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Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

By Al Batt

I'm trying to eat healthy this year.
Good for you.
Yes, I have a little lettuce on every double cheeseburger.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. When ever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Life is a road. Each day is a mile marker and a good reminder to slow down. I was on a driving tour of the great rest areas of America. I brought along enough foodstuffs from home that my car was a touring cafe. Even so, I asked about an eatery in a small-town gas station. One man recommended a restaurant, but another said their knives were more tender than their steaks.



I parked my car in a downtown hotel parking ramp in Chicago. Actually, I didn't park it. A valet did that. It cost more to park the car than it did to drive it.

An Austin man told me he had two cats. He used masking tape to make a square on the floor. His cats sat in that taped square as if it were that dreaded cat trap, a cardboard box.

I stopped in a coffee shop in Fayette, Iowa, where I enjoyed an Iowa sweet corn cookie. It was a sugar cookie as full of sweet corn as an Iowa summer.

I visited with a fellow in Montana who told me that he was from a town with a population of two. I've been to that kind of place. If you've ever taken a wrong turn off the freeway and lost your cell service, you might have been too. "I lied," he said. "Make that a population of one. I'm out of town."

The cafe chronicles

They were men who go

anywhere and talk to whoever is there. One of them told me about a champion eater. I ate a side salad while considering Joey Chestnut who had eaten 74 Nathan's hot dogs, buns and all, in 10 minutes to win an eating contest. He consumed 22,200 calories in the process. That's fast eating. He must wear starting blocks on his elbows.

Fairmont CBC

Brad Bolduan of Windom told me of the results of the 30th Fairmont Christmas Bird Count held on December 19th. The participants were Judy Beckman, Ed Brekke-Kramer, Gordy and Loretta Luckow, Mary Lynn and Michael Cervantes, Carl and Chery Beckendorf, Brian Smith, Judy Lorenzen, Barb Hall, Pat Harris, Tom Tow, Allison Wagner, Mike Walter, Don Vrchota, Kevin Smith, Peter Mattson, Larry Dolphin, Jim Grotte, and Brad. There were 38 species seen. The most numer-

ous bird was the Canada goose, followed by mallard and house sparrow. Interesting birds for this ink-stained wretch were: common goldeneyes, white-throated and Harris's sparrows, cackling geese, trumpeter swans and 10 brown creepers. No blackbirds. Brad said, "Many thought birds were sparse on this year's count, but not all felt that way."

Those exciting days of yesteryear

Uncle Bill asked me, "Do you want a haircut or do you want them all cut?"

I didn't need to reply. Uncle Bill always had more to say. Two great talkers can't walk far together.

Mom couldn't avoid kicking the hornet's nest. She told Uncle Bill, "I want you to notice that Allen had two ears when I brought him in."

Nature notes

I tell myself that winter is on my side, but it can be ornery. At least I don't have to shovel the cold. Here at my field station

in January, I turn to the birds as sunflowers turn to the sun. I try to notice things. It's an expression of life and of hope. The crashing temperatures painted frost patterns resembling ghostly plants on the window glass.

I watched a handsome red-bellied woodpecker fly to a feeder. It was a male with a red crown and nape. The female has the red nape, but lacks the red crown. I saw a pair of critically acclaimed birds — cardinals. Each time I take a good look at a bird, I'm reminded why I'm a card-carrying birder.

A squirrel chattered at me the entire time I filled the feeders. Squirrels have a salty vocabulary. I enjoy squirrels even though they can be hard on feeders. It's as the psalmist said, "Harden not your hearts." I reckon that applies to all things including squirrels.

We'd received somewhere between 1 and 143



Maybe this look is why a junco is called a snowbird. Photo by Al Batt

inches of snow -- most of it parked illegally. It reminded me that Harmony became the Minnesota state annual precipitation record holder by receiving 60.21 inches in 2018. This proves that planning and hard work pay off. A downy woodpecker flew in as I was filling the feeder. I wondered if a downy finds winter weather a downer? I told it about Harmony's record in hopes it might bring cheer, but the woodpecker wasn't interested.

Meeting adjourned

"We don't have to agree on anything to be kind to one another."

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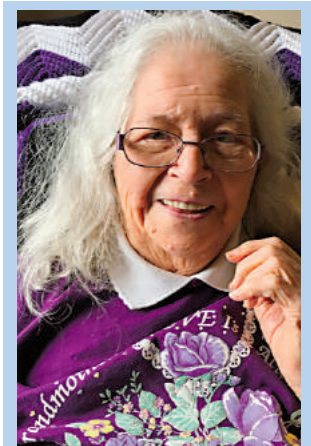
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KITTLESON 92ND - Opal Marie Kittleson of Fairmont and formerly of rural Ceylon, turns 92 this Sunday, January 19th. Her family invites you to send birthday wishes to: Opal Marie Kittleson, 2811 Roland Avenue #222, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Arc Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 19th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVP's for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Wednesday, January 15th. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

The Regional Worship Center will host a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast** on Monday each week from 8 to 10 a.m. at the church, located at 2 Crossroads Drive, across from Kum and Go in Sherburn. All are welcome to join them.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, January 15th they will serve tacos and all the fixings. Next Wednesday, January 22nd it will be creamed chicken 'n biscuits and lettuce salad. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

The Sherburn American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, January 19th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion Hall. Pancakes will be prepared by members of the Sherburn Lions Club. Free will offering. Funds raised will be used for Auxiliary projects.



ZIEMER 60TH - Robert and Kay Ziemer of Ceylon will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, January 16th. They were married January 16th, 1960. Cards will reach them at: PO Box 342, Ceylon, MN 56121.

Dollars for Scholars chicken dinner fundraiser

The annual chicken dinner fundraiser for the Fairmont Chapter of Dollars for Scholars will be held Monday, January 20th.

The meal, catered by Pizza Ranch, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus at 920 E. 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. Carry-out will be available. Tickets are \$10 at

the door.

If the dinner is postponed due to poor weather, the snow date is Monday, January 27th.

Profits from this fundraiser go toward scholarships for Fairmont High School graduates. In May 2019, the chapter awarded 177 scholarships worth \$294,300.

If you would like to discuss creating a scholarship or have questions about the dinner, contact Liz Wheeler at fairmont-dollars@gmail.com or 507-399-2134.

Call for chili chefs for MLHS chili competition

Chili Chefs are invited to compete in the 2020 Chili Challenge at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Friday, February 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Entrants are invited to form a team and create a family favorite or brand-new unique recipe. The 2020 Chili Champion will receive the Chili Champion Trophy, be awarded official bragging rights and

a \$30 HyVee Gift Card during half-time of the varsity game. Second place wins a \$20 HyVee card.

