period.

Liberty Bonds were being sold at that time in an effort to support the allied cause in World War I. The purchase of these bonds

Bond participants, including the amounts each participant purchased, were also listed in the newspaper. This was called the "Liberty Loan Roll of Honor." Those failing to participate in the Liberty Loan program were to be brought before the "War Board" to explain their reasons for not purchasing Liberty Bonds. A few persons assumed to be financially capable of buying bonds, but had refused to take their allotment, or were thought to have purchased less than they could afford, were also brought before the Martin County War Board for an explanation. In addition, there was a movement gaining momentum to confiscate the property of those deemed to be disloyal for refusing to purchase Liberty Bonds. From these accounts it would appear that people had little choice but to purchase Liberty Bonds, or face the consequences determined by the War Board.

In another interesting turn of events, Sheriff Carver and Deputy John Allison arrested C. A. Lindberg, the candidate for Governor endorsed by the Nonpartisan League in 1918. The arrest took place on a farm in Martin County where Lindbergh was to address an estimated 1,000 persons gathered for a league picnic. When law enforcement arrived, Lindbergh denied membership in the NPL, stating the following in the June 11, 1918, edition of the Martin County Sentinel: "I am not

a member of the Nonpartisan league, but am running as a republican. The league merely endorsed me. I have not spoken of the league in any of my addresses and did not know that the gathering today was billed as a league meeting." Lindbergh was arrested by Sheriff Carver and later released on \$1,000.00 bail.

In summary, it would seem to appear from historical documentation that many of the events taking place during that era in reference to the Nonpartisan League, although considered by many to be patriotic in nature, may actually have reflected something other than patriotism. The Commission of Public Safety had broad and sweeping authority that seemed to hold all citizens accountable to the Commission's definition of patriotism and the requirement to purchase Liberty Bonds. Those failing to purchase what was considered their allotted amount were considered disloyal and were persecuted and prosecuted. Furthermore, anyone speaking against the war was charged with sedition, in essence meaning they were in some manner contributing to the incitement of discontent or rebellion against the government.

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.



was considered a symbol of patriotic duty. Citizens of Martin County were expected to purchase Liberty Bonds and the county, as well as each township, had an allotted quota they were expected to fulfill. County Chairman, Frank Wade, stated that there was a small army of Liberty Bond solicitors in every township in the county.

The names of Liberty

Area College Student News

The following students were named to Buena Vista University's (BVU) Dean's List for terms one and two. Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the two terms, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework.

Jennifer Toomer, of Fairmont, who is enrolled in BVU's online programs.

Tracy Swanson, of Sherburn, who is enrolled in BVU's online programs.

Kirsten Campe of Fairmont was awarded a Bachelor Arts degree in business administration from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Morningside awarded 39 bachelor's degrees and 32 master's degrees to

graduates in December.

The following students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence after the fall 2017 semester at South Dakota State University, Brookings. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Alpha Logan Lee Preuss*, SENG

Ceylon Emma Elizabeth Ward*, SEHS

Fairmont Shawn Robert Busche, SAGBS; Kaitlyn A. Cihoski, SAGBS; Riann Addison Dietz*, SEHS; Reilly James Hoefker, SAGBS; Matthew John Larson, SPAHP; Julia Anne Okerman, SAandS; Macy Ann

Petrowiak, SEHS; Morgan Joy Sandersfeld, SPAHP; Sara Kristine Schellpeper, SPAHP

Granada Mackenzie Karoline Scheff, SAGBS; Anthony John True, SPAHP

Ormsby Hailey Sue Sagehorn, SNURS

Sherburn Ally Marie Ringeisen, SAGBS

Trimont Jacob Ryan Sinn, SAGBS

Truman Hanna Eva Hartman*, SAGBS; Jesse Ford Spear, SAandS

Welcome Kally Marie Philipp, SAGBS

Iowa students

Armstrong Bailey Paige Anderson*, SEHS; Shaylee Rane Hanning, SNURS; Jalissa Kristine Irmiter*, SEHS; Landra Catherine McClellan, SAGBS

Ringsted Cecelia Rose Madden, SEHS

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SEHS - College of Education and Human Sciences

SENGR - Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

SNURS - College of Nursing

SPAHP - College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions

SUC - University College

Morningside College Provost Dr. William C. Deeds recently announced the students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2017-2018 academic year.

Fairmont:

Kristen L. Campe
Abigail S. Fitzgerald

The Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.67 grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-."

Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, is a private, coeducational, four-year liberal arts college with a total enrollment of 2,800 students.

The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2017. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Dunnell, MN

Latisha Forsberg,

Sophomore, Labovitz School of Bus & Econ, Pre Business

Fairmont, MN

Tyler Abel, Sophomore, Labovitz School of Bus & Econ, Pre Business

Austin C. Becker, Sophomore, School of Fine Arts, Theatre B A

Jaclyn Friese, Senior, Education & Human Service Pro, Communication Sci/Disord BASc

Kyle D. Guetter, Senior, UMD-Sci & Eng. Swenson Coll of, Civil Engineering B S C E

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Sarah Ostlie, Senior, UMD-Sci & Eng. Swenson Coll of, Mechanical Engineering B S M E

Kids' Maze

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A Keeper!

I tried a new salad recipe over the holidays and I just love it. For now, it's my favorite salad recipe until I try another new one. Everything is back to normal at the Lloyd home. Pa Lloyd even took down the outdoor Christmas lights! I suggested he wait for when it warms up, but that would have been too easy. It would have been just a couple of days too! I went to the library and stocked up with some reading material, so I am already to snuggle in for the duration! We are now taking care of our little precious great-granddaughter, Lydia. For two days one week and one day the next, she is so much fun. It takes two of us to care for one bitty little girl, but we love doing it.

Mandarin Pasto Spinach Salad with Teriyaki Dressing

- 8 oz. bow tie pasta (half a box)
- 4 cups spinach leaves (I used half a bag)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup cashews
- 1- 4 oz. can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, roughly chopped

Dressing:

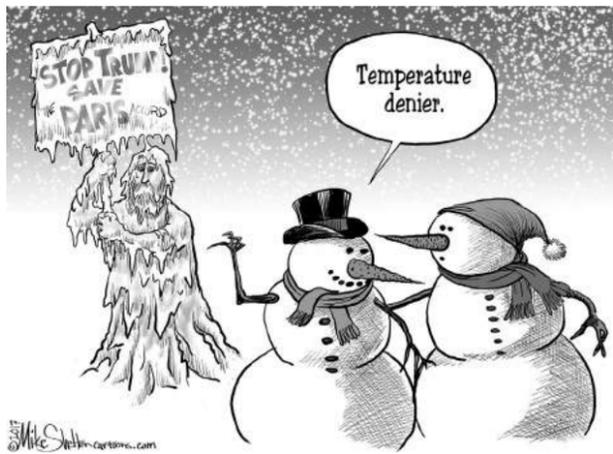
- 1/3 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1/3 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup oil, such as canola or olive oil

Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

While pasta is boiling, prepare the dressing. In a jar combine all dressing ingredients, cover and shake to combine. Chill until ready to use.

In large bowl toss together pasta, spinach, raisins, nuts, oranges and cilantro. Just before serving, pour dressing over salad, toss and serve.

Stay warm and safe and have a good week!



Ceylon Area Historical Society memorials

The Ceylon Area Historical Society acknowledges the following memorials received from July 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2017:

Memorials to Museum

- Clarence Schultze from Darrel and Muriel Klentz
- Lorene Bremer from Joe and Mary Kay Schultz, William Ditz
- Lois Hagen from Sherry Schmidt
- John Planting from Laura Nagel, LeRoy and Janice Franck, William Ditz, Joanne and Clair Schmidt, Jr., Shirley Schmidt
- Bob Croskrey from William Ditz
- Hazel and Justin Zitterich from Delores Houseman
- Babe Schmidt from Delores Houseman
- Russell Thiesse from

Floyd and LaVonne Rosenberg

- Luella Waskosky from her family
- Sam Erickson from Tom and Rita Beckendorf
- Virgil Hempstead from Laura Nagel

Marguerite Burmeister from Joanne and Clair Schmidt, Jr.

Chad Petschke from Sherry Schmidt, Tom and Rita Beckendorf

Alan Stade from Tom and Rita Beckendorf

Michael Maras from Shirley Schmidt

Memorials to Tenhassen Store Project

- John Planting from Marlen and June Bents
- Russell Thiesse from Marlen and June Bents, Carl and Cheryl Beckendorf

Truman Historical Association memorials

The Truman Historical Association gratefully acknowledges the following memorials received 10-1-17 thru 12-31-17. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

In Memory Of:

- Champine, Cheryl** - Tom and Brenda Zehnder, Ron and Kirsten Bressler
- Jorgenson, Howard** - Howard Jorgenson Family, Neal and Juleen Breitharth, Ron and Kirsten Bressler
- Ratike, Marvin (Butch)** - Marland and Shirley Meyer, Ron and Kirsten Bressler
- Barchenger, Ervin** - Eloise Lidke
- Behrens, Bea** - Glendoris Urban, Shan and Gail Sacranie
- Hendricksen, Ruth I.** - Glendoris Urban, Arlen, Doreen, and Kirk Ebert, Darwin and Roberta Peterson, Brian and Dawn

Hendricksen, Ron and Kirsten Bressler

Mager, Eugene - Richard and Pat Eckmann, Mary Ellen Mayer, Craig and Marilyn Carrigan, Ernie and Barb Jones, Glendoris Urban, Gary and Linda Wassman, Truman Sorority, Arlen and Doreen Ebert, Ron and Kirsten Bressler, John and Susan Toothaker

Sackett, Daphne - Sharon Valentine, Deb and Mike Criganski, DeAnn and Ken Campbell, Ron and Kirsten Bressler

Peterson, Lois - Ron and Kirsten Bressler

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Pack 57 donates to Humane Society

Pack 57 Cub Scouts have been learning about their community over the last few months and how they could be of service. They took part in a month long project where they saved their spare change in collection boxes they decorated with what they were thankful for.

