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Amanda and Jake Lemke of St. Paul, Minnesota are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Juniper Justice Lemke. She was born December 20th, 2016 at Health Foundations Birth Center in St. Paul. Juniper weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Doug and Kay Lemke of Ceylon and Dr. Joel and Rose Ament of De Pere, Wisconsin. Great grandparents are Virginia Schneider of Fairmont, Ruth and Arnold Lemke of Fairmont, Maria Luisa Alcala of Los Angeles, California and Irene Ament of Bakersfield, California. Juniper was welcomed home by proud big brother Asher.

Fairmont United Methodist Church will be holding **Wednesday Evening Suppers** through the month of January. Serving will be from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. January 18th they will be serving tacos with all the fixings and on January 25th it will be chicken and biscuits. Meals include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, homemade desserts and beverages for a suggested donation of \$2.

First Congregational UCC in Fairmont will have a **Community Free Meal** at the church at 319 Downtown Plaza on Wednesday, January 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will serve sloppy joes, bars and more. The meal is served by the Diaconate Board.

Kids Against Hunger benefit slated for January 25 at Fairmont High School

Many of us can consider ourselves blessed when it comes to having clothes on our backs and food to eat. In many parts of the world, those "blessings" come few and far between.

A number of Fairmont High School students are planning a benefit for next week to go towards providing food for those who have limited supplies. This benefit is called "Kids Against Hunger Benefit Concert" and takes place Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center.

One of the concert organizers, Lauren Carlson, said the theme for this year's concert is "Blessed" and stated that this concert is a great way for the community to come out and support this effort to help end world hunger. The concert is a fundraiser to help raise funds for the Kids Against Hunger food pack, which takes place February 18th at the Fair-

mont National Guard Armory.

The Kids Against Hunger Benefit Concert features acts that are all local students. "Everyone in Fairmont and the surround-



ing area is encouraged to attend as the concert is perfect for all ages and is a great way to help make a difference" states Carlson. "We have a lot of talented local students who have been working hard to provide a fantastic night of entertainment! The concert is free to attend; we take up donations during the concert to go to-

ward purchasing the food needed for the food pack in February."

The concert theme is based on the bible verse, Psalm 34:8, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Carlson states, "Our concert theme of blessings has a quote that fits it perfectly - Don't just count your blessings, be the blessing other people count on."

Kids Against Hunger's mission statement is: To significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. We ship meals to starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide.

They need your help to end world hunger. One way you can help is by attending this concert on January 25th and donating to help feed those in need.



Bob Bonin, Fairmont High School welding instructor, presented information to the school board about the Saturday Welding Academy at the January 10th school board meeting. Welding Academy classes begin Saturday, January 21st, and will run for 17 weeks from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Twenty people have registered for the class, including students and adults. FHS students will earn 1 credit for completing the course.



THE HALL AT THE FAIRMONT EAGLES CLUB is available for weddings, anniversaries, meetings, private parties and more. Call Dave Nutt, Events Planner, at 507-236-5928, or e-mail racenutt@midco.net. The Eagles Aerie #3394, is located at 1228 West Lake Avenue, Fairmont.

A **Gift Shop Inventory Reduction Sale** to benefit Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont will be held on Tuesday, January 24th and Wednesday, January 25th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. The sale will be held in the hospital's Channel East/West conference rooms (near Main Classroom) in Fairmont.

The Ceylon Fire Department Relief Association is sponsoring an **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, January 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon at Legends 2/ Ceylon American Legion. They will serve pancakes, french toast, sausage and juice. There will be a free will offering.



The Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) Board presented its "Distinguish Service" plaque to Jerry Clark in recognition of his years of service, dedication, and achievements in serving as an inaugural member of MCEDA from July 2007-December 31st, 2016. Pictured front row (l to r): Elliot Belgard (Board Member), Jerry Clark, Inaugural Board Member, Larry Baarts (Board Member), Back Row: Randy Grupe (Vice President-EDA), Brent Schultze (Secretary/Treasurer-EDA), Dan Schmidtke (Board Member). Not pictured is Chris Pierce (EDA-President).

Great opening meet for BEAHS Knowledge Bowl

The 2016 Senior High Knowledge Bowl season is off to a great start for the Blue Earth Area squad.

At the the Blizzard Invitational last Monday in Blue Earth, the BEA Emerald team with Ben Backstrom, Lucas Determan, Bryan Karp, Hunter Rock, and Jacob Willette, finished in first place with a score

of 99 points - remaining in first place throughout the entire day in the field of 27 teams from 8 different schools. The Topaz team (with Jackie Frerichs, Grant Strukel, JR Karp, Emma Sullivan, and Katelyn Schonborn) finished in 9th with 75.5 points, and the Opal team (with Ville Remsu, Sam Barslou, Grace Leland, Blake Barnett, and Ashley Petersen)

finished in 18th with 62 points. Also competing were the BEA Sapphire and Ruby teams. Senior High Knowledge Bowl coaches for these students is Will Howieson with assistance from Mike Ellingsen.

The next competition for the Bucs is in Blue Earth on Wednesday, January 18th, 2017.



Blue Earth Area Emerald (L to R): Lucas Determan, Bryan Karp, Jacob Willette, Hunter Rock, Ben Backstrom.

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The **Prairieland Antique Tractor Association** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m. at McDonald's in Fairmont. The public is invited.

The **Fairmont High School class of 1962**, spouses and significant others will meet for lunch on Friday, January 20th at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m.

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

OSCAR isn't a grouch like the "Sesame Street" character. He is an easy going black cat, who is more like Ernie than Oscar. Our Oscar gets along with other cats and seldom grumbles at anyone.

PATCHES is white with black patches. She is a very friendly girl who enjoys people attention. Patches is very selective in her feline friends and might do best in a home where she is the only cat.

JOE and **JAY** came to the shelter together as strays. They might be brothers, but we aren't really sure. Joe is orange tabby with white, while Jay is gray tabby with white. Jay is more outgoing than Joe, but both boys are very nice.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

HONEY is a sweet shepherd mix who had a little bad luck. She suffered an attack which lost her the tip of one ear and her right eye. Honey is recovering well and adjusting to having just one eye. Honey is good with people, but a little nervous when dogs get too close to her.

DAKOTA "Bouncy girl, bouncy girl! My name is Dakota and I am a bouncy girl! I want to play; I want to see what is on the other side of the door. Can I kiss your face? Do you want to play? Let's go for a walk, or maybe a ride. Look a chicken, I'm going to catch it. Let's go, let's go! My name is Dakota, I am 1, I am white. I might be a lab with a little husky or maybe a shepherd."

Area College Student News



Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, today announced that the following area students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year.

Jenna Hartzler of Alpha Chandler Koehler of Dunnell

Jayden Koskovich of Fairmont

Evan Ward of Ceylon

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale).

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Ridgewater College of Willmar is proud to announce **Jacob Ebeling** of Trimont has been named to the fall semester 2016 Dean's List. To be named, a student must complete a minimum of 12 credits and earn a minimum of 3.50 grade point average.

Health Management Student **Heather Peterson-Kuehl**, Fairmont has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Crookston for work during the fall semester. Students named to the Dean's List at the University of Minnesota, Crookston were announced recently by the Office of the Registrar.

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Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska named 272 students to its honors list for the fall 2016 semester. The following local students were named to the honors list:

Rachel Krome of Fairmont

Mason Koeritz of Northrop

Anna Marie Meyer of Trimont

Rebekah Rusert of Truman.

Ruby's Pantry returns to East Chain

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on Saturday, January 28th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

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

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 see their website at www.rubyspantry.org, email goodnews@rubyspantry.org or call 507-236-4653.

Habitat for Humanity fundraiser breakfast

A "Hard Hat Fundraising Breakfast" will be held Thursday, January 19th at the Red Rock Center, 222 East Blue Earth Avenue.

The breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. with a program beginning at 7 a.m., where you can learn about the benefits that Habitat for Humanity brings to our communities, hear from

volunteers, homeowners and a Habitat Minnesota representative.

Habitat has two homes in Fairmont that need extensive remodeling and repair.

For more information and about Martin and Faribault Counties Habitat for Humanity, call Staci Thompson, Executive Director, 507-526-2500

Fairmont Soccer registration January 29

Fairmont Soccer Association's 2017 spring registration will take place Sunday, January 29th, starting at 4:30 p.m. Sign-up is at the Fairmont Elementary School, Door #21, in the 3-6 Lunch Room.

Registration is for the boys and girls U11 to U18 spring and summer traveling teams. The early registration cost is \$80 on January 29th. The cost goes to \$100 from January 30th through February 4th



and to \$125 from February 5th through the 15th.

Registration will be done online this year. After the annual meeting concludes, the link will be available to register.

The computer labs will be open for use and board members will be available to help with the registration, if needed.

New this year - a \$100 volunteer deposit will be collected.

Contact fairmontmn-soccer@gmail.com with any questions.

SMSU announces fall semester Dean's list

Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, Minn.) students have been honored for achievement during the fall semester of study.

An undergraduate student who completes 12 or more A-F graded credits and achieves a grade-point-average of 3.5 or higher will be considered for the Honors Dean's List.

If a 4.0 grade-point-average is achieved, the student will be on the High Honors Dean's List.

Honors:

Hayley Fogelson, Fairmont

Jacob Kallenbach, Fairmont.

