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“Just the other day”

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



“The Mighty Mac and Urho”

One could easily jump to conclusions, thinking the worst, if one should get a text message such as I did about four weeks ago. My daughter Annie, wrote, “Dad, can we go someplace together for spring break? I want to ride along with you on a trip.” Annie is 23 years old, graduated college last year, and is in her first year, teaching school in Iowa. Hanging out with your Dad over spring break is not something most 23-year-old’s want to do. Rather than trying to figure out why she wanted to hang with me, I started looking for a trip we could take on her available days off.

I knew she would want to go someplace warm and green; a cool place, where she could go back to work and boast, “I went to so-and-so, for spring break.” Anything opposite of winter, would define “cool.” To get a trip like that would involve driving

to California, and she only had five days off. I was offered a trip to Washington state, but again, we would spend the entire time on the road driving. A potential trip to Kentucky came up and I claimed it right away. A few days before spring break, that trip fell through. The only other option on the table was a drive to Port Huron, Michigan – not exactly the warmest place, but I took the offer.

After doing my business in Port Huron, we drove down to the waterfront on the St. Clair River;

a shipping channel that connects Lake Huron to Lake Erie. It’s also the border between the United States and Canada. The shipping season isn’t underway yet, so there were no boats to see and not much action going on. We thought about going to Canada, but Annie doesn’t have a passport yet. It’s a cool area, but I told Annie I wanted to start for home, “We’ll visit here another time during the season, for now I have something I want to show you farther north; we have to get there before it gets

dark outside.”

Four hours later, we were in Mackinaw City, Michigan. I wanted to take Annie to the beach at the park, but a ten-foot-tall snowbank at the parking lot entrance caboshed that idea. The light house museum and most other attractions in town were also closed. From the main street, I was able to show her the Mackinac Bridge that we would be crossing to get to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She thought it looked pretty cool.

If you’ve never crossed the Mackinac Bridge, (pronounced Mackinaw) put it on your list of “must do” destinations. It’s the third longest suspension bridge in America, only behind the Verrazano-Narrows, in lower New York Bay, and the Golden Gate at San Francisco Bay...

...around 170’ above the water...straight down...icy waters! Can you say anxiety? If you have no fear of heights, the Mighty Mac just might give you one... she was hanging over the edge!

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Marriage License Applications

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Martin County Veterans **beef or turkey commercial and cookie walk** will take place Thursday, March 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fairmont Eagles Club, 1228 Lake Avenue in Fairmont. Take outs are available. Proceeds will go to the Martin County Veteran's Memorial Wall.



BAHR 96TH - Dorothy Bahr of Fairmont will be celebrating 96 years on Friday, March 22nd. Cards can be sent to Dorothy Bahr, Apt. 410, 850 Goldfinch Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.



ERICKSON-VU - Linnea Erickson and Joshua Vu announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Linnea's parents are Dr. Jon and Donna Erickson of rural Fairmont. Joshua's parents are Hung Vu and Hien Nguyen of Albert Lea. Linnea graduated with a Bachelor's in Nursing from Bethel University in St. Paul and is an RN at Mayo Medical Center, Rochester in Pediatrics. Joshua graduated with a Bachelor's in Nursing from SDSU in Brookings, South Dakota and is an RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Mayo Medical Center, Rochester. The couple plans to continue their careers at Mayo and reside in Rochester. A June 2nd, 2019 wedding is planned at the Timothy Chapel of Autumn Ridge Church in Rochester. (Empiria Studios, Minneapolis)



BOESCH 40TH - The children and grandchildren of Lowell and Joyce Boesch invite you to join them in celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 30th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Truman Community Building, 313 N. 1st Avenue West in Truman.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution Saturday

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on Saturday, March 22nd from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

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

Ruby's Pantry is in its

eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month.

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

New ownership at State Bank of Ceylon

The Bents family has been a big part of the State Bank of Ceylon for over 50 years.

For almost two years, the Bents had been having conversations with an-

20th in Ceylon to thank the Bents for their many years of leadership and to welcome the new ownership to town.

Matt Moran is the new president of the bank. State

STATE BANK of Ceylon

other bank group regarding a possible bank sale. The Bents' main goal was to ensure that moving forward, the State Bank of Ceylon would remain in Ceylon to help out that community and the surrounding areas for years to come.

Recently it was announced that the sale has been completed and an open house was held March

great employees. The new ownership is excited to announce new products and services that will soon be available to their customers.

To learn more about the new leadership team and what State Bank of Ceylon has to offer, visit them online at statebankofceylon.com or stop in and say "hi"!

County Pork Producers banquet Monday

The Martin County Pork Producers will have their 2019 banquet on Monday, March 25th at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall.

Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with meal at 6:30 p.m. They will serve pork chops prepared by Martin County Pork Producers and side dishes prepared by Green Mill. Admission is \$15.

Don't forget to renew your 2019 Pork Producer membership! Producers members are 1 year-\$10 or 3 years for \$25. Associate members are \$20.

Banquet sponsors are B&B Gas Piping Plus, Lange Ag Systems, Inc.; Profinium; Garry Trucking; Crystal Valley Coop; Huvepharma and BoeKett Building Supply, Inc.

29th Annual Knights of Columbus auction

The Fairmont Knights of Columbus have been conducting a benefit silent and live auction for over 28 years, with proceeds going to local organizations.

The 29th Annual Knights of Columbus Auction will take place this year on Saturday, March 30th with the silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. and the live auction at 8:30 p.m. This even will take place in the St. John Vianney School Gym in Fairmont.

Some auctions items that you can bid on include: Minnesota Twins

tickets, St. Paul Saints tickets, various dinner theater tickets, State Fair tickets, Get-A-Ways to Holiday Inn in Duluth, Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, Cove Point Lodge, Mystic Lake Casino, Wild Rose Casino, Arnold's Park Amusement tickets, Pheasants Forever print, meat packages and much more!

Refreshments will be served at this event.

This year's proceeds will go to ARC/Special Olympics and Kinship. The event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1575.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

Eligible blood donors of all blood types, especially type "O", are urged to give blood through the American Red Cross now to help ensure a sufficient supply for hospital patients this spring.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Winnebago, MN: Thursday, March 28th from noon to 6 p.m. at the Winnebago Community Center

- Fairmont: Friday, March 22nd from noon to

5 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont

- Ceylon: Wednesday, April 10th from 1 to 6 p.m. at Legends 2 in Ceylon

- Truman: Wednesday, April 10th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Truman High School

To make an appointment to donate blood, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Community Health Service investigating TB case

Community Health Services of Faribault and Martin Counties is currently monitoring and following up on an active case of Tuberculosis (TB) in our area. TB is a disease caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis that usually attacks the lungs, but it can affect other parts of the body including the kidneys, spine and brain.

"We are currently working with local health care entities and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and are interviewing contacts to identify potential cases and to follow up with appropriate care and treatment as necessary," says Chera Sevcik, Community health manager for the Department of Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties. "It's important to note that not everyone who contacts TB becomes sick."

Community Health Services has been notifying those who we have determined may have been exposed to TB. If you have not been con-

tracted by our office, you have not been identified as someone who was exposed and are not at risk at this time.

"There is no widespread threat of TB to the general public at this time," says Sevcik. "We do, however, encourage anyone with a cough lasting more than three weeks or people who are coughing up blood to seek medical care as soon as possible."

For more information about the disease, signs and symptoms as well as prevention tips, please visit the MDH web site at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/index.html>

Community Health Services of Faribault and Martin Counties will provide additional information as our work continues and as the situation warrants. We encourage you to visit our Facebook page for updates regarding this matter and you may also contact our office at (507) 238-4757 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. if you have any questions

Pajama Tales at the Fairmont library

Wear your jammies and join the Martin County Library in Fairmont for a fun family event!

Stories, snacks and activities will be shared.

Join them Mondays at 6 p.m. on March 25th and

again on Monday, April 15th.

There is no cost to attend and these programs are open to the public.

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

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 20th they will serve homemade turkey noodle and tomato basil soups, turkey and cheese sandwiches. Next Wednesday, March 27th it will be "to be determined". All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Music Department will present a **Sacred Concert of Music** on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop. The Band and Choir will present special Holy Week music. The students are under the direction of Mr. Evan Mills. A free will donation will be gathered.

An informational presentation entitled "**Be Aware & Be Smart**" will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, March 28th at 12:30 p.m. Danielle Freitag, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and Author, will speak on commercial sexual exploitation of children and substance abuse. The talk will be appropriate for students in grades 7-12. Everyone is welcome to attend this free presentation sponsored by the MLHS Parent/Teacher League.

A **free hot meal** will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome!

Martin Luther Dinner and Auction Saturday night

The OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction will be held at Martin Luther High School on Saturday, March 23rd. Doors will open at 4:30 for an auction preview.

A dinner of pork loin with cranberry sauce, party potatoes, green beans with almonds, lettuce salad, fresh bread, assorted desserts and "This is Most Certainly Brew" coffee will be served at 6:00 p.m. Allen Kahler is the gratis auctioneer for the evening.

Items on the live auction include: Live-edge Child's Garden Bench, Adirondack Chairs, Piano desk, 6' tall Man's Mystery Box, Fish Finder, Limited edition Voyageur National Park pure silver Commemorative Medallion, MN Twins Tickets, Gray tones "Triple Irish Chain" Queen Size Hand-made Quilt, Day of Trap Shooting & Supper, Willow Creek East Coast Seafood Dinner, A Limo Ride and Dinner at Bergen for up to

14, Robot Vacuum, Hand-made Child's Play Table, Guatemalan or Nigerian Cooking Class, Pontoon Ride on Fairmont Lakes and Dinner, Tanka String Lawn Trimmer, Troy Bilt Push Lawn Mower, One Week Winterhaven Escape, Woodlawn Trails B&B. Plus many gift certificates, creative gift baskets, new and handmade items. Heads or Tails will be played and the Wine Wall will have many interesting flavors.