Registrations are due by Thursday, January 30th. To register call 507-436-5249 or go online at www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events.

The public is invited to come taste, sample, and vote for their favorite entry. Cost is \$5.

Catholic education and upbringing contributed to former local's success

"My faith-based upbringing really embedded in me the value system as I went through life," states Kevin Kasper, a former Fairmont graduate who is retired and lives in Delafield, Wisconsin.

Kasper will be the keynote speaker at the 16th Annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont on Saturday, January 25th.

Kevin was one of six family members born to Frank and Kate Kasper of Fairmont. He attended first grade at St. Paul Covenant School and subsequently St. John Vianney School, graduating with the 8th grade class in 1961.

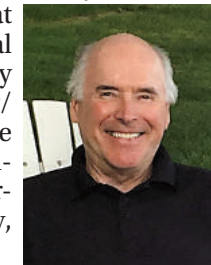
When he graduated from Fairmont High School in 1965, he ranked among the top ten percent in his class. He applied to the University of Notre Dame and Marquette University and was accepted by both. He ended up choosing both, enrolling in the College of Engineering at Notre Dame and subsequently the college of Business at Marquette.

Kevin spent twelve years in the advertising agency and public relations business, including

the founding of his own highly successful advertising firm. In the mid-80's he sold his agency to his partners and teamed up with a client to build two new companies.

The first one was Fiserv, Inc., a Milwaukee-based data processing firm serving financial institutions. Over Kasper's sixteen year tenure with Fiserv, revenues increased from \$14 million base to over \$1.4 billion.

In 2000, Kasper and the retiring founder, chairman and CEO of Fiserv, Inc. created a second company, NOVO1. NOVO1 became one of the nation's top ten U.S. direct marketing services companies. The company was sold to a venture group in 2009.



Kevin and his daughter Emily sailing on Lake Pewaukee in a classic Boston Whaler 5.2 Harpoon.

Kasper is retired and he and his wife of 46 years, Jane enjoy boating and fishing at the family home on Lake Pewaukee in the town of Delafield, Wisconsin. They have two mar-

ried children, Bill and Emily, who have gifted them with four grandchildren.

Kevin learned to race sailboats at the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club in his early years in Fairmont. He enjoyed competitive sailboat racing on Lake Michigan and now teaches his grandchildren the art of sailing on Lake Pewaukee.

When asked what he remembered most about the time he spent at St. John Vianney, he said it was the nuns. At the time he was in school, there were nuns that taught many of the classes there. "I remember the way that they taught the classes - and how they doled out the discipline. Of course the discipline from years ago is a lot different than the discipline in schools today," stated Kasper. "They also laid the foundation in my life

on how to look for the good in people." Kasper stated that his early years in Fairmont helped instill a confidence in him that "God is always on your side."

"I look forward to speaking at the St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance. I

hold a happy place in my heart for Fairmont."

For additional information on the dinner and dance, or to purchase tickets, contact St. John Vianney School at 235-5304.

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6th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament scheduled in Fairmont January 25th

Fairmont Lakes Foundation Inc. is holding their 6th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament on January 25th, 2020.

This event will be limited to the first 250 registered anglers. Everyone will have to check in the morning of the tournament at Sommer Outdoors, between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. They will be launching from the shelter house at Gomsrud Park at 11:00 a.m. SHARP! In the event of a major blizzard, they have set a backup date for February 2nd, 2020. There will be no refunds, so please be prepared for the conditions that day.

The tournament will start at 11:00 a.m. from Gomsrud Park. The Tournament will conclude with a weigh-in to be held at The Marina Lodge at 3:00 p.m. Any fisherman not in line and waiting to weigh in by 3:10 p.m. will not be allowed to weigh in their catch.

Fisherman should arrive at the Gomsrud Park early and be ready for the 11:00 a.m. Start. They will be handing out a colored ribbon before the takeoff, please tie these to the exterior of your ice house to let us know who is fishing in the tournament. Any fisherman using a permanent-style house please leave your door unlocked so that we may randomly check on anglers during the tournament.

Fisherman should come prepared with everything needed for ice fishing and cold weather. Ice houses can be no closer than 20 feet from another house. Fisherman will be allowed to share an ice house with other anglers. Please keep in mind this is a FUN Tournament. Any fisherman caught cheating or breaking any rules will be disqualified.

All ice houses need to be equipped and licensed according to Minnesota State Law.

A complete list of rules will be given to you after you register at Sommer Outdoors the morning of.

PRIZES

Each angler will be allowed to be on the prize board only once, however you may also qualify for the biggest walleye and/or pan fish. Panfish must be over 7" in length. Northern pike need to be over 24" and walleyes must be over 15" in length to qualify for prizes.

They will be drawing for random door prizes during the weigh-in anglers must be present to win. Prizes may change but never go down in value, depending on sponsors and/or availability of the prizes.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to promote the stewardship of our city's lakes. Our general purpose is to lead and educate our community and its visitors to take responsibility for the quality and care of our city's lakes while increasing awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the value of these natural resources.

Area man's accomplishments following car accident to be honored

by John R. Fransen, Jr.

On August 2nd 1980, John R. Fransen Jr. was in a near life-ending car accident near Ceylon.

As a result of the accident, doctors tried putting limits on his mere survival. Through all the limits, even death, John's God-given talent has brought him to where he is today.

John began writing poetry shortly after his accident as a way to communicate his feelings. He found writing poetry very therapeutic, helping him get through the daily struggles he had as a result of his accident.

John specializes in writing poetry about love. He says it helped fill the emptiness he had in his heart, along with also expressing the love he has for a very special lady near and dear to his heart.

His poetry has been published in different local publications, but his dream was to have his poetry nationally published and be able to share his love of poetry to people from all over.

John began working at STEP, INC. in 2016, where he has participated in house work. He was happy to be working, but still wanted something more.

John chose to participate in the Customized Employment Program through STEP, INC., where he has chosen the self-employment avenue, in hopes he could reach his dream of having his poetry published. With the help of his Employment Consultant, Kelly McDermott, and the Minnesota Micro Grant Program through the ARC of Minnesota, his dream became a reality and he now has his first published poetry book, "Some Words To Love By". John is currently finishing up a short story that he hopes to send to the publisher soon.

In honor of John's accomplishments, there will be an open house Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont. John will be reading poems from his book, along with talking about his upcoming manuscripts he is working on.

Books will be available for sale for \$15.00 with John signing each of the books. If you are unable to attend the open house but would like to purchase a copy of John's latest poetry book, you can do so at AuthorHouse.com.



Zion/St. James Lutheran pastor installation

The churches of Zion Lutheran Fraser and St. James Lutheran in Northrop invite you to join them for the installation of Pastor John Henry III on Saturday, January 18th at 2 p.m.