Jacqueline Buhmann, Fairmont

Andrew Alsworth, Sherburn

Animal tracking by snowshoe class

Winter is an awesome time to explore the outdoors and see who our wild neighbors are. With the help of a Prairie Ecology Bus Center naturalist, you'll learn about which animals stay busy in Minnesota all winter long and how to find them.

We'll learn how to track animals using our senses and go on a snowshoe trek to see who is living nearby. Don't miss your chance to try walking on snowshoes and test your animal tracking skills. Dress for the weather and be prepared for fun.

This event is free, but pre-registration is appreciated to ensure adequate snowshoe supply and refreshments.

Saturday, February 4th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Cedar Creek Park, Fairmont.

Pre-registration is requested at Fairmont Community Education and Recreation, located at Fairmont Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

For more information, contact 507-235-3141 or fairmontarea-schools.portal.rschooldtoday.com.

Fairmont KC's sponsor youth free throw contest

Fairmont Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Youth Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 22nd at St. John Vianney School gym in Fairmont.

All boys and girls ages nine to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on the 22nd.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored

annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year, more than 223,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,200 local competitions.

Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Contestants can sign up the day of the event.

Welcome Historical Society lists memorials

The Welcome Historical Society acknowledges memorials received from July 1st through December 31st, 2016.

In Memory of: given by **Jerome DeBus:** Jason and Mary Ann DeBus

Arvin and Carol Rosenberg: Don and Marilyn Schlager

John Roberts: Joe and Ida Rae Roessler

George Hendricks: Wendell and Helen Rode, Gary and Marsha Williams, Daryl and Muriel Klenz

Linda Roberts: Gene and Marsha DeBus, Gary and Marsha Williams, Joe

and Ida Rae Roessler

Elmer Kutnick: Wendell and Helen Rode

Willis Hinz: Gary and Marsha Williams

Irene Williams: Gary and Marsha Williams, Mary Williams, Todd Williams, Bob and Judy Morris

Delores Fathergill: Floyd and Lavonne Rosenberg

Joyce Slater: Gary and Marsha Williams

Glenn Borchardt: Gary and Marsha Williams, Lois and Ione Nelson, Wendell and Helen Rode, Joe and Ida Rae Roessler, Todd Williams

MCCHS offers behavioral services via telemedicine

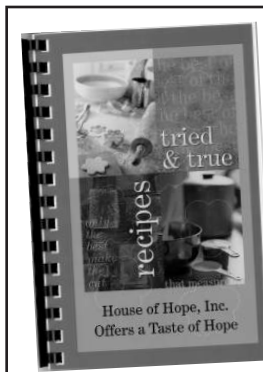
Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont is now offering behavioral health services to patients in its Emergency Department via telemedicine. These services include assessment, treatment and placement for outpatient or inpatient behavioral health needs.

"On any given day, a number of patients come to our local Emergency Department who are medically stable, but who otherwise are in crisis," says Kim Schutterle, M.D., an emergency medicine physician at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. "Through the use of technology, we can now connect those patients experiencing a behavioral crisis with the right

resources when they're needed."

Behavioral health services via telemedicine are being offered at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont by Behavioral Healthcare Partners (BHP), a Minnesota-based network for more than 5,000 behavioral health provider sites.

"While this new service certainly benefits our patients in a timely manner, it is only an interim solution to a much bigger situation," says Dr. Schutterle. "The increased demand for behavioral health services reflects the general absence of these services statewide. Mayo Clinic is actively working with others on a long-term, multi-faceted response to this complex issue."



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OBITUARY notices

Arlys L. Tharp, 89



A day for celebrating the life of Arlys L. Tharp, 89, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, January 14th, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home

in Fairmont. The celebration continued to Arlys' final resting place at Riverside Cemetery in Madelia. Arlys passed away peacefully Monday, January 9th, 2017, at Goldfinch Memory Care in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Arlys Lee Bonderman Tharp was born to Paul P. Bonderman and Edna Cornelius Bonderman December 27th, 1927 in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Arlys grew up on a farm in Madelia, along with brothers Roscoe and Daryl and sister, Shirley. One of her favorite memories was of riding horses bareback with Shirley, and learning how to ride them while standing on their backs! While in high school, Arlys was active in band, cheer-leading & Glee Club. After graduating from Madelia High School in 1946, she attended Mankato State Teachers College where she earned a teaching certificate.

Arlys' first teaching position in 1947 was in a rural one-room school-

house in Brown County, with at least one student in each class through 8th grade. This was the school that she had attended as a child and, as part of her contract, was responsible for "janitor work, including the building of fires, sweeping of floors and keeping the schoolroom clean" - for which she did not receive extra pay. Arlys taught another year at a rural school in Blue Earth County and then put her teaching career on hold in 1949 to begin her family.

Arlys had met a tall, handsome 15-year-old Vincent Tharp while he was playing pinball at the drugstore in Madelia. He made a bet with her to go to a movie if he won his game - which he did - and she kept the bargain. After Vince's stint in the Navy, they married on March 27th, 1948 in Madelia, making their first home on the farm owned by his parents, Fred and Stella Tharp. They also lived on the farm owned by her parents for a couple of years and returned to his parent's farm where they

lived until 1964. It was during their farming years that they built their family, welcoming children Crystal, Cathy, Steven and Jody.

Arlys returned to teaching in 1964, first at St. Mary's Parochial School in New Ulm, and then at Truman Elementary. She began taking night courses at Mankato State College in 1962. She continued with night courses and summer sessions until she received her Bachelors in Elementary Education, with a music minor, graduating on December 17th, 1971.

Arlys and Vince made a move to New Hope, MN in 1967 after Vince finished training as a machinist. She taught elementary education at Fourth Baptist Christian Day School for four years - including teaching the entire music curriculum for the school. Beginning in 1971, she taught in Robbinsdale School District. Her favorite grade to teach was 5th. In her words, "5th graders are filled with curiosity, enthusiastic about learning, and absorb knowl-

edge like sponges." After 5 years with Robbinsdale District, Arlys was swept up in teacher layoffs of 1977. She finished her career with Hennepin Technical Schools, working for 13 years as a Counselor Aide and in the Media Production Department, and retired in 1992.

Arlys and Vince began traveling, quite often by motorcycle. This source of pride and joy took them on long trips to Colorado, California and Montana. They enjoyed camping with Arlys' siblings, and spent several years going to Rollag, MN for the Western Minnesota Steamthresher's Reunion.

Arlys and Vince moved to Fairmont in 1999, returning closer to their Madelia roots. Vincent died in 2005. After several years, Arlys moved to Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont, where she lived for about 5 years before moving to Memory Care in 2014.

We are grateful to the staff of Goldfinch Estates for their kindness and loving care of Arlys in her last

years, and particularly in her last days.

Arlys is survived by sister Shirley (Irving) Hagen of St. James, brother Daryl (Gwen) Bonderman of Sand Creek, WI; children Crystal (Dwight) Andersen of Fairmont, Cathy (Roy) Gruss of Missoula, MT, Steven (Terri) Tharp of Hastings, MN & Jody Tharp of Rochester; grandchildren Arik (Sue) Andersen, Kellie (Mike) Godden, Amy (Jeremy) Dahl, Eltza (Mike) Olsen, Leapin' Leo Gruss, Joel Tharp, Ben (Jamie) Tharp, Kara Tharp, Kassie Tharp, Cullen Tharp Mitchell; 21 great-grandchildren; 10 nieces & nephews and their families.

Arlys was preceded in death by husband Vincent Tharp, brother Roscoe Bonderman, sisters-in-law Carol Bonderman & Judy Bonderman & brother-in-law Eldon Tharp.

Memorials in Arlys' name for Alzheimer's research can be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund (www.curealz.org).

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Harold V. Bibler, 87



Funeral services for Harold V. Bibler, 87, of Alta, Iowa, were held Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. Burial was in Elk Town-

ship Cemetery with full military rites by Alta VFW Post #6172. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. Harold died Sunday, January 8th, 2017 at his home in rural Alta. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

Harold Vernon Bibler was born April 10th, 1929 in rural Cherokee, Iowa, the son of Clarence and Bessie (Mason) Bibler. He attended country school in O'Brien County, Iowa and later graduated from Linn Grove High School in 1948. In January of 1951, Harold joined the United States Army. He proudly served his coun-

try during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1953.

On August 12th, 1956, Harold was united in marriage to Irene Guthridge at the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove. Together, they were blessed with five children: Dan, Kris, Rick, Cindy, and Becky.

Farming was a life-long passion of Harold's. He devoted countless hours to the land and livestock. In return, he instilled a hard work ethic in his children and grandchildren.

Harold was a member of the Alta VFW Post #6172 and the Sioux Rapids American Legion Post

#394 He also was a member of the BV Cattleman's, BV Pork Producers, and the Farm Bureau. A highlight of his later years included a trip on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Harold loved seeing all of the memorials and landmarks.

