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CREST "Lunch & Learn" to feature Christmas Fun

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

The program this month will focus on Christmas fun. Following the presentation, a lunch of scalloped potatoes and ham, green bean casserole, and assorted Christmas goodies will be served.

Donations are welcome to defray costs. Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.



JOHN DEER AND JAYNE DOE - Mr. and Mrs. Deer were wondering what was for dinner at Craig and Joice Forster's house in Fairmont last Friday. (Submitted photo)

Chubb House to host annual Christmas Tea



The annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, December 7th at the Chubb House, 207 Lake Avenue, Fairmont.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to the public. No reservations are required.

The cost is your "free will" donation, which will help support repairs on this 1867 house, which is the oldest house in Fairmont. It will also help

with upcoming street assessments for repairs on Lake Avenue.

Come in and browse around. Don't forget to check out the upstairs cozy rooms with authentic decor.

The Chubb House is on the National Register of Historic Places and is managed by the Martin County Preservation Association, along with the Red Rock Center for the Arts.

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the floats for the **GLOWS parade** held in Fairmont last Friday. Commercial: Re-Max Total Realty; Nonprofit: YOCO; Glowing Float: Pro-funium Inc. Winners in each category will receive \$50.00 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

The **Sherburn American Legion** is in need of a new roof on their building. They are accepting donations of any amount. The new roof will cost \$16,000. Thank you to those who have already been so kind and generous with their donations. They are half-way to their goal.

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, November 27th is Thanksgiving break, so they will not have a meal this week. On December 4th they will have Christmas chili (hanging of the greens). All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

MLHS to present Christmas concert

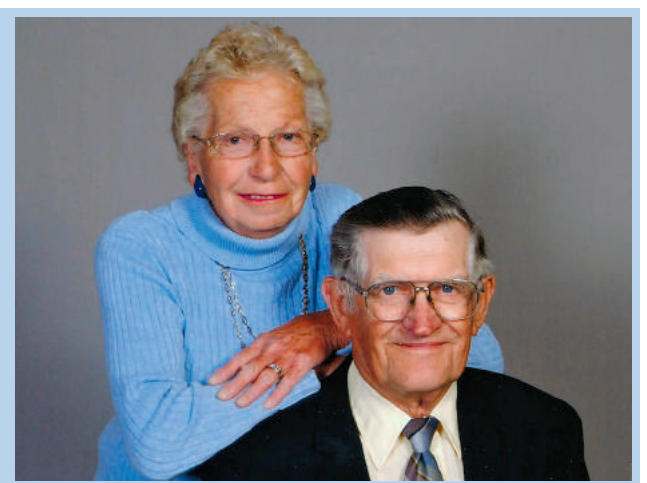
The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Music Department will be presenting a Christmas concert entitled "Et in Terra Pax" (And on Earth Peace).

The concert will be held at the Fairmont Opera House on Saturday, December 7th beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission is a free-will offering. Band



GEMMILL 90TH - Mildred Gemmill of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, December 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Maplewood Manor in Fairmont. Cards and letters can reach her at: 620 Summit Avenue, #209, Fairmont, MN 56031.



GERKEN 60TH - Leon and Grace Gerken, of rural Fairmont, will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday. They were married November 28th, 1959. Cards and anniversary wishes will reach them at 2262 90th Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Red Bag Drive on Saturday, December 7th

The Salvation Army's Red Bag pickup in Martin County will be held Saturday, December 7th. The Sentinel and the Photo Press will distribute the red plastic bags this week. The Sentinel and Sentinel Plus will deliver the bags during the week in Fairmont and the Photo Press will deliver the bags to Martin county on Thursday in the towns of Ceylon, Dunnell, Granada, Northrop, Sherburn, Trimont, Truman and Welcome.

Anyone wishing to contribute may place nonperishable food items, toiletries, etc., in these bags.

The bags will be picked up in Fairmont on Saturday morning, December 7th by the staffs of KSUM, Sentinel and Photo Press, and other volunteers.

Boy Scout Troop and Pack 55 will pick up bags in Truman, Northrop and Lewisville. Boy Scouts from Pack 69 will pick up the bags in Sherburn, Dunnell, Welcome, Trimont and Ceylon. Granada citizens should leave their bags at the C Store.