They were given three options to donate their funds to and when their votes were tallied, the Martin County Humane Society was elected as the

recipient of their endeavor. Karen, from the Humane Society, and some of her friends and five adorable puppies made a surprise visit to our Pack meeting, where the boys presented her with their collected efforts of \$187.

The boys learned about the joys of giving, the privilege of voting in a democracy, that working together as a group produces great results and that it's hard to say no to puppies.

Lotto and draw for a winner.

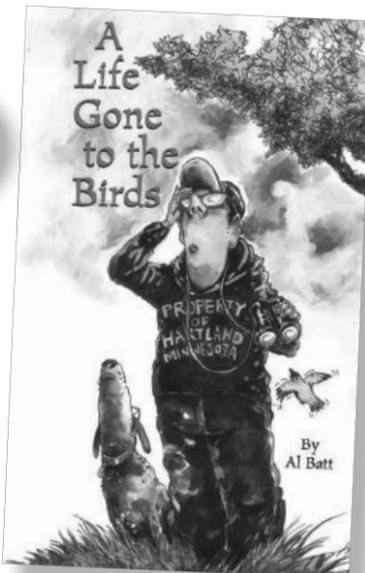
The program will be a demonstration by Mike Ellingsen on techniques and the need for making labels. Mike is well known for the informative labels on his quilts.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Com-

munity Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. Those who are interested may stay after the meeting for the Block-of-the-Month project. For more information contact Mike Ellingsen at 507-526-5808.

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BEV Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will meet this Monday, January 15th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. After introductions, the meeting will begin with show-and-tell.

The Navajo Code Talk-

ers Quilt quilt-along is continuing work on the project - just a few months left until assembly of the blocks into a quilt starts. Signup for the Faribault County Mini-quilt Challenge will continue. Julie Post will collect blocks for the Granny Square Block

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oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider giving to food pack

Volunteering is a true expression of caring by sharing your skills and time to achieve a greater goal. With the Kids Against Hunger campaign quickly coming up, this would be a great time to gather family or a group of friends and create a team to assist in building the meals made available to those in need.

This year's pack will be held Feb. 17th at St. John Vianney School in Fairmont. There will be three packing shifts: 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Kids Against Hunger in Martin County has packed more than 965,000 meals over the past nine years. The goal for this 10th year is to put together 125,000 meals.

Of course, this doesn't come without a cost, and all donations will go toward the success of this nutritional pack.

Many families struggle to ensure their family has enough food to eat. This isn't only true of other countries, bigger metro areas or even other coun-

ties. This is true for Martin County, our community, our hometown. Ten percent of the build from 2017 stayed in this community. Heaven's Table Food Shelf, as well as other southern Minnesota and northern Iowa food shelves, were recipients of these meals. The cases come to us free of charge and are used to help the many families stretch their food dollar.

Please consider giving of your time and money to this valuable activity. The giving of yourself so that others may thrive is indeed one of the greatest gifts.

To set up your team today, contact Beth Reeve at (507) 235-5107 or Karen Sandhurst at (507) 848-1260. All donations for

Kids Against Hunger may be sent to Beth Reeve, 918 Summit Dr., Fairmont, MN 56031.

Greta Lintelman, board chairwoman Heaven's Table Fairmont

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Salvation Army Thank You

The Salvation Army of Fairmont would like to say thank you to everyone for helping with ringing the bells and donations of collecting food and toys for the community, and people who were sorting the food donations and toys, clean up and setting up and all other donations that were given. You all were a blessing. We were able to help

over 446 people with food and toys. Many people in our community and Martin County did receive help because of your generosity. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated!

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Barbara J. Hagen, 86



Memorial Services for Barbara J. Hagen, age 86, of Fairmont, were held Saturday, January 6th, 2017 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be

at Sherburn City Cemetery at a later date. Barbara passed away Saturday, December 30th, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Barbara Jean Kuntz was born October 11th, 1931 to Clarence and Emilia (Jansen) Kuntz on the family farm in Sherburn. Growing up she attended school in Sherburn and was a member of the 1949 graduating class from Sherburn High School. Following graduation, Barbara continued her education at Mankato State Teacher's College.

On October 10th, 1952 Barbara was united in marriage to Arlyn Sandersfeld in Welcome. This union was blessed with

three children: LaRae, Leland, and Lyn. In May of 1978 Barbara married Garry Hagen. Garry passed away November 9th, 2010.

Barbara taught District 56 Country School before her children were born. She then worked various jobs throughout the community as a Hairdresser, at the Fairmont Sentinel, The Gift Tree and Saturday mornings at the Waste Management Office. Barbara retired November 19th, 2013.

Throughout her life she was a member at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont where she taught Sunday School for many years. Barbara was a Cub Scout Leader for her children's troops, and in her spare time enjoyed needle stitching, pillow making

and reading. Family and friends were very important to Barbara, and she treasured being able to spend time with them, catching up, laughing, and making memories. Her loving and caring heart will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: LaRae Henry of Encinitas, CA, Leland Sandersfeld of Fairmont, MN, and Lyn (Barbara) Sandersfeld of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren: Amy (Jake) Zuanich, Emily (Lucas) Jones, Ryan (special friend, Amanda Schibline), Luke (Samantha) Sandersfeld, and Sadie Sandersfeld; great grandchildren: Jack and Sam Zuanich, and Baby Sandersfeld due in June;

brother, Charles (Marlene) Kuntz of Sherburn; nieces, nephews, other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was pre-

ceded in death by her husband, Gary Hagen; and nephew, Josh Olson.

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Robert L. Johnson, 88

Robert L. Johnson, age 88, of Fairmont, passed away Saturday, December 30th, 2017 at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont.

Per Robert's wishes no services will be held. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert is survived by his daughters: Jorja Wokasch and her hus-

band, Roger of Fairmont, MN, and Lisa Iverson of Northrop, MN; grandchildren: Robert (Holly) Iverson, Savannah Iverson, Reed (Leslie) Wokasch, and Riley Wokasch; great-grandchildren: Dayton, Ashley, Brenan, Rhys, and Rowan; sister, Donna Mitchell; and other extended relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Robert is preceded in death by his wife, Velda Johnson.

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Luella B. Boesch, 96



Funeral service for Luella Bertha Boesch, 96, of Truman, were held Saturday, January 6th, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. Interment followed at St Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Luella passed away at the Heartland - Truman Senior Living on January 4th, 2018.

Luella Bertha Vogt was born on November 1st, 1921, in Watonwan County to Frank and Helene (Buchholz) Vogt. She

was baptized November 20th, 1921 and confirmed on April 14th, 1935 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. She graduated from St. Paul's Lutheran parochial and Truman High School. Luella married Bob Boesch on September 9th, 1945 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Truman. She and Bob lived in Pleasant Mound Township until moving to Amboy in 1978, they then moved to The Manor in 2007. Bob passed away

February 28th, 2009. She moved to Truman Senior Living in July of 2016.

Luella was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and a member of the Naomi Circle. She was also an active member of the County Corners extension group. Luella took pride in caring for her house and family. She loved quilting, putting jigsaw puzzles together, flower gardening, playing cards and the many years of dancing with Bob.

Luella is survived by sons, Harland (Marsha) Boesch and Lowell (Joyce) Boesch, both of Truman; grandchildren, Rachel (Steve) Malecka of St. Peter, Todd (Thea) Boesch of Truman, Brittany (Daniel) Grunig of Amboy and Logan Boesch of San Diego, CA.; Great-grandchildren, Zachary Zernechel, Taylor and Trista Boesch, Kellen, Keegan and Korbin Grunig; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, husband Bob, sister Leora Becker, Loretta Mohwinkel and nephew Roger Becker.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman.

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Ruth M. Schaefer, 90



Services for Ruth M. Schaefer, 90, of Fairmont, were held Monday, January 8th, 2018, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Private family burial will be held at a later date in the spring. Ruth passed away Tuesday morning, January 2nd, 2018, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Ruth M. (Anderst) Schaefer was born September 2nd, 1927, in Tru-

man, the daughter of Carl and Alfrieda (Nase) Anderst. She attended school in Truman, Fairmont and Sherburn.

On September 9th, 1945, Ruth was united in marriage to Ervin Henry Schaefer at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with four children, Thomas, Douglas, Barbara, and Patricia.

Ruth worked for many years at Stokley Van Camp and also worked at various cafés in town where she

was known for her cooking. Following her retirement on October 15th, 1981, Ruth and Ervin enjoyed spending the winter months in Zapata, TX.

Ruth was hard working and took pride in keeping her home immaculate. She loved tending to her flowers and working in her garden. Ruth had a wonderful sense of humor and found great joy in keeping people on their toes with her quick wit. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren and looked forward to days

spent on the lake fishing with them. Christmas was a special time for Ruth and she treasured the many memories made throughout the years hosting the family Christmas.

Ruth was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont in addition to being a member of the Eagles Club #2204 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 Auxiliary.

Left to cherish her memory is her sons, Thomas Schaefer and his wife, Kathy of Andover,

MN, and Douglas Schaefer and his wife, Myrna of Fairmont; daughters, Barbara Bennett of Mankato, and Patricia Morrison and her husband, Gary of Albert Lea; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Behrens of Fairmont, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Alfrieda Anderst; husband, Ervin Schaefer; 4 brothers; and in-laws.

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Linda Somerville, 71

A celebration of life visitation for Linda Somerville, 71, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, January 6th, 2018, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. A private family burial will be held at a later date in the Lakeside Cemetery. Linda passed away Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018, surrounded by her family at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Linda (Winters) Somerville was born July 17th, 1946, in Dixon, IL, the daughter of Orris and Irma (Moeller) Winters. She attended school in Dixon and graduated from Dixon

High School. Following her graduation, Linda attended college.

Linda worked at Woodland Manor Assisted Living in Fairmont as an Aid where she enjoyed helping those in her care.

In her spare time, Linda enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, drinking coffee and helping others.