Harold enjoyed bowling, playing cards, telling jokes, and listening to country music. Most of all, family was very important to Harold. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and was always there to support them at events. Harold will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather,

brother, and friend to many. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

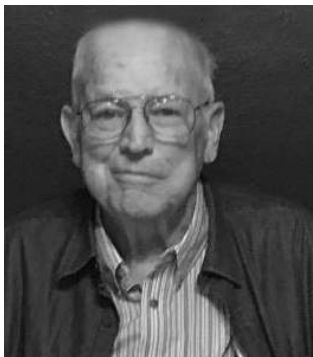
Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Irene Bibler of Alta, Iowa; children: Dan Bibler of Alta, Iowa; Kris (Tony) Origer of Fairmont; Rick (Yumi) Bibler of Alta, Iowa; Cindy (Brian) Glienke of Aurelia, Iowa; Becky (Dean) Hoffman of Ankeny, Iowa; grandchildren: Kaylynn (Lee) Steinkamp of Fairmont; Tonya (Chad) Carlson of Fairmont; Mark Origer of Mankato; Jake Bibler of Alta, Iowa; Jessy (Travis) Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa; Jackson Mills of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Jesse

Boehmer of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Niki (Ben) Carstens of Bagley, Iowa; Adam (Amy) Glienke of Washta, Iowa; Stacie Glienke of West Des Moines, Iowa; Alicia (Brendan Leiran) Hoffman of Bettendorf, Iowa; Michael Hoffman of Iowa City, Iowa; great grandchildren, Luther Steinkamp and Cahpri Carlson; brother, Norm (Lois) Bibler of Waverly, Iowa; sister-in-law, Jeanine (Wayne) Hansen of Peterson, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gerald Bibler; niece, Joann Sparks; and nephew, Allen Bibler.

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Darrel E. Plumhoff, 93



Funeral service for Darrel E. Plumhoff, 93, of Fairmont was held Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial followed the service at Lakeside Cemetery with full military honors performed by the Martin Co. V.F.W. Post 1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post

36. Darrel passed away Tuesday afternoon, January 10th, 2017 at the Ingle-side Residence Assisted Living. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements for the family.

Darrel Edward Plumhoff was born on October 11th, 1923 in rural Fairmont, the son of Louis and Lydia (Wolle) Plumhoff. Darrel attended a country school north of Fairmont and helped out on the family farm. He entered the U.S. Army in September of 1945. He served in Korea during his tour in the Army and was honorably discharged on January 28th, 1947. He returned to Fairmont and on November 27th, 1947, Darrel was united in marriage to Delores Jean Dietz in Winnebago. They made their home in Fairmont and had three children,

Dean, Diana and Debra.

Darrel worked at the Oldsmobile Garage and the Nelson Creamery in Fairmont before his employment for many years at the Iowa Electric Light and Power. He retired in 1973. He also served on the Fairmont Fire Department for twenty years from 1953 - 1973. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. In Darrel's spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting and loved his cars.

Those that will cherish his memory include his wife of 67 years, Delores Plumhoff of Fairmont; three children, Dean Plumhoff and his wife, Tami, of Fairmont, Diana Kahler and her husband, Doug, of Fairmont, Debra Baarts and her husband, Mike, of Colorado Springs,

CO; grandchildren, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Colter Plumhoff (Savanna), Ariel Plumhoff (fiancé, Chad LaFleur), Rhiannon Gochenour (Brian), Michele Miller (Mike), Jen Jorgensen (Mark), Shalom Lancaster (Ken), Tina Jean Johnson, Matt Baarts (Laura); sixteen great grandchildren; brother, Donald Plumhoff (Jo); sister, Joan Jones; sister-in-law, Carol Prather; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Darrel was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Lydia Plumhoff; parents-in-law, Mathew and Lila Dietz; infant grandson, Ryan Joseph Baarts; brothers-in-law, Richard, Donald, Robert and Jerry Dietz.

Memorials are preferred to go the United Hands Hospice Program.

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Dr. Dean A. Peterson, 91

Dr. Dean A. Peterson was born at Rosholt, SD on May 11th, 1925. Dean passed away December 20th, 2016 at his home on Peterson Ujamaa Farm, north of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

A Memorial Service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bonners Ferry December 23rd, 2016.

Dean was married to Elaine Erickson, who grew up in East Chain, MN and graduated in 1945. They were married at the East Chain Lutheran Church on June 21st, 1949. He met Elaine at Gustavus Adolphus College, where he graduated

from college. He went on to Augustana Lutheran Seminary and Luther Seminary, where he got his Masters Degree in Theology. He was an ordained pastor in the Lutheran church and later got an Honorary Doctorate from Gustavus Adolphus.

Dean and Elaine were missionaries in Tanzania from 1952 until retiring in 1989, and moving to Bonners Ferry where he passed away.

Dean is survived by his wife, Elaine, one daughter Rebecca of Bonners Ferry, ID, three sons; David, Thad and Mike of Arusha, Tanzania. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Gerald Erickson of Lindstrom, MN.

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Nadene P. Weerts, 86



Mrs. Nadene Phyllis Weerts, age 86, passed away Monday evening, January 9th, 2017 at Hope's Place in Tucson, AZ. She was a wonderful Christian who loved the Lord and loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren very much.

While she was able, her joy was to live for others and help those in need in any way she could, of-

ten driving the elderly to their doctor appointments or visiting them in their home or rest home.

She enjoyed reading her bible and inspirational books in addition to working with the flowers in her yard. Her pets were a big part of her life and gave her grandchildren something to tease her about.

Nadene was born April 14th, 1930 in Easton, MN to George and Marie (Graf) Beck. In her early years, she lived in the Easton, Delavan and Winnebago area. She was a graduate of Winnebago High School in 1948.

On December 25th, 1948 she married Donovan R. Weerts of Winnebago in Las Vegas, NV. They were married for 52 years and lived in Winnebago and Tucson, AZ. Together they had three children: Michael Thomas (Patricia) of Jeffersonville IN, Robert Donavon (Jenifer) of Winnebago and Barbara

(Chuck) King of Tucson, AZ: 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father and 12 brothers and sisters of the 14 children in her family. She leaves behind two sisters, Patricia Hopp of Davenport, Iowa and Jacklyn Lloyd of Winnebago and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 19th from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 20th, at the Presbyterian Church in Winnebago with burial at Rosehill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Voice of God Recordings, P.O. Box 950, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Melvin R. George, 86



Mass of Christian Burial for Melvin R. George, 86, of Fairmont will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 19th, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00

p.m. Wednesday, January 18th, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial will be Friday morning, January 20th, at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis with full military honors performed by the Ft. Snelling Honor Guard.

Melvin passed away Friday, January 13th, 2017 at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth.

Melvin Raymond George was born on March 16th, 1930 in Dell Rapids, SD, the son of William and Clara (Mergen) George. Melvin attended the Chester School in South Dakota. On September 9th,

1952 he entered the U.S. Army and served in the Infantry 2nd Division during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on June 30th, 1954 and returned to Dell Rapids. Melvin was united in marriage to Yvonne Mary Elsinger on April 4th, 1956 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dell Rapids. They started out in Dell Rapids and then moved to Coleman, SD, Franklin, SD before moving to Marshall, MN in 1965, where they lived for ten years. In 1975, they moved to Dawson and in 1978 they moved to St. James and lived there for eight years. They ventured off to Benson, AZ for a couple of years before returning to Minnesota, set-

Duane O. Schmicking, 69

Memorial service for Duane O. Schmicking, 69, of Fairmont, will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 21st, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Burial will follow in Ridglawn Memorial Cemetery in Truman. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the Lakeview Funeral Home.

Duane passed away Tuesday morning, Janu-

ary 10th, 2017 at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.

Duane Otto Schmicking was born on June 25th, 1947 in Fairmont, the son of Walter Hugo and Alcece Marie (Ethrington) Schmicking. Duane grew up and attended school in Swea City, IA. Duane owned and operated the Fairmont Recycling Center for three years before working for the City of Fairmont Street Department from 1997 until retiring in 2016.

Duane is survived by four siblings, Wallece Young of San Francisco,

CA, Kenneth Schmicking and his wife, Diana, of Pawley Island, SC, Lucinda Mein and husband, Larry Dean, of Mt. Morris, IL, Larry Schmicking of Swea City, IA; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Elise Schmicking and one sister, Carol Schmicking.

Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society or the American Lymphoma Society.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



ting in Fairmont in 1997. Melvin was a carpenter for 39 years.

Yvonne passed away January 3rd, 2014 and Melvin entered St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth on December 15th, 2015.

Melvin was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion and the Purple Heart League. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, painting and crafts, and volunteering at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. He cherished time spent with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include six children and their families: Mary Forster and hus-

band, Darrell, of Maple Grove, MN and their children, Christian, Seth, Clinton and Shannon; Stephen George and his wife, Renee, of Colorado, and their children, Brandon and Capri; Paul George and his wife, Reba, of Oklahoma and their children, Tracy, Brian and Blaine; Roman George and his wife, Linda, of Cold Spring, MN and their children, Peter and Madeline; Kateri Wellman and her husband, Roger, of Fairmont, and their children, Jacob (Tayna), Clarissa (Scott) and Ethan; Philip George and his wife, Cheryl, of Byron, MN and their children, Mitchell and Kate; great grandchildren, Gunner, Colton and Corinn

Wells, Kade and Kash Wellman, Lucas and Avery Mosloski; Melvin's brothers and sisters, Walter George, Bernetta Seifert, Frances Reschevik, Arlean Schmidt, Helen Schnieders, Lucille Woodruff and her husband, John, Geraldine Pisklak and her husband, Steve; sister-in-law, Armella George; many nieces and nephew, other relatives and friends

In addition to his parents and wife, Yvonne George, Melvin was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Gabriel Linda George; brother, Cyril George; sisters, Marion George and Rosie Schnieders; as well as other brothers-in-law.

