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## New DMC program for dairy farmers

Guest Columnist



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The 2018 Farm Bill created the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program as a safety-net program for dairy producers, which is an enhancement to the Market Protection Program (MPP) in the 2014 Farm Bill. The DMC program builds on the enhancements that were made to MPP in the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act, which made the MPP program more affordable for many dairy producers. Similar to MPP, the DMC program is a margin-based program, which is calculated on the income over feed cost margins on a monthly basis. USDA has announced that sign-up for the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program will begin on June 17th, 2019. DMC payments are scheduled to begin after July 8th, 2019, and DMC payments to eligible dairy producers will be made retroactively back to January 1st, 2019.

DMC is a voluntary program, which requires dairy producers to choose production and price coverage levels at various premium rates. There were some fairly significant enhancements in the DMC program, as compared to the previous MPP program, in providing a safety-net program for dairy producers. There is especially enhanced risk protection for those producers for smaller-sized dairy herds under 250 cows; however, the new DMC program also provides more flexibility for larger dairy operations. Following are some of the highlights of the new DMC program:

- Dairy producers now have a coverage level choice up to 95 percent of production history. (MPP maximum coverage level was 90

percent of production history.)

- Three new Tier 1 price coverage levels at \$8.50/cwt., \$9.00/cwt., and \$9.50/cwt. (MPP top price level was \$8.00/cwt.)

- Tier 1 DMC coverage goes up to 5 million pounds of production (approx. 200-250 cows). (MPP Tier 1 maximum was 4 million pounds.)

- Provides more flexibility, allowing larger dairy farms may select different coverage levels for Tier 1 and Tier 2 DMC coverage, if they select the \$8.50/cwt. coverage or higher for their Tier 1 coverage. They can take advantage of the improved DMC coverage on the first 5 million pounds and opt for lower coverage levels on the balance of the production. (MPP required that all coverage be at the same price level, which is still required

under DMC when the Tier 1 coverage level selected is \$8.00/cwt. or lower.)

- Provides a 25 percent premium discount for dairy producers that make a one-time 5-year enrollment into the DMC program (must choose the production and price coverage level).

- DMC premiums are more affordable than with the original MPP. Producers can purchase the \$9.50/cwt. coverage for a premium of \$.15/cwt., which is reduced to \$.1125/cwt. when utilizing the premium discount (referenced earlier). The DMC premium for \$8.00/cwt. coverage is \$.10/cwt., or \$.075/cwt. with the premium discount. (The \$8.00/cwt. coverage under the MPP program had a premium of \$.142/cwt.) Larger dairies that opt for Tier 2 DMC coverage can receive \$.005/cwt. coverage for \$.005/cwt., or \$.40/cwt. coverage for free.

- Allows for 75 percent of the MPP premiums paid from 2014-2017 to be applied as a premium credit for DMC enrollment. Producers also have the option to take 50 percent of the

MPP premium payment as a one-time cash payment, as an alternative to the DMC premium credit.

- Dairy producers may enroll in both the DMC program and either the Live-stock Gross Margin (LGM) or Dairy Revenue Protection (RP) program, which are RMA crop insurance type programs. (With MPP, producers could choose MPP or LGM coverage, but not both.)

- Dairy producers that were in the LGM program in 2018, restricting the from MPP coverage, following the passage of the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act, can retroactively receive eligible 2018 MPP payments.

### Impacts of the Higher Tier 1 Price Coverage

Under MPP, many dairy producers selected Tier 1 coverage at either the \$6.50 or \$8.00 per hundredweight coverage levels for 2015 to 2018. Based on USDA data, MPP payments only occurred in 4 percent of the months during that time period at the \$6.50/cwt., and in 41 percent of the months at the \$8.00/cwt. level. The DMC program now offers

higher price coverage level options of \$8.50, \$9.00, and \$9.50 per hundredweight. Had the DMC program been in place from 2015 to 2018, DMC payments would have occurred in 52 percent of the months at \$8.50/cwt.; 63 percent of the months at \$9.00/cwt.; and 80 percent of the months at \$9.50/cwt.

The maximum DMC coverage price is \$9.50 per hundredweight, which is 117 percent above average MPP/DMC margin over the past ten years of \$8.11 per hundredweight. The average MPP/DMC margin over the past five years has been \$9.51 per hundredweight, which correlates to the new maximum DMC price coverage level. It should be noted that the 5-year average was more impacted by the record high margin level in 2014. Past price margins are not necessarily a predictor of future DMC program payments; however, based on current trends in the margins, the \$9.50 per hundredweight level should provide a considerably improved safety-net for dairy producers.

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**SCHRADER-HARTKE** - The parents of Sierra Schrader and Jacob Hartke announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Sierra's parents are Dennis and Jodie Schrader of Fairmont. Jacob's parents are Bradley and Elizabeth Hartke of Fairmont. Sierra graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato with a social work degree and is currently employed at Granada Huntley-East Chain Schools as a social worker/interventionist. Jacob graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a financial economics major and is currently employed at Sweet Financial Services. A June 15th, 2019 wedding is planned at Interlaken Golf Club in Fairmont. Photo courtesy of Bravo Photography

## "Due North" to appear at Red Rock Center



Due North, an a cappella group, is coming to the Red Rock Center for the Arts Saturday, March 16th at 7 p.m.

Due North thrives to leave its own footprint on the genre while bringing a family fun atmosphere to each and every performance. From the inter-

webs, to the city streets, to the stage, Due North will bring a refreshing taste to the music you know and love, while adding new songs to file away in your personal playlist.

Tickets are on sale now at Hy-Vee and the online box office at [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

The Martin Luther High School Class of 2022 will be hosting a **Waffle Feed** Sunday, March 17th at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Serving will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will serve waffles, variety of toppings, sausages and beverages. Cost is a free will donation.



Tim Hybbert of Dunnell shows off his Irish Spirit with his festive hat, t-shirt, colored brows and goatee. He was born on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, the patron saint of Ireland and holiday namesake.

The Lutheran Schools Fine Arts & Science Festival scheduled for Saturday, March 10th at Martin Luther High School, Northrop is postponed to Saturday, March 16th beginning at 8 a.m. Students from area Christian schools will give music performances, dramatic readings etc. Art and Science projects will be on display. Group choral performances will begin at noon. Concessions will be available. Come and join us in celebrating the talents of our children.

The Fairmont High School class of 1962, spouses and friends, will meet for lunch Friday, March 15th at The Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m.



The 2018-2019 Martin Luther High School Triple A nominees, Sierra Geistfeld and Isaac Johnson, are pictured with Athletic Director Tom Taylor (right) when they were recognized at a JAGS basketball game. The Triple A Award (Academics, Athletics, and Arts) recognizes seniors who have excelled in those three areas over their high school career. Triple "A" Award recipients are nominated by their school and selected through a multi-level process. (Submitted photo)

**eat play shop**  
**LOCAL**

An Open House Bridal Shower for Megan Suter, bride-to-be of David Wyatt, will be held Saturday, March 16th at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont. Bring your favorite recipe to share with Megan. The couple is registered at Sterling Drug in Fairmont, Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

The Martin County Genealogical Society will begin holding regular monthly meetings again starting Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Pioneer Museum, 304 E. Blue Earth Avenue in Fairmont. The meeting is open to the public. A short business meeting will take place followed by research sharing. For more information, contact Dona at 507-236-0996 or Carol at 507-236-2599 or email [mcgs@frontier.com](mailto:mcgs@frontier.com).