Left to cherish her memory are her eight children: Kimberly (Lyle) Kalas of Tracy, MN, Albert (Deb) Clayton of Rockfalls, IL, Edward (Shelly) Clayton of Tampico, IL, Kenneth (Sue) Clayton of Forreston, IL, Karla (Warren) Anderson of Fairmont, Kris Morgan of Owatonna, Michal Olson of Fairmont, and Sue (Jeff) Anderson of Waseca, MN; 24 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; sib-

lings, Anna (Randall) Hardy of Des Moines, IA, Doris (Vince) Hoyle of Dixon, IL, and Ronald Winters of Fulton, IL; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Orris and Irma Winters; son-in-law, Larry Morgan and great-grandson, Zean Salis.

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DEATH notices

January 2 - Ruth M. Schaefer, 90, Fairmont.

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January 3 - Linda Somerville, 71, Fairmont.

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In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

January 2 - Beverly R. Korolewski, 63, Fairmont

January 3 - Beverly R. Hueser, 84, Fairmont

January 4 - Oneeta "Nita" Feuerhake, 89, Fairmont

January 6 - Shirley A. Darcy, 73, Fairmont

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Jeff's Jottings

In all of the excitement of celebrating the new year last week, we forgot to put my column in the January 3rd paper! What's worse is that we promoted Jeff's Jottings on the front page as being located on page 7 of the paper. So, how much time did you spend looking for my column in the paper last week? I guess that is one way to get our readers to look at the entire paper!

A week after the Northrop elevator fire

We may at times complain about living in a small town area and not having enough to do, but last week the residents of Northrop saw just how good it is to live in a small town! After an explosion and ensuing fire at the grain elevator in that town right before the new year holiday, residents of the little rural town saw over 50 fire depart-



ments, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical personnel and private construction businesses come to their aid. Not only did they receive that response, but they also saw many local businesses, organizations, restaurants and individuals donate many food items, socks, gloves, warming devices and so on to help those who were fighting the fire for the 60 plus hours before it ended. I

have said it many times before, and I will say it again, "There is nothing better than living in a small town or rural area." At times we may think we do not have the "privacy" we want in a small area, but in times of need, there is no better help you can receive than from your friends and neighbors! Keep watching the Photo Press in the coming weeks as I will have an interview with a former owner of the elevator to give us a look back at the history of the structure through the years.



"What is it?" guesses

For those of you who were not able to read my column on Facebook or on our website last week, we did have a correct identification of our "What is it?" item. Two readers said that it was the tool used to caponize young roosters to produce a capon. Dennis Crissinger of Sherburn correctly stated what the item is, along with Leonard Frosland of Lewisville. Leonard said he remembers his father using this tool when he was growing up on the farm. We have a new item for this week from

Bruce Peters of Fairmont. He found this item grown into the tree on his property and isn't sure what it is. It is mostly made of metal and it appears to have an adjustable pitch, based on the handle. As you can see, the other end is grown into the tree. Think you know what it is? Email me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call in your answer at 507-238-9456. If you correctly identify the item, you will receive a 2018 Photo Press Desk Calendar! If you have an item that you aren't sure what it is or you think would be good for a future "What is it?," bring it in to our office or send me a picture or two of the item, along with a description of size and so on. I will use it in a future column.

A&W Swiss burgers, antique auction and more!

With the holidays behind us, events are scheduled once again in the area and here are a few of them taking place in the next week. Wednesday evening meal at Fair-

mont United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on January 10th. They will serve A&W Swiss burgers. for a donation. Next Wednesday's meal will be tacos with all the fixings. On Saturday, January 13th, Martin Luther High School will host their annual "Generation to Generation" antique auction at the high school gymnasium beginning at 9:30 a.m. They will also be serving food for a cost at this auction. On Sunday, January 14th the Ceylon Fire Department will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 9 a.m. to noon at Legends 2/Ceylon American Legion Hall in Ceylon. They will be serving pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham and sausage. Funds raised from the pancake feed will go towards the Ceylon Fire Relief Association.

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working!

- Jeff

Petroviak inducted to C&N Sales Hall of Fame

Steve Petroviak was inducted to the C&N Sales Hall of Fame, in a ceremony held at Ambiance Bar and Grill. Petroviak became the second Fairmont pool league player inducted to the Mankato Company's Hall. C&N Sales, Mankato has the largest league system for pool and darts in Minnesota, with over 400 taverns served and 10,000 league players. A large contingent of teammates and league teams were present when C&N Sales league manager Craig Dumdei presented Petroviak with the honor for being one of the best and most consistent players in the league.

Dumdei also presented Petroviak with a plaque recognizing a "Sanctioned VNEA 8-Ball Perfect Match" during league play last year. "First it was a surprise with all the people that showed up," said Petroviak, "I'm humbled and honored. The perfect match

award was for last year's match against an opponent holding him with out making a ball in three games, scoring ten points a game - a 30-ZIP. It's comparable to bowling 3-300 games in a row. Lee Buntjer is the only other Fairmont league play I know to get the same award." Petroviak has won many tournaments, team league titles and played in VNEA world tournaments in Las Vegas. He also was the youth league director for many years and has turned that over to Gene and Brian Hackett.



Also on hand was another local Fairmont C&N Sales Hall of Fame member Michael Sathoff. Sathoff, who also was youth league director, is a member of the Valley National 8-Ball League Association (VNEA) National Hall of Fame - inducted in 1997. VNEA is headquartered in Bay City, MI, and is an organization established to promote the game of pool on coin-operated equipment. The membership is comprised of men, women and junior players, coin machine operators and manufacturers.



Petroviak who shoots in two leagues on different nights with his son Matt as a team member says he practices with Matt at home. "I never let him win, he's got to earn it and it's made him a better player. After the award ceremony Petroviak and his teammates took on another league team. "It's cool when I show up for league or a tournament and hear opponents say were playing against him tonight!" said the "Local Pool Shark" Steve Petroviak.



FAIRMONT POOL HALL OF FAMER - Pictured center, Fairmont Pool League's Steve Petroviak, new C&N Sales, Mankato Hall of Fame member with Michael Sathoff, right, the only other Fairmont C&N member and Craig Dumdei, C&N Sales league manager.

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JAN 11 - 17

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THUR: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick, caesar salad, fruit cocktail.

FRI: Sloppy joe, tator tots, cucumbers, applesauce.

MON: Chicken sandwich, tator tots, carrots, apple.

TUE: Tacos, brown rice, broccoli, orange, pears.

WED: Lasagna style pasta bake, carrots, dinner roll, caesar salad, pineapple tidbits.

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JAN 11 - 17

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MON: No school.

TUE: Mini corn dogs, mac & cheese, broccoli, bread, banana.

WED: BBQ riblet sandwich, sour cream & chive potatoes, carrots, pineapple.

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JAN 11 - 17

THUR: Quesadilla, corn, veggies, applesauce, fruit.

FRI: BBQ pork, sweet potato fries, broccoli, fruit.

MON: Crispito, chili, corn, carrots, hot apple slices, fruit.

TUE: Chicken sandwich, baked beans, veggies, peaches, fruit.

WED: Tator tot hotdish, dinner roll, spinach salad, carrots, fruit cup.

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JAN 11 - 17

THUR: K-6: BBQ BBQ shredded pork sandwich, ham & american cheese sandwich, tator tots, cucumbers, apple, peaches.

JR/HS: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick, carrots, caesar salad, carrots, apple, fruit cocktail.

FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, dinner roll, corn, nachos fun lunch, corn, carrots, applesauce.

JR/HS: Sloppy joe, tator tots, corn salad, cucumbers, orange, applesauce.

MON: K-6: Hot dog, ham & cheddar chef salad, dinner roll, roll, carrots, corn salad, banana, peaches.

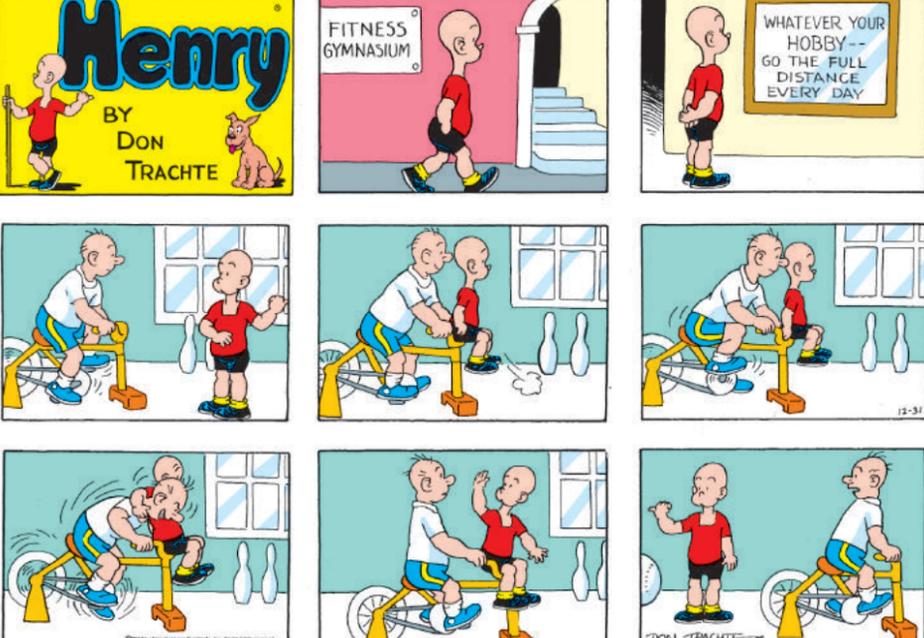
TUE: K-6: Turkey, gravy, dinner roll, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, mashed potatoes, cherry tomatoes, orange, pineapple tidbits.

JR/HS: Tacos, refried beans, rice, jicama sticks, broccoli, orange, pears.

WED: K-6: Meatball sub, carrots, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, dinner roll, carrots, celery sticks, banana, fruit cocktail.

JR/HS: Lasagna style pasta bake, carrots, breadstick, caesar salad, pepper strips, grapes, pineapple tidbits.

Henry
BY DON TRACHTE



Panel 1: Henry is walking in a hallway. Panel 2: Henry is on a stationary bike in a gym. Panel 3: Henry is talking to another person on the bike. Panel 4: Henry is on the bike, looking thoughtful. Panel 5: Henry is on the bike, looking determined. Panel 6: Henry is on the bike, looking exhausted.

top 10 movies!

