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Home-Made Ice Cream

Guest Columnist

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I remember it as one of those hot, sticky, July Sunday afternoons. My parents were visiting some long-time farmer friends who had children. They lived on a farm some distance from our farm. We were outdoors playing when our parents noticed the black cloud that was fast approaching on the distant horizon. Such a cloud is feared in July. I had learned early that such a cloud was a hail cloud. Hail was a feared word, especially in July, for it was too late in the crop year to replant. Unless you had hail insurance, it was a year of lean times. We ran for the house and it happened just as we got inside. I could hear it happening. I could hear the hail on the windows, siding, and roof. A strong wind blew the hail with

a driving force. I looked out of a window to see the leaves being cut from the trees. The white hail stones the size of marbles nearly covered the grass of the lawn. Suddenly it was over. We went outside to see the damage. It had ruined the crops in a matter of minutes. The trees were almost bare. We walked to the fields to assess the damage. The road to the fields passed the barn and corn crib. The hail had fallen from the roof of each and formed a pile of hail stones between the buildings. I remember the surprise of hearing someone say, "Let's make some HOME-MADE ICE CREAM". How could anyone be so adaptable in the face of such tragedy? Was it was one of those things that they had learned from being farmers on the

Southern Minnesota prairie. It had to be, for they saw the pile of hailstones as an opportunity to make something good out of the whole ordeal. This memory has stayed with me all of these years. It was one of the benefits of learning from such adaptable parents.

HOME-MADE ICE CREAM has always been one of my favorite treats. Maybe the fondness comes from an understanding of all the work that went into getting the finished product, the ever-so-cold, rich tasting, and smooth textured ice cream. Making HOME-MADE ICE CREAM would always start with my mother asking me to carry the wooden ice cream freezer pail up from the basement. It was heavy for it was large. The tub

of the freezer was made of wood. It reminded me of a wooden bucket. The freezer had a can at its center. A beater made of metal and wood fit into the can. The beater had a square center at its top which fit up into a gear-like apparatus that turned when the crank was turned. I remember the whole process of making HOME-MADE ICE CREAM. My mother cooked the ingredients in a large pan on the stove. She always whistled when she worked. It is another memory of my youth.

The first step in making HOME-MADE ICE CREAM was to chop the ice from the nearby frozen stream. The ice would break off in large chunks. The chunks were put into a heavy sack and laid on its side. The chunks were broken up into crushed ice. This was done by hitting the side of the sack with the side of the axe. The crushed ice and salt were the secrets of having success in making HOME-MADE ICE CREAM. The

first ingredient of HOME-MADE ICE CREAM was the rich cream of our own cows. My mother would cook the family recipe of cream, eggs, sugar, and vanilla. She bought her vanilla from the "Raleigh Man" who came to our farm on a regular basis.



She claimed that it had a stronger taste and smell. If the kitchen became filled with the pungent smell of vanilla, the process of making HOME-MADE ICE CREAM was well underway. Once fully cooked, the ingredients were poured carefully into the can at the center of the freezer. The top of the can would be carefully fitted onto the pail. The crank and gear part of the freez-

er was lowered and locked into place. The final step was mixing salt into the ice that now surrounded the can. The ice had to be kept below the top of the can or the salt would seep into the can and ruin the HOME-MADE ICE CREAM. The actual freezing process began when someone began to turn the crank. After a while the easy-turning crank would start to turn hard. It had happened! The ice cream was ready. It was time to open the can and taste the prize. Someone would be lucky enough to eat from the beater. This was usually the person who had turned the crank. The ice cream from the beater seemed smoother and colder. Eating HOME-MADE ICE CREAM too fast brought a remembered pain. The headache was the punishment for the greed of eating too fast. However, it was worth the pain. I should know, for it happened to me many times.



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Partners in Education Variety Show March 23



Members of Jodi Bass' 2nd grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary with the problem solving kits they received from the Partners In Ed grant. (submitted photo)

The 25th Annual Variety Show sponsored by Partners In Education will be held Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center.

This is one of the fundraisers which helps provide grants to all the schools in the district.

This current year, the following grants were made:

- Kindergarten trip to the Children's Museum in Mankato
- Books for the reading library in kindergarten
- STEM materials for fine motor skills in kindergarten
- Computer supplies for students working portfolios in kindergarten
- Beginner reading books for learning disabled in K-2
- youth activity scholarships for K-8
- two chrome books for K-6
- building kits for problem solving 2nd grade. (photo with Mrs. Bass class and kits)
- Learning games for 2nd grade
- Lego sets for 2nd grade
- Corporate graphic in Mankato 2nd grade
- "Wonder" DVD's for

grade 4

- Reading books for Special Ed grade 3-4;
- Frontrow Reading/Math subscription Special Ed grade 3-6
- Fairmont Theater to see "Wonder" Special Ed grade 7-8
- iPad with case and headsets for high school English, writing and math
- Lab Equipment for High school Chemistry and physics
- 10 Ti-Innovator Rover Kits for AP Computer Science
- Infrared cameras/laser thermometers for grade 8,11, and 12 science
- Camera zoom lenses for Yearbook student class
- Computer for creating vinyl decals and posters for high school art and photograph classes

The Variety Show will be a showcase of music, speeches and dance featuring students and adults from the school district. Emcees will be Michelle Traetow and Kurt Isenberg.

Come to support the performers and the mission to provide additional education opportunities for the children in the Fairmont District. Admission is by suggested donation.

Ruby's Pantry distribution March 24

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, on Saturday, March 24th 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. 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.



PLATHE-COLLINS - Rachel R. Plathe and Jordan M. Collins announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Rachel is the daughter of Duane Plathe and Karen Plathe, both of Fairmont. Jordan is the son of Jim Collins of Chanhassen, MN and Patty & Brian Breitbarth of Coon Rapids. Rachel is a hair stylist at Sport Clips in Eden Prairie. Jordan works for Sport Radar in Minneapolis. The wedding is planned for April 21st, 2018 in Las Vegas. (submitted photo)

Upcoming MLHS events

The Martin Luther High School Music Department will present A Concert of Sacred Music on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Admission is a free will offering. The public is invited.

The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, April 5th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, April 6th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 7th, 8 a.m. to noon (bag day). Donations of spring and summer clothing, household goods and miscellaneous will be accepted on Saturday, March 31st; Monday, April 2nd; Tuesday, April 3rd; and Wednesday April 4th. (Closed Easter Sunday.) Volunteer help to set up and staff the sale is appreciated.

Martin County Library to host Pajama Tales

Wear your jammies and join the Martin County Library in Fairmont for Pajama Tales! Enjoy stories, activities and fun for the entire family. This event will be held at the Fairmont

Library on Mondays at 6 p.m.: March 26th and April 30th.

This event is free, open to the public and no registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

Scouting for Food Service Project this weekend

The "Scouting for Food Service Project" is here!

As Scouts, we know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night - whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky. That's the genesis of scouting for Food, the annual food collection drive run the local Boy Scouts. It's another reminder to our community that Scouts are here, doing good turns.

Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive

weekends. Last weekend the Scouts distributed door hangers to let everyone know about the drive. This weekend, March 24th, the Scouts will be revisiting those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice and other non-perishable items.

The collected items will stay local with the Cub Scouts donating their collected items to the Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts to Heaven's Table.



JOHNSON 90TH - Mavis Johnson of Truman will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, March 31st. Cards can reach her at Heartland Senior Living, 400 N. 4th Avenue East, Truman, MN 56088.

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Justin Donald Brammeier and Adrienne Danielle Strom

Allissa Corrin Curtis and Dylan Edward VanBrocklin

Aktion Club Theatre, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, March 22nd from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. The public is invited to attend our chartering ceremony. Come join us for light refreshments from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For any questions, about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580.

Sherburn Lions Club to host Prime Rib Supper

The Sherburn Lions Club will once again host their famous Prime Rib Supper!

The supper will be Saturday, April 7th, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion Hall.

The meal will include prime rib, potato, green beans and coffee.

Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door and tickets are limited, so get them early!