District Education Executive, Sean Martens will present the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation Certificate. Video greetings from several alumni will also be featured. Valet Parking provided.

Tickets are available for \$25.00 each and must be purchased in advance. Call the MLHS office at 436-5249. To see pictures of auction items or to purchase tickets go to www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events.

Don't forget to make your 2018 IRA contribution.



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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given on this 20th day of March, 2019, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009)* that all persons in Martin County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the method(s) applied may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2013)*, will be issued.

An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with an individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector or County-Designated Employee. You can also obtain this information from your Local Weed Inspectors. Local Weed Inspectors include the township supervisors, city mayors or their appointed assistants.

More information regarding the statewide listed noxious weeds, the MN Noxious Weed Law and a list of County Agricultural Inspectors and County Designated Employees can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site by visiting: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol>.

Pam Flitter, Martin County Agricultural Inspector
Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue - Room 104;
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The **Prairieland Antique Tractor Association** will have their monthly meeting Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at McDonalds in Fairmont. The public is welcome to attend.

Jaguar summer youth baseball and softball sign up night will be Tuesday, March 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in two locations: Elizabeth Chevrolet in Truman and Granada school gym commons. There is no fee to participate.

The Fairmont Christian Church will be hosting a **HYMN FEST** on Sunday, March 24th at 4:00 p.m. at 625 Johnson Street in Fairmont. They are inviting everyone in the community to attend this event, which was previously held at the Red Rock Center. Ann Wehner will be the pianist for the hymn fest and will be led by Joyce Kollasch.

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Are you and your partner on same retirement page?

In 2018, Fidelity Investments asked couples how much they think they will need to save for retirement to maintain their current lifestyle. Believe it or not, 49% said they had “no idea.” Over half the survey respondents – 54% – disagreed on the amount needed to retire, and 43% had differing answers when asked their planned retirement age.

In some ways, that’s not surprising – many couples disagree on financial and lifestyle matters long before they’ve stopped working. But adjustments can become more difficult in retirement. The picture changes: At that point, you’ve generally stopped accumulating wealth and now have to focus more on controlling expenses and dealing with the various risks and unexpected events that come with retirement.

Ultimately, the time to talk about and resolve any differences you have about retirement is well before you need to. Let’s look at some of the key areas where couples need to find common ground.

When and Where

Partners often have dif-

ferent time frames for their individual retirements, an issue that can be exacerbated if one is significantly older. Sometimes, differing time frames are due to policies or expectations in their respective workplaces; sometimes, it’s a matter of how long each one feels they can physically continue to work. One may be eyeing the door; the other may enjoy their work and want to keep the fulfillment it brings.

Of course, the retirement nest egg is also a factor here. If you’re planning to downsize or move to a location that’s warmer or nearer your children, that will affect your timeline as well. There’s no numerical answer (65 as a retirement age just isn’t relevant in today’s world) and this may be a moving target, anyway. But you both need to have a general idea on when each is going to retire.

You also need to be in agreement on where you’re going to live, because a mistake on this point can be very expensive to fix. If one of you is set on a certain location, try to take a long vacation (or several) there together

and discuss how you each feel about living there permanently.

Your Lifestyle in Retirement

Some people see retirement as a time to do very little; others see it as the time to do everything they couldn’t do while working. While these are individual choices, they’ll affect both of you as well as your joint financial planning. After all, if there’s a trip to Europe in your future, there’s a hefty expense in your future as well.

While you may not be able to (or want to) pin everything down precisely, partners should be in general agreement on how they’re going to live in retirement and what that lifestyle is going to cost. You need to arrive at that expense estimate long before retirement, while you still have time to make any changes that might be needed to assure you reach the financial target required to fund your agreed-upon lifestyle.

Your Current Lifestyle

How much you spend and save now obviously plays a major role in determining how much you will be able to accumulate and

therefore how much you can spend in retirement. A key question: What tradeoffs (working longer, saving more, delaying Social Security) are you willing to make now to increase your odds of having the retirement lifestyle you want?

Examining your current lifestyle is also a good starting point for discussing how things might change in retirement. Are there expenses that will go away? Are there new ones that will pop up? If you’re planning on working part-time or perhaps turning a hobby into a little business, should you begin planning for that now?

Retirement Finances

This is a major topic, including items such as:

- Monitoring and managing expenses
- How much you can withdraw from your retirement portfolio annually
- What your income sources will be
- How long your money has to last (be sure to add a margin of safety)
- What level of risk you can jointly tolerate
- How much you plan to leave to others or to charity
- How much you’re going to set aside for emergencies
- Who’s going to manage the money, and what happens if he or she dies first... and the list goes on. You don’t want to spend your retirement years worrying about money, but

not planning ahead might ensure that you will. Talk about these subjects now.

Unknowns

By retirement, you’ll be well aware that life hands you plenty of things that weren’t planned for. “Expect the unexpected” applies all the way along the journey, but perhaps even more strongly in our later years. What will your healthcare costs be, and how much of that will have to come out of your own pocket? Will you or your spouse need long-term care, and should you purchase insurance to cover that? What happens if the market suffers a severe downdraft right after you retire?

While you obviously can’t plan precisely for an unknown, talking about what might happen and how you’d respond will make things easier if the unexpected does occur. Included here is the reality that one of you will likely outlive the other, so your estate planning should be done together and the day-to-day manager of your finances should be certain their counterpart can take over when needed.

Communication is vital, especially when it comes to something as important as retirement. Almost all of us will have to make some tradeoffs and adjustments (as we do throughout our relationships), and it’s important to remember

that the earlier you discuss and negotiate what those are going to be, the better your chances of achieving the satisfying retirement you’ve both worked so hard to achieve.

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Community Covenant Church in Huntley, MN is serving a **Wednesday Night Community Supper** each week. On Wednesday, March 20th they will serve spaghetti, garlic bread, garden salad and carrot bars. March 27th will be Mississippi roast, mashed potatoes, corn and apple dessert. Menus are subject to change at the whim of the cooks. Free will offering.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, March 20th they will serve creamed chicken. On March 27th it will be chicken breast and nuggets. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter/jelly sandwich. Suggested donation is \$3.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 23, 1994

Martin County West School was recently named the top school in Minnesota, and one of the best in the nation. The honor came from The Redbook Magazine, which conducts an annual poll

of academic excellence among the nation’s high schools.

The Spokesmen Quartet of Fairmont again sponsored a great evening of Southern Gospel Music at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center. The quartet recently took part in the Harmony Junc-

tion three-way concert in Albert Lea, Blue Earth and Fairmont.

Evie Anderson of the Fairmont Area Toastmaster Club took first place in the Area 81 International Speech Contest held in New Ulm. Competing were speakers from Worthington, Mankato, Blue Earth,

New Ulm, Courtland and Fairmont. Karl Anderson of Trimont competed in the “Tall Tales” contest and was awarded third place.

The annual St. Patrick’s Day parade in Fairmont featured many entrants,

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Home again!

We had a great time visiting our friends, Joanne and Arv Soma in Tucson, they house sit a relative's home for 6 weeks in the winter. Joanne's fx pelvis is healing, she and Arv had food prepared in advance so all we had to do is set the table, help heat up the food and a little clean up. Arv even made pancakes for us at breakfast. The first two days it was rainy and cool with the temperature 60 degrees but our friendship kept us warm! The last two days were sunny and warm, warm enough to sit in lounge chairs by the pool and even have lunch outdoors. None of us were in wheelchairs this year, altho one of us (I won't mention names) had a uncomfortable leg, needing a cane and walker part of the time and I took a tumble the day we left but no trips to ER!!

I have always loved meat loaf, a real comfort food in my estimation, I recently tried a new recipe, again from the Paula Deen magazine, it was good enough to make again.

Barbecue Glazed Cheese-stuffed Meat Loaf:

- Topping:
- 1 cup ketchup
 - 1/2 cup chili sauce
 - 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- Whisk all together in a small bowl and refrigerate.
- Meat Loaf:
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 medium onion, chopped
 - 1/2 cup red bell pepper (optional)
 - 1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme
 - 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
 - 1/2 cup ketchup
 - 1/2 cup chili sauce
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
 - 2 1/2 pounds lean hamburger
 - 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
 - 4 mozzarella cheese sticks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

In skillet, heat oil over medium heat, add onion, bell pepper ant thyme, cook until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes, cool 15 minutes.

In a large bowl, stir together bread crumbs, chili sauce, ketchup, salt and pepper until crumbs are moistened. Add vegetables, beef, and eggs, stirring gently with a fork. Shape mixture into a rectangular loaf on the prepared pan. Press well into the center of meat mixture, add cheese sticks, cover cheese with meat mixture. Bake for 30 minutes, spoon barbecue topping over meat loaf and bake until meat thermometer inserted into the center of meat registers 160, 20 minutes more. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Have a great week!



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LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Environmental positive impact

To smokers everywhere who wish to have a positive impact on the environment...

Did you know cigarette butts are made of plastic, not the cotton filter we'd always thought, but actually a core of 12,000 plastic cellulose acetate fibers that are each thinner than a thread? And these filters can take anywhere from 18 months to 30 years to decompose!

We've become accustomed to just tossing them out the window or onto sandy beaches or parking lots thinking they won't cause any fire.

