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ZEHNDER-LAMKIN - Nicole Lynn Zehnder and Calvin Herman Lamkin announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Tom and Brenda Zehnder of Truman, and Larry Cummins of Tucson, Arizona. Nicole graduated from Truman High School and St. Catherine University. She works as a doctor of physical therapy at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. Calvin graduated from Tucson High School and received his education in the United States Air Force. He works for St. Jude Medical in St. Paul, Minnesota. A May 8th wedding is planned in Woodbury, Minnesota.

Toastmasters International is starting up a local Fairmont club. The next meeting is Monday, January 19th, 6 p.m., to be held at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center.

The meeting is open to anyone and everyone wishing to strengthen their communication and leadership talents.

Join us and bring your friends. For any questions, email at kailail@hotmail.com or call/text at 808-341-6103.

The Watonwan County SnoHawks' annual SnoBall will be held Saturday, January 24th at the St. James American Legion. Social hour is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a pork loin and chicken breast dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Raffle and door prizes will be awarded after the dinner. Foolish Mortals band follows the raffle.

Advanced ticket sales at St. James American Legion, Davis Sales and Service, South Branch Repair or Jason Malgren.

St. John Vianney Church at 901 South Prairie Avenue in Fairmont will serve a **free hot meal** in their Hope Cafe starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 25th. They will be serving a free hot meal to area residents on the fourth Sunday of every month in January, February and March. All are welcome.

The **Ceylon High School All School Reunion** Committee wants to remind former CHS graduates to save the date of June 27th, 2015 for the CHS All School Reunion, held at the Ceylon American Legion, 4 p.m. -8:30 p.m. that night. Watch for reunion letters with details to arrive in the mail soon.

Ceylon American Legion and Auxiliary will have a **Fish Fry** on Sunday, January 25th, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. serving fish, side dishes, beverage and bars for a charge. Take outs are available and the Ceylon Girl Scouts will help serve. Proceeds from will help Ceylon Post #529.



WASKOSKY 90TH - Luella Waskosky of Fairmont will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, January 25th with her family. Cards may reach her at 1123 North Orient Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.



TOW 80TH - There will be an Open House to celebrate Lucy Tow's 80th birthday on Saturday, January 31st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. All family and friends of Lucy are invited. Cards may also reach her at 2484 Albion Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.



TIETJE 80TH - Janice Tietje of Fairmont will celebrate her 80th birthday on Monday, January 26th, 2015. Cards will reach her at: 205 Interlaken Road, Fairmont, MN 56031.



Nathan and Kellie Reyelts of Fairmont, Minnesota praise God for the birth of their daughter, Mollie Jean Reyelts, on January 10th, 2015 at 8:53 p.m. Mollie weighed in at seven pounds 14 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Older siblings Annie (5), Evan (4), Collin (3), and Julia (1) were thrilled

with her arrival. Also celebrating Mollie's birth are her grandparents Steve and Donna Parnell of Fairmont, Karen Reyelts of St. Peter, Minnesota along with great grandparents Irene Ponstein of Fairmont and Jerry and Diane Parnell of Green Valley, Arizona. We would like to especially thank UHD in Blue Earth, Minnesota for welcoming us with open arms so that Mollie's grandpa could deliver her.

Word has been received that **Allen James Maday** of Ojai, California, formerly of East Chain, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, January 14th at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Viola Maday and one sister, Gloria Maday Hackett.

A **Pancake Brunch** will be held on Sunday, January 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop sponsored by the Lutheran Layman's League. Everyone is invited for pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverages. They are asking a free will donation.

Managing persistent pain is next Speaking of Health topic

Everyone feels pain sometimes, but persistent pain can be frustrating and exhausting. It can interfere with your work, your sleep, your emotional health and your relationships. Not to mention, as the name implies, persistent pain is painful. But there are ways to manage the pain and take control of your life.

Mayo Clinic Health System is offering a free Speaking of Health presentation on managing persistent pain Thursday, January 29th at 7 p.m. in the main classroom of the medical center. Mary Sebas, nurse practitioner, will discuss many aspects of chronic pain and answer questions, such as:

- What can cause persistent pain?
- How can you manage the pain?
- How do you use medication wisely?
- What are complementary therapies?

Registration for the Speaking of Health pre-

sentation is not required, and there will be a drawing for door prizes at the event. The public should enter through the hospital entrance. For more information, call 507-385-4706.

Speaking of Health is a community health education series and does not qualify for clinical continuing education units or clinical contact hour credit. One clock hour credit is available. People can view previous Speaking of Health presentations on the Mayo Clinic Health System YouTube channel.

Mayo Clinic Health System consists of clinics, hospitals and other facilities that serve the health care needs of people in 70 communities in Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The community-based providers, paired with the resources and expertise of Mayo Clinic, enable patients in the region to receive the highest-quality health care close to home.

There will be a benefit for Bernie Laabs with a **chili supper and bake sale** this Sunday, January 25th, 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong, Iowa. Money raised will help defray costs from the complications of a stroke. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial. Donations can be dropped off at Bank Midwest in Armstrong.

The **Welcome Summer Festival Committee** will serve a fund-raising meal on Sunday, January 25th at the Welcome Legion. The menu consists of creamy chicken over biscuits, mashed potatoes and a side salad for a cost per plate of \$7.

Funds will be used for events at the Welcome Summer Festival, as Welcome celebrates its 125th Anniversary.

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Group Leader: Chelsea Teichroew, M.A., MFT Intern

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Presentation College holds 2015 Mardi Gras February 7

Presentation College will hold the 2015 Mardi Gras Saturday, February 7th at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont beginning at 6 p.m. The 8th annual fund-raising event will raise money for scholarships given solely to deserving students at the Fairmont Campus. The night's festivities begin with a social hour, where guests are invited to enjoy cocktails and meet students who are assisted by this scholarship.

Highlights of the evening include live music



by the diversely-talented singing group Tami and the Bachelor, a sit down zesty Cajun meal, exciting live auction and "Mystical Medallions".

The support of the Fairmont community has been key to the growth and success of the Presentation College Fairmont Campus. As we plan for the Mardi Gras, please keep in mind there are many ways that you can support this annual fundraiser.

1. Purchase a ticket for \$60 and attend (limited seats remain)

2. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$10. It is a 50/50 raffle so if all tickets are sold, \$5,000 will go towards the scholarship and \$5,000 to a winner that will be drawn the night of the Mardi Gras. You do not need to be present to win.

3. Donations are welcome.

Desiree Wohlhuter, a 2014 Mardi Gras scholarship recipient, appreciates the support of this community; "As a student that attends Presentation College, I wear many hats. Not only am I a full time student, I am a full time employee, and a full time mom. The Mardi Gras scholarship made a huge dent in my financial status this year. I was able to cut back on some of my hours so I could be home with my family. Without the opportunity that the community makes to support the school, I would not be able to follow in my mom's and grandparents footsteps and pursue my dream of becoming a nurse. So from all of us at Presentation thank you."

To purchase an event ticket, raffle ticket or to make a donation, please contact Presentation College at 235-4658 or visit us at 115 South Park Street Suite 105. Thanks for your continued support!

Future cheerleaders Cheer Clinic

A Fairmont Area Elementary Cheer Clinic will be held Saturday, February 7th, noon to 4 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary main gym.

The clinic is for any kindergarten through sixth grade student who wants to learn to become a cheerleader. The clinic will focus on cheers, pom routines, motions, jumps, stunts, tumbling and mak-

ing new friends.

The future cheerleaders will then perform Thursday, February 12th during halftime of the girls basketball game, approximately 7:50 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Clinic attendees will receive a light lunch, t-shirt, poms and cheer list. Cost for the clinic is \$35.

Contact Deb Heinrich at 507-236-3287.

Lyceum on the Civil War to be presented at MLHS

On Tuesday, January 27th, Martin Luther High School, Northrop is privileged to present a special lyceum entitled "Minnesota & the Civil War." The presenter is Mr. Arn Kind, a teacher of 38 years, who will come in costume to teach our students about the events that threatened to break up this great nation of ours. (Mr. Kind was in the cast of "Dances with Wolves.")

The American Civil War was America's bloodiest conflict. 620,000 American's would lose their lives over the four years of the struggle. What caused this horrific conflict? What events led to the war? What motivated young men to sign up and fight as soldiers for the Union? Was it just patriotism or were there other, more selfish motivations for enlisting? What was the everyday soldier's experience dur-



ing his term of enlistment. What were his uniform, equipment, weapons, and food like? What were his chances of surviving his 3-year term of enlistment?

Through drama, role-playing and living history experiences, Mr. Kind's presentation will give participants an understanding of this turbulent time and make history come alive for our students.

One of the reasons Mr. Kind's presentation really makes this history come alive for his audiences is because of his realistic and colorful portrayal of the people who participated in these events. Another reason is because of all the maps, posters, clothing and artifacts he brings and displays for his audience

to see. In order to display and use these artifacts in his presentation, he makes sure that everything he brings in has been made safe. Swords and bayonets have been dulled to make them safe for show. To portray a soldier in the Civil War, Mr. Kind will act out some of these events using



non-firing replicas of the arms used during the conflict. Mr. Kind, of course, does not bring any gunpowder or any other combustibles into the schools or libraries where he presents. These replicas and reproductions of the originals cannot be loaded or fired.

Students will also take on the role of soldiers in the Union Army and will learn some of the rudiments of the Hardee's Light Infantry Tactics Drill Manual while handling wooden replicas of Civil War muskets.

The staff is looking forward to Mr. Kind's presentation as a wonderful and unique way of learning about these interesting events in the history of our nation. We extend the invitation to anyone who is interested to join us for either the 9:15 a.m. or the 12:30 p.m. presentations which will last about two hours. There is no charge to attend, but donations are gratefully accepted to cover our expenses.

For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com.



Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts attended their annual Cookie Rally recently. They are getting ready to sell your favorite cookies - Cookie Go Day is February 14th.

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Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on Saturday, January 24th, 10 a.m.-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.

Ruby's Pantry is in its

eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month. For more information: seerubyspantry.org, email goodnews@rubyspantry.org or call 651-674-0009.