- Star Wars: Episode VIII — The Last Jedi (PG-13) Daisy Ridley, John Boyega
- Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan
- Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13) Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson
- The Greatest Showman (PG) Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams
- Ferdinand (PG) animated
- Coco (PG) animated
- All the Money in the World (R) Michelle Williams, Christopher Plummer
- The Darkest Hour (PG-13) Gary Oldman, Lily James
- Downsizing (R) Matt Damon, Christopher Waltz
- Father Figures (R) Owen Wilson, Ed Helms

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Make your wedding day what you dreamed of

Dee's Floral & Designs, located on Downtown Plaza in Fairmont, offers some tips for your wedding floral needs.

The following is a list of information to bring with you to help with your wedding:

- Date, place, and the time of your wedding
- Where the reception is located
- The time pictures will start

- The color scheme that you have chosen
- How many will be in the wedding party
- What kind of flowers and style of bouquets you would like
- Who will need flowers to wear
- Flowers for the church
- Flowers for the reception
- Any photos that you have of flowers.

Wedding dates to avoid

by Justine Lorelle Blanchard

Ready to set a date? Check this list of dates you might want to steer clear of when booking your wedding.

- **Personally Significant Days**
Check your own calendar for college reunions, family weddings, anniversaries or other events, like

big conventions or festivals in your city (call your local chamber of commerce), and any annual occasions that involve your family or close friends.

- **Holiday Weekends**
Holiday weekend weddings have pros and cons. You've got an extra day for the festivities (and recovery!); plus, a Sunday wedding is often less expensive than a Saturday one. But costs of travel and hotels may be higher. And if you're looking to marry around Valentine's Day, be wary of your floral bill, especially if you've got your heart set on red roses—they'll likely be more expensive than at any other time of the year. Likewise, reception sites often charge a



higher fee for a New Year's Eve wedding. Also consider the impact of a holiday weekend on your guest list: Some families have standing plans or traditions that they'd prefer not to miss.

popular sporting events. And if a lot of your guests come from the same alma mater, watch out for homecoming weekends and bowl games that might conflict.

It can be a bit confusing when trying to figure out who is to pay for what, especially when it comes to the bride and groom.



- **Religious and Cultural Holidays**
Be mindful of religious and cultural holidays (your own and those of your guests) when planning your wedding. There may even be restrictions at your house of worship as to whether you're allowed to marry at these times.

Or, that could make them all the more meaningful—it's up to you to decide.

- **Days of Remembrance**
We're talking about historically significant days (like the anniversary of September 11th) that may be off-limits if you come from a big military family.

Or, that could make them all the more meaningful—it's up to you to decide.

- **Major Sporting Events**
If you're die-hard sports fans—or if you're worried your guests might have a hard time choosing between your wedding and the big game—avoid getting married during

graduation receptions.

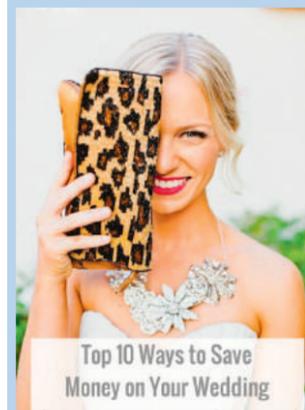
- **Unlucky Dates**
If you're superstitious, you might want to watch out for these historically inauspicious dates from across several cultures:

The Ides of March
For ancient Romans, an "ides" was simply a date that marked the middle of the month—until Julius Caesar was assassinated on March 15th in 44 B.C.

Since then, "Beware the Ides of March" has become the mantra of this superstitiously unlucky date.

Friday the 13th
The unluckiest date of the year has questionable origins. Some historians say it comes from the 13 diners who were present at the Last Supper, but the famous Babylon's Code of Hammurabi doesn't include a 13th law, which suggests this superstition is as old as 1700 BC. And it wasn't until a successful novel titled Friday, the Thirteenth was published in the early 1900s that Friday became part of the unlucky equation.

The bride and groom's financial responsibilities



depends somewhat on culture and family expectations, there are certain guidelines about what the bride and groom are to pay for when it comes to their wedding party.

The Bouquets
When it comes to the maid of honor and bridesmaids' bouquets, the responsibility to pay for these are all on the bride and groom. Make sure you make arrangements to have these made up while you are also having your centerpieces and any other floral arrangements done. Having a big order all at once will give you a greater discount than if you were to go back to the florist at a later date and ask for the bride and bridal party bouquets.

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time you are ordering the flowers for your big day.

The Transportation

Though you are not on the hook to pay for everyone's transportation, when it comes to your wedding party you should be paying for a limo or a party bus to swing by and pick them up.

NOTE: If you are having a destination wedding which does not allow people to have their own personal vehicles to travel in,

you should generally be paying for their transportation from the hotel and to the wedding ceremony and reception.

The Rehearsal Dinner

For anyone who is at the rehearsal dinner, the bride and groom should generally pay for the meal (unless their families agree to pay for it).

Your attendants should not have to take out their wallets and put any money down on the meal.

The Accommodations

In some cases, it may be appropriate to arrange and pay for your attendants accommodations. If you are having a destination wedding, this can be rather costly and is generally not an expectation of any guests who are coming.

Guests who are going to a destination wedding know full well that they will need to save up and pay for their own accom-

modations.

The Gifts

Any person who is a part of the wedding party deserves a gift, which by no means should be paid for by them. This is something that a bride and groom should do to show their appreciation. Make it a thoughtful gift that is a reflection of each person's own character, rather than buying them all the same generic item that does not speak to their own personality.

Consider a Honeymoon Cruise

by Carmen Deling - MCC - Master Cruise Counselor

With all the craziness and pressure that's been involved with planning your perfect wedding, a good honeymoon should offer you some fun and relaxation...as well as some romance, of course! These are the three main things that couples look for in choosing a honeymoon--a week or more of some elusive time with one's new husband or wife. Here are a few reasons why a honeymoon cruise vacation beats a traditional hotel honeymoon every time.

1. No Stress

As pointed out above, a honeymoon should be all about winding down

after a few hectic weeks or months before your wedding. A honeymoon cruise is one of the most stress-free ways of traveling. Everything is available on board, from entertainment to spa treatments and from exceptional fine dining to activities. The beauty of all of this is that nearly everything is included in the price.

If planned well—with the assistance of a personal cruise counselor—there will be no need to pay for anything at all during your time aboard the ship. This makes it extremely easy to budget your honeymoon, eliminating the need to check your bank account balance during your trip. This is no stress, indeed!

2. Great Destinations

Many people choose to visit just one particular destination on their

honeymoon. What sets a honeymoon cruise apart from all other honeymoons is that it offers you the chance to visit multiple destinations, very conveniently and easily. Cruise ships relocate to offer honeymoon cruises in the sunshine any time of year. In the winter, they are mainly based around the Caribbean, Hawaii and the Southern hemisphere. In the summer they will cross the Atlantic and cruise the Mediterranean, Scandinavia, and move also to Alaska. A honeymoon cruise offers the perfect combination of onboard relaxation and onshore exploration. With all of these choices, the honeymoon cruise offers both cultural immersion with multiple ports and sunbathing by the pool. Again, there is zero stress involved.

3. No Need to Keep Packing/Unpacking

This might be rather obvious, but also worth reminding you of. While on a cruise, while visiting multiple awesome places, you will only have to unpack and pack once. At the moment you settle into your cabin, it will be your home for the rest of the cruise. It'll be a cozy, private retreat, a place to relax and a place of romance. A honeymoon

4. Food Is Included

Most cruise lines offer all-inclusive programs which means that pretty much everything is included in the price. This includes nightly entertainment, onboard activities and all food. You can also find cruises where alcohol is included as well, or packages may be added.

your expenses during the trip. Good to note, though, some onboard features, such as Internet access and spa treatments, as well as onshore excursions and tips aren't included in the price.

5. Entertainment and All Kinds of Activities

Life onboard a cruise ship is never dull. Nowadays, these floating cities feature an overwhelming selection of amenities and activities. On the ship, you can visit a movie theater (even watch movies under the stars!), go swimming, work out at the gym, relax in a park-like environment, go skating or rock-climbing, enjoy an off-Broadway show, head for the casino, or step out in the warm night air and cuddle beneath the stars. The list goes on and on and on. Many of the largest cruise ships have things like water parks and



Princess Cruises photo.

cruise actually allows you to basically stay in the same place all while visiting different places!

This can make cruises one of the most economic types of honeymoons you can have. It will greatly reduce or even eliminate

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of the evening, your cabin is just a stroll away. No need to call a taxi or drive in a strange place. With a honeymoon cruise vacation, everything is taken care of perfectly.

6. Room Service

So, you're newlyweds and you'll probably spend quite a bit of time in your room—let's be honest. So, one of the greatest reasons you'll want to go on a honeymoon cruise is the 24/7 room service.

There's no need to ever leave your room if you don't want to. You could spend the entire day in there, and when you get hungry, you simply call room service. Fruit platters, cheese platters, drinks, light snacks and breakfast in bed are just a phone call away. Both food and delivery are included in the price, but gratuity is recommended. Just how convenient is that?

7. Couples Massages

One of the greatest and most romantic ways to relax after the wedding is a couples massage. Choose

this for your first day aboard the ship as a wonderful way to kick off the honeymoon. These kind of treatments are usually not included in the all-inclusive program.

8. Limitless Date Night Options

Most couples agree that one of the most fun things to do together is date nights. During a honeymoon cruise you'll have a multitude of options.

While cruises are mainly about relaxation and fun, they can also be packed with action and activities. You will be able to make them what you want them to be. There are so many things to do in the day and evening, you'll have difficulty choosing what to do. Besides the romantic dinners, there are magic shows, movies, live music performances, stand-up comedians and even live theater. All of it is free!

9. Disconnection

Your honeymoon should be about you two, and only you two. Most cruises often have no, or at best weak, cell phone reception, while Wi-Fi is usually pretty expensive. This should not be a bad thing.