I've learned though, that the toxin / chemical filled butts are lethal to our marine environment when they become runoff to our lakes and streams. This plastic can resemble

their food. When affected by this residue, living organisms like the 'water flea', a very beneficial aquatic insect, act crazy with erratic behavior, spin in circles and even die. These are one of the most important species as they are at the start of the food chain, are a main consumer of algae and one of the top food sources for game fish!

So this is a plea to all smokers:

(Mind your butts! Ha! I couldn't resist!) Help keep our land and lake environments clean!

Please don't litter. Dispose of your cigarette butts properly no matter where you are!

Thank you.

Mari Phelan
Fairmont

Come enjoy sunshine

There may be a reason for all this snow and rain.

It most likely is because on Saturday, March 30th the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Live/Silent Auction beginning at 6:00 at St John Vianney gym. We expect sunshine, warmth, and dry pavement that evening but it still will be too wet to go into the yard so celebrate with our self advocates from the Arc (people with disabilities)

and Kinship members at a wonderful event.

All proceeds benefit programs in Martin County serving people with disabilities and their families and the Kinship mentoring group. If you can't attend, donations are always welcome. Send to Knights of Columbus Council # 1575, P.O. Box 992, Fairmont, MN 56031. Hope to see you March 30th.

Lee Ann Erickson
The Arc Minnesota

Combat childhood tooth decay

Early childhood tooth decay is the most chronic, yet preventable, infectious disease in children. It's estimated 17 million U.S. American children don't receive dental care on an annual basis, making dental care the most common unmet health need of children in the nation, according to the

National Children's Oral Health Foundation.

Childhood tooth decay is yet another area more likely to affect low-income children. Children aged two to nine living below the poverty line are TWICE as likely to suffer tooth decay and are TWICE as likely to have it go untreated. Almost half of all children ages 2-5 have never been to a dentist. Martin County Early Childhood Dental Network (MCECDN) have

witnessed this health concern in Martin County.

MCECDN approached local dentists with the need and they rose to the occasion. We would like to thank all providers and staff that assisted in Giving Kids A Smile on February 2nd at Fairmont Family Dentistry.

A special thanks to those that donated their time and profession. These include Dr. Chris Olsen, Dr. Kurt Erickson, Dr. Jeff Fordice, Dr. Jon Erickson, hygienists LaNell Klanderud, Dawn Grandgenett, Jan Rieland, Amy Pettersen, nursing students Amanda Matzer

Minnesota disaster relief

With major flooding predicted across the state, I am supporting a bill that will refill Minnesota's currently empty Disaster Relief Contingency Account.

We have to have something in place to take care of natural disasters. I look at the snowbanks along the Fairmont roads that are eight feet tall, and common sense tells you we are in trouble when things begin to melt.

The bill would transfer \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2019 and another \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2020 to Minnesota's disaster assistance contingency account, effective the day after final enactment. The account is now in the red after Minnesota responded with \$11 million in relief to flooding events last year in Brainerd and Duluth.

We had floods, straight line winds and tornadoes last year in our district alone. We need to do a better job of preparing for what is going to be an eventuality, and we don't want disaster relief funding to get caught up in the inevitable end-of-session negotiations.

Rep. Bob Gunther
District 23A

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including the O'Zanke's float, HyVee grocery cart drill team and P. Buckley Moss was on hand via local business On the Wall. Parade organizer KFMC Irish disc jockey Al Travis started up the traditional parade the year before.

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WEEK OF
MARCH 23, 1969

Representatives in cities from Luverne to Winona met in Blue Earth to determine what action can be taken to expedite construction of Interstate 90. This section, when finished, would complete the freeway from coast to coast, and build-

and Nadya VanVandern, dental assistants Jesse Anderson, Michelle Falgren, Pam Mino and Caitlin Abbas and patient coordinator Kay Lemke. Many local children received free oral health services, keeping Martin County children smiling!

Anyone wanting more information is welcome to call MCECDN at 235-3141.

Thank you for the positive, healthy impact you have made on Martin County youth.,

April Tordsen and
Roni Dauer
ECDN Co-coordinators

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Spring is here (according to the calendar) and it is time to take the next set of names for the Trimont Area Veterans' Tribute to the manufacturer. It would be great if these names could be made and installed by July 4th, 2019. We already have several applications to take to Sleepy Eye, but if you know of someone who should be included, please get the application to Dick Pope, Bernie Semanko or Ron Reichert before the end of March. (By the way, watch for the robins - they'll be here soon!)



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Thanks also to the many contributors and donors. We would like to thank everyone who attended the banquet this year. It is with your hard earned money that we are able to preserve and restore natural habitat right here in Martin County for today and generations to come. Remember ALL profits stay here in Martin County!

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SAM is a talkative boy who enjoys being petted. He is black with a little white on his chest. Sam also likes to be brushed.

SALLY is a gentle soul. Her soft light green eyes look with uncertainty at new people, but she trusts her old friends and gives them sweet snuggles. She is willing to meet some new friends and family.

DORIS is a playful young adult. This tabby loves to pounce on toy mice, bat at balls, and wrestle with stuffed animals. Doris would love to come and play at your house.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

KYLEE is a "people" dog. She loves people and is happy to accept all the petting and cuddling she can get. Kylee appears to be a lab/pointer mix. She is a light rust color with white markings.

RUSTY is a hound mix with, you guessed it, rust colored fur. He also has one brown eye and one blue eye. Rusty is very athletic and a great jumper.

OLLIE and KATER are a pair of 12 year old shih tzus. Ollie is a black and white male while Kater is a white and buff female. The pair were surrendered together due to the owner's poor health and we would like them to be adopted together. Kater and Ollie are housetrained using a doggie door.

OBITUARY notices

Paul R. Klenke, 70



Services for Paul R. Klenke, 70, of Welcome, were held Saturday, March 16th, 2019, at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery in Lake City, MN, with full military graveside honors by the Minnesota National Guard. Paul passed away Monday, March 11th, 2019, at the Oaklawn Rehabilitation Center in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Paul Richard Klenke was born December 28th, 1948, in Lake City. He is the son of Glen and So-

phie (Schlichting) Klenke. Paul attended country school and later Lake City Public Schools, graduating in 1966.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1968, served a tour of duty in Viet Nam, and received an honorable discharge in 1971.

On April 28th, 1973, Paul united in marriage to Judith Holst at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake City. The couple made their home in Welcome, where they were blessed with four children, Heidi Jo (deceased), Heather, Amy and Paula.

Paul attended Jackson Vocational Technical

School following his marriage and graduated with a degree in Construction Electrician. He worked for local contractors until he obtained his Masters License and started his own business, Klenke Electric in Welcome. He remained in business until his health forced him to retire and close his business in 2002.

Paul was a charter member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Fairmont, where he held many offices throughout his life. He was also a lifetime member of the Lake City VFW, Welcome Legion, Viet Nam Veterans of America, and Disabled American

Veterans.

Paul enjoyed camping with his family along with fishing and hunting. Even as his health deteriorated, he obtained a special license to allow him to continue his sport. His spare time was filled with helping his children and spending time with his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Judith; daughters, Heather of Cresco, Iowa, Amy (Jem) Hamilton of Slayton, Minnesota, and Paula (Michael) Braaten of Butterfield, Minnesota; as well as his dog, Sandy. Six grandchildren, Sophie, Henry, and Oliver Ham-

ilton; Bristol, Logan and Parker Braaten. Brothers, Dale (Margaret) Klenke of Lebanon, Tennessee, Leon (Lydia) Klenke of Red Wing, Randy (Rita) Klenke of Cadott, Wisconsin, Neil (Pamela) Klenke of Lake City, Faye Conway of Lake City, and Joyce Klenke of Rochester; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Paul was preceded in death by his daughter, Heidi Jo; parents, Glen and Sophie Klenke; grandparents, Claus and Henrietta (Dohrn) Klenke, and Diedrich and Friedericka (Quell) Schlichting; aunts and uncles.

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Russell H. Rosenau, 94



Russell H. Rosenau, 94, of Fairmont, was ushered into the presence of

his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ on Monday morning, March 11th, 2019. Services were held Wednesday morning, March 20th, at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Military honors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Memorials are preferred to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Russell Henry Rosenau

was born November 27th, 1924, in Waseca, MN, the son of George H. and Emma E. (Lueck) Rosenau. He was baptized December 11th, 1924, into the Lutheran faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waseca, and later confirmed April 2nd, 1939. Russell attended country school near Waseca through the 8th grade and Waseca High School through 11th grade.

Russell worked on his parents' farm until entering the Army October 10th, 1944. He served in Europe until receiving his honorable discharge July 25th, 1946. After return-

ing home from the service, Russell worked at Mankato Plating Co. for a year. He then worked at Neubert's Millwork for five years before starting at Northern Natural Gas Company where he worked for thirty-two years until his retirement June 1st, 1984.

On December 27th, 1945, Russell was united in marriage to Norma Chard in San Antonio, TX. The couple resided in Mankato until moving to Fairmont in 1964. Russell and Norma shared over seventy-one years together before Norma passed away April 29th, 2017.

Russell was a past

member of St. Paul's Lutheran in North Mankato and Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Mankato. When he and Norma moved to Fairmont, they became members at St. Paul Lutheran Church where Russell was active as an usher for fifty years as well as being an Elder and serving on the Memorial Committee.

Left to cherish Russell's memory are his children, Chris Rosenau and his wife, Connie, of Lenoir, NC, Rev. Mark Rosenau and his wife, Susan, of Owatonna; daughter-in-law, Maureen, of Show Low, AZ, 9 grandchildren;

19 great grandchildren; brother, Rev. Stanley and Marion Rosenau, sister-in-law, Arlene and Elmer Elsner; several very special cousins, nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Norma Rosenau; son, Rev. David L. Rosenau; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Howard and Alice Chard; three brothers, Milford, Gordon and George Rosenau; sister, Grace Perizo and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Welch-Freund.