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the following locations: Fairmont Photo Press, Bank Midwest Sherburn and Amborn Lumber in Sherburn or from any Sherburn Lions Club member.

Trimont Chamber to host annual Pancake Feed

The Trimont Area Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Pancake Feed Fundraiser on Palm Sunday, March 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Triumph Hall in Trimont.

The Sherburn Lions Club will once again be flipping the pancakes and

cooking the eggs and sausage.

The fundraiser will feature "all you can eat" pancakes with eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice.

Free will donation. Come support the Trimont Area Chamber of Commerce Palm Sunday!



Mrs. Harris' Discovery Place Preschool students at Fairmont Area Elementary School were lucky little leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day! (submitted photos)



MCHS in Fairmont adds hospitalist

Fidelis Kiungua, nurse practitioner, Hospital Medicine, recently joined Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and began seeing patients March 14th. As a hospitalist, Kiungua's primary professional focus is the medical care of hospitalized patients. His duties include patient care, education and research.

"I've always liked caring for others," says Kiungua. "Having the ability to correctly diagnose a patient's problem, see them get better and go home is incredibly rewarding."

Originally from Kenya, Kiungua came to the United States 15 years ago, settling in Kansas. He later received his training from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. He is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

"It's a privilege to follow in the footsteps of the

Mayo brothers," says Kiungua. "Having the opportunity to collaborate with my fellow colleagues on behalf of patients here in Fairmont is fulfilling."

"Adding Fidelis to our Fairmont team is a great benefit to patients seeking care at our local hospital," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "His enthusiasm and commitment to delivering ex-

ceptional patient care is what we strive to provide every day."

Mayo Clinic Health System consists of clinics, hospitals and other facilities that serve the health care needs of people in more than 60 communities in 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.

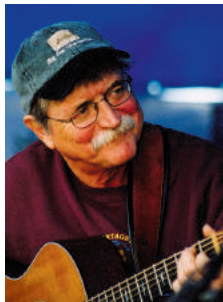


Sam Schwieger is a senior at Fairmont Area High School and has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." He is the son of Reid and Jenny Schwieger. Sam has an older brother, Riley, and a younger sister, Maddy. Sam's list of high school activities includes band, basketball, football, baseball, school musicals, CLC, and FCA. Following graduation, Sam will be attending college at Iowa State University or the University of Minnesota. He plans to major in engineering. (submitted photo)

Red Rock Center to host Warren Nelson

Sunday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. Fairmont native, the Midwest. Randy is an Warren Nelson returns to the Red Rock Center for an afternoon of music and comedy.

Joining Warren will be special guest's Otis McLennon and Randy Sabien. Otis is a world class har-



monica player and very

internationally recognized musician and educator and will be playing the fiddle, mandolin and piano. Tickets are available at Hy-Vee or at the door the day of the performance.

Easter Cantata at Christian Church Fairmont

The Christian Church of Fairmont, 625 Johnson St., Fairmont, will be the host to the cantata, "The Day He Wore My Crown," a musical Easter presentation arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. The cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday, March 25th, at 4:00 p.m.

The members of the choir are from the Fairmont Christian Church, Madelia Church of Christ, River Valley Christian Church, New Ulm and the Truman Church of Christ. Again this year, the choir, under the direction of Rebecca Davis, will have a power point presentation to bring to life the messages of the

songs.

The cantata contains favorites such as: Crown Him With Many Crowns, The Old Rugged Cross as well as other selections

Following the presentation, the women of the church invite everyone in attendance to share in a time of fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge to attend the cantata and no offering will be taken. Please consider this our Easter present to you, as we share the sacrifice that God made when He sent Jesus who came to save us from our sins and wore our crown of thorns as He died for each of us.

Women's event at East Chain Evangelical

East Chain Evangelical Free Church will host a "Dancing in the Rain" Women's Event.

The event will take place Friday, April 13th at 6 p.m. at the church.

Join them to hear inspirational speaker Deb Hadley share how through her difficult circumstances, she found strength in the Lord. Through God, Deb has turned her grief into grace and desires to share

her faith with others.

Tickets for the event are \$15 and include dinner and a demonstration by Gartzke Floral.

You can reserve your seat for the event prior to April 2nd by signing up at East Chain Evangelical Free Church, or purchasing tickets at HyVee Fairmont or call Linda at 507-301-2907 or Judy at 507-236-7013.



Forty-four Fairmont Cardinal Plungers participated in the Cool School Plunge on Friday, March 2nd. They joined over 1,000 K-12 Minnesota students who combined to raise over \$95,000 for Special Olympics Minnesota. (submitted photo)



A recent grant was made in Martin County from the Odell Wind Farm Community Fund an affiliate of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Martin County Community West was awarded \$500 for outdoor pool signage, and Martin County West Elementary was awarded \$2000 for their program "Unlocking Gateway to 21st Century Learning", specifically toward the purchase of HP Streams; and the Trimont Ambulance/City of Trimont was presented with a check in the amount of \$2300 to purchase communication radios. Pictured are Jean Burkhardt, Odell advisory board secretary; Dianne Armbrust, MCW Community Ed Director; Bruce Swanson, Odell advisory board member; Brenda Nielsen, City of Trimont Administrative Assistant; Ron Shade, Trimont Ambulance; Lacey Schmidtke, Trimont Ambulance; and Misty Karschnik, Odell advisory board chair.. (submitted photo)



Fairmont Area High School 8th graders (L to R): Riley Henzler, Kinze Stradtman and Jasmine Hanson are one of several groups and individuals heading to state for their Jr group website, the Stonewall riots. They competed Monday at Minnesota State Mankato national history day. (submitted photo)

28th Annual Silent and Live Auction March 24

The 28th annual Knights of Columbus Silent and Live Auction will be held Saturday, March 24th at the St. John Vianney School in Fairmont beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The live auction portion of the night will begin at or near 8:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public with free admission.

Come join the fun by bidding on meat packages, two-night stay at Cove Point Lodge at Beaver Bay, casino packages, gift certificates for meals, half hogs, MN Twins tickets, motel stays and much more!

A donation from the proceeds will go to ARC and Kinship programs.

Girl Scout Senior Izzy Munsch is working with the Fairmont Opera House to plan and implement a **K-2 Theatre Workshop** as her Gold Award project. It will be held Wednesday - Friday, June 6th-8th, 2018 at the Opera House. Registration is now open online, until March 30th, on the Fairmont Opera House website: www.fairmont-operahouse.org. There is a fee for the workshop, but financial assistance is available. A limited number of cast member positions are available, so sign up soon! We hope to see you at the theater!!

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues to host their **Wednesday Evening Suppers** through season of Lent from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. This Wednesday, March 21st they will serve Navy bean and ham soup, mystery soups and garlic bread sticks. They will not have Wednesday Evening Supper on March 28th due to Holy Week services. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, homemade desserts and beverage. A \$2 donation is suggested.

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Spring home selling season upon us!

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Cavers Realty

Spring selling season is upon us and we need more homes to sell. Inventory is extremely low and there are a lot of buyers ready to buy!

If you're thinking about selling your home soon, you might be wondering what projects you can do in your home to help your home sell faster and for a higher price. Despite all the do-it-yourself TV shows, many buyers prefer not to do projects after buying a house. The ideal for most buyers is to just walk in and unpack and get back to their busy lives.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) says the projects below will give you the best return for your investment as you prepare to sell your home. Keep in mind the project costs depend on many factors including, but not limited to: age of your home, your personal preferences, the quality of the materials being used in the upgrades, and the location of the home (city/state). The figures below are based on a national average.

1. Buyers are always looking at flooring as they tour houses to buy.

Refinishing hardwood floors still give you the best return on your investment. Many buyers prefer hardwood floors and appreciate it when you have that project done. And remodelers from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) estimate that refinishing hardwood floors cost \$2,500. NAR REALTORS® estimate that the increased value for sellers is also \$2,500 and thus a homeowner can recovery 100 percent of the costs. That's a project worth doing! If you've never refinished hardwoods yourself, I would suggest hiring a professional. My husband and I have refinished floors in a couple of small rooms ourselves and then hired a professional for the main areas of our house. I will tell you this-it's so worth the cost to have a professional refinish the floors and I will do it again vs. doing it ourselves.