The Concordia College IMPROVables, a student improvisational theatre group, brought 24 hours of laughs to campus from 7 p.m. on Friday, February 8th to 7 p.m. Saturday, February 9th, in the Janzow Campus Center. Area students who took part are Hannah Watt of Fairmont and Rebekah Rusert of Truman. Pictured Concordia IMPROVables (Back row L-R): Paul Hammes, Drew Boggs, Avery Kesar, Matthew Murphy, Caleb Staehr, Aaron Huesmann (Front row L-R): Joseph Greenmyer, Brandon Timoney, Thomas Johnson, Allison Story, Hannah Watt and Rebekah Rusert. (Submitted photo)



Mrs. Walters' 1st grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary School was feeling frustrated with the silly MinneS-NOWta weather, so decided it was a good time to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day, which was February 17th. To recognize this important day, students made cards for some of their awesome teachers to thank them for all the nice things they do! (Submitted photos)



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## Knights of Columbus Fish and Shrimp Fry

The Knights of Columbus #1575 is inviting the public to an all-you-can-eat Fish and Shrimp Fry on Friday, March 15th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont.

The menu includes battered cod, breaded

shrimp, baked potato and coleslaw. Tickets are available by calling Jim Kassel at 507-438-4050 or Guy Beemer at 507-236-4243.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit St. John Vianney's 5th Grade class for their upcoming class trip.

## Fairmont Baseball Association registration

The baseball season is right around the corner!

The Fairmont Baseball Association would like to remind families that registration is currently open online at [www.fairmont-baseball.com](http://www.fairmont-baseball.com) for the summer I-90 league (Minor, Junior and Pony Leagues),

Jr. Martins Traveling Baseball (10U, 11U, 12U and 13U), along with the VFW and Legion Baseball.

Registrations need to be complete by Friday, March 15th. Registrations received after that date will be assessed a late entry fee.

## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Fairmont Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 17th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont.

The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage,

milk and coffee. This is a free will donation meal.

This is a fundraiser for the Friends of Cedar Point. Proceeds will go towards improvements at the Boy Scout Camp, Cedar Point, Polaris Lodge.

Everyone is invited!

## CREST "Lunch and Learn" in Trimont March 20

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, located at 61 Apple Street East in Trimont.

The guest speaker will be Tom Kramer from the Kramer Funeral Home presenting end of life in-

formation and options.

A chicken entrée lunch with spring salad and colorful spring desserts will be served following the presentation with a free will donation to defray expenses.

Anyone from the area is welcome to enjoy the presentation, lunch, and some visiting.

## Last chance - Girl Scout Cookies!

Girl Scout cookie sales continues through Sunday, March 24th.

If a Girl Scout hasn't stopped at your home, or if you need additional cookies, upcoming cookie booth sales will be held at

Hy-Vee, Fareway Foods, Shopko or Walmart over the last two weekends. Or call Karen at 507-236-1193 and we will send a Girl Scout your way.

The Girl Scouts appreciate your support!

## Living Well with Diabetes

Join Jill O'Donnell, Mayo Clinic Health System certified diabetes educator and Julie Morris, Mayo Clinic Health System licensed practical nurse, for a community diabetes support group.

This group meets the second Wednesday of each month. These informational meetings provide a way for adults with diabetes to share suc-

cesses, challenges and advice, as well as learn more about the disease from medical experts.

The next class will be Wednesday, March 13th at 7 p.m. in the MCHS-Fairmont Main classroom.

Everyone is welcome, and preregistration is not required. There is no cost to attend.

## Toddler Tinker Lab at Fairmont library

The Fairmont library will host monthly Toddler Tinker Labs on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

The next lab is Wednesday, March 20th.

The "lab" is designed to allow toddlers to explore, grow and create with a

variety of activities each month. The best part? Leave the mess behind at the library!

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions. No registration is required and this event is free and open to the public.

## eat play shop LOCAL

Community Covenant Church in Huntley, MN is serving a **Wednesday Night Community Supper** each week. On Wednesday, March 13th they will serve grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, salad and cookie bars. March 20th it will be spaghetti, garlic bread, garden salad and carrot bars. Menus are subject to change at the whim of the cooks. Free will offering.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, March 13th they will serve broccoli cheese or chicken noodle soup and cornbread. Next Wednesday, March 20th it will be homemade turkey noodle soup. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

## Reminder for routine colorectal cancer screening

When it comes to colorectal cancer, prevention is paramount.

Aside from skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States. An estimated 95,500 will be diagnosed with colon cancer this year and an additional 40,000 people will be diagnosed with rectal cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. About 50,000 people will die from the disease this year.

That's why routine screenings for colorectal cancer are so important, says Stephan Thomé, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System oncologist. Due to the increase in colorectal cancer diagnoses in younger patients, the American Cancer Society now recommends that screenings begin at age 45 instead of 50. Those with a family history should begin screenings 10 years prior to

the age at which an immediate family member was diagnosed.

"Colorectal cancer often starts with precancerous polyps in the lining of the colon," says Dr. Thomé. "Finding and removing the polyps can help prevent the cancer."

Screening methods include a traditional colonoscopy and an at-home test, Cologuard, which Mayo Clinic helped develop, which utilizes a stool sample to test for cancer DNA. Talk to your health care provider to see if this may be an option for you.

In addition to regular screenings, healthy lifestyle improvements may help prevent colorectal cancer. Exercise most days of the week; eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains; quit smoking; maintain a healthy weight; and drink alcohol in moderation, if at all.

## Spring Firearm Safety Course to be offered

A spring course for Minnesota Firearm Safety Training will begin Thursday, March 21st at Fairmont Area Elementary School, in the cafeteria.

There is no pre-registration required. Registration will take place on March 21st beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The course runs for five weeks (starting March 21st and concluding April 29th) and normally meets on Monday and Thursday evenings. It is open to anyone 11 years old or older. Class attendance is mandatory and classes run for approximately two hours.

The course consists of 25 hours of classroom training and culminates with a written exam as well as a practical

field exam. The field exam will be held at the Fairmont Trap Club on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 beginning at 8 a.m. and going until everyone has completed his or her assignments.

Cost for the course is \$15. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have a copy of their birth certificate at registration.

Anyone born after January 1st, 1980 must complete Firearm Safety Training in order to purchase any type of hunting license in the State of Minnesota.

For more information, contact Brad Wells at [huntin-foolw711@yahoo.com](mailto:huntin-foolw711@yahoo.com) or 507-236-0449.

## Legal clinic for low-income Veterans

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans invites you to participate in a free legal clinic for low-income Veterans.

The clinic will cover housing, employment, benefits, debt collection, expungement, family law including child support.

This clinic will take place Wednesday, March 27th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Mankato Armory, 100 Martin Luther King Drive, Mankato.

Attorneys, MACV staff, County Veterans Service Officers and child support officers will be available throughout the day to assist veterans with questions, legal forms and counsel.

For more information, contact: Vetlaw Program - MACV at 651-200-4750.



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### The Garden Bug

#### March chores

- Now is the time to attend your houseplants for the growing season to come. Repot if needed, and provide compost or plant food. Water with great care, for too much quickly becomes a problem.
- If you have wet soil in your garden, avoid walking on it, as you can damage root systems beneath.
- Get your soil tested to prep for spring and summer. *Brenda Weaver* Source: [www.lifehack.org](http://www.lifehack.org)



# The County's House

## Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



The archives of the Pioneer Museum indicate that Martin County has had a court house since 1862. However, the present courthouse is vastly different from the first one that was constructed in approximately the same location.

