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**HECKMAN 60TH** - Duane and Rosalie Heckman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on January 22nd. They were married on January 22nd, 1956. Cards can reach them at 805 E. Second Street North, Truman, MN 56088.

## First Baby Born at MCHS in Fairmont is a Baby Boy

Mayo Clinic Health System announced the birth of the first baby of the New Year in its Fairmont hospital. Easton Glenn Ludacer, a boy, was born on Wednesday, January 6th, 2016, at 5:26 p.m. to parents Nita Borchardt and Eric Ludacer of Fairmont. Easton

weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20½ inches long at birth. He has two older sisters.

There were 229 babies born at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont in 2015. That compares with 242 births at the medical center in 2014.



Leilani Joy Olson, daughter of Darek and Karla Olson of Fairmont, was born on December 25th, 2015 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and

measured 20 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Chris and Judy Olson of Mora, Minnesota and Carlos and Rosy Casas of Tampico, Mexico. Great-grandparents are Janet Olson of Fairmont, Bill and Kathy Raine of East Chain and Kathy Moore of Fairmont. Leilani was welcomed home by her sister, Citlali Olson.

The **Fairmont High School class of 1962**, spouses and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30

a.m. on Friday, January 15th at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch for food, fun and fellowship.



**GRUNIG 85TH AND 90TH** - Eulalie Ann and Bill Grunig of Truman will celebrate their birthdays. Eulalie will be turning 85 on January 23rd and Bill will turn 90 on February 7th, 2016. Cards may be sent to them at: 2050 - 210th Avenue, Truman, MN 56088.

The East Chain Lutheran Church, family and friends will host an Open House Bridal Shower for **Briana Green**, bride-to-be of Grant Gaither on Saturday, January 16th at 10:30 a.m.

The shower will be held at the East Chain Lutheran Church Basement. Everyone is invited to attend.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church at 102 North Park Street in Fairmont will have a **Soup Luncheon** benefitting the Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. on Friday, January 15th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several choices of soup will be served. This is part of Mission Opportunity 2016: Engaging God's Mission Through Engaging All God's Creation.

## Mature Driving Refresher Course Offered in Truman

A four-hour refresher class on mature driving will be offered on Tuesday, January 19th from 5:30-9:30 p.m. in the Truman Learning Center (Truman High School Library).

Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, accord-

ing to Minnesota law. First time participants must complete the initial eight hours of training and a four hour refresher class every three years to maintain the 10% discount.

There is a fee for the refresher course. For more information or to register go to [www.mnsafetycenter.org](http://www.mnsafetycenter.org) or call TOLL FREE 1-888-234-1294.

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### A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

**JURY** is a beautiful little medium haired girl who was found as a stray by the courthouse, hence her name. This little sweetheart is a black/white tuxedo who is about 3 - 4 months old. She's already spayed, up to date on age appropriate shots, and housetrained. Jury is a friendly girl who enjoys being petted and does well with other felines at the shelter.

**PAXTON** has a purr-sonality as wonderful as he is handsome. This longhaired lad has a stunning blue/grey coat and gorgeous light green eyes to match. He is neutered, up to date on shots, and housetrained. Paxton tolerates the other felines at the shelter.

### A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

**CARTER** and **CARSON** are the last two of their litter waiting for their forever homes. At about 4 months old, they are already neutered and up to date on age appropriate shots. They have lived in a foster home with dogs, cats, and a young child. They are very friendly and playful boys who are, we think, Black Lab/Shepherd mixes.

**FRIDAY** This handsome lad is about a year old, neutered and up to date on shots. We aren't sure his heritage, perhaps Lab & Terrier mix of some sort? He's a medium sized fellow, weighing maybe 35-40 lbs. Friday knows how to sit, and is an active guy who loves to be around people! Friday is food motivated, too.....so would love to learn more commands with his new family. Share this post & help us find Friday a furr-ever home!

**ROSE SALE** Looking for some roses for your sweetheart? MCHS is selling roses for \$20/dozen (solid red or mixed dozen). Order by Tues, Feb 2nd for Sat Feb, 13th pickup at the shelter between 2 pm - 6 pm.

## Coaches vs. Cancer Event to be Held in Fairmont January 22

by Deb Heinrich

Plans are under way for the 3rd annual Coaches vs. Cancer Event on Friday, January 22nd during the double header game in Fairmont against Blue Earth. The event is being sponsored by the Martin County Relay for life.

Many families have been affected with the loss of a loved one. Some many even have a dear friend that is battling cancer right now as we try to raise awareness to our students, athletes, and families of how we can help fight the battle to find a cure. Below are listed the activities taking place that evening to raise funds for our cause.

To honor or remember those loved ones that have passed or are still battling cancer, 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, South side, for several weeks. Players in grades 9-12 will be given a donation sheet and envelope for families to fill out and return to coach at practice by January 20th.

Individuals can also purchase these at the game that same day of the event.

There will also be a raffle of various baskets, gift certificates, and items donated by businesses and families from

5:30 - 8:00 that evening at the game.

Tickets are 1 for \$3 or 3 for \$5. The tickets will then be placed in different bags of your choice of the prize that you would like to win. It is possible to win more than one item! Winners will be drawn at 8:00 so that prizes can be picked up at half time of the boys game.

An exciting event at both halftimes will be the Chariots of Fire contest. Boys will go during the girls halftime game and girls will go during the boys game. Buckets will also be passed around by the cheerleaders at each game and only for 76 seconds. That represents the fact that every 76 seconds someone in Minnesota is diagnosed with cancer!!!

Please join us for this very special & fun event on Friday, January 22nd starting at 5:30 - 8:00. Help these many basketball players and their families raise money to continue to fight against cancer and find a cure! I'd like to close this paragraph with a quote from Jim Valvano, famous head basketball coach from North Carolina (1980-1990) who passed away from cancer at a young age. His infamous speech at the ESPY Awards in 1993 quoted him as saying, "Don't give up, don't ever give up the battle to find a cure for cancer!"

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## Buddy Holly Tribute at Opera House Postponed

"RAVE ON! The Buddy Holly Experience," originally scheduled to be presented at the Fairmont Opera House on Friday, January 8th, has been postponed until January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the January 8th show will be valid for the January 22nd show.

The recent ice storm caused the band's truck and 16-foot trailer to slide into the ditch late Friday afternoon, and soon afterward the decision was made to postpone the show. Thankfully, no members of the group were injured in this incident.

"We're just glad that ev-

eryone is safe," said Jonas Nissen, Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House. "While we are very sorry to cause any inconvenience to our patrons, safety must come first in situations like this."

Members of the Rave On! cast and crew were traveling east on I-90 when the pickup truck they were riding in lost control. After several harrowing seconds in which the truck and 16-foot trailer spun a complete 180 degrees, the travelers ended up deep in the ditch. The storm and icy conditions had local towing establishments completely tied up, and it was not until later in the

evening that the trailer, heavily loaded with sound equipment, instruments and costumes, was finally pulled from the ditch.

"We examined several options before deciding to postpone the show," said Nissen. "We even started calling local musicians to ask if we could borrow instruments, but every solution posed a new problem. We soon realized that if we were to push on, the show wouldn't get started until around 10 p.m. We appreciate everyone's patience and continued support of the Fairmont Opera House, and we look forward to an even better show on January 22nd."

