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BREVIG - Tricia Brevig and Kelly (Wolter) Brevig were married at First Congregational UCC in Sherburn on November 14th, 2015 with Pastor Susan Lester officiating. Parents are James and Patricia Johnson of Mankato, Larry and Marcy Brevig of Kensett, Iowa and Diane Brevig and friend Evie Adams of Fairmont. The reception was held at Holiday Inn in Fairmont. Kelly works at Parks of Minnesota in Welcome and is a volunteer on the Sherburn Fire and Ambulance Department. Tricia works at AGCO in Jackson and is a volunteer on the Sherburn Fire and Ambulance Department. Both Kelly and Tricia own Brevig Painting and More. Kelly and Tricia live in Sherburn.

Masonic Scholarship Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner March 8

The Chain Lake Masonic Lodge of Fairmont is once again sponsoring the Masonic Scholarship fundraising spaghetti dinner!

Over the past 46 years, the Masons have awarded over 240 scholarships to graduating seniors of Martin County high schools. They are again awarding ten scholar-

ships to an institute of higher learning to those seniors who qualify.

The all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner will be Tuesday, March 8th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Cost is \$7 for adults, children age six and under are free. The event is open to the public.

Marriage License Applications

Ashley Marie Perez and Kenneth Alan Arndt
Ashlee Christine Wiebe and Evan Brent Oberdieck
Kevin Eugene Tonne-son and Julie Ann Schulz

There will be an open house bridal shower for **Molly Schwiager**, bride to be of **Curt Bargfrede**, on Saturday, March 12th at 9:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Fraser Township, rural Fairmont. All family and friends are invited. Molly and Curt are registered at WalMart, Kohls and JCPenney's.

The public is invited to a "Mission M" meeting at First Congregational UCC Church in Fairmont on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for a community project to support the Madelia relief efforts. Contact David Adams for more information at 236-7040.

The **retired Martin County Highway workers** and their spouses will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, March 8th at 8:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.



ZIEMER 90TH - Irene Ziemer of Fairmont will be turning 90 years old on Thursday, March 11th, 2016 and would like to have birthday cake and coffee with you. Join Irene at the Salvation Army Community Center on Saturday, March 12th between noon and 4:30 p.m. In lieu of gifts, please bring a food item for the food shelf.

Odin Cartographer and Fiber Artist to appear at Opera House

An exhibition by Shelley Cords-Swanson, a cartographic and fiber artist from Odin, opens in the Arneson Gallery of Light at the Fairmont Opera House Friday evening, March 4th, in conjunction with a concert by The Hunts.

"It seems quite natural that thinking creatively

something tangible."

Shelley earned a Master of Arts degree in Geography at MSU and spent a year teaching geography at Gustavus Adolphus College, followed by 16 years teaching geography courses at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She served as a cartograph-



has become so much a part of who I am," says Shelley Cords-Swanson, who grew up in Lake Crystal. "I was fortunate to have parents who were actively engaged in creative pursuits. Dad was forever building this and remodeling that, while Mom was always busy refinishing furniture, teaching crafts and exhibiting her own artwork at area galleries. I was continually exposed to and influenced by their way of thinking. Not only that, I developed many useful skills which have enabled me to take an idea and transform it into

ic consultant for many years. She has retired from teaching to devote her time toward creating new fiber pieces, exhibiting her work and giving lectures about the Cartographic Art. Shelley lives on a farm near Odin, MN.

Shelley has exhibited her work in galleries throughout Southern Minnesota and Northwest Iowa, as well as in South Dakota, Nebraska, Indiana and New York. Her FOH exhibit will be on display through the spring during regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and during Opera House events.

Create and Learn with Bunnies

Create and learn with bunnies, at the Red Rock Center Saturday, March 12th. Ages 4 to 7, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; 8 and up, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.

Hop on over to the art studio and learn about the bunny and create a bunny-themed art project just in time for Easter. Students will engage in a live bunny demonstration and experiment with

a variety of paints and mixed media to create a bunny masterpiece.

All supplies are included, just wear your paint clothes. Bunnies compliments of Haley and Heather Trumpold, Martin County 4-H.

Pre-registration is required through CER at fairmont.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=community or by phone 507-235-3141.

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Businesses of the Year at Annual Fairmont Chamber Banquet

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet last week at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

One of the highlights of the banquet was naming of the Large, Small and Rising Star business members of the local Chamber.

In the Large Business category, (15 or more employees), nominees were Mayo Clinic Health System, Profinium and Valero Renewables. Mayo was winner in this

division.

Small Business (under 15 employees), nominees were Carstensen Cabinetry and Woodworking, Cup 'N Saucer and Seifried Portrait Design. The Cup 'N Saucer won this division.

Rising Star (less than three years in business) nominees were Align Chiropractic and Acupuncture, Cup 'N Saucer and Fairmont CrossFit. The Cup 'N Saucer also won this category.

Heaven's Table Food Shelf to Hold Annual Meeting Saturday

Heaven's Table Food Shelf will hold their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 at Fairmont United Methodist Church.

The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a light lunch, followed by updates on NAPS, Backpack program, the Sherburn location and services available to Martin County

residents.

Remember that your donations during the month of March, which is Minnesota Food Share Month, increase the food shelf's ability to help hungry people.

For more information, contact Heaven's Table at 238-5424 or by mail at P.O. Box 745, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Martin County Pork Producers Name 2016 Pork Ambassador

Samuel Baker, of Sherburn, son of Ryan and Michele, was named 2016 Martin County Pork Producer Ambassador.

Samuel receives a \$1,500 scholarship, will read his winning essay at the Martin County Pork Producers banquet on March 23rd and will compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador at Farm Fest in August. First

runner-up was Seth Melson of Trimont, son of Tracy and Beth. Second runner-up was Jacob Ebeling, son of Cory and Stacy. Seth and Jacob will also receive scholarships and have the option to compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador. Congratulations to these individuals.

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Mankato Symphony Orchestra Performing Music on the Hill

The Mankato Symphony Orchestra will be performing its "Jerusalem" string quartet concert as a part of its Music on the Hill series on Sunday, March 6th, at 2:00 p.m. It will be located in the Our Lady Of Good Counsel chapel. There is a charge.

This all-strings program features Kodaly's difficult, gypsylike duo for violin and cello, and Argentinian composer Osvaldo Golijov's Tenebrae, a rare work that both evokes pristine beauty and resonates of deep pain, depending upon the listener's perspective. Bookending these gems are pillars of the string quartet repertoire, Haydn's delightful "Joke" quartet and Beethoven's disturbing "Seroso."

This show will be the third of four chamber concerts in the Music on the Hill series this season, with the final one taking place on May 1st. The duration of the show will be approximately 90 minutes.

The chapel is located on Good Counsel Drive, off of North Riverfront Drive near Highway 14. Refreshments will be offered after the show.

Tickets can be purchased from the Mankato Symphony Office either by phone, at 507-625-8880, online at mankatosymphony.com, and at the door beginning one hour before the performance.

For more information, call the MSO office at 507-625-8880 or email at mso@mankatosymphony.com.

U.S. Bancorp Named Most Admired Superregional Bank

Fortune magazine named U.S. Bancorp the most admired superregional bank recently, the sixth consecutive year that it has topped the list.

"Integrity and ethics are fundamental to how we do business," said Richard Davis, chairman and chief

People Management, Use of Corporate Assets, Quality of Management, Financial Soundness and Long-Term Investment.

The bank was also highlighted in Fortune's accompanying story, "How the World's Most Admired Companies Are Preparing for the Future," as being no. 5 among companies in all industries for Quality of Management.

Fortune's lists are determined by a survey of executives, directors and analysts rating companies in their industry on a series of criteria. Click here to read about Fortune's methodology.



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Rhiannon Gochenour joins Thrivent Financial in Fairmont

Rhiannon Gochenour of Mankato has joined Thrivent Financial as an associate representative with Scott Fuhrman's Regional Financial Office. Gochenour offers comprehensive financial strategies, personal customer



service and a wide range of financial products. Her office is located at 301 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont.

Before joining Thrivent Financial, Gochenour worked at Sanford Health

and the Mayo Clinic Health System and graduated from Briar Cliff University, in Sioux City, Iowa, receiving a bachelor's degree in Sports Science. She also graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato, receiving a master's degree in Exercise Physiology.

"We see Rhiannon as a valuable addition to our office's field staff," said Scott Fuhrman, Financial Consultant in the Regional Financial Office. "We look forward to the energy and dedication Rhiannon will bring to the team. She will play a key role in serving our members' financial needs."

Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously.

Hy-Vee Recalls Private Label 2-ounce Macadamia Nuts

Hy-Vee, Inc., based in West Des Moines, Iowa, is voluntarily recalling Hy-Vee 2-ounce Macadamia Nuts because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

Hy-Vee 2-ounce Macadamia Nuts were distributed to all of Hy-Vee's 240 grocery stores across its eight-state region of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The product comes in a blue-colored 2-ounce plastic bag and it was sold between July 2nd, 2015 and Feb. 3rd, 2016. Below is the product code and date information that can be found

in the mid-right column on the back of the product bag.

Name: Hy-Vee Macadamia Nuts 2oz/57g
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To date, no illnesses have been reported in connection with this product.

The potential for contamination was brought to Hy-Vee's attention after the product's supplier, Marathon Ventures, Inc., issued a voluntary recall on various retail and bulk packages containing raw macadamia nuts. The voluntary recall was issued after Salmonella positive product was found during routine product sampling. Customers who purchased Hy-Vee 2-ounce Macadamia Nuts between July 2nd, 2015 and February 3rd, 2016, should dispose of the product or return it to their local Hy-Vee store for a full refund.

For questions, please call Hy-Vee Customer Care at 1-800-772-4098.

"The Hunts" to Appear at the Fairmont Opera House Friday

The Hunts, a dynamic, alternative folk-rock of siblings, takes the Fairmont Opera House stage on Friday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m.

The band formerly called "The Hunt Family" appeared on the Opera House stage on Decem-

ages 16 to 24, twin sisters Jenni and Jessi and their five brothers Josh, Jonathan, Jordan, Justin, and Jamison all learned to sing and play violin as little kids and spent much of their childhood performing throughout their community. After



ber 12th of 2009, but at that time the sibling's parents were part of the band. "We're excited to see how the band has changed and evolved," said Jonas Nissen, Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House. The group is showcasing work from their new EP, Life was Simple.

With a harmony-laced take on alt-folk that's both breathtaking and sweetly ethereal, The Hunts are a Chesapeake, Virginia-based band made up of seven brothers and sisters who've been playing music together almost their entire lives. Ranging from

widening their following and playing at theaters and festivals around the country—and teaching themselves to play instruments like mandolin, piano, ukulele, banjo, and drums—The Hunts started experimenting with songwriting and soon brought to life a batch of songs that reveal their sophisticated sense of melody and undeniably dreamy innocence.