If you have a mid-century house or newer, you might not have hardwood floors under your carpet but if you want to make your floors appealing to buyers you can add new wood flooring. NARI Remodelers estimate the cost of new wood flooring to be \$5,500. NAR REALTORS® estimate that the increased value for sellers is \$5,000. In the end, you'll recover 91 percent of your cost.

2. Next on the list from the NARI Remodelers is upgrading your insulation.

There are so many options for insulation these days and many area professionals who can complete the work. NARI Re-

modelers estimate that upgrading a home's insulation will cost \$2,100. NAR REALTORS® estimate that sellers can increase the value of their home by \$2,000 for an insulation upgrade, and thus recover 95 percent of their costs. Also, keep in mind, good insulation is a requirement of houses purchased with a government loan, such as FHA or USDA (Rural Development) loans. Many first-time home buyers are purchasing their first home with a government loan because there are options for a smaller down payment for qualified buyers.

3. If you have an older home with an older furnace or central air unit, you might consider replacing them before you sell.

NARI Remodelers estimate that the cost of replacing an HVAC system is \$7,000. NAR REALTORS® estimate that the increased value for sellers is \$5,000. You will recover 71% of the cost. The age of your home's mechanicals is one of the top concerns of potential buyers. They will also want to know the age of your water heater. If your water heater is due for replacement, that would also be a quick fix before you sell.

4. Home buyers are commonly looking for properties with at least three bedrooms and two bathrooms, but I've seen increased interest in homes with four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

If you don't have these features in your home, you might consider converting that extra space in your basement into a legal extra bedroom with an egress window. NARI Remodelers estimate that a basement overhaul will cost \$36,000. NAR REALTORS® estimate that the increased value for sellers is \$25,000. The cost recovery for a new living room in the basement area is 69 percent.

The most expensive remodeling projects with the least amount of return, according to the NARI Remodelers, are:

- Completing a new master suite at a cost estimate of \$112,500 (estimated cost recovery at 53 percent),
- Converting an attic into a living area at \$65,000 (estimated cost recovery at 61 percent),
- Complete kitchen renovation at \$60,000 (estimated cost recovery at 67 percent), and
- Adding a new bathroom at \$50,000 (estimated cost recovery at 52 percent).

When it comes to outdoor spaces and curb appeal, a nice-looking lawn is high on the list with some of the highest returns. It doesn't matter if you seed the lawn or have new sod, buyers are looking for nice grassy areas for their family to enjoy.

Buyers are also looking for ways to extend their living space so remodeling projects outdoors also may help you sell your home. Outside of a nice lawn area mentioned above, you will get a good return on a new patio or new wood deck. Fire pit areas are also a nice outdoor addition.

A good reminder, however, is most projects will not give you a dollar for dollar return when you sell your home. Projects like a new roof, new windows, and new siding may help your home sell faster but they won't drive up your asking price dollar for dollar for your investment in those improvements.

Financial Focus

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Talk to Your Spouse About Your Retirement Vision

If you're single, your retirement goals are your own - you don't really have to consult with anybody, and you can change your plans whenever you like. However, if you're married, you and your spouse should develop a joint "vision" encompassing all the key areas of your retirement lifestyle. These are a few questions you may want to address first:

- Where should we live? Once you retire, you may need to consider two key aspects of your living situation: the size and location of your home. Regarding size, you may look around one day and realize you have more living space than you actually need. This is especially true, of course, if you have children who have set out on their own. So, if you have a large single-family house, you may want to consider whether you should move into a condominium or even an apartment, either of which might be more cost-effective for you.

As for location, you may decide that retirement is the perfect time to move, either to seek a more favorable climate or to be near grown children and grandchildren. In any case, moving to a different area is a major financial decision, so you and your spouse will certainly want to discuss all the aspects of relocation.

- Will either of us work? Retirement no longer means the cessation of all work. You or your spouse - or perhaps you and your spouse - may want to use your skills and experience to do some consulting or even open your own business. Adding a source of earned income will almost certainly help your financial picture during retirement, but if either you or your

spouse is planning to do some work, you will want to be sure this activity doesn't disrupt other plans that may be important to you, such as traveling. Also, any source of earned income during your retirement years may well affect important financial decisions, such as when to take Social Security and how much to withdraw each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). Again, it's essential that you and your spouse be on the same page about any type of employment during retirement.

- How will we spend our time? Aside from possibly doing some type of work during your retirement years, how else might you spend your time? Would you like to travel extensively? Or would you rather stick close to home and pursue your hobbies or volunteer? These don't have to be either-or decisions - hopefully, you'll be able to explore many pur-

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Busy weekend!

My daughter, Mary just left this morning after spending the night with us. She was going to Blue Earth to do a job follow for the morning she will soon finish school for coding. When I was 50, I went to college after being a LPN for 32 years I decided to return to school to become a RN. I barely finished paying off my school loan before I retired! I think I went back to school to reach my full potential and to be an example to my children. I guess it worked. My son John went to school at age 38 to become a RN and Mary is in college in her 40's to further her career. I just tried a new recipe for Lemon bars. It was tasty, easy and one I will make again. I hope that you will like it too.

Lemon Curd Bars

1 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups flour
1 jar lemon curd (10 oz. size)
2/3 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup slivered almonds or pecans.

Beat butter 30 seconds, add sugar beat until combined. Add flour and baking powder, beat until just combined and resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve 2/3 cup crumb mixture. Press remaining crumbs in the bottom of a greased 13x9 inch pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Mix reserved crumbs with the coconut and nuts. Spread curd over warm crust to within 1/2 inch of edges. Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over curd layer. Bake 18-20 minutes until topping golden. Cool. Cut into bars store in the refrigerator.

Have a great week!

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suits during your retirement. Keep in mind, though, that there will be different costs for these various activities, so you and your spouse may need to prioritize your choices to ensure they fit in to your overall financial strategies.

As you can see, you and

your spouse will have some key decisions about the financial aspects of your retirement. However, with some careful planning, you can make the moves that can help you work toward your common retirement vision.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

CREST to host "A Matter of Balance"

Enhancing the Quality of Life, "CREST" of Martin County will present the class "A Matter of Balance" on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning on April 3rd and concluding on May 22nd at the Evangelical Covenant Church, located at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont.

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

homes for safety/falling issues. This curriculum is good for planning ahead to still do the things we like to do.

Anyone having concerns about falling or wanting to improve their balance, flexibility, and strength is encouraged to attend. Registration is required in order to provide the needed materials and a \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. Registration deadline is March 30th. If you have questions or would like to register for this class, call the CREST office at 235-3833.

Ask A Trooper: Driving in bike lane



by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I was stuck at a train crossing the other day for half an hour. What is the law on how long a train can block the road crossing and who do I report this to? How do I get this fixed as it seems to happen far too often?

Answer: Minnesota law prohibits trains from blocking public roadways for more than 10 minutes. You should report any issues to local government (city, county or state), which will then contact the appropriate railroad company. The state law does not apply to cities

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Psychological Thrillers are trending big time, not just at the Martin County Library, but across the country! A new breed of female anti-hero takes the stage in many of these thrillers, where the leading ladies are deceitful, mysterious and highly unlikeable. (The publishing world and the television world are both highly invested in this type of storyline right now.) The trend that launched worldwide

with Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl* and Paula Hawkins' *The Girl on the Train*, doesn't show any signs of slowing down soon. If you're looking for more new titles to read in this same vein, here are some suggested titles for you! Be sure to ask your librarian for help finding these books!!

*The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn

*The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

*The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine

*Sometimes I Lie by Alice Feeney

*A Stranger in the House by Shari Lapena

*All the Beautiful Lies by Peter Swanson

*Sunburn by Laura Lippman

Americanisms



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Jeff's Jottings!



What is it?