## Easy Automation Inc. Bruce Larson Memorial Scholarship

Bruce P. Larson was a long-time employee of



Easy Automation Inc. in Welcome.

In his over twenty years of service to EAI, Bruce was instrumental in developing the electrical/controls department at EAI. Bruce lost his battle with cancer on May 3rd, 2015. In honor of his commitment to excellence, EAI is providing a \$1000 scholarship to a student pursuing a degree in a program from his area.

This scholarship is for

the 2016-2017 academic year. Students attending a two or four year college, university, or vocational-technical school are eligible.

Information and an application are available at EAI in Welcome, by calling 507-728-8214, or by emailing agerken@easy-automation.com. Application deadline is April 1st, 2016.

## Martin County Youth Foundation Announces Fall 2015 Grants

The Martin County Youth Foundation held its Donor Recognition and Awards Presentation on Monday, November 9th, 2015 at the Red Rock Center. Grants totaling

arships

**Martin County Historical Society** \$1,000

Project: School Visitation Program

**District 2752 Fairmont CER** \$1,400



\$16,986 were awarded to nine organizations and/or projects.

Grants were given to the following organizations and projects:

**Truman Public Pre-school ISD 458** \$2,500

Project: Preschool Scholarships and Snacks

**Martin County West CE ISD 2448** \$3,000

Project: Preschool Schol-

Project: Afterschool Science Discovery Club and Family Snowshoe Event

**Fairmont Area Kinship** \$1,916

Project: Adopt-A-Match Mentor Training

**Fairmont Opera House** \$1,520

Project: Elementary Age Artistic Performances

**Fairmont Area Schools**

**ISD 2752** \$3,000

Project: Agriculture Academy Greenhouse

**Martin County Library** \$1,000

Project: Library Lego Club

**Martin County Library** \$1,650

Project: Quarterly Learners to Purchase Ipads

The Martin County Youth Foundation was founded in 2000. The organization is committed to acquire, manage and distribute funds to enhance the lives of youth in Martin County. It contributes approximately \$40,000 each year in grants to support youth related programs and activities in Martin County. For more information, visit: [martincounty-youthfoundation.org](http://martincounty-youthfoundation.org).

## Region Nine Receives Grant for Energy Effort

It is an energizing New Year for Region Nine Development Commission in Mankato who received three Seed Grants totaling \$3,739 from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) recently. The organization will use the grants for their Community Solar Garden Workshops.

"We're very excited to learn about the grant award," said Jacob Thunander and Rich Huelskamp. "We can't wait to get started on our Community Solar Garden Workshops."

This project is to develop and conduct three community solar garden-focused workshops in Region Nine (nine counties surrounding Mankato).

The primary objectives of the workshop are to educate potential solar garden subscribers and help them make an informed decision about participating as a community solar garden



subscriber. A secondary objective of the workshops is to educate potential landowners interested in serving as host sites about solar garden land leases.

The award is one of 39 grants given to innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in communities across

Minnesota. These awards mark the eighth round of Seed Grants from the group, totalling over \$1 million to 269 projects since 2006. A complete list of funded projects can be accessed at <http://mn-certs.org/2016grants>.

"CERTs provides these Seed Grants with two primary objectives in mind," said Lissa Pawlisch, CERTs Director. "First, to encourage implementation of community-based clean energy projects across the state. Second, to provide an educational forum for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and their economic, community, and ecological benefits."

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# No Charge for Indigestion

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



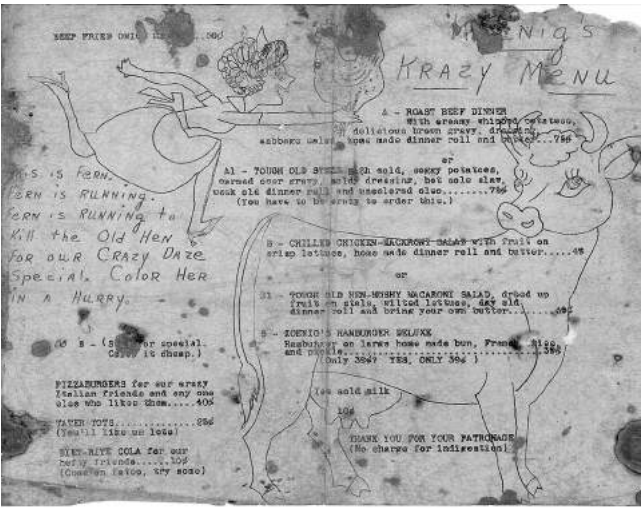
What’s for dinner? Sometimes that question is followed by, “Let’s go out to eat tonight.” There are a



number of very good dining establishments in Fairmont and Martin County

1950s they featured a roast beef dinner, potatoes, gravy, cabbage salad and dinner roll all for \$0.75. You

could get a hamburger for \$0.39 and, as the menu stated, Diet-Rite Cola “for

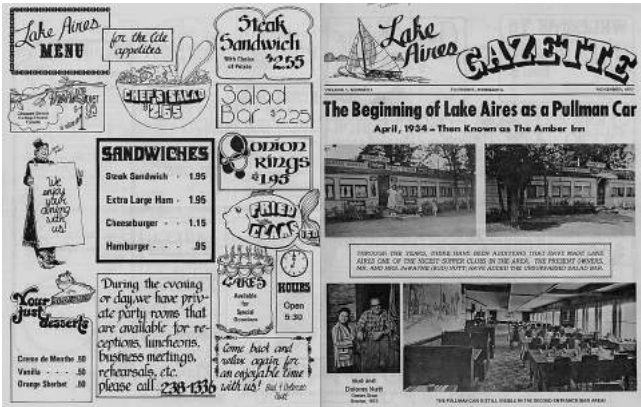


today, but there were also some that are no longer in existence that were very popular and quite interesting in their day.

Would the comment, “No charge for indigestion,” be seen on a menu today? That’s what the “Koenig’s Krazy Menu” had stated on the lower right hand corner of their menu. **Koenig’s lunch counter** was located in the Koenig’s retail store at 308 North North Avenue, now known as Downtown Plaza, in Fairmont. In the

our hefty friends” was a mere ten cents. Making reference to “our hefty friends” and “no charge for indigestion” on a menu in today’s world would probably not be the most effective marketing ploy; nevertheless, it’s interesting that it was actually on a menu at one time.

**The Amber Inn**, located at one time on the south shore of Amber Lake, started out as **Pullman Car** in 1934. It eventually became known as **Lake Aires** and evolved



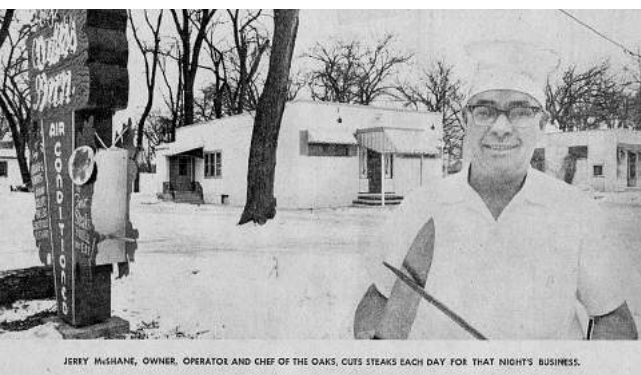
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wanted hard liquor you would have to bring your own bottle.