For more details, see the Fairmont Opera House ad in this week's Photo Press. Tickets are available at 507-238-4900 or by visiting fairmontoperahouse.com.

Pastured Livestock and Poultry Meeting March 7

Pastured Livestock and Poultry is the theme for Monday, March 7th Third Crop Producer Meeting at the Knights of Columbus in Fairmont. The meetings feature a series of speakers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The daylong event begins with a presentation by Wayne Martin, Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota, titled "Pastured Poultry: Starting Well, Finishing Strong."

At 1 p.m., Jim Wallace with Niman Ranch will lead "Why Raise Niche Market Hogs" At 2 p.m., Matt Meier with Thousand Hills Cattle will discuss "Pastured Cattle." The day's speakers will conclude with a farmer panel at 3 p.m. Mark Peterson with Old World Meats, Brooke Knisley with Alternative

Roots Farm, and Shirley Handzus with Shady Lane Farms will answer questions about raising pastured animals.

A noon lunch hour is scheduled with participants encouraged to visit local restaurants or bring their lunch with them.

The remaining Third Crop Meeting is on Pollinators on Monday, March 21st at the same place and time.

For weather related cancellations, listen to KSUM radio - 1370 AM or call Linda Meschke at 507-236-0989.

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Here's the Rub on Sports Crèmes

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center

The Winter sports season is winding down. Martin County athletes have spent the winter coming together and crossing town boundaries and old rivalries to bring out the best in each other and themselves. By now many of you have faced injuries and rehab throughout the fall and winter seasons. Many of you persevere through nagging injuries and old aches. With the Spring sports season fast approaching I thought I would again hit on the things you can do to bounce back from injuries and bring out the best in your abilities.

This article is more for those who want to be their best, but it also applies to anyone who happens to get injured while participating in athletics. The past few years have seen many teams with a very promising season end up disappointed after a key player or two receive injuries that end their season. The unfortunate thing is that very often those injuries would have responded to appropriate chiropractic care. A recent point of great interest is the ever increasing number of high school athletes becoming addicted to narcotic level pain relievers. An article in Sports Illustrated last year brought this to light. Athletes at all levels are being given powerful painkilling drugs like OxyContin, and it is leading to addiction, and sometimes the next step which is heroin addiction. This alone should push any parent to begin to look at alternatives in athletic injury and pain management. It is quite frustrating to me as a chiropractic physician to see a player I know get injured and then choose the wrong kind of care for their injury, often unnecessary surgery, more often pain pills for a sprain/strain that ends up healing poorly and limiting their performance for the rest of their high school career. There is no better proof of the amazing impact chiropractic can have than

looking at the long list of elite professional athletes that have credited chiropractic care with keeping them at their best. This list includes Emmett Smith, Joe Montana, Tom Brady, Adrian Peterson, Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky, and on.

I have seen a number of local athletes respond amazingly to chiropractic care integrated with appropriate nutritional advice. At Burtis Chiropractic we have had a number

Your body can heal at its best and fastest when the nervous system is clear and functioning without interference.

of all conference athletes as patients, not to mention state tournament participants, school and state record holders, and even quite a few of the athletes that continue their careers into college. Your body can heal at its best and fastest when the nervous system is clear and functioning without interference. This becomes important especially as you respond to injuries and a hard season. That is what chiropractic does for the athlete's body.

One of the go to products every athlete should have available on the field is Biofreeze. Biofreeze is the elite sports crème that has set the standard for sport crèmes. It has the most research behind it and is very effective at both relieving discomfort of mild sprains/strains and also stabilizes soft tissue until you can get to your chiropractor. It is 63% more effective in relieving Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness (DOMS) and a 2013 study showed it was as effective as a TENS unit in pain relief. Every player, coach, and trainer should have some readily available. The faster

inflammation can be addressed the better injuries heal. Yes, there are substitutes and cheaper brands out there. But since when do we try to save money when it comes to our kids' health?

Another important health tip is to make sure high school athletes get proper nutrition. This does not mean a sports drink and an energy bar. Proper balanced meals of high quality protein, fresh fruits and vegetables, and an appropriate amount of carbs are vital to the top performance of your athlete. Individualized plans are the best based on the kind of sport your athlete is involved in and the genetics they have been blessed with. For elite info talk to a trained sports nutritionist who knows more than just creatine and BCAA's.

For now let's go back to the topic of Biofreeze. Many people choose to treat joint inflammation and pain with anti-inflammatories. Do these actually help the injury? NO!! They only block pain which can result in people using damaged joints and making things even worse. Biofreeze reduces pain by reducing swelling and inflammation, so it actually helps the healing process. This applies whether your injury is sports practice induced, caused by an injury, or the result of gardening. Along with chiropractic and appropriately prescribed nutraceuticals, these are the only the things that will result in your body healing better! So whether you are nursing a sprain, arthritis, or plain old wear and tear, Biofreeze may be the best way to bring you relief so you can stay active while you rehabilitate.

For track athletes who want an easy and effective cure for shin splints, call me. For the rest of you, here's to a healthy Spring sports season, void of injuries, ending in victory, and most importantly, full of fun!

Local Students Compete to Spell Their Way to Washington

On Tuesday, February 23rd, 43 spellers from south central Minnesota competed in the South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) qualifier for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. These 5th-8th grade students had previously won their local bees.

After 17 rounds, Elise Weier, an eighth grade student from Shakopee Junior High West, was named champion after correctly spelling "mercize" as her championship word.

The top spellers also included second place Emily Spieker, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato; third place Lexi Fosburgh, Mount Olive Lutheran School, Mankato and Emily Sullivan, Le Sueur-Henderson Middle School. Spieker went head to head with Weier for five rounds before misspelling "babka" to allow Weier to finish in first. Fosburgh and Sullivan both went out in round 11 of the competition and had a sudden death spell off

to determine their placing.

Other participating schools included Bridges Community School, Mankato; Butterfield-Odin Schools; Cleveland Public Schools; Comfrey Public School; Eagle View Elementary School, New Prague; **Fairmont Elementary; Fairmont Jr/Sr High School;** Falcon Ridge Elementary School, New Prague; **Granada-Huntley-East Chain Schools;** Holy Cross Catholic School, Webster; Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato; Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton; Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial; Loyola Catholic Intermediate, Mankato; Maple River Middle School; **Martin County West Junior High;** Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School, Montgomery; Mountain Lake Public School; New Prague Middle School; New Ulm Area Catholic Schools; Nicollet Public School; NRHEG Secondary; Oak Crest Elementary, Belle Plaine; Pearson Sixth Grade Center, Shakopee; Raven Stream El-

ementary, New Prague; Shakopee Junior High East; Sleepy Eye Elementary School; Springfield Public Schools; St. Anne's School, Le Sueur; St. Clair Elementary; St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Savage; **St. John Vianney, Fairmont;** St. Paul's Lutheran, New Ulm; St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran; St. Wenceslaus School, New Prague; TEAM Academy, Waseca; **Truman Elementary School;** Waterville-Elysian-Morristown; and Windom Middle School.

The SCSC bee was made possible by generous sponsorships from South Central Service Cooperative, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, North Mankato Civic & Commerce Association, The Free Press, Belle Plaine Lions Club, Fairmont Rotary Club, New Ulm Kiwanis, Hexico Academic, iStar Financial, Merriam-Webster, Encyclopedia Britannica and Jay Sugarman.

Area High Schools Art Exhibit on display at Red Rock Center

The Area High School Art Exhibit is now on display at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

This show exhibits the works of 12 selected high school students from each school - Blue Earth, Fairmont, Granada-Huntley-East Chain, North Union, Martin Luther and Truman. Sixty-eight works of art on display will be on

display through March 30th.

Members of the students are encouraged to attend. The

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A closing ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 31st at 11:15 a.m. Friends and family mem-

bers of the students are encouraged to attend. The gallery is open Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and weekends by appointment (507)235-9262.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Swedish Salad

Spring is around the corner!

It was nice to have a warm day recently where we could shed our heavy winter coats! Even though the temperatures have dropped again, we know that warm weather is around the corner! Which brings to my mind salads. The recipe I am sharing with you today is one of my granddaughter Samantha's favorite salads. It keeps for at least two weeks in the refrigerator. I've had this recipe for many years and if I remember right, it was shared with me by my friend Sharon Hansen.

Swedish Salad:

1 can French style cut green beans
1 can Le Sueur peas (silver can)
1 can white shoe peg corn
1 small jar pimentos
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped red onion
1 small green pepper, chopped

Drain all vegetables, place in large bowl. Dressing as follows: 1 cup white sugar, 1/2 cup vegetable oil and 1/2 cup white vinegar. Heat together until sugar is dissolved. Cool and pour over veggies. Salt and pepper to taste.

ReUse Relmagine

Guest Columnist

Tim McConnell, Chair of ReUse Relmagine Committee

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In today's column I have more questions than answers in an attempt to provoke some thought on the topic of demolition.

To Demolish or not to Demolish, that is the question.

In our survey of the city of Fairmont we have come across some severely dilapidated structures and more often than not the reflex is to say "tear it down!" - which seems to be the best way to make the problem go away. Problem solved, right? But is

it? Now there's a blank spot. Will it get developed into something else? Will that area look like a mouth missing teeth? That particular building will never exist again. Are there any we wish we had back? Is money the only consideration? What is "salvageable"?

I have personally salvaged and renovated several properties in Fairmont that people felt should be demolished. They told me so. I have an eye for structure and layout which comes from my

construction background. I can look past peeling paint and broken windows and see the potential. Sure it costs a lot to fix up an old house, or business place, but the price can be a fraction of new as well. The key is to the decision is to try and be as realistic about the scope and costs and time involved as possible. A difficult thing.

At our last meeting we realized that if we are to recommend a building be demolished, that we should have some good

reasoning behind us - not merely that we don't like the way it looks, or some other reason mostly based on our feelings.

These are a few of the questions we at R/R are trying to decide upon in order to establish some guidelines for making sound and thoughtful recommendations to the city and or insurance companies regarding the demolition of properties in Fairmont.

We would love to hear your input on demolition or hear your stories - Help us shape our policy. Our next meeting is March 7th, at 3:30 at HyVee in the food court. Hope to see you there!

Ask A Trooper: Obstructed View and Documents for Driving a Commercial Vehicle



by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol
Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us

Question: What is the law about a disability parking certificate/tag that hangs from your rearview mirror? The instruction sheet that is mailed out by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety states, "Driving with the hang tag on your mirror could result in a ticket for obstructed view". When attempting to look out the windshield with the tag on the rearview mirror I was amazed at how much visual space is obscured. I believe it is a real safety concern when people drive with the tag on the rearview mirror.