1. Who wrote and released "Rocky Mountain High"?
2. Which artist had an international hit with "Come Back and Stay"?
3. Who wrote and released "Across 110th Street"?
4. What was the original name of the band Gerry and the Pacemakers?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now Jenny Diver, ho, ho, yeah, Sukey Tawdry, Ooh, Miss Lotte Lenya and old Lucy Brown, Oh, the line forms on the right, babe, Now that Macky's back in town."

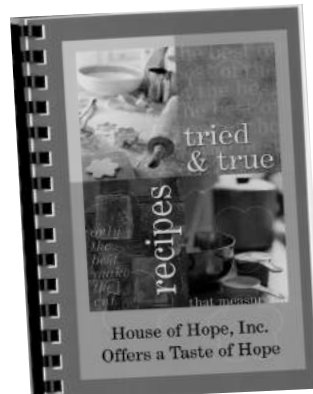
Answers

1. John Denver, in 1972. It was temporarily censored by the FCC for promoting drugs, due to use of the word "high."
2. Paul Young, in 1983. The song was used in "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories" in 2006.
3. Bobby Womack, in 1973. He wrote most of the music for the film soundtrack of the same name.
4. Gerry Marsden and the Mars Bars, but they had to change it when Mars, the candy company, objected.
5. "Mack the Knife," by Bobby Darin, 1959. The German song was originally called "The Ballad of Mack the Knife" and became "Three Penny Opera" in America in 1933. Mack was a vicious fictional street thug by the name of Captain Macheath.

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Jeff's Jottings

Even though Tuesday was the first "official" day of spring, it sure doesn't look like it around here! I can remember a year ago, we were already enjoying 60 and 70 degree temperatures and the snow was all gone, so many of the local farmers were busy planning for the new season of crops. With all the snow we had this winter, the piles are slowing disappearing in the fields and ditches. Our door yard is so muddy from the snowmelt that I haven't been able to park my vehicle in the machine shed for over a week because it is so soupy in front of the shed. One other "hazard" of the springtime is trying to walk around in our yard, trying not to step in the dog and cat "bombs" that were left over the winter and are now thaw-

ing out. I learned early on that this time of year you walk with your head down and eyes watching for those "bombs" in the grass! Oh well, I guess the lawn will be well fertilized.

"What is it?" - too easy!

Our "What is it?" item from last week was a popular one! We had a number of readers tell us what it was. Our first correct guess was from Arlen Reiter of Fairmont who said it was a silage/hay cutter. Many other correct guesses were called in by readers. I also want to correct myself, that the item was brought in



by Dean Maschoff of rural Fairmont. Dean brought in another item that will be featured in next week's Photo Press. This week we feature a small item from Dennis Ziemann of Fairmont. It is about seven inches long and is made of metal. It has 3 steel pegs on one side and a flat piece of metal on one of the cutting edges. So, what is it? You can email me your guess at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call our office at 507-238-9456 and leave your guess along with your contact info.

Celebrating Ag!

March 18th - 24th is recognized as "National Ag Week" in Minnesota and across the nation. In last week's Photo Press we brought you special articles on agriculture in our ag section of the paper

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ing bring that special edition to you the readers. Agriculture has always played a huge role in our local economy and even today with all the advances in technology and research it continues to play an even bigger role in the growth of our local communities. Many changes have taken place in agriculture over the years, and for today's up-and-coming young farmers, many challenges are placed "on the plates" of the next generation of food providers for the world. I treasure my time spent on the farm when I was growing up. Yes, we were a smaller farm operation, but besides the crop, we also had dairy cattle and hogs to raise, so as kids we learned very quickly to never say "There's nothing to do". There was always a guarantee of some type of chore given to those who made the mistake of uttering those words! Kent

Thiesse has some very interesting facts on agriculture in his column this week to help give you an idea just how important a role agriculture plays in the growth of our economy.

Shrimp, pancakes, buffet and more!

Here are some events that are taking place around the area in the next week: The Wednesday evening meal at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on March 21st. Next week they will not have a Wednesday Evening Meal because of Holy Week activities. A \$2 donation is suggested. On Friday, March 23rd there will be a shrimp feed from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Northrop American Legion. Adults are \$13, Kids \$6 and money raised goes to support the Martin County Humane Society. On Palm Sunday, March 25th, the Trimont Area Chamber of Commerce is having their annual pancake feed fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Triumph Hall in Trimont. The Sherburn Lions are doing the cook-

ing and will serve "all-you-can-eat" pancakes with eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and OJ. This is a free will donation. Also on Sunday, St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont will host a free hot meal at the Hope Cafe at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Speaking of the Sherburn Lions Club, a reminder that their famous prime rib supper will take place on Saturday, April 7th at the Sherburn American Legion Hall. Tickets are \$17 in advance through any Lions club member, and at the Fairmont Photo Press, Sherburn Bank Midwest and Amborn Lumber in Sherburn. They will be \$20 at the door. Check out their ad in this week's Photo Press for more details.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Repeat after me: THINK SPRING!

- Jeff

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 24, 1993

Huntington's Barber-Stylists in the Fair Mall, used the front page of the Photo Press for its "Spring Specials." Huntington's personnel included Dawn Lindell, Manager, 7 years, Cindy Pierson-Bents, 10 years, Mary Ellen Mayer, 10 years, Dawn Bolsinger, 3 years, Bev Korolewski, 20 years and Amy Farnham, 1 year.

Fairmont's contribution to Barbershop singing accomplished a signal honor, when he Harmony Junction Chorus won the Land-o-Lakes District SW overall chorus championship.

Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson appointed

Eagan resident Jill Hovick to serve on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Miss Hovick is the daughter of John and Marilyn Hovick of Fairmont.

The 1993 Minnesota State Corn Husking Contest and the National Corn Husking Contest were to be held in Fairmont in October. The national contest was expected to draw several hundred competitors.

April Colby, daughter of Eldren and Darla Colby of Granada, a senior at Granada-Huntley-East Chain High School and Patricia Hartwig, daughter of Wayne and Dee Hartwig of Welcome, a senior at Martin County West High School, were to compete in the 1993 Martin County Dairy Princess contest.

Dr. Roger A. Haertel, a 37-year-old dentist in Anchorage, competed in the 1,100-mile Alaskan Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. He is the son of Herbert and Margaret Haertel of Fairmont. Dr. Haertel was a 1973 Fairmont High School graduate and moved to Alaska in 1984. He was a former Fairmont Photo Press carrier.

The most successful Home Show in years was held at the Fairmont American Legion. Pictured talking to Show visitors were: Chuck Omvig, owner of Century 21/Northland Realty; Craig Carrigan, owner of Green Thumb Landscaping and Keith Hertzke of Hertzke Construction & Millwork.

KFMC Radio personality Al (the Irish parade organizer) Travis, braved

freezing temperatures, along with about 50 other units during the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fairmont's Downtown Plaza. One of the parade units was the Hy-Vee Precision Shopping Cart Drill Team.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 24, 1968

Hundreds of visitors

viewed the remodeled American Legion building, which was also the 50th year of the national Legion. Chief features of the remodeling program are two meeting rooms, one of which can accommodate 600 persons. Both rooms are complete with air conditioning, paneled walls, public address systems, tape recording and broadcasting facilities.

Fairmont High School gymnasts were to be featured in halftime performances during the state basketball tournament. Cardinal gym coach Herb Wolf was to be in charge of five athletes, including Don Sill, Ted Hasse, Mark Wilken, Larry Bicknase, and John Norman.



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Mr. Long gives the students the total area of a shape and they must figure the dimensions of the sides or he provides the dimensions of the shape and students must determine the area.

To add variety to the lesson, Mr. Long took his class out to the hallway to draw the shapes and calculations on the windows.

This certainly made the math lesson a lot more fun!