For those who will be having the bags picked up, place the needed items listed below in the bag and hang the

bag on your door or set it on the steps on Saturday, December 7th. Pick-up will be between 9 a.m. and noon. All items and checks will be delivered to the Salvation Army Corps Center.

Items most needed:

Foods: canned meats, fish, soups, pasta products, peanut butter, cereals, canned fruits, vegetables, baby formula and baby food.



Toiletry items: toilet tissue, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, etc.

Cash: Cash is very helpful to purchase needed items that are not received.

Donate only non-perishable foods in undamaged containers. Home canned foods, open packages or very old products cannot be distributed by the food shelf.

If you did not receive a red bag, extras are available at the Photo Press, Sentinel or KSUM/106.5 Lakes FM.

Fairmont garden club to host potluck luncheon

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at the home of Joyce Simon in Fairmont. Please bring a dish to share. Our meetings are open to visitors and new members, but please RSVP your attendance to Joyce Simon at 507-238-4645 so adequate accommodations can be made.

Christmas gifts will be collected for distribution to an area nursing facility. Please bring a wrapped gift labeled with the contents and gender, if appropriate.

There will be a brief business meeting followed by the potluck luncheon, however, there will be NO presentation at this meeting. Members should be prepared to sign up to host a monthly meeting in 2020 as well as providing the subject of their presentation topic. Our presentation theme for 2020 will be "Methods of Gardening" and/or "Visitors to the Garden." Find us on Facebook at City of Lakes Garden Club Group of Fairmont, MN.

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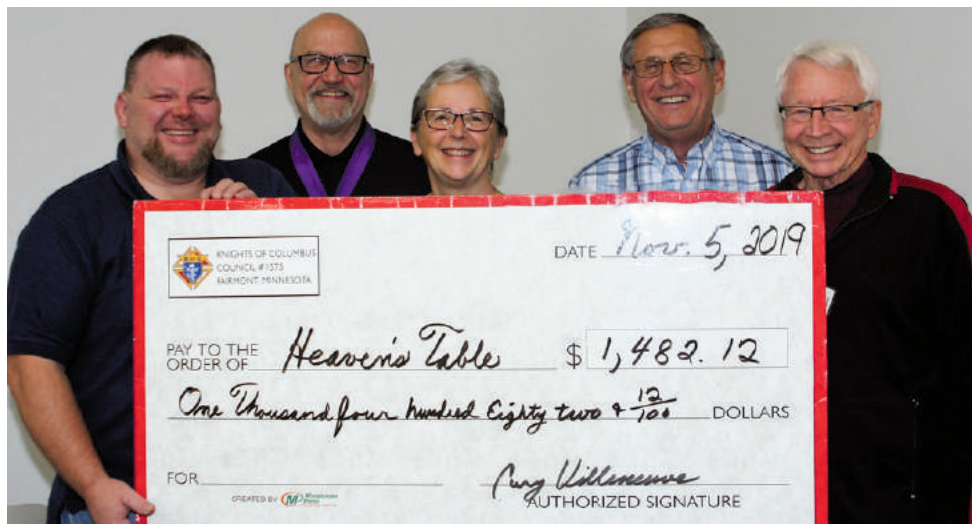
December 4th Paper

NEWS: Mon, Nov 25, 5 p.m.

ADS: Wed, Nov 27, Noon

The Photo Press will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29

In order to get the Photo Press out in a timely manner, we **MUST** adhere to these deadlines. Thank you for your cooperation!



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored their annual “Pork Loin” Dinner on Sunday, October 13th. The proceeds from this event was donated to Heaven’s Table Food Shelf. At the November 5th KC Membership meeting a check for \$1,482.12 was presented to Heaven’s Table. Pictured (L to R): Chad McGowan—KC Event Chairman; Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council; Greta Lintelman—Heavens’ Table Board President; Denny Pytleski—KC Event Overall Chairman; Denny Farrow—KC Event Chairman. (Submitted photo)