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The Pea Viner Concert Hall

by Darwin Anthony, Trimont

I really did not know him very well. He was a neighbor who ran a lot of land and did custom hauling with his truck. I remember him coming to our farm and wanting to talk to me. I was surprised when he asked me to drive his truck on the "pea pack" as he knew I was very young, still in high school, had no truck-driving experience and no truck-driving license. I remember asking him about the license and he told me that all I needed was a button that had to be placed on my hat. He then surprised me when he told me that I could use his.

The "pea pack" was a complicated operation. A

truck driver would have the responsibility of driving on the gravel roads. It also meant that the truck would be driven along the side of a tall, moving loader in the field. The truck had to be a certain distance away from the loader and traveling at the same speed. The loader picked up the windrows of mowed vines and lifted them up over the side of the truck box. The back end of the truck had a "fork-like" endgate that slanted upwards. When the driver of the loader saw that the truck was full

only by having the windrows open during the short drives to and from the viner that there was any cooling air. However, there was something that I waited for each day. The operation would stop at noon so that everyone could rest and eat. It was during these times of rest that I began to appreciate the Jamaican workers for something else. They would eat quickly, but instead of resting they would begin their daily "RITUAL OF MUSIC". The viner separated the peas from the fines and caught them in

wooden boxes. The filled boxes were then loaded on a truck and hauled to the canning factory. The Jamaican workers saw the empty wooden boxes as musical instruments. The first to finish eating would turn over a box and place it on his lap. He would then begin tapping the bottom of the hollow box with his fingers. The sound would change when he tapped along the outer edges. The others would "join in". It was soon a combination of sounds with the beat of Calypso music. Still others would join in another way. Some would tap something of steel against the steel structure of the pea viner. Others would hum and sing. The area around the viner soon became THE PEA VINER CONCERT HALL. I can still hear the rhythm of their music. Was it the music of these breaks that gave them the drive to continue such work? I can remember seeing them standing in the heat of the summer sun pulling, lifting, and pitching the heavy vines. Their sweating bodies glistened in the sun.

Somehow my truck was picked to do something different. I was to pick up the workers each morning, take them to the viner, bring the dinners to the viner, and deliver them back to the barracks each evening. I remember this clearly as they stayed in the German prison camp barracks that were used during the war. The long rows of wooden barracks were still in place.

I got to know one particular Jamaican better than the others. He would ride in the passenger seat of the truck. This gave me the chance to talk to him on a personal basis. I re-

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member asking him about his family and how being away from them for the entire summer was going. He told me that jobs were very hard to find in Jamaica at that time. His working in Minnesota allowed him to make enough money so that things would be better for those at home. I also remember asking him what kind of work he had in Jamaica. He told me that he was a fishing guide. He would take people out onto the ocean shark fishing. He then went on to describe one particular guiding trip. A client, an Englishman, caught a shark from his canoe. There was a law that any shark had to be hit on top of the head with a heavy maul so that everyone could be assured that it was truly dead and not just tired out. He picked up the maul when the Englishman spoke up. He told him that the shark at the side of the boat was his and that he would be the one hitting it with the maul. He grabbed the maul and stood up in the boat, raised it over his

head and began the downward swing. Just then an ocean wave hit the side of the canoe. The head of the maul made a two-inch round hole in the side of the canoe. He described the predicament as he was a mile out at sea, had a large hole in the canoe, a very stubborn Englishman in the boat, and a live shark tied along side. He then told me that he had very few clothes on, but what he did have on were used to plug the hole in the boat.

I was embarrassed by the second incident that happened. My hauling them to the viner made it look as though I was part of the insulting event. I would take plates of food that were stacked in a holder to the work-

ers each noon. I remember the look on their faces when they opened the cover over their tin plates and noted that they were being served boiled fish. Such food was seen as an insult. They insisted that I take them back to the barracks. I had no choice but to do it. This was a serious matter for the canning factory as the peas in the field were ripening fast and had to be processed quickly. The company got in touch with me and asked that I take out some decent food so that they would return to work.

What I remember the most about these work experiences was that it was that I had an opportunity of meeting people of another culture.



A Fairmont Canning Company pea box container.

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Ask A Trooper: Seat Belts & Work Zones

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

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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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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Mom's Angel Cookies

Precious good friends!

A few years ago, I had surgery for a shoulder replacement. My friend Sue Barnes brought over an ice cream pail of the best sugar cookies and shared the recipe with me! I have gotten so many of my recipes from friends who have generously shared their many recipes with me over the years! Once in awhile I do get adventurous and try new recipes I find in magazines or cookbooks, but the best are from friends - those tried and tested ones!

For this recipe, do use shortening. The first time I used butter in this recipe, thinking butter makes it better. That was not the case with this recipe - they were not like Sue's at all! I called her and she told me that she always uses shortening, like Crisco.

Mom's Angel Cookies

2 cups white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups shortening
2 eggs
2 tsp cream of tartar
2 scant tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
4 cups flour

Roll in balls and press with fork dipped in sugar. Bake 10 min at 350 degrees, Makes 5 dozen.

Another thing Sue shared with me is that she uses a cookie scoop to dish up her cookies. It looks like a small ice cream scoop and comes in different sizes. I told Pa Lloyd about it and he went out and bought me one! I love it! Cookies all come out the same size and it seems to go so much faster dishing them up! Mine is medium sized so I make the cookies fairly large. Have a great week!

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Our Adult Winter Reading Program has hit full stride—have you signed up yet? This year's grand prize is a Kindle Fire HD. Other grand prizes include tote bags, mugs, tumbler cups and more! Don't miss out on this fun program!

We also have several

special events happening during the Winter Reading Program. Stop by the library for a brochure with complete event information, dates, times and locations.

Finally, if you're looking to branch out in your reading repertoire, check out a Good Reads tote bag! Totes are available at the Fairmont Library (while supplies last). Pick up a tote full of themed books and a snack. Keep the snack and the tote bag, read the books and bring them back to the library!

Even though winter is blustery and cold, stay warm with some great reads this year!!

Area College Student News



Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska named 251 students to its honors list for the fall 2014 semester. Included on the honors list from this area is **Mason Koeritz**, a junior from Northrop. The top 25 percent of undergraduate students who complete at least 12 credit hours, receive no failing grades in the semester and earn a semester GPA of at least 3.5 qualify for the honors list.

Rachel Vonderharr, daughter of Leslie Swanger of Dunnell, and David Vonderharr of Saint Peter, was named to the Dean's List at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, for the 2014 fall semester. Each semester the Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.67 grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-."

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SHEBA is a declawed and spayed calico. She is great with people, but would prefer not to share her space with another cat or dog.

JAVIER is a short haired black and white neutered male. He is about 8 months old and has spent almost all of his life in a foster home waiting for his fur-ever home. Javier is very shy and will need a quiet home. He would be fine with some 4-footed companions.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

MACK is a black shepherd mix with brown markings. He is a neutered male who is about 7-9 months old. Mack is in a foster home where he has proven that he is housetrained, good with other dogs and loves people.

IVY is an ivory colored sheltie mix. This girl is very submissive and shy. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Ivy would like a quiet home.

Order a dozen roses for \$20 now and have the perfect gift for your Valentine. The roses will be available for pick up on Feb 13th and 14th. Call the shelter at 238-1885 to order before Jan 31st.

What does 2015 hold in store for investors?

If you're an investor, you probably had a pretty good year in 2014. But what's in store for 2015?

It's essentially impossible to make precise predictions about the performance of the financial markets — but it is possible to identify those economic conditions and market forces that may help shape the outcomes in the investment world for 2015.

By paying close attention to these conditions and forces, you can gain some valuable insights as to what investment moves might make sense for you.

Here are a few of these moves to consider:

- Consider adding stocks. With stock prices having climbed higher and higher for more than five years, you might be wondering if it's time to scale back on your ownership of equities. After all, no "bull" market lasts forever. Still, some factors point to continued strength for stocks over the long term.

First, we are seeing signs of improving economic growth; employment gains and low oil prices are giving consumers more confidence, leading to a boost in spending.

Second, corporate earnings—a key driver of stock prices—were quite strong in the second half of 2014, and companies appear poised to show more good results in 2015.

And third, stocks—at least, large-company stocks—are still reasonably valued, as measured by their price-to-earnings ratios (P/E). Given these factors, you might want to think about adding quality stocks to your holdings—assuming, of course, that these stocks can help meet your needs for a balanced portfolio. And be aware that even the most favorable conditions can't assure a continued run-up in stock prices.

- Prepare for rising interest rates. For several years, interest rates have been at, or near, historical lows. Given the

strengthening economy, and the decreased need for stimulus, the Federal Reserve may well raise short-term interest rates in 2015, perhaps as early as this summer. But long-term rates may start rising even before then, so you may want to take a close look at your bonds and other fixed-rate investments.

As you probably know, when interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds typically falls, because investors won't pay full price for your bonds when they can get newly issued ones that pay higher rates. One way to combat the effects of rising rates is to build a "ladder" consisting of short-, intermediate- and long-term bonds.

- Look for investment opportunities abroad. Although economic growth has been slow in parts of the world, especially China, many countries have now initiated policies to spur economic growth. These actions can create opportunities for international equity investments. The world of global investing can be complex, though, so before taking action, you may want to consult with a financial professional.

There are no guarantees, but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to take advantage of what looks to be a fairly favorable investment environment for 2015. While you should make most of your investment decisions based on long-term considerations, it's always a good idea to be attuned to what's happening in the world around you—and to respond appropriately.

Investing in stocks involves risks. The value of your shares will fluctuate and you may lose money. Special risks are inherent to international investing, including those related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

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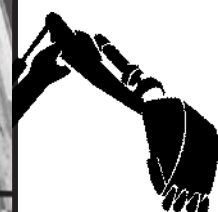
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FRIDAY: NO SCHOOL

MONDAY: Breakfast K-6: Cocoa Puffs Bar, goldfish, orange tangerine juice, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB & J, pears, apple juice. Lunch K-6: Fish Sticks, dinner roll, turkey and cheese, carrots, broccoli, applesauce. JR/HS: Hot Dog, green beans.

TUESDAY: Breakfast K-6: Trix

Bar, goldfish, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Pancake on Stick, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB & J, applesauce, OJ. Lunch K-6: Beefy Nachos, brown rice, chef salad, refried beans, red pepper strips, pears. JR/HS: Beefy Nachos, brown rice, corn on the cob.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, sunflower seeds, orange, tangerine juice, milk. JR/HS: French Toast Sticks, syrup, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, PB & J, peaches, apple juice. Lunch K-6: Roast Pork, gravy, dinner roll, yogurt/string cheese/salines/carrots, mashed potatoes, cucumber slices, apple. JR/HS: Chicken Nuggets, dinner roll, mashed potatoes w/ gravy.