**The Sweet Shop** was located at 110 North North Avenue in downtown Fairmont. It served



sandwiches ranging from ten to fifteen cents, but keep in mind that toasted sandwiches were five cents extra. They featured an interesting array of hot drinks such as hot malted milk, hot egg malted milk, and hot lemonade. Their

menu also clearly stated, interestingly enough, that all five cent drinks served at tables were five cents. They also served soups, sundaes, and salads. However, the Sweet Shop



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Soup was also very popular. The Oaks was small and could be described as cozy and quaint. While waiting to be seated you were sometimes ushered downstairs until a table opened up. The Oaks Inn was located on the corner of Albion Avenue and Lair Road and was well known for its fresh cut steaks as well as its aforementioned French Onion Soup.

**The Redwood** at 1315 North State St. and **Berch’s Jolly Inn** at 2710 Albion Avenue in Fairmont were both very popular and offered a variety of menu items as well. The Redwood included outside service to patrons ordering from their cars and

later added the Redwood Chateau that included live entertainment.

These are but a few of the dining establishments from the recent past that catered to a multitude of varying tastes. They provided delectable offerings and fond memories for many people in Martin County and beyond. There is little doubt that they would satisfy the heartiest appetite yet today if they were still in business.

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](http://www.fairmont.org/mchs).

## Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold the fourth meeting of the 2015-2016 year this Monday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Note this move back to the high school - much better lighting and easier access. Enter through Door V on the south side of the building. After introductions, the meeting will begin with show-and-tell, always an entertaining and inspiring part of the meeting.

The Tula Pink Modern Quilt mini-group is finishing work on the project - and new group working on the “Gypsy Wife Quilt” will start in a few months. The Block-of-the-Month (“Tales of the First Ladies”) is in its fourth month.

The program will be a demonstration by Wendy Nickel on her work in the fiber arts. Wendy is the featured artist for February at the Red Rock Center in Fairmont, and

will also be teaching classes there.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community 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.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome. For more information contact Mike Ellingsen at 507-526-5808.

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Potato Soup

### Right weather for soup

The Christmas decorations are put away and the house back to normal. I love to get the decorations out before the holidays, but it's always nice to put them away too! It looks like our winter is really here. I haven't stuck so much as my nose out the door today and even then I need to have my "cuddle duds" on! This is the perfect weather to warm up with soup. Some friends and I were lunch guests at the home of Faye Miller last week. She served this delicious potato soup and it hit the spot!

### Potato Soup:

1 lb carrots, diced  
1 stalk celery with leaves, diced  
1/3 cup onion, diced  
4 cups water  
1 1/4 tsp salt  
1 1/4 tsp pepper

Cook the above ingredients until tender.

### Then add:

2 additional cups water  
4 lbs potatoes  
Cook until potatoes are fork tender.

### Stir In:

1 can cream of celery soup  
1 cup milk or half and half  
4 Tbsp butter

1/2-1 lb ham, diced

Cook until heated through. You can add some dried parsley if you want. Stay warm!

## Snow Shoveling Safety Tips From Mayo Clinic

Shoveling snow can be good exercise when performed correctly. But taking on more than your body can handle or ignoring signs that you need to take a break may prove to be harmful.

Health care providers at Mayo Clinic Health System want to ensure your safety as you clear driveways and sidewalks, so here are some tips for safe snow shoveling:

•**Be heart conscious.** If you have a history of heart problems and are currently inactive, it's best to speak with your health care provider before shoveling. Additionally, don't shovel while smoking, eating or after consuming caffeine; this may place extra stress on your heart.

•**Dress Warm.** Wear several layers of clothing. You can always remove a layer if needed.

•**Drink plenty of water.** Remaining hydrated during cold-weather months is just as important as during warm-weather months.

•**Warm up your arms and legs.** Stretch your arms and legs before beginning to shovel. You are less likely to injure muscles when they are warm.

•**Take it slow.** Pace yourself and take breaks if you need to. Safety is more important than speed.

•**Protect your back.** Bend at the knees, not the back. Lift with your legs bent, stand with your feet hip-width apart for balance and keep the shovel close to your body. Also, don't pick up too much snow at once; use a small shovel or fill up a large shovel no more than half way.

•**Shovel while snow is fresh.** Freshly fallen snow is lighter than snow that has started melting.

•**Listen to your body.** This is the most important snow shoveling tip. If something feels abnormal, or if you're tired, it's time to stop.

If you would like to make an appointment to address any winter-related injuries, call Mayo Clinic Health System at 507-238-8500.

If you're experiencing an emergency, call 911 immediately.

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# CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Join us for Storytime at the Sherburn and Trimont Libraries in the month of January. Becky

at the Sherburn Library for Storytime and crafts on the following Tuesdays in January 12th, 19th and 26th at 3:30. For questions call 764-7611.

Or stop by the Trimont Library for Storytime on the following Tuesdays in January 12th, 19th and 26th at 2:30. For questions call MaryAnn at 639-2571. No cost and need to pre-register for these events.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS**

### WEEK OF

**JANUARY 16, 1991**

The front page of this issue was KSUM for its "Ag Expo '91" at the Fairmont American Legion Hall. Door prizes were two bags of seed corn, a portable moisture tester and the grand prize was a 55 gallon drum of motor oil.

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The Salvation Army helped a total of 1,018 individuals have a Merry Christmas, reported Capt. Tim Parker, Commanding Officer. The Salvation Army received \$43,978.81 in Christmas income through the traditional red kettles and other donations.

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Twins personalities on a winter tour, were to be in Truman at the Community Building. First baseman Kent Hrbek and Broadcaster Herb Carneal would represent the Twins on their winter tour.

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The Fairmont Chamber of Commerce was to host its 44th annual meeting at the American Legion.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS**

### WEEK OF

**JANUARY 16, 1966**

Former Fairmonter Mike Horgan, who was a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, had been lauded by the military as an expert on Communist aircraft. He was stationed at Hickam AFB in Hawaii.

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Sandra Sorensen, daughter of the Harris Sorensens of Fairmont, was named Fairmont Junior Miss at the program.

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Fairmont's new dredge arrived in April, according to the manufacturer, and the city put it to work immediately on George Lake.

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Neil Hartliep, manager of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, who had tendered his resignation to pursue a metal engraving hobby, was persuaded by Chamber directors to reconsider his decision and re-sign as manager for another three years. He was a master engraver and had built up a clientele of gun owners in decorating the barrels and stocks of prized firearms.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Martin County Preservation Association (Red Rock Center for the Arts) I would like to thank Kahler Automation for their \$1,500 contribution. Your generous gift will affect many throughout the community and surrounding area through art education and visual exhibition in a beautiful historic setting.

It is organizations like yours that help make Fairmont a better place to live and play.

Sonja Fortune,  
Executive Director,  
Red Rock Center  
for the Arts

A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who helped to make the annual Christian Church Free Christmas Day Dinner such a success. You not only made it possible for over one hundred people to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner, you also helped to convey the reason for the season by providing the Christmas experience for those who might have missed it without your help. Thank you for sharing your most precious commodity, your time.

A belated and ongoing MERRY CHRISTMAS to you!