Genesis Classical Academy matching gift challenge

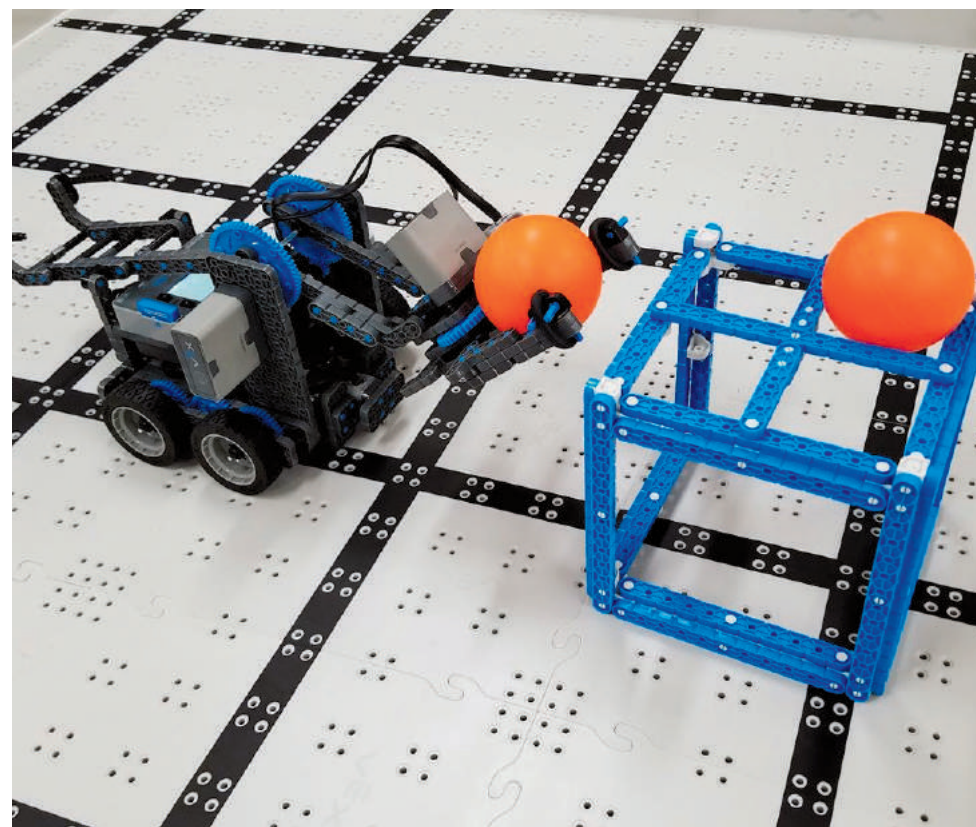
Genesis Classical Academy is pleased to announce that for a limited time, a generous group of donors has pledged to match all financial contributions to the school up to a total of \$40,000.

Genesis Classical Academy is a non-denominational, Christian classical academy located on the campus of Heartland Senior Living in Winnebago. Classes are currently offered for Preschool through

be given or pledged between November 1st and December 31st, 2019. Donations may be given all at once or pledged over time. Donors may mail their contribution to Genesis Classical Academy, P.O. Box 735, Winnebago, MN 56098, or donate online at GenesisClassical.com.

Genesis Classical Academy is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit, and gratefully accepts tax-deductible donations of any amount to further the mission of the school: Christ, Character and Classical Education.

Fairmont Elementary to host Youth Robotics Competition



Elementary students from across Martin County will be teaming up for an energetic robotics competition at Fairmont Area Elementary School.

The event will be held Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to noon at the school, located at 714 Victoria Street in Fairmont.

Spectators of all ages are welcome to witness this fun application of Science, Technology, Engi-

neering, and Mathematics
in our community.

The 1st Annual Martin County KnowHow! VEX IQ Robotics Competition will see dozens of youth from the Fairmont, Martin County West, and Truman school districts working together to face a friendly collaborative challenge.

These students have spent several weeks building and learning how to operate their VEX IQ ro-

bots, and are ready to put their hard work to the test at this exciting STEM event.

Light concessions will be available for sale at the free event, scheduled to be located in the school cafeteria.

Family, friends, and general public invited to attend as spectators for free.

*Happy Thanksgiving
& Happy Holidays*

To all the local community and surrounding area and to all our wonderful customers over the last 66 years! The friendships we've made through the years with all of you have been one of our greatest joys! It's been a pleasure to serve and guide you through all of your gardening experiences.