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JAN 22 - 28

THURSDAY: Breakfast: Mini Pancakes, raisins/juice. Lunch: Pulled Pork, calico beans, broccoli, carrots, oranges/apples.

FRIDAY: Breakfast: Cereal Bar, string cheese, fruit/juice. Lunch: Spaghetti, garlic bread stick, salad, carrots, pears.

MONDAY: NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: Breakfast: Cereal Bar, string cheese, fruit/juice. Lunch: Fish Nuggets, mashed potatoes, California veggie, pineapple tidbits.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: Bagel, PB, raisins/fruit. Lunch: Grilled Cheese, tomato soup, spinach mix salad, carrots, applesauce.

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ST. JOHN VIANNEY

JAN 22 - 28

THURSDAY: Pepperoni Pizza, tomatoes w/ dressing, orange wedges, pears.

FRIDAY: Chicken Patty, celery sticks w/ dressing, apples, mixed fruit.

MONDAY: Hot Dog, green beans, celery sticks w/ dressing, apples, peaches.

TUESDAY: Beefy Nachos, brown rice, corn, lettuce, banana, applesauce.

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ognized in each bracket.

Pictured below for the Snipers, winners of the Championship bracket: Front row left to right: Ian Bents, Brody Bents, Jake Lemon. Back row left to right: Oliver Kolloski, Dave Cone and Ross

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Other winners were: Dekes of Hazard, second; Death Rays won the Open bracket, The Original 6 were second. Green Machine won the 35+ bracket, and Jr. Gold Lifers were second.



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Jeff's Jottings

The Hagen Farm had a first time visitor to the farm this past week. My wife Karis was home for the day last Friday and happened to look out toward our barn and noticed that we had a feathered friend



that had come to feed on some crumbs that she had thrown out by a tree that morning. It was a bright red Cardinal and it was enjoying the feast that had been thrown out for it. In the 9 plus years that we have lived on the

farm, we have seen many different types of birds on our feeders and in the trees, but we have never had a cardinal come to our place to feed. So, Karis took advantage of the situation and grabbed her camera to take some candid snapshots. We always enjoy watching the brightly colored yellow gold-finches eating on the thistle seed feeders near our patio during the summer, but it is nice to see some other color (of bird) on our place. Of course we do see quite a few of the Blue Jays in our trees during the spring and summer, but have never had

a red bird before. Maybe the "Cardinals" are trying to infringe on some MCW Maverick territory! :-)

Celebrating 100 years

There are a number of great volunteer organizations in this area that have a number of local businesspeople and residents involved. We have groups like the Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, Ambassadors, and many more that are involved in our local communities in many different ways. Each organization has its own mission or purpose that it strives for and they all play an important part in the development of our communities. Next month we will be focusing on the Kiwanis organizations in the city of Fairmont. The International Kiwanis organization is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year and we feel it is a good time to familiarize our readers with this organization and the local clubs here in the Fairmont area. Watch for "Ki-

wanis Korner" beginning next month in the Photo Press.

Got good news? Pass it along!

Is your group or organization doing something special for someone or for a community? We would like to know about it and help you inform the area about what you are doing. If you have something good to pass along that your group is doing, send your picture(s) and information to me at the Photo Press. You can email me at: jeff@fairmontphoto-press.com.

En-Deere-ing Retirement

It seems that my neighbor, Mary Kittleson, has found the perfect retirement chair for me! Everyone in the family and my friends know that I am a John Deere fanatic (to the point that I tell my doctor that I bleed green!) and I collect pretty much anything and everything John Deere. Apparently Mary came across this

customized rocking chair recently and told Karis that it would be the perfect chair for me to retire in someday. Looks like I am going to have to start scouring the grove to see what pieces of old horse-drawn equipment we have that I can steal the steel wheels and some iron off of to make this piece. That way some day I can sit in my nice John Deere rocker and look out over my John Deere collection of tractors and other pieces.

Week o'Events

Before I go this week, there are a number of events coming up that you can take part in. On Saturday, the Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tourney for 6th grade boys is taking place at St. John Vianney School. The first game starts at 8:30 a.m. and the awards presentation will be around 2:45 p.m. On Sunday, the Ceylon American Legion and Auxiliary will have their fish fry at the legion hall from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There

is a charge and proceeds go to help Post #529. On Sunday afternoon, there will be a benefit chili supper and bake sale for Bernie Laabs at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong, Iowa from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. This benefit is being held to help defray the costs from complications of a stroke that Bernie had. Then on Sunday night, there will be a free hot meal at the Hope Café in St. John Vianney Church in Fairmont. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will also be held on the fourth Sunday in the months of February and March. Lots of things going on this weekend and the weather sounds like it will be good again, so get out and get involved!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - join a volunteer organization!

- Jeff

Naturally

By Al Batt

The day was cold but glowing. All of our winters have weather that is regularly called bad. It's called bad because it is bad according to the weatherman. This winter is a testament to that.

I heard a black-capped chickadee whistling, "fee-bee." The tiny chickadee considers itself charismatic megafauna. This song has been interpreted as "spring's here," "hey, sweetie," "love you," "sweet-ie" and "spring-son." The males often begin singing in January and the songs increase in frequency as winter progresses. This song is meant to establish territory or attract mates. Chickadees also make a distinctive "chick-a-dee-dee" call. Research has shown that the number of "dees" in a chickadee's call indicates the threat level from nearby predators. The 5-inch long bird also makes a call that sounds as if it is saying "cheeseburger."

I love hearing the chickadee's declaration of spring, but as it is every year, it's a bit overly optimistic.

Q-and-A

"Do birds freeze while taking baths in the winter?" It would seem that winter bathing would put

birds at risk, but they do it quite safely. Bathing is essential to good health. Bathing aids preening, which aligns feathers for optimum insulation and waterproofing. The feathers of a healthy bird shed most of the water, preventing it from reaching the insulating down and the skin. The water cleans their feathers of dirt that would otherwise interfere with the feather barbules acting like Velcro to keep water from penetrating.

Good feathers enhance flight ability, allowing normal movement and predator avoidance. Birds typically bathe in shallow water along flowing streams and they know when and how to bathe in order to prevent their feathers from freezing up.

"Why do monarchs gather on trees?" There is no definitive answer as to why these butterflies (weighing less than one-half gram each) do this. They could all be attracted to the conditions existing in a particular area. Gathering together might help protect them from the elements and predators. Perhaps a group of monarchs share body heat, gaining protection from cool temperatures.

"Do barn owls nest in Minnesota?" They nested in our barn when I was a boy. I was fortunate. The last breeding record of a barn owl in Minnesota was 1991 according to the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union. There were seven barn owl nests in Iowa last year. Two of them nested in elevated blinds built by hunters. Winters are hard



A BLUE JAY LOOKS BACK by Al Batt

on barn owls. A barn owl could go three days without food, whereas a great horned owl could last two weeks. Great horned owls prey on barn owls.

"Which generation of monarch butterflies migrates?" Each spring, the first monarchs arrive in the United States and southern Canada shortly after milkweed plants first appear there. These but-

terflies come from eggs laid by females who spent the winter in Mexico and flew to find milkweed in northern Mexico and the southeastern United States. These first monarchs are considered to be the first generation of the year.

The monarchs mate, lay eggs and die. Each of the three to four summer generations lives two to six

weeks as adults. The monarchs that emerge as adults at the end of the summer undergo the same life cycle as the generations before them, until they are adults when their lives differ from other broods. Instead of mating and laying eggs, they put all their energy into migrating to a climate that could sustain them until spring. This allows them to live as long as eight months.

They emerge from the pupae in a state called reproductive diapause. Diapause is a period of suspended development. These individuals don't have the mature internal sex organs that the earlier generations had. A variety of signals from nature induce a diapause condition, including shortening day length, changes in temperature between day and night, and the age of the milkweed plants they ate as larvae.

Beginning in late August and continuing through September and October, these butterflies fly up to 2,000 miles south to Mexico. They nectar at

flowering plants and catch rides on air currents that allow them to soar instead of using powered flight.

Nature lessons

The Humane Society says indoor cats live much longer and healthier lives than outdoor cats: 18-20 years versus 3-4 years.

Approximately 290,000 acres of Minnesota's existing Conservation Reserve Program will expire in 2015 - about one-fourth of the state's total.

Thanks for stopping by

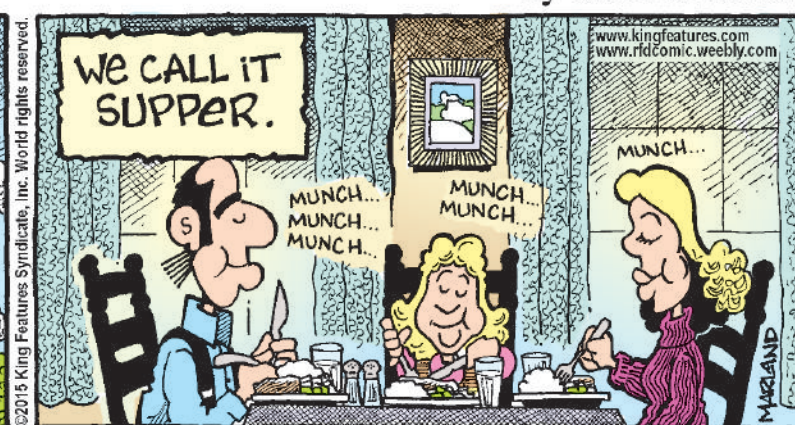
"The butterfly counts not months, but moments and has time enough." - R. Tagore

"Be modest! It is the kind of pride least likely to offend."--Jules Renard

"Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man."--Stewart Udall

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by Mike Marland

North Union Students

Students in Autumn Welcome's J Term class at North Union High School in Armstrong, Iowa this year are learning "21st Century Skills" and incorporating what they are learning into everyday activities.

The students chose to focus on the topic "Save Us: How can I make an impact in the number of homeless animals in an animal shelter?" The North Union students learned that there are two general ways to do this: 1) Decrease animals entering the shelter, and 2) increase adoptions so that they leave the shelter. There are many ways to make points one and two a success. In Welcome's class the North Union students have learned about animal shelter misconceptions by the public, the importance of spaying and neutering, animal advertising with websites like "Petfinder.com" and several other programs like MN Snap and Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR).