Not having easy connection with the rest of the online world will allow you to be in the moment with your significant other with no distractions. One of the best reasons to go

on a honeymoon cruise is that it's the only way of honeymooning that forces you to "unplug" from the rest of the world. This focuses all of your attention on the other, which is a pretty neat thing in today's world.

10. Easy to Book

Booking a honeymoon cruise trip is a very easy process. Simply look for a CLIA (Cruise Line International Association) Travel Agency and Agent Members who are the top travel

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Tips for a stress-free wedding week

by Stefania Sainato

1. Finalize your wedding itinerary. "Your wedding timeline needs to be realistic and have room for error. If you don't have a planner, ask your photographer and on-site coordinator for guidance; they've done this many times and can help you avoid any red flags," says Gina Jokilehto-Schigel from Shi Shi Events. Complete this task at the beginning of your wedding week so that you can confirm all of your vendors. Then, distribute copies of the timeline to your bridal party and family members at the rehearsal dinner so that everyone is on the same page about who needs to be where and when.

2. Make sure your wedding gown fits properly. "I've had brides put their wedding dress on only to find that their alterations weren't complete, and there were still pins in it," says Joni Scalzo from Your Special Day by Joni. Also, when you take your dress home, be sure to take the garment bag off so that it has time to "breathe" and settle.

3. Break in your wedding shoes. Don't let aching feet put a damper on your big day! Stretch out your heels in advance by wearing a thick pair of socks and aiming a hair dryer at the tighter spots (keep them on while they cool). You could also try placing a bag of water in each heel and freezing

them overnight. Better yet, bring a change of shoes that you can slip on while shooting photos outdoors or after the first dance.

4. Drop off necessary ceremony and reception items to your wedding venue. For example, your sign-in book, unity candles, bathroom amenity baskets, menus, table numbers, escort cards, card box, etc. Organize everything into bins and include notes with any special instructions about what goes where. Give your venue coordinator a list of items that need to be returned to you post-celebration like framed photos or your cake topper.

5. If you can avoid it, don't plan your rehearsal dinner the night before

your wedding. "Schedule it two days prior, instead, to avoid being overscheduled before your wedding," says Shannon Dexter from All You Need is Love Events. She tells us that some of her brides and grooms often choose to have dinner alone the night before their wedding so they can spend some quality time together and relax.

6. Create a ceremony diagram. Strategize the order of how the attendants will stand, and list who and in what order the family will sit in the reserved rows. That way, you won't forget to seat

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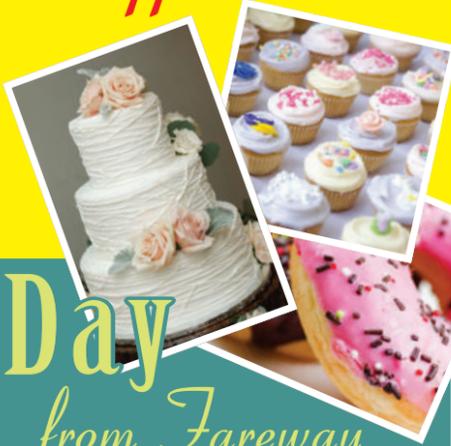
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7. Delegate, delegate, delegate. You won't be able to do everything by yourself, no matter how much you are willing to try. "We always encourage our brides to outsource the delivery of the welcome bags to a good friend or family member who has offered to help, or even a courier service. It is a time-consuming project that collides with such a busy period of your wedding weekend," says Augusta Cole from Easton Events. Another huge time-saver is designating someone to meet and greet out-of-town guests at the airport. "You may want to pick up everyone yourself because you are so excited to see them but don't stress yourself out," says Diane Kolanovia-Šolaja from Dee Kay Events.

8. Designate a go-to person who knows just as much about the wedding as you do. In most cases, this is a maid of honor or sister. "She knows when you need a sandwich (hold the red onions) and can help calm your mom down. Most importantly, she'll relieve you from being the go-to person for every wedding question," says Lindsey Nickel from

Lovely Day Events. For example, she can help your photographer identify missing family members to help move along the

portraits portion of the day. You may also want to turn your cell phone over to her for the day. "If you don't, you will find yourself acting as a 'help desk' for your friends and rela-

tives," Cole cautions. 9. Soliciting the help of a wedding coordinator can be a huge relief. They can confirm your vendors,

go wrong, just knowing that they are there as an insurance policy will help you keep any jitteriness to a minimum," says Aviva Samuels from Kiss the Planner.

10. Plan some fun outings with guests who will be in town. The wedding day passes by in a blur — prolong the excitement with activities leading up to the grand finale. That way, you not only get to spend time with everyone you love but also introduce your guests to one another. Just limit yourself to a few activities and avoid over-scheduling.

11. Make your final payments before they're due. "You don't want to be burdened with trying to locate your checkbook on the wedding day," says Lisa Gorjestani from Details Event Planning. Write out a list of gratuities that you plan to give each vendor and put the tip money into separate envelopes with their names, which you'll need to keep in a safe place. Depending on your preference, you could designate a parent to dis-

tribute tips, so you don't have to worry about it at the end of the night. (Bring some extra envelopes in case you'd like to adjust accordingly at the end of the event.)

12. Take good care of yourself. Eat healthy, balanced meals and don't skimp; after all, you'll need every ounce of energy you've got. "It's not fun to be a 'hangry' bride or be around one!" Nickel says. Get away from the hustle and bustle of preparations to go for a run, take a yoga class, read a book or another decompressing activity.

13. Indulge in well-deserved pampering with your wedding VIPs. After you've finalized everything, you're officially in relaxation mode and can enjoy getting your nails done! Dexter shares that one of her clients booked a mini spa getaway two weeks before the big day. "It allowed her to be calm and spend some time with her mother, whom she lived with before she married her husband and moved out," she says.

14. Get a good night's sleep. Although it may be tempting to stay up until 2 a.m., getting enough Zzzs will ensure that you're glowing in your wedding photos and have the stamina to dance your wedding night away. If you're throwing a multi-day wedding celebration, Cole tells us it's important to have a graceful exit strategy. "Establish a departure time and rally a friend or family member to ensure you leave the event to get your rest," she advises.

15. Remember why you're celebrating in the first place. Do your best to cherish this once-in-a-lifetime event. "Weddings are a joyous occasion. But with all the meticulous planning, high expectations and umpteen hours that go into them, there are bound to be some stressful moments in the final weeks," Samuels says. "Don't obsess about perfection to the point where you make yourself miserable in the process," she cautions. Take a moment to look around at the people that mean the world to you and your partner. "The dresses, cake, flowers, food, and drinks have little importance to the success of your marriage. Because, let's be honest — in the end, love is all you need," Dexter says.

15 Tips for a Stress-Free Wedding Week

coordinate your welcome dinner, make weather-related decisions, assist with seating assignments and finish crossing off any other last-minute tasks. "Even if nothing were to

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5 People Trying to Take Over Your Wedding Day

1. The Testy Bridesmaid

The Problem: "I love my maid of honor, but getting her in a dress that wasn't black or covered every inch of her was a task. If we found a color or a print, she would tell me that she didn't want to take attention away from the bride."

Our Advice: If one of your bridesmaids is a little nervous about showing some skin or wearing a bold color, it's better to find her an alternate option than to force her into something she's not comfortable with. For a modest maid of honor, make a strapless dress more conservative by incorporating a wrap, a fun cardigan, or a vintage bolero jacket in a complementing shade. Or play up your color palette in a subtler way with jewelry or hair fascinators. And look at the bright side -- compromising now will give you a little leverage when you serve as a maid in her wedding.

2. The Wedding Know-It-All

The Problem: "My future sister-in-law is telling me I shouldn't wear a white dress because it would be too harsh with my skin tone, wants to register for gifts with me (as well as tell me what to register for), and is suggesting where we honeymoon!"

Our Advice: When wedding suggestions cross the line from helpful to aggravating, it's time to redirect that input so that you don't end up arguing over something that might not seem so significant a few years down the line. Assign specific tasks to keep her still involved, like helping you confirm orders with vendors or assembling favors.

3. The Doesn't-Know-Her-Place Wedding Guest

The Problem: "One of our guests keeps insisting that we invite everyone on her 'party guest list' to our destination wedding -- I even found an open invite on her MySpace page!"

Our Advice: Some wedding guests take it upon themselves to suggest a few invitees. And then some guests invite everyone on the Internet. Unless you want Tom from MySpace raising a glass to toast your union, make sure it's clear that there's only one guest list for your wedding. Luckily, rationalizing a small guest list is a lot easier when you have a destination wedding -- just explain that you're having an intimate wedding with close friends and family only (she should feel honored that she's one of them!).

4. The Over-Eager Wedding Guest

The Problem: "A woman my mother works with wants to do my ceremony-music, and a customer of my mother's always vol-

unteers to help and acts like she is family. I hardly know her!"

Our Advice: You know that expression about too many cooks in the kitchen? Meet its wedding equivalent. Having a lot of people offer to help you plan sounds like a blessing, but when assistance comes from left field, it can feel like more of a hindrance. If you feel like

someone's eagerness is a bit more than you need, let her know how grateful you are for the offer, but that you're in great shape, planning-wise, and that if anything comes up that she could help with, you'll be sure to call.

5. The Children-Or-Bust Wedding Guest

The Problem: "My husband-to-be has a niece and nephew (both under

five), and his sister, her husband, and his parents said they would refuse to come if the children aren't allowed."

Our Advice: A lot of couples choose not to invite kids to their wedding, but if you risk a boycott by some VIPs, find a way to soothe the situation. Offer to hire a babysitter and set up a private area with

games, coloring books, and a few comfy pillows for little ones to crash on if the reception runs past their bedtimes. Your relatives might even offer to chip in once they see how accommodating you're being, but if they don't, the extra expense will be worth bypassing the drama of a fight.