Pastor Glen Davis,  
Minister, Christian  
Church of Fairmont

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Fairmont 4th Quarter Endowments

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fairmont would like to acknowledge and say thank you to the following for their gifts of \$13,200.79 for the 4th quarter of 2015 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund:

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The East Chain 4H meeting was held at the Martin County Fair office on Sunday, January 10th at 4 p.m. There were 25 members that attended. Our roll call was "how late did you sleep in over Christmas break?"

This month we went

ice skating after the meeting at the Martin County Hockey Arena and had a lot of fun. Birthdays this month are Todd Segar, Sabrina Segar, Misty Gerdes, Jazlyn Gerdes, Avery Kurt, Caleb Benes, and Lily Steuber. Tyler Kurt taught us some hockey basics.

Our next meeting is at Each Chain Lutheran Church on Monday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sabrina Segar

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### Waist High Snow and Uphill...Both Ways!

We have all probably heard the comment made at one point or another that it seemed like we had much more snow years ago than we have had in recent years. In the Hagen household growing up, we used to make jokes about the older generation saying that they used to have to walk to school in waist deep snow, (uphill both ways of course!). We treated those stories just like we did of the old fishermen stories of how big their catch was. Then last week a member of my relation sent some old photographs to me from the winter of 1936 and I couldn't believe how deep the snow was then. The picture I have included this week is of what now is known as County Road 8 between Dunnell and

Ceylon. You can see in the photograph that someone forgot the extra "L" in Dunnell. I can remember Grandpa telling us stories of the winter of 1936 and how much snow they had. Of course people didn't have the big vehicles like we have now, so those that had automobiles back then had a hard time getting through the snow with their thin tires. Grandpa even talked about how the railroad hired many men that year to hand-shovel the snow from the railroad tracks so that the trains could get through. I believe the Martin County Historical Society has some of those pictures down at the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont. It makes us appreciate the snow removal equipment that we have at our disposal in present day times!

### We'll Miss You, Don...

It is with sad news that I learned of the passing of a good friend last weekend. Back when I was the news director at KSUM/KFMC radio, I had the opportunity of working with "the Dons" - otherwise known as Don Oechsle and Don Eitzen, who were both salesmen for the station at that time. Don Oechsle and I had many similar interests, including old machinery and tractors. Don and his wife Sharon over the years brought smiles to the faces of thousands of young boys and girls with their pedal pull competitions that they held all over the state of Minnesota and around the upper Midwest. D&S Pedal Pulls traveled many miles over the years to give kids the opportunity of using their own "power" to pedal a small tractor pulling a "sled" that was weighed down for competition. I took part in videotaping the State Pedal Pull in Hutchinson, Minnesota for a few years and was amazed at the numbers of kids that took part in the competition and the big smiles they had on their faces when they finished a pull. Don also was involved in the Toy Train Association and display that used to be located on

downtown plaza in Fairmont and he is also known for hosting the annual toy and train shows in the Five Lakes Centre Mall over the years. Don passed away last weekend and left behind a huge legacy in the way of kids, pedal tractors, trains and toys in this area and the next time I go to a kids pedal pull, I will remember Don with a big smile, just like the kids had on their faces when they were pedaling down the track!

### Lunch for the Lakes!

There is one event coming up in the next week that I wanted to make sure you were aware of. On Friday, December 15th St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont will be having a Soup Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Several types of soups and fixings will be available and the proceeds from the luncheon will go to the Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - stay warm!!*

*- Jeff*

## Nature by the yard

By Al Batt

A downy woodpecker fed upon suet caged in a hanging feeder. Bits of suet dropped to the ground. Or attempted to drop to the ground. Most of the suet never touched soil. A starling standing below the feeder watched intently as the woodpecker worked. Each time a piece of suet

was dislodged, the starling jumped and fluttered upwards, snatching the treat out of the air.

An American kestrel hunted from a utility wire. It was a male identified by the blue of the wings. This tiny falcon sometimes bobs its head to determine the location of prey. Studies have shown that a kestrel can make up to 17 capture attempts per hour.

Canada geese flew over. They take the cold well because they are wearing down-filled coats. A friend, Dale Peterson of Albert Lea, showed me a photo of a great number of Canada geese on his lawn. The geese were providing a lawn service. They mowed the lawn and fertilized the grass.

### I swan!

My wife and I visited

the Swan Park in Monticello, Minnesota. The waters of the Mississippi River are open there thanks to the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant not far upstream. This attracted trumpeter swans. The bugling of the swans was music to the ears of Sheila Lawrence. Sheila hauled shelled corn to her sloping residential backyard bordering the riverbanks. The swans, weighing 21 to 35 pounds each, ate a lot of corn. Sometimes there were over 2,000 swans feeding on the 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of corn offered daily. Sheila began feeding them in 1988 and continued until her death in 2011. Her husband Jim carries on his wife's legacy.

By the late 1880s, trumpeter swans were believed to have become extinct due to market hunting,

found in Yellowstone National Park. In 1935, there were only 69 swans existing in the Lower 48. Swan restoration began in Minnesota in 1966.

If you're coming from Minneapolis, take Monticello exit 194 off I-94. Take a right onto County Road 18 and continue for about half a mile to Mississippi Drive and turn left. Drive until you see a small park on the right near the end of Mississippi Drive. Viewing season runs from December through March.

### My stocking was stuffed

I'm not a gifted shopper, but I give stocking stuffers every Christmas. I even get the occasional stocking stuffer. This year, I got a nifty blanket so that I'll always have a nice place to plop down at picnics, in parks or at ballgames

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### Q-and-A

"Why do woodpeckers hammer on my house?" There are three primary reasons. They are searching for insects for food. Woodpeckers use their bills like chisels and their tongues like spears to grab grub. They could be creating cavities for nesting and shelter. Or drumming as a means of communication, with different drumming used for alarms, territorial declarations or to attract a mate. If a resonant surface is used, the sound can be heard over long distances. Woodpeckers are protected under the North American Migratory Bird Act.

"Tree swallows nested in a bluebird box on our property, but the swallows left early. Where did they go?" Male tree swallows are blue-green above and white below, the females are duller in color. They raise one brood per year before gathering in large flocks (usually near water) to prepare for migration. They winter primarily in Florida and Central America, farther north than other American swallows and return to their nesting grounds before other

swallows. They eat berries and seeds as well as insects, which helps them survive the spring cold snaps. They are capable of

foraging on the ground.

Thanks for stopping by

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## Ruby's Pantry Distribution Saturday, January 23

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, on Saturday, January 23rd from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby's Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Please bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

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Trumpeter swans in Monticello. Photo by Al Batt

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- Brenda Weaver  
Source: [www.motherearthnews.com](http://www.motherearthnews.com), [www.anniesremedy.com](http://www.anniesremedy.com)



## 3 Tips to Get the Most of Workplace Benefits During Open Enrollment Season

(StatePoint) For most Americans, the end of the year marks benefit open enrollment season. While this could be viewed as an important chance to thoughtfully review coverage, it's often a time that many employees dread, and in turn, end up avoiding.

More than 170 million Americans receive coverage through the workplace, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"Today, these employees face complicated decisions and have more choices than ever before," says Audrey Im, assistant vice president, Health &

Welfare at Lincoln Financial Group. "It goes beyond health insurance, and we find there are many benefits employees aren't even aware they have available."

Employees, especially those of the younger generations, are typically concerned with short-term issues – debt and paying bills top the list of financial concerns for Millennials and Gen-Xers, according to the 2015 Special Report: Measuring Optimism, Outlook and Direction (M.O.O.D.) of America on Employee Benefits, conducted by the Lincoln Financial Group.