Students then chose a topic that they felt is a good education point for the public, they created a public service announcement ad and presentation, as well as generating a Petfinder description for an animal currently at the Martin County Humane Society in Fairmont.

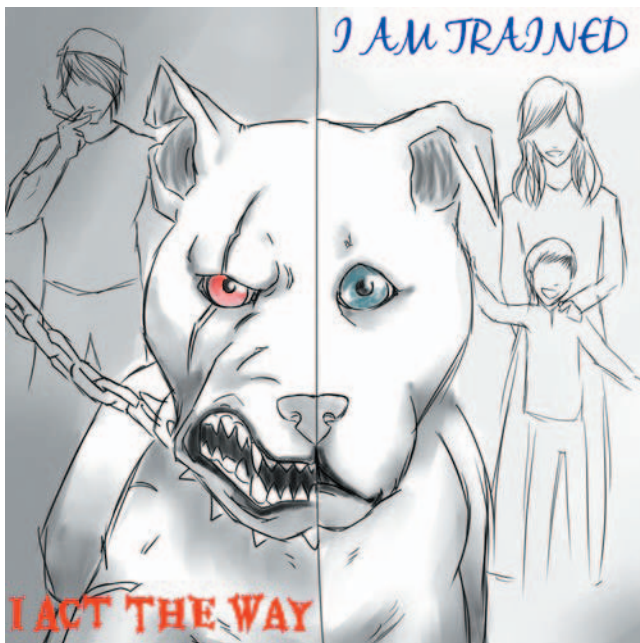
The students presentations were shared with the public on presentation night, which was held on January 16th. Besides the presentations, a bake sale and pizza sale were held that night and all the profits were split evenly between the Emmet County Animal

Shelter in Estherville, Iowa and the Martin County Humane Society in Fairmont.

Students visited both shelters during the class experience so they could see first-hand the animals they were working to help out.

Over the next few weeks, the Photo Press will be bringing you the Public Service Announcements that the students created. The PSA's are titled by the students that created them. We will also bring you some pictures of the students' visits to the shelter in Estherville and the Martin County Humane Society in Fairmont.

We thank Autumn Welcome and her North Union students for sharing these PSA's and pictures with us.



Dakota Doocy & Morgan Kearney, PSA. photo credit: themetapicture.com/im-only-a-reflection-of-you/



CeCe Madden, PSA.



MATHCOUNTS pits Fairmont Area against Martin County West

A match event for MATHCOUNTS was held in Fairmont on January 16th that featured students from Fairmont

Area against students from Martin County West school. Students in grades 7 and 8 participated.

Individuals:
1st Place - Aaron Hendricks - Fairmont
2nd Place - Nicholas Potthoff - MCW

3rd Place - Abigail Bachenberg - MCW
4th Place - Sydney Hainy - Fairmont



Martin County West MATHCOUNTS team members and adult advisors.



Fairmont Area Schools MATHCOUNTS team members and adult advisors.



1st Place Team - Martin County West "Killer Flamingos," pictured in no particular order: Abigail Bachenberg, Nicholas Potthoff, Chris Eytcheson, Alexi Schafer



2nd Place Team - Fairmont "Pink Fluffy Buffalo," pictured L to R: Tyler Fogelson, Kassandra Lopez, Jon Lutz

Fairmont Knowledge Bowl places at LCMW Invitational

The Fairmont High School Knowledge Bowl team kicked off the season Wednesday, January 14th at the 2015 LCMW Invitational. There were 28 teams competing at the meet, five of which were

from Fairmont. Fairmont Crimson took second place with 95 points, Fairmont Fuschia placed third with 94 points, and Fairmont Firebrick took 10th with 76.5 points.



Second Place Fairmont Crimson: Anagha Komaragiri, Kaleb Linse, Mitch Anderton, Tony Joseph and Marissa Krzywicki.



Third Place Fairmont Fuschia: Peter Nielsen, Jacob Kallenbach, Alban Loyer, Riley Norstrom

Kinship honors mentors

The moment you take to smile at a child, call them by name and talk with them has an impact on their life. Kinship mentors have expanded those moments by spending time with a child getting to know them, having new experiences and just having fun together. They are truly making a difference in the life of a child...and at the same time, enriching their own lives.

January is National Mentor Appreciation Month. We want to honor the 54 adults in our area who volunteer their time and resources to be good role models and friends to children in our area. They are the heart and soul of Kinship! Please see their photos and comments below---and tell them "thank you" when you see them.

We would urge all to consider being a Mentor. We have 15 kids waiting for a Mentor. They aren't troubled or difficult kids—but, just like you were as

a child, their lives will be better because someone outside their family took the time to care about them and be their friend.

"Making a difference in the life of a child could be your greatest accomplishment." Kinship motto

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"It's a learning experience for both of us, and it's a lot of fun!" Dustin McKean



"Kinship allows opportunities to the Mentee that they will always remember, from snowmobiling to tubing on the lake. These events truly stand out in the Mentee's lives." Brian Sokolowski



"Being a dedicated nursing student at Presentation College, I really look forward to taking a break from studying and spending fun time with my Mentee." Alecia Nelson



"From as far back as I can remember, I've enjoyed mentoring in one form or another. My involvement with Kinship just carries this forward and I would like to think that my Mentee benefits from our time together as much as I do." Kermit Brown



"Kinship has allowed me to 'give back' for all the wonderful people that touched and helped raise my children. My Mentee has brought so much joy to my life. Everyone should consider mentoring!!" Leanne Zarling



"I have had the honor to be a Mentor with Kinship for 4 years now and truly enjoyed every experience that has come with it. Kinship really has had a large impact on my life and I truly enjoyed getting to know my Mentee over the years and how wonderful of a kid he is. Through mentoring, I have gained a lifelong friendship." Kraig Kruger



"Mentoring gives me a chance to share the experience of being a parent one more time." Brad Wallace



"Our Mentee says that mentoring has meant friendship and fun. His favorite things are baking cookies, burning sticks, watering plants, board and card games and fishing." Chery and Harry Brumbaugh



"My connection with Kinship and my Mentee has enabled both of us to enjoy experiences that neither of us would have experienced individually. I feel both of us have learned new skills and outlooks from these activities and have had a lot of fun doing them." Chuck Anderson



"The best thing about being a Mentor is this: You get to teach your Mentee what you have been taught plus they will teach you as well. It is quite the learning experience." Jarad Berhow



"Being a Mentor is not always easy, but it is caring, learning, sharing, teaching, exciting and most of all rewarding." Vikki Langford

Kinship Christmas



Kinship is grateful to Steve and Carol Pierce for providing the space in the Old Post Office for Kinship's Christmas Party and to Steve Hawkins for providing the fun games.

Kinship Mentors and Mentees try to draw a snowman on a plate on their heads as instructed by game leader, Steve Hawkins at the Kinship Christmas Party.



Santa "Dave" presented all Kinship Mentees with a gift provided by the MN Truckers Association.



tax services & investment guide

Tips for organizing your tax records to reduce stress and save time

January is a great time for taxpayers to begin organizing the necessary records to prepare their individual and small business tax returns. Maintaining a detailed record keeping system also sub-

stantiates your deductions and credits in the event the IRS questions the items on your return. Bystrom CPA, Ltd. in Stillwater. "However, accurate and timely record keeping will ensure you get the



most out of your return while also reducing the stress and time associated with filing."

The Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) has some answers to commonly asked questions about proper record keeping:

Q. Is there a recordkeeping method required by the IRS?

A. No, the IRS generally does not require any particular form of record keeping. The important takeaway is to develop a clear, consistent record keeping method that fits your financial situation.

Categorizing your finances into income, expenses for deductions, and investments is a good starting point to get your files organized.

Q. What records need to be kept for my return?

A. In general, you should keep receipts, sales slips and invoices to substantiate any items on your return. You also will want to track income, which is usually in your Form W-2 showing wages from employment.

Q. How long do records need to be kept?

A. Records should be

stored for three years from the date of filing. However, certain records that are hard to replace, such as completed income tax returns, legal documents, retirement and pension records, and other vital documents, should be kept in a permanent and secured location. A Certified Public Accountant can help identify proper record storage strategies and determine how long they should be kept.

Other records to keep for filing personal taxes:

- Expenses that can be claimed as itemized deductions. This includes unreimbursed medical and dental expenses, interest payments on a home mortgage, child-care costs, and payments of real estate and personal property taxes. A Certified Public Accountant can help you identify which expenses qualify for a tax deduction.

- Charitable contributions. A canceled check or receipt from the charity showing the donation date and amount are generally acceptable records for the IRS. A large gift (more than \$250) will need additional documentation to substantiate the return.

- Stocks, mutual funds, bonds and other investment property. Keep in-

formation on when and how you acquire your assets, and any additional shares that are purchased.

Also keep track of your basis, which is used to measure your tax gain or loss when you sell an item.

Other records for filing business taxes:

- Gross receipts. These are needed to properly report gross income from the business activity and self employment taxes owed on your net earnings.

- Expenses that are potentially deductible. Businesses should keep records of compensation paid to employees and independent contractors, repairs, rent, bank charges, insurance, and utilities, among other items. A Certified Public Accountant can help you manage your records to help identify the business items that are potentially deductible.

- Business car. Businesses can base their deduction on either actual expenses of the business car (such as fuel, oil and repairs), or use the federal standard mileage rate. Either way, it is important to keep records of the total number of business miles and total miles driven.

- Home office. Specific records should show what portion of the home

is dedicated exclusively to the business. Certified Public Accountants can help home office owners make this calculation and determine what portion of home office expenses are deductible.

If you are just getting started organizing your records, a Certified Public Accountant can help answer your questions to ensure you file an accurate tax return. Don't have a CPA? Visit www.mncpa.org/mnUtaxUhelp or call 800.331.4288 to connect with a CPA today.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

In preparation for the 2015 tax filing season, which officially begins next week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released

today a fact sheet detailing information Minnesota tax filers need to know as they prepare to file their federal returns.

This tax season marks the first time individuals and families in Minnesota will be asked to provide basic information regarding their health insurance on their tax returns. Consumers will have questions about this new process and the Administration is committed to providing the information and tools tax filers need to understand the new requirements.