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Lillian H. Lund, 93



Mass of Christian Burial for Lillian H. Lund, 93,

of Fairmont, was held Wednesday morning, March 20th, 2019, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Lillian passed away Thursday morning, March 14th, 2019 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Lillian Helen (Sokoloski) Lund was born April 12th, 1925 to Stanley and Anna (Shumski) Sokoloski in Silver Lake Township.

She received her education in District 73, St. Paul's Catholic School and graduated in 1943 from Fairmont High School. After graduation, Lillian worked at the Fairmont Telephone Company. She was united in marriage to Walter Crawford in November of 1944. After the war, they farmed in Martin County before moving to Fairmont in 1962. That marriage was dissolved.

Lillian worked at Stokley Van Camp Factory on quality control, then many years at Winzenburg Elevator and last at Blachows-

ki Truck Line, Inc.

On April 7th, 1984 Lillian was united in marriage to Burton Lund. They both retired and did volunteer work at William Budd School. Bud Lund passed away December 26th, 2004. In Lillian's retirement she enjoyed caring for her many flower gardens. Her love of baking was enjoyed by many friends and family members. The evenings found her relaxing doing beautiful embroidery dish towels that were a treasure for all who received them. Word Find books were always

close at hand for challenging enjoyment. Lillian was a faithful member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and she lived her faith life to the fullest. She enjoyed her family tremendously and nothing brought her greater joy than being together and making special memories.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Rick (Julie) Crawford; daughter, Karen Lester; step-children: Gary (Priscilla) Lund, Susan (Jeff) Naumann; son-in-law, Pat Erwin; sister, Anna Mae Reutz; sisters-in-law: Al-

ice Sokoloski, Ferdie Sokoloski and Carol (Rollin) Joeckel; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Lillian was preceded in death by her husband, Burton Lund; daughter, Diane Erwin; son-in-law, Malcolm Lester; brothers: Mark Sokoloski, Greg Sokoloski, Richard Sokoloski and Wayne Sokoloski; sister, Una Delle Lutterman; and sister-in-law, Leona Sokoloski.

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Diane L. (Nutt) Vonnahme, 73



Services for Diane L. (Nutt) Vonnahme, 73, of Buffalo Center, IA, formerly of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at a later date in Fairview Memorial Park

Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be one hour prior to the time of service from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, at Lakeview Funeral Home. Diane passed away peacefully Thursday, March 14th, 2019, at Accura Health Care in Bancroft, IA. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Diane Louise (Nutt) Vonnahme was born April 2nd, 1945, in Fairmont, the daughter of Earl and Regina "Jean" (Prochniak) Nutt. She attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1963.

In June 1963, Diane was united in marriage to Brad Williams. Together the couple made their home on a farm north of Wel-

come, and were blessed with three children, Terry, Corey and Jody. Diane loved being able to take care of her children and after her children ventured off to school, she began working as a Nurses Aide at the Truman Senior Living Center in Truman.

On September 15th, 1989, Diane was united in marriage with Kenneth J. Vonnahme. Together the couple made their home in Iowa and Minnesota. Diane worked for many years as a supervisor of the laundry dept. at Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel in Prior Lake, MN.

In her spare time, she enjoyed spending time outdoors tending to her flowers and working in her garden. She was a wonderful seamstress and enjoyed a day out rummaging through area garage sales. Family and friends

were important to Diane and she always had the coffee pot on, ready to visit with whoever would stop over.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Kenneth Vonnahme of Buffalo Center, IA; children, Terry (Shelley) Williams and Jody (Todd) Jordan; step-daughter, Shelley Vonnahme; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, a brother, Gerald Nutt; brothers-in-law, Bob (Betty) Vonnahme and Dan (Darla) Vonnahme; special personal friend, Jessica Rios; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Regina Nutt; son, Corey Williams; brother, Dewayne "Bud" Nutt; and sister-in-law, Mary Nutt.

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One Year Ago This Week
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Gordon D. Chase, 67

Memorial Services for Gordon D. Chase, 67, of River Falls, WI, formerly of Fairmont, will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation and a luncheon will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22nd, 2019

Gordon R. Franzen, 92



Funeral Services for Gordon R. Franzen, 92, of Granada, will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21st, 2019 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont.

at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Gordon passed away Thursday afternoon, March 14th, 2019 at his home in River Falls, WI. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gordon was born December 8th, 1951 in Fairmont, to Harry Jr. and Ruth Chase. Gordon grew up in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School. In 1975 he married Rebecca Abbas, they

Burial will be held at Center Creek Cemetery in rural Granada. Military honors will be provided by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday. Gordon passed away peacefully on Saturday afternoon, March 16th, 2019 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

later divorced. He later married Renae Rolling of Fairmont.

Gordon was a proud union member from the age of 15 to the present, including Teamsters Local 487 at Pictsweet in Fairmont, where he had the pleasure of serving as Union Steward and then a member of The United Association and Local 417 Sprinkler Fitters of Minneapolis and St. Paul where he was a foreman of many jobs in Minneapolis, St.

Gordon Roland Franzen was born to Eric Magnus and Florence E. Franzen February 5th, 1927 in Palisade, MN. Gordon graduated from Aitkin High School in 1945. He was drafted into the Army on June 20th, 1945. Gordon was discharged November 12th, 1946 from Camp Carson, Colorado after working as Chief Clerk in Regimental Supply while attaining the rank of T/4. Returning to Minnesota Gordon worked for Franzen Brothers on power line construction. In 1949, Gordon bought a log truck and sub-contracted pole distribution for R.E.A. Construction. In 1951, he sold his truck and moved to Granada where

Paul and the surrounding area. He was also a member of the Martin County Conservation Club.

Gordon and his wife Renae loved traveling extensively around the US and vacationing in Canada and Mexico. He had many hobbies. Including feeding and watching the birds, gardening, camping, fishing, hunting Indian artifacts and being around great friends and his children and their families. There was nothing

he met and later married the love of his life, Donna Hiatt October 24th, 1953. Gordon worked for a time at Railway Motors before becoming a carpenter by trade. Gordon and Donna raised three children, Rick, Jim, and Jennifer. Gordon continued working as a carpenter until he retired in 1989 at the age of 62, he did continue to work summers until 2003. Gordon and Donna bought the first of three campers in 1989. They spent 16 winters exploring the southern part of the United States.

To say Gordon was an avid carpenter is an understatement. He delighted in showing off his many segmented bowls and creations he made turn-

better than having a beer and a few laughs with his friends and family.

Gordon is survived by his wife Renae, sons Jesse (Cindy Wilken) Chase, Dusty (Gwynne) Chase, grandchildren Cole, Kinsey, and Dylan Chase, sisters Linda (Elwin) Stauffer, Lisa (Steve) Hill, brother Steve (Dianne) Chase, mother-in-law Mavis Tonne, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Dan and Sheryl Rolling, Randy Rolling, Dave and Deb

ing wood. He was quick to explain he was not a wood carver, but rather used a lathe to turn wood. Gordon also enjoyed fishing, going to casinos, and creating low-sodium/low potassium recipes. Gordon was dragged into the digital age kicking and screaming but grew to love using his computers to watch YouTube videos on woodworking, playing (winning) Free Cell, and keeping up to date with Facebook, and Skyping with his daughter Jenny. Gordon very much enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He always had a story to tell or memory to share.

Gordon is survived by his children; Rick (Tess)

Alm, Steve Rolling, Kathy (Lee Buntjer) Totzke, Denny and Sandra Doolittle, Kenny and Mary Sue Ringeisen, Keith and Kristie Rolling.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harry Jr. (Eleanor) Chase and Ruth Chase, brother Gary Chase, in-laws Lloyd Rolling and Rudy Tonne.

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Franzen of Rapid City, SD, Jim (Rochelle) Franzen of Fairmont, Jennifer (Tony) Lourence of Killeen, TX. His grandchildren; Stephanie (Dustin) Franzen-Nelson of Estherville, IA, Amber (Jeremy) Malloy of Rapid City, SD, Amanda Ferguson of Rapid City, SD, Sasha Franzen of Fairmont. His great-grandchildren, Angel, Emma, and Ella Malloy, Madilynn and Gavin Nelson, and William Ferguson. As well as many nieces and nephews. Gordon was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Donna Franzen, his sister, Irene Howe, and his parents and in-laws.

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Fairmont Area High School first semester honor roll

GRADE 12 HIGHEST HONORS- Natalie Abel, Brittany Bass, Hayden Berhow, Taylor Crissinger, Tyler Fogelson, Joseph Gerken, Jebediah Green, Madison Hagen, Sydney Hainy, Sarah Harstad, Eric Head, Grace Higgins, Bethany Linse, Alexis Lunn, Madeline Mathiason, Anna Nordquist, Justin Olson, Ashlyn Quist, Hanna Reischl, Daniel Reiter, Makena Rodriguez, Whitney Scott, Halle Siegler, Jacob Tenyson, Abigail Tonder

HIGH HONORS - Madison Boyd, April Cihoski, Jordan Ehlert, Nicholas Eversman, Jenna Lee Gustafson, Alex Kotewa, Jonathan Lutz, Michael Maakestad, Hailey Meyers, Andrew Moeller, Matthew Moeller, Garrett Myren, Alex Okerman, Pedro Ortega, Dustin Schultz, Joyce Ziemann

HONORS - Malachi Anderson, Olivia Anderson, Jorden Aubart, Sawyer Brau, Cole Camp, Kierstyn Camp, Rashuanyka Campbell, Bailey Chaffee, Riley Chaffee, Rodrigo Cordova, Brooke Crowley Rosenberg, Katia Gibeau, Carlene Hand, James Joyner, Megan Junkermeier, Dylan Kennedy, Darrian Kueker, Melinda Lopez,, Mario Maldonado, Madison Moeller, Dayana Munoz Revolorio, Anthony Nuss, Dianna Ortiz, Pramit Patel, Jacob Raney, Carter Reutzell, Morgan Sanvig, Lauren Scott, Danelle Simmons,

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We finally are seeing some warmer weather around here, which is causing some flooding issues and messing up roads, but our neighbors to the southwest have it far worse than us. I was checking out reports from Nebraska over the weekend and the massive area of flooding and damage from the



A piece of ice in the middle of the cornfield near the destroyed Spencer dam in Spencer, Nebraska.

spring thaw. I have some relation living in Nebraska and a former co-worker lives in

Beatrice, Nebraska. It is hard to imagine the amount of flooding and damage that residents are experiencing there. In a couple cases, whole towns had to be evacuated because of the flooding. There some amazing photos and videos circulating on social media that just leave you in awe of the power of destruction it has. Our prayers go out to all who are suffering the effects of spring flooding.