"Longer-term concerns associated with some non-medical insurance offerings can be uncertain and less tangible, and therefore garner less attention. For example, less than a fourth of Millennials and Gen-Xers have concerns about loss of income due to disability," says Im, citing study results.

Financial anxieties shift when looking at Baby Boomers – healthcare expenses elicit the most stress.

Open enrollment is the time to assess your biggest concerns and discover how insurance options can help you secure your financial future and alleviate some of these fears.

It doesn't have to be difficult – here are three quick tips to consider:

- Don't overlook important non-medical benefits such as dental care, vision coverage, disability insurance, life insurance, accident and critical illness insurance. Health insurance is crucial, but

these can also play a big role in protecting your income and wealth in times

- Educate yourself. Many employers and benefit providers offer web



of need. Even if your employer doesn't contribute toward the premium cost, you may be able to conveniently pay premiums via pre-tax payroll deduction.

- Think about your biggest risks today and make protecting them a priority. Every year you should consider your life changes and re-evaluate your needs. Whether you're about to walk down the aisle, expand your family, or buy a home, protecting your assets with the right insurance coverage is key.

tools to help you better understand benefits. For example, LFG.com features a wide array of tools and resources to help you make smarter decisions about protecting your future, based on your lifestyle.

It's the important things in life that are worth protecting. Insurance benefits offered through your workplace play a role in planning for that protection. Be sure to make informed choices this open enrollment season.

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## STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER



On Wednesday, January 6th, 2016, as a part of "commitment to youth," the Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis Club presented certificates of recognition to the Junior Class and Senior Class students selected as Students of the Quarter. These students were selected by administration, faculty and staff.

Pictured on the left is senior class member Cameron Hainy. Besides his academic schedule, Cameron has enjoyed success in Knowledge Bowl, Math League, Robotics and he is a member of the school's trap shooting team. Cameron's activities outside of school include taking piano lessons, delivering the Fairmont Sentinel and lifeguarding at the Fairmont Aquatic Park during the summer. Cameron is the son of Cory and Christina Hainy.

Pictured on the right is Junior Class member Taylor Nuss. Taylor's activities, other than her academic schedule, include successful participation in hockey, softball, volleyball and she is a leader in the Target Program. Her summer activities include working at the Fairmont Aquatic Park as a lifeguard. Taylor's parents are Scott and Lorie Nuss.

**Early Risers Kiwanis** meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant.

**Uptown Kiwanis** meets every other Tuesday at noon at Tami's on the Ave.

For more information or to become a member, contact: Uptown Club President Louise Hendricks, 235-3090; Early Risers Club President Mike Katzenmeyer, 235-9534.

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# Ray Rosol Memorial 6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament Held at St. John Vianney School



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPS** - St. John Vianney's sixth grade girls team placed first in the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament last weekend. Team members include (*no particular order*): Ari Melsa, Katie Hartke, Anika Jensen, Anna Busche, Briana Joseph, Maggy Totzke, Abby Cihoski, Josephine Franta, Skye Dobie, Liv Borchardt, Hanna Sanvig, Rayah Quiring, Kate Busche and Abbie Gibeau. Coaches are Kathy Cihoski and Kelly Quiring.



**RUNNER-UP** - Members of St. Paul Lutheran of Truman sixth grade girls finished second in the tournament. Team members include (*in no particular order*): Avery Sanders, Charis Hunt-Kietzer, Kylee Bentz, Makenzie Weihe, Mary Bennett, Mallery Geistfeld, Josie Clow, Mariah Geistfeld and Cami Clow. Coaches are Brenda Shane and Jen Wedel.



**THIRD PLACE** - Members of Martin County West sixth grade girls finished third in the tournament. Team members include (*in no particular order*): Tina Knight, Kylee Rowen, Caitlyn Whitehead, Hannah Wohlhuter, Lilly Krogeman, Kelley Bettin, Kiley Bettin, Paige Anderson and Miah Olsen. Coaches are Jared Anderson and Shannon Whitehead.



**FOURTH PLACE** - Members of St. Paul's Lutheran of Fairmont girls finished fourth in the tournament. Team members include (*in no particular order*): Hannah Bergt, Abbey Denton, Hope Klanderud, Ashley Engelby, Brianna Petrowiak, Ashlyn Hanson, Kate Grogin, Abbie White, Emily Engelby and Bethany Petrowiak. Coaches are Chris Engelby and Teresa Kuehl.

## Local FFA Member Receives \$1,000 National FFA Grant

A \$1,000 grant has been awarded to FFA member Camren Saxton of Fairmont, by the National FFA Foundation. Saxton is a member of the Fairmont FFA Chapter and was selected from hundreds of applicants nationwide. Saxton, a 10th grader, is one of 145 students across the US to receive a \$1,000 grant to boost his Supervised Agriculture Experience project. He is raising his own beef cattle, and has been doing so for a long time.

The SAE Grant is designed to help FFA members create and enhance their supervised agricultural experience (SAE), a requirement that all FFA members must complete. An SAE requires FFA members to create and operate an agriculture related business, work at an agriculture-related business or conduct an agricultural research experience.

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For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [www.FFA.org](http://www.FFA.org), on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.



## Fairmont Pee Wee "A" earns two ties

The Torgerson Properties Fairmont Pee Wee "A" Hockey Team battled all weekend, stopping a comeback from Owatonna and having their own comeback against St. Peter/Le Sueur. Both games ended in ties (Owatonna 1-1 and St. Peter/Le Sueur 4-4), and both power house teams are from District 9. Goalie Dakotah Hoefker had 30 saves against St. Peter/Le Sueur

Dominic Hegdal had the only goal for Fairmont against Owatonna, with

Eli Anderson generating the assist. Goalie Dakotah Hoefker made 34 saves in the defensive battle. During second game action of the weekend and down 4-3, Fairmont pulled their goalie with 45 seconds remaining in the game and it paid off as Anderson made the tying goal, with an assist from Carson Johnson. Anderson had two goals on the day and one assist. Carter Beebe and Hudson Artz each had a goal with Hegdal and Carson Kuhl each adding a helper.

Fairmont (9-10-2) takes

this coming weekend off to compete in the Southern Minnesota Pond Hockey Championship at the Martin County Arena. The home based team then plays at home on Friday January 22nd against Luverne at 6:30 p.m., at home on Saturday January 23rd against Worthington at 6:30pm, then a double header on Sunday, January 24th at New Ulm at 12:45 and finishes off the four game weekend at home against Windom at 5 p.m.



**SJV DANCE LINE** - Members of the St. John Vianney dance line that performed during the Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament held on January 9th at the St. John Vianney Gym. Back Row (*L to R*): Aili Lockwood, Tailyr Wittmus, Libby Totzke, Anika Jensen, Mireya Schmidt. Front Row (*L to R*): Addie Gibeau, Adeline Lenway, Christina McGowan, Anna Uttermarck. *Not pictured*: coaches Sara Uttermarck and Tamarae Schmidt.

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**EASY SLIDER** - Cardinals Ethan Lubenow glides by Worthington's defenseman Alan Olhansen. Lubenow had three goals in the second period for the hat trick. The Cards downed the Tigers 4-1 last Thursday night.