The time has come for Janzen's Greenhouse to transition into another part of the horticulture industry. We are very excited for this change for our business and all the new experiences we will have.

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Guest Columnists: **Lynne Burgraff, Amber Knips, Brittany Anderson, Marsha Malo**

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4 ways to create a meaningful family legacy

Family lends us a strong sense of identity. So it makes sense that traditional legacy planning focuses on this area of our life and the financial resources we want to leave to our loved ones. However, the best legacy plans also focus on the here and now – how you have structured your life to make it clear to your family what your values are. The life lessons you have communicated to them. The traditions that will live on for generation after generation.

Here are four ideas to help you live your legacy – starting right now.

1. Find work-life balance

The struggle is real. Even wildly successful people – Garth Brooks, for example – have expressed regret about choosing work over spending time with their families. Brooks took a 14-year break from his music career to raise his children, telling People, “I knew their sweet faces and their dispositions. But I didn’t know who they were.” In the book “The Top Five Regrets of the Dying,” this regret occupies the number two spot.

If this resonates with you, consider ways to free up some quality time for your loved ones. Long commute? Maybe it’s time to move or try a bit of telecommuting. Week-ends spent on chores? Try hiring a house cleaner or have groceries delivered. Research shows that spending money on time-saving services predicts greater happiness because it forces people to manage their time better. Also, being mindful about how you spend your time can set an example for others.

2. Plan for the unexpected

More than 40% of U.S.

adults don’t have life insurance, according to a 2018 study conducted in part by the trade group LIMRA. This and other conventional estate planning concerns are part of living your legacy, knowing your preparation sets precedent for your loved ones.

An estate plan is also your opportunity to make a deliberate choice about the future, rather than settling for whatever may come. For example, you can use it as a learning tool for money management, structuring a trust that specifies exactly how an inheritance should be used, whether for retirement, education or some other purpose. When you create such a plan, it allows your voice – and your values – to be heard.

3. Communicate your vision with an ethical will

Think of this as a family love letter, passing on your personal lessons and your vision for the family’s future – either shared now, or as part of your memorial. “Putting together an ethical will early on helps you live life with more intention,” says Barry Baines, author of “Ethical Wills: Putting Your Values on Paper.” This document can also add context to your legal will, potentially preventing conflict among heirs, which lawyers and advisors say is a growing problem. Disputes over inheritance are happening “way more in the last few years than in the decades before,” Bernard Krooks, an estate lawyer in New York, told Kiplinger

4. Express your feelings and values

This is another area that can trigger regret if neglected. You can do this with words: “I love you” or “I’m proud of you.” Or you can do it with your resources, setting aside money for education in a 529 plan or making family memories in a vacation home. Most parents say saving for college is particularly important, but a 2018 survey from Student Loan Hero reveals that 44% wish they had saved more.

Live life with intention, not regrets. Your advisor can help you create a living legacy that prioritizes caring for and guiding the people you love and honors what matters most to you. Now and in the decades to come.

Raymond James and its advisors do not offer tax or legal advice. You should discuss any tax or legal matters with the appropriate professional.

Former Blue Earth resident takes over Naval Command

By Littoral Ship Squadron Two Public Affairs

Capt. David Miller, from Blue Earth, relieved retiring Capt. Shawn Johnston as Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron Two (COMLCSRON TWO) during a change of command ceremony and retirement ceremony at Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville, Florida on November 15th.

Miller, the new Littoral Combat Ship Squadron Two commodore, had this to say about assuming command,

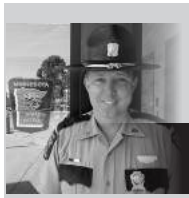
“The LCS team is forward leaning, professional and motivated,” said Miller. “The mission of our LCS team is clear, to become a lethal, forward deployed, naval force. Our job is to man, train, and equip these extraordinary ships to operate seamlessly and decisively across all domains. I am thrilled to embark on this extraordinary journey and be a part in continuing the LCS legacy.”