The county board appropriated the sum of \$200.00 to build the first courthouse in 1861. That figure included the cost of furnishings. The contract, in June of 1862, specified a frame building measuring eighteen feet by twenty-four feet. The grounds on which the courthouse stood was purchased for \$100.00 from Benson C. Hinkle. It was reported that the fee was a requirement although Hinkle accepted no money in exchange for the site.

The contract for building the first courthouse was awarded to W. W. Carrington who sublet the construction work to W. H. Budd. Carrington hauled the lumber for the construction of the courthouse from Shelbyville located in Blue Earth County about two miles south of Amboy. It was at one time a thriving community that



MARTIN COUNTY'S PIONEER COURT HOUSE

even hosted the county fair, but no longer exists.

The first courthouse was utilized for virtually every public function. It was the site of the first Martin County Fair, it served the military during the Civil War when they were stationed in Fairmont, and it was even used for church services from time to time. The building was eventually sold to A. L. Ward in 1887 after the county's second courthouse was built.

The construction of the



second courthouse was authorized by the county commissioners in 1880.

There was a great deal of excitement and controversy surrounding this project as there were those for and those against the construction. The controversy resulted in charges of corruption on both sides. In addition, the community of Sherburn wanted consideration for the courthouse to be located in their city.

Eventually, the disputes were settled favorably for all concerned and the project moved forward. The construction and furnishings brought the cost of the second courthouse to \$14,000.00. It was completed and occupied in 1882.

The need for the third courthouse was a result of a notification by the grand jury to the Martin County Commissioners in 1905 that the courthouse at that time was unsafe and unfit and would be condemned. As a result, the commissioners approved a resolution calling for the erection of a new building, fully equipped, not to exceed the cost of \$100,000.00. Consequent-

ly, the project moved forward.

The commissioners approved plans submitted by Bell and Detweiler for a building identical to one built in Eureka, Illinois. Prior to approval, the board visited the site



cating that to "make it as good, as fine and as spiffy as that one in St. Paul," but perhaps not as large. In addition, "murals created by Franz Rohrbeck in association with Associated Artists of Milwaukee at a cost of \$5,000.00 depicted colored panoramas of peace, war, inspiration, genius, sentence and the execution."

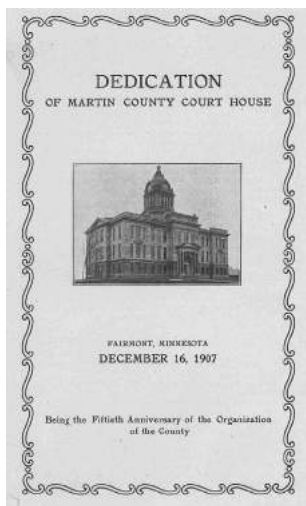
The cornerstone for the current courthouse was laid on June 11th,

in Illinois, and with some minor revisions, approved the plan. Commissioner Fred Miller was named superintendent of construction and would receive \$4.00 per day. However, it was later determined that the county board could not appoint one of its own members to the position of superintendent of construction. Therefore, Miller offered to resign as superintendent, but on the request of other commissioners agreed to continue as superintendent of construction at a rate of \$5.00 per day while then resigning from the county board.

It was the intention of the county commissioners to construct a beautiful facility. Accordingly, they provided written instructions to that effect indi-

1906, amid what was described as one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Fairmont. Speakers for the event included Minnesota Governor John A. Johnson followed by A. L. Ward providing the main address emphasizing the contributions of the pioneers to Martin County.

Although the commissioners intended to spend no more than \$100,000.00, the final cost was in excess of \$120,000.00. The dedication ceremony was held on December 16th, 1907. More than 3,000 "free meals" were served in



conjunction to the dedication ceremonies.

That third courthouse continues to serve the citizens of Martin County. Further, it is in and of itself a beautiful and historic venue being on the National Register of Historic Places since 1977.

For more information on this topic, or to become



a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at [www.fairmont.org/mchs](http://www.fairmont.org/mchs).

**Arc Different Drummer Dance Club** will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVP's for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, March 14th. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

## eat play shop LOCAL

**Aktion Club Theatre**, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, March 14th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Any questions, about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580. The public's invited to join any of our theatrical practices.

Kids ages 7 to 10 who are interested in learning to code should sign up for **Code Academy at the Fairmont Library**. Join them on Tuesday, March 19th at 4 p.m. Due to space limitations, please pre-register at the library by stopping in or calling 238-4207. There is no cost to attend this event.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, March 13th they will serve spaghetti and meat sauce. On March 20th it will be creamed chicken. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter/jelly sandwich. Suggested donation is \$3.

Due to bad weather, the Ceylon Fire Relief Association **pancake breakfast** has been rescheduled to take place this Sunday, March 17th from 9 a.m. to noon at Legends 2 banquet hall in Ceylon. They will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, french toast, eggs and juice. Free will offering.

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### Put Together a Team to Help Reach Your Goals

As you work toward achieving your goals in life, you will need to make moves that contain financial, tax and legal elements, so you may want to get some help - from more than one source.

Specifically, you might want to put together a team comprised of your financial advisor, your CPA or other tax professional, and your attorney. Together, this team can help you with many types of financial/tax/legal connections.

For starters, you may decide, possibly upon the recommendation of your financial advisor,

to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others that may now be more appropriate for your needs. If you sell some investments you've held for a year or less and realize a capital gain on the sale, the gain generally will be considered short-term and be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. But if you've held the investments for more than a year before selling, your gain will likely be considered long-term and taxed at the lower, long-term capital gains rate, which can be 0%, 15% or 20%, or a combination of those rates.

On the other hand, if you sell an investment and realize a capital loss, you may be able to apply the loss to offset gains realized by selling other, more profitable investments and also potentially offset some of your ordinary income. So, as you can see, the questions potentially

raised by investment sales - "Should I sell?" "If so, when?" "If I take some losses, how much will they benefit me at tax time?" - may also be of importance to your tax advisor, who will need to account for sales in your overall tax picture. As such, it's a good idea for your tax and financial advisors to communicate about any investment sales you make.

Your tax and financial advisors also may want to be in touch on other issues, such as your contributions to a retirement plan. For example, if you are self-employed or own a small business, and you contribute to a SEP-IRA - which is funded with pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income - your financial advisor can report to your tax advisor (with your permission) how much you've contributed at given points in a year, and your tax advisor can then

let you know how much more you might need to add to move into a lower tax bracket, or at least avoid being bumped up to a higher one. Your financial advisor will be the one to recommend the investments you use to fund your SEP-IRA.

Your financial advisor can also help you choose the investment or insurance vehicles that can fund an estate-planning arrangement, such as an irrevocable living trust. But to establish that trust in the first place, and to make sure it conforms to all applicable laws, you will want to work with an attorney experienced in planning estates. Your tax professional may also need to be brought in. Again, communication between your various advisors is essential.

These are but a few of the instances in which your financial, tax and legal professionals should talk to each other. So, do what you can to open these lines of communication - because you'll be one who ultimately benefits from this teamwork.

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Warmer temperatures on their way!

By the time you read this I will be lounging in Arizona, however rain and cooler temperatures are forecast for the first three days of our visit! I am hoping when we return it will be warmer here with maybe even a hint of spring in the air! It will take awhile for all of this snow to melt, but it will happen.