Answer: You are correct, state statute 169.71 prohibits any objects suspended between the driver and the windshield, other than: sun visors, rearview mirrors, global positioning systems or navigation systems when mounted or located near the bottommost portion of the windshield; and

electronic toll collection devices. This law does not apply to law enforcement vehicles and other authorized emergency vehicles.

Having an object either attached to the windshield or hanging from the rearview mirror, that obstructs the driver's view, can result in a dangerous situation. The driver might not be able to see another vehicle, animal, pedestrian or bicyclist because of an object is blocking their view.

For those with a disability parking tag, keep your tag in a secured location when driving, and only put the tag up when you need to park. When you need to drive, take the tag down. This should become as much of a habit as putting your seat belt on. Those other items that people like to hang from the mirror can also cause an obstruction (air fresheners, fuzzy dice, etc.)

Law enforcement can and will conduct traffic

stops when seeing an object that is blocking the driver's view. A citation or warning will be issued to the driver. With more than 400 fatalities on Minnesota roads in 2015, the Department of Public Safety/Minnesota State Patrol is committed to making our roads safer through enforcement and education.

Question: If driving a commercial vehicle and stopped, what documents are needed to present to the Trooper. Also what do they look for if a truck is weighed?

Answer: I will list what is covered in a "level 1" inspection, done along with weight enforcement. North American Standard Inspection: An inspection that includes examination of driver's license; medical examiner's certificate and Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate (if applicable); alcohol and drugs; driver's record of duty status as required; hours of service; seat belt; vehicle inspection report(s) (if applicable); brake systems; coupling devices; exhaust systems; frames; fuel systems; light-

ing devices (head lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, turn signals and lamps/flags on projecting loads); securement of cargo; steering mechanisms; suspensions; tires; van and open-top trailer bodies; wheels, rims and hubs; windshield wipers; emergency exits and/or electrical cables and systems in engine and battery compartments (buses), and hazardous material/dangerous goods (HM/DG) requirements as applicable. HM/DG required inspection items will be inspected by certified HM/DG inspectors.

There are "Level 2" inspections, which are walk around inspections, and "Level 3" inspections, which are paperwork only. All of which include the drivers portion and registration on vehicles.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 26th Annual Silent and Live auction held by The Knights of Columbus is coming up soon! It will be held Saturday, March 19th at St. John Vianney School gym. The silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction starts at 8:30 p.m. The proceeds of the event benefit ARC and Kinship.

This event would not be possible without the support of the community! We are currently collecting donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals for the silent and live auction. Contributions of handmade or donated items are greatly appreciated! Last year the auction had grilling and cooking supplies, beauty products, decorations, artwork, sports memorabilia, cou-

pons, tickets, and certificates for MANY local businesses, and much more!

Kinship has been the lucky beneficiary of this fundraiser for many years. We are incredibly grateful for all of the ongoing support from the Knights of Columbus. Within Kinship, we are able to use donations to foster meaningful mentoring relationships for local kids. These mentoring relationships help the mentees develop self-esteem, resilience, and most importantly friendships. The amazing kids in Kinship are the ones who truly benefit from this fundraiser!

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MAR 3 - 9

Elementary hot breakfast can be found online.

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Pancake on a stick, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Cinnamon breakfast round, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple muffins, PB&J, apple slices, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Teriyaki chicken, rice, turkey and cheese sandwich, peas, broccoli, grapes, mandarin oranges & pineapple. JR/HS: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, corn, caesar side salad, carrots, apple, mixed fruit. **FRI: Breakfast** K-6: Cinnamon round, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Sausage, egg & cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheese Pizza, nachos chip & salsa lunch, carrots, caesar sal-

ad, orange, apple. JR/HS: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, three bean salad, cucumber slices, orange, pineapple tidbits. **MON: Breakfast** K-6: Breakfast pizza, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB&J, diced pears, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheeseburger, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, tator tots, caesar salad, apple, pears. JR/HS: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, carrot broccoli ranch salad, celery sticks, apple, pears. **TUES: Breakfast** K-6: Golden grahams, cracker, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: French toast sticks, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, apple, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Mini turkey

corn dogs, salad, dinner roll, baked beans, carrots, orange, applesauce. JR/HS: Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, orange, applesauce. **WED: Breakfast** K-6: Apple cinnamon texas toast, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Apple cinnamon texas toast, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, string cheese, peaches, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Spaghetti, breadstick, turkey and cheese sandwich, green beans, cucumbers, apple, peaches. JR/HS: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, cranberry spinach salad, cucumber slices, apple, peaches.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.

MAR 3 - 9

THUR: BBQ Riblette, fries, baked beans, mixed fruit. **FRI:** Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, bread, raisins. **MON:** Chicken fajita, fixings, pineapple tidbits, pudding. **TUES:** Sloppy joe, tri-tators, peas, peach crisp. **WED:** Calico beans, cheese stick, corn muffin, coleslaw, mandarin oranges.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something. — Wilson Mizner

CryptoQuote

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

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MAR 3 - 9

THUR: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato puffs, orange, milk. **FRI:** Turkey wrap, orange, lettuce salad, milk. **MON:** Rib B Q, CA blend, mixed fruit, milk. **TUES:** Lasagna, pears, beans, garlic bread, milk. **WED:** Taco salad, fixings, pears, green beans, blueberry muffin cake, milk.

What could you call a fish who's always wary and guarded? Hermin on the side of caution.

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TRUMAN AREA

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MAR 3 - 9

THUR: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, salsa, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Chicken pattie, tator tots, spinach salad, orange, apple. **FRI: Breakfast:** Pancakes, blueberry fluff, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, green beans, veggies, pineapple tidbits. **MON: Breakfast:** Banana brad, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Turkey wrap, baked beans, veggies, fruit. **TUE: Breakfast:** French toast sticks, syrup, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Ribette, potato wedges, CA blend, fruit. **WED: Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, raisins, juice. **Lunch:** Tacos, fixings, refried beans, corn, pears.

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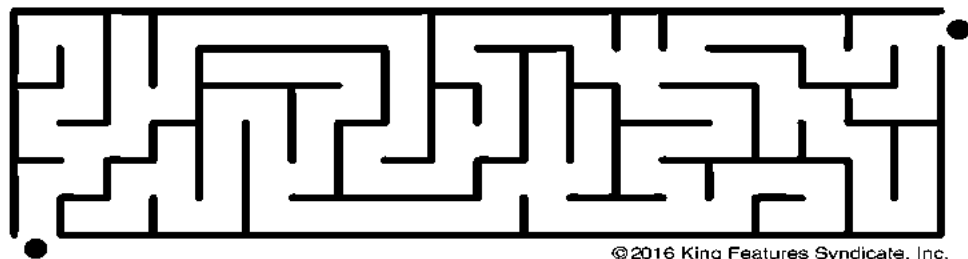
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OBITUARY notices

Ella M. Goebel, 103



Funeral Service Ella M. Goebel, 103, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, February 27th, 2016 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial was in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wilbert. Ella passed away Wednesday, February 24th, 2016 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Ella Margarete Bertha was born September 3rd, 1912 to Friedrich and Rosa (Milow) Goebel in Tenhasen Township, Minnesota. She was baptized into St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert where she was later confirmed on April 1st, 1928, and continued to practice her faith throughout her life. Growing up she attended St. Paul's Lutheran School in Wilbert.

Ella was a diligent worker on the family farm and helped with any of the chores that needed done. She enjoyed being outside and cherished the moments taking care of her nieces and nephews. Ella lived with her brother, Fred and sister, Selma on the farm until moving into the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in 2007. Ella reigned as Lakeview's Valentine Queen in 2008, and always looked forward to her brother's visits, hymn sing-alongs, the variety of programs, pet days and chapel while at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sister, Martha Schultz of Truman; thirty-three nieces and nephews; many other extended relative and countless friends.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents; siblings and their spouses: Louise Goebel, Amanda and Herbert Schroeder, Lydia and Gustav Tonne, Martin and Anna Goebel, Hannah and George Wohlrabe, Alma and Adolph Diersen, Esther and Henry Wagner, Selma Goebel, Clara and Adolph Diersen, Hilda and Harold

Heinrich, Fred Goebel and Herman Schulz; and thirteen nieces and nephews. lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Gerald "Gary" K. Lemon, 81



Funeral Services for Gerald "Gary" K. Lemon, 81, of Fairmont, were held Saturday, February 27th, 2016, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery. Gary passed away Wednesday, February 24th, 2016, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service assisted the family with arrangements.

Gerald "Gary" K. Lemon was born on January 26th, 1935, in Webster City, Iowa, the son of Kenneth and Helen (Rasmussen) Lemon. He attended school in Webster City and graduated from Webster City High School. As a young boy, Gary began his working career delivering papers on a paper route for the Freeman Journal in Webster City. By the time he was a senior in high school, Gary had worked his way up to pressman and was printing the paper.

On January 22nd, 1956, Gary was united in marriage to Janice Kramer in Clarion, Iowa. Together the couple made their home in Webster City for six years prior to moving to Fairmont in 1962. To this union four children were born, Michael, Brenda, Pamela and Mark. Gary worked his entire career in the printing business. When the family moved to Fairmont he worked for the Fairmont Sentinel as a pressman and continued working for them when they moved the press to the House of Print in Madelia. In 1976, he opened his own printing company, Central Graphics in Blue Earth. In 2012, Gary retired due to health issues but greatly missed being there on a day to day basis.

Gary loved the outdoors and cherished any opportunity to go hunting, fishing, and shooting trap. He treasured time spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and often could be found cheering them on in their favorite sport. Growing up, Gary was a member of the boy scouts and was one badge away

from earning his Eagle Scout award. As his kids grew up, he enjoyed helping forward to the Pinewood Derby and helping many boys throughout the years create their cars from a block of wood. Gary was a kind and gentle person who loved to see people be happy. His zest for life and easy going personality will be greatly missed by those that loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Janice; children, Michael Lemon, Brenda (Randy) Fretty, Pamela Wedner, and Mark (Jamie) Lemon; grandchildren, Matt Fretty, Ashley (Riley) Anderson, Alycia (Brandon) Johns, Nick Wedner, Gabby (Andrew) Karau, Jacob Lemon, and Brooke Lemon; great-grandchildren, Gunner Johns, Lily Anderson, and Emma Fretty; step-great-grandchildren, Joey Flohrs and Lucas Flohrs; brother, Ron (Nancy) Lemon; sister, Sharon Bahr; sisters-in-law, Joyce (Jim) Pruisman and Julie Hanson; brothers-in-law, Larry (Joan) Kramer, George (Mary) Kramer, Mervin (Pat) Kramer; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Alice Kramer; three brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law, and a granddaughter.