(submitted photos)



The Fairmont Speech Team hosted their home tournament on March 3rd, posting 138 points in the team sweepstakes. **First Place:** Lexi Fischer-Creative Expression, Ameya Komaragiri-Great Speeches, Emma Koehler-Poetry Reading and Ben Hernes-Prose Reading. **Second Place:** Eric Head-Creative Expression, Emily Kerekes-Extemporaneous Reading, Izzy Munsch-Humorous Interpretation and Annika Wheeler-Storytelling. **Third Place:** Isabell Geiger and Tabitha Thatcher-Duo Interpretation, Evan Carlson-Great Speeches, Sydney Hainy-Humorous Interpretation, Eric Head-Informative, Ameya Komaragiri-Original Oratory and Apoorva Komaragiri-Prose Reading. **Fourth Place:** Bergen Senf-Discussion, Ben Hernes and Emma Koehler-Duo Interpretation and Kacie Brookens-Prose Reading. **Fifth Place:** Kara Fischer-Dramatic Interpretation, Apoorva Komaragiri and Izzy Munsch-Duo Interpretation, Lily Steuber-Extemporaneous Speaking and Flavia Correa-Poetry Reading. **Sixth Place:** Faith Heille-Dramatic Interpretation, Paige Linse-Humorous Interpretation and Flavia Correa-Original Oratory. **Finalist:** Angelica Kerekes- Informative. (submitted photo)

2018 Pork Producers Banquet

The Martin County Pork Producers 2018 banquet will be held Monday, March 26th at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The banquet menu includes pork chops prepared by the Martin County Pork Producers with side dishes by Nancy

Jo's Catering. Cost for the banquet is \$15. Tickets will be available starting at 5:45.

Meet Brad Greenway, the recipient of the 2016 America's Pig Farmer of the Year. The award is designed to recognize a pig farmer who excels at raising pigs using the "We Care" ethical prin-

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Memberships in the Martin County Pork Producers are \$10 per year or \$25 for three years for Producer Members and \$20 per year for Associate Members.

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Family and Consumer Science 7

Mrs. Tonder's Family and Consumer Science 7 classes at Fairmont Area Jr./Sr. High School have been busy working in the kitchen labs.

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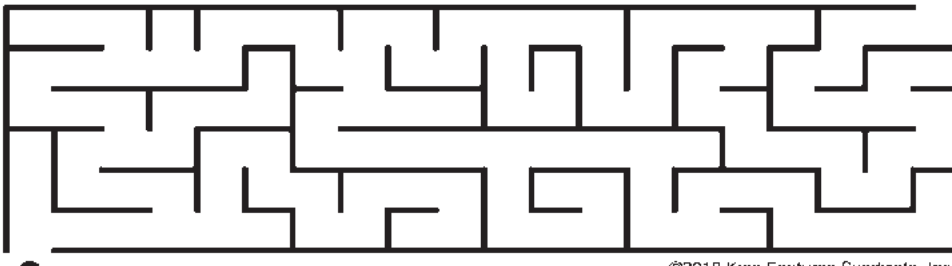
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Jeff's Jottings!



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MON: K-6: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick, ham & cheese sandwich, green beans, celery sticks, blueberries, pineapple tidbits. **JR/HS:** Tator tots casserole, dinner roll, green

beans, celery sticks, carrots, banana, peaches.
TUE: K-6: Ckn nuggets, dinner roll, ham & turkey chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, orange, pears. **JR/HS:** Swedish meatballs, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, peas, cucumbers, broccoli, pears, orange.
WED: K-6: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, ham & cheese sandwich, dinner roll, tator tots, baked beans, apple, peaches. **JR/HS:** Lasagna style pasta bake, breadstick, carrots, caesar salad, pepper strips, grapes, pineapple tidbits.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
ST. JOHN VIANNEY
FAIRMONT**

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MAR 22 - 28

THUR: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick, caesar salad, fruit cocktail.
FRI: Bean & cheese quesadilla, brown rice, refried beans, cucumbers, applesauce.
MON: Tator tot casserole, dinner roll, green beans, banana.
TUE: Swedish meatballs, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, peas, pears.
WED: Lasagna pasta bake, breadstick, carrots, pineapple tidbits..

TRUMAN AREA

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MAR 22 - 28

THUR: BBQ ckn wrap, tator tots, veggies, fruit salad.
FRI: Max sticks, corn, spinach salad, fruit.
MON: No school.
TUE: Pizza, green beans, veggies, pineapple tidbits.
WED: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, hot apple slices.

**ST. JAMES
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Menus subject to change.

MAR 22 - 28

THUR: Sloppy joe, fries, coleslaw, applesauce.
FRI: Ckn noodle hot dish, carrots, bread, pears.
MON: Ckn fajita, cheese, banana.
TUE: Italian dunker, green beans, strawberries, cupcake.
WED: No school.

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MAR 22 - 28

THURS: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, rice pudding.
FRI: Golden broil fish, creamed potatoes, beets, cake.
MON: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, pumpkin dessert.
TUE: Chicken strips, potato salad, green beans, cake.
WED: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed corn, cherry crisp.

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by Linda Thistle

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- (tie) Nashville, Tenn.
- (tie) Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va.

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OBITUARY notices

Leonard L. Wendt, 90



Funeral Services for Leonard L. Wendt, 90, of Fairmont, were held Wednesday morning, March 21st, 2018, at Zion

Lutheran Church in Fraser Township. Burial was in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont. Leonard passed away Friday morning, March 16th, 2018, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Leonard Lloyd Wendt was born December 5th, 1927, in Waverly Township, rural Martin County, the son of Emil and Meta (Peymann) Wendt. He began his education attending District #54 country school in Waverly Township before attending parochial school at Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township where he served on various boards. He was also a member of the Experimental Aircraft

School.

At the age of 18, Leonard enlisted with the United States Army where he served his country during the occupation of Japan and received his honorable discharge August 10th, 1947.

On February 27th, 1950, Leonard was united in marriage to LeNore Pennington at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home on the Wendt Family Farm in Waverly Township and were blessed with four children, Clayton, Lauralee, Jennifer and Christopher.

Leonard loved life on the farm and enjoyed working the land. He also found a passion for flying, especially his J-3 Cub and earned his commercial

pilot's license as well as receiving his float plane rating. When not sharing his passion for flying with numerous people, Leonard also found great joy in flying model airplanes in his later years. He was a member of the Martin County Fair Board and enjoyed his time in helping with Fairmont Raceway. Leonard was a self-taught mechanic as any good farmer is and enjoyed tinkering on things and was took pride in showing the younger generation how to splice hay rope. Faith was extremely important to Leonard and he was a devoted member of Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township where he served on various boards. He was also a member of the Experimental Aircraft

Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Elm Creek Flyers. Leonard also had a passion for animals and throughout the years took in many orphaned squirrels, raccoons, and various other animals. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, LeNore Wendt of Fairmont; children, Clayton Wendt of Lino Lakes, MN, Lauralee Silker of Waukegan, IA, Jennifer (Brent) Oberdieck of Fairmont, and Christopher (Nina) Wendt of Rochester; grandchildren, Sheri (Randy) Nelsen, Wendy (Dana) Edlund, Shawn (Sandy) Edlund, Heather Massie, Jakob

(Erin) Silker, Cody (Mollie) Wilhite, Logan Silker, Zakery Silker, Evan (Ashlee) Oberdieck, Katherine Wendt, Maria Wendt, and Anna Wendt; 10 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Meta (Peymann); brothers, Orval and Marland; sisters, Dolores and infant Lavonne; daughter in law, Lynda Wendt; and grandson-in-law, David Massie.

The family requests memorials be given in Leonard's name to the EAA Young Eagles Fund and the Martin County Humane Society.

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Sonija R. DeVries, 71



A celebration of life service for Sonija R. DeVries, 71, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 24th, 2018, at Beth-

el Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. A private family burial will be held at a later date at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 23rd, 2018, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church. Sonija passed away Saturday morning, March 17th, 2018, surrounded by her husband and daughters at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Sonija Rae (Christensen) DeVries was born December 8th, 1946,

in Sleepy Eye, MN, the daughter of Arnie Matthias and Evelyn Katherine (Dittbenner) Christensen. She began her education attending country school and graduated from Morgan High School. Sonija went on to further her education at Mankato State University.