I have been keeping an eye out for casserole recipes that don't call for cream soups because they contain fat, salt and also gluten which my grand daughter can't have, it's a challenge but I have found a couple. I have tried them both and they are worth making again. I had never tried a Jambalaya rice mix, so after I had cooked it, I tasted and found it very spicy, in fact I didn't care for it at all but after mixing in all of the other ingredients there was only a hint of spice. I found this recipe in the Paula Deen magazine.

**Chicken and Jambalaya Rice Casserole:**  
2 1/2 cups water  
1 ( 8 oz. ) box Jambalaya rice dinner mix ( Zatarain's brand)  
4 cups shredded rotisserie chicken  
1 ( 10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chiles  
2 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese blend, divided  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 cup heavy whipping cream  
1 (10 oz.) bag frozen vegetable seasoning blend  
Garnish: green onion, optional

In large saucepan, bring the 2 1/2 cups water and rice mix to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until water absorbed.

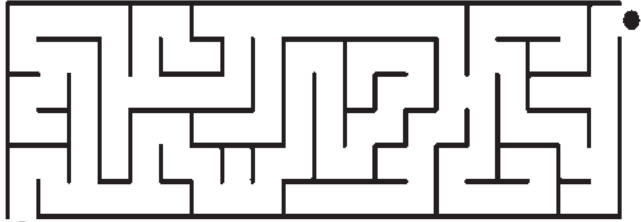
Spoon cooked rice into a large bowl, add chicken, tomatoes, 1 cup cheese, celery, and cream, mix to combine.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Add vegetable blend to saucepan; cook over medium heat until water has evaporated, about 5 minutes, stir into rice mixture. Spread mixture into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Top with remaining 1 cup shredded cheese. Bake until hot and bubbly about 25-30 minutes. Garnish with green onion if desired.

Have a great week!

## Kids' Maze



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**A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:**  
**LOKI** lives up to his name and is a bit of a shape shifter and trickster. Loki appears to be black, but he can sometimes appear brown. (Probably due to the light and not a shifter ability.) He also tricked us into thinking he was shy and unfriendly, but now seeks attention. Loki would like to come to your house and see what he can get up to there.  
**DORIS** is a sweet brown tabby girl. She loves to be petted and held, but also likes to play. Doris is a young adult.  
**ROXY** is jet black. She is about 4-5 months old with beautiful golden eyes. Playful and loving, Roxy will be a great addition to her new family.

**A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:**  
**TOPPER, TUCKER and TANNER** are 6 month old cattle dog and beagle mixes. These brothers have more of the cattle dog look. Tanner has more of the red heeler look, while Topper and Tucker are the blue heeler color. The brothers love kids.  
**REESE** is a black lab and husky mix. He is about 60 pounds and is mainly black with a little white. Reese needs a home without cats and would do best with no small children.  
**ROSE** is back! Rose, a black boxer and pit mix has been adopted twice but returned. The first family loved Rose and felt she was a great fit except for her attitude toward their other dog. The most recent adopters said Rose was the best mannered dog they ever had. The only problem is that Rose needs to be the only pet. She is housetrained, calm, walks well on leash, and is very sweet. We are looking for a home for this special girl where she can get all of the people attention.

## Area College Student News

The following local student has been named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the fall 2018 semester:

**Fairmont, MN**

- Lauren Carlson, Biology, Fairmont High

Kathleen Smith from Fairmont earned Dean's List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota, at the conclusion of the Fall 2018 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, BSU students must be enrolled for at

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF MARCH 16, 1994**

KFMC and KSUM radio stations had a front page ad promoting the '94 Home Expo, which was to take place at the Fairmont American Legion hall on North State Street. The expo was to be held for three days and over 60 booths and displays were to be on hand.

Linda Meschke and Lorraine Tlam, Martin County Master Gardeners, were to receive Certificates of Commendation from the Office of Governor Arne Carlson at the 1994 Minnesota Master Gardener State Conference. A total of 66 Minnesota Master Gardeners from 26 counties were to receive similar awards at the conference.

Martin County VFW Post 1222 presented the City of Fairmont with a contribution of \$2,000 to help re-establish the Fairmont Police Department's K-9 Unit, which had been inactive since the death of its last dog. The money was to help pay for the training of a replacement dog and its handler.

The Fairmont Women of Today and the Minnesota Women of Today Chapter Grants Program

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF MARCH 16, 1969**

Fairmont's 125-unit \$2 million low income housing project was planned to begin building in the fall of 1969. A program "reservation" was being awaited by Fairmont's Housing Authority. The site and type of buildings had been approved.

U.S. Highway 16 was to be resurfaced through Martin County. The paving had not been improved since it was first laid more than 30 years before.

A two-day snowmobile derby drew 460 entrants to Fairmont. A total of \$5,000 in prizes was awarded.

New owners Dave Wal-lien and Spencer Betien of the former Braun's Shoe Store were offering great bargains in their first sale. Eight brand names of women's shoes were priced at \$1 to \$10, while four brands for men were \$5 to \$12.

Principal Jim Davison read to 3rd graders in Mrs. Luhmann's class at Fairmont Area Elementary School to commemorate Read Across America Day. Mr. Davison read his favorite Dr. Seuss book, "Green Eggs and Ham." The students enjoyed repeating the famous lines with their very special guest reader. (Submitted photo)

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## Move snow carefully to avoid causing outage



With the snow piling up around the area and potential for area flooding, Federated Rural Electric in Jackson reminds members to move snow carefully.

Keep in mind what could be lurking underneath. Is your green pad-mount transformer or meter pedestal in that area? Is there a guy wire that's covered by a snow pile? Federated has already experienced outages caused by customers moving snow that pushed the transformer off exposing wires; this creates safety issues could have caused an electrical shock injury and caused unnecessary outages.

When moving snow, also look up! The snow piles under powerlines mean that electrical contact is now closer. Do not let kids play on snow piles under powerlines. Watch how high the tractor's bucket goes to make sure you do not make contact with the power lines or hit a pole.

"The last thing you want to happen is a power outage during blizzard conditions," stated Joe Marathaler, Federated's operations manager. "Federated thanks members for being careful as they move this snow."

Federated Rural Electric is a Touchstone Energy cooperative serving more than 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

## Red Rock prepares for annual murder mystery


Red Rock Center for the Arts is preparing for the 8th annual murder mystery and silent action fundraiser to take the stage for two nights, April 12th and 13th, 2019.

A sell out event seven years in the running, written and directed by Paul Warshauer spotlighting the area's finest cast members.

Cast members will duke it out over The Town Center Controversy and you will not want to miss the outcome. This fun, interactive evening features a catered three course meal, cash bar, and silent auction.

Proceeds from the event will help bring quality art education, performing, and visual art experiences to Fairmont. No need to venture far from home when we offer it right here at the Red Rock Center.

Tickets can be purchased at the Red Rock Center office or the online box office at <https://www.redrockcenter.ticketleap.com>. Tables of eight and individual tickets available. We are also accepting gift baskets and item donations for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at the center or call us for pickup. Your support is greatly appreciated.