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Mary K. Steiner, 88

Mass of Christian Burial for Mary K. Steiner, 88, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, March 1st, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery near Armstrong. Mary passed away Wednesday morning, February 24th, 2016 at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled the arrangements for the family.

Mary Kathryn (Blum) Steiner was born on November 21st, 1927 in Armstrong, Iowa, the daughter of John and Byrdie (Bunt) Blum. She was united in marriage to Donald Steiner on October 17th, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong. Donald went to his eternal rest on August 27th, 1978.

Those that will cherish her memory include her two daughters, Mary Lynn Cervantes and her husband, Michael, of Fairmont, Kathleen Steiner of Fairmont; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Douglas of Rochester; other relatives and friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, John and Byrdie Blum; husband, Donald Steiner; and aunts, Jose-

phine Blum and Gertrude Ellis.

In loving tribute to Mary, please remember her in your prayers and memorials can be made to your favorite charity.

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Alexander "Alex" R. Klocek, 86



Mass of Christian Burial for Alexander "Alex" R. Klocek, 86, of Fairmont, formerly of Winnebago, will be 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Winnebago. Interment will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Winnebago with military honors provided by the Winnebago American Legion Post 82. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2nd, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Alex passed away on Thursday, February 25th, 2016, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Alexander Raymond Klocek was born December 12th, 1929, in Freeborn Township and was the son of William and Martha (Dulas) Klocek. He attended country school in Wells, Minnesota, through eighth grade.

Alex helped on the family farm until he enlisted in the U.S. Army on September 28th, 1951. He served as a sergeant with the 72nd Tank Battalion of the 2nd Division and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Camp Stars before receiving an honorable discharge on June 27th, 1953.

After returning from his service, Alex worked in road construction and carpentry until 1972, when he went to work for JM Manufacturing in Winnebago until he retired in 1994.

On September 29th, 1956, Alex was united in marriage to Phyllis Howard in Winnebago. They had four children, Kimberly, Douglas, Susan, and Craig. Phyllis passed away in 1977.

On October 24th, 1987, Alex was united in marriage to Anna Wiederhoeft. They resided in Winnebago until moving to Fairmont in 2014.

Alex attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Winnebago and was a member

of the Winnebago American Legion Post 82, Korean War Veterans Chapter 254, and Disabled American Veterans. In retirement he looked forward to helping family and friends with field work during planting and harvest. He also liked fishing, bird watching, and gardening. Alex and Ann would spend hours cracking and shelling walnuts in their basement.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ann of Fairmont; 4 children, Kimberly (Jeff) Wendt of Winnebago, Douglas Klocek of Huntley, Susan (William) Bartels of Waterloo, WI, and Craig Klocek of Dallas, TX; 6 step-children, DeeAnn (Dave) Britton of Waseca, Richard (Betty) Wiederhoeft of Fairmont, Scott (Natalie) Wiederhoeft of Rochester, MN, Tony (Heather) Wiederhoeft of Mankato, Lori (Tim) Moore of Beauford, MN, David (Heather) Wiederhoeft of Northrop; 8 grandchildren; 17 step grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 4 step great grandchildren; 3 brothers, Matt (Violet) Klocek of Albert Lea, Louie (Janice) Klocek of Wisconsin, and Kenny (Jackie) Klocek of Tennessee; 4 sisters, Evelyn Strauser of Blue Earth, Janice (Leroy) Puckett of Hudson, WI, Angie Sauer of Arizona, and Beatrice Rasmussen of California; sister-in-law, Engold Diel of Lewisville; sister-in-law, Sylvia Diel of California; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Alex was preceded in death by his first wife, Phyllis; 2 sisters, Leona and Rosie; 2 brothers, Hubert and Adrian; 7 brothers-in-law; and 2 sisters-in-law.

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James "Jim" E. Dahlstrom, 87



A Mass of Christian Burial for James "Jim" E. Dahlstrom, 87, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 4th, 2016 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will be in Rice Lake Cemetery in rural Delavan, Minnesota. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3rd, at Lakeview Funeral Home with a Prayer Service concluding at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Lakeview Funeral Home.

Jim passed away Tues-

day, February 23rd, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

James "Jim" Elmer Dahlstrom was born on January 28th, 1929 in Winnebago, the son of Elmer and Nellie (Hart) Dahlstrom. Jim grew up on a farm in the Delavan area, attended school in Delavan and graduated from Delavan High School in 1947 and then farmed with his family. In August of 1953 he married Clara Roche and they farmed and had five children together. They were later divorced. When Jim was 34, he became a State Farm Agent on June 1st, 1963. First working in Springfield, MN and then moving to Fairmont on January 1st, 1970. On July 20th, 1985, Jim married Marge Torrence. Jim retired from State Farm in March of 2000.

Jim loved his farming and made many trips to his farm in Delavan Township. Over the years he enjoyed traveling, reading and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, longtime member of the Early Risers Kiwanis Club and Jaycees.

Those that will cherish his memory include his wife, Marge of Fairmont; three daughters, Susan Fedra and her husband, Tom, of Salt Lake City, UT, Mary Dahlstrom-Salic and her husband, Jerry, of Bloomington, IN, Karen Dahlstrom and her husband, Bob Thompson, of St. Cloud; two sons, David Dahlstrom and his wife, Lori, of Bloomington, IN, Greg Dahlstrom and his wife, Ruth, of Rochester; nine grandchildren, Kent (Nicole) Fedra, Cody Fedra, David Thompson, Mike (fiancée, Alexandra Dye), Nicole Dahlstrom, Tom Thompson, Samuel, Antonella and Nicolas Dahlstrom-Afcha; one great granddaughter, Libby Fedra and one great grandson whose birth is expected at any time; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tom and Carolyn Roche, David Torrence, Jean and Paul Barnes, Barb and LeRoy Janssen, Deb Wadswley; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Carol Stevemer and her husband, John; parents-in-law, George and Mae Torrence.

Memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Autism Center, 3380 Northern Valley Place NE, Rochester, MN 55906 or St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund.

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Fairmont Student Graduates from Auctioneering School

Dylan Kallemeyn, 17, of Fairmont, recently graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering



(a.k.a. Reisch World Wide College of Auctioneering) in Mason City, Iowa earning the honorary title of Colonel on Sunday, February 21st, 2016.

The graduating class of February 2016 included 45 students covering 22 states and four countries. Dylan successfully completed the course of instruction

and training covering all phases of auctioneering taught by 22 professional instructors at the college.

Students received instruction in Real Estate, Benefit/Charity/Fundraising, Automobile, Farm, Antique and Specialty Auctions, as well as vocal training and auction law. Other subjects included business management, technology, marketing, networking, online auctions and the development of an auction chant and bid calling over eight 12-hour days. During the training, Dylan also received the real-life experience of calling a public auction sale.

The World Wide College of Auctioneering was established in 1933 and has trained more than 40,000 auctioneers throughout the United States, Cana-



Dylan, age 3, "calling bids" for his grandpa, Harland Wedel.

da and various countries throughout the world. The college, which has graduated more World Champion and International Champion auctioneers than any other school, specializes in the development of voice control, auction chant and bid calling.

Dylan is the son of Joe and Lisa Kallemeyn of

Fairmont. He began attending auctions before he could walk and by the age of three, he would sit up on the auction rack with his grandpa, Harland Wedel, and his uncle, Doug Wedel, for hours on end. Often times he would be joined by his brother, Alex, and cousins, Noah and Logan.

Financial Focus



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Should You Retire in "Stages"?

For many people, the concept of retirement can be scary, both emotionally and financially. If you, too, feel somewhat anxious about what awaits you, you might feel more comfortable in knowing that, depending on where you work, you might be able to retire in stages.

As its name suggests, retiring in stages typically involves reducing one's work hours from full-time to part-time, and then, eventually, to complete retirement. If you enjoy the social relationships of work, and you define part of your identity with what you do at your job, this type of gradual transition may be easier for you to accommodate than the abrupt transition from "worker" to "retiree."

As for the financial aspects of such a move, you will want to plan ahead. A "phased-in" retirement can affect your investment and income strategies in several areas, such as these:

- **Social Security** – You can start collecting Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will only be about 75% of what you'd get if you wait until you reach 66 (assuming that 66 is your "full" retirement age). And the payments get larger from there, until they "max out" at 70. So, if you had planned to retire at 62 but instead retired

in stages, you could possibly afford to delay taking Social Security until your checks were bigger. You could work and receive Social Security, but if your earnings exceed a certain amount, some of your benefits may be withheld, at least until you reach full retirement age – after which you can earn as much as you want with no withholding of benefits. However, your Social Security could still be taxed based on your income.

- **Required minimum distributions** – During your working years, you may well have contributed to tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But once you turn 70½, you must start taking withdrawals ("required minimum distributions," or RMDs) from these accounts. You can't delay taking these payments, which are taxable. But if you did retire in stages and continued to work part-time, past when you expected to completely retire, you may be able to stick with the required minimum withdrawals at least for a while, rather than taking out larger amounts immediately. In this way, you could potentially keep more of your retirement funds growing in your tax-deferred accounts.

- **Investment mix** – If you planned to retire at

a certain date, you might have created a specific mix of investments designed to provide you with sufficient income to last your lifetime. But if you continue to work, you may not have to rely so heavily on your portfolio – that is, your IRA, 401(k) and all investments held outside these retirement accounts – to help you meet your

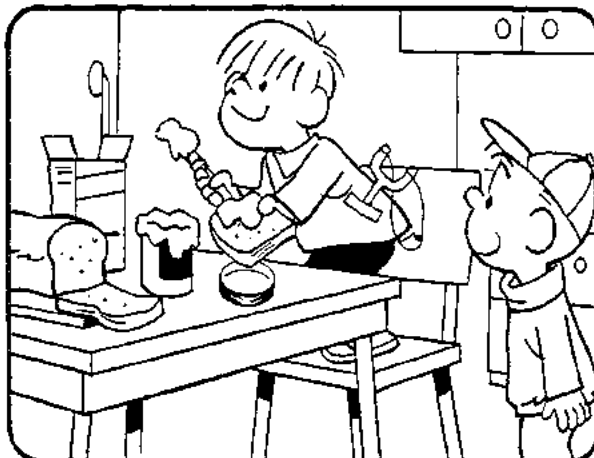
income needs. Consequently, during these extra years of work, you may be able to withdraw less from your portfolio, thus potentially having more assets to provide for your income needs down the road.

As you can see, a "phased-in" retirement could help provide you with options in making a variety of financial decisions. So, plan carefully before you exit the workforce – a gradual departure may be a good way to say "goodbye."