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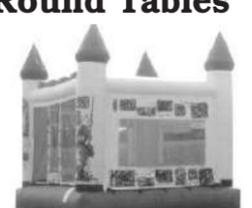
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The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. My New Year's resolution is to lose weight and to be punctual. I'm doing five laps around the gym every



day in January. In February, I may get out of my pickup and walk into the gym. That should take longer than driving around it. I've set my clocks 30 minutes ahead so I can get to town before I've left home. The weather has been lovely sometimes. I have a beach umbrella over my snowblower. The weather is that uncertain. I'm cleaning my refrigerator, which means I'm polishing off leftovers from the Pleistocene epoch. I should have Weasel help me. He's a good eater. Weasel gets by on \$20 a week."

"How is that possible?" I say.

"The \$20 never leaves his wallet."

Naturally

What was the first bird you saw in 2018? Mine is often a crow, as it was this year. I'm all right with that.

A coyote ran across the road and I heard a chickadee whistle its song, "I'm cold."

The tiny red squirrels drive my wife to distraction. She enjoys the company of gray and fox squirrels, but considers red squirrels the cause of most of the world's problems.

She pounds on windows and yells at them when they're on the feeders. I suspect that was the reason we didn't get a single Christmas card from a red squirrel this year.

I watched white-breasted nuthatches fly onto my mother-in-law's feeders and carry sunflower seeds to a nearby tree where they wedged the seeds into crevices in the bark that eased the process of opening the shells. The nuthatch get its name from its habit of pecking seeds or nuts jammed into bark with its sharp bill to "hatch" the edible parts.

I've considered trying that with pistachios. Some of those nuts prove difficult for a thumbnail to open.

A red-bellied woodpecker clung to the tree the nuthatches used as a tool. The woodpecker watched a nuthatch stuff a seed into a crack in the bark. It flew there, frightening the nuthatch away. The woodpecker used the bark wise to open the seed and enjoyed the purloined repast.

To chill a mockingbird

J.R.R. Tolkien said, "Not all those who wander are lost."

Tolkien must have done a Christmas Bird Count (CBC), where things (leaves, clumps and clods) look more like birds than birds.

The idiot light indicating low tire pressure refused to disappear from my car's dashboard although the tires had been checked and not found

wanting air. It was 18 degrees below zero. I went walking around outside counting birds. My personal idiot light was on, too. I do several CBCs each year. Rituals are important, so I count birds with an idiotic verve. I hoped a rickety day would turn into a bird-studded one. The cold, snow and binoculars presented a cartoonish scene similar to the video a friend, Sparky Stensaas of Wrenshall, Minnesota, made wherein he used a frozen banana to pound a nail into a board at 25 below.

I hadn't walked long before a friend questioned my sanity, "Are you nuts?" He's a caring guy who was gobsmacked. He wondered how I could count birds, as they weren't numbered or wearing nametags. I told him that when it came to counting birds at 18° below zero, I could take it or leave it, but I'd much rather take it. I counted without a whimper. Stoicism is a classic Minnesotan attribute. I was properly attired, so I didn't shiver like a Chihuahua displaying a keen awareness of the tenuous world situation.

Not all birds want to be counted. They are happy to remain shrouded in a veil of anonymity. I was taken with a lovely red-winged blackbird I encountered. I thought of "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird" by the poet Wallace Stevens. "It was evening all afternoon. It was snowing and it was going to snow. The blackbird sat in the cedar-limbs." I'm not sure what that means, but I like

it. I consider each bird to be a feathered jewel. Steve Houdek of Onalaska, Wisconsin, told me, "There's always a gold nugget in every birding day; one just needs to find it."

Watching birds and counting birds go together. We like things that can be measured. When I read a book, it has page numbers. I count birds because I'm still trying to figure things out.

A couple of friends, Terry Taylor and Peter Mattson saw a pot-bellied pig ranging free during the Austin CBC. I saw several black squirrels (melanistic gray squirrels) and that made me happy.

Do I have any advice for those doing a Christmas

Bird Count at -18? I do. Keep your hat on.

Thanks for stopping by "Anger makes us all stupid."--Johanna Spyri
"Logic will get you from

A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." -- Albert Einstein

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You oversleep once in your life, miss your flight and end up stranded in Minnesota. Red-winged blackbird photo by Al Batt

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 1993

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The Harmony Junction Barbershop Chorus, preparing for its annual concert in three cities, was working to raise funds for an appearance at the Buckeye Invitational at Columbus, Ohio. Brad Gerhardt of Fairmont, publicist for the Harmony Junction, said the con-

cert repertoire includes traditional barbershop harmony, gospel, spiritual classics, country western and old time popular favorites.

Fairmont resident Jon Denzene and his recording group, "The Torrent" released a cassette album of instrumental/environmental music entitled "natural sound environments."

Katie Schoener, Fairmont, was chosen to be official Minnesota Timberwolves Ball Kid. She was chosen after entering a register-to-win contest at Fairmont's McDonalds.

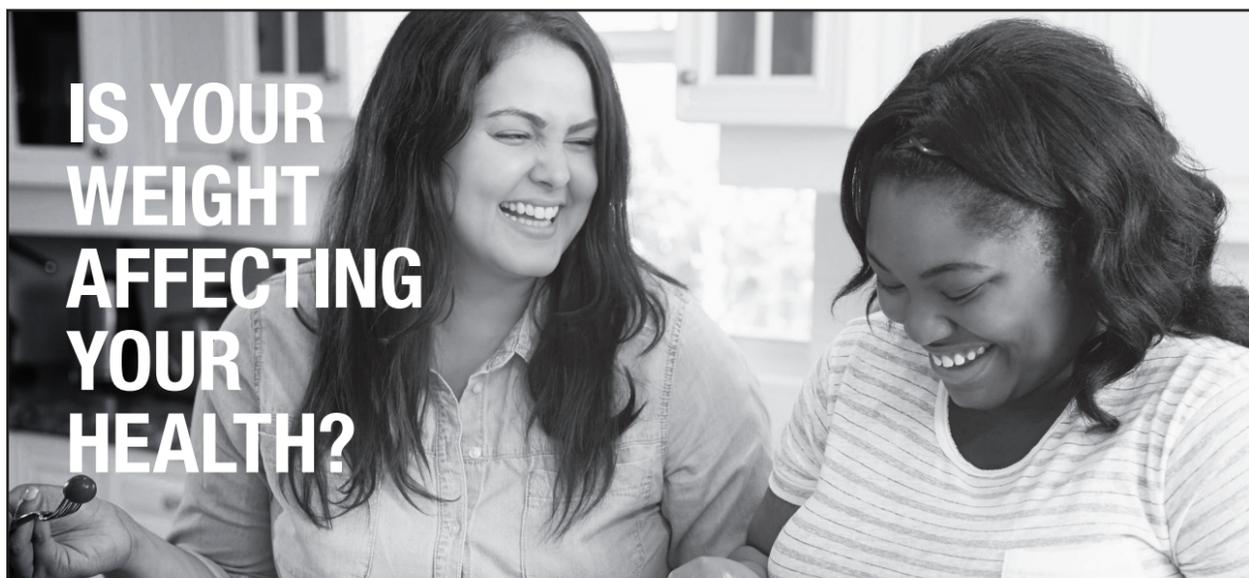
The Granada-Huntley-East Chain Cheer/Dance Team was to compete in the 1993 UPA Regional Championship at Halenbeck Hall at St. Cloud State University. Team members were Mandy Drews, Jaime Maday, Sarah Drews, Cathy Crosby, Jessica Thedens, Jennifer Hammond, Angela Broviak, Sandy Doolittle, Heidi Olson, Chrissy Prom and Amanda Holm.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 1968

Weber's Supermarket at 1520 Albion Avenue, operated by Frank and Olga Weber who built the suburban grocery outlet in 1958, was sold to Harold Frisbie, who also owned the Frisbie Clover Farm Grocery at 828 N. North Ave. Frisbie's son, Tony, was to manage the Albion Avenue business.

A representative of the Fairmont Band Boosters organization met with the school board and received the board's approval for a trip to San Antonio, Texas, for the high school senior band. The move was in accordance with a tradition begun in 1962, that the band would make a trip every third year, thus enabling each band member to get in on a trip once during his three-year tenure on the band. The 1968 group has been invited to participate in the San Antonio "HemisFair."



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Are You a Snowbird?

Protect Your Finances While You're Gone

Winter is officially here – but you may soon be leaving it behind if you're a snowbird. When you go, though, you'll want to keep your financial situation from getting caught out in the cold.

These are a few suggestions you may want to consider:

- Protect your home. If you're like many people, your home is your biggest investment, so you'll want to protect it while you're away. You're probably already familiar with the steps you should take, such as informing your neighbors that you'll be gone, stopping your newspapers, forwarding your mail, using a timer to turn lights on and off, and so on. And these days, with smart phones and advanced security systems, you can look in on your home whenever you like.

- Notify your bank. Recognizing the prevalence of identity theft, the fraud departments of many banks are getting more aggressive in spotting and denying unusual charges. Consequently, you'll want to give your bank your temporary address and contact information before you leave. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of your account being frozen temporarily if your

financial institution can't reach you with questions about charges from an unexpected location. You might also find it useful to open a bank account at your snowbird site.

- Gather your tax forms.

If you're gone most of the winter, you may bump up against the tax-filing deadline, which, in 2018, is April 17. So, to allow yourself enough time to prepare your taxes, or to have them prepared by a professional, gather your tax information before you leave. Make sure you've got all your investment-related forms, such as your 1099-INT (for interest income) and your 1099-DIV (for taxable capital gains and dividends).

- Track your investments. You can probably track the progress of your investments online, and it's a good idea to do so, just as you would at your permanent residence. Even if you're only gone a couple of months, you may need to make some investment moves, such as "maxing out" on your IRA, so stay on top of your accounts and contact your investment professional, as needed. As always, though, don't overreact to sudden market swings – ideally, you've got long-term strategies in place

that can serve your needs in most investment environments. In any case, it also wouldn't hurt to notify your financial professional that you'll be away for a while, even if you typically only see him or her a couple of times a year.

- Arrange for bill payments. If you handle most of your bills online or through auto-pay, you won't have to worry about missing a payment while you're gone. Still, if you take care of some bills the old-fashioned way, with checks, envelopes and stamps, you may want to give yourself some sort of reminder of when these payments are due.

- Be careful on social media. To be on the safe side, you may not want to trumpet your extended time away from home on Facebook or other social media platforms. It's sad but true that identity thieves watch for information like this.