The talk everywhere you go these days is about the weather. You hear things like "This is just like it was when I was a kid!" and "Punxsutawney Phil has been arrested for lying" or "If we could just figure out a way to cash crop snow, we'd be millionaires!" The constant onslaught of storm after storm has given us all a bad taste in our mouth and has greatly affected our moods. Well, I think I have figured out a way to stop the "Groundhog Day" style of weather patterns, but we all have to take part in order for it to work! Many of us give up some-



up snow for Lent! Maybe that is what it will take to finally break the cycle and allow us to move on with our lives and to pave the way for spring to arrive. It's worth a try, isn't it?

#### "What is it?" take2

Well, I thought for sure someone would have an idea what our "What is it?" item was from last week. No one would even venture a guess, so I am going to give it a go once again this week. Norm Langford of Fairmont brought in this item, which is made entirely of metal. It measures 46 inches long by 13 inches wide when fully extended out. The item has channel irons on the long sides and flat iron in between that are riveted together to allow it to be fully collapsed together when not used (the



angled piece in the above picture can be unhooked, which will allow the piece to close together). It has a bracket on each end that has an adjustable bolt to secure it to an object. Hint: This is an accessory item for the automotive industry. So, what is it? If you think you know might now for sure what it is, email me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or

call me at 507-238-9456. If you have an item you think would be a good piece for this column, stop in! Next week I have an item that I'm sure many of you may know, but I am presenting it to you "with a twist!"

#### Help the Opera House!

Last weekend's rain created lots of problems for people around the area and especially for a historic building in Fairmont. Blake Pothoff, executive director of the Opera House saw water coming down the inside wall of the building on Saturday and upon further investigation, he saw light between the wall and the roof in the attic area that was filled with ice, allowing the rain and melting ice to run down the inside and outside walls of the structure. This will mean the replacement of the roof among other repairs needed. Blake has put out the call for donations to help with repairs and to ultimately save this iconic building. Citizens have stepped up in the past in bad situations and hopefully will do so again.

#### Soup, spaghetti, pancakes and more!

Here are a few things before I go this week: • The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and will feature broccoli cheese or chicken noodle soup and cornbread. A \$2 donation is suggested. • Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont continues its Open Door Meal Wednesday, March 13th from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are serving spaghetti and meat sauce. A \$3 donation is suggested for this meal. • The Wednesday night supper at Community Covenant Church in Huntley is from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. They will serve grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, salad and cookie bars. Free will donation. • Friday, March 15th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont the Fairmont Knights of Columbus will host an all-you-can-eat fish and shrimp fry. A portion of the money from ticket purchases will go

toward the St. John Vianney School 5th grade class trip. • Sunday, March 17th the Ceylon Fire Relief Association will have a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at Legends 2 in Ceylon. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, french toast, eggs and juice. • Sunday, March 17th Martin Luther High School Class of 2022 will be hosting a Waffle Feed at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Serving will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Be sure and mark your calendars for the Sherburn Lions Club Prime Rib Supper Saturday, April 6th from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Bank Midwest Sherburn, Amborn Lumber in Sherburn, Fairmont Photo Press or from any lions club member. Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - never trust a groundhog to predict the weather!*

*Jeff*



A residence in Fairmont decided it wasn't going to wait until spring for the spring flowers to appear!



The Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassadors held ribbon cuttings during the month of February. Ambassadors congratulate owners Steve and Tina Jette of Chamber member Bean Town Grill in Fairmont on their recently completed restaurant remodel. (Submitted photo)

## Dining and Entertainment

# Murder MYSTERY

& Silent Auction Fundraiser

## THE TOWN CENTER CONTROVERSY

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# Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Friends of Cedar Point

**Sunday, March 17th**  
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**Friday, March 15 • 5-7pm:** Burger Night  
Months Burger: Eagle Burger Burgers \$5

**Sunday, March 17 • 8:30am to 12:30pm:** Breakfast Buffet

**Monday, March 18:** Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

**Tuesday, March 19:** Spaghetti Supper • 5-7pm  
Dart League • 7pm

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# SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

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

**MAR 14 - 20**

**THURS:** Tator tot hotdish, peas & carrots, rye dinner roll, jello with fruit.

**FRI:** Lemon pepper fish, red skin potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding.

**MON:** Beef stroganoff, corn on the cob, eclair.

**TUE:** Chicken cordon bleu, brussel sprouts, jello.

**WED:** Hamburger, tri-tator, bush beans, angelfood cake.

# HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Karen Toupal 507-236-8781.

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

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

**MAR 14 - 20**

**THUR:** Tator tot hotdish, dinner roll, carrots, broccoli, pears.

**FRI:** Tacos, rice, refried beans, pico de gallo, green beans, tomato and cucumber salad, pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail.

**MON:** Turkey corn dog, tator tots, carrots, apple.

**TUE:** Spaghetti and meatballs, carrots, cucumbers, applesauce.

**WED:** Boneless chicken wings, dinner roll, baked beans, pepper strips, peaches.

# ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.

**MAR 14 - 20**

**THUR:** Ham and egg english muffin, broccoli with dip, hash-brown patty, pears.

**FRI:** Shrimp poppers, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread, mandarin oranges.

**MON:** BBQ ribet patty sandwich, mac and cheese, broccoli, banana.

**TUE:** Taco salad, chips, applesauce.

**WED:** Meat and cheese sub, potato chips, veggie slices, peaches.



## Tax Deductions Guide for 2019

Tax deductions and tax credits can be huge money-savers — if you know what they are, how they work and how to pursue them. Here's a cheat sheet.

### What is a tax deduction?

A tax deduction is a dollar amount that the IRS allows you to subtract from your adjusted gross income, or AGI, making your taxable income lower. The lower your taxable income, the lower your tax bill.

### What is a tax credit, then?

A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your actual tax bill. A few credits are refundable, which means if you owe \$250 in taxes but qualify for a \$1,000 credit, you'll get a check for the difference of \$750. (Most tax credits, however, aren't refundable.)

A tax credit can make a much bigger dent in your tax bill than a tax deduction.

### How to claim tax deductions

Generally, there are two ways to claim tax deductions: Take the standard deduction or itemize deductions. You can't do both.

### The standard deduction

The standard deduction basically is a flat-dollar, no-questions-asked reduction in your AGI. The amount you qualify for depends on your filing status.

People over age 65 or who are blind get a bigger standard deduction.

### Itemizing deductions

Itemizing lets you cut your taxable income by taking any of the hundreds of available tax deductions you qualify for. The more you can deduct, the less you'll pay in taxes.

### Should you itemize or take the standard deduction?

Here's what the choice boils down to:

- If your standard deduction is less than the sum of your itemized deductions, you probably should itemize and save money. Beware, however, that itemizing usually takes more time, and you'll need to have proof that you're entitled to the deductions.

- If your standard deduction is more than the sum of your itemized deductions, it might be worth it to take the standard deduction (and the process is faster).

Note: The standard deduction went up in 2018, so you might find that it's the better option for this year even if you itemized last year.

Your tax software or tax advisor can run your return both ways to see which method produces a lower tax bill.

## IRAs: Your Complete Guide

by Dayana Youchim

Regular savings accounts are fine for storing short-term savings, but if you're saving for retirement, an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is better.

### What is an IRA?

An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is an account designed for building retirement savings. Unlike an ordinary bank savings account, it allows you to purchase investments, such as mutual funds and stocks, and offers tax breaks that can save you thousands of dollars over the life of the account.

### IRA benefits

Both of the primary varieties of IRAs — the traditional IRA and the Roth IRA — allow you to save \$6,000 per year (\$7,000 if you're 50 or older), even if you're also contributing to a 401(k) or other workplace savings plan. (Note: Those limits are up from \$5,500 and \$6,500 in 2018.)