"What is it?" a new twist

Well, I thought for sure someone would have an idea what our "What is it?" item was from last week. Even with a hint about it being



an assessor for the auto industry, no one ventured a guess. The item was a Model T running board luggage rack. It was made to fold together when not being used. Thanks to Norm Langford for bringing the item in! This week we have a "What is it?" with a twist. This item was brought in by Karen Sandhurst of Fairmont and if I showed you the full picture, all of you over the age of 30 would know immediately what it is. So, I have decided to show you just a small portion of the item and describe it to see if you can guess what it is. It is made of metal and wood and is about 12 inches wide and about 12 inches long. The metal pieces in the photo are attached to the wood piece on the bottom and there are 5 metal pieces. So, what is it? If you think you might know 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!

Low on blinker fluid?

With the snow, ice, cold and now rain, the biggest challenge in driving many roads in this area is trying to avoid the potholes so you don't end up taking your vehicle to the shop to get fixed. There have been a few potholes I have come upon in the last week and I swear, a couple of them you could have lost a Volkswagon in! A trend I have also noticed lately involves those who drive the automobiles. Have you noticed that drivers rarely use their blinkers lately? That has always been one of my biggest pet peeves. I used to joke to my nieces that people who don't use them were "low on blinker fluid", but it seems less and less people use that switch to indicate which direction you are turning. It has to be that they are too lazy to move their hand up to the signal arm, but that laziness not only gets people like me upset, but can cause an

accident. So, fill up your blinker fluid and use your signals!

Soups, creamed chicken, and music!

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 homemade turkey noodle and tomato basil soups, turkey and cheese sandwiches. 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 creamed chicken. 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 spaghetti, garlic bread, garden salad and carrot bars. Free will donation. • Sunday, March 24th at 4:00 p.m. will be a Hymn Fest hosted by the Fairmont Christian Church. They are inviting everyone in the community to

attend this event, which was previously held at the Red Rock Center. • Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop will host a sacred concert of music by Martin Luther High School Music Department. • Thursday, March 28th will be the Martin County Veterans beef or turkey commercial and cookie walk from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fairmont Eagles. Proceeds go to benefit the Martin County Veterans Memorial Wall. • 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!

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Jeff

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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by. "How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. No matter how bad the weather gets, we're not satisfied. This wet weather is good for my fancy footwear. If not kept at the proper humidity, snakeskin boots shed their skins a couple of times every year. Each day, I'm getting another garden catalog in the mail. I enjoy getting them and I've been planning this year's vegetable extravaganza. I recall my Cousin Chucky planting his first garden. He couldn't take the sun. I told him to plant on cloudy days. Chucky told me he couldn't do that because it said on the seed package to plant in full sun."

Naturally

Looking out the window is always worth the effort. It

framed a white landscape. Snow hasn't been elusive this winter. February was particularly generous with its snow. The DNR says January is our snowiest month on average, followed by December, March, November, February and April.

I shoveled snow as I listened to a male cardinal sing his spring song. "What-cheer, cheer, cheer, birdy, birdy, birdy, birdy." A black-capped chickadee whistled, "Spring's here," "Sweet-ie," "Love you," or "Fee-bee." A white-breasted nuthatch celebrated the increasing daylength by giving voice to "Wha-wha-wha." Drumming woodpeckers provided a percussive accompaniment.

I heard a house sparrow cheep. I've heard them called cheap birds. In India, the Nature Forever Society has tried to rally conservation interest by declaring March 20th World Sparrow Day and naming it the state bird of Delhi. The Society's president said, "The house sparrow is one bird which is seen by

everyone, by kids, by adults, by people from various socioeconomic strata. It is a bird of the common man." The house sparrow is the default little brown bird we see in parking lots and yards, on street corners and sidewalks, and on farms.

Raccoons raided my feeders. The deep snow has given the rascals the height needed to get to the feeders. One of them stole a suet feeder that I cannot locate.

Winter had been a beast, but a friend told me of a silver lining. He said the weather brought more cardinals than ever before to his feeders. Snow melts first at the base of trees because the dark color of trunks absorbs energy from the sun. This heat energy is absorbed by the snow around the base causing it to melt.

I strolled around the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato in early March and found myself mesmerized by robins and red-winged blackbirds. The birds were the ones flying,

but they lifted me.

The vernal equinox was on March 20th. When spring comes, can winter be far behind? We need a change of scenery, but we get an in-between season called sprinter.

Q-and-A

"How often do snakes shed their skins?" Snakes shed their skin to allow for further growth and to remove parasites attached to their old skin. The average snake sheds its skin two to four times per year. This varies with age and species. Young snakes that are actively growing may shed their skin every two weeks. Older snakes might shed their skin twice each year.

"How can I tell a male robin from a female?" It can be difficult to tell male and female American robins apart, but the males are slightly darker in color. Young robins have dark spots on their breasts. Robins are considered harbingers of spring, but many robins spend winter in their breeding range.

"Why don't I see robins at my feeders?" Robins are infrequent visitors to bird tables because they have never taken the training required

to become certified as a feeder bird. Feeders don't typically offer a fare favored by robins.

"I replaced an old bird feeder with a new one, but the birds don't seem to like it. What can I do?" If you put it in the same place and are feeding the same thing, it is odd. You could put the old feeder back up and let it go empty while keeping food in the new feeder nearby.

"How long does a mourning dove live?" The oldest known mourning dove was a male at least 30 years, 4 months old when he was shot in Florida in 1998. He'd been banded in Georgia in 1968. The mourning dove is the continent's most popular game bird.

"At what temperature does an outdoor insect become active?" It varies according to the insect, but most become active when



A red-winged blackbird singing in the rain. Photo by Al Batt

their body temperatures hit 50 to 60 degrees. This is the ambient temperature influenced by sunlight.

Thanks for stopping by

"Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace." ~ French proverb

"The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth." -Albert Einstein

DO GOOD.

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Caregivers are special

by Karen Koeder, CREST

You may have a family member or friend who lives with a chronic illness. Or maybe they have experienced a life changing event such as a stroke, heart attack, or accident. Their life becomes very different, and so does yours. The focus of your life is now on taking care of the needs of someone other than yourself. And you willingly do this because you love them and want to help them. You do this because it is your parent, and they raised you, so this is your time to pay them back. Or you do this because many years ago, you said "for better or worse, in sickness and in

health."

You were known as wife, husband, son, daughter, or the next door neighbor. But that changed with your role. Your new title is "caregiver". That term sounds rather dry and impersonal. But you care a lot for this person and want to provide the best care possible, to make their lives the best they can be. How does that happen? You are going to funnel your energy into providing for their needs. And this comes on top of what you normally do in a day.

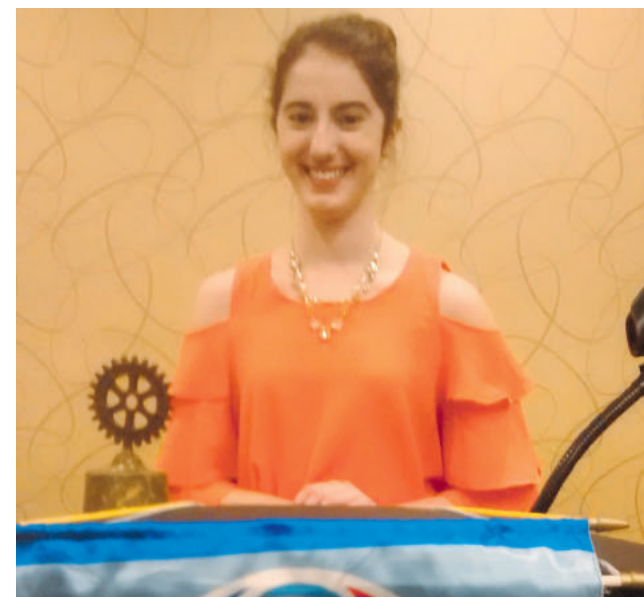
In today's society, we see people with full time jobs caring for spouses and/or parents. Another layer of

caregiving that occurs is caring for a spouse and/or parent and also helping out with grandchildren. It's the new "sandwich" generation. Whichever description fits your life, a new schedule fills your days.

You are focused on your loved one and doing your best for them. This adds higher stress levels, less time to do what you have to do, and little or no time to do what you once enjoyed doing. Soon the caregiver burns out, and there is a new person who needs taking care of. Who takes care of the caregiver? Caregivers have to be on top of taking care of themselves. It's so important, and it isn't selfish to think about your own health and needs. When you take care of yourself, you will do a better job of taking care of your loved one. Every-

one benefits.