**ONE TIMER** - Cardinals Tierny Arens winds up for a slap shot. The Cardinals defeated the Albert Lea Tigers 9-1 last Friday night. Arens had two goals and an assist in the victory.



**HOCKEY MOM** - Cathie Arens lines up a shot from center ice. The Cardinal moms had a shoot out between periods on senior night at the Martin County Arena. Photos courtesy fairmontsports.com



## Red Bull Wrestlers Win Tournaments

The Red Bulls captured first place at the Gopher Valley Conference Meet Saturday in St. Clair. Team scores: 1. Red Bulls 179, 2. NHREG 166.5, 3. Maple River 159.0, 4. USC 156.0, 5. LCWM 122.0, 6. Medford 121.5, 7. WEM/JWP 120.0, 8. Blooming Prairie 107.0 9. Madelia/Truman/Martin Luther



**CHAMPIONS** — Members of the Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls winning the Gopher Valley Conference wrestling meet on Saturday in St. Clair include, front row (l-r): Mark Washa and Luis Figueroa. Middle: Payton Anderson, Jordan Wolter, Zachary Ringnell, Jaxon Rohman, Mario Maldonado and assistant coach Jovan Ramos. Back: Assistant coach Mike Steuber, Parker Anderson, assistant coach Tucker Schumann, Chris Ettesvold, Collin Steuber, Conner Tordsen and head coach Adam Williamson. Photo courtesy of Adam Williamson



For the 4th year in a row, the Red Bull Youth Wrestling Club won the Windom Cobra Team Tournament. They defeated Minneota, Marshall and Jackson in the championship match. The Red Bulls are comprised of youth from Fairmont and Martin County West school districts from PreK through 6th grade.

66.0, 10. St. Clair/Loyola 126 Chris Ettesvold, 2nd - 132 Payton Anderson, 2nd - 138 Mario Maldonado, 2nd - 145 Collin Steuber. 3rd - 285 Mark Zachary Ringnell, 2nd - Washa.



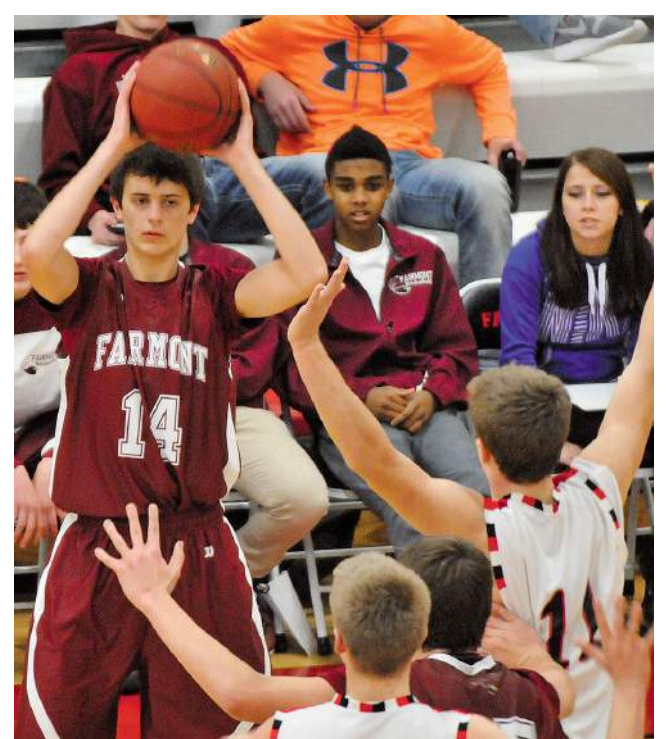
**FOR THE WIN** - Jordan Wolter's hand is raised in victory for the Gopher Valley championship in St. Clair this past weekend. Photo courtesy Ben Wolter



**THE WINNER IS** - Jordan Wolter (center) stands tall after taking first place in the 113 pound weight class in the Gopher Valley championship. Also pictured are 3rd place: Reece Hanson, Maple River (left) and in 2nd place: Gavin Soneck, USC. Photo courtesy Ben Wolter



**above: FINGER TIP CONTROL** - Cards Taylor Crissinger pulls up for a jumper over New Ulm's #13 Alyssa Kelley as teammate Meleah Reinhart watches the play. The Cards lost to the Eagles 52-38 last Thursday night. **left: PUT BACK** - The Cards Cassidy Krusemark puts in a rebound basket as teammate Haley Harder looks on. New Ulm's #5 Nikki Dittrich and Kelsey Anderson defend the play. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**ENTRY PASS** - Cardinals Noah Quiring looks to make an entry pass into teammate Walker Tordsen. The Saints #11 Brady Stevens and Sandin Skow defend the play. The Cards defeated St. James 48-41 last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



# Management Strategies For 2016

Guest Columnist



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As we look ahead to 2016, crop revenues are likely to be reduced compared to revenue levels a few years ago. 2016 crop input costs for seed, fertilizer, chemicals, fuel, etc. have declined slightly from 2015 levels, as have land rental rates in some areas; however, projected profit margins for 2016 crop production are still below "breakeven levels" for many producers. The profit margins in the livestock sector declined significantly in 2015, and are likely to remain quite tight in 2016. Credit availability for agriculture should remain good for farm businesses that are on a solid financial base; however, credit could get tighter for farm businesses that are in a "higher-risk" financial position.

Following 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.**

- It is likely 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.
- Use excess crop revenues from 2015 grain sales to prepay 2016 or 2017 crop expenses.
- Pay attention to the level of "Working Capital" and the "Current Ratio" on your Farm Financial State-

ment. If there is a big decline, it could signal some concerns.

- Be wary of excessive spending for family living and non-farm expenditures.

- Include non-farm and family living expenditures in farm cash flow planning.

**Be cautious of machinery and facility investments for the farm business.**

- Make wise decisions on the use of available cash for capital improvement investments.
- Make sure that the investments are needed, and have a potential return to the business.

- Remember, that the term loans set up to finance capital improvements may require payments for several years, and need to be factored into future cash flow budgets.

- Look for opportunities to sell farm assets that are no longer needed in the farm business.

**Be cautious of buying expensive farm land.**

- There is likely to be a lot of farm land for sale in the coming months. 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 your farm business.

- Shop around before settling on a farm purchase, as you may be able to find a comparable farm, as far as land quality and production capability, for less money.

- Compare the cost of owning the land to the likely

annual land rental rates to secure land.

- Be cautious of excessive use of available cash for land investments.

**Look at ways to reduce and manage financial risk.**

- "Fine-tune" the farm's grain marketing plan, based on the "cost of production".

- Pay attention to changes in the ARC-CO farm program payments from year-to-year, and how that may affect the cash flow for the farm business.

- Take time to analyze the best crop insurance strategies for your farm operation in 2016.

- Thoroughly analyze seed, fertilizer, chemical, etc. decisions for the crop enterprise.

- Be cautious of excessive bidding for land rent, and consider "flexible lease" contracts to address volatile crop prices and profitability, provided the Landlord will agree.

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

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

- When financial matters and farm profitability become more challenging in a farm operation, 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 2016.