In the coming weeks, the administration will continue to provide additional resources to help consumers prepare for tax filing season, including online tools to help individuals connect with local tax preparation services and determine if they are eligible for an exemption.

For more information about this effort - or to request an interview with an official from the Department of Health and Human Services, contact press@cms.hhs.gov or call 202-690-6145.

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How to choose your wedding florist

by DeAnn Eversman,
Dee's Floral

You're engaged! How exciting, now to plan your perfect wedding. Wedding flowers are one of the most important elements or your big day. Not only do they provide color and decoration, but they symbolize life growth and rebirth. The right wedding florist can help you make wedding planning a breeze. If you don't have a wedding florist already, talk to your family and friends about who they have used in the past.

When to book your florist

This depends on how long you have to plan your wedding, but a general guide line is to start talking to your florist about six months before your wedding to secure the date and set up a consultation. Then again about four months before your wed-

ding come in for your consultation, to sign a contract and make a deposit. Once you have finished your consultation your florist will prepare a wedding statement and flower selection sheet and send it to you. If any changes need to be made you can contact your florist.

Then two weeks before your wedding contact your florist to confirm that everything is order.

Details needed at consultation time

There are some details you will need at the time of the consultation. The date of your wedding, the ceremony site, the reception site, and they wedding party list. How many bridesmaids, the color of the dresses, the number of corsages (mothers, grandmothers, and other special guests) the boutonnieres for the groom, groomsmen, ushers and other

special guests). Flowers for the church (alter flowers, memory vase, and mother's flowers). Flowers for the reception (center pieces, cake flowers).

It is also nice if you bring swatches of the bridesmaid's dresses, pictures from magazines, and the internet of bouquets and arrangements you like and any ideas you may have. Create a Pinterest board of your favorite wedding flowers and ideas. I love it when brides bring in pictures and ideas so that I can see what their ideas and likes are.

Selecting your bouquet

Many brides are stepping away for traditional white bouquets and are adding color and accessories to their bouquets. The

use of accessories to dress up bouquets is very popular. You can use beads, crystals, jewelry brooches or sentimental items such as a picture charm of a loved one. The most popular bouquets now are hand-tied and can be used also at your reception on the head table as decorations as well.

Pick your favorite flower and incorporate them into your bouquets and decorations. Most flowers are available year round with a few exception. Remember that flowers are seasonal so what you want may not be available for your wedding. Keep in mind that flowers are a natural product and that sometimes they come in different sizes colors and shapes than planned. Try not to match your flow-

ers to the color of your dresses, instead have the bouquets compliment or contrast the dresses. Your

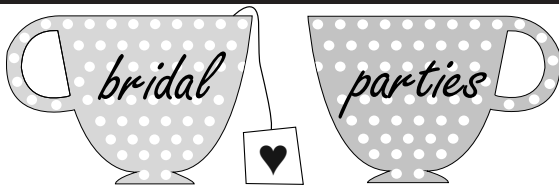
their day special. Although your flowers will not need to be ordered until a few months



florist can help you with many elements of your wedding. It is always good to ask a lot of question. Ask to see samples of the flowers and have fun. I enjoy helping brides to make

before your wedding date, sixmonths is not to soon to choose your florist and get on their schedule, no matter what the size of your wedding.

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Finding "The Dress"

by Karla Boettcher, co-owner, Blue Box Bridal

For most brides, the entire wedding centers on finding "the dress" – you know, the one you started dreaming of in your mind the first time Cinderella introduced you to the notion of prince charming. Now that you have your prince, the search for the dress is on!

Once you have determined your wedding style, you have also narrowed the types of dresses you will want to explore. If you are planning a destination wedding in Jamaica your perfect dress may be much different than what you might wear for a formal church wedding in Minnesota. Next, set a realistic budget for your wedding dress. The average amount spent on a wedding gown in the United States is approximately \$800. Blue Box Bridal offers styles

starting under \$200 and ranging to around \$1,200.

Wedding gowns are typically ordered specifically in the size, style, and color of the bride's choosing. This process generally takes 12-16 weeks, so shopping early is important if you wish to avoid the anxiety and additional cost of rush orders. Remember that dresses for your bridesmaids are also special order, so you should plan to select the color and style for their dresses around the same time that you select your bridal gown. You also want to allow at least 6 weeks prior to the wedding for any alterations that need to be made.

If possible, it is recommended that you make a bridal appointment so that you are ensured the undivided attention of a bridal store consultant. You may wish to have



trusted friends, parents, or siblings accompany you to the appointment. Keep in mind, however, that having too many opinions may become distracting and actually hamper the selection process.

During your appointment, the consultant will discuss your individual style and preferences you have. Bringing in pictures from magazines or online searches can assist in identifying the look you

wish to achieve. Keep an open mind! It is a good idea to try on a variety of different gown silhouettes to find the one that is best for your body shape.

For a preview of bridal gowns, bridesmaid's dresses, prom dresses, and tuxedos that can be found at Blue Box Bridal, come and see us at the Worthington Bridal Fair on February 15th or the Spirit Lake Bridal Show on March 1st.

Wedding cake basics

Choosing a wedding cake is one aspect of wedding planning that can be both fun and difficult at the same time. Fortunately, like choosing a wedding dress, the right cake often has a way of presenting itself and most couples just "know" when they've found the right one.

Begin by looking at glossy pictures of wedding cakes in bridal magazines and start compiling a collection of pictures. Next, look at wedding cake designers or bakeries in your area – both storefronts and web sites.

A few wedding cake "traditions" and tips to keep in mind as the wedding day approaches:

1. The top 'tier' of the wedding cake is by tradition saved for the couple to freeze and enjoy on their 1st anniversary. Ask your catering manager or wedding coordinator to save and package this up for you after the reception.

2. If you've purchased a cake topper, ask your coordinator to retrieve it for you to save.

3. Purchasing a special cake-cutting knife before the wedding is a great idea – not only will it look nicer, but you'll insure that you do have

one there rather than relying on the caterer to bring one.

A great little money-saving trick on the cake

You can actually have your bakery or cake designer create one or more "fake" tiers for the cake, which are simply styrofoam-covered platforms with the same outer layer as the rest of the cake, just made to look exactly the same as the real tier. For the cake-cutting ceremony, you'll still cut into the real tier of cake, of course, but your guests won't know the difference when the sliced cake is brought out from the kitchen – slices that came from a much less expensive sheet cake!

Did you know? a little wedding cake history...

In medieval England, wedding guests traditionally brought their own wedding cakes to the big day and attempted to stack one on top of the other to form a multi-tiered collection of cakes. The bride and groom would then try to kiss each other over the whole stack – if they were successful and managed to kiss without the cakes toppling over, it was said to be a sign of good luck and prosperity!

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Choosing a wedding photographer

Without a doubt, researching wedding photographers online first before setting up any actual appointments can save time. Any reputable photo-

person meeting will help you confirm any doubts you may have about his or her legitimacy, as well as make sure that you both "click" together. If you and your photographer share the same vision and have a great working relationship, it'll show in your photos.



grapher should have a fairly comprehensive website that includes a portfolio of their work, services and photography packages offered, as well as some background on who they are and what their artistic approach is.

Once you narrow down your list and begin to contact various photographers, either for phone or in-person interviews, ask how many weddings the photographer has done and whether or not he or she has photographed at your wedding venue. Familiarity with the space ahead of time will allow for more efficiency on the part of the photographer, who will be able to plan for different shots and situations unique to that venue.

Tip: Be sure to meet with your top-choice photographer(s) in person, before signing any contracts. Just because a photographer has an impressive website, an in-

Also, make sure that the photographer you choose will be the one who will actually be photographing your wedding. If you're dealing with a large company who has several photographers available, they may send whomever is

available on your wedding date. Be sure to get this in writing, as part of your contract with the photography company.

Wedding photography options

As budget is a concern for most couples these days, be sure to talk with your potential photographer about the various wedding packages that he or she offers. Typical services include:

- Engagement Portraits
- Wedding Proofs
- Wedding Albums
- Parents' Albums
- Extra Prints
- Negatives

The cost for each of these services varies great-

ly from photographer to photographer. Decide what you need before interviewing someone so that you have an idea of what the total cost will look like after ordering extra prints, purchasing the negatives, etc.

Note: Most experienced wedding photographers will charge quite a bit extra for orders of additional prints and/or for selling you the original negatives. Many professional photographers won't sell the negatives at all. Find out up front what these costs are, and what your photographer's policy on ob-

taining negatives is.

Questions to ask photographers

In addition to getting to know your photographer on a more personal level, here is a good list of questions that you'll want to be sure to ask during an initial meeting:

- What is your payment and deposit procedure?
- What is your cancellation policy?
- What is your policy and cost for overtime, should my wedding run

longer than scheduled?

- Do you have a standard list of photos/poses that I can choose from? (Bride and Father Dancing, Exchange of Rings at Ceremony, Cake Cutting, etc.)
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The wedding invitation faux pas

When writing your wedding invitations, there are some things that you should do, and some things that you definitely should NOT do. For most brides and grooms, this is going to be their first time writing up a wedding invitation, so it can be a bit confusing as to what you should be writing in them. Here are some of the worst and most common of the wedding invitation faux pas that you should avoid.

The "NO KIDS ALLOWED" Invitations

So you don't want to bother with having someone watch the children, hire on children entertainers, and purchase separate kids meals on your wedding day. That's understandable. The problem that most brides and grooms make is that they get the wording wrong. If you do not word the "no children allowed" rule appropriately, you risk insulting parents and, as a result, they won't come to your wedding.

One of the easiest ways is to not mention the children on the wedding invitation. This traditionally means that they are not invited, but not everyone will catch on to your hint. Another way to tactfully go about not inviting the children is to not include the children's names on the RSVP cards. This may still result in parents tacking their children's names onto the RSVP card, in which case you can simply call them up and explain that no kids are allowed at your wedding.

Include the Whole Family

So let's say that you are allowing children at the wedding. Great! Then contrary to not including their name on the invitation and the RSVP card, make sure that you do include their names. The invitation shouldn't be made out to only "Mr. and Mrs. Brown", but rather "Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Joe Brown, Emma Brown," etc. Another rule is that for any family with chil-

dren over 18, they should receive their own invitations. They are adults at that point after all, so even if they are still living with their parents you should respect them as separate adults.