This is where CREST can help! CREST is offering a class that focuses on taking care of you, the caregiver. The "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" class will meet for six consecutive Tuesday mornings starting April 2nd and ending May 7th from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at the CREST office at 820 Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont. Please call the CREST office at 507-235-3833 to pre-register or with any questions. Registration ends March 29th. There is a suggested donation of \$25.00 to help cover costs of materials. Please consider taking advantage of this class, even with your already full schedules. Former class participants and their families have said how very helpful the class was to them. We care about you the caregiver!



Fairmont Rotary has selected Fairmont Area High School senior Madeline Mathiason as a "Student of the Week." Madeline is the daughter of Jeff and Jill Mathiason. She has an older sister, Miranda. Madeline's long list of high school activities include dance team, student council, band, baton twirling for the marching band, YOCO, pit orchestra, and Target. Outside of school, Madeline keeps busy with piano lessons, dance classes, and church youth group activities. Following graduation, Madeline will attend Iowa State University to obtain a biology major and will then continue her education to pursue a career in optometry. (Submitted photo)

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Why farmers need to tell their story

Guest Columnist

Wanda Patsche, Blogger for Minnesota Farm Living

The disconnect between farmers and consumers has never been greater. It seems every day



there are numerous examples of just how disconnected they are. Perhaps a couple of current national situations shows the disturbing consequences of the disconnect and how it affects farmers here in the Midwest.

California Proposition 12

During the last election, the citizens of California voted on Proposition 12 and overwhelmingly approved it by a margin of 63% to 37%. Proposition 12 bans the sale of eggs and meat in which livestock are confined in areas smaller than a California specific measurement. It applies to livestock raised in both California and other states and goes into effect in 2020. As a result, farms that use individual gestation stalls for sows would be outlawed.

How does this California law affect farmers in southern Minnesota? Many of the sows are housed in gestation stalls and would not meet the new space requirements, therefore not allowed for purchase in California. The argument about the correct space requirements for sows has long been researched. First and foremost, there is no perfect sow housing. Each method, whether it's group housing or individual gestation stalls each has its own advantages and disadvantages. People can be reassured in that both housing methods are approved by the American Association of Swine Practitioners and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Farmers covet and utilize their veterinarian relationship as their animal care experts. The determining factor on animal welfare relies on the people who take care of them.

One must also wonder why these types of questions are on ballot initiatives. Does the average Californian citizen have enough farming knowledge and expertise to vote on these initiatives?

North Carolina Nuisance Lawsuits

Another area that should cause the farming community great concern are the numerous egregious nuisance lawsuits against family farms occurring in North Carolina. Anti-agriculture activist groups have launched baseless attacks against North Carolina family farmers by posting numerous billboards along highways.



Recently, out-of-state lawyers came to local farming communities and signed hundreds of people up to sue hog farming neighbors for being a nuisance ("offensive odors"). The Texas trial lawyers asked fellow North Carolina neighbors to: 'Sign here, we'll file the lawsuits, we'll pay the bills, and if we win you'll get part of the money.'

All farms that have been sued have complied with all regula-

tions. The result of these lawsuits were millions of dollars awarded. In fact, during a North Carolina trial in August, 2018, over \$470 million were awarded in odor nuisance damages against one hog farmer—all while following all regulations. State punitive caps have limited the actual monetary awards but the lawsuits have destroyed family farms.

So why is this a concern



for farmers in Minnesota? If this can happen in North Carolina, why not Minnesota? Minnesota and North Carolina are ranked two and three in pork production in the U.S., only behind Iowa. Farmers in the Midwest can't rest on their laurels

thinking this will never happen to them.

With both of these troubling events and what appears to be efforts, inten-

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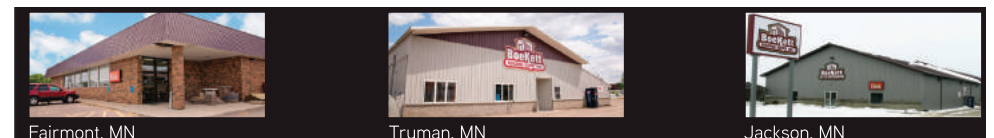
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tional or not, in shutting down America's farmers. I can't help but think, "where exactly do we want our food to come from?" Do we want

U.S. farmers to raise our food or will we depend on foreign food imports?

How do we fix these problems? What do farmers need to do moving forward? What do consumers need to do? A good first start is for farmers to tell their story

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and having consumers reach out to those that that raise their food.

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Consumers also have a responsibility to reach out to those who grow their food if they have questions. Google University is just not as reliable as farmers themselves. If both farmers and consumers communicate with each other, many of these issues can be avoided.

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Our F-20 Regular

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



OUR F-20 REGULAR was my father's first row-crop tractor. It was what the manufacturer called a tricycle style. He wanted to be able to cultivate the corn with a tractor. He had a very awkward cultivator that took a lot of time to attach to the tractor. It was cumbersome and heavy.

What I remember the most about the cultivator was that it had no shovels behind the wheels. All of our neighbors had cultivators with shovels behind the wheels. The tracks of the wheels of OUR F-20 REGULAR told the story. In spite of this fault, cultivating with a tractor mounted cultivator allowed him to

cultivate continuously. He did not have to stop on the ends and rest the horses, even though I remember him welcoming this time to talk to neighbors, as they too had to rest their horses. They seemed to time their



resting periods at the same time and place, just across the fence from my father. It was a time for a neighborly chat.

I remember OUR F-20 REGULAR looking like an old tractor when I was a boy. It was kept outside near the other farm machinery. The tractor was rarely used in the winter, only to power the buzz saw while cutting up wood. It supplied the power needed for the heavy work of spring and fall. My father continued to use his horses whenever possible. His

love of horses never ended. As such, I learned to drive horses at an early age.

OUR F-20 REGULAR tractor had certain markings and characteristics that are etched deep within my earliest memories. The tractor had a distinguishing open gear on the front. This is one of the first things I look for when trying to determine if a tractor is a true "regular". The much more common standard F-20 had a gear case on the front instead of an open gear. I remember the

large belt pulley, the power-take-off lever, gearshift and draw bar. I remember my father mounting heavy planks over the C-shaped draw bar as a platform. This allowed him to stand when driving the tractor. He was tall and sitting on the stiff seat hour after hour had to be uncomfortable. It also provided a place for me to stand when I rode with him. The "regular" was a 1932 model, which was painted grey in color when new. However, being out in the weather deteriorated the paint. It was always a dull rust color. A small open muffler, attached directly under the manifold on the side of the motor, did little to silence the roar of the four-cylinder engine. It made a unique sound, a sound that I can remember today. The throttle was a small lever in front of the steering wheel. The steel seat had open holes. Those holes allowed the water to drain from the seat when it rained. The seat was attached to the frame with a piece of flat scrap iron. This

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Martin County Pork Producers banquet Monday in Fairmont

The Martin County Pork Producers will be hosting their 2019 banquet on Monday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall.

The menu for the banquet will be pork chops prepared by the Martin County Pork Producers and side dishes by Green Mill of Fairmont.

Guest speaker for the event will be Conley Nelson.

Conley is a past President of the National Pork Board and currently is Chairman of the Executive Committee for the U.S. Meat Export Federation. He has had many years of involvement in the pork industry and is from Algona, Iowa. He is the regional manager for Smithfield Pork operations.

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2019 Martin County Pork Ambassadors

Martin County Pork Producers recently named their 2019 Pork Ambassadors.

This year's pork ambassadors are Nic Miller of Trimont, son of Sarah and Jeremy Glidden. Ben Keuhl was named the 2019 Martin County Pork Producer Ambassador.

Nic receives a \$1,500 scholarship and will read his winning essay at the

Martin County Pork Producers banquet on March 25th and will compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador at Farm Fest in August.

First runner-up was William Wallace of Truman, son of James and Holly. Second runner-up was Andrew Moeller, son of Chad and Rebecca Moeller. Will and Andrew will also receive scholar-

ships and have the option to compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador.

Congratulations to these individuals!

Keep kids on the farm safe this spring

There are many reasons for youth to work on a farm, but there also are risks.

Those risks can be addressed by assigning age-appropriate tasks, providing supervision, addressing hazards and providing personal protective equipment.

Marsha Salzwedel, youth agricultural safety specialist at the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, discussed safety tips recently.

"We know there a lot of benefits to youth working on farms," she said. "It teaches youth responsibility, about the life and death cycle and a lot of other things that are beneficial."

"We also know there are some challenges and risks ... We want to look at the benefits and challenges and balance those out."

Salzwedel shared these tips for child safety:

- Avoid loose-fitting clothing and clothes with strings. Tie back loose hair.



- Wear weather-appropriate clothing. In hot weather, wear lightweight, light-colored clothes. In

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was to provide a spring action to help soften the jolts that came from riding over rough ground. My father would often fold up a feed sack and lay it on the seat as a cushion. OUR F-20 REGULAR had steel wheels both front and rear. The front wheels had flat rims like those on our wagon. Each had a band of steel that circled the wheel. These were supposed to help when turning. The back wheels had v-shaped lugs. These would glisten when the sunlight hit upon the polished steel. One of my earliest memories of my father working in the field was to see the flashes of light that came from the

lugs of the wheels. I remember OUR F-20 REGULAR having a heavy iron steering wheel. It was a

wheel that would seem polished by summer's end. My father's bare hands did the polishing.

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cold weather, wear layers of warm clothes and outwear, like hats, gloves and boots. Where a sun-safe hat.

• Know the signs of heat- and cold-related illnesses.

• Stay aware of changing weather conditions.