Johnston, from Greensboro, North Carolina, has served as LCSRON TWO commodore since July 2017. He is retiring from the Navy after 26 years of naval service. His service at sea includes tours on USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), USS Enterprise (CVN 65), USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), USS The Sullivans (DDG 68), chief staff officer for LCS Squadron One, commander of Littoral Combat Ship Crew 204 (The Royal Punch), and commissioning commanding officer for USS Coronado (LCS 4). During his tenure, he oversaw the training, maintenance and manning of seven ships dedicated to providing Fleet Commanders with a fast, agile, mission-focused platform that are designed to operate effectively in the littoral environment and open-ocean.

LCS is a highly maneuverable, lethal and adaptable ship designed to support focused mine countermeasures, anti-submarine warfare, and surface warfare missions. LCS integrates new technology and capability to affordably support current and future mission capability from deep water to the littorals.



Capt. David Miller, Commodore, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron Two, (left) shakes hands with Capt. Shawn Johnston, during a change of command ceremony at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Nathan T. Beard/Released)



**Ask A Trooper:
Move to the right**

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
MN State Patrol

Question: Can you please explain the new law that requires drivers to move to the right lane if they are impeding traffic by traveling under the posted speed limit?

Answer: Modernized language regarding left lane usage was added to Minnesota state statute for those drivers that drive in the left lane below the posted speed limit and are impeding traffic.

The new law, which started August 1st, requires drivers to move out of the left lane when traveling on interstates or multi-lane roads after they have finished passing slower-moving traffic. If you are traveling under the posted speed limit, move to the right when safe to do so. Remember to signal each time you change lanes.

Nothing allows a driver to exceed the speed limit. The posted speed limit is the law and the maximum speed drivers should be going. We are always on alert for violators that choose to speed.

Motorists should keep a three-second following distance to allow for safe stopping and reaction to other vehicles. Aggressive driving, speeding and weaving through traffic give drivers less room for error and may cause others to react in a way that endangers their lives.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

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



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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Yummy Leftovers!

Since we have seen all four of our children and their families sometime this fall, and Christmas is in just a few weeks, I've decided not to cook this Thanksgiving! We are going out for dinner, the main problem with that is that there will be no leftovers.. That is one advantage of hosting the Holidays, the yummy leftovers. Today I am sharing a recipe using leftovers, a recipe my sister, Doris shared with me. Its quick and easy and a favorite.

The Newbury Sandwich:

Cut a thick slice of sourdough bread, place on a microwaveable plate. Put a layer of cranberry sauce on the bread, next layer with pieces of left over turkey (chicken would work too), cover meat with lots of shredded cheddar cheese and sprinkle with crumbled crisp bacon or bacon bits. Heat in microwave for about 2 minutes, until cheese is melty. Makes a really large open face sandwich to be eaten with a fork.

Didn't I say it was quick and easy? Remember to count your blessings, have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Genesis Classical Academy 2019 Basketball Camp

Genesis Classical Academy will host the 2019 Community Basketball Camp with five sessions in December.

The sessions will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winnebago School gym. Camp dates are Tuesday, December 3rd, Thursday, December 5th, Monday, December 16th, Tuesday, December 17th and Thursday, December 19th.

All community students in grades 5 through

8 are welcome. Coach Rick Uttech will be the camp coach. Coach Uttech is a member of the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He coached the GHEC girls basketball team for 39 years, guiding the team to multiple state tournaments and amassing over 550 victories in his career.

For registration info and more information, call 507-893-3600 or email bartwhitman@gmail.com.

Sweet Financial teams up with Fairmont Jr/Sr High

Coming off of a successful Chris Gardner event held in early October in Fairmont, Sweet Financial Services is using what the event inspired them to do to "give back".

As part of their giving back Sweet Financial has teamed up with the Fairmont Area Junior/Senior High School to help raise money for a relaxation room for students who struggle with mental health.

Anyone is able to still donate and help make

this dream a reality. If you would like to help, please drop off a check directly at the Fairmont Area High School office or mail it to 714 Victoria Street, Suite 103, Fairmont, MN 56031. Please make checks payable to: Fairmont Area Schools.

Sweet Financial will match up to \$2,500.

For more information, visit sweetfinancial.com or contact Sweet Financial at 507-235-5587.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sign up for Kids Against Hunger

Plans are underway for the 12th Annual Martin County Kids Against Hunger food pack, to be held Saturday, February 15th, 2020, at the Fairmont Armory from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I invite you to put together a team of friends, family, and/or co-workers and join in the excitement and fun of a KAH food pack!