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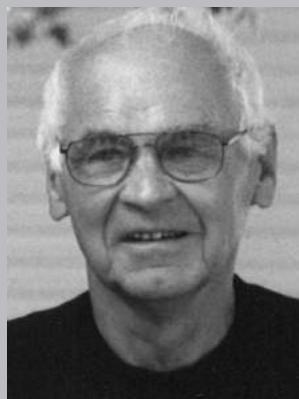
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Only good news

Marlin W. Milbrandt, 91



Funeral service for Marlin W. Milbrandt, 91, of Fairmont was held Wednesday, January 18th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Marlin passed away Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.

Marlin Walter Milbrandt was born June 9th, 1925 in Welcome, the son of Walter and Bertha (Roloff) Milbrandt. Marlin attended country school between Fairmont

and Welcome before attending high school. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.

In 1942 his family moved to the current home farm that Marlin referred to as the "Poor Farm" where he farmed for many years. In 2000 he moved into Fairmont.

Marlin enjoyed ice fishing, fishing and hunting, story telling, collecting Indian artifacts and fishing lures, riding his motorcycle, traveling to Florida and fishing in Montana in the 1970's and 1980's.

He is survived by Violet Lueth of Fairmont; sister-in-law, Nina Milbrandt; cousin, Gene Roloff and his family; special friends, Nancy Milbrandt and her son, Steve; as well as other cousins and special friends.

Marlin was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Arnold Milbrandt.

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DEATH notices



December 29 - Marjewel "Marge" J. Kilmer, 82, Loveland, CO (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral Home
January 9 - Arlys L. Tharp, 89, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 10 - Darrel E. Plumhoff, 93, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 10 - Duane O. Schmicking, 69, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 11 - Annamarie Behrens, 82, Granada. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 11 - Vernon Pytleski, 73, Maple Grove, MN (formerly of East Chain). Lakeview Funeral Home
January 12 - Lowell F. Meyer, 67, Springfield, MN (formerly of Trimont). Kramer Funeral Home
January 13 - Melvin R. George, 86, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 13 - Eldon H. Munsterman, 78, East Chain. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 14 - Marlin W. Milbrandt, 91, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
January 14 - Alice M. Hall, 78, Dunnell. Kramer Funeral Home

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

January 14 - Nancy J. Conte, 75, Fairmont
January 14 - Elta Kelly, 98, Fairmont (formerly of Truman)
January 14 - Jason A. Ahrens, 33, Trimont
January 17 - Lyle H. Maschoff, 85, Fairmont

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Melt in your mouth sugar cookies!

Today I am sharing my favorite sugar cookie recipe with you. I have had the recipe for a long time, so some of you probably already have it. They are easy. It makes a lot and they are so good with a cup of tea on a cold winter's day, or with a glass of milk.

Melt in Your Mouth Sugar Cookies

1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup margarine or butter
1 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. vanilla
4 cups plus 4 tbsp. all purpose flour

Cream together sugars, oil and butter, add eggs and vanilla. Mix well. (I use my electric mixer) Add dry ingredients. Refrigerate dough until firm, about an hour. Roll into balls and flatten with the bottom of a glass dipped in additional sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes, until brown at edges.

Stay warm and safe. Have a great week!

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 1992

The Fairmont Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Amoco Food-N-Fuel, located at the corner of Blue Earth Avenue and Highway 15.

The Winter Carnival Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, decided to skip the second annual event, but to begin plans for a 1993 winter carnival.

World Series pinch hitting hero Gene Larkin headlined the Minnesota Twins tour that would make a stop in Truman, along with relief pitcher Rick Aguilera and backup

catcher Lonny Webster.

Tyler Garrison, 19, of Fairmont was winner of the Millitello Motors' fifth annual used car giveaway. Mike Koons was pictured handing Garrison the keys to a 1976 Pontiac Catalina. Roger Schultz of Fairmont won two tickets to the John Gordon supper.

Four Fairmont students, members of the Luther College Symphony Orchestra, were touring Austria and Germany with the orchestra. They were Andrea Beckendorf, Louisa Parfrey, Tricia Oberg and Trent Oberg.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello from the State Capitol!

Tuesday, January 3rd marked the first day of the 2017 Legislative Session. It is an unbelievable experience to be sworn in as a state representative and quite the honor to serve the people of southern Minnesota.

The top priority for Minnesota lawmakers this session will be crafting the state budget for the next two years. In addition there will also be many policy issues for the legislature to address before lawmakers adjourn in mid-May.

On Thursday, January 5th, the Minnesota House of Representatives unanimously approved a measure that would provide \$21.7 million in immediate tax relief to hardworking Minnesotans by conforming state tax provisions to that of the federal government.

This is the first step of our comprehensive tax relief efforts this session, and with this bill's passage we can begin work on pro-

viding significant tax relief to millions of middle class Minnesotans.

Without quick approval of the federal tax conformity bill, Minnesotans who file their taxes early could face higher tax bills, a situation all lawmakers wanted to avoid. The Department of Revenue has noted that in order to avoid tax filing complications, the proposal needs to be signed into law before January 11th.

Some of the provisions in the tax conformity bill include tax deductions for higher education expenses and teacher reimbursement expenses; loan forgiveness on home foreclosures from being taxed at the state level; excluding compensation from taxable income for those who were wrongfully incarcerated; and eliminating the need for two sets of depreciation schedules for those who purchase work equipment.

Rep. Bob Gunther
District 23A
Fairmont

For many people, ringing in the New Year brings hope and joyful anticipation. But for those who struggle with stuttering, the old fears of speaking and being teased remain the same—year after year.

Many of your readers don't know that help for stuttering is available from so many places. Trusted information on stuttering is available at your local public library. Public schools have speech counselors, and children are entitled to free evaluation and help by law. Seek out a Speech-Language Pathologists in your area

trained in helping those who stutter. Universities often offer speech clinics. Finally, the internet can be wonderful resource on stuttering—with free books, videos, and reference materials. Visit our website as a starting point: www.Stuttering-Help.org. Make 2017 the year you find the help you and your family need.

Jane Fraser, President
Stuttering Foundation
Memphis, Tenn.

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Are your kids starting to get cabin fever with those chilly temps outside? The library has the solution!! During the month of January (and all winter long!), we have several fun activities going on for kids. Let them expend some energy with us!! Here's a list to keep handy:

Lego Club: This group is for kids ages 6-10. Come and enjoy different Lego challenges and free build sessions too! Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: January

31st, February 14th, February 28th, March 14th, March 28th, April 11th and April 25th.

Toddler Tinker Lab: Bring those toddlers in and let them explore activity stations designed to help them learn, grow and have fun! (Plus the mess stays behind at the library.) Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on February 15th, March 15th and April 12th.

Pajama Tales: Wear your PJs and come for a night of fun! Stories, activities and more! Mondays at 6 p.m. and January 30th, February 27th, March 27th and April 24th.

All of our events are free and open to the public. No registration is required. See you at the library!

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 1967

Sue Virnig, 19-year-old Wells-Easton High School senior, was named Minnesota Junior Miss of 1967 at the state pageant in Fairmont, and planned to represent the state in America's Junior Miss pageant in Mobile, AL in March. Fairmont's entry, Judy Sill, was first runner-up for the state title.

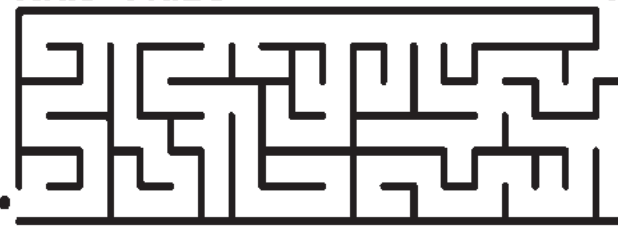
Duane Roloff, Fairmont insurance man, was

named winner of the Distinguished Service award by the Fairmont Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual Bosses Night dinner.

The Smorgasbord editor observed that most of the people who favor birth control have already been born.

The seventh annual fishing contest on Hall Lake was to be hosted by the Martin County Conservation Club. First prize was a 3.9 h.p. Mercury motor.

Kids' Maze



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Jeff's Jottings

Karis and I had the chance to take in the Martin Luther High School "Generation to Generation" Antique Auction last weekend at the high school gym in Northrop. It was a great day outside, but it was a lot of fun inside the gym too as we watched while they auctioned off the many "treasures" that were donated for the auction. Once again, Allen Kahler, Dar Hall, Kevin Kahler, Dustin Hartung and Dylan Kallemeyn did a great job as auctioneers the entire day! They have been donating their services to Martin Luther for this auction, which was in its 13th year this year! The gym floor was lined from wall to wall with tables filled with all sorts of antique and vintage items to be auctioned and it moved

along very quickly this year, completing the sale by around 3 p.m. I like the new format they had since it gets to be a long day as it is. Did we find any treasures? Of course! Karis and I always enjoy going to auctions and looking for those little "treasures" and seeing if we become the winning bidder. If you haven't had the opportunity to see this auction, be sure and plan to attend next year at Martin Luther High School!

Even more "Good News!"