The worship service will include Holy Communion and will be held at St. James Lutheran in Northrop. A light lunch will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Henry grew up in Hastings, MN and has a wife, Laura, and they have four children: John Henry IV, Luke, Silas and Molly.

Pastor Henry and his family are ardent supporters of Lutheran education and are thrilled to serve the communities of St. James Lutheran School and Martin Luther High School.

Minnesota among worst drivers in the country

by Adam Johnson

Do you ever find yourself on the road thinking, "these drivers are the absolute worst?"

In the state of Minnesota you would be close to right. In our annual driver reports Minnesota has always rated among the worst driving states.

All the factors evaluated for the Minnesota driver grade came from over 100,000 insurance quotes from users of QuoteWizard.com. Along with data from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to score Minnesota drivers.

Factors in the driver report are based on the following:

- Distracted drivers
- Driver quality by age group
- Road infrastructure
- Car insurance increases

Minnesota driver grade: C-.


The C- grade feels a little generous given Minnesota overall was rated one of the worst driving states. There are a number of saving graces keeping Minnesota with the average C- grade.

Minneapolis did rate as the 30th best driving cities in the country. Infrastructure and decent distracted driving scores were also another bright spot on Minnesota's driving scores.

Key findings:

- Minnesota 6th worst driving state.
- 15% of Minnesota roads in poor conditions costing drivers \$542 annually.
- 20th most distracted drivers in the country.
- Anoka, Kragens and Shakopee are the worst drivers in Minnesota.
- Columbia Heights, Little Canada and Eden Prairie are the best drivers in Minnesota.






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COLOR

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty



are more masculine, and go well in studies or as an accent wall. Bright accent colours will "pop" against greys. Grey helps a home look modern and up to date.

ORANGE

A warm colour, orange is reminiscent of autumn - falling leaves, pumpkins and cozy fires! Brighter shades promote the feeling of energy, and go well in kitchens, studies and workout rooms. However, large areas of orange can be overwhelming, so it is better used as an accent wall or two.

RED

Red is an energizing colour, so should not generally be used in bedrooms or other areas where relaxation is the main purpose! It is said to promote appetite and goes well in dining rooms and kitchens.

A fresh coat of paint can work wonders in the appearance of a home and it's a comparatively inexpensive makeover. Buyers will appreciate the fresh, clean appearance, and with the appropriate paint color in each room, your home will go a long way to facilitating an early sale.

Have you noticed that when the sky is dark grey and the snow has turned to muddy brown, there is a tendency for people to feel "down" and depressed? Whereas, when the sky is blue and the sun is shining, there is a more positive feeling in the air. Colour and light are not just visual, they can greatly affect emotions and mood.

Some colors generate a warm, positive impression, and others, not so much! This information can be useful if you are thinking of repainting rooms in your home in readiness for putting it on the market.

Here are some examples of colours, the feelings they may produce, and the rooms that best suit them.

BLUE

Warm, lighter shades of blue - the most popular colour with its calming, serene effect - go best in the

bedroom, or any room meant for relaxing. It is even reported to lower blood pressure! Darker, vibrant shades of blue can also be dramatic and energizing, for kitchens, offices etc.

YELLOW

Yellow stays in style quite steadily - it reminds us of positive things- sunshine and summer! it can be a vibrant choice in rooms planned for activities, or paler shades can be soothing and relaxing. Too much yellow however, is said to cause anxiety!

GREEN

Green is a mixture of blue and yellow and can be calming (blue) and cheerful (yellow). There are many variations of green, and they promote very different emotions, depending on the shade. Pale greens are restful and good choices for bedrooms, living rooms, or any room designed for relaxing. Mid-to-deeper greens

add drama and energy to a room, suitable for kitchens, family rooms and offices. Lime green adds excitement! There's a shade of green for every room!

WHITE

White is classic and timeless, and though not necessarily a good choice for some, due to its showing fingerprints and marks fairly easily, it is a great choice for other reasons. White is calming and neutral. It pairs easily with almost any colour furniture and accents. In homes that are for sale, it facilitates the buyer imagining their own furniture and colour tastes in the room. White also gives the illusion of more space.

GREY

Grey is a timeless, sophisticated colour that has become very popular in the last few years. Paler shades of grey are soothing and go well in any room in the house. Darker shades

Ceylon Fire Department to host pancake feed

The Ceylon Fire Department will be hosting a pancake feed to help raise funds for equipment and various community projects.

The pancake breakfast will be held Sunday,

January 19th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Legends II hall in Ceylon.

They will serve pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, and drink. For a free will offering.

CREST to host "A Matter of Balance" class

Enhancing the Quality of Life, "CREST" will be presenting the class "A Matter of Balance" on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning on January 23rd and concluding on March 12th at the Booz Apartments, located at 221 North 1st Avenue West in Truman.

This eight 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/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 Tuesday, January 21st. If you have questions or would like to register for this class, please call the CREST office at 235-3833.

Heritage Acres 2019 Memorials announced

Heritage Acres Agricultural Interpretive Center recently released its 2019 list of memorials.

In Memory of: - given by:

• Mary Evans: Clara Bulfer, Deb and Jim Pope, Julie Hill, C. Chamberlain, E. Mushlbauer, B. Campbell, J. White, A. Ritter, J. Sherman, J. Wilk, Marvin and Lola Tall-

edge, Keith Worthley, Harriet Haglund, D. S. Bulfer

• Trent Deling: Marvin and Lola Talledge

• Judy Balcom: Lola Tall-edge

• Ellis Saxton: Clara Bulfer, Julie Hill, Mary Blomstrom

In Honor of: Mildred Brodt - given by Margaret Weaver.

MLHS Antique Auction this Saturday in Northrop

The 16th annual Generation to Generation Antique Auction will be held at Martin Luther High School in Northrop on Saturday, January 18th beginning at 9:15 a.m.

This is a huge, all-day sale that benefits student tuition aid.

On the auction will be a collection of very old children and women's clothing, many collectible toys, dishes, crocks, furniture and primitives.

Of particular interest will be an ornate Pastor's Study chair used

by Rev. Emil Geistfeld of the Truman area. Also, 1932 Ohio art, Mickie and Minnie Mouse tin tea set, 1969 Peanuts Snoopy Skediddler & Sopwith Camel Plane by Mattel, Rare 1965 Snoopy & his flying doghouse toy game, a 1950s kitchen table and chairs in pristine condition, collections of Fostoria.

A complete listing and pictures can be found at www.martinlutherhs.com/antique-auction.

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Back to Basics!