You Want Monetary Gifts

Most couples these days have moved in with one another long before the wedding day, so they tend to have most of the housewares they need. Even if this is the case, you cannot say outright on your invitation that you are not accepting boxed gifts and only want money as a gift. That is just tactless and rude. As a matter of fact, including any sort of reg-

istry on the invitation itself can be considered rude. Remember, even if you make a registry, no one is obligated to give you a gift; a gift is a gift, a present that is given out of kindness.

The best way to go about receiving monetary gifts is to tell a couple of friends (such as your maid of honor or even your parents) and then hope that they will spread the word. When people ask these people what to give you, they will simply tell them, "Oh, I think they'd prefer the money". Of course, there will be those guests who really want to get you an actual present, so you may still end up with a coffee maker or two.

Wedding Trends Likely to Last

(SPM Wire) Who hasn't seen a lineup of baby blue tuxedoed groomsmen on the mantle of an older relative? While some trends thankfully expire, there are some newer ones that may be here to stay.

Here are three worthwhile trends in the world of wedding planning that have taken hold:

- **Personal training:** Many fitness clubs offer personal training packages for engaged couples. Working out together is a great way to get in shape, de-stress during a stressful period, and start your marriage off on a healthful foot.
- **Wedding websites:** Want to communicate

fluctuating information about accommodations, your registry and more to your guests? The best way to give your friends and family all the pertinent details they need to help you celebrate is through a wedding website. User-friendly hosting sites can make creating your site easy.

- **Photojournalism:** While posed photography will never go out of style, many are opting for a more photojournalistic feel to their wedding album. Whether sepia-toned, black and white, or full color, wedding photos are taking on a more kinetic feel that can truly showcase a couple's personality.



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OBITUARY notices

Mark D. Johnson, 79



Memorial services for Mark D. Johnson, 79, of Fairmont, will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Burial will be held following the service at the Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont with full military honors by the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 of Fairmont.

Mark passed away Saturday, January 17, 2015, at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mark David Johnson was born on October 28, 1935, in Newton, IA, the son of Alvin and Bernice (Johnson) Johnson. He attended school in Newton and graduated from Newton High School with the class of 1953. Following his graduation, Mark attended Cornell College where he received his degree in 1957. He would then go on to enlist in the United States Army where he served his country honorably later earning his honorable discharge. Upon completion of his commitment to the Army, Mark enrolled at the University of Iowa where he attained his Master's Degree in Geology.

In 1966, Mark moved to Fairmont, MN, where he was employed with Hodgeman's Construction. His official title was Geologist; however, Mark was also responsible for estimates and bids on the various jobs they worked, along with serving as the Vice President for the company. Mark worked for Hodgeman's for 40 years and was still employed part-time as a consultant.

On April 29, 1977, Mark was united in marriage to Bonnie Musser at the United Methodist Church in Chisholm, MN, with the Rev. Jack Harris presiding over the marriage.

In his spare time, Mark enjoyed traveling and had been all over the United States, Central America and the Caribbean. He had a love for geology and

had a "Rock Room" in his home for his vast rock collection. Mark and Bonnie cherished time spent with family and friends. They could often be found sharing laughs with those close to them at one of their many favorite places to socialize. Mark kept very active playing golf, tennis, attending games of the Vikings, Twins, Lynx, and Wild. He also enjoyed attending musicals, concerts and plays. Mark was a member of the United Methodist Church in Fairmont, the Martin County VFW, was a mentor in the Fairmont Kinship Program for over 10 years, and was the coordinator of the Fairmont Red Cross Blood Drive. He was a master grill and looked forward to entertaining those who would visit. Mark will be greatly missed by those who loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Bonnie Johnson; children, Kris Musser (Liz Bock), Karla Musser (Deepa Roongta), Darcie Johnson and family, and David Johnson and family; one brother, Tim Johnson; three brothers-in-law, Gene (Audrey) Wright; Ruppert (MaryLee) Wright; and Gary (Lana) Wright; two sisters-in-law, Ardis Nutt and Joyce (Don) Jerome; two beloved cats, Sahara and Mojave; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Bernice Johnson; sister, Beverly Wehrem; and two brothers-in-law, Glen Wehrem and Don Nutt.

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Wayne B. Sandoz, 94



Funeral Service for Wayne B. Sandoz, 94, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Grace Lutheran Church Chapel in Fairmont. Interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont with military honors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 21, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and continue one hour prior to the service on Thursday at

the church. Wayne passed away on Monday morning, January 19, 2015, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are preferred to Grace Lutheran Church.

Wayne Bernard Sandoz was born on August 27, 1920, in Red Elm, SD. He was the son of Albert and Eve (Schrader) Sandoz. He graduated from Fairmont High School in 1938.

On July 27, 1942, Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served with Battery A of the 779th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion on a ship in the Pacific Theater as well as in Okinawa Japan. He later served with the Military Police in Seoul, Korea. Wayne earned the rank of Tec 3 and was awarded the American Theater Service Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal with 2 overseas bars. He received an honorable discharge on January 5, 1946.

On October 3, 1948, Wayne was united in marriage to Irene Holmseth at South Blue Earth Lutheran Church. This union was blessed with three sons, James, David and Paul. The couple resided in Fairmont where Wayne worked as a mechanic for Forstrum's Garage. Wayne then managed the Lake Avenue Shell station for over twenty years before working at Midland Service Center, Boemke Texaco, and most recently at Poppe's. Wayne and Irene shared fifty-two years together before Irene passed away on October 23, 2000. Wayne cared for Irene in her last years, bringing her fruit and cookies every afternoon.

Wayne was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont as well as the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County V.F.W. Post 1222. He was an avid Vikings and Twins fan. He especially loved going to Twins games. When he was younger, Wayne played pool and bowled in bowling leagues.

Left to cherish his memory include his sons, James Sandoz and his wife, Sherri, of Monticello, MN, David Sandoz and his wife, Ann, of Morton, IL, and Paul Sandoz of Fairmont; grandchildren, Eric Sandoz of Minneapolis, MN, Patrick Sandoz of Minneapolis, MN, Nathan Sandoz of Peoria, IL, Erin Sandoz of St. Louis, MO, Farin Sandoz of Austin, MN, and Kelly Sandoz of Rochester, MN; and brother-in-law, Martin Welchlin of Fairmont. Along with his parents, Albert and Eva Sandoz, Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Sandoz; sis-

ters, Mildred Ohlenkamp and her husband, Vern, and Bernadine Welchlin; and brother-in-law, Merle Larimore.

The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Kris and Guy Head for the walleye dinners and friendship that they gave Wayne over the years..

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Dean Ricard, 89



Funeral services for Dean Ricard, 89, Fairmont, formerly of Truman, will be held on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 10:30 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, with Rev. Nathan Rusert officiating. Interment will be held at Nashville Cemetery, rural Winnebago, MN. Dean died on Friday, January 16, 2015 at Sanford Jackson Medical Center, Jackson, MN. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 from 4-7:00 pm at Zaharia Family Funeral & Cremation Service of Truman and one hour before the services in the church Friday.

Pierce Dean Ricard was born on December 21, 1925 in Armstrong, IA to Augustus Hiram and Laura (Lund) Ricard. They moved to a family farm in Nashville Township. Dean attended 8 years of country school and later graduated from Truman High School. He farmed with his father in Nashville Township. On January 15, 1953 Dean was drafted into the US Army. He was honorably discharged on December 28, 1954. On March 25, 1956 Dean was united in marriage to Marie Frederickson Lenox at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. In addition to farming, Dean did custom spraying and raised livestock. They farmed for 40 years until retiring to Truman in 1996. In October of 2013 Dean and Marie moved into Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. Dean was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman and the Martin County VFW. Dean was a school crossing guard and served on the Nashville Cemetery Board. He loved to play cards, go fishing, auction sales, traveling, and was a hard worker.

Dean is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marie Ricard, Fairmont; one

daughter, Gloria (Wayne) Lutz of West Palm Beach, FL; five sons, James (Carol) of Winnebago, Gary (Connie) of Fairmont, Dennis (Kim) of Apache Junction, AZ, Earl (Julie) of Fairmont, Michael (Theresa) of Truman; 17 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; 11 great, great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Eulalie Ann Grunig (Bill) of Truman, Delores Holz

of Fairmont, MN, Roxy Brummond of Granada and numerous nieces and nephews. Dean was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Twila Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are preferred to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Elevator Fund.

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January 17 - Mark D. Johnson, 79, Fairmont.

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January 16 - Mary Alice Jones, 88, Fairmont.

January 17 - Justin E. Zitterich, 90, North Mankato (formerly of Dunnell)

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Joanne E. Bettin, Michael M. Bettin to Joanne E. Bettin, Trustee, Michael M. Bettin, Trustee, Michael M. Bettin Revocable Living Trust, Pt. NE¼SE¼, 32-103-30; Pt. SW¼NW¼, 28-102-30

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August Nathan Nordhausen to Kathleen Angeline Nordhausen, Lot 3, Block 9, Blks. 8, 9 & 10, Vill. Fox Lake
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In the matter of the Petition for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ENGINEER REPORT

Notice is hereby given, that a proceeding has been commenced by the Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County, Minnesota, for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #30.

That the Engineers appointed herein have made and filed their report in the office of the Martin County Auditor-Treasurer.

That the following lands are drained by Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County by a tile system. Said system drains part of the following township in: Martin County – Center Creek Township (T103N-R29W), Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 & 21.

AND THAT, THEREFORE, on FEBRUARY 3RD, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN, the Drainage Authority of said system shall hear and consider said Final Engineer Report, and all the persons interested are invited to appear and be heard before the Drainage Authority, for and against the proposed Improvement with respect to any other matters in connection therewith. A copy of the Engineer's Final report can be examined at the office of the Martin County Auditor, 201 Lake Ave Ste 201, Fairmont MN.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.

DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

By James Forshee, Martin County Auditor-Treasurer

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN BEFORE THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

In the matter of the Petition for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL VIEWERS REPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT

Notice is hereby given, that a proceeding has been commenced by the Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County, Minnesota, for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

That the viewers appointed herein have made and filed their report in the office of the Martin County Auditor-Treasurer.

That the following is a brief description of the lands drained by Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County by a tile system. Said system drains all or part of the following township in: Martin County - Center Creek Township (T103N-R29W), Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 & 21.