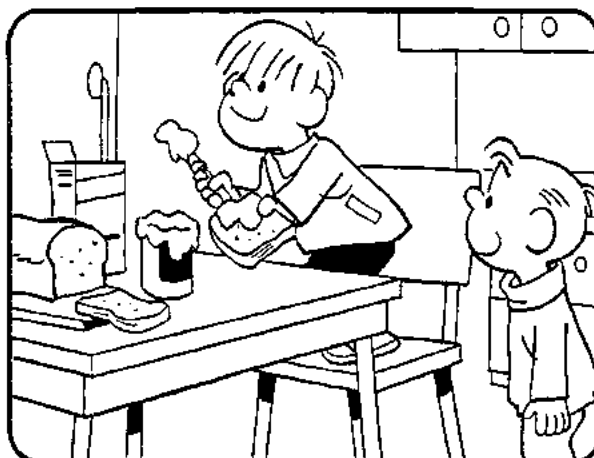
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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EARLY RISERS KIWANIS



This is what you may see if you were to visit an Early Risers Kiwanis meeting. We meet at the Ranch Restaurant on Wednesday mornings. Members usually begin arriving around 6:15 a.m., with the greeter and officers getting ready for the morning business. Each member has his or her own Kiwanis name badge to wear so guests and visitors can know who is sitting at their table.

Officially it is 6:45 a.m. when the bell is rung and the meeting opens. By then, our breakfasts have been served and tables cleared. When the bell rings, we stand to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and our Kiwanis Pledge, followed by a Prayer for the Day. Then on to "business," which includes an update on programs and projects, present and future events, a joke or two, a "thought for the day," "Happy Money," and drawing for the "quarters."

Following all this, the program is introduced. We have been fortunate to have enjoyed some great programs, which are usually presented by community members who have interesting stories to tell, information about many aspects of life to share, or local, state, national or international topics to present. Each program is about 20 minutes in length, usually with time left for questions and answers. When the program session ends, the "bell is rung" and the meeting is adjourned.

Our current membership is made up of 40 men and women from throughout the community. If you are interested in visiting, joining, or have a program to present, please contact any member, or specifically John Hovick at 235-6777, Marty Krause at 238-1185, Daron Johnson at 235-3054 or Mike Katzenmeyer at 235-9534. We will be glad you did!

Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant.
Uptown Kiwanis meets every other Tuesday at noon at Tami's on the Ave.

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

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Mrs. Schmidt's 1st grade class at Fairmont Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of school by creating 100th day sticker crowns, writing and drawing about being 100 years old, writing and counting numbers to 100, and enjoying a special 100th day snack!



Girl Scouts River Valleys Council held its annual meeting on January 30th in Rosemount, Minnesota. Representing the Martin County/Fairmont Service Unit were elected voting delegates Courtney Lopau (left) and Emma Ward (right), pictured with Michele Azar, the newly elected River Valleys Council Board Chair. Courtney and Emma participated in the Girl Summit during the morning, which focused on learning about the role of the new CEO of the council and worked on the planned implementation of a new older Girl Scout leadership board. Courtney and Emma are members of Girl Scout Troop #30213.



Elizabeth Ward, right, leader of Girl Scout Troop #30213, was honored at the recent Girl Scouts River Valleys Council Annual Meeting by receiving the Volunteer of Excellence award from the council, after being nominated by members of the Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scout Service Unit. Elizabeth is pictured with Michele Azar, newly elected Board Chair of River Valleys Council. Nicole Kueker, leader of Troops #30257 and #34075 was also honored with the Volunteer of Excellence award, but was unable to attend the meeting.



Students from Fairmont Elementary (left to right): Jordan Rasche, Shylyn Palagi, Noah Miller, Brian Schwebke, and Emily Maxfield would like to thank Doolittle's Carpet & Paint for donating a piece of carpet for 3rd-6th grade physical education students to practice skating on. The carpet has really helped them gain confidence and become better skaters.



All 2nd graders at Fairmont Elementary School had the opportunity to venture out to the ice arena to enjoy some time ice skating with their classmates.



Cardinal Speech team earned first place at the Martin County West speech tournament last week. Humor: Lexi Fischer(1st), Tabitha Thatcher(4th), Izzy Munsch(5th). Creative: Lexi Fischer(2nd), Eric Head(3rd), and Alyse Schwebke(6th). Informative: Anagha Komaragiri(1st), Morgan Hoong(6th). Discussion: Bergen Senf(2nd) and Marina Speckman(4th). Oratory: Anagha Komaragiri(1st), Lauren Carlson(3rd), Tony Joseph(4th), Emily Haugen(5th). Dramatic Interpretation: Austin Becker(1st), Emilee Moeller(4th), and Maddy Pierce(5th). Poetry: Emma Koehler(1st), Emilee Moeller(4th), McKenna Mathews(5th). Prose: Ben Hernes(1st), Julia Okerman(2nd), Apoorva Komaragiri(5th). Extemporaneous Speaking: Eric Head(1st) and Tony Joseph(2nd). Storytelling: Bethany Linse(2nd). Great Speeches: Lauren Carlson(1st) and Will Saari(2nd). Duo: Austin Becker and Ben Hernes(3rd). X reading: Julia Okerman(2nd) and Emily Haugen(3rd).



Fairmont Area Cardinals Girls Hockey players that are selected to the Big South Conference Girls Hockey All-Conference Team include (clockwise from top left): Brooke Lemon, Jalyssa Wilson, Tierny Arens, Honorable Mention Taylor Nuss.



Martin Luther High School Junior Hanna Geistfeld (left) surpassed the benchmark of 1,000 varsity career points at the game vs St Clair last Saturday. She is the 15th player in MLHS history to reach 1,000 varsity points. Hanna is the daughter of Troy and Yoland Geistfeld of rural Truman and is pictured with MLHS Athletic Director Tom Taylor when he presented her with the game ball after the final buzzer.



Jake Melsha from Fairmont recently qualified for the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. Jake qualified by winning the local competition, then a district competition, and finally by taking the Regional Contest held Ellsworth. State Competition is to be held at St. Cloud Cathedral School on April 2nd.



Gymnast Bryanna Petersen of the Martin County Area Magic was recently selected to the Big South Conference Gymnastics team.



NOT IN OUR HOUSE - Cardinals #21 Taylor Crissinger puts up a road block as Medford's Ashley Gilbertson tries for a layup. The Cards will play Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Thursday 6 p.m. at Mankato East in the 2AA South Sub-section playoffs.



FLOATER - Cardinals Abby Dewitt puts up shot in traffic. Photos courtesy fairmontsports.com

Red Bull State Wrestling

Six Fairmont/MCW Red Bulls wrestlers competed at the State AA tournament this past weekend at the Xcel Energy Center.

Seventh grader Jaxson Rohman was the only Red



Bull to pick up a medal. Results: 6th place State AA - Jaxson Rohman (35-9) 106 pounds, wins by Technical Fall at 4:29 (17-2) in his first match over a Mahtomedi's Reid Law-

rence. Rohman then lost an 11-2 major decision to Mankato West's Charlie Pickell. Rohman defeated Benilde-St. Margaret's Triston Zuniga 4-3 in the wrestlebacks. Rohman defeated Grand Rapids' Kyle Lundberg 2-1 in consolation quarter-finals. Rohman lost 2-1 to Ottertail Central's Ben Naddy in consolation semi-finals. Ryan Sokol of Simley defeated Rohman 7-6 in the consolation 5th place match to end his season.

Other Red Bull wrestlers who had matches at state: Sophomore Collin Steuber (33-9) 138 pounds; Freshman Jordan Wolter (28-11) 113 pounds; Freshman Zac Ringnell (23-9) 120 pounds; Senior Luis Figueroa (26-7) 195 pounds; and Senior Mark Washa (27-12) 285 pounds.



DOWN LOW - Cardinals Noah Quiring works under the boards for a shot at a lay-up. The Saints lost to #1 seeded Maple River Eagles 74 - 48 last Friday. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography



GOING TO THE BANK - Cardinals Tyler Tenyson goes for a lay-up against St. James. The #5 seeded Saints up-ended the #4 seeded Cards 55-50 in the first round of the 2AA South Sub-section playoffs. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





Last Friday and Saturday were so nice outside that you wanted to spend the entire day outdoors! I decided to play some "hooky" from work on Friday afternoon and started to work on some outdoor projects on

the barn and the old pig house. So I spent Friday afternoon measuring and figuring out what I needed for wood and caulk and on Saturday morning I traveled up to Trimont to check out the newest addition to the Trimont Town Center, Moore's



the Hagen farm. A number of the windows on the farm buildings were in need of caulking and I also have to replace some of the walk-in doors on

Ace Hardware, which just opened up last week. Kevin Moore of Moore Automation owns the new store. Even at 9:00 a.m. the store was full of custom-

ers, store employees and Ace representatives. Much like the Super Valu store that opened recently in the Town Center complex, the new Ace Hardware store is very impressive! So, between Super Valu, Moore's Ace Hardware and Amborn Lumber in Sherburn, I was able to get my grocery shopping and the wood and other items I needed to be able to spend the day working on outdoor projects Saturday. I can't remember a day in the past number of years in February that the weather was so nice and I was able to accomplish so much outdoor work.

It's a... Weed Chain-Jack!

I had some good guesses for our "What is It?" item that was in my column last week, but no one guessed correctly on the item. Charles Reigel of Sherburn dropped off the item last week and said that he had found it when he was cleaning out a shed. The item was completely intact and after some testing by employees at the Photo Press, we found out that it still worked! The item is a "Weed" Chain-Jack that



was made by the Weed Company and was patented in February 1916. The item was advertised (we found an old ad online) as "The jack that saves your back" and was promoted to be "much better than the old-style lever-lift jack that was used on vehicles in the late teens to early 1920's. The ads promoted that "all you have to do to lift the vehicle was pull on the chain until it reaches the desired height and to lower the vehicle, just pull on the chain in the other direction. To me, it seemed like it would not be a good idea to pull on the chain barehanded (would the chain ever slip?) and gloves would be a necessity. Apparently the Weed

Chain-Jack never caught on, because the "old style" jacks are still used today, but rarely if ever see a chain jack. Thanks Charles for bringing your interesting item in!

Here's what's happening:

There are a few events coming up in the next week to point out for you. On Saturday, March 5th the Lake Belt Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. at the Lake Belt Township Hall/Grader Shed in Ceylon. Discussions on mowing, north gate restoration and planned 2016 projects, along with election of officers will take place. All Lake Belt Township and

City of Ceylon residents are invited to attend. Also on Saturday, Heaven's Table will have their annual meeting and volunteer recognition at 2 p.m. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. On Tuesday, March 8th the Chain Lakes Masonic Lodge will host an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti supper fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Funds raised will go towards Masonic Scholarships. Also on Tuesday, March 8th, there will be a meeting for "Mission M" at First Congregational UCC Church in Fairmont at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a community project to support the Madelia Fire Relief efforts. All are invited!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - celebrate new businesses around this area!