Now that the holidays are over, the Christmas goodies passed on, I'm ready to bake some basic lunch box type cookies, nothing fancy but hits the spot with a cup of coffee! I received the recipe I am sharing with you today from a friend who shared this cookie recipe with me 54 years ago! I know the exact year because that friend was a hospital room mate when we had our first baby in Omaha, Nebraska! It was Candy's first baby too and she also had a baby boy. We visited back and forth as couples and played cards and compared our babies until we moved back to Minnesota and she and her husband moved to the East coast. We exchanged Christmas letters for several years but sadly we have lost track of one another. I think of her every once in awhile and miss the friendship we shared when we were so young, I still make the cookie recipe she shared with me those many years ago!

Pride of Iowa Cookies:

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 cup butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. baking powder
3 cups quick cooking oatmeal
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
1 cup flaked coconut

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs and vanilla, then stir in remaining ingredients. Drop by heaping teaspoon full on parchment lined cookie sheet. Flatten dough with a sugared glass bottom before baking. Bake at 350 degrees until light brown for 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Stay warm and safe. Have a good week!

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*Criss Cross by James Patterson: Patterson continues his Alex Cross series with this new novel.

*This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger: One of Minnesota's most popular authors returns with this heartfelt standalone novel.

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OBITUARY notices

Weigh Tronix founder passes Richard "Dick" S. Bradley, 91



Funeral Services for Richard "Dick" S. Bradley, 91, of Fairmont, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 18th, 2020, at United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Military honors by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 will be held outside the church immediately following the service. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17th, 2020 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Dick passed away Monday, January 6th, 2020 at his home in

Fairmont. Memorials are preferred to the Salvation Army or Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Richard ("Dick") Starling Bradley, the founder of Weigh-Tronix, was born May 24th, 1928 in Teaneck, New Jersey, the son of Harry and Evelyn Bradley. He graduated from Tenaflly High School in 1946 where he scored the winning touchdown against St. Cecilia High School and its coach, future football giant, Vince Lombardi.

Dick studied aeronautical, electrical and mechanical engineering at

Syracuse and New York Universities. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946 and was awarded Naval Aviator wings in 1950.

While he was stationed out of NAS Jacksonville, assigned to the USS Coral Sea, he met, Mary Elizabeth ("Libby") Boylin. They were married December 26th, 1951, in Folkston, GA.

Dick was honorably discharged in 1952 and worked on a series of projects over the next 15+ years including the F-105 Thunderchief, the Boeing 707, and the US Air Force "Dyna-Soar", an early space re-entry concept.

In 1967 he was asked whether it was possible to develop an on-board weighing system for the

Arts-Way grinder-mixer. Dick took on the challenge and spent three years developing a prototype on his own nickel. The heart of the scale was his patented "Weigh Bar".

The prototype was a success and Arts-Way's Board of Directors set up a new division under the name "Weigh-Tronix". Under Dick's guidance the company became the second largest scale manufacturer in the world and in 1980 the Board spun it off into a separate publicly-traded company.

Dick retired in 1990 and experienced the grief of losing Libby in early 1997.

He married Shirley March in 1998. They enjoyed golf and travel together before she passed

away in 2015.

Dick is survived by his sister, Ann Bodin; children, Jim (Jan) Bradley and Richard (Diana) Bradley; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his step-children, Bob March; Gloria March; Susan (Frank) Carruth; Lisa (Kevin) Six; Shirley's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick is preceded in death by his first wife Mary E. "Libby" (d.1997) and his second wife Shirley (d. 2015); parents Harry and Evelyn Bradley; brother Harry and sisters Mary and Ellen; and daughter Sherry L. Bradley (Lunz).

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Kenneth J. Vonnahme, 73



Services for Kenneth J. Vonnahme, 73, of Buffalo Center, IA, were held Saturday, January 11th, 2020, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, with full military honors by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Burial will be held at a later date in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont. Ken passed away Wednesday morning, January 8th, 2020, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Kenneth John Vonnahme was born October 31st, 1946, in Carroll, IA, the son of Lawrence and Ethelyn (Wolterman) Vonnahme. As a young boy, Ken moved with his family to Mallard, IA, where he began his education attending St. Mary's Catholic School and finishing his education, graduating from Mallard Public School.

On August 3rd, 1968, Ken was united in marriage to Rosa Guinn at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mallard, IA. The couple was blessed with a daughter, Shelley.

Shelley.

In August 1968, Ken was drafted into the United States Army and served his country proudly during the Vietnam War. In March 1970, Ken received his honorable discharge.

On September 15th, 1989, Ken was united in marriage to Diane L. Nutt in Algona, IA. Together the couple made their home in Iowa and Minnesota. Ken drove truck for many years and worked as a foreman for S.M. Hentges and Sons of Jordan, MN. He was a member of the Fairmont Eagles Club and was a member of the Shakopee American Legion.

In his spare time, Ken enjoyed attending auctions and sales with his brother, Dan and playing games on the computer. He had a passion for farming, especially International tractors and he looked forward to the opportunity to spend the day bouncing in the tractor seat and seeing the countryside. Ken loved visiting and sharing stories with family and friends. He will be greatly missed by those that loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Shelley Vonnahme; step-children, Terry (Shelley)

Williams and Jody (Todd) Jordan; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob (Betty) Vonnahme and Dan (Darla) Vonnahme; brother-in-law, Gerald Nutt; as well as nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Diane; parents, Lawrence and Ethelyn Vonnahme; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl and Regina Nutt; son-in-law, Corey Williams; brother-in-law, Dewayne "Bud" Nutt; and sister-in-law, Mary Nutt.

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Barbara A. Wimmer, 64



Funeral Mass for Barbara Wimmer, 64, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ashton, IA. Barbara passed away Friday evening, January 10th, 2020 at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Barbara Ann Wimmer was born August 19th,

1955 to Ralph and Wilma (Harms) Wimmer in Sibley, IA. She received her education from private schooling. In 1984, Barbara moved with her family to Fairmont.

Barbara enjoyed watching wrestling on TV and listening to music. She loved to dance and was a part of a square-dancing team. Barbara will be remembered for her love of animals, especially dogs. They would always protect her, and she had a way

with them that others did not.

She is survived by her dad, Ralph Wimmer; sister, Nancy Jones; brothers, Paul Wimmer, Kenneth (Helen) Wimmer, Joseph (Marion) Wimmer and Douglas (Vonda) Wimmer; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Wilma Wimmer and stepmom, Margaret Wimmer.

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Donald M. Meyer, 73



at his home in Welcome. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donald Martin Meyer was born February 25th, 1946, in Truman. He was the son of Walter and Mary (Tschida) Meyer. Donald received his education in Truman and later earned his GED while serving in the Army. He enlisted in the Army in June of 1967, and served at Fort Leonard Wood until receiving his honorable discharge in July of 1969.