AND THAT, THEREFORE, on FEBRUARY 3RD, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN the Drainage Authority of said system shall hear and consider said Final Viewers' Report, and all the persons interested are invited to appear and be heard before the Drainage Authority, for and against the proposed Improvement with respect to any other matters in connection therewith. A copy of the Final Viewers' report can be examined at the office of the Martin County Auditor, 201 Lake Ave Ste 201, Fairmont MN.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.

DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

By James Forshee, Martin County Auditor-Treasurer

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA Bids for Cash Rent Farm Lease

Sealed bids will be received by the Martin County Engineer at the Martin County Highway Department until 10:00 a.m. on February 13, 2015, to rent the farm land listed below for a 3 year period (2015-2017):

The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, and Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 19, T101N, R31W, Tenhassen Township, according to the United States Government Survey, containing 127 and 30/100ths of an acre, of which 107 acres more or less are tillable. (McClain property)

The NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, T102N, R30W, Fairmont Township, and that land lying east of Public roadway in Lot 3 in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 25, T102N, R30W, containing approximately 78.05 acres, of which 50.5 acres more or less are tillable. (Rose Lake pit property)

A tract of land in Government Lot 7 of Section 6, T103N, R30W, Rutland Township, containing 10.8 acres more or less of tillable ground. (Landfill farm property)

Bids will be accepted for 3 years. Official award of contract will be made at the February 17, 2015, Martin County Commissioners meeting. Bid forms can be found at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN BEFORE THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

In the matter of the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON VIEWERS REPORTS

Notice is hereby given, that a proceeding has been commenced by the Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County, Minnesota, for the redetermination of benefits and damages and benefited areas of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

That the viewers appointed herein have made and filed their report in the office of the Martin County Auditor-Treasurer.

That the following is a brief description of the lands drained by Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County by a tile system. Said system drains all or part of the following township in: Martin County - Center Creek Township (T103N-R29W), Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 & 21.

AND THAT, THEREFORE, on FEBRUARY 3RD, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN the Drainage Authority of said system shall hear and consider said viewers' report, and all the persons interested in the redetermination of benefits are invited to appear and be heard before the Drainage Authority, for and against the proposed redetermination of benefits with respect to any other matters in connection therewith. A copy of the viewers' report can be examined at the office of the Martin County Auditor, 201 Lake Ave Ste 201, Fairmont MN.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.

DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

By James Forshee, Martin County Auditor-Treasurer

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 12, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Casey Kain, a single woman.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 12, 2010 Martin County Recorder, Document No. 2010R-402908.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated January 21, 2014 Recorded January 28, 2014, as Document No. 2014R-420373.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100588310030254511
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Mortgage Services III, LLC

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1111 North Elm Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 and 1115 Elm Street North, Fairmont, MN 56031

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 231621370 and 231621380
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 5 and 6, Block 14, Lake George Addition in the Village (now City) of Fairmont
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Martin
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$57,120.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$54,919.35

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 6, 2015 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Martin County Security Building, 201 Lake Ave. Fairmont, MN
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 8, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: December 30, 2014

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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Minnesota Valley Chorus Sweet Adelines looking for members

Need an outlet for your singing talent? Minnesota Valley Chorus is the place for you. Discover just how fun it is to sing with Minnesota Valley Chorus Sweet Adelines, on Tuesday, January 27th, 7:15 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, (corner of 4th Street and Main Street). To sign up or ask questions, contact Lissa at 507-469-4437 or lkmeier@hickortytech.net.

The Minnesota Valley Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization dedicated to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, com-

petition and performance. The chorus is directed by Carol Grimmer, assisted by Patti Dykema. Current members come from south central Minnesota, including Cleveland, Eagle Lake, Elysian, Henderson, Janesville, Madelia, Madison Lake, Mankato, North Mankato, Nicollet, Roch-

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Women interested in singing barbershop style are invited to join them for any rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato.

Super Crossword

SNAKE HANDLING

ACROSS

1 Appear on the scene

7 Mystery writer

13 Sister of Snow White

20 Canadian dollar coin

21 As well

22 Retired female prof

23 Mischievous snake?

25 Capitol Hill bigwig

26 Bicycle part

27 Like Saturn

28 Ink-filled toot

29 Blend

30 One of the Musketeers

32 Graceful bird

34 Touchy- (overly emotional)

35 Greets with a head bob

37 What there is when a snake is inside a keg?

42 Sioux tribe member

43 Beatle bride

45 Golfer

46 Vienna is its cap.

47 Study of snake vision?

50 Bottom line

52 HP or Dell products

55 Confused

56 Noble act

57 St. Louis Arch

58 Canoe variety

60 Skeletal axis

62 Snake with a talk show?

65 1980s TV's "Remington"

68 "Crash" actor

69 Peaceful

70 Snake's relatives?

73 Arcade game

75 TV prizes

76 See 81- Down

77 Union foe

78 Billfold filler

82 Org. fining polluters

83 1:50, e.g.

85 Noodles shaped like knotted snakes?

88 Emerald, e.g.

89 Symbol of a team

91 Camera type, for short

92 Frying vessel

93 Thing that hones a snake's skills?

98 Part of TLC

100 Gather up

101 Treater's phrase

102 Sobbing soul

104 Sour

105 Tit-for- ----

106 "Pretty nice!"

110 Now being broadcast

113 Living an isolated life

115 Snake's balderdash?

117 Aromatic

118 Gazed

119 "---- down the hatchest!"

120 "No, No, ----" (old musical)

121 Mistake list

122 Broom room

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1 ---- unto itself

2 ---- Hashanah

3 Boxing tactic used by Ali

4 Derives from logic

5 Rule breaker, e.g.

6 Always, to poets

7 On the line

8 Hired hood

9 Snug as ----

10 "It Had ---- You"

11 Sticks with, as a belief

12 Nibbled away

13 Transmit again

14 Boding sign

15 Sun Yat- ----

16 Pencil tops

17 John of "Three's Company"

18 Star, to Pierre

19 Baseballer Strawberry

24 Prefix with cycle

28 Infamous box opener

31 Lyric poems sung by single voices

33 Newswoman Barbara

34 "As I Lay Dying" novelist

35 Star burst

36 Big elevator producer

38 Incursion

39 Curve part

40 Connections

41 Lamb's call

44 Frank

48 Pass gingerly

49 Golf ball supporter

51 Pull along

52 Funeral pile

53 French city on the Orne

54 ---- terrier (dog breed)

57 Internet auction site

59 Ghana's land

61 Wall coatings

62 Film snippet

63 Petroleum

64 Actress Huppert

65 "Peter Pan" pirate

66 Pack down tightly

67 Actress Stone

68 Where some very big birds are raised

71 Goldfish part

72 Superhero insect

73 Put-on

74 Mai- ---- (rum drinks)

77 Surfeit

79 Hopefuls

80 Jazzman Kenton

81 With 76- Across, quilt, informally

84 "Jimmy" has two

85 Pre-A.D. abbr.

86 Suffix with ball or bass

87 Suggestion

88 Body signal

90 Unthrifty type

93 Mete (out)

94 Actress Seyfried

95 30-year late-night host

96 Raspy

97 Kigali's land

99 Rome's Via ----

103 Tokyo, once

105 Tightly strung

107 Polish river

108 Pretix with byte

109 Boone of baseball

111 "Gotcha"

112 Pay to live in

114 Filming locale

115 Pal of Tarzan

116 "Go On" network

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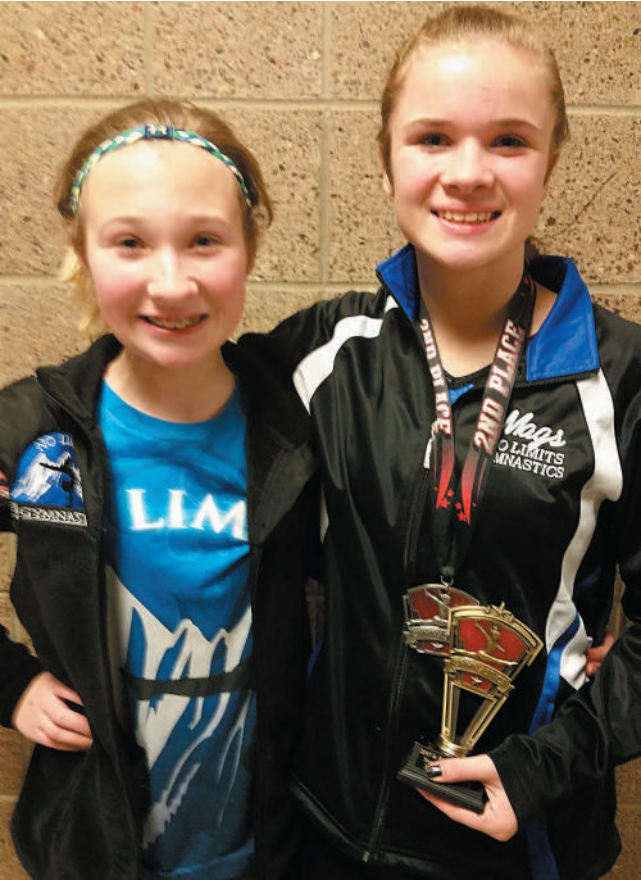
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Stradtman places in Sweetheart Gymnastic Invite



Mikayla Stradtman, *right*, and her sister, Kinze (both of Fairmont) after the Sweetheart Gymnastic Invite in Jackson Sunday. Mikayla's team, Mankato Area Gymnastics Storm, took second place to their sister team. Mikayla took third in the AA with a 31.00. The team is coached by Fairmont resident Jon Janzen.

Traveling Soccer Registration held Sunday, January 25

Registration for Fairmont Soccer Association's spring/summer traveling teams will be held Sunday, January 25th at 4:30 p.m., Five Lakes Elementary Cafeteria, in conjunction with the FSA 2015 Annual Meeting.

FSA plans to field both boys and girls competitive traveling teams in many of the following divisions, depending on registration numbers: U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17. Players born between 8/1/97 and 7/31/04 are eligible to play.

Register early as teams may fill and close. Registration fee, small photo, volunteer commitment & parent signature on registration forms are required for U11-U17 registration. Players who are registering for traveling soccer for the first time must show a copy of their birth certificate.

Separate purchase of uniform for U11-U17 is required.

More information and sample uniforms for sizing will be available at the meeting.

Email us at fairmont-mnsoccer@gmail.com with any questions.

For registration info after the meeting, see fairmontsoccer.org beginning January 26th.