Starting this week, the Photo Press is expanding its coverage area by adding the town of Ringsted, Iowa to our list of communities that we send our publication to. Ringsted is a nice community located about eight miles south of Armstrong, Iowa and since we deliver our newspapers to

the Ringsted post office, we decided that it was time to add that community to our list of readers who enjoy reading "Only Good News" in the Photo Press. I know Ringsted well myself, since my cousin Julaine Thiesse used to live in that community and taught in the school there



for many years. I was also introduced into "all things Danish" while growing up because my father sang in a barbershop quartet that featured lead singer Bill Hanson, who lives in Ringsted. The residents of Ringsted love music, and my quartet had the opportunity to share our music for the Danish Christmas Festival last year as part of

the performers that Glenn Henriksen lined up to entertain. And I can't forget the fun evenings we had spent at local resident Norm Rasmussen's home singing into the late night hours on more than one occasion. With the addition of Ringsted to our readership, our circulation has expanded to just under 12,500 homes in southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa. Welcome to the Photo Press "family" of readers, Ringsted!

Loss of a

"landmark"

I received word late Friday night that the Morris Bait Shop in Sherburn was on fire, but that its owner, Roger Morris, was safe and not injured in the fire. I have known Roger for many years, having grown up in Ceylon with a number of Morris family members. Roger has had the bait shop for many years,

but had only been located in Sherburn in more recent years. Prior to that, his shop was located in a garage in Welcome. The Morris Bait shop building was located in what a number of locals called "a Sherburn landmark" in the former Country Cafe building, right on Martin County Road 26 on the east side of Sherburn. Due to the amount of fire and smoke damage, the building was considered a total loss and some of the contents of the bait shop were also destroyed in the fire. Roger faces some major expenses for not only demolition of the building, but also loss of inventory in the fire. The most important thing is that Roger was safe. Early plans are to have some sort of a fundraiser to assist Roger with those expenses, so keep watching the Photo Press for more information in the future.

Pancakes, Sloppy Joes, and Chicken & Biscuits!

Before I go this week, there are a few events to highlight in the coming

week. On Thursday, January 19th Habitat for Humanity is having a "Hard Hat Fundraiser Breakfast" at the Red Rock Center in Fairmont from 7 to 8 a.m. A program will also take place. On Sunday, January 22nd, the Ceylon Fire Fighters Relief Association is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at Legends 2/Ceylon American Legion, and next Wednesday, January 25th from 5 to 6 p.m. the Fairmont United Methodist Church hosts a chicken and biscuit supper at the church. The meal is free-will donation. At First Congregational UCC church in Fairmont, they have a Free Community Meal serving sloppy joes from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - welcome aboard Ringsted!

- Jeff

The Tank Heater

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



Today is one of those winter days when you find it hard to believe that it will ever be warm again. The cold seems unbearable to any living thing. I watch the cattle as they "pick" their way across the cattle yard. The ground froze with an uneven surface. Walking on such rough ground is difficult.

Such cold took me

back to my childhood on a southern Minnesota farm. I can remember when my father would come into the house after starting THE TANK HEATER. My father, like so many others of that time, was "a creature of habit." He had a daily routine right down to what he would say when he entered the warm kitchen on such a morning. His state-

ment of, "These winter mornings have a real bite," were repetitious, but true. All knew what he meant. His face would be red, his nose would be running, and he would hurry toward the welcoming heat of the cook stove. He would place his heavy jacket, cap, and mittens on the floor in front of the stove and light his pipe.

His first duty of the morning had been starting a fire in THE TANK HEATER, a waterproof welded box of steel with a smoke stack. THE TANK HEATER rested on the bottom of the wooden livestock tank which was near the windmill. Even though the tank had a wooden cover to conserve the heat of the water, it would freeze deep and hard on a day like today. On warmer days the ice could be broken with an ax to allow the livestock to drink. The water pumped into the tank by the windmill surrounded the welded box. Only the throat into which the fuel was placed and the smoke stack of THE TANK HEATER showed above the water. Most of the people in

our neighborhood used corn cobs as fuel. They were readily available, cheap, and burned hot if used correctly. The smoke of THE TANK HEATER appeared as a column of smoke as it rose above the still barnyard each morning. It produced a peaceful scene. A quick glance toward the neighborhood farms told a story. If there was a rising column of smoke, they were up and starting THE TANK HEATER. It sent a signal. They were on schedule! You could almost set a clock by the rising smoke from each of those farms. Most farmers worked on the same work schedule each day. Most would then watch as their children caught the school bus and mar-

veled at such convenience. Most had grown up in a different time. Times were changing. They had hopes of their children not having to face such cold of the morning. They wanted them to have a better life.

The heat for the livestock fountains now comes from electric elements placed under the water troughs. There is no need for THE TANK HEATER as I remember it. Life on the farm continues to change and THE TANK HEATER has fallen victim to this change.

I can truthfully say that I miss seeing such columns of rising smoke from THE TANK HEATERS of the neighborhood farms each cold morning for they sent the message..."All is well!"



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Fri, Jan 20 • 6-10pm: Butch & Friends

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JAN 19 - 25

THURS: Roast turkey, dressing, gravy, winter mix veggies, cream pie.

FRI: Shrimp poppers or alternate, hashbrown bake, mixed veggies, ice cream.

MON: Bean soup, cornbread, honey butter, twinkie dessert.

TUE: Pot roast, gravy, red skin potatoes, baby carrots, custard.

WED: Chicken Ala King, biscuit, beet pickle, lettuce salad, brownie.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Linda Bach-Quade 507-235-3820.

FAIRMONT AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.

JAN 19 - 25

Breakfast menu can be found online.

THUR: K-6: Chicken patty, caesar salad wrap, fries, coleslaw, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla, brown rice, Mexican style pinto beans, sweet corn salad, red pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail.

FRI: K-6: Mini turkey corn dogs, pretzel, sunbutter and cheese fun lunch, baked beans, snow peas, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Swedish meatballs, green beans, caesar salad, broccoli, apple, pineapple tidbits.

MON: No School.

TUE: K-6: Cheese stuffed breadsticks, turkey and cheese sandwich, broccoli, carrots, banana, strawberry cup. **JR/HS:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, caesar salad, broccoli, banana, fruit cocktail.

WED: K-6: Roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, ham and cheese sandwich, corn, broccoli, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Beefy macaroni bake, dinner roll, broccoli, sweet corn salad, carrots, orange, applesauce.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAIRMONT

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JAN 19 - 25

THUR: Chicken patty, baked beans, red pepper strips, fruit cocktail.

FRI: Swedish meatballs, carrots, dinner roll, caesar salad, pineapple tidbits.

MON: No School.

TUE: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits.

WED: Beefy macaroni bake, dinner roll, broccoli, sweet corn salad, applesauce.

Stickelers Answer

The answer is .000667
15 percent of 1/15 is .01
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Lake Belt Cemetery Association
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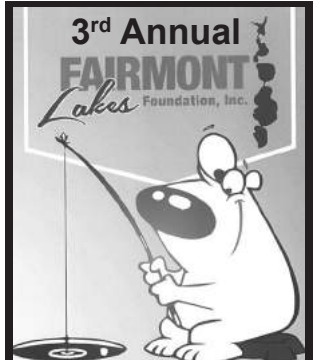


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January USDA report confirms record production

Guest Columnist



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As expected, the USDA Crop Production Report released on January 12th indicates that both the total U.S. corn production and soybean production were at record levels. The USDA Supply and Demand (WASDE) Report, which was also released on January 12th, showed a slight decrease in the carryover stocks of both corn and soybeans, compared to the December 15th WASDE estimates. However, the latest projected ending stocks for the 2016-17 marketing year are still considerably higher than the final 2015-16 corn and soybean ending stocks. Following are some highlights from the latest USDA WASDE and Crop Production Reports:

Corn WASDE Summary:

According to the January 12th USDA Report, the total U.S. corn production for 2016 is estimated to be a new record at just over 15.1 billion bushels. The 2016 level is an increase of 11 percent above the 2015 U.S. corn production of 13.6 billion bushels, and surpasses the previous

record corn production of just over 14.2 billion bushels in 2014. The 94 million corn acres planted in 2016, compares to 88 million in 2015 and 90.6 million acres in 2014. The modern record for planted corn acres was 97.3 million acres in 2012, which was the highest in the U.S. since 1949. The total corn acres harvested for grain in 2016 was 86.7 million acres, compared to 80.8 million acres in 2015 and 83.1 million acres in 2014.

According to the January 12th WASDE Report, the corn ending stocks for 2016-17 are estimated at just over 2.35 billion bushels, which is well above the estimated ending stocks of slightly over 1.73 billion bushels in both 2015-16 and 2014-15. USDA is projecting that total U.S. corn use in 2016-2017 to be near 14.6 billion bushels for livestock feed, ethanol, food products, seed, exports, etc., which is up considerably from near 13.7 billion bushels in both 2015-16 and 2014-15. The level of corn exports, as well as estimated usage

for feed and ethanol production, are all expected to increase in 2016-17, compared to a year earlier.

USDA is projecting the 2016-17 market year average (MYA) corn price in a range of \$3.10 to \$3.70 per bushel, resulting in an average of \$3.40 per bushel, which would be the lowest in several years. This compares to 12-month MYA corn prices of \$3.61 per bushel for 2015-16, \$3.70 per bushel for 2014-15, \$4.46 per bushel for 2013-14, and \$6.89 per bushel for 2012-13. The 12-month MYA price for the 2016 crop year will be calculated from September 1st, 2016 through August 31st, 2017.

Soybean WASDE Summary:

According to the January 12th USDA Report, total U.S. soybean production for 2016 is estimated at just over 4.3 billion bushels, which is up from just over 3.9 billion bushels in both 2015 and 2014. The total harvested soybean acreage in 2016 was at the record level of 82.7 million acres, surpassing

the previous record of 82.6 million acres in 2014, and comparing to 81.8 million acres in 2015.