Jeff

Naturally

By Al Batt

I listened to birds making spring sounds. A voice of the land. The language of the seasons.

A cardinal whistled a "what-cheer, cheer, cheer."



A white-breasted nuthatch called, "Yank, yank."

A black-capped chickadee added a whistled, "Fee-bee."

The avian declarations of spring shined like a good deed in a naughty world. I thought of Bob

Dylan's lyrics, "May your heart always be joyful. May your song always be sung."

Meanwhile, back at the Sax-Zim Bog Winter Birding Festival

I arrived during visiting hours.

I saw ruffed grouse without being grouched out. Gyrfalcon (the world's largest falcon not made by Ford), great gray owl, three-toed woodpecker, snowy owl, harlequin duck, long-tailed duck, evening grosbeak, pine grosbeak, boreal chickadee and gray jay enthralled me.

A great gray owl can go through 18 inches of snow in pursuit of voles. A ruffed

grouse spends most its time in snow burrows for the warmth and to avoid predators. It favors the buds and twigs of aspen, but also eats rose hips and the fruit of dogwood and mountain ash.

I watched a porcupine feeding on bark high in a tree. These live pincushions, weighing up to 35 pounds, don't shoot or throw their quills.

The man was eating fish. He was soft on her ring and hard of hearing.

"Lots of birders in town," I said, making an effort at a meal's small talk.

"Murders? There hasn't been a murder here since the 1800s and no one was convicted for that one."



BOREAL CHICKADEE. Photo by Peter Trueblood of Oakland, California

"No, birders," I stated. "There is a birding festival in town."

"A burning festival? What the heck is that?"

A friend, Tom Malone of Dunedin, Florida, offered a better listening story. He was helping a bird bander in California. Tom's job was to hold a captured bird until the bander was ready to place a band on its leg. Tom was holding a Steller's jay when he thought it would be interesting to hear the bird's heartbeat. He held it to his ear. The jay wasn't amused and bit Tom's ear in the most painful of ways.

Birding is learning.

Q-and-A

Joyce Tabor of Askov wrote, "How do blue jays open acorns?" Acorns are a favorite food of blue jays and they're made for eating acorns. A blue jay holds a nut with one foot and uses its beak like a

chisel to crack open the acorn.

"What are the meanings of the different songs that robins sing?" According to a good guy named Lang Elliott, an authority on bird vocalizations, robin songs are divided this way. Its true song is a territorial declaration. The dawn song is another territorial declaration. Peek-and-tut calls are heard in alarm situations. A whiny sound is heard in mildly alarming situations. A high-pitched seeeee call is given in response to the presence of an aerial predator. A zeeeee call is a contact note heard mainly during migration.

SOAR with the Eagles

The National Eagle Center's SOAR with the Eagles Festival takes place in Wabasha where hundreds of bald eagles move north along the river, feeding on fish as the ice recedes.

On March 5th-6th, a fly-

ing bird program by The Birdman of Las Vegas will feature an Andean condor, African crowned crane and bateleur eagle. David Stokes offers a program for kids featuring a variety of live animals on March 5th-6th and March 12th-13th. On March 12th-13th, the World Bird Sanctuary from St. Louis provides a flying bird program.

Other presentations are on whooping cranes, exotic and native insects from the University of Minnesota and the National Eagle Center's live eagles. On March 19th-20th hawks, owls, falcons and vultures will fly over the heads of visitors thanks to Wings to Soar. On March 26th Star-Lab, a mobile planetarium will explore the wonders of the night sky. A daily admission includes all scheduled programs and festival venues. A schedule is at <http://www.nationaleaglecenter.org/soar-with-the-eagles/>

Thanks for stopping by

"I have never been a millionaire, but I have enjoyed a great meal, a crackling fire, a glorious sunset, a walk with a friend, a hug from a child, a cup of soup, a kiss behind the ear. There are plenty of life's tiny delights for all of us."

-- Jack Anthony

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-- Mohandas Gandhi

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Spring EXPO

Annual KSUM/KFMC Spring Expo this Weekend

The annual KSUM/KFMC Spring Expo will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 4th, 5th and 6th at Five Lakes Center.

Over 65 exhibitors will be at the Expo. Admission is free and hours are noon

to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The grand prize, offered by KSUM/KFMC, is the "Perfect Patio Package", which includes a custom made picnic table, cart grill, meat gift certi-

cate and gift basket and a spring lawn care gift certificate. Package value is over \$900.

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Kum & Go is committing a \$210,000 corporate gift this year to support Habitat's work to help families build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

In addition to funding a new Habitat home, Kum & Go will distribute several grants to Habitat for Humanity offices. Grants will be based on which Kum & Go service areas raise the most money through customer traffic.

Between March 1st and 31st, customers can join the effort in a few ways:

- Adding a \$1 Habitat donation to in-store purchases.
- Purchasing Kum & Go water, where 10 cents per bottle will

be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

"Kum & Go and Habitat for Humanity both share a commitment to building great communities," says Kyle J. Krause, president & CEO of Kum & Go. "Along with the generous contributions of our loyal customers and through the support of our store associates, Kum & Go is proud to once again support Habitat for Humanity this year."

In the last two years, Kum & Go and their customers have contributed nearly \$1 million to Habitat for Humanity. Two Kum & Go sponsored homes have been built in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Minot, North Dakota, as a result of the donations.

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How to Improve Your Home and Its 'Joy Score'

(NAPS)—The next time you're thinking about sprucing up your digs, consider these projects, which the National Association of Realtors' (NAR)

score."

Think Like A Buyer

Even if you don't plan to sell your home in the near future, envision yourself as a potential buyer walking into your house for the first time. Which imperfections would catch someone's eye immediately yet are reasonable to fix? A few projects that made owners happiest were

recent "Remodeling Impact Report" says can bring the greatest cost recovery or deliver the most happiness based on a "joy

adding a bathroom, new fiber-cement siding and a complete kitchen renovation.

There are several af-

fordable renovations that recover most of the costs when it's time to sell your home. Of the projects that had the greatest cost recovery, many, based on average costs, were \$2,500 or less. These included insulation upgrades (95 percent cost recovery on \$2,100), a new garage door (87 percent on \$2,300) and refinishing hardwood flooring (100 percent cost recovery on \$2,500).

Look Above

Depending on your home's age, your roof has likely felt the brunt of Mother Nature. Over time, torrential downpours,

fierce winds and even the cold can cause shingles to peel back, buckle and even fall off. This leaves your home susceptible to leaks and possibly mildew or mold.

Although costly (\$7,600 on average), a new roof rated the highest in both cost recovery (105 percent) and happiness. When selling, a recently fixed or replaced roof also puts potential buyers at ease.

Give Your Kitchen A Fresh Look

While full kitchen renovations can cost north of \$50,000, smaller projects

such as updating worn-out cabinet surfaces, installing touch-activated faucets and even a new backsplash are budget friendly and likely gratifying to you or a potential buyer.

Need proof? Fifty-seven percent of surveyed Real-

tors reported they've suggested sellers complete a kitchen upgrade before attempting to sell. As for owners, 82 percent said they have a greater desire to be home since completing an upgrade.



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Small Paint Projects to Transform Your Space

NAPS)—Giving your home personality and adding a dash of character can be achieved easily and affordably with small paint projects. Your local paint experts are a great resource for unique project ideas and helpful how-tos that will assist you with transforming your space into a haven that reflects your personality and style.

1. The Grand Entrance: Personalize your front door by painting it an unexpected hue. It will bring character and personality to your home and offer fresh curb appeal.

Experts suggest a state-of-the-art shade, such as red or purple, to wake up a simple cottage-style door and accentuate a front garden. A bold yellow hue that has warmer undertones can energize an otherwise neutral exterior, and a bright pop of orange makes for an unexpected

statement. Complement your newly painted front door with colorful, eye-catching address numbers. Choose a color that complements the front door or a contrasting hue that offers an interesting accent. Numbers may be painted directly onto the door or a section of siding.

2. Make a Splash: The kitchen is the perfect place to have some fun with color since it's often the communal area of a home. Instead of traditional tile, cook up a scene-stealing space by giving your backsplash a makeover. Stencil in a design, favorite quote or food-inspired words.

Don't forget to consider the other colors at play in the space before selecting the backsplash paint color. If the kitchen has dark cabinets, choose a lighter shade to keep the room from feeling heavy. For

white or light-color cabinets, both brighter and darker paint colors work well for this space; and for a pop of brightness that's also durable and stain resistant, use a paint in semi-gloss.



If you have the whole weekend, further customize your kitchen by painting the island a hue that complements the other colors in the room. If you'd like to keep the space neu-

tral, select a subtle shade for the island such as cream, beige or gray. Or, if you're looking to be a bit more daring, choose a shade such as turquoise, navy blue or mint. A striking color will make the room feel fun and inviting. You can also incorporate the island color in a few new accessories such as a rug, curtains or dishware to create a feeling of harmony throughout the room.

3. Rethink your Wardrobe: For an element of surprise, paint the interior of your closet. A vibrant shade will dress up your everyday routine and give your wardrobe an exceptional room of its own!

4. More to Adore: Make a personal statement in the bedroom by transforming walls into exceptional works of art.

Instead of adorning walls with framed artwork, paint a multicolored diamond or chevron pattern for an unexpected pop of color. A frame wall with

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favorite pictures or prized album covers centered in painted blocks puts a spin on the traditional. Or create big-time graphic impact with an oversized DIY wall clock.

Add perceived dimension to a room by creating nontraditional stripes with three or even four colors. Angled stripes painted in different widths are less structured and provide a unique design, and an exaggerated single stripe of color can rescue plain walls.

A headboard painted directly onto the wall creates an element of decorative surprise in the bedroom, and a stenciled one

can add definition and polish. Choose from a premade design, such as a rectangle or whimsical silhouette, or create your own. No matter the shape, a bold hue or using two shades of the same color are both visually interesting and impactful.

With these unique paint project ideas and wide variety of paint colors and finishes, the possibilities of creating a distinct identity for your home that embodies your personality and lifestyle are easy.



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Three Surprising Spray Paint Suggestions

(NAPS)—A little ingenuity and some spray paint can go a long way toward transforming your living space in intriguing ways you may have never thought of. Here are three unexpected suggestions that will get you thinking about spray paint in a whole new light.