On June 9th, 1969, Donald was united in marriage to Beverly Moeller in Sioux Falls, SD. This union was blessed with two children, Troy and Teresa. The couple resided in Rockford, IL, where Donald worked at the Chrysler plant. They later moved to Welcome in 1975, where he and

Beverly raised their family. Donald began working for Railway Motors in Fairmont and continued there until his retirement in December, 2008. Donald enjoyed classic cars and loved spending his free time going to car shows and auctions.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Beverly Meyer of Welcome; son, Troy Meyer and his wife, Emily, of Armstrong, IA; daughter, Teresa Camp of Fairmont; grandchildren, Cole Camp

St. James Lutheran School in Northrop would like to thank the staff at Culligan Water in Fairmont and Casey's for their very generous donations during the MCLI Basketball Tournament. Your acts of kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

and Kierstyn Camp of Fairmont; brothers, Martin Meyer of Truman, and Ruben Meyer and his wife, Cathy, of St. James; sisters, Bernice Hughes and her husband, Ronald, of Duluth, and Bonnie Wannarka and her husband, Darrell, of Fairmont; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Along with his parents, Walter and Mary Meyer, Donald was preceded by his sister, Marlene.

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The Sherburn American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, January 19th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion Hall. Pancakes will be prepared by members of the Sherburn Lions Club. For a free will offering. Funds raised will be used for Auxiliary projects.

DEATH notices

January 6 - Richard "Dick" S. Bradley, 91, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 7 - Barry O. Bliesmer, 74, North Mankato (formerly of St. James) Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 8 - Kenneth J. Vonnahme, 73, Buffalo Center, IA Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 8 - Bonnie J. Shearer, 70, Jackson Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 10 - Barbara A. Wimmer, 64, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 10 - Joyce E. Malcolm, 84, Mankato (formerly of Fairmont) - Lakeview Funeral Service
January 10 - Laurel L. Christensen, 71, Trimont Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 11 - Joanne Olson, 88, Trimont Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 12 - Donald M. Meyer, 73, Welcome Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memorium

One Year Ago This Week

January 7 - Arlo R. Sager, 74, Fairmont
January 7 - Danny L. Hartung, 59, Fairmont
January 8 - Zetta Wymore, 98, Sherburn
January 8 - Reuel "Arlen" Ebert, 86, Fairmont
January 9 - Elma "Bonnie" DeBoer, 93, Fairmont
January 11 - Gloria A. Sandberg, 80, Fairmont
January 12 - Kathleen "Kathy" Allen, 70, St. Peter (formerly of Truman)
January 13 - Father Jerome Verdick, 86, Alpha

Jeff's Jottings!

MYSTERY

What is it?

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. at McDonald's in Fairmont. The public is welcome.

A Memorial Service for Donald M. Meyer, 73, of Welcome, will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18th, 2020, at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at Lakeview Funeral Home. Donald passed away Sunday, January 12th, 2020,



Karis had just said to me the other day, "You know, we haven't gone to an auction for a long time." Well, as luck would have it, the annual Generation to Generation Antique Auction is taking place this Saturday in Northrop at Martin Luther High School. For many years, my wife and I have enjoyed attending auctions around the area. I'm not exactly sure what the draw is for us - we don't usually buy too much - but we both love being a part of the auction atmosphere. Going to



an auction is kind of like "people watching" at the mall or places like that. After attending a number of auctions, you get to know many of the regular attendees at these events. There are those you know will buy up much of the glassware and china, others who buy antique furniture and those who really don't have a specific item, but buy things that remind them of their past. Attending an auction is somewhat like going to a concert - you go early so you can get the best seats down front "close to the action". There are those that come just to "people watch" and then you see others who buy so much stuff that they are surrounded completely by boxes, flats and nick-nacks by the end



of the auction. So, what kind of auction attendee am I? You will just have to come to the MLHS auction this Saturday to find out.

"What is it?" unanswered

Our "What is it?" item from last week was never answered, but I did get a call from Paul Peters of Ceylon who pointed out that I incorrectly stated the number of sides on the closed end of the piece above. I said it had five sides, but actually it has six sides. I won't tell you where I went to school for math! The item from last week was



actually a tool for old gas lanterns and lamps. I'm assuming that the various sized wrenches on it were specific to the different pieces on those lamps. This week we have an item that was brought in to me by Jean Morris of Ceylon (below). She wasn't sure what it came off of, but it is an old piece. The left part is made of iron and has a flat bar with holes drilled in it and that connects to a metal rod that runs through the wooden "finger-like" pieces. The wood pieces can slide on the rod and they are carved with a bevel toward the one end. They also have metal "buckles" that can be adjusted. My guess is it is maybe

off a piece of old equipment,



worse because of the ice. If you don't have a pair of spikes for your shoes, now

would be a good time to pick up some.

Soup, pancakes and open house

Here are a brief list of some of the events happening in the coming week:

- Saturday, January 18th St. James Lutheran and Zion Lutheran Churches install their new pastor at 2 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church.
- Sunday, January 19th, the Sherburn American Legion Auxiliary is having a pancake feed at the Sherburn Legion from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 19th the Ceylon Fire Department is having a pancake feed at Legends II from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 20th the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will host a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat, play, shop local - see you at the auction!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



Kentucky Rain

Just before leaving Florida my friend asked if I had checked the weather. I told him I had not. He told me there was a lot of weather coming in the next day from the gulf. I assured him I would be long gone by then. He said the weather could reach well into the mid-west and I should try to keep my

route as easterly as possible. I thanked him for the heads up, and started north.

The overcast sky followed me whole drive north on I-75 through Florida and into Georgia. I was hoping it would clear as the night would bring the first full moon of the year - the Wolf Moon. In

Chattanooga, Tennessee, I turned west on I-24 - so did the overcast. It followed me all the way into Kentucky.

I brought a can of beer with me and kept it in the cooler. I left one for her in the refrigerator at home. I thought, after dark, I would find a cool place to stop for the night and call

my wife. Even though we were a thousand miles apart, we could watch the full moon together while enjoying a New Glarus, Moon Man brew. The overcast scrubbed my plan and I kept driving.

Melissa called around 11:00 to tell me how pretty the moon was. "I'm standing outside on the deck." She told me, "The moon is so bright on the snow, it looks like daylight." I was jealous; wanting to be there with her.

I wasn't going to drive much farther before calling it a night. The rain was

starting to fall lightly and I was getting tired, so I pulled into a parking lot in Princeton, Kentucky.

"We're going to crash here for the night." I told my dog as I let her out in a small grassy area before bed. June wanted to run across the road to a wooded area. "You can't go over there alone after dark, this is Kentucky and they have wildcats." I don't know if they really do or not, but it is the mascot of their university sport teams and I wasn't taking any chances.