To look around the room and see the smiles and hear laughter coming from each table is truly an awesome experience! The day is sectioned off into two-hour shifts, and they are already starting to fill.

Over the last eleven years 1,241,260 meals have been packed and over \$315,303 has been raised to cover the cost of the ingredients and shipping. Meals packed not only help people in Martin County, but also people in need around the world.

More information can be found on the Martin County Kids Against Hunger website <http://kah-fairmontmn.weebly.com>. Won't you please join me on February 15th? You, too, can be a HUNGER HERO!

Joan Meyer
Fairmont

Donate blood next week at Holiday Inn Fairmont

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to be the lifeline for patients in need this holiday season by donating blood.

The Bloodmobile will be in Fairmont Tuesday, December 3rd through Thursday, December 5th at the Holiday Inn.

Hours are 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 9

a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

To register, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767). All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

All those who give blood through December 18th will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

CREST Annual Appeal Is Underway

CREST is continuing to enhance the quality of life for over 400 senior citizens and caregivers with the number of people served and services continuing to increase every year.

CREST has been in existence for 21 years beginning with basic stay at home services such as transportation, friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, home helper, minor home repair, and respite care. During the past 4 years these services have expanded into Caregiver Support Services and healthy living classes. Lunch & Learn gatherings, special speakers, and opportunities for volunteers to make a difference have been added to the ways CREST assists people to live active healthy lives.

"It has been exciting to

see the response to these new endeavors that we have started," said Rob Stauter, CREST Executive Director. "It helps seniors stay active and remain independent in their homes as long as possible."

Last year over 2800 volunteer hours were provided helping neighbors live active lives. In addition, the CREST staff provided coaching for caregivers in taking care of their own health to better take care of loved ones.

CREST is once again seeking support from the public during the Annual Appeal. Again this year, an anonymous donor will match each gift, which doubles the impact on the lives of family, friends, and neighbors. It is through the generosity of all of us working together that CREST continues to grow and expand services to "Enhance the Quality of Life for Those We Serve."

You too can "Enhance the Quality of Life" for neighbors and friends by simply writing a check to CREST and mailing it to P.O. Box 185, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Your gift is greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

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bit unique and we don't own it, we can often find it at another library within the state of Minnesota. With a simple online request, we can have it sent to us here! We can also share popular new materials, so if the new John Sandford book is really popular here, we can have other libraries' spare copies sent to us to make the waiting list go more quickly! ILL works well within the state of Minnesota and gives us access to many more items than we could possibly own in Martin County. Be sure to take advantage of this fantastic service!

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 1994

Fairmont Interactive Television, a recently completed fiber optic television system, planned to hold an open house. ITV demonstrations are planned along with a list of college classes that will be available interactively.

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The Fairmont Opera House Children's Theatre was set to present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", a humorous play with a serious ending. Nancy Katzer is artistic director, Barb Bittman is music director and Rebecca Bittman is student director. Holly Koskovich will provide piano accompaniment.

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The Fall State Convention of the Minnesota Women of Today was held at Cragun's Resort in Nisswa. Members of the Fairmont chapter that attended included Kerry Nagel-Allen, Linda Vlieger, state delegate and Kelly Moller, president.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 1969

The Fairmont Community Hospital Association viewed sketches of the \$3.9 million hospital to be ready for service the latter part of 1971. The prediction was issued by association president U. B. Idstrom and administrator Cale Neal.

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The Fairmont Ben Franklin store had a full page advertisement beginning the upcoming Christmas season campaign.

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David Miller, Arthur Nimmer, B.A. Williams and Carl Gauck, Fairmont businessmen, met to discuss ways they might help with economic development of the Fairmont area. Chamber President Millier asked for suggestions that could be worked on during the coming year.

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Healthy Living Expo Monday at Fairmont mall

The public is invited to the free "Healthy Living and Wellness Expo" on Monday, December 2nd, 4-7 p.m., at the Five Lakes Shopping Centre, Fairmont.

Come to learn more about area services and resources to promote healthy lifestyles and wellness. Special thanks to the Kiwanis Early Risers who graciously allowed this event to happen in conjunction with their annual Pancake Fundraiser.

Sign up for