The USDA Report is projecting soybean ending stocks for 2016-17 at 420 million bushels, which is up significantly from the carryover levels of 197 million bushels in 2015-16 and 191 million bushels in 2014-15. Total soybean usage for 2016-17 is estimated at just over 4.1 billion bushels, which is up from near 3.9 billion bushels in both 2015-16 and 2014-15. This is due to projected increases in both the export and soybean crush levels. USDA is now estimating the 2016-17 average MYA soybean price in a range of \$9.00-\$10.00 per bushel, or an average price of \$9.50 per bushel. This compares to 12-month MYA soybean prices of \$8.95 per bushel for 2015-16 and \$10.10 per bushel for 2014-15.

2016 Crop Yields:

The national average corn yield for 2016 is estimated to be a record at 174.6 bushels per acre, surpassing the previous record U.S. corn yield of 171 bushels per acre in 2014, as well as the U.S. corn yield of 168.4 bushels per acre in 2015. The 2016 U.S. corn yield compares to other recent average corn yields of 158.1 bushels per acre in 2013, 123.1 in the drought year

of 2012, and 147.2 bushels per acre in 2011. The U.S. average soybean yield in 2016 is estimated at the record level of 52.1 bushels per acre, surpassing the previous record yields of 48 bushels per acre in 2015 and 47.5 bushels per acre in 2014. The 2016 U.S. soybean yield is well above other recent average soybean yields of 44 bushels per acre in 2013, 40 bushels per acre in 2012, and 41.9 bushels per acre in 2011.

The average corn yield for Minnesota in 2016 is estimated at the record level of 193 bushels per acre, besting the 2015 State record yield of 188 bushels per acre, and comparing to 156 bushels per acre in 2014 and 159 bushels per acre in 2013. The estimated 2016 Iowa corn yield of 203 bushels per acre is an all-time State record for any major corn producing State in the U.S., and is well above the previous State record corn yield of 192 bushels per acre in 2015 and the corn yield of 178 bushels per acre in 2014. The average 2016 corn yields in other major corn production States were Illinois at 197 bushels per acre, up from 175 bushels per acre in 2015, Indiana at 173 bushels per acre, compared to 150 bushels per acre in 2015, Nebraska at 178 bushels

per acre, down from 185 bushels per acre in 2015, South Dakota at 161 bushels per acre, just above the 159 bushels per acre in 2015, and North Dakota at 158 bushels per acre, considerably higher than 128 bushels per acre in 2015.

The estimated average soybean yield in Minnesota for 2016 was at the record level of 52.5 bushels per acre, surpassing the previous State record yield of 50 bushels per acre in 2015, and comparing to soybean yields of 41.5 bushels per acre in 2014 and 42 bushels per acre in 2013. The average soybean yield for 2016 in Iowa is estimated at the impressive record level of 60.5 bushels per acre, which compares to previous record yield of 56.5 bushels per acre in 2015 and to 51 bushels per acre in 2014. The estimated average 2016 soybean yields in other major production States were Illinois at 59 bushels per acre, compared to 56 bushels per acre in 2015, Indiana at 57.5 bushels per acre, up from 50 bushels per acre in 2015, Nebraska at 61 bushels per acre, an increase from 58 bushels per acre in 2015, South Dakota at 49.5 bushels per acre, up from 46 bushels per acre in 2015, and North Dakota at 41.5 bushels per acre, a substantial increase over 32.5 bushels per acre in 2015.



Ask A Trooper: Be Crash prepared

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

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If your vehicle is disabled and you are unable to move out of the lanes of traffic, stay in your vehicle and leave your seat belt on in case of a secondary crash. If you lose sight or contact with the other motorist involved in the crash, you should report the crash to law enforcement as soon as possible to avoid the possibility of being charged with hit and run.

If someone in the crash is injured or killed, the law requires that you call 911 as quickly as possible.

If you come upon a crash you will need to evaluate the incident and decide on the best course of action to minimize the risk of harm to you. If you are the first on the scene and

have stopped to render aid, park your vehicle well off the roadway and away from the crash so your vehicle will not become a hazard to emergency vehicles or other motorists. Warn other drivers of danger with four-way flashers, flares and flashlights.

If there is a personal injury, serious property damage or danger to other motorists at the crash scene, call 911. Be prepared to provide location, such as distance from an intersection or milepost number. Account for all occupants of the vehicles and aid the injured if you are quali-

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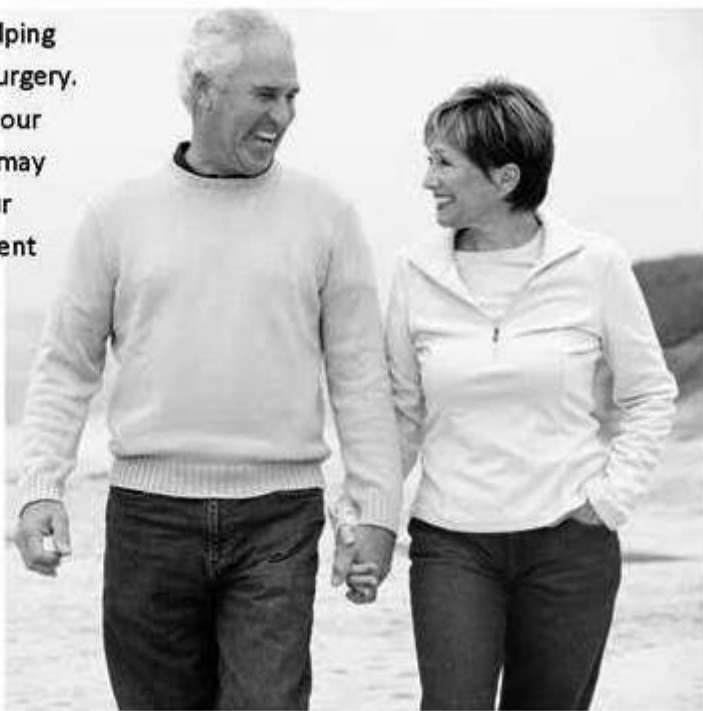
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by Al Batt

A fellow from Auke Bay, Alaska, told me that he'd left a pack of cigarettes on his boat and a raven stole them, one heater at a time. Even though it was a raven and not a crow, he named the bird Edgar Allan Crow.

It reminded me of the Australian birds that I wrote about a year ago. Black kites and brown falcons swoop down on burning twigs and embers and carry them to the bush where they are thought to deliberately start fires. They then capture the large insects, frogs and animals rushing to escape the fire.

I enjoy Christmas Bird Counts. My job is to make sure that each bird counted gets a certificate of participation.

Q-and-A

"I just put up a bird feeder. How can I get birds to come to it?" Position the feeder in an appealing, safe location, preferably near shelter so the birds feel secure. Fill a new feeder with black oil sunflower seeds or nyjer seeds. Spread seed on the top of the feeder or on a nearby platform, stump or ground near to draw attention to it. Other birds act as a billboard to attract new customers. They are like the 97 vehicles we see outside a small cafe. It makes us want to stop there for lunch. I hope your feeder

becomes a busy eatery.

"I like feeders that stick to the windows of my house. How can I get those suction cups to stick?" I love those feeders! The cups do wear out after long usage and replacements can often be found. When good cups no longer adhere to the glass, I wash

the cups against the window to force out any air bubbles behind them. Let the cups set for a few hours before filling the feeder.

"I saw either a Brewer's blackbird or a rusty blackbird under my feeder? Which do you think it was?" Not seeing it myself would lead to specula-



AMERICAN KESTREL by Al Batt

the window and then soak the suction cups in hot water for a minute or two. This soaking restores flexibility to the plastic. Dry the suction cups and apply a bit of vegetable oil to them. Wipe gently. Suction cups cleave best to warm windows. In cold weather, wait until the sun hits the window or use a hair dryer to warm the glass. Push

tion on my part. Here is some help. You decide. Both of these pale-eyed birds you've mentioned are smaller than common grackles with shorter tails and bills. Their appearance differs from red-winged blackbirds. I will say that Brewer's blackbirds are seen less during migration in Minnesota than our other blackbirds. The term

"blackbird" is applied to a family of birds known as "Icteridae." Rusty blackbirds, even though their numbers are in serious decline, are common fall migrants in Minnesota. Brewer's blackbirds in fall show black or gray plumage. Rusty blackbirds show some rust color.

"I saw an American kestrel in January. What do they eat? Do they hunt my feeder birds?" American kestrels eat mostly insects and other invertebrates. Common foods include grasshoppers, cicadas, beetles, dragonflies, spiders, butterflies, moths and earthworms. They also feed upon voles, mice, shrews, bats, frogs, lizards, snakes, crayfish and small songbirds. Most of the hawks hunting birds at feeders are accipiters—either the Cooper's hawk or the sharp-shinned hawk. They have long tails that act like rudders and short wings that allow flying in confined areas. According to Hawks Aloft in Albuquerque, over 95 per-

cent of the diet of a sharp-shinned hawk is small birds. Only 50 percent of the diet of a Cooper's hawk is small to medium-sized birds, as they also prey upon mammals.