On May 1st, 1965, Sonija was united in marriage to Cornelius "Neil" Junior DeVries in Mankato. Together the couple lived in Wisconsin and Minnesota before making their home in Fairmont where they purchased a ServiceMaster franchise. After retiring, Sonija and Neil volunteered at the Rio Grande Bible Institute where they

later attended Spanish language school prior to becoming short-term missionaries in Costa Rica for three years.

Sonija loved the Lord Jesus and was a member of Bethel Evangelical Free Church and the Gideons Auxiliary. She happily served as a leader of Women's Bible Studies, a Deaconess, an AWANA leader, a VBS leader, and as a Sunday school teacher. After her Savior, Sonija loved her family and others. Sonija was an avid game player, especially Scrabble. She loved traveling with her dear husband, Neil, family, and friends. She faithfully attended sporting events and activi-

ties for her children and grandchildren, logging many miles in the process.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Neil DeVries; daughters, Chris (Bill) Krumholz, Tonja (Tim) Smick, Andrea (Michael) McCarron, and Leah Jorgenson (Tom Korth); grandchildren, Willis Krumholz (Alyssa Robinson), Kellie (Beckett) Witzke, Katie Krumholz, Anna (Alex) Voyles, Steven Krumholz, Theo Krumholz, Sarah Krumholz, Calvin Smick, Spencer Smick, Stuart Smick, (Ginelle Smick), Hayley McCarron, Tanner McCarron, Evelyn Jorgenson (Timmy Kue), and Christian Jorgenson; great

grandchildren, Sierra Smick, AlmaLeigh Voyles, and Wolfgang Witzke; sisters Lucille Doss and Karen Christensen; sisters-in-law Bernice (Bert) Brouwer, Carol Van Dam, Betty (Louie) Toering; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Sonija was preceded in death by her parents, Arnie and Evelyn Christensen; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cornelius and Anna DeVries.

The family requests memorials be made in Sonija's name to the Gideons and Options Pregnancy Center of Fairmont.

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Vicki L. Jordan, 77



Memorial services for Victoria "Vicki" Lou Jordan, 77, of Fairmont, will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont at a later date. Visitation will be 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Vicki passed away Sunday, March 18th, 2018, at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Vicki was born on October 3rd, 1940 in Emmetsburg, IA to Harry and Julia

(Jedwski) Fordyce. She received her education from Fairmont High School and graduated with the Class of 1958. After high school, she attended Mankato State College where she earned her degree in education.

On December 23rd, 1961, Vicki was united in marriage to Bernard (Ben) Jordan at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. After their marriage, Vicki and Ben lived in Sherburn, MN, Adams, MN, Devils Lake, ND and eventually moving back to Fairmont, after their retirement. Vicki worked as a social studies and physical education teacher and as a State Program Director for REM in North Dakota. She was also a girls basketball coach for St. Mary's High School in Devils Lake, ND. While living in Adams, MN, Vicki was the first woman elected to the Adams town council. Vicki enjoyed playing party bridge, duplicate bridge, ballroom dancing and was an avid fisherman. In high school, Vicki enjoyed hunting.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ben Jordan of Fairmont; daughter, Marilyn (Joel) St. Germaine of New Town, ND; son, Tennis Scott of

Fairmont; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald (Rose) Jordan of Fairmont, Harley (Roxy) Jordan on Mound and Diane Jordan of Mound; and several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Kayle and Irene Jordan; brothers, Gordon (Arlyss) Fordyce and Dean (Betty) Fordyce; and sister, Dorothy Fordyce.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the "Dream Team" oncology nurses in Fairmont.

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DEATH notices



March 16 - Gerald A. Morris, 66, Trimont.

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March 17 - Sonija R. DeVries, 71, Fairmont.

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March 17 - Kathleen M. Picka, 75, Fairmont.

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March 18 - Vicki Jordan, 77, Fairmont.

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In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

March 17 - Gentius L. Schriver, 86, Fairmont

March 17 - Beverly J. Ponrow, 87, Trimont

March 19 - Barbara A. Johnson, 57, Fairmont

March 20 - Roger Harris, 73, Fairmont

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only book of the Bible (KJV) that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

3. From Matthew 28, who rolled away the stone from the mouth of Jesus' tomb? *Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples*

4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, whom did He ask them to inform? *Priests, Disciples, No One, Villagers*

5. Which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? *Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus*

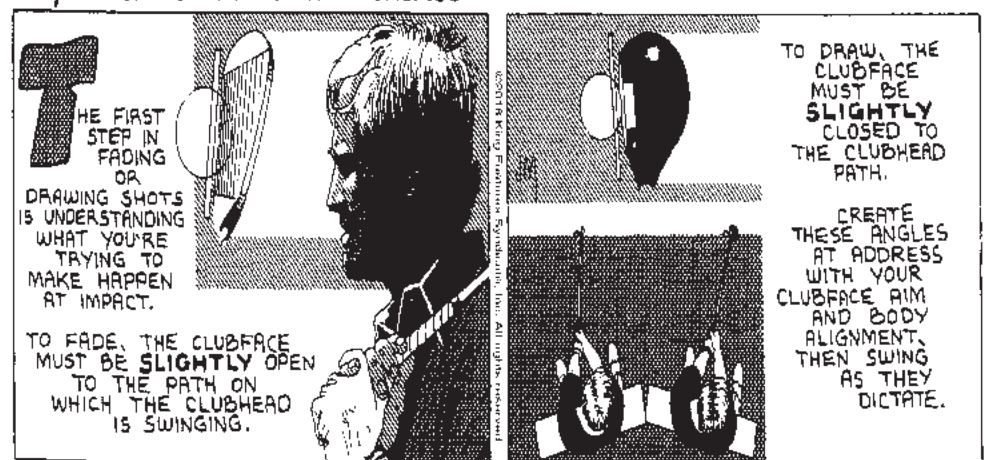
6. From Acts 1, how long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? *Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Matthew; 3) An angel; 4) Disciples; 5) Thomas; 6) 40 days

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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. The robin must dance thrice on new snow before spring doth show. I didn't



have to set my clocks ahead because I'd never set them back. Daylight saving time gives me jet lag. I'm wearing pants that are much too big for me so everyone will think I've lost weight. I just got back from taking my dog to the vet. It's just my luck to get a boxer with a glass jaw. I'm still running an indoor trapline. I had a lot of uninvited mice in the house this year. It was either that or become a weasel whisperer and get myself an ermine. Speaking of weasels, my neighbor Weasel thinks time is money. I don't buy that. His brother opened his electric bill and his water bill at the same time. He got quite a shock. Weasel has an idea for an El-

vis Presley steak house. It will be for people who "love meat tender."

Naturally

The weather was abnormal. That's normal, but we gain over 90 minutes of daylight in March.

A Cooper's hawk waited in ambush in tangled vegetation not far from my feeders. To the hawk, the birdfeeder provides birds for eating. It was a female hawk, as female raptors are generally larger than the males. Cooper's hawks and sharpshinned hawks look similar. A sharpie male is the size of a blue jay and a Cooper's female the size of a crow. A sharpie's tail tip is generally squared and a Coop's rounded, but this identification hint isn't infallible. I didn't find the hawk on my own. The blue jays located it and had a collective cow, drawing my attention in the process.

In the darkness, I heard a fox bark, sounding like a decaffeinated Chihuahua. In the light of the day, I heard a starling doing the call of a hawk.

Each day brings some oddities, beginning with a glance in my mirror.

The weather is odd by nature. According to the U.S. Climate Data, in 2010 we had no snowfall in my yard during the month of March. That was an odd thing. So was the goose that laid the golden egg and a cardinal, which was yellow instead of red, likely due to a genetic mutation, seen in Alabama.

Pierre Salinger said, "The things that stand out are often the oddities."

Q-and-A

Marge Bute of Alden asked why chickadees don't feed in a group? I have seen young ones feeding together at a feeder and chickadees do form feeding flocks in winter, but a chickadee likes it space. Chickadees have a pecking order, a strict hierarchy that determines who eats first. As a dominant bird feeds, those lower on the organizational chart perch with empty bills. Chickadees are low on the pecking order of all feeder birds, so they fly into a feeder, grab a seed and depart. They stay out of the way of others. Dawdling at a feeder increases the chance of predation.