- 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 your grain and livestock marketing plans, and how they fit into cash flow plans.
- Discuss any financial

## OBITUARY notices

### Ronald D. Mercier, 82



Mass of Christian Burial for Ronald D. Mercier, 82, of Fairmont, formerly of Des Moines, IA, was held Saturday, January 9th, 2016, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Military honors followed by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. Burial was at the Chapel Hill Cemetery in Des Moines, IA. Ronald passed away Tuesday, January 5th, 2016, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Ronald Dale Mercier was born on September 12th, 1933, in Sioux City, IA, the son of Herman and Mathilda (Trudeau) Mercier. Ron grew up in Jefferson, SD, where he attended school and graduated from Jefferson High School. Ron was working as an orderly in Sioux City when he met Mary Ann Meyer on a double date. He knew from that first night that he had found "the one".

On March 4th, 1955, Ron enlisted in the United States Air Force. It was on October 8th, 1955, that Ron and Mary Ann were united in marriage at the Cathedral of the Epiphany Catholic Church in Sioux City, IA. Together the couple made their home in Iowa, Indiana, Texas, and Nebraska while Ron served his country. During his time of service, Ron was able to go to college and attended the University of Nebraska where he earned a Bachelor of Education degree. After many miscarriages, Ron and Mary Ann felt especially blessed with the birth of their daughter, Kathleen.

On March 1st, 1963, Ron was honorably discharged from the Air Force with the rank of Airman First Class working as an Inventory Specialist at Offutt AFB in Omaha. The family made their home in Omaha for several years. In 1978 Ron and Mary Ann moved to Des Moines where he worked for the United States Postal Service. He worked full-time until his health forced him into retirement after his 80th birthday.

Ron and Mary Ann were members of St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church while in Des Moines. Ron also was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron enjoyed vegetable gardening, taking particular pride in his tomato plants. He had a sweet tooth and was one who would enjoy his dessert before the main course, his favorite sweet being his mother's pineapple upside-down cake and her baked buns. Ron also loved live entertainment and cherished the many memories with his wife during their trips to Branson, MO. Family was extremely important to Ron and he treasured any opportunity to see his daughter and granddaughter.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Kathleen Tietema of Northrop; granddaughter, Bethany Tietema and her significant other, Michael Cerepak of Blaine, MN; as well as many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; wife; sister, Pricilla Deane Barrett and her husband, Darryl; as well as other in-laws and extended family.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

### Donald D. Oechsle, Sr., 74



Funeral services for Donald D. Oechsle, Sr., 74, of Fairmont will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 16th, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 Friday, January 15th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Donald passed away Sunday, January 10th, 2016 in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is handling the arrangements for the family.

Donald Dean Oechsle Sr. was born March 11th, 1941 in Spink County, SD, the son of LeRoy and Hazel (Payne) Oechsle. He attended school in Hitchcock, SD, and graduated in 1960 from Hitchcock High School.

Don married Sharon Mary Cockrell, on November 21st, 1961 at the Redfield

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United Methodist Church. They were blessed with three sons, Donald Dean Jr., Todd and Ken. While they were in Fairmont, Don managed the Nicholas Theatre and then the Cinema Theatre in the mall. He also sold radio advertising for KFMC and KSUM and was the warehouse manager for Togs-n-Toys in Fairmont. Don and Sharon were Cub Scout Leaders.

Don and Sharon started D&S Pedal Pulls. They spent many years doing this in Minnesota and surrounding states. They were also involved in the State Pedal Pull and the National Pedal Pull and enjoyed working with the kids and their families. In order to provide awards for the pedal pull business they started D&S Trophies in their home. After outgrowing their home they moved to their present location in downtown Fairmont. Sharon passed away May 15th, 2007 and Don continued to work with the kids with the Pedal Pull and the store.

Don was the president of the Model Railroad Club in Fairmont and enjoyed collecting toys as well as farming, horses, and watching sports. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Fairmont and the Rotary Service Club and Eagles Club. Most people that knew Don know that he had a knack to gab and a story to tell. In the last few years, Don has enjoyed his time with special friend, Brenda Somnis of Fairmont.

He is survived by three sons, Donald Dean Oechsle, Jr. and special friend, Pam Mausling, of Fairmont, Todd Oechsle and his wife, Rhonda, of Welcome, Ken Oechsle and his wife, Jill, of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Sara Cyphers (Luke), Jamie Urban (Kevin), Jessica Dowd (Andy), Shelby Oechsle, Kelly Solomon (Henry), Brent Oechsle (Renee), Kristen Oechsle (Zach), Kevin Oechsle; great grandchildren, Grace, Brice, Gage, Aiden, Eli, Essence, Brayden, Oliver, Brayleigh and Liam; sisters, Gladys Swope of Redfield, SD, Mona Kleinsasser (Jerome) of Hitchcock, SD, Verna Rodman of Heron, SD, Sharolyn Johnson (Don) of Lawton, OK; brother, Dale Oechsle (Margaret) of Hitchcock, SD; brother-in-law, Verle Eschen of Kiowa, CO; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife; three brothers, Junior, Gaylen and Richard Oechsle; three sisters, Doris Eschen, LaVonne Pownell and Margie Lips; and brothers-in-law, Virgil, Blair, Allen and Max.

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Bethany Hartwig, Cade Hartwig to Benjamin Scholl, Pt. S½NE¼, 6-104-31

Doreen Rabbe, Fred J. Rabbe to Ronald and Kay Sandersfeld Trust Agreement, Kay Sandersfeld, Trustee, Ronald Sandersfeld, Trustee, Pt. Govt. Lots 5 and 6, NW¼, 31-104-30

Debra L. Small to Hall Lake Cabins & Rentals LLC, Pt. 10' vacated strip on west side of Lot, Lot 3, W.50' and 10' vacated strip on west side of Lots, Lot 4, W.50' Pt. & 10' strip of vacated land, Block 10, Goulds addn.

Louis M. Bulfer, Jr., Margaret J. Bulfer to Daniel Hammerschmidt, Vanessa L. Sams, Lot 13, Block 3, Webster & Johnsons Addn.

Minnesota Pork, Inc., Thompson Insurance, Inc. to Derek Sanders, Louis Sanders, Ryan Sanders, Pt. N½SW¼ 10-104-29

Logan J. Patrick to Derrick Greiner, Lot 7, Block 1, subd. OL E, 1st Ext. Cedar Creek

Tina M. Wiemers, Tracey A. Wiemers to City of Fairmont, Lot 6, Block 1, Martin Park 1st Addn.

Jakob M. Clow, Jennifer Clow to Ryan Jeffrey Ross, Aj'Alanna Walters, Lots 5 and 4, Block 16, Morgans Addn., Sherburn

### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Phyllis Grabow, Phyllis Grabow, Atty.-in-fact, Wilmar A. Grabow to Phyllis Grabow, SW¼NE¼, N½SE¼NE¼, 29-104-30

Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative to South Central Electric Association, Lot 10, less W.14', Pt. Lot 11, Block 24, Original Plat Triumph

Brandi Opheim, Elizabeth Opheim to Jill Jensen, Lot 3, Exc. N.60' of W.150', Block 2, Taylor & Johnsons 2nd Addn.