• Know what to do in the event of an emergency.

• Maintain a two-way communication path.

The number of ag-related injuries in the 10 to 19 year-old age group have

been on the rise. The main causes of injuries in this group are animals, machinery or vehicles.

"For fatalities, for workers under 16 years, agriculture is higher than all other industries combined," Salzweidel said. "There are definite risks associated with this. The main cause of those fatalities for working youth are tractors, ATV's and other vehicles and machinery."

"The question is, how do we address these challenges and risks? Children doing work that doesn't match their developmental level is associated with increased injury risk."

"One strategy we can use is to match youth developmental level with a task. That's what work guidelines are all about."

A list of job-specific guidelines is available to help adults assign work in a safe manner.

Learn more about the safety guidelines at: www.cultivatesafety.org/work.

USDA Ag Outlook Forum provides some insight for 2019

Guest Columnist

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The annual USDA "Ag Outlook Forum" was held in Washington, DC in late February. This Forum is usually the first USDA projection for expected crop acreage for the coming growing season, as well as other current economic conditions in the agriculture industry. The latest Ag Outlook Forum projected an increase in U.S. corn acreage for 2019 and a decrease in soybean acreage, as compared to 2018 levels. The Forum also forecasted the continuation of modest price levels for grains and livestock for the coming year.

Following are the USDA projections from the Ag Outlook Forum for 2019

U.S. crop acreage, yields, production, usage, and grain prices for the major U.S. crops:

• Total --- U.S. acreage planted to the three major crops in 2019, which are corn, soybeans, and wheat, is estimated at 224 million acres, which is a decrease of 2.1 acres compared to 2018 and is at the lowest level in the past 8 years (2012-2019).

• Corn --- U.S. corn acreage is estimated at 92 million acres for 2019, which is an increase from 89.1 million acres in 2018, but is still below the 94 million planted acres in 2016. USDA is projecting a trend line corn yield of 176 bushels per acre in 2019, which would result in an estimated total U.S. corn production of

nearly 14.9 billion bushels. The U.S. average corn yield has exceeded the expected trend line yield frequently in recent years. Total corn usage for 2019-20 is estimated at just over 15 billion bushels, which includes approximately 5.5 billion bushels for both livestock feed and ethanol production, as well as over 2.4 billion bushels in exports.

USDA estimates the 2019-20 corn ending stocks at 1.65 billion bushels, with a market-year average (MYA) price of \$3.65 per bushel. This compares to the current estimated 2018-19 corn ending stocks of nearly 1.73 billion bushels, and

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a projected average MYA price of \$3.60 per bushel. The 2017-18 ending stocks were 2.14 billion bushels with a MYA price of \$3.36 per bushel, and 2016-17 ending stocks were nearly 2.3 billion bushels, with a \$3.36 per bushel MYA price.

• Soybeans --- 2019 U.S. soybean acreage is expected to be 85 million acres, which is down 4.7 percent from the 2018 soybean acreage of 89.5 million acres. USDA is estimating the 2019 trend line soybean yield at 49.5 bushels per acre, which would be below the record U.S. soybean yield of 51.9 bushels per acre in 2016, and the estimated 2018 average soybean yield of 51.6 bushels per acre. The estimated total 2019 U.S. soybean production would be nearly 4.2 billion bushels.

Total soybean usage for 2019-20 is estimated at 4.26 billion bushels, compared to an estimated usage of near 4.1 billion bushels for 2018-19, and a usage of nearly 4.3 billion bushels in 2017-18. Soybean export levels are projected to rebound to over 2 billion bushels in 2019-20, increasing from the export estimates of 1.875 billion bushels for 2018-19. The recovery of the soybean export market will likely hinge on reaching a new trade agreement with China that removes tariffs on U.S. soybeans imported into China, as well as the level of soybean purchases that are made by China in the coming months.

USDA estimates the

2019-20 soybean ending stocks at 845 million bushels, with a MYA price of \$8.80 per bushel. This compares to the estimated 2018-19 ending stocks of 910 million bushels, and a projected MYA price of \$8.60 per bushel. The 2017-18 ending stocks were 438 million bushels with a MYA price of \$9.33 per bushel, and 2016-17 ending stocks were 302 million bushels, with a \$9.47 per bushel MYA price.

• Wheat --- U.S. wheat acreage in 2019 is projected to be 47 million acres, which is just below the 47.8 million planted acres in 2018. USDA is estimating the 2018 U.S. wheat yield at 47.8 bushels per acre, with a total production of 1.9 billion bushels. This compares to a wheat yield of 47.6 bushels per acre and a similar total production level in 2018. USDA is projecting wheat ending stocks at 944 million bushels, with an average MYA price of \$5.20 per bushel for the 2019-20

marketing year. This compares to wheat carryover levels of over 1 billion bushels in the three preceding years, with MYA prices of \$5.15 per bushel (est.) for 2018-19, \$4.72 per bushel for 2017-18, and \$3.89 per bushel for

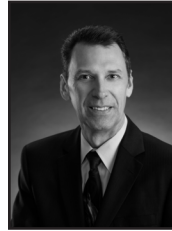
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Most grain market analysts have been predicting 2019 crop acreage totals similar to the USDA acreage projections, so

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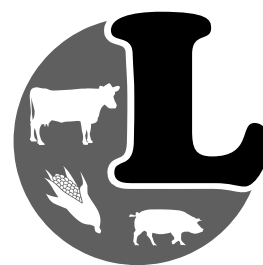
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there has been very little reaction in the grain markets in recent weeks. The projected lower levels of

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On the other hand, the soybean market prices will likely remain under pressure during 2019, and could decline if we get favorable growing conditions or if a new trade deal with China does not materialize. Besides the

monthly USDA Supply and Demand Reports, the next important USDA crop data will occur with the USDA "Planting Intentions Report," which will be released on March 31st.

USDA Livestock Fore-

cast for the coming year: USDA also releases livestock production and price estimates for coming year at the Ag Outlook Forum; however, due to the Federal government shutdown this year, the January, 2019 estimates were not available. Following is a summary of the livestock information that was shared at the recent conference.

• **Cattle** --- Based on July 1st, 2018 estimates, USDA is projecting total 2019 U.S. beef production to increase by about 3 percent to 27.6 billion pounds. Export levels are expected to be over 3.2 billion pounds in 2019, which would be an increase of 2 percent from 2018, which showed an 11 percent increase in beef exports from 2017. USDA is estimating the 2019 fed cattle market price in a range of \$115 to \$122 per hundredweight (cwt.), which is similar to the 2018 average price of \$117 per cwt.

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main in place on pork being imported into China, Mexico and Canada, pork exports in 2019 are still expected to increase by nearly 6 percent in 2019 to about 6.3 billion pounds. USDA is estimating 2019 average hog market prices on a live weight basis in a range from \$41 to \$46 per cwt., which correlates to a carcass price of approximately \$55 to \$62 per cwt. The 2019 price projections are below the average live hog prices of \$46 per cwt. in 2018 and near \$50 per cwt. in 2017.

• **Dairy** --- USDA is projecting total U.S. dairy production for 2019 to increase slightly from 2018 levels, reaching a record level of 221 billion pounds, up from 218 billion pounds in 2018 and 215 billion pounds in 2017. Dairy cow numbers are similar to a year earlier, but milk production per cow continues to increase. The good news for dairy producers is that USDA is projecting 2019 milk prices to increase slightly from a year earlier, with an estimated average price of \$17.30 per cwt., compared to \$16.40 per cwt. in 2018. The bad news is that the projected average milk price will likely still be below breakeven levels for many small to medium sized dairy operations; however, the new "Dairy Margin Coverage" (DMC) program may help producers achieve breakeven levels in 2019.

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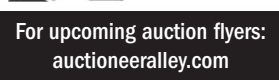
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Five tips for successful farm transition by Shelby Mettlen

Farming and ranching operations aren't just family businesses, they're legacies spanning as many as six or seven generations. Keeping the legacy alive is part of the job, and often the most difficult.

A successful transition is critical to a family's legacy, and yet farm and ranch families tend to be unprepared when the time comes to hand it over to the next generation. Duane Hund, farm analyst and director of the Farm Analyst Program with Kansas State University, has spent his career facilitating succession planning meetings with families. He breaks down five areas to focus on during the transitioning process.

1. Get a plan in writing

Hund says the first question often asked is, "When do we get things in writing?" The short answer is as soon as possible.

If a son has 20 to 25 years invested in the farm and Dad's health is failing, it's not the time to start making plans. Once everyone is at the table and the plan is typed up, don't let it sit on a shelf in the attorney's office. The goal should be to start early and meet often.

2. Hand over the reins — a little

Too much or too little leadership can cause conflict quickly. Hund often works with farmers or ranchers who want their sons or daughters to return to their operations, but never hand the reins over for any serious decision-making.

"To have a successful retirement you have to train your successors well," Hund says. "This isn't something that's going to happen overnight. It's a process. We need to have at least some type of an outline so we be-

gin that process and give the son [or daughter] the ability to learn by doing."

Hund's greatest piece of advice to young people returning to home is to work for someone else first.

"When I counsel graduates from K-State, which I do quite often, they ask, 'How long will it take before I know things are going to be settled?' I say plan on five years," Hund says. "Go work for somebody for 2 to 3 years, get a good understanding of what life is like outside the operation you're going home to, and when you do go home, use that information you gained to help you be a better manager and communicator."

3. Communicate

Communication could be named as the top challenge for transitioning farm and ranch families. At a 2015 conference in Manhattan, Kansas, Charlie Griffin, former research assistant professor with the School of Family Studies and Human Services at K-State, shared a quote by Robert Fetsch with Colorado State University Cooperative Extension: "Ranchers and farmers are telling us their weakest link is not technology nor information. Their weakest link is human relationship management."