A chickadee caches food, hiding seeds in its territory. They are social birds, but seldom perch within several feet of one another while eating or grabbing grub. Maybe

dreds of boxes run from the Minnesota to Missouri lines, but the DNR has discontinued the program.

Sharon Brush of New Ulm asked why there are



MERLIN, by Al Batt

they don't like eating in front of others.

"What are the wooden boxes on the highway signs on I-35 in Iowa for?" In 1983, the Iowa DNR began placing American kestrel nest boxes on road signs along I-35. Hun-

no birds at her feeder. When I started feeding the birds, I kept the feeder indoors. Big mistake. Make sure the feeder is clean. If seed dries out or becomes moldy, birds turn up their beaks to it. If its nutritional value has lessened, they find it less desirable. This is espe-

cially true if they're able to find food elsewhere. If natural foods are plentiful, birds can become scarce at feeders. Your feeder is but a part of the bird buffet. Your neighbor's feeder could be stealing them. Feeding sunflower seeds is usually a good way to attract avian customers. There could be a predator in the area. A cat or hawk can cause birds to disappear. You could move the feeder if nothing else works. Birds move. They have wings. They'll be back.

"How big a litter does a coyote have?" Typically, five to seven pups are born in April. When they're eight to 12 weeks old, their mother teaches them to hunt. From autumn until mid-winter, the pups leave the den and search for their own territories.

Thanks for stopping by "Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush." - Doug Larson

"The struggle ends when gratitude begins."-- Neale Donald Walsch DO GOOD.

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REA's 2018 Youth Tour winners

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, salutes the winners in its 2018 Youth Tour Contest.

Winning the grand prize was Sarah Holmberg, Lakefield; she won Federated's free trip to Washington, D.C. June 9-14. Holmberg is the daughter of Mark and Ramona. Sarah is a senior at Jackson County Central.

She will be among 1,500 teenagers from across the country participating in Youth Tour,

which is sponsored by electric cooperatives. She will tour the D.C. memorials and sites, witness Congress in session, visit with legislators and enjoy an evening dinner theater, while learning about cooperatives.

Second and third place awards of \$150 and \$100 were awarded to Emily Paplow and Lydia Steinhaus. Paplow received second place. She is the daughter of Cory and Lisa, Lakefield. She

is a senior attending Jackson County Central High School.

Steinhaus is a sophomore at Martin Luther High School. She is the daughter of Paul and Lynn, Fairmont.

The other two finalists were Eric Head, Fairmont, and Amber Ruthenbeck, Okabena. Head is a junior at Fairmont Senior High School and is the son of Jim and Amy. Ruthenbeck is a freshman at Heron Lake-Okabena; she is the daughter of Les and Lori.

Each applicant completed an application and an essay on an energy-related topic. Eight students entered the contest. The

applicants also received a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com. The finalists were called back for personal interviews March 19th.

"Federated is proud to sponsor this contest," said General Manager Scott Reimer. "It's an investment in our youth and future. This trip gives local teens exposure to our industry and government in action. These are our future leaders and I'm happy to report that we are in good hands."

Federated, your local Touchstone Energy partner, is a cooperative that provides electric service to 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.



(Seated): Sarah Holmberg, Lakefield, won Federated's free trip to Washington, D.C. in the Youth Tour Contest. Lydia Steinhaus, Fairmont, won third place and \$100. (Inset photo) Emily Paplow, Lakefield, won second place and \$150. (Back): Other finalists were: Eric Head, Fairmont; and Amber Ruthenbeck, Okabena.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MRCI thanks Valero-Welcome

MRCI WorkSource – Fairmont would like to thank Valero Renewables – Welcome plant for their generous donation of \$10,000. This was presented on March 1st, 2018 by Valero Renewables Welcome Plant Manager Nicole Gries, and Valero employees Jacque Nowicki, Lap Manager; Tonya Klunder, HSE Manager; Sandy Gries, Office Coordinator; Tom Hilpiper, Production Manager; and Josh McCarthick, Distillers Grain Sales Rep to MRCI Branch Manager at a gathering of clients and staff from MRCI WorkSource – Fairmont.

Valero received a company bonus prize for achieving the highest percentage to goal of all Valero ethanol plans during the company's 2018 United Way pledge campaign held last fall.

Valero earned the

bonus prize for the charity of its choice by pledging more than \$41,000 to the local United Way for 2018; approximately 138% of its goal; and the highest of Valero's 11 ethanol plants. With a company match, the site's total contribution to United Way of Fairmont is projected at approximately \$61,000.

This is an unexpected boost which we will use for client programming activities and equipment. Some of our plans are to explore the surrounding communities through field trips; purchase a lift chair and glider rocker for our indi-

viduals who are dealing with brain injuries and/or dementia/Alzheimer's; add to our weekly music activity with more instruments and songbooks; and update our electronics with a SMART TV and touch-screen computer. We will put this gift to good use in ways that will increase client engagement and skill building.

Thank you so very much for this amazing gift.

Ramona Harper,
Branch Manager
MRCI WorkSource –
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Michele Renee Anderson, Michelle R. Anderson to Erin C. Meyers, Kent O. Meyers, Lots 3, 4, 5, Block 1, Ufkens Addn., Sherburn

Daniel A. Thate, Debra J. Thate to Brian L. Thate, Pt. Und. 1/2 Int., SW¼SE¼, 28-102-30

Sierra Flohrs, Sierra Peterson, Zachary Thomas Peterson to Monica Heckard, Lots 1 and 2, Block 29, Original Plat Triumph

Linda K. Barutt, Atty.-in-fact, Harold I. Nowak, Joan B. Nowak to Harold I. Nowak and Joan B. Nowak Revocable Trust, Harold I. Nowak, Trustee, Joan B. Nowak, Trustee, Pt. Govt. Lot 1, NW¼, 34-103-32, Lot 3, Arlorn Acres Subd.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Cynthia C. Bebernes, Thomas D. Bebernes to Thomas D. Bebernes, Trustee, Thomas D. Bebernes Revocable Trust, Und. 1/2 Int. SE¼, 23-102-31

Eldon Peterson, Debra Peterson to Don Thom, Pt. Govt. Lot 7, SE¼, Pt. SW¼SE¼, Pt. S½SW¼, 29-101-31

Mary M. Peterson to Jeffery S. Wiebe, Robin M. Wiebe, William P. Wiebe, E.65', N.40' Lot 2, E.65' Lot 1, Block 2, Maple Grove Ext. Wards Central Addn.

David O. Krumwiede to Marlene K. Krumwiede, Lots 8 and 9, Block 7, Original Plat Monterey

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TRUSTEE DEEDS

Debra Peterson, Jan Anderson Supplemental Needs Trust to Don Thom, Pt. Govt. Lot 7, SE¼, Pt. SW¼SE¼, Pt. S½SW¼, 29-101-31

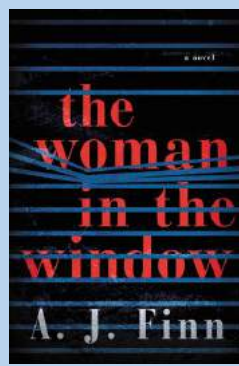
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FROM THE STACKS

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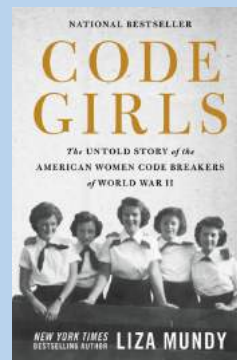


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By Jenny Trushenski, Library Director