With a traditional IRA, contributions are tax-deductible up to IRS limits, and you won't owe income taxes until you withdraw the funds.

With a Roth IRA, contributions are not tax-deductible, but unlike with a traditional IRA, you can withdraw money tax-free in retirement from a Roth.

Average savings account interest rates have languished well below 1% for more than a decade, but you'll find many of the investments available through IRAs have earned far higher returns over the long term. (Don't worry if you're new to this realm. See how to invest your IRA for some simple and effective investment strategies.)

### How to choose the right type of IRA

First things first: Not everyone is eligible for all the perks of traditional and Roth IRAs.

Your income level will determine whether you're allowed to contribute to a Roth IRA. Anyone — regardless of income — can contribute to a traditional IRA. But the amount of your traditional IRA contribution that you're allowed to deduct from your taxes may be limited by your income and whether you or your spouse has access to a retirement plan at work.

If you find you're eligible for either account, here are some considerations to help you decide between them:

### TRADITIONAL IRA

If you're eager to get a tax break today versus one in retirement, a traditional IRA may be a good choice since the money you contribute may be deductible from your taxes for the year.

What's the advantage? Perhaps you're subject to a high tax bracket today

and expect to be in a lower tax rate in retirement. Or maybe the upfront tax break is what attracted you to IRAs in the first place.

Keep in mind that when it comes to withdrawals, you will either need to be age 59 ½ or meet some specific requirements to take money from a traditional IRA

without paying a penalty — see traditional IRA withdrawals for details.

### ROTH IRA

If you've got the willpower to wait to get your tax break, the Roth can be an especially attractive option.

While you can't deduct Roth contributions from your taxable income while you're saving, in retirement your Roth withdrawals are not taxed at all. That goes for contributions and investment earnings. (With a traditional IRA, you will pay taxes on both your contributions and earnings when you withdraw money.)

On the withdrawal front, the Roth comes with another big perk: You can take out money you contributed to a Roth IRA at any time without penalty. But there are rules about early withdrawals of investment earnings and other transferred funds.

Before choosing an IRA provider, ask yourself how involved you want to be in the management of your investments:

- If you want to choose investments for yourself, an online brokerage is a good way to go.

- If you want help managing your retirement account, consider a robo-advisor — a service that selects low-cost and risk-appropriate investments for you.

Once you have chosen a provider, the online signup process for an IRA is pretty simple: Provide some general information (Social Security number, birthdate, contact information, employment details). Then choose how you want to fund the account — via bank transfer, perhaps rolling over a 401(k) from a previous employer.



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Larry J. Totzke, 71



Mass of Christian Burial for Larry J. Totzke, 71, of Fairmont, was held Friday, March 8th, 2019, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will be held at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery. Larry passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Monday, March 4th, 2019, at Mayo Clinic Health System of Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Larry John Totzke was born January 6th, 1948, in Pipestone, MN, the son of Don and Hazelle (Jordahl) Totzke. At the age of three, Larry moved with his fam-

ily to Fairmont where he attended St. John Vianney Parochial School and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1966. Larry would go on to attend Jackson Vo-Tech College where he obtained a degree in Appliance Repair. Larry returned to Fairmont where he worked with his father and brothers at Fairmont Appliance.

On June 15th, 1968, Larry was united in marriage to Patricia Fausch at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Together the couple would be blessed with two sons, Chris and Ty. Larry continued in the appliance

business with his brothers following the death of his father, operating Totzke Brother's Appliance. In 1988, Larry left the appliance business and began a new career as Martin County Assessor. He also worked for 10 years at WeighTronix before his retirement in 2011.

Larry had a passion for music and in his youth loved playing the drums in a '60's rock band called the "Twighlighter's". He also loved spending time outdoors fishing, boating, and spending time at the family cabin on Diamond Lake near Wilmar, MN. Family was extremely important to Larry and he cherished

time spent watching his children and grandchildren compete in their various events and going on family vacations. He will be greatly missed by those that loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Pat Totzke of Fairmont; sons, Chris Totzke of Minneapolis, and Ty Totzke and his wife, Sarah of Fairmont; two granddaughters, Maggy and Libby Totzke of Fairmont; siblings, Don (Betty) Totzke of Odessa, TX, and Tom (Kathy Silverthorn) Totzke of Lake Havasu, AZ; mother-in-law, Lucille Fausch; in-laws, Josie Boots, Steve

(Marilyn) Fausch, Cathy (Jerry) Vetter, Robin (Steve) Tokheim, and Scott (Lisa) Fausch; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Hazelle Totzke; brother, Richard Totzke and father-in-law, Arthur Fausch.

The family requests memorials be left in Larry's name to the Martin County Historical Society, Mayo Hospice, St. John Vianney Church and Endowment Fund and the Hope Lodge in Rochester, MN.

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Jacob "Jake" Fretty, 84,



A Service of Remembrance and Celebration for Jacob "Jake" Fretty, 84, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, March 12th,

2019 at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Jake passed away Wednesday morning, March 6th, 2019 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. The family requests that any memorial donations be designated to local ministry and charity organizations: Martin County Youth For Christ, Options Pregnancy Center, Gideons International or Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmon assisted the family with arrangements.

Jacob "Jake" Fretty was born October 18th, 1934

in Pilot Grove Township to Jacob and Ruby Fretty. Jake attended East Chain Consolidated School where he met his future wife, Beverly Peterson.

Jake and Bev were married March 7th, 1953 at her parents' home on South Orient Street in Fairmont. They have lived their entire married life in Fairmont and Martin County area. They were blessed with two children, Sue and Randy.

Throughout his life, Jake entered into many business endeavors including: the Dunnell Locker, C&J Salvage in Guckeen, Jake's Salvage in Sioux Falls and Fairmont, and in later

years, he owned Jake's Auto Sales and Jake's RV & Surplus. He loved what he did, and he enjoyed the people that he met along the way.

Jake placed his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and over the years, grew in his faith. He was an active member of Bethel Evangelical Free Church where he served in various capacities enjoying the fellowship and friendships of many people. He also served with Gideon International and their commitment to worldwide Bible distribution.

Jake enjoyed his family tremendously and nothing brought him greater joy

than being together and making special memories. Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Bev; children: Sue (John) Lund of Fairmont, and Randy Fretty of Crystal River, FL; grandchildren: Brian (Samantha) Lund of Garner, IA, Christie (Alex) Schmidt of Fairmont, Matt (Megan) Fretty of Fairmont, Ashley (Riley) Anderson of Duncan, SC; nine great-grandchildren: Aidan, Lucy and Owen Lund, Sophie, Elise and Camille Schmidt, Emma Fretty, and Lily and Everly Anderson. Also survived by sisters-in-law: Ruth Peterson and Ardys Bloom both of Fairmont; many

nieces and nephews, and other extended relatives and friends.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents: Jacob and Ruby Fretty; in-laws: Henry and Mayme Peterson; daughter-in-law, Brenda Fretty; granddaughter, Hannah Fretty; sisters: Irene (Tim) Holland, Luella (Carrol) Bacon; brother, Tom (Jean) Fretty; sisters-and-brothers-in-law: June (Wally) Jensen, Fillmore (Arloine) Peterson, Maurice Peterson, and Bob Peterson.