Kelly Boehne, Angela Detert, Kevin Detert, LaMar Detert, Mark Detert, Sheryl Detert, Timothy Detert,

Trudi Detert, Kelly Dicenso, Rinaldo Dicenso, Jr. to Leanne L. Korlewski Revocable Trust, Joyce Steenhard, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SE¼, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, NE¼, 32-101-31

### DEEDS OF DISTRIBUTION

Patricia A. Buhmann, Per. Rep., Randy O. Green, Per. Rep., Robert D. Green, Jr., Per. Rep., Robert Green Sr. Estate to Randy O. Green, Robert D. Green, Jr., S½NW¼, 29-102-29

Patricia A. Buhmann, Per. Rep., Randy O. Green, Per. Rep., Robert D. Green, Jr., Per. Rep., Robert Green Sr. Estate to Patricia A. Buhmann, Randy O. Green, Richard B. Green, Robert D. Green, Jr., Thomas E. Green, Lois L. Jaskulke, Pt. SE¼NW¼, Pt. SW¼NW¼, Pt. NE¼SW¼, 27-102-29; Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. W½SW¼, 27-102-29

Henry Gaalswyk Estate, Jerry Gaalswyk, Per. Rep., Mark Gaalswyk, Per. Rep., Paul Gaalswyk, Per. Rep. to Jerry Gaalswyk, Mark Gaalswyk, Paul Gaalswyk, Und. 99/100 Int. SW¼, 11-103-32

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Jean M. Maday, Thomas J. Maday, Jean M. Maday Revocable Trust, Thomas J. Maday Revocable Trust to Hugoson Family Farms LLLP, E½NW¼, 3-1001-29

Gray Lawrence & Jenkins LLC, Alan A. & Audrey M. Gerhardt Charitable Remainder Annuity, Tim LeRoy and Pamela Holck Gerhardt Charitable Remainder, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 13-101-32

Gray Lawrence & Jenkins LLC, Albert and Gladys Gerhardt Charitable Remainder Annuity to Andy Gerhardt, Pt. E½NE¼, 24-102-32

### CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

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**In the Matter of the Redetermination of Benefits of Martin County Ditch(s) JD 98 of Fairmont Township and Silver Lake Township Martin County Minnesota.**

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The drainage system affects certain properties in Fairmont Township Sections 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 and Silver Lake Township, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23 and 24

A copy of the Viewer's report which list the properties affected and the owners of those properties is on file with the County Auditor and is available for inspection during normal business hours.

James Forshee  
Martin County Auditor/Treasurer

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The drainage system affects certain properties in Tenhassen Township, Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8.

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**JAN 14 - 20**

**THUR:** BBQ Riblet, sour  
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sandwich, veggies, strawberries.  
**MON:** Soft Shell Taco, fixings,  
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**WED:** Chicken Fajita, fixings,  
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**JAN 7 - 16**

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fried beans, fruit.

**FRI: Breakfast:** Om-  
elette, salsa, peppers, onion,  
fruit, juice.

**Lunch:** Max Sticks, spinach  
salad, broccoli, fruit.

**MON: Breakfast:** Cinn.  
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**JAN 14 - 20**

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mixed fruit, milk.

**FRI:** Hot Dog, fries, apple, cook-  
ie, milk.

**MON:** Mini Corn Dogs, fries,  
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**TUES:** French Toast Sticks, sau-  
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**WED:** Chili, crackers, pears,  
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## Can a Warning Light be Mounted to Snow Plow

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
MN State Patrol

**Question:** I read your response in the paper about flashing lights on funeral vehicles, and I have a related question. We live in the country, and the end of our driveway is a U.S. Highway. Can I mount a flashing warning light of some kind on my pickup that I use to plow snow? I need to plow well beyond at the end of our driveway, as the plows can make quite a ridge of snow when they go by, and a warning light would get other drivers' attention

when I am plowing in the dark. Thank you.

**Answer:** Under Minnesota State Statute (M.S.S.) 169.64, "Any service vehicle may be equipped with a flashing amber lamp of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety."

"A service vehicle shall not display the lighted lamp when traveling upon the highway or at any other time except at the scene of a disabled vehicle or while engaged in snow removal or road maintenance."

I would also remind

you that other traffic on the main roadway will have the right of way, so be sure to pay attention and use due care.

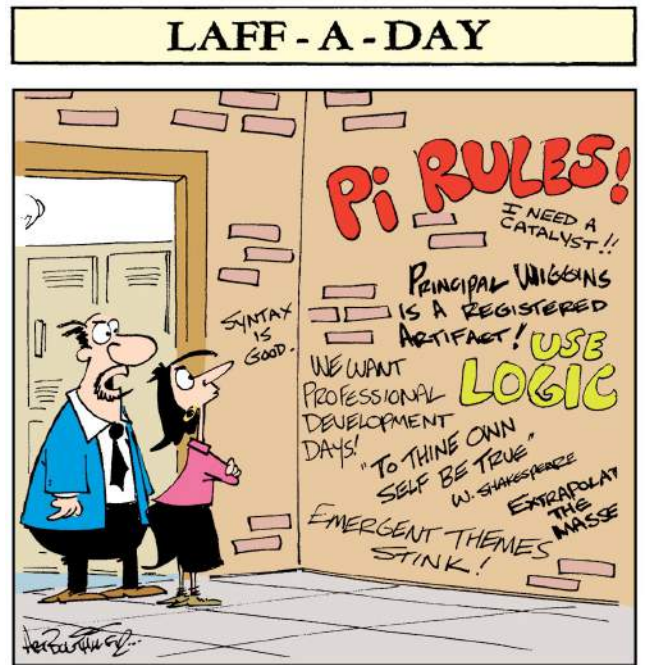
Also, according to M.S.S. 160.2715, "it shall be unlawful to obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon." This prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow on to public roads. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roads.

Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both

the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

If a person observes something appearing to be a hazard, I would encourage them to report it as quickly as possible to the proper law enforcement agency or highway department.

*If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at: Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)*



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3M is supporting Kids Against Hunger by generously donating \$500 and gathering a team of 10 people to pack on February 13th at the Fairmont Armory. Pictured (left to right)- Crystal Hanson and Tia Schweiss from 3M giving their donation to Beth Reeve, Karen Sandhurst, and Sue Homan, Co-chairs of Martin County Kids Against Hunger.



Peterson-Anthony Insurance is supporting Martin County Kids Against Hunger for the 8th year in a row as event sponsor. Pictured (left to right) with the 2015 goal poster are John and Connie Anthony from Peterson-Anthony Insurance, and Karen Sandhurst, Sue Homan, and Beth Reeve (Co-chairs of Martin County Kids Against Hunger). The February 13th, 2016 pack will be held at the Fairmont Armory with a goal of again of packing 100,000 meals.



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony at the 2015 Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Sommer Goerndt is pictured presenting a check to Jessica Daberkow, AgriScience Teacher/FFA Advisor and Emily Ziemer, member of the MCW FFA chapter.

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## Four Area Youth Qualify For Owatonna Bowling Tournament

Four students from the Fairmont area have qualified for the Minnesota singles youth tournament to be held January 16th and 17th in Owatonna.

In the Under 20 category, Taylor Rank and Annika Wheeler qualified in the in-house qualifying tournament at Bowlmor Lanes and Lounge in Fairmont in early December while Collin Meyeraan and

Emily Wheeler took the Under 12 spots.

The four will compete in a field of 110 bowlers from the South Central bowling district with the hopes of qualifying for the state finals in February and a chance to compete for \$10,000 in scholarships. The tournament is sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors Association of Minnesota and STORM.



Left to right: Emily Wheeler, Annika Wheeler, Taylor Rank and Collin Meyeraan

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