BEAMING ROUTINE - Magic's assistant coach Matraca Steen, *right*, watches Brielle Meade perform on the beam in action last Thursday night. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



HIGH BAR - Magic's Maggie Bachenberg reaches for the top bar. Bachenberg finished second in the all-around. The Magic defeated St. Peter 134.75-126.525 last Thursday night in Welcome. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*

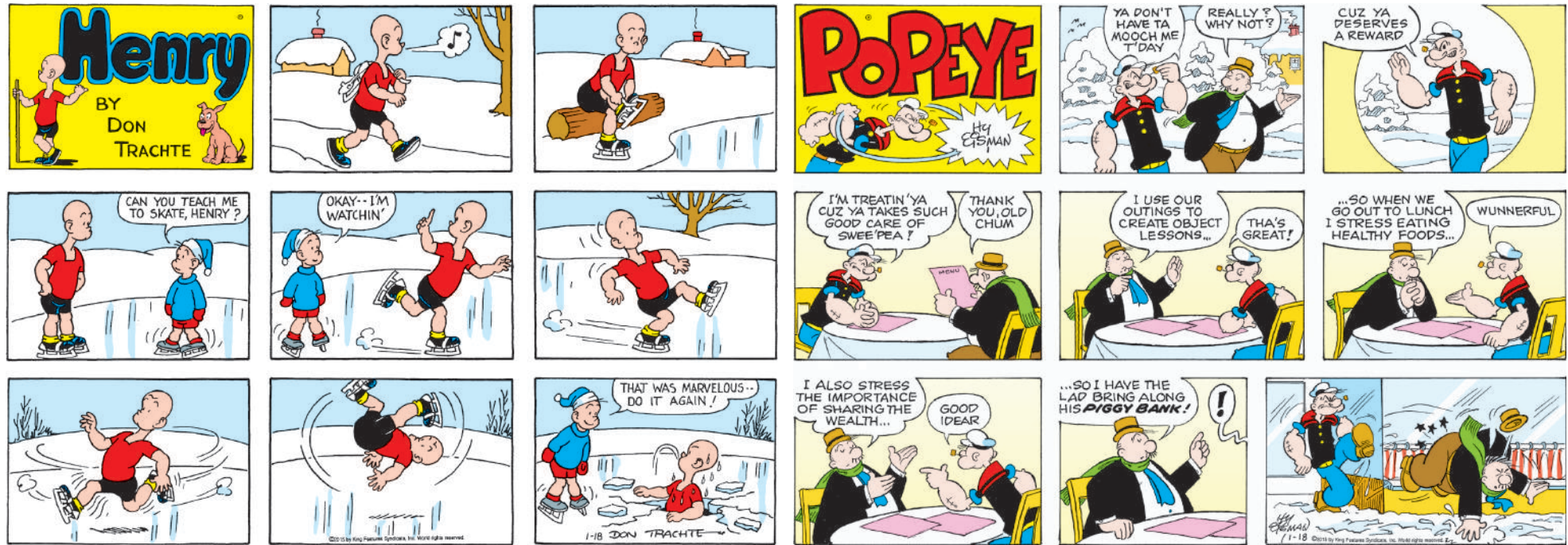


PERFECT FORM - Magic's Andrea Thate readies for her dismount on the bars last Thursday night in Welcome. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



PICTURE POSE - Magic's Maiya Dietz strikes a pose for the judges on the beam during a meet last Thursday night. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*

TWIST AND TURN - Magic's Jenna Steele, *left*, twirls in mid-air on the vault. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



Ray Rosol Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament

The Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament for 6th grade boys is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at St. John Vianney School in Fairmont. Teams participating in the tournament will be: St. Paul's Lutheran of Truman, St. Paul Lutheran of Fairmont, Granada Huntley East Chain and St. John Vianney.

The first game starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday with the awards presentation scheduled to take place at approximately 2:45 p.m.

The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this tournament.

The Gathering/CER basketball results, January 19

The Winners	84	KILR Bees	47
Anytime Fitness	65	Schmidt	60
B Team	72	Kallenbach	41
Wrecking Crew	66	Bank Midwest	63

Standings	W	L	Point Difference
The Winners	2	0	48
Anytime Fitness	2	0	29
Wrecking Crew	2	0	11
Bank Midwest	1	1	56
B Team	1	1	20
Schmidt	0	1	-5
T Town	0	1	-24
KILR Bees	0	2	-45
Kallenbach	0	2	-90



CRASHING THE BOARDS - Cardinals Alex Christianson reaches for a rebound against Byron's 6'5" freshman Ayoka Lee and teammate #23 Kailay Webster. Christianson had 12 points and seven steals while Lee had 21 points. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



DEFENSIVE STARE - Cardinals Sierra Schrader defends Byron's Takota Tierney while teammates #45 Courtney Mosloski and Ayoka Lee looked on in basketball action at the Target Center. The Cardinals defeated Byron 55-48. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



LEAPING BLOCKERS - Cardinals Ben Abel and teammate Anders Landenget put up a roadblock on Bluejay Shane Streich's shot. The Bluejays escaped with a 52-50 win after Landenget's three pointer at the buzzer twirled out of the basket last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



ONE HANDER - Cardinals Ben Abel shoots over Byron's #35 Andrew Sorensen. The Cardinals defeated the Bears 55-48 at the Target Center last Saturday. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



SQUEEZE PLAY - Cardinals Derek Hunwardsen is squeezed between teammate Anders Landenget and Byron's Zach Dykes. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*

GIRLS BASKETBALL				St. James Area	4-4	6-7
Big South - East	BSC	REC		St. Peter	2-4	6-8
St. Peter	4-0	11-0		Blue Earth Area	2-5	5-9
Waseca	3-1	10-3		New Ulm	2-4	2-13
Fairmont	6-4	9-5				
Blue Earth Area	3-3	9-4	Big South - West	BSC	REC	
New Ulm	2-3	7-6	Marshall	7-1	13-2	
St. James Area	2-6	5-9	Redwood Valley	6-1	11-3	
			JCC	4-4	10-5	
Big South - West	BSC	REC	Pipestone Area	4-3	7-6	
Marshall	6-1	14-2	Windom Area	3-7	7-8	
Redwood Valley	7-1	13-2	Luverne	2-6	7-9	
Worthington	5-3	8-4	Worthington	1-7	1-12	
Jackson Co. Central	4-6	7-9				
Pipestone Area	3-4	6-6	BOYS HOCKEY			
Windom Area	1-7	2-11	Big South Conf	BSC	REC	
Luverne	0-7	2-11	Luverne	11-0-0	16-3-0	
			St. Peter/L-H/TCU	8-2-0	12-4-0	
BOYS BASKETBALL				New Ulm	8-2-0	10-5-2
Big South - East	BSC	REC		Waseca	5-4-0	10-5-1
Waseca	6-0	13-2	Marshall	6-3-0	10-7-0	
Fairmont	7-4	10-6	Redwood Valley	3-6-0	5-10-0	
			Windom Area	2-8-0	5-13-0	



OVERTIME WINNER - Cardinals Logyn Cone slapshot in overtime helped the Cards defeat the Marshall Tigers 4-3. It was Cone's third goal of the contest for a hat trick. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



STICK SAVE - Cardinal goalie Miranda O'Connor watches the puck after it bounces off her stick on Marshall's Sydney Mauch shot. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DOUBLE CHECK - Cardinals Brady Jensen goes airborne over two Tiger defenders. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



CRASHING SAVE - Marshall's Blake VanKeulen collides with Cardinal goaltender Colton Cuning in front of the net. The Tigers defeated the Cards 8-2 last Thursday night at the Martin County Arena. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*

Fairmont	1-10-1	1-11-1	WRESTLING	
Worthington	0-11-1	0-14-1	Big South Conf	REC
			BEA	15-2
GIRLS HOCKEY			JCC	13-5
Big South Conf	BSC	REC	Redwood-RV	9-4
New Ulm	11-0-0	15-7-0	Worthington/RL-B	9-5
Luverne	8-2-0	12-5-0	Windom/Mt. Lake	7-3
Fairmont	8-4-1	10-7-1	Red Bulls	6-1
Marshall	7-4-0	9-10-0	St Peter	6-13
St. Peter/L-H/TCU	6-5-1	6-15-1	St James	5-5
Waseca	5-6-0	6-15-0	Waseca	5-6
Windom Area	1-12-0	2-13-0	Luverne	3-5
Worthington/Fulda	0-13-0	0-15-0	New Ulm	3-17
			Pipestone	2-9
			Marshall	1-15



Red Rock Center volunteers, Barbara Jordi, left, and Kim Swanson, use their creative talents during a work session at the Red Rock Center to create games for the Family Fun Day being held on Sunday, January 25th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Red Rock Center.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE will be held in St. Peter on February 7th. Half of the money raised goes right to your local Special Olympics team. Our team is in its third year and continues to grow in size and sports offered each year. We have approximately 45 athletes involved in our various sports teams. Participating in last year's jump, *from left to right*: James Miller (head of delegation for Fairmont/Martin County), Andrea Miller, Jamie Urban, Kevin Urban, and Mark Hernes. These jumpers have been instrumental in restarting the local team and all are coaches. We had a blast last year and look forward to doing it again. We are always looking for individuals to join our Plunge team or join our volunteer or coaching staff.



Work continues on Bird's Bridge, located on Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. Work is taking place to deepen and straighten the channel connecting the two lakes under the bridge. Drivers can expect traffic slowdowns due to cones narrowing lanes of traffic and shifting lanes. The bridge will remain open to vehicle traffic during the construction.



TWO TEAMS from the Fairmont Lakes Foundation, plus volunteers erected "Thin Ice" signs at two locations Saturday. Aerators will be activated on Sisseton Lake behind the Sylvania Park Bandshell and on the south end of George Lake near the municipal power plant. Workers at the Sisseton Lake location were Nick Lardy, Joel Hokenesen, Marlin Wrucke, Bruce Scott, Mike Katzenmeyer and Sherman Kumba. On George Lake: Kent Unke, Scott Unke, Scott Jones, Jerome Niss, Mike Humpal.



Several Martin County/Fairmont Girls Scouts and leaders gathered at Valero Renewables in Welcome to accept a donation from plant manager Nicole Gries.

This grant was a result of the 2014 Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children Golf Classic.

The Girl Scouts are so grateful to the generous and caring employees of Valero!

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