In all likelihood, you'll enjoy being a snowbird – and by making the above moves, you'll have less financial baggage to deal with when you take off.

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a specific time limit and usually requires a specific amount of money, so you will need to choose the appropriate investments.

- Risk tolerance – The element of time also will affect your tolerance for risk. When you have many decades to go until you retire, you can afford to take more risk with your investments because you have time to overcome periods of market volatility. But when you're on the verge of retirement, you may want to lower the risk level in your portfolio. For example, you may want to begin moving away from some of your more aggressive, growth-oriented investments and move toward more income-producing vehicles that offer greater stability of principal. Keep in mind,

though, that even during retirement, you'll need your portfolio to provide enough growth opportunity at least to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Thus far, we have looked at ways in which time plays a role in how you invest. But there's also an aspect of time that you may want to keep out of your investment strategies. Specifically, you might not want to try to "time" the market. The biggest problem with market timing is it's just too hard. You essentially have to be right twice, selling at a market top and buying at the bottom.

Also, as humans, we appear to be somewhat wired to think that an activity – especially a long-running activity – will simply continue. So, when the

market goes up, we seem to expect it to keep rising, and when the market drops, we think it will continue dropping. This can lead to big mistakes, such as selling after a major market drop even though that can be the time when it may be much smarter to buy because prices are low.

As we've seen, the way you interact with time can affect your investment efforts. So, think carefully about how you can put all the days, months and years on your side. Time is the one asset you can't replenish – so use it wisely.

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Ask A Trooper: Unmarked Vehicle



by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

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Time is a key factor in Investing

With the arrival of the New Year, many of us will pause and ponder the age-old question: "Who knows where the time goes?" And, as is always the case, none of us really do know. However, wherever the time goes, it will usually be a key factor in your success as an investor.

Time can affect how you invest, and the results of your investing, in different ways:

- Growth potential – Contrary to myth, there's no real way to "get rich quick" when investing. To build wealth, you need patience – and time. If you

own quality investments with growth potential, and you give them years – in fact, decades – to increase in value, your perseverance may be rewarded. Of course, there are no guarantees, and you'll need the discipline to withstand the inevitable downturns along the way. But in describing how long he likes to keep his investments, renowned investor Warren Buffet says his favorite holding period is "forever."

- Targeted goals – To accumulate resources for retirement, you need to save and invest throughout your working life. But

along the way, you'll probably also have some shorter-term goals; making a down payment on a home, sending your children to college, taking a round-the-world trip, and so on. Each of these goals has

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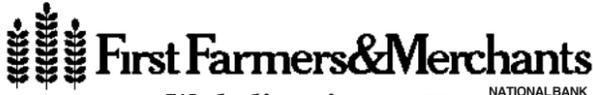
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Peggy Holtz, Peggy Meade, Steven A. Meade to Shawna McMains, W½W½NE¼, 29-103-33
DSPS Enterprises to Krumholz Rentals LLC, Pt. Lots 2, 3, 4, Block 1, Burtons Subd.
Shawna Ranae Holtz, David McMains, Shawna McMains to Peggy Meade, E½W¼NE¼, 29-103-33
John Edward Zaharia, Teresa Sue Zaharia to Nicholas E. Thiesse, S½ Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Grafts 2nd Addn., Truman
First Farmers & Merchants National Bank to St. John Vianney Catholic Church of Fairmont, Minnesota, Lot 1, Block 2, Poetters First Addn.
Duane Sukalski to Nathan W. Sukalski, Samantha K. Sukalski, Pt. NE¼NW¼, 13-101-30
Fairmont Coin Laundry LLC to Fairmont Mega Coin LLC, Lot 1, Block 1, Ward Home Addn.
Dennis H. Hagen, Marianne Hagen to Jeffrey D. Hagen, Karis D. Hagen, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. SE¼NW¼, 3-101-32
Allison Vrieze, Nathan Vrieze to Stacie Lynn Clau-son, Lot 5, W.8' Lot 4, Block 8, Original Plat Monterey
Barbara Kuehl, Steven Kuehl to John Ufer, Katelyn Ufer, Pt. N½NW¼SW¼, 28-104-31
Roberta Alsworth, Thomas Alsworth to Elizabeth Alsworth, Und. 1/6 Int., SW¼, 2-102-3

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
Laurie Truesdell, Oliver A. Truesdell to Oliver A. Truesdell, Pt. N½NE¼, 21-102-31
David H. Malo, Mary Ellen Malo to David A. Malo Revocable Trust, Pt. E½SE¼, 31-104-29
Russell Olson to Joshua P. Thate, S.100' of E.199', SE¼SE¼, 6-102-29

MARTIN COUNTY, MN FARMLAND AUCTION
177.95 DEEDED ACRES +/-
Thurs., February 1, 2018 @ 10:30 AM
To be held at the Sherburn Legion-18 N Osborne St, Sherburn, MN.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 177.95 Acres in SE1/4 Sec 22(EX 19.10AC)& E1/2 NE1/4 Sec 27(EX 43.66AC) of Elm Creek Twp., Martin Co., MN T103N, R33W. **INFORMATION:** Good producing tillable land with good soil types. Call for booklets or go to www.landservicesunlimited.com.

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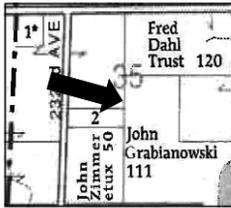
TRUSTEE DEEDS
Marcia L. Hierseman, Douglas A. Moen, Leonard A. & Luella B. Moen Living Trust, to Rita K. Matejka, S½NW¼, 4-103-32
Douglas R. Kahler, Douglas R. Kahler 2007 Revocable Trust Agreement to Region Nine Area, Inc., Outlot A, Kahler Subd.

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS
Daryl Eickhoff, Marlene Eickhoff to Kenneth Fox, Rebecca Fox, Lot 9, Block 5, Taylor & Johnsons 3rd Addn.
Joan M. Luedtke, Russell E. Luedtke to Charles E. Holm, W. 50' Lot 1, W.50' of N½ Lot 3, W.50' Lot 2, Block 9, Goulds Addn.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DEEDS
Bruce R. Anderson, Per. Rep., Estate of Douglas L. Anderson to Bruce R. Anderson, Und. 1/2 Int., Pt. NE¼, 20-104-33, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. NE¼, 21-104-33; Und. 1/2 Int. W½SW¼, 28-104-33; Und. 1/2 Int. NW¼ 21-104-33; Und. 1/2 Int. SW¼, 16-104-33

Notice of Upcoming Martin County, Minnesota 110.9 ACRES +/- Silver Lake Township FARMLAND AUCTION
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.
In case of very inclement weather - "blizzard", please check our web site at www.auctioneeralley.com for details.

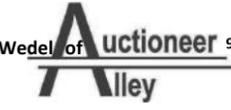
SALE LOCATION: The auction will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 920 East 10th Street in Fairmont, Minnesota.
Watch for auction signs on highway #15 on day of the sale.



PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Part of SE1/4 (Silver Lake Township) in 35-101N-30W Martin County, Minnesota. Containing 110.9 acres more or less. The full legal description will be provided at the auction.
For property information booklet & more information go to www.auctioneeralley.com.

OWNERS:
John Grabianowski Estate
ATTORNEY FOR THE SELLER:
Brandon Edmundson - Kraher, Shaffer & Edmundson, Ltd.
Attorneys at Law Fairmont, MN.

SALE CONDUCTED BY
Doug Wedel - Fairmont, MN. or 507-236-4255 (C)
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MARTIN COUNTY, MN FARMLAND AUCTION
160 DEEDED ACRES +/-
Tues., January 30, 2018 @ 10:30 AM
To be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall-920 E 10th Street, Fairmont, MN.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 160 Acre Tract in the SW 1/4 Sec. 8 of Fraser Twp., Martin County, MN T103N, R31W. **INFORMATION:** *Top producing tillable land with good soil types. Call for booklets or go to www.landservicesunlimited.com.

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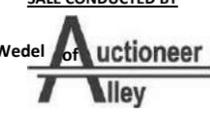
Notice of Upcoming Martin County, Minnesota 153.33 ACRES +/- Lake Belt Township Bare FARMLAND AUCTION
Monday, January 22, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.
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SALE LOCATION CORRECTION: The auction will be held at the Legends II at 103 East Main Street, Ceylon, MN. Watch for auction signs on highway #15 on day of the sale.
PROPERTY LOCATION: From Ceylon, Minnesota approximately 3 miles west on County Road #6 to 90th Avenue, then approximately 1-1/4 miles south.
PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE1/4 except the building site area in the southwest corner (Lake Belt Township) in 29-101N-32W Martin County, Minnesota. Containing 153.33 acres more or less. The full legal description will be provided at the auction.
PROPERTY INFORMATION: Deeded Acres: 153.33 +/- Tillable Acres: 147.54 +/- Crop Productivity Index Rating: 91.9

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018 STARTING AT 9:45 A.M. - The large Martin Luther High School Annual Antique and Collectible Auction. Several members of Auctioneer Alley are the auctioneers for this auction.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 10:00 A.M. - LARSON BROTHERS - 63 Acres +/- Recreational Land located in Sec. 12 of Fox Lake Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont, MN. DUSTYN HARTUNG & ASSOCIATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018 9:30 A.M. - Several Parties Auction at the Fair Grounds in St. James, MN. DAR HALL & ASSOCIATES.