"I'm not afraid of cats."

June assured me.

"Yes, you are. You're afraid of Edgar (our cat at home) and she's not nearly as big as the cats around here. And besides that, we already had an alligator scare today." Earlier in the day, June jumped into a moss covered, swampy area in Florida...

...I was pinned between the two large animals...flash flood warnings...Elvis was singing...

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MON: No school.

TUE: Meat & cheese wrap, potato chips, veggie sticks, peaches.

WED: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread, blueberries.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

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FRI: French bread pepperoni pizza, green beans, cauliflower, fruit cocktail.

MON: Cheese stuffed breadsticks, corn, broccoli, pears.

TUE: Cheese pizza, corn, cucumbers, applesauce.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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JR/HS: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots, veggie pasta salad, celery sticks, pear, pineapple chunks.

FRI: K-6: French bread pepperoni pizza, cachos fun lunch, broccoli, cucumbers, orange, mandarin orange and pineapple.

JR/HS: French bread pepperoni pizza, green beans, cauliflower, cucumbers, orange, fruit cocktail.

MON: K-6: Mini turkey corn dogs, ham & american cheese sandwich, peas, celery sticks,

apple, pears. **JR/HS:** Tuna & noodles, dinner roll, peas, carrots, broccoli, apple, pineapple chunks.

TUE: K-6: Chicken patty sandwich, chicken ranch wrap, dinner roll, baked beans, pepper strips, orange, peaches.

JR/HS: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, broccoli & cauliflower, pea salad, carrots, grapes, pears.

WED: K-6: Cheeseburger, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, fries, carrots, grapes, pineapple tidbits.

JR/HS: Soft shell taco, rice, corn, jicama sticks, celery sticks, banana, mandarin oranges.

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Emma Schultze, Fairmont High School senior, has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Emma's parents are Brent and Season Schultze. She has two siblings, Ellie and Nolan. Emma stays active in school through participation in the National Honor Society, girls' soccer, gymnastics, and choir. Following graduation, Emma will be attending school at the University of Minnesota in Rochester to study Radiography. (Submitted photo)

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The Fairmont Junior High has their last week of dress rehearsals before putting on a performance of "A Seussified Christmas Carol", a play in two acts written by Peter Bloedel, this Friday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 18th, at 2:00 p.m. The cast and crew, comprised of 7th and 8th graders, have been rehearsing since November. The show is directed by 7th grade English teacher, Fiona Edberg, and 8th grade English teacher, Kathleen Walker. The show is FREE ADMISSION to the public. Doors open on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

An afternoon drive

Originally written February 12, 2005

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

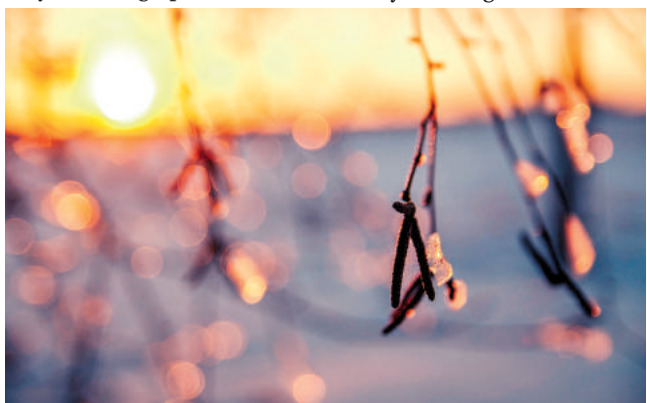


Winter gets long on this prairie. Anything that breaks the daily routine is a welcomed break. A warm day in the winter brings a special reward. We get a thaw. We have enjoyed such a day today. Such a break makes us want to get outside and see the countryside. We decided to go for AN AFTERNOON DRIVE.

Minnesota is known as "a theatre of the seasons". Many make fun of our changeable weather. Many joke about our having nine months of winter and three months of tough sledding. Those of us who have lived here all of our lives know nothing different. A change in the weather makes life interesting. Breaks in the weather in winter, such as we are enjoying today, are a welcomed change. I look out the

window and see water running down the farm driveway. The large piles of snow

the change. They lay scattered in the cattle yard contently chewing their cud.



that were piled up over the winter are suddenly reduced to small humps of snow on the light brown lawn. The cattle lay outside absorbing the welcomed sun of afternoon. Even the cattle sense

Such unexpected warmth brings a change in people. It brings them out! They are out walking, running, pushing strollers, riding bikes, and a few get out their motorcycles. It is a perfect reason for those

who race cars in the summer to open the door of the garage and let in the fresh air. They welcome the warmth of the sun of mid-winter.

Most people shed their heavy coats of winter, even though it might be for only a day. They welcome the feeling of being in shirtsleeves. Is this the reason that we decided to go for AN AFTERNOON DRIVE? Most people will not admit that they are just driving around. If you live on the prairie, you have to have a reason for moving around. It would be a waste of gas to just drive. You have to be going somewhere. Our reason for the drive of today was to take some boots to be repaired. It was not a reason, but a good excuse. There are very few shoe repair shops left in the countryside. We had to travel about thirty miles to a county seat town. We thought of washing the pickup, which was covered with winter grime, salt and mud. However,

when passing the car wash we noticed a line of cars all waiting to do the same thing. We passed on for we had other things to do. We continue with AN AFTERNOON

DRIVE.

The drive produces something else. The fields look big-

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Fairmont High School Class of 1962, spouses and friends, will meet for lunch on Friday, January 17th at 11:30 a.m. at The Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, January 15th they will serve hot dish. On January 22nd it will be chicken breast/nuggets. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. For a free will donation.

The **Blue Earth Valley Quilters** will meet Monday, January 20th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell. Information about the possibility of doing a bus trip to a quilt show in Branson in 2021 will be presented. The program will be Jan Shaffer demonstrating several different ways to use specialty strip cutting rulers.