1. Brighten Up Your Light Fixture

If the light fixtures in your home are looking a bit dull, try spray paint-

ing the pieces instead of spending time and money on replacements. A simple update to small fixtures in your home, such as door-knobs or light fixtures, can create a brand new look and feel. Here is how to fix up your lights in no time:

• **What You'll Need:** Metallic finish spray in your choice of color, screwdriver, painter's tape, damp cloth, newspaper

• **What You'll Do:** First, remove the light fixture from the wall or ceiling.

Next, take apart the light fixture making sure you have removed the lightbulb and lampshade. Then, use a damp cloth to remove all dirt from the surface and lay the fixture down on the newspaper. Before you begin painting, tape off any areas of the light fixture that should not be painted, including the cord and lightbulb socket. Apply a few coats of Metallic Finish to the base of the light fixture and allow to dry. Allow the fixture to dry for 24 hours before reattaching the lampshade and lightbulbs. Finally, hang your new and improved light fixture on the wall or ceiling.

2. Personalize Your Drinking Glasses

Give your guests something fun and personal at your next get-together by creating easy customizable glasses. These fun glasses have a chalkboard base that you can write phrases or names on using chalk. To make these glasses even more unique,

use different color paints and a clear chalkboard finish to create one-of-a-kind glassware!

• **What You'll Need:** newspaper, cardboard box, painter's tape, spray paint in a variety of colors, Chalkboard Paint in clear, monitor wipe, chalk

• **What You'll Do:** First, cover an outdoor area with newspaper. If you would rather paint indoors in a well-ventilated area, you can create a "spray booth" by taking a large box and standing it upright so that the excess paint remains inside the box as you are spraying. Be sure that if the box has any holes, they are taped and covered before you begin painting. Once you have your spray stations set up, tape off the stem of the wine glass so that only the base is exposed. Then, use a moni-



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- What You'll Need: Spray paint in your color choice, white curtains, painter's tape, ruler, fabric pen, plastic drop cloth
- What You'll Do: Using a ruler, create your desired

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Step 2: Determine the location of the unit and inspect ductwork

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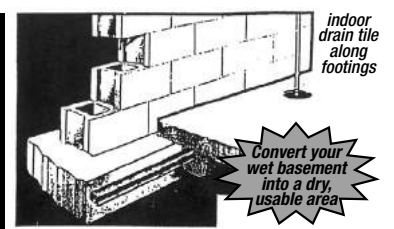
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Daryl E. Pytleski, Leann G. Pytleski to Troy J. Pytleski, Myrriah M. Rutz, Tonya R. Stier, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 29-102-29

Scott R. Meadows, Tracy L. Meadows to Donald J. Dorschner, Lot 2, Block 1, Belle Vue Acres 1st Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Jane M. Palmer, Thomas E. Palmer to Jane M. Palmer, Thomas E. Palmer, Und 1/2 Int., Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 23-102-31

Beverly J. Bottin, Jeffrey S. Bottin to Beverly J. Bottin Trust, Beverly J. Bottin, Trustee, Und. 1/4 Int. W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-104-33

Beverly J. Bottin, Jeffrey S. Bottin to Jeffrey S. Bottin, Trustee, Jeffrey S. Bottin Trust, Und. 1/2 Int. NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-104-33

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Lila G. Ryan, Lila G. Ryan Trust to Katie N. Malliet, Katie N. Malo, Lot 9, Block 7, Ext. to Gambles Addn.

Diane F. Faber, Duane L. Faber to Diane F. Faber, Duane L. Faber, Duane L. Faber and Diane F. Faber Revocable Trust, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 35-103-33

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Monday, March 14, 5:00 p.m.: Sherburn Annual Civic & Commerce White Elephant Auction & Supper. Kahler Family.

Saturday, March 26, Forenoon: Consignment Auction of Farm & Construction Equipment – Sale is at the Martin County Fairgrounds, Fairmont. Farm Equipment, Construction Equipment, Vehicles, Lawn and Sports Equipment. Contact any of the staff to inspect and value items. **Consignments of all types of equipment needed! Advertising deadline is noon, Thursday, March 3, 2016!** Wedel, Kahlers, Hall, Pike and Hartung. Contact any of below listed staff.

Fri., Apr. 1, Evening: Mountain Lake Christian School Annual Auction. Hall and Kahler

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Clue: L equals W

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Internationally acclaimed artist P. Buckley Moss was to greet her collectors as she visited On the Wall in Fairmont. Moss was renowned for her portrayal of the Amish and Mennonite people and their way of life.

Four candidates had filed for the Martin County Commissioner seat, to be a successor to the late Commissioner Lou Donnelly. They were Donna Torgerson, Paul Gerhardt, Michael Daleiden and David Kuhl.

Carolyn Seidel, owner of Formal Affair, was pictured cutting the ribbon at the new location, 213 Downtown Plaza.

Dorothy Grotte was elected to the Advisory Board of Directors of First Bank Fairmont. Mrs. Grotte was a Martin County native and a member of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

Good crowds were on hand for the annual Sportsmen's Show held at the Fairmont American Legion, sponsored by KSUM/KFMC. Winner of the Canadian fishing trip for two was Gene Swanson of Fairmont.

David Winter of Wattertown, Minnesota was to be installed as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Fraser Township and St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop. Rev. Winter was the son of Donald and Donna Winter of Sherburn. He was a graduate of Ceylon High School and married Peggy Simmering of Ceylon.

Notice of Annual Meeting &
Election of Officers

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Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Silver Lake Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** at Boy Scout Camp, North Shore of Iowa Lake.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 15, 2016.

Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m.

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WEEK OF
MARCH 6, 1966

Earl Madsen of Mankato, owner of Madsen's Supermarket in Fairmont, spoke to the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, detailing survey figures on the business potential of the Fairmont area. He described the many factors that had delayed "getting a spade in the ground" for the start of the Fair Mall Shopping Center on ground he had purchased from the Martin County Fair Board the previous year. He listed six businesses which were committed to joining the shopping center and said he expected his Madsen grocery to open within six months.

Frank Winzenburg, Jr. was named business manager of the Fairmont School System, succeeding Richard Toohey who had resigned. Winzenburg was a graduate of Fairmont High School, attended St. Thomas and Marquette Colleges and had a degree in business administration and economics from Mankato State University. He and his wife were the parents of five sons.



1. Name the group that released "Love You Inside Out."
2. Petula Clark, Dee Sharp and Amy Grant all released a cover of which 10cc original?
3. Who were Gary Troxel, Gretchen Christopher and Barbara Ellis?
4. What duo released "If I Loved You" in 1965?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Though it's been a while now, I can still feel so much pain, Like a knife that cuts you, the wound heals, but the scar, that scar remains."

Answers

1. The Bee Gees, in 1979. It was the group's sixth consecutive chart-topping single, bumping Donna Summer's "Hot Stuff" from the No. 1 spot.
2. "I'm Not in Love." The song has been widely covered, most recently by Canadian singer Diana Krall.
3. They were the original members of The Fleetwoods, first recording in 1959. Their hits included "Come Softly to Me," "Mr. Blue" and "Tragedy."
4. Chad & Jeremy. The song was from the 1945 musical "Carousel."
5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels said he wrote it in response to overhearing a male voice when he called his girlfriend. He wrote the song in a laundromat.

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43-1tc-1

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Estimated Corn and Soybean ARC-CO Payments for 2015

Guest Columnist



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Most crop producers in the Upper Midwest are enrolled in the county yield-based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) farm program choice on their corn and soybean base acres for the 2014 to 2018 crop years. Many farm operators in this region earned a significant 2014 ARC-CO payment on their corn base acres, while farm operators in some counties also earned a substantial 2014 soybean ARC-CO payment. Many producers are now wondering what the 2015 ARC-CO payments will be, which will be paid in October, 2016, given that average corn and soybean price levels have remained quite low.

The benchmark (BM) prices for corn and soybeans for the 2015 crop year remained the same as 2014 BM prices, which are \$5.29 per bushel for corn and \$12.27 for soybeans. The BM prices are adjusted each year, using the USDA market-year average (MYA) price for the preceding five years, then dropping the high and low MYA price, and averaging the other three MYA prices. The county benchmark (BM) yield for 2015 is calculated by taking the average county yields for the previous five years (2010-2014), dropping the high and low yield, and the averaging the other three yields. The 2015 county BM revenue for a crop is the county BM yield times the 2015 BM price.

The county BM yields in most Minnesota counties declined in 2015, as compared to 2014 BM yields, due to the very low average county yields in much of the State in 2014. Another factor was that 2009

was a very strong yield year in most areas, which was used in the 2014 BM yield calculation, but was dropped in the 2015 calculation. Many counties in South Central, Southwest, and Central Minnesota had the county BM corn yields decline by 6-12 bushels per acre from 2014 to 2015. The declining county BM yield lowers the potential maximum ARC-CO payment per crop base acre, as well as lowering the potential for ARC-CO payments at similar actual corn yield levels in a given year. County soybean BM yields did not vary greatly from 2014 to 2015, except in a few counties.

2015 ARC-CO payments for a given crop are paid when the actual 2015 county revenue for the crop falls below the 2015 county benchmark (BM) revenue guarantee. The actual county revenue is the final 2015 county FSA yield times the final MYA price for 2015. The 2015 MYA price is the national average corn or soybean price from September 1st, 2015 to August 31st, 2016. The MYA prices will be finalized on September 30th, 2016. As of February 29th, 2016, the estimated 2015 MYA prices are \$3.60 per bushel for corn, and \$8.80 per bushel for soybeans.

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) recently released the 2015 estimated average county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops. The 2015 NASS county yields will offer a good estimate of where final 2015 ARC-CO farm program payments are likely to end up, depending on the final 2015 MYA price level.

The NASS yields may be adjusted slightly by USDA to arrive at the final 2015 county FSA yields, which are used to calculate the 2015 ARC-CO payments. The 2015 NASS county yields are available on the NASS web site at : www.nass.usda.gov/

The “% of BM yield”, which is the relationship between the final 2015 county yield and the 2015 county benchmark (BM) yield, is extremely important in calculating potential 2015 ARC-CO payments for corn and soybeans. The “% of BM yield” is actually more important than the actual final FSA county yield for estimating payments. Now that NASS has released the estimated county yields for 2015, it is possible to fairly accurately estimate the final “% of BM yield” each county.

For corn, any county that has a “% of BM yield” of 111% or less will likely realize the maximum estimated 2015 ARC-CO payment for that county. Counties with a “% of BM yield” of 112% to 119% will likely receive 50% to 95% of the maximum 2015 ARC-CO payment. Counties with a “% of BM yield” of 120% to 125% will

likely receive 5% to 45% of the maximum payment. Counties that had a “% of BM yield” of 126% or higher will likely not receive a 2015 corn ARC-CO payment.