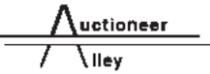
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 10:30 A.M. - ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LATE BENNIE & ALICE BLOM) - 153.33 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec. 29 of Lake Belt Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at Legends II, 103 E. Main Street in Ceylon, MN. DOUG WEDEL & ASSOCIATES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 10:30 A.M. - JOHN GRABIANOWSKI ESTATE - 110.9 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec. 35 of Silver Lake Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont, MN. DOUG WEDEL & ASSOCIATES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 7:00 P.M. - KENNETH A. WEST ESTATE - 200 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located 3.5 miles west of Trimont on Cty Rd. 44 or 200th St. in Sec. 28 of Cedar Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Trimont Community Center at 41 2nd Ave NW. Darwin Anthony P.R., Paul Edman, Atty., KAHLERS/HARTUNG & ASSOCIATES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018 10:30 AM. - VANDERIET FAMILY-160 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec. 8 of Fraser Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to held at Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont, MN. DUSTYN HARTUNG & ASSOCIATES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018 10:30 AM - SICKLER ESTATE - 177.86 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec 22 & 27 of Elm Creek Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Sherburn Legion in Sherburn, MN. HARTUNG, KAHLER & ASSOCIATES




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Coaches vs. Cancer is January 19th

The fifth annual Coaches vs. Cancer will be held Friday, January 19th, at the Fairmont-Blue Earth basketball games. The girls game starts at 6 p.m. and the boys at 8 p.m.

Coaches vs. cancer is sponsored by the Martin County Relay for Life. Many families have been affected with the loss of a loved one. Some have friends who are battling cancer now as we try to raise awareness to our students, athletes and families, of how we can help fight the battle and

find a cure. Paper basketballs can be purchased from any basketball player or family for a donation of \$10. Those basketballs will be displayed on the wall behind the Fairmont side at the Fairmont High School gymnasium.

Raffles will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for various baskets, gift certificates and items donated by businesses and families. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Winners will be announced at half-time of the boys game.



BULL PIN - Red Bulls Jordan Wolter pinned Blue Earth Areas' Koby Nagel in the Class 2A, #12-ranked Fairmont/Martin County West 55-16 win over the Buccaneers. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



HALF NELSON - Red Bulls Miles Fitzgerald defeated the Bucs' Jaxen Klinkner by technical fall 20-5. The Red Bulls (6-0) will host to St. Peter on Thursday. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



CONTESTED LAY-UP - The Jaguars Emma Becker goes up for a lay-up as the Cards Taylor Crissinger defends the play. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



DRAWING CONTACT - Cards Brenna Cutler shoots a jumper in the lane over the Jaguars defender Emma Becker. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



PRESS BREAKER - Cards Brooke Hunwardsen dribbles past the Jaguars #42 Lydia Steinhaus. The Cards (7-4) downed Granada Huntley East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther (2-9) by the score of 58-48 last Saturday in Truman. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



STRAIGHT SHOOTER - Cardinals Nathan Kallenbach goes up for a jump shot over New Ulm's Braden Zimmerman. The Eagles won 49-43 over the Cards (8-3) last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

NSSR/Icekahana this Saturday

Bring the family and friends to Fairmont for a weekend of outdoor fun. Watch fire on ice racing as snowmobiles and four wheelers take on the frozen Fairmont lakes at the National Straightline Snowmobile Racing (NSSR) and Icekaha-

na event on Saturday, January 13th at the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club.

Get those sleds and ATVs tuned up to bring home a trophy. There will be two shaved-radar run tracks. Come watch the NSSR Pros on the 1,000 foot track. Run yours down the fun run track.

You can also test your ice driving skills on the Icekaha-

hana track. Icekaha-

classes include: Stud-ded classes for sleds and ATVs, un-studded classes for sleds only, Kitty Cat, 120 Class, 120 Mod Class and Mod and Vintage. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with racing starting at 10:00 a.m. Thanks to all our amazing sponsors, for this is a free event to come watch. The event will be held on the south end of Hall Lake at the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club. There will

prize awards and also concessions.

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Club myblizzard.com, 507-236-7190 or NSSR at racenssr.com, 763-753-2261.

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LEGO is a little Chihuahua mix. He is tan with a little white on his feet. This cutie is good with other small dogs and is always happy to see new people.
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Financial Management Strategies for 2018

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Projected profit margins for crop production in 2018 are likely to be at or below "breakeven levels" for many producers. Costs for some crop inputs, such as fertilizer and fuel, have declined slightly in the past couple of years, as have land rental rates in some areas; however, crop revenues for many producers have declined at an even greater rate. It appears that low commodity prices and lower gross revenue levels in corn and soybean production will likely continue for the 2018 crop year. The profit margins in the livestock sector improved somewhat in 2017, but were quite variable, which is a trend that is also likely to continue in 2018. Credit availability for agriculture should remain good for farm businesses that are on a solid financial base; however, credit could get much tighter for farm businesses that are in a "higher-risk" financial position.

Here are some financial strategies for farm businesses to consider during these highly volatile and potential stressful financial times in the farming business:

Keep the "Current Position" (cash available) segment of the farm business strong.

- Pay attention to the level of "Working Capital" and the "Current Ratio" on your Farm Financial Statement. If there is a big decline, it could signal some financial concerns for the farm business.

- It is usually a better option to use excess cash revenues from the farm operation to pay down short-term farm operating debt, rather than to make extra payment on term

loans.

- If there are any excess crop revenues from 2017 grain sales beyond repayment of the 2017 Farm Operating Loan, it is probably best to prepay some 2018 or 2019 crop expenses.

- Remember to account for CCC grain loans, financing with crop input suppliers, short-term loans from family members, etc. when analyzing the Working Capital for the farm operation.

Look at ways to reduce production costs and other expenses.

- Try to be a "low-cost" producer; thoroughly analyze seed, fertilizer, chemical, etc. crop expense decisions for 2018 crop production, and look for ways to manage those input costs.

- Be cautious when making reductions in crop production costs, so not to significantly impact yield potential; optimizing crop yields is still important to the "bottom-line".

- Carefully analyze more expensive cash rental rates on rented land, and if the rates are not profitable, try to negotiate lower rental rates, or possibly give up some high rent land.

- Negotiate "flexible lease" contracts with agreeable landlords that sets a manageable base rental rate, with the opportunity for a higher final rental rate, if final crop prices and/or yields increase.

- Review all other direct and overhead expenses in the farm operation and look for any ways to make reductions.

Review other ways to manage financial risk.

- "Fine-tune" the farm's grain marketing plan,

based on the "cost of production", which is updated regularly, and have set price targets and deadline dates as part of the marketing plan.

- Don't get caught up in the "market hype or chatter"; pay attention to how changes in the corn and soybean market prices affect your own farm business.

- Look for "profit margin" opportunities in crop and livestock production, and take advantage to "lock-in" both cash expenses and market prices when those margins exist.

- Take time to analyze the best crop insurance strategies for your farm operation in 2018; cutting crop insurance coverage may not be the best risk management strategy.

- Excessive spending for family living and non-farm expenditures can be a "hidden expense" in the farm business. Include non-farm income and expenses, and other family living expenditures, in farm cash flow planning.

Pay attention to the repayment ability on Term Debt Loans.

- In addition to declining Working Capital, a low "Term Debt Coverage Ratio" is a common sign of financial stress in a farm business. This ratio is the cash available for debt repayment divided by the total principal and interest due on all intermediate and long-term loans.

- Make wise decisions on the use of available

cash for farm machinery and capital improvement investments, and make sure that the investments are needed for the farm operation.

- Term loans that are set up to finance machinery purchases and capital improvements may require payments for several years, which need to be factored into cash flow budgets.

- Look for opportunities to sell any farm assets that are no longer needed in the farm business and use funds for added working capital or to repay some term debt.

Carefully analyze farm land purchase decisions.

- There is likely to be a lot of farm land for sale in the coming year, so don't get caught up in the hype of "Buy now, because they don't make any more farm land". Make sure that any land purchases are financially sound for long-term future of the business.

- Shop around before settling on a high dollar purchase of farm land, as

there may be opportunities to find comparable farm land, as far as land quality and production capability, for less money.

- Compare the cost of owning the farm land to the likely annual land rental rates to secure increased crop acreage.

- Be sure to include the required annual real estate loan principal and interest payments, along with real estate taxes, into annual cash flow planning for the farm business

Communicate with family members, farm partners, and ag lenders.

- When financial matters and farm profitability become more challenging in a farm operation, it is very important to discuss these challenges and possible solutions with family members and other partners in the farm operation.

- Meet with your ag lender early to discuss your farm operating credit needs for 2018, and to consider possible solutions to address any financial challenges that may exist.

- Utilize farm business management advisors, crop insurance agents, marketing advisors, crop consultants, and other professionals to assist with farm management decisions.

- Discuss planned machinery and equipment purchases, and potential land purchases, and the projected cash flow impacts on the farm business, prior to finalizing those decisions.

- Discuss grain and livestock marketing plans, and the impact that marketing decisions could have on cash flow plans.

- Discuss any financial concerns early, either farm-related or non-farm concerns, while there is still time to make the needed financial adjustments.

- View your Ag Lender and other professionals as consultants to assist with key financial and management decisions in your farm operation, rather than as adversaries.



East Chain 4-H

The November 11th meeting of the East Chain 4-H club opened with roll call "What are you thankful for?". It was held at the Bowlmor Lanes. Special reports were that we were going to serve the community meal on November 29 and a sign up genius will be sent out. The plan for scrapbook is for every kid to complete one page.

Old business we will pay for the first game

of bowling. The club's Christmas banquet will be potluck instead of having it catered. The Christmas party will be Sunday, December 3rd at the Red Rock Center. Wear an ugly sweater for the contest and bring something for the Salvation Army.

The meeting was adjourned. Everyone had a fun time bowling.

Respectfully submitted, by Daniel Calkins

"What is 1 item on your Christmas list?". There was presentation of the club awards. Old business - the community pride project - making Hearts of Hope lap blankets- we need to be looking for fun kid fleece. If anyone has fleece, we are looking for donations. We will make them in January or February.

We also had a ugly sweater contest. The officers were installed with a candle lighting ceremony. Played a fun Christmas game. Then we went caroling at Ingleside.

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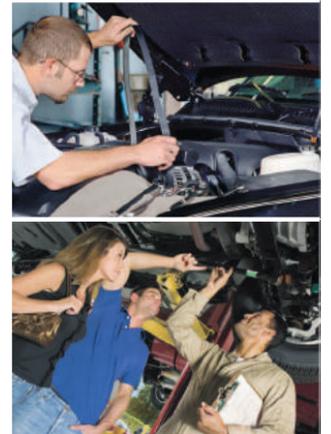
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