Transition Planning: 12 Steps to Keep the Family Farming, a document by K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, states: "It is important to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the individuals involved in farm transitions. People must be in positions in which they can thrive and contribute to the operation's success." The document continues, "Without communicating

the skills and desires of the successor, many transitions either continue in conflict or fail altogether."

Hund tells families "transparency is critical." It's important for children to listen to their parents and what they think is right, while also communicating what they think needs to change.

4. Know the operation's financial situation

Without knowing the operation's finances, "you could be stepping off a cliff or onto a really successful road," Hund says.

Business finances should be shared. If a parent won't share the farm or ranch's finances, it's a red flag. Unknown debts can cause a mess for the next generation.

5. Ensure the legacy can continue

Hund recalls one family: Parents and four siblings, one of which planned to return to the farm following college. The parents concluded their assets would be divided evenly among the siblings, leaving the one

returning to buy back 75 percent of the operation. It just doesn't work, Hund says.

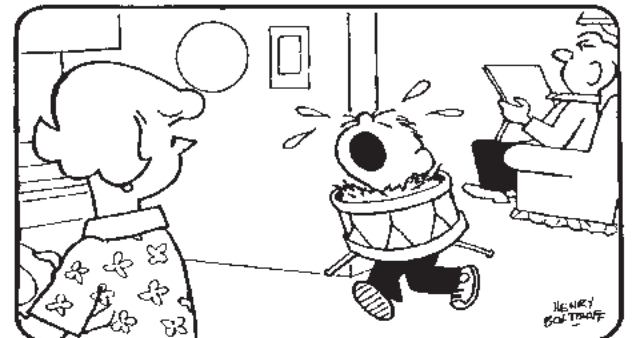
In the spirit of sharing alike, Hund has a few recommendations. First, determine how much the returning sibling has helped or will help the operation accumulate. Second, determine the discount that will be put in place to allow the sibling who has returned to buy back the remainder of the operation. That discount could be as much as 50 percent, he adds. A financial planner or farm analyst can help determine what an operation can afford to avoid jeopardizing the legacy.

K-State offers several resources for farm and ranch transitioning on the Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services website, as does K-State's agmanager.info. Many colleges and universities offer similar services — check with your state's extension service for more information on farm and ranch succession planning and transitioning.

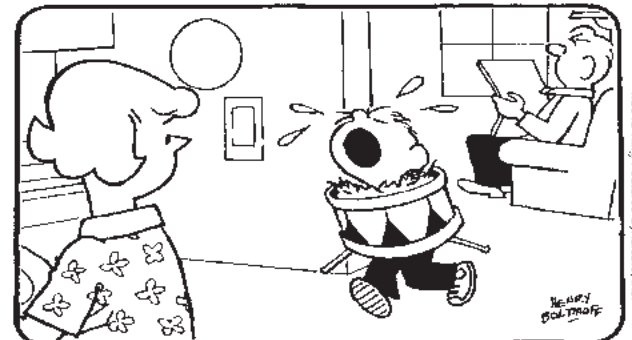
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Fairmont Speech competes at National qualifier

Grace Higgins, Isabella Geiger, and Tabitha Thatcher, all Fairmont Area High School speech members, competed at the NATIONAL Qualifying Tournament Semifinals in Eagan on March 12th. The Southern District in Minnesota is one of the BEST in the nation.

Senior Grace Higgins (pictured left), earned a Semifinalist award in Original Oratory. She was

ranked 11th out of 45 Oratories.

Sophomores Isabella Geiger and Tabitha Thatcher (below right), made it to the FINAL ROUND and earned 5th place in Duo Interpretation out of 25 duos. They were honored as 2nd alternates to Nationals.

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Big South Conference All-Conference Teams

Wrestling: Fairmont-Martin County West Red Bulls - First Row (L to R): Jesse Potts freshman, Jaxson Rohman sophomore, Connor Simmonds sophomore, Cale Steuber junior, Jordan Wolter senior, Payton Anderson junior. Second Row (L to R): Nathan Simmonds junior, Mario Maldonado senior, Tristan Lange senior, Jacob Rahn junior, Lucas Jagodzinske sophomore, Miles Fitzgerald junior.



Girls Gymnastics: Martin County Area Magic (L to R): Sabrina Segar sophomore, Anna Utermark eighth grade, Anna Bachenberg eighth grade.



Girls Hockey: Fairmont Cardinals: Mackenzie Householder.



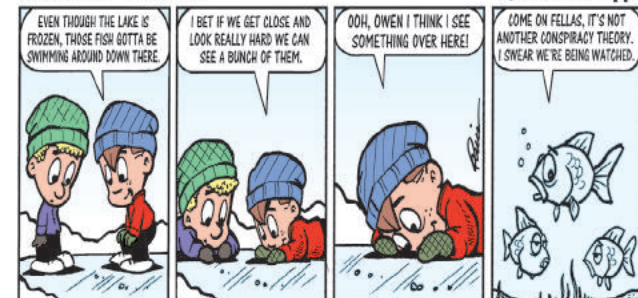
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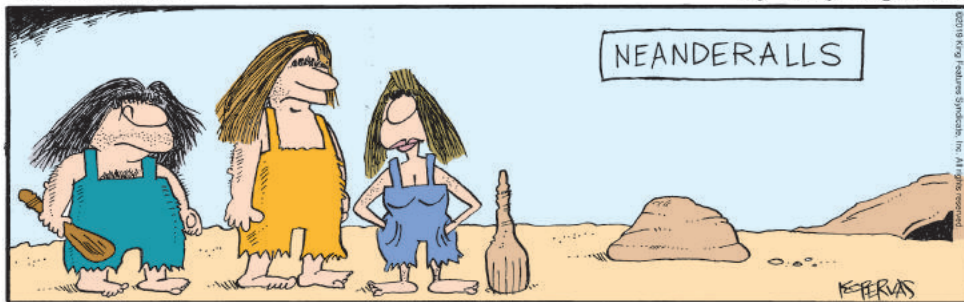
The Fairmont boys 8th grade traveling team took third place edging Litchfield 51-47 in the Marshall Tournament this past weekend. In the first game Fairmont defeated Minnewaska 67-61. Marshall downed Fairmont 62-32 in the next game. Team members include: Brendan Schmidtke, Mathew Kotewa, Owen Burmeister, Brayden Koch, Trey Tumbleson, Sawyer Tordsen, Gavin Junkermeier, David Maakestad, Blake Hatfield, Blake Hilgendorf, Jamie Mueller and coaches Craig Kallenbach, Ryan Schmidtke and Dan Hilgendorf.

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Mrs. Stromberg's kindergarten class at Fairmont Area Elementary School piloted the STEM activity that coordinates with the book, "The One and Only Ivan." This book has been chosen for Fairmont Elementary's theme of "One Book, One School." All students at Fairmont Area Elementary are reading this book, either in chapter book form or picture book form. The STEM activity chosen for students in K-2 is to build a cage out of the given materials that represents Ivan's home before he is freed. Mrs. Duehlmeier, STEM Teacher, is asking for dry clay donations. It is going to take a lot more clay than expected! If interested in donating, please contact Mrs. Duehlmeier at kduehlmeier@fairmont.k12.mn.us. (Submitted photos)



Students in grades 3-6 at Fairmont Area Elementary have already or will be participating in a STEM activity that lines up with the school's theme of "One Book, One School." The project requires students to build a tower that would help Ivan escape his cage and accommodate for his weight and size. The tower must be built using only index cards and 24" of tape. The tower has to be at least 12" tall. It is harder than one may think! Pictured are students from Mrs. Kainz's 5th grade class attempting to help Ivan out! (Submitted photos)

Ask the Fairmont City Administrator

Guest Columnist

Mike Humpal, City of Fairmont Administrator

How does the City determine what properties in Fairmont are identified to be razed?

The term razed means to level a building or complex of building.

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Contact Darcy Jones at Fairmont City Hall for more details and or an application at 238-3933.



Girl Scout Junior Troops #34727 and #34728 attended a recent Fairmont City Council meeting, where a proclamation honoring Girl Scouts on their 107th birthday was read. Pictured (L to R): Ella Ziemer, Ashlynn Dirks, Braelyn Miller, Samantha Krueger, Aliya Duehlmeier, Mayor Deb Foster, Norah Heille, and Evie Codova. (Submitted photo)



The Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassadors held ribbon cuttings during the month of February. Ambassadors commemorate the publishing of "Tales of Martin County's Past" by Lenny Tvedten, Executive Director of Chamber member Martin County Historical Society. (Submitted photo)



Mrs. Forster's 4th grade class at Fairmont Elementary School made valentine boxes for Valentine's Day. Pictured are students whose valentine creations earned them an award. (L-R): 3rd Place - Rachel Tenney and Kayson Miller; 2nd Place - Brayden Geerdes and Shaleigh Robson; 1st place - Francesca Martin and Christian Selbrade. All the children did a wonderful job and were very creative with their boxes! (Submitted photo)

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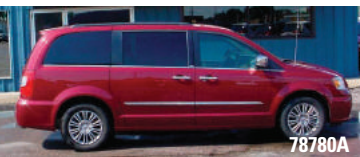
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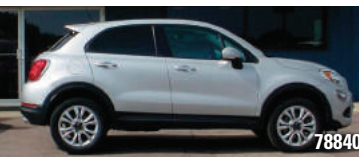
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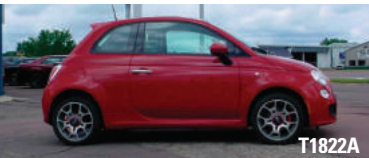
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