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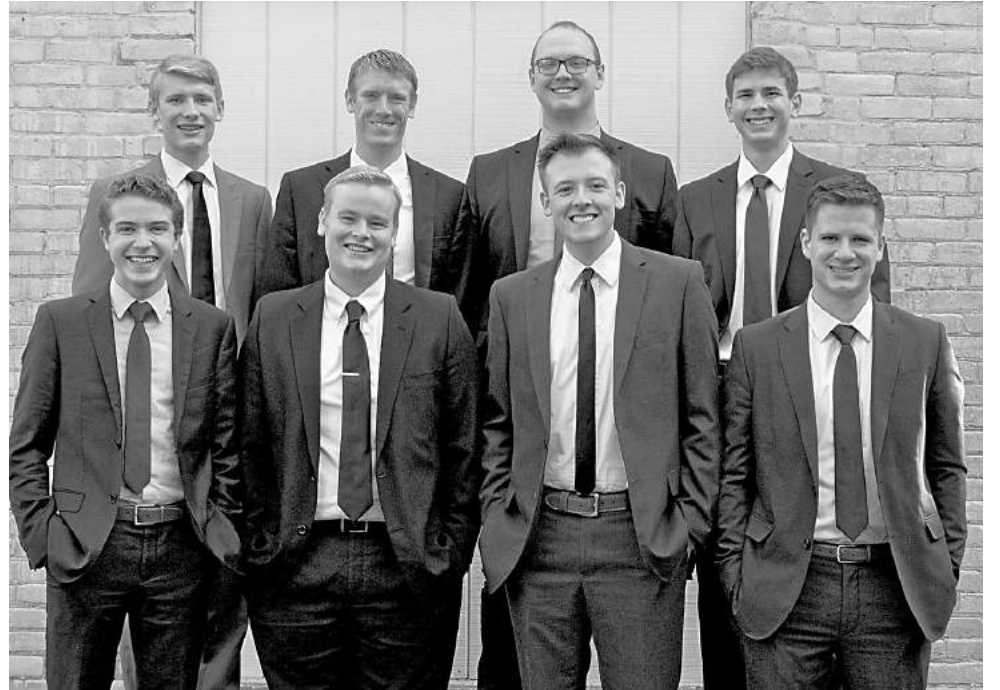
FOUNDER LENDER

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ger in the summer. The long rows of corn and soybeans make them look endless. The fields of winter seem small. They are barren and show only some light brown residue of last year's crop. It is as though they lay waiting for that moment when the same warm sun we are feeling today cranks it up a notch. We know that probably won't happen until April, but we know it will happen. Once again we will see the giant tractors, tillers, and planting equipment moving over the land. Once again we will see the lines of green plants appear. But summer brings us a real reason to take AN AFTERNOON DRIVE. We will need to inspect the crops.



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast, on December 15th, benefiting the Tom Spitzer family. The event resulted in a donation of \$11,037, which will be used to help defray costs incurred during their daughters' illness. Pictured (L to R): Mike Coady—KC Event Co-Chair; Spitzer Family—Tom & Laura (Kennedy, Carter and Cecilia); Denny Pytleski—KC Event Co-Chair. (Submitted photo)



"Low Key" Men's Ensemble will be performing in concert on Friday, January 17th at 7 p.m. at Fairmont Baptist Church, 1345 Albion Avenue in Fairmont. For more information, visit fairmontbaptistchurch.org. (Submitted photo)

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Human Services names new Executive Director

The Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties' Board has announced that Chera Sevcik has accepted the Executive Director position. She is replacing retiring Executive Director Kathy Werner, who served in that capacity since 2011 and will retire after 39 years on January 31st, 2020.

Chera has worked with Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties since 2009 in many different roles within the Community Health Division. She was most recently the Community Health Administrator. In addition to supervising the many

programs and services within Community/Public Health, she has worked to partner with Mayo Clinic Health System-Fairmont and United Hospital District to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment and develop a Community Health Improvement Plan.

As the new Executive Director, Chera will directly supervise the Division of Community Health Services and Managers for the Office of Business and Support Services, the Division of Financial Assistance, the Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Social Services.

Area mayor announces campaign for MN House

Bjorn Olson, a life-long resident of Faribault County, will be seeking the Republican Party's endorsement to represent District 23A in the MN House of Representatives. Olson's decision follows Representative Bob Gunther's announcement in December that he will not run for reelection. Olson is committed to following in Representative Gunther's footsteps as a strong advocate for the district. Olson currently serves his community as a middle school teacher, a Captain in command of an Army Reserve unit, Mayor of Elmore, and a farmer.

"We need a Representative who can passionately represent all of us down here in south central Minnesota. As a father and

someone who grew up in this district, I will bring an urgency to the role of advocating for our district's interests, as you are not simply constituents to me, but also my family, my friends, and my community," Olson said.

Born in Martin County and raised in Faribault County, Olson has family roots within the district extending over 135 years. After graduating from Blue Earth Area High School, Olson attended Bethel University in St. Paul, where he earned two bachelor's degrees in History and Social Studies Education. He and his wife, Hannah, currently live with their two young children in Elmore, where Olson is serving his second term as Mayor.



The Fairmont girls' hockey team donated hats and mittens for students at Fairmont Area Elementary School. Pictured L-R: Hadley Artz, Hannah Goerndt, Joni Becker, Mackenzie Householder, Corene Moeller. (Submitted photo)

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Fairmont Squirt B hockey results

Fairmont Squirt B sponsored by Connie Krahmer- Red and White had games this weekend:

Red: 1/10/20

Red vs. Mankato White- Fairmont Red wins 6-5. Ian Obernolte as goalie had 11 saves. Goals: Hunter Thate (2), Preston Cepress, with 2 assists, Hunter Olson, Collin Kain(2) and Lucas Kotewa.

1/11/20

Red vs Luverne- Fairmont lost- 9-3. Ian Obernolte goalie had 14 saves. Scores by Hunter Thate with assist of Hunter Olson, Axel Chapman (2) with assist of Wesley Topitzhofer and Tyler Pankow.

1/12/20

Red vs. Boji Blizzard- Fairmont win 6-5. Ian Obernolte goalie had 11 saves. Scores by- Hunter Olson (2), Axel Chapman (2), Hunter

Thate, Tyler Pankow, Assists of Preston Geerdes, Collin Kain (2), Wesley Topitzhofer, Kollin Brennen, Kaden Olson (2), Hunter Olson.

Fairmont White: 1/11/20

Fairmont vs Luverne- Tie 7-7. Josh Newville Goalie had 16 saves. Goals: Preston Cepress (4)with 2 assists. Noah Meixell (2) with 3 assists, and Hunter Olson.

1/12/20

Fairmont vs. Marshall. Fairmont win 14-5. Goalie Ian Obernolte had 11 saves. Goals: Noah Meixell (5) and one assist, Preston Cepress (5) and 2 assists, Hunter Olson scored with 2 assists, Preston Geerdes, Hunter Thate, one goal with 2 assists, Bryce Ihrke had an assist, Tyler Pankow had an assist and Caden Wickert scored.

SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday. Meals catered by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare. To reserve your meal, call 238-1650 between 9 a.m. and noon the day before. All area seniors welcome. LSS Senior Nutrition is made possible in part under the Federal Older American Act through an award from the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

JAN 16 - 22

THURS: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, custard.
FRI: Golden broil fish, creamed potatoes, beets, cake.

MON: Closed.