For soybeans, any county that has a “% of BM yield” of 106% or less will likely realize the maximum 2015 ARC-CO payment for that county. Counties with a “% of BM yield” of 107% to 112% will likely receive 60% to 95% of the maximum 2015 ARC-CO payment. Counties with a “% of BM yield” of 113% to 120% will likely receive 5% to 55% of the maximum payment. Counties with a “% of BM yield” of 121% or higher will likely not receive a 2015 soybean ARC-CO payment.

There will likely be a large difference in the 2015 corn ARC-CO payments from county-to-county, depending on the final 2015 county yield, expressed as a “% of BM yield”. It appears that most counties in Southern and Western Minnesota, as well as much of Iowa and the Eastern Dakotas will get a partial 2015 corn ARC-CO payment; however, only a few counties in Southeast Minnesota and Eastern Iowa will get the maximum payment. Several counties in Central Minnesota, as well as a few selected counties in other areas, will likely receive no 2015 corn ARC-CO payment. Expect for a few counties in Southeast and Western Minnesota,

along with some counties in Eastern Iowa and North Dakota, there will be little or no 2015 soybean ARC-CO payments in the region.

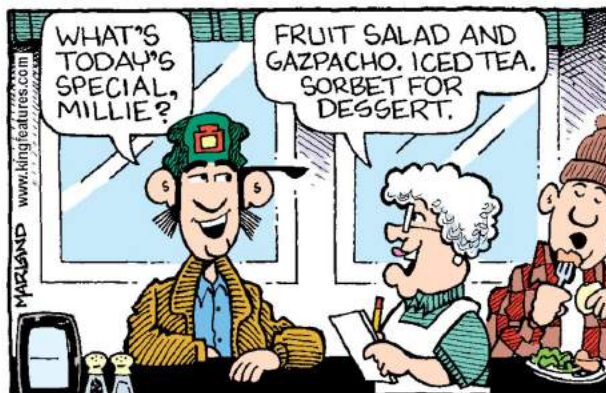
The estimated ARC-CO payments for corn and soybeans will be greatly different in many portions of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and other States in the Eastern Corn Belt, as compared to the Upper Midwest. Many areas of these States had much lower county yields in 2015, as well as a lower “% of BM yield”. The likely result will be that many counties in these States will receive the maximum, or close to the maximum, 2015 ARC-CO payments for both corn and soybeans.

There can also be a wide variation in the ARC-CO payment levels in neighboring counties. For example, the South Central Minnesota counties of Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Nicollet, and Waseca all had similar estimated 2015 NASS county corn yields; however, the estimated 2015 corn ARC-CO payment level will vary considerably, due to the difference in “% of BM yield”. Following are the estimated 2015 NASS corn yields, estimated 2015 corn ARC-CO payments, and (“% of BM yield”) for each county : Blue Earth = 201 Bu./A., \$50/base acre (117%); Le Sueur = 201 Bu./A., \$4/base acre (123%); Nicollet = 207 Bu./A., zero (128%); and Waseca = 199 Bu./A., \$72/base acre (113%).

Current listed 2015 corn and soybean ARC-CO payments are estimates, which are based on the 2015 NASS county yield estimates and the current MYA prices. Final 2015 ARC-CO payments could vary, based on changes in the MYA price levels between now and August 31st, 2016, or based on any adjustments made by USDA to arrive at the final 2015 FSA county yields. There will likely be a 6.8 percent Federal sequestration reduction on all 2015 ARC-CO payments that are paid in October, 2016.

Previous county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops, benchmark yields and revenues, 2014 FSA yields, 2014 ARC-CO payment levels, and other farm program information are available on the FSA ARC-PLC web site, which is at: www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. Kent Thiesse has prepared an Information Sheet titled: “Estimating 2015 Corn and Soybean ARC-CO Payments”, along with adjoining 2015 ARC-CO payment estimate Tables for most counties in Minnesota. To receive a free copy of the Information Sheet and Tables, send an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com

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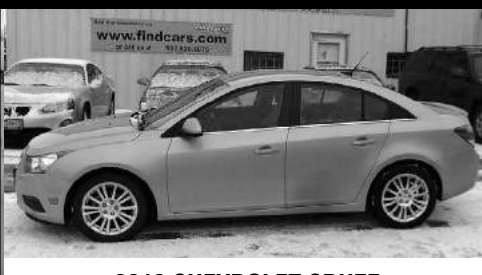
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Milking By Hand; The Feeling of the Dairy Barn

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



Milking By Hand
A past conversation with my then 95-year-old aunt revealed a story about her sister – my mother – that I had never heard. She told of my mother’s experience in doing the MILKING BY HAND.
My grandfather died at a young age leaving a widow, two young sons and two young daughters at home. My mother was one of those daughters. This was during the 1920’s, a time of hardship for many of the farm families of that era.
My two young uncles were in charge of the farming. My grandmother, aunt and mother helped by doing what they could. My aunt preferred to work outside and help with the farming. My mother preferred to help in the house. That is why my aunt called her the “House Princess”. It

to work outside a lot. My aunt tells of my mother’s desire to keep her skin as white as possible. They had some company come by one day, driving some horses that were somewhat flighty. My mother came out of the house to greet them. It was a bright, sunny summer day. She lifted her apron to keep the sun off of her fair skin. When she lifted the apron, it scared the horses, who then ran away.
It was a struggle for the family to survive, for this was during the time when all the farm work had to be done by hand. They did not have a tractor, so all the fieldwork had to be done with horses. My aunt told how desperately they needed the money from the cream checks. They also needed money from any cash crop. That is why they decided to raise peas.

onto racks so that they could haul them to the pea viner. They decided to get up early and be the first in line. They could then unload before the heat of the day. They left the farm early the next morning. My aunt was to do the MILKING BY HAND. My aunt had been helping with the milking since the death of my grandfather. She knew that it would take a long time if she had to milk all fourteen cows by herself. She asked my mother to help and my mother agreed.
My aunt knew which of the cows were easy milking cows. She gave my mother the easiest milking cow in the barn to start with. My mother began milking. I can only imagine the frustration of my aunt when she had milked thirteen of the fourteen cows. She finished only to

finishing when her cow got tired of such a long ordeal. The cow started to move around and in doing so stepped into the pail of milk. The dirty milk was fed to the hogs. It seems that both the cow and the “House Princess” had enough of her MILKING BY HAND!
quickly disappear as it mixed with the warm air of the barn.
The cows in stanchions look the same to most people. Yet they are something different to the person who milks them twice a day. Each has its own character, temperament and habits. Each precious. They had known their mothers and their mother’s mother and so on. They had been responsible for the genetics that made the cows productive by the selection of sires. They had been responsible for the selection of the things of herd management including the feed



was not in style to be dark from the sun’s rays in those days. To be dark from the sun meant that you were a common person who had
When the peas were ready for harvest, my uncles cut them with a horse-drawn hay mower. They then pitched the vines

find my mother still milking on her first and only cow. My mother was unfamiliar with MILKING BY HAND. She was just

The Feeling of the Dairy Barn
It was a cold Minnesota morning. I had stopped to visit a friend of mine. He is a dairy farmer. He met me at the door of the dairy barn with his normal broad smile. I could sense that he was happy to see me and that he welcomed my visit. I stepped into the barn smelling the smells of my youth. It was a combination of animal, silage, manure and hay smells. The smells gave it THE FEELING OF A DAIRY BARN. To some such smells are offensive. To me they are good smells for they trigger memories!
THE FEELING OF A DAIRY BARN relates to something of special character. There is warmth in a dairy barn. The cattle produce heat, which is so welcomed on a cold winter morning in Minnesota. Opening the cow barn door always produced a cloud of steam. The cloud from the outside would

had to be milked differently, for some cows milk hard and some let their milk down as soon as you wipe the udder clean. A good herdsman knew the different cows and how to handle them.
Many dairymen retired to find something greatly missing in their lives. They felt like something important had been taken from them, something that they had done twice a day, including Sundays and holidays, for a lifetime. For most, the stopping “cold turkey” was something very difficult. The truth is that they were missing something more than a regular milk check. They missed the cows! They missed caring for the calves and young stock. They had become very good at their care. They had raised the cows that they were milking. They had seen most of the cows born in many cases. They had nurtured them into the cows that now stand and give something so

and health care. They had milked many generations of the same genetic line. They missed doing something of importance; for they had raised, nurtured and cared for something that had produced the income of the family. They missed THE FEELING OF A DAIRY BARN.
Many retired dairymen have told me of how much it hurts to go to the barn once the cows had been sold. THE FEELING OF A DAIRY BARN was gone. The barn had turned into a large, still building. Gone were the familiar smells. The barn was now a place of silence. Gone were the noises of the cows and what we knew as “The Talk of the Barn”. They are shocked to see the open gates that always needed to be closed and secured over the years. I talked to a retired dairyman recently. I asked him if we had been on vacation lately. He was quick to tell me that he had gone to a national “Dairy Expo”. See what I mean?

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BY DON TRACHTE

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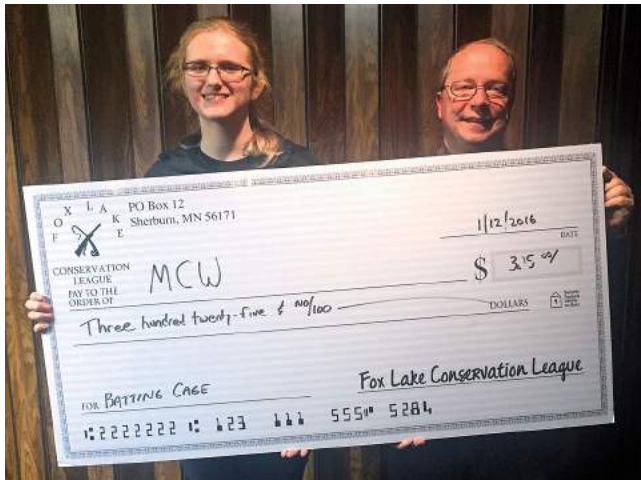
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Tim Eisenmenger (right), Fox Lake Conservation League President, presenting Jordan Stahl (MCW Softball) a check to Martin County West for \$325 to help purchase an indoor batting cage for softball and baseball players at MCW.



Doug Hartke, (center) Gambling Manager for Fox Lake Conservation League, recently presented a check to Sue Dickson, (left) Treasurer of Elmore Community Committee, and Clara Vereide, (right) VP of the Elmore Community Center for \$500.



Members of Pheasants Forever received a check for \$35,000 from the Martin County Conservation Club, Inc. for the purchase of the Kings Slough, which is located south of Pierce Lake in Martin County.



Doug Hartke, Gambling Manager of the Fox Lake Conservation League, recently presented a check for \$3,500 to MCW FFA Advisor Jeremy Daberkow for the MCW Greenhouse Project.

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