Fairmont Christmas Bird Count

Brad Bolduan passed on the results from the December 17th CBC. There were 42 species seen, including a red crossbill, the first for the count that began in 1990. Other birds seen included: American coot, gadwall, great blue heron, rough-legged hawk, American kestrel, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, golden-crowned kinglet, common redpoll, fox sparrow, red-winged blackbird and common grackle.

Thanks for stopping by

"When asked if I am pessimistic or optimistic about the future, my answer is always the same: If you look at the science about what is happening on earth and aren't pessimistic, you don't under-

stand data. But if you meet the people who are working to restore this earth and the lives of the poor, and you aren't optimistic, you haven't got a pulse. What I see everywhere in the world are ordinary people willing to confront despair, power, and incalculable odds in order to restore some semblance of grace, justice, and beauty to this world."--Paul Hawken

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3 ways to plan ahead for the 2017 tax season

(BPT) - With the tax season approaching, now is the time to start thinking about creating a strategy to help maximize tax refunds in the year ahead. From the passage of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act to the increase in health insurance penalties, here are a few items to keep in mind before the IRS begins accepting tax returns.

1. Donating to charity, making an extra student loan payment or contributing to an IRA can lower your adjusted gross and taxable income.

If you are a taxpayer that itemizes your deductions, donating to a qualified charity by Dec. 31st and saving the necessary

documentation can lower your taxable income. Taxpayers can also deduct up to \$2,500 of interest paid on their student loans each year, even if the payment is voluntary. For those contributing to their IRA, taxpayers can deduct up to \$5,000, and have until April 16th, 2016 to make contributions.

2. Your health insurance penalty will increase if you are uninsured and do not sign up by January 31st.

The per-person flat fee penalty for not having health insurance has increased more than 630 percent since it was first implemented in 2014.

Taxpayers will now have to pay a penalty of \$695

per uncovered adult, plus \$347.50 per uncovered child up to a maximum of \$2,085 or 2.5 percent of their household income over the filing threshold,



whichever is greater. That means a family of four earning \$60,000 would pay a penalty of more than \$2,000.

According to H&R Block's estimates, taxpay-

ers without insurance in 2015 paid an average penalty of \$401. This was a 125 percent increase from 2014, when the average penalty was \$178.

There are some cases where an uninsured taxpayer may qualify for an exemption from the penalty, but the only way to completely avoid it in 2017 is to enroll and stay covered under a qualified insurance plan.

3. If you claim the earned income tax credit (EITC) or additional child tax credit (ACTC), your refund will be delayed until

at least February 15th.

The passage of the PATH Act now requires the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to hold the entire refund for returns claiming the EITC and ACTC until at least February 15th, depending on when the return is filed.

The IRS estimates approximately one in five EITC payments are made through fraudulent filings or confusion due to the complexity in claiming the benefit. Employers are now required to send employee W-2s to the IRS by January 31st to allow the IRS additional time to help prevent identity theft and fraud.

The IRS will begin releasing funds on February 15th, but taxpayers may not see the funds deposited into their banking accounts immediately. This law could affect approximately up to 30 million taxpayers who claim these tax credits.

If you are one of the 30 million taxpayers who claim these credits and are worried about a delayed refund, visit a local H&R Block professional to see how they might be able to help. For more information, visit hrblock.com/PATH.

Budget-stretching tips for self-employed

(StatePoint) The ability to stretch a budget can help businesses or those who are self-employed weather lean times and flourish in good periods, and being efficient with time can mean surviving a busy season with your sanity intact. But these principles can be hard to uphold.

To help, here are a few tips to assist freelancers, entrepreneurs and small business owners to make more happen with existing resources.

Seek Out Resources

Taking care of certain logistics is easier these days, as retailers like Staples offer resources for small businesses, such as their Small Business Hub, where you can design and order business cards, print marketing flyers and

posters, get invitations, announcements, calendars and brochures, many on the same day that you place the order.

"When you are on a tight schedule, having one place where you can go that meets a bulk of your small business needs is extremely useful," says Melanie Salinas a photographer and the blogger behind "Story of Five."

Salinas, who recently partnered with Staples as part of their #MakeMoreHappen campaign to help small business owners learn about resources to help them get things done, is a frequent user of both Staples' online hub, as well as their in-store Copy & Print center.

Keep Expenses Organized

"Don't mix business with pleasure. Easier said than done when you're working from home, but

it's a must. Keep business expenses separate from family expenses," says Salinas.

It may seem like an extra step now, but you can avoid accounting headaches and help make tax time a breeze by staying organized. Good organization will also help ensure you don't overlook expenses that could lower your taxes.

Create a Workspace

If you are looking to take your business to the next level, it's important that you have a dedicated workspace where you can get stuff done. Look to programs like Staples Rewards to get cash back on purchases, special coupons and deals.

"Even if it's just a corner of your bedroom, creating a functional workspace will help you boost productivity," says Kayla Buell, who runs "Gen Y Girl," a Millennial career and lifestyle blog, who recommends sprucing up

the area with supplies and décor that inspire and motivate you.

Use Time Wisely

Marketing yourself or promoting your business can be tough, especially if your days are full working for existing customers and keeping your business going.

"Promoting sounds like a lot of work when you're bursting at the seams, but you have to communicate with people you want to hire you," says Susan and William Brinson, who own a thriving photography business and blog at "House of Brinson." "We use the weeks where we're slow -- around the holidays for instance -- to work on promotions."

More business ideas to save time and money can be found by visiting Staples.com and by following #MakeMoreHappen on social media.

Give yourself a cushion -- both on your calendar and in your wallet. Smart approaches to running your business will boost your productivity and stretch your budget.

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Investment Tips for "Millennials"

If you are a "millennial" – born from the early 1980s to the late 1990s – you're still in the early chapters of your career, so it may be a stretch for you to envision the end of it. But since you do have many years until you retire, you've got the luxury of putting time on your side as you save and plan for retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making the best

use of that time:

- Invest early – and often. Even if you are at the beginning of your career, make investing a priority. At first, you might only be able to contribute a small amount each month, but something is far better than nothing – and after a year or so, you might be surprised at how much you've actually put away.

- Take advantage of

your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, contribute as much as you can afford. At the least, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. Your contributions can lower your taxable income, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis.

- Invest more as your earnings increase. As

your career advances, and earnings rise, you'll want to increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar plan. And if you ever "max out" on your annual 401(k) contributions (the limits change over time), you can probably still contribute to another tax-advantaged retirement plan, such as a traditional or Roth IRA.

Thus far, we've only discussed, in general terms, how much and how often you should invest. But it's obviously just as important to think about the type of investments you own. And at this stage of your life, you need an investment mix that provides you with ample opportunities for growth. Historically, stocks and stock-based vehicles provide

greater growth potential than other investments, such as government securities, corporate bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs). Of course, stocks will rise and fall in price, sometimes dramatically. But with decades ahead of you, you do have time to overcome short-term losses. And you may be able to reduce the effects of market volatility by spreading your dollars among many different stock-based investments, along with a reasonable percentage of bonds and other, more conservative securities.

Here's something else to consider: Many millennials want more from their investments than just good performance – they also want their money to make a difference in the

world. This interest in "impact" investing (or "socially responsible" investing) has led some of your peers to screen out companies or industries they believe have a negative impact on society in favor of other businesses that are viewed as contributing to a more sustainable world. If this viewpoint resonates with you, you may want to explore these types of investment opportunities with a financial professional.

But most importantly, keep on investing throughout your life. As a millennial, you've got the one asset that can never be replaced: time. Use it wisely.

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Fretty Family Partnerships LLC to Dion Montgomery, Pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying S. of RR, 5-102-30

Miranda J. Rosa, David White to Karen E. Butner, Terry D. Meyers, Lot 5, Block 2, Grafts 4th Addn., Truman

Jack Gerhart to Reid Gerhardt, Lot 4, Block 2, East-side First Addn.

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank to Dawn Jagodzinske, Lot 3, Block 9, Taylor & Johnsons 3rd Addn.

Cheryl Lynn Oelkers, James Oelkers, Cheryl Lynn Schumann to Heidi M. Howard, Jeremy D. Howard, Lot 6, Block 1, Cooper Subd., Sherburn

Julie Liljenquist, Trent Liljenquist to Shawn D. Schaefer, Tammy L. Schaefer, Lot 13, Block 1, Southwood Addn.

Shawn D. Schaefer, Tammy L. Schaefer to Joseph A. Quam, Mari C. Schuh Quam, Mari C. Schuh Quam, Lot 25, exc. N.5', Block 3, Larsens Subd.

Christy K. Selbrade to Julie Liljenquist, Trent Liljenquist, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 7-102-30

Karla Anderson, Warren Anderson, Sharon Theobald to Susan Victor, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 29-103-29

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

David A. Panka to Dick Gerhardt, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ driveway easement, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/utility easement, 26-101-30

David A. Panka to Jack Gerhardt, Shelley Gerhardt, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ utility easement, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/driveway easement, 26-101-30



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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

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Jacklyn Lee Beemer to Guy Patrick Beemer, Lot 1, Block 1, Kabes Subd., Sec. 30-103-30

Jack Gerhardt, Shelley Gerhardt to Dick Gerhardt, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ utility easement, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/driveway easement, 26-101-30

Corey Theo Welchlin to Rene Kathleen Welchlin, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 32-102-30, Pt. Govt. Lot 6, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 31-102-30

Fairmont Area Kinship engages volunteers throughout January

January is National Mentoring Month, and this year Kinship is celebrating 17 years of the mentoring movement and expanding quality mentoring opportunities to connect more of our community's young people with caring adults by hosting our annual Mentor Appreciation Night.