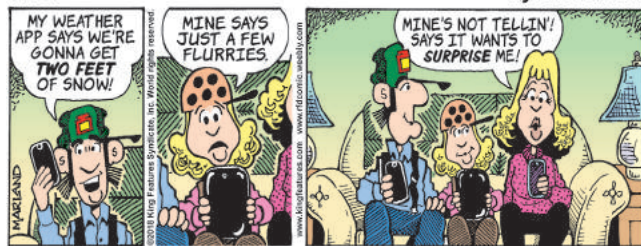
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June 23 rd	Doug and Myrna Whitesell Estate Antique & Collectible Auction 10:00 am North of Armstrong, IA
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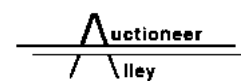
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Southern Stars Volleyball of Fairmont team 14U prepares to receive a serve during the Albert Lea tournament held last Saturday. (submitted photo)



#5 Skye Dobie (right) looks on as Kinze Stradtman prepares to pass the ball. (submitted photo)



Team members for the Southern Stars Volleyball of Fairmont Team 14U gather in a show of unity in preparation for play last Saturday. (submitted photo)

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows and their tongue a sharp sword. Be exalted above the heavens, O God; let Your glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 57:4,5

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It was an exciting moment when Courtney Williams, Fairmont Area High School senior, signed her letter of intent to play softball for Bethany College. Pictured in back row is Courtney's family: Mother Karla Williams, brother Brett Williams, and father Wade Williams. Front row: Head softball coach, Haley Loerts, Courtney Williams, asst. softball coach Tom Seifert. (submitted photo)



Celebrating the agriculture industry

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"National Ag Week" is being celebrated March 18th-24th in Minnesota, as well as across the United States, with Tuesday, March 20th, designated as "National Ag Day". As we celebrate "National Ag Week", it is a good time to reflect on all the traditions and advancements that help make the U.S. and Minnesota agriculture industry truly remarkable.

Following are some brief highlights of Minnesota's Agriculture Industry:

- Minnesota had a total of 73,200 farms in 2017, which compares to 80,992 farms as recently as 2007. Minnesota ranks 9th in total farm numbers, with the top five states being Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, and California.
- 47,800 of the Minnesota farms in 2017, or 65 percent, had gross sales of less than \$100,000.00 for the year, while 5,300 farms, representing only 7 percent of the total farms, had gross sales exceeding \$1 million in 2017.
- Approximately 88 percent of Minnesota's farms are family or individually owned, while another 10 percent of farms

are partnerships and corporations, mostly held by families.

- There were approximately 25.9 million acres of land in production in Minnesota during 2017, which is about at the same level as for the four previous years (2013-2016).
- The average farm size in Minnesota in 2017 was 354 acres, which is up one acre from 2016, and compares to 348 acres in 2013.
- Minnesota crop production accounted for over \$9.5 billion in total production value in 2017, which was led by corn at \$4.5 billion and soybeans at \$3.5 billion.
- Minnesota typically ranks 1st nationally in sugar beet, sweet corn, and green pea production, and usually ranks 3rd or 4th in corn, soybean, and spring wheat production.
- Minnesota ranks 1st in the U.S. in turkey production, usually ranks 2nd or 3rd in hog production, 3rd or 4th in overall red meat production, 6th in cheese production, and 8th in milk production.
- Minnesota ranked 4th nationally in total ag exports, trailing only California,

Iowa and Illinois. The State's exports were valued at over \$7.1 billion in 2016, with the top export products being soybeans, corn, feed, and pork, with exports of wheat, dairy products, and beef growing rapidly. The State's main ag export markets are Canada, Mexico and China.

- Minnesota ranks 4th in the U.S. in ethanol production, with 20 ethanol plants producing over 1.2 billion gallons of ethanol per year, which includes several ethanol plants in Southern Minnesota.
- Minnesota's ethanol industry generates an estimated \$6.7 billion in economic output, as well as being responsible for more than 17,900 jobs. Iowa leads the nation with 43 ethanol plants, which produce nearly 4.2 billion gallons of ethanol annually.
- According to a recent survey, 4 in 5 Minnesotans say that farming is very important to the Minnesota economy, and 75 percent of Minnesotans have a positive view of farmers, even though only 38 percent indicated that they actually know a

farmer.

- Based on the annual Farm Business Management Summary of over 1,100 operations in Southern and Western Minnesota, the average farm spent a total of nearly \$845,000 in 2016 on crop and livestock input costs, hired labor, interest expense, real estate taxes, capital purchases, and family living expense. Most of those dollars were spent in the regional community.
- In a recent survey, over 95 percent of Minnesota residents, and a similar percentage of the State's farmers, believe that protecting Minnesota's water resources is important.
- In addition to the direct employment for farm production, Minnesota's agriculture industry provides an estimated 63,800 jobs in the food processing and manufacturing sector.

Following are some interesting statistics about today's U.S. Agriculture Industry:

- Based on 2017 USDA National Agriculture Statistics (NASS) data, the total number of farms in the U.S. in 2017 was estimated at 2.05 million. Overall, U.S. Farm numbers have been declining since World War II; however, farm numbers have been more stable since 1992.
- There was a total 910

million acres of land in farms in the U.S. in 2017, which declined about one million acres from 2016, and has declined by over one percent since 2007. The average U.S. farm size in 2017 was 444 acres, which has increased slightly in recent years.

- According to 2017 USDA data, 50 percent of the U.S. farms had gross sales of less than \$10,000 per year, and 80 percent of all farms had gross annual sales of less than \$100,000. Eight percent of all U.S. farms had gross sales exceeding \$500,000 in 2017, and less than 4 percent of all farms had annual gross sales exceeding 1 million dollars.
- For the 2017-18 crop year, USDA is estimating that approximately 5.5 billion bushels of corn will be used for U.S. ethanol production. There are 201 operating ethanol plants in the U.S., producing just over 16.2 billion gallons of ethanol.
- The U.S. farmer of today produces enough food and fiber for about 165 people. This number compares to 19 people in 1940, 46 people in 1960, and 115 people in 1980.
- Farmers receive just over 17 cents of every consumer dollar that is spent on food. The other 83 cents of the food dollar is spent on processing, packaging, marketing, transportation, distribution, and other costs in the

retail food supply.

- One acre of wheat will yield about 50 bushels per acre and will produce over 2,500 loaves of bread, or over 50 loaves of bread per bushel of wheat. If a farmer is paid \$4.50 per bushel for wheat from the farm, the wheat cost in a two-pound loaf of bread is only about 11 cents per loaf. (Est. retail value of a loaf of bread is about \$2.99/loaf).
- Following is the farmer's share of some other common food products, and the (est. retail value), as of February, 2018, based on USDA average prices: Bacon - \$.66/lb. (\$5.63/lb.); Sirloin Steak - \$1.90/lb. (\$8.99/lb.); Boneless Ham - \$.66/lb. (\$5.99/lb.); Milk - \$1.48/gal (\$4.49/gal.); Eggs - \$1.34/doz. (\$2.19/doz.); Breakfast Cereal - \$.05/box (\$5.09/box); Potatoes - \$.57/five lbs. (\$4.49/five lbs.); Tomatoes - \$.80/lb. (\$4.51/lb.).

As we celebrate National Ag Week, everyone should take time to appreciate the abundant supply of safe and affordable food and energy that is provided by farmers and the U.S. agriculture industry!

(NOTE --- Facts listed in this article are from USDA, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, National Farmers Union, American Farm Bureau, National Corn Growers Association, and other sources.)

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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5	9	8	1	2	7	6	3	4
6	5	4	7	3	8	9	2	1
9	8	3	5	1	2	4	6	7
2	1	7	6	4	9	5	8	3



Uptown Kiwanis donated books to the St. John Vianney Preschool and Kindergarten students for them to enjoy at home. Marissa Johnson, Uptown Kiwanis member, read a book to the students about friendship. (submitted photo)

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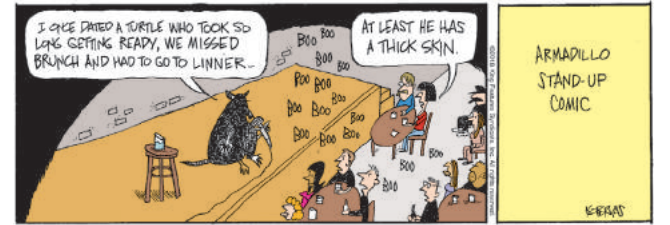
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