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Dorothy A. Osland, 92



Memorial Service for Dorothy A. Osland, 92, of McMurray, PA and formerly of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 15th, 2019 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 14th, 2019 from

5:00-7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont and continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in St. James. Dorothy passed away Friday morning, March 8th, 2019 at Thorne Crest Nursing Home in Albert Lea. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dorothy Anna (Groskreutz) Osland was born August 22nd, 1926, in Vivian Township, MN. She was the daughter of Alfred and Helena (Brandt) Groskreutz. Dorothy graduated from Waldorf High School.

On August 23rd, 1949, Dorothy was united in

marriage to Gordon Johnson at First Lutheran Church in Wells, MN. This union was blessed with two children, Keith and Karen.

On October 15th, 1978, Dorothy was united in marriage to Ronald Osland at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The couple shared nearly twenty-nine years together before Ronald passed away July 14th, 2007.

Dorothy worked as an accountant in Fairmont first for C.H. Gould and then International Harvester before working at Case Power and Equipment until her retirement in 1988.

Dorothy was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fair-

mont where she was in the Mary, Dorcas/Lydia Circles, church council, and helping to make prayer shawls. She had also been the church organist for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Vivian Township when she was younger. Dorothy's active lifestyle didn't end there. She was also a Brownie Troop Leader, delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered at the Fairmont Community Hospital for many years, enjoyed flower gardening, knitting, quilting, puzzles, and traveling. She most loved keeping up with her family on Facebook and at family get-togethers.

Left to cherish her memory include her children, Keith (Nancy) Johnson of Gig Harbor,

WA, and Karen (Gregg) Blyth of McMurray, PA; grandchildren, Vanessa (Krista) Blyth-Gaeta of Oakland, CA, Justin (Michelle) Blyth of Boise, ID, Elliot (Maren) Johnson of Decorah, IA, and Molly (David) Ellis of Seattle, WA; great grandchildren, Elise, William, Nels, and Cora; step-children, Mark Osland of Whitefish, MT, and Christine (LeRoy) Diekmann of Fairmont; step-grandchildren, Jason, Tasha, Steffi and Robert; step-great grandchildren, brothers, Donald (Mardel-

la) Groskreutz of Alameda, CA, Harvey (Jean) Groskreutz of New Albany, ID, and Roger (Jeanette) Gorskreutz of Wells; sister, Margaret Melcher of Albert Lea; sister-in-law, Bonnie Groskreutz of Sioux Falls, SD; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Osland; brother, Gerald Groskreutz; and brother-in-law, Gerald Melcher.

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1. Is the book of Hebrews in the Old or New Testament or neither?

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3. On the seventh day of the creation week, what did God do? *Created man, Divided the oceans, Named the animals, Rested*

4. From Genesis 33, where did Jacob build a house and make booths for his cattle? *Beersheba, Succoth, Jerusalem, Kidron*

5. On which "Mount" did Moses receive the Ten Commandments? *Sinai, Zion, Carmel, Pisgah*

6. Whose two sons were Hophni and Phinehas? *Ichabod, Eli, Jehoiada, Mattan*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) One; 3) Rested; 4) Succoth; 5) Sinai; 6) Eli

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DEATH

notices

March 4 - Larry J. Totzke, 71, Fairmont  
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March 5 - Jimmie W. Minscer, 74, Fairmont  
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March 6 - Jacob "Jake" Fretty, 84, Fairmont  
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March 8 - Dorothy A. Osland, 92, McMurray, PA  
(formerly Fairmont) Lakeview Funeral Service

March 8 - Christy A. Blom-Fryer, 42, Sioux Falls  
Kramer Family Funeral Home

March 9 - Todd D. Eves, 58, Dunnell  
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March 11 - Paul R. Klenke, 70, Welcome  
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

March 5 - Scott K. Erickson, 62, Alpha

March 5 - Gerald Schwanz, 66, Jamestown, ND

March 5 - Deacon Edwin C. Bonnarens, 78, Orange,  
California (formerly of Fairmont)

March 7 - Vincent L. Celander, 87, Belle Plaine,  
(formerly of Fairmont)

March 11 - Myra I. Guzman, 26, Fairmont



# "Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



## "Ronnie"

I was very tired when I pulled into the Visitor's Information Center and Rest Area, on I-94 near Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, around midnight. I had had enough driving for the day and climbed into the back of my wagon where I crawled into my sleeping bag and curled up with my dog June. Laying my head on the pillow, I went out like a light.

I awoke just before seven in the morning feeling rested, but a little

chilly. Guessing the temperature was around fifteen degrees, I leaned forward, turning on the key to check. "That's odd," I said, wondering why the outside air temperature didn't display. I hunkered back into my warm sleeping bag; June snuggled inside with me. "Oh well, it doesn't matter," I said, "We'll just sleep a while longer then get up and head out." I tried to fall back asleep, but was burdened by a looming thought. "Why didn't that temperature light

come on?"

I slid from under my cozy covers, into the driver's seat and turned on the key. All the dash lights were dim. Suspecting the inevitable, I tried starting the motor but the battery didn't have enough juice to turn the engine over - it was so dead the starter wouldn't even click. This is not what I wanted to deal with early on a Sunday morning. Still, being equipped to handle such a situation, I wasn't too worried.

I pulled on my shoes,

coat and stocking hat. I smiled with confidence as I reached behind the driver's seat for the portable battery pack my father-in-law gave me a couple years ago. At first, I thought the pack was just a gimmick - sure, it might recharge a cell phone or other such device, but there was no way this little box, only 3 X 8 X 1 1/2" thick, was going to start a car.

I had the opportunity to put the battery pack to the test at home one time. My old dump truck had sat for over seven months, through the winter and the battery was dead as a door nail. I must admit I was shocked when that little emergency power pack actually started that big

V-8 engine. That's how I knew it would also start my little four-cylinder Subaru, with no problem at all. I quickly became a believer and carried that power pack with me on all my ventures.

I plugged the special jumper cables into the pack, then clipped them onto the battery posts. I sat in the driver's seat, pressing the clutch pedal to the floor, I turned the key and...nothing. "Ah," I told June, "I forgot to push the power button." I took care of that and went to start the engine again. Urr, urr, click, click, click. I climbed out again to check my connections. They certainly looked tight so I checked the LED lights on the battery pack itself.

Only two of six lights were on. I recalled on the previous trip using the pack to help a stranger with a dead battery. I failed to recharge the pack afterwards.

Inside the Visitor's Center, I found an electrical outlet to plug in the unit, then I got cleaned up while it charged. There was nobody there but me so...

...the man didn't seem very friendly, or happy to see me, let alone talk to me...I approached him anyway...