TUE: Chicken strips, potato salad, green beans, cake.

WED: Tater tot hotdish, peas & carrots, beet pickles, jello with fruit.

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CDT LLC to MAF Holdings II LLC, Lot 1, Block 1, Center Creek Commons Addition

Slade Neiber Larscheid, Stephanie Hilbert Larscheid, Stephanie Hillbert Larscheid to Kellie Sisk, Paul Sisk, Lot 4, Block 1, Fred Stade Amber Lake Addition

Joan E. Schmidtgal to April L. Decker, Lot 1, Block 3, Legion Subdivision Northrop

Mark C. Craven, Rita R. Craven to Chad Diegnau, Melissa Diegnau, E½ EX 3.00AC in SE¼, 12-103-29 and PT W½ of NE¼ and PT E½ of NW¼, 13-103-29

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Nicholas L. Hager, Robin L. Hager to Joseph W. L. Hager, PT NW¼NW¼, 5-104-32

Marcus Eytcheson Sales LLC to Eytcheson Estates LLC, N½ of Lot 8, Block 30, Original Plat of Fairmont and PT Lot 5, Block 2, Taylor & Johnsons 2nd Addition

CONTRACT FOR DEED

Kathryn H. Erickson, Julia L. Milow, Larry L. Milow to June M. Bents, Marlen E. Bents, N½ of SW¼, and SE¼SW¼, 12-101-31

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Walter T. Krueger Family Trust, Christopher W. Krueger Trustee to Phyllis E. Krueger Living Trust,

Christopher W. Krueger Trustee, Keith A. Krueger Trustee, NE¼, 12-104-31

Wanda M. Nordhausen Revocable Trust, Wanda M. Nordhausen Trustee to Theo Properties LLC, PT 8.00AC w/easement, SW¼SE¼, 34-103-33

Larry Vern Fringer Trust, Larry Vern Fringer Trustee to Eileen E. Fringer, N½ of SW¼, 20-103-33

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 1995

Jerome Gerds was admitted recently as a partner with the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Roessler, Nuss & Co. of Fairmont and Blue Earth. He joins Joe Roessler, Elroy Nuss and Jerry Jorgenson.

Mayo Health System - Fairmont was approved by the American College of Radiology's Mammography Accreditation Program. Fairmont's clinic met the necessary requirements, which include a stringent review by a panel of breast cancer-detection experts.

Hy-Vee Food Stores, Inc. is celebrating its 65th year with the introduction of a new corporate logo. The logo redesign is the first for Hy-Vee since 1956, when the first Hy-Vee private label product - liquid detergent - hit the shelves bearing the familiar "stylized shopping cart" logo.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 1970

A German measles vaccine clinic was set up in Fairmont. The vaccine is not to be confused with red-hard measles vaccine. People were warned that they are two different treatments.

A citizens committee recommended a \$3.9 million election for a new high school building in Fairmont. The structure was to be erected on grounds purchased two years ago. The new sight was south of Johnson Street and contained a total of 74.27 acres.

The Fairmont City Council installed two newly elected aldermen, Maynard Senf of the First Ward and Larry Siegler of Ward Two. They succeeded George Musser and Gene Nave, respectively.

MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Martin County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment will be conducting a public hearing on January 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Martin County Commissioners Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue - Fairmont, MN. The following items will be on the agenda:

Conditional Use Permit from Mike Bettin, applicant, and Buffalo Lake Leasing, property owner within Section 32 of Rutland Township. Mr. Bettin is proposing to operate a concrete ready-mix plant to be located in an "I" Industrial Zoning District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a conditional use permit for any concrete plant or any ready-mix plant in an "I" Industrial District.

Conditional Use Permit from Darin & Val Pesta, applicants and property owners, within Section 3 of Nashville Township. The Pestas are proposing to operate a business on an existing building site located in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Ordinance requires a Conditional Use Permit in an "A" Agricultural District for any non-agricultural related retailers and/or businesses on existing farmsteads.

Any persons interested in this public hearing are urged to attend the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting.

Pamela A. Flitter

Martin County Zoning Administrator

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter of thanks from CREST

On behalf of the CREST Board of Directors and staff, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who financially supported CREST throughout 2019 and during the Annual Appeal.

Because of your generosity we will be able to continue to reach out to those in need in Martin County with Live At Home Services, Caregiver Support Services, Volunteer Opportunities, and Growing

& Learning Activities.

We are so thankful that you believe in our organization and support us with your monetary gifts.

We look forward to another year of enhancing the quality of life for those we serve in 2020.

Rob Stauter

CREST Executive Director

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PARCEL #1: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 E of RR & N 1/2 of the S 1/2 & S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 E of RR in Section 17 of Galena Township, Martin County, MN T104N, R32W containing 257 deeded acres (which includes 6.5 acre building site that can be purchased separately). The bldg. site includes a nice house, an approx. 50' x 240' like new shed & 54' x 98' shed and 2 smaller grain bins. **LOCATION:** 3 miles NE of Triniton, MN on State Hwy 4. **LOCATION:** 2 miles West of Triniton, MN.

PARCEL #2: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 (Excepting 12.65 acre Building site), & S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 all in Section 28 of Long Lake Township, & N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 in Section 33 of Long Lake Twp., Watonwan Co., MN T105N, R28W containing 227.34 deeded acres. **LOCATION:** 1 1/2 miles northeast of Ormsby, MN.

REAL ESTATE SALE TERMS: The terms of sale for this farm are based on a cash sale with possession for the 2020 crop year if sold before spring planting. The successful buyer will enter into a purchase agreement & make a 20% down payment. This sale is NOT CONTINGENT ON BUYER FINANCING and 20% down payment is NON-REFUNDABLE. Property is being sold AS IS-WHERE IS. Property is being sold subject to any and all zoning, environmental, state, federal laws or any easements including road, drainage, utility, or other easements of record. Any appraisal or loan fees are buyer's obligation. It is interested bidder's obligation to inspect property prior to the purchase of it. Land Services Unlimited and Sales Staff represent the seller in this transaction.

NOTES & COMMENTS: We are excited to have the opportunity to offer this high quality farmland for sale. These farms have excellent CPTs and would make a nice addition to anyone's farming operation or investment portfolio! This information provided by the sellers and their agents is believed to be correct, but is not guaranteed. The buyers/bidders shall make themselves familiar with the property and verify all information and data for themselves before their purchase of it. All offers and sales are subject to owners approval. We look forward to hearing from you!

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ISSUANCE OF AN OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE

The Martin County Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Room located in the Courthouse. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider the issuance of an off-sale intoxicating liquor license to Ghost Town Tavern located at 1203 260th Ave, Granada MN 56039.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

By Order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

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