"Over the past fifteen years, mentoring has gained so much momentum, in large part due to National Mentoring Month. Mentoring is a critical part of developing positive relationships within our community – mentoring is proven to have a positive effect on academic, social, and economic outcomes for our young people," states coordinator Anna Garbers

In Martin County, we have a huge need for men to be mentors: 14 of the 19 children on the waiting list are boys! We have

boys waiting for mentors in Trimont, Welcome, Truman, and Fairmont and girls waiting for mentors in Truman and Fairmont. Couples and families can mentor a child of either gender, but otherwise men are matched with boy mentees and women are matched with girl mentees. The time commitment for mentoring through Kinship is only 3-6 hours per month and mentors and mentees spend time doing whatever they both enjoy: fishing, baking, hiking, biking, volunteering together, playing board games, or even just watching a movie or football game together!

Research shows that mentors can play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools to make responsible choices, attend and engage in school, and reduce or avoid risky behavior like drug use. In turn, these young people are:

- 55% more likely to be

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- 81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.
- More than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

Yet, the same research shows that 9 million young people in our country will grow up without a mentor. Today, in our community there are 19 kids who could benefit from having a mentor.

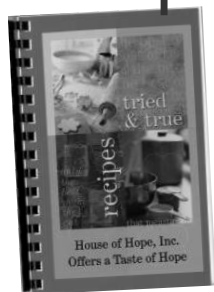
National Mentoring Month each January allows for unique engagement from community members interested in becoming a mentor. This year, with the support of the mentoring community, we are encouraging the public to go beyond just digital engagement – and become involved in making a real life impact. Mentoring

relationships are at their best when connections are made between a caring adult and a young person who knows that someone is there to help guide them through those real life decisions.

In our community, people can participate in the following events: Mentor Appreciation Night, Blizzard Snowmobile Club party, Ice Skating Party, Summer Picnic at Char's, 4-H Horseback Riding, Cosmic Bowling Costume Party, Christmas Party, yoga classes, cooking classes, Disc Golf Activity, craft nights, and more!

To learn more about the role mentoring plays in our community and to find volunteer opportunities visit Kinship's Facebook page at facebook.com/fairmontareakinship/ or by calling Anna or Katy at 507-238-4440 or emailing at fairmontkinship@gmail.com.

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2. That said corporation has filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State a Notice of Intent to Dissolve dated November 2, 2016.
3. That the date of filing of the Notice of Intent to Dissolve was November 8, 2016.
4. Any claims against said corporation must be presented in writing to the following address: Fairlakes Transportation, Inc. 530 Kings Road Fairmont, Minnesota 56031
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Dated this 9th day of January 2017.

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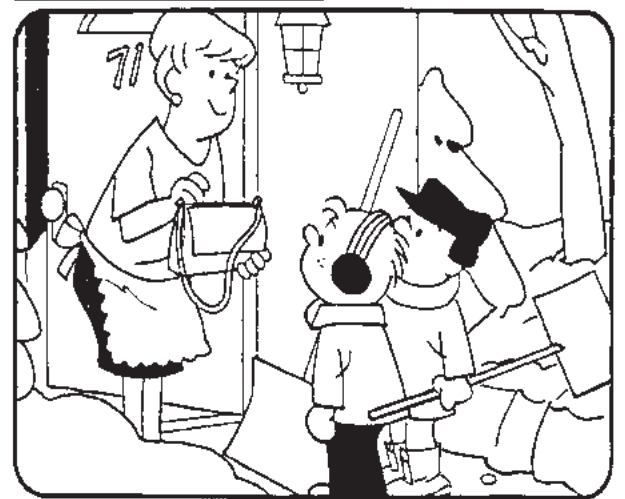
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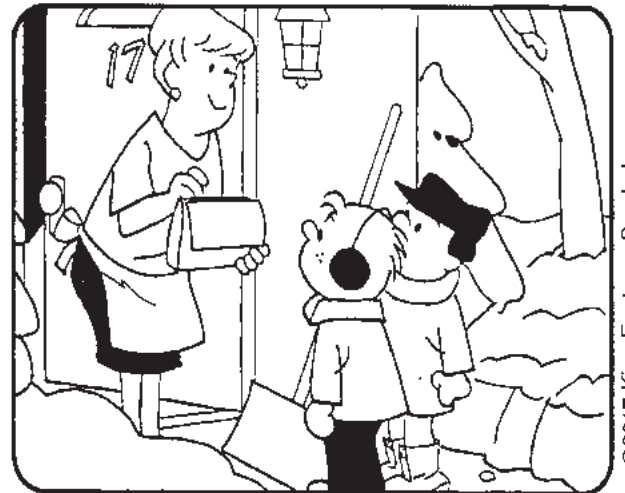
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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER (DISPATCHER) FULL AND PART TIME OPENING(S) MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Martin County Sheriff's Office (County of Martin, MN) is accepting applications for the position of Communications Officer, for full and part time position(s); as well as to place candidates upon the eligibility roster to fill full time and part time vacancies as they occur for up to one year or until the County determines the list is exhausted of eligible candidates. The duties of the Communications Officer includes but not limited to, receives information requiring law enforcement, fire and/or medical responses and disseminates information via radio and/or phone to proper emergency or non-emergency services. Duties and responsibilities include (but not limited to): providing initial contact for all public safety calls, 911 emergency lines, administrative phone lines and radio traffic; dispatches personnel including law enforcement, fire, rescue, ambulance; operates radio console receiving and transmitting message; uses multiple computer systems, data bases and mapping applications for data entry and retrieval. Qualifications of eligible applicants include: Graduation from High School, college beneficial, effective communications techniques, particularly for communicating with other parties under stress; ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies; communicate clearly and concisely and relaying of details accurately; must work effectively without close supervision; general knowledge of the geography of Martin County, incorporated areas, roads, and streets; the ability to type at reasonable rate of speed. This position requires working rotating shifts during the days, nights, weekends, and holidays. Eligible candidates may be subject to written, oral, physical, psychological, and background examinations.

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- Maintain application/spray records
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DRIVING LAYUP - Martin County West's Wyatt Geistfeld drives by the Cardinals' Walker Tordsen and teammate #13 Tyler Johnson. The Cards defeated the Mavericks 57-31 last Tuesday night. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



FOUL BALL - Cardinals Nate Kallenbach drives to the hoop while Martin County West's Karter Janssen tries to block his shot. Maverick teammates #1 Cam Dressen and #4 Kooper Janssen look on. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



CELEBRATION TIME - Cardinals' Kaylan Legred celebrates his goal against the Storm. Legred had a goal and an assist against Morris/Benson Area in the Cards 5-1 win. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



DUAL CELEBRATION - Cardinals' #4 Tanner Dewar and teammate Sam Welker-Mensing celebrate Dewar's second-period goal as Morris/Benson Area's goalie Tony Bruns looks on. Welker-Mensing also had a goal in the Cardinals victory. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



POWER SHOT - Cardinals' Brenna Cutler lays one up against the Bluejays' #12 Hannah Potter and Madison Gehloff. Waseca downed the Cards 31-21 in a game which the Bluejays stalled minutes off the clock in both the first and second halves. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



MY PUCK - Cards' Myah Lytle guides the puck by Morris/Benson Area's Leah Thompson. Lytle had both goals in the Cards 2-0 win over the Storm last Saturday. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*

Fairmont Pond Hockey Tournament Photos



POND HOCKEY EVENT - Over 50 youth and adult teams competed in the Fairmont Hockey Association's annual pond hockey event. Rinks were set up on Lake Sisseton and featured many teams and players in costumes. The teams had great weather in the two day event.

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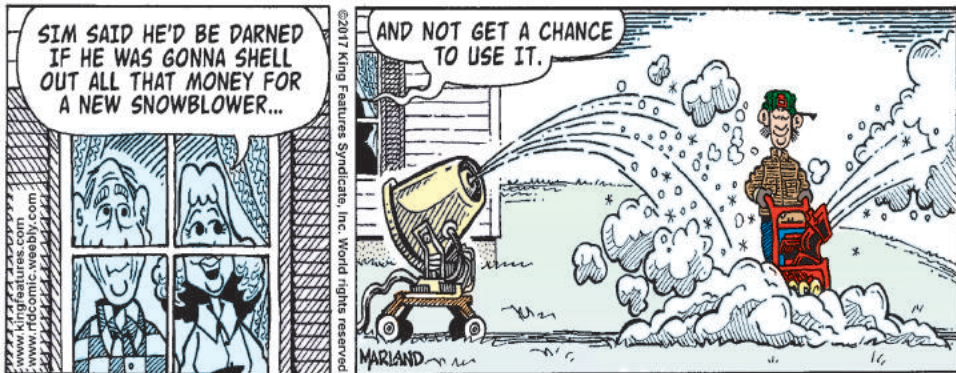
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This winter the Fairmont Dance Team, which is a new FHS winter sport starting the 2016 - 2017 school year, held a dance clinic for grades K-8. The clinic is a fund-raiser for the dance team, which will be self funded for a minimum of three years. The 24 FDT members and coaches worked with 44 girls at the clinic on stretching, kicks, jumps and turns. They also learned a jazz dance to "Thriller", that they performed at the girls basketball game vs. Waseca on Friday the 13th. The team is planning to hold the winter dance clinic annually.

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