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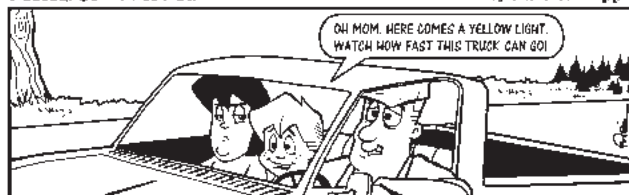
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John Edward Zaharia, Teresa Sue Zaharia to Justin Brietbarth, Lots 5 and 6, BLock 2, Grafts Addition Truman

Teresa L. Voss to Air Med LLC, PT Lot 10, BLock 1, Budds Addition

Brian Coulter, Carla Coulter to David J. Clancy, EXC S 575' of E 1137.06' 15 AC, SE¼NE¼, 5-102-32

Joanne Thayer, Roger W. Thayer to Jerome Raymond Vonfeldt Jr., Sherilyn Kay Vonfeldt, W3/4 Lot 3, Block 1 and Lot 4, Block 1 and E½ Lot 5, Block 1, Petersons 1st Addition Triumph

Salvation Army to Cathy Bell, Corey Bell, EXC N47' of Lot 4, Block 2 and N62' of Lot 5, Block 2, Blomstroms 3rd Addition

Lupe Y. Stromberg, Scott D. Stromberg to Josphine

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**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

Heidi Steuber, Michael Steuber to Tim Steuber Pork Inc., 2 TRACTS 1.315 AC and 6.0 AC, NW¼NE¼, 11-103-31

CW Pork Inc. to Charles Patsche, Wanda Patsche, EXC PT NW¼SW¼ 4.75 AC of SW¼, 22-104-30

**CONTRACT FOR DEED**

Amber J. Schueler Foty, Amber J. Schueler, Amber Shueler Foty to Cortney Dollen, Darren Dollen, PT Block 9, Wards Central Addition

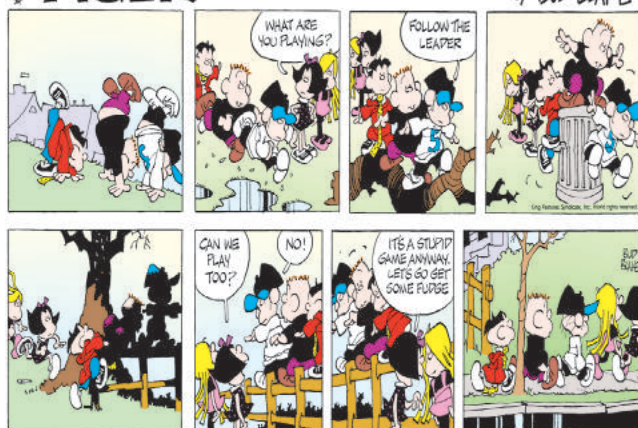
**TRUSTEE DEEDS**

Kim A. Shaffer, Ruth A. Draut Revocable Trust to Gary L. Stusse, Theodore H. Stusse, N½ EXC N33' and EXC 23.14AC of SE¼, 5-102-32

Kristy Lynn Kittleson, Carl H. Meyer Irrevocable Trust to Bryon T. Kittleson, Kristy L. Kittleson, EXC 12.375 AC in NW SE of SE¼, 26-102-32

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5. Private label
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9. Kettle
10. Baked Lay's

Source: Statista

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## Community Options & Resources Connections

Community Options & Resources (COR) is a private, non-profit organization which provides residential and in-home support services to persons with disabilities in Martin, Jackson and Watonwan Counties.

The COR mission is to provide a service promoting the ability of each individual to lead a productive and enjoyable life in all environments with the support of professionally skilled staff.



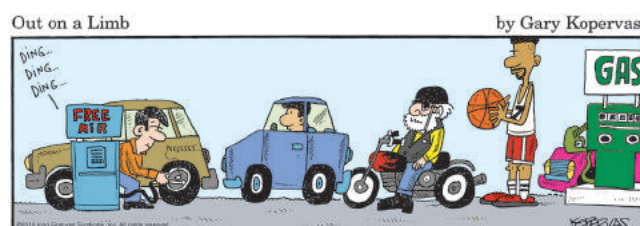
Chuck (right) has been a Direct Support Professional with COR for almost 5 years. He enjoys taking Rodney to Bowlmor on Friday nights during the fall and winter to attend ARC bowling and watch Rodney achieve a high score with all those strikes! Chuck and Rodney also enjoy attending People First to discuss and share new and ongoing things for people with disabilities. Chuck and Rodney attend Different Drummer Dances, People First (Martin and Jackson counties), movies at the local theatre, seeing all the lights during Christmas (from here to Mankato), the Fairmont or Jackson races and going out to eat fast food.

Rodney has many interests and talents that include attending church, beating all of his staff and housemates at Wii bowling, and gambling (and winning big) at Jackpot Junction. He enjoys watching Ellen, daytime soaps, and don't forget about the Vikings and WWE. Rodney is a wiz at the iPad with facebook and all the casino slot games. If there is a parade close, Rodney is sure to be there to see the firetrucks and hear all the noise!

Chuck says he enjoys working with Rodney as he is lighthearted, always ready to have fun, and just a joy to be around. Chuck commented that working at COR is a place where there is flexibility, approachable management, and hard work is acknowledged and rewarded.

If you see Rodney and Chuck in the community, you are sure to be met with smiles and laughter ... and probably some antics as well.

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## Fairmont grad to take part in national tourney

Tieryn Arens (2016 FHS graduate) will be joining her team, the Midland University Warriors at the ACHA National tournament in Frisco, Texas March 27th-31st, 2019.

The Warriors are going to nationals as a result of winning their conference championship tournament February 24th in Las Vegas, Nevada. They beat Colorado State 3-1. Tieryn scored the game-winning goal. Tieryn again had the game-winner in the 8-1 victory vs University of Denver. The Warriors defeated Arizona State and played a tough game with a 3-0 win to send them to the championship game against 2018 champs, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Midland has a current record of 20-16-3 and was ranked as number 12 in the ACHA league.

Tieryn is currently ranked at number 11 in points in the league with 22 goals, 16 assists for a total of 38

points. She has provided four game-winning goals this season.

The team will travel to Frisco, Texas to face number one seed Liberty, out of Lynchburg, Virginia.

The tournament will feature more than 1,500 players from 72 teams in men's divisions one, two and three and women's divisions one and two.

Midland University is located in Fremont, Nebraska.

Tieryn is currently a Junior at Midland majoring in Athletic Training. Tieryn is the daughter of Cathie and Ron Arens of Fairmont. (Submitted photo)



**DRIVINGLAY-UP** - Cards Nick Eversman drives past St. James' Parker Jones. The Saints defeated the Cards 58-52 in the 3AA South Sub-Section semifinal last Thursday in Windom. The #1-seeded Saints (18-8) defeated Jackson County Central (18-10) 76-72 Monday night and will face 3AA North Sub-Section winner #4-seeded Redwood Valley (15-11) Thursday, 5:00 p.m. in Marshall. Picture courtesy Greg Abel



**ATTEMPTED STEAL** - Cardinals #5 Pedro Ortega and Zach Jorgensen try to take the ball away from St. James' Parker Jones while Nick Eversman looks on. The Cardinals finished their season with a 13-14 record. Picture courtesy Greg Abel

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The A Boys Falcon team (St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont, St. James Lutheran, Northrop and St. Paul Lutheran, Truman) made an impressive showing at the Minnesota State Lutheran Basketball Tournament, finishing in 4th place. It was held February 22nd-24th at Concordia University, St. Paul. The team won their first two games against Christ Lutheran 38-18 and Cross of Christ 44-38. In the semifinal game, they lost a heartbreaker to Risen Savior with a last second buzzer-beater shot. The Falcons played hard, but fell short to St. John's 25-32. The Falcons finished the season 25-5. Pictured front row (L to R): Sutton Bohlsen, Zach Flohrs, Tyson Meinert, Wyatt Luhmann. Back Row: Coach Trent Tumbleson, Jakob Fischer, Jacob Singleton, Trey Tumbleson, Trysten Engebretson, Jonah Hackett, Sawyer Torsen, Lance Stevens, Assistant Coaches Brian Kube and Matt Singleton. (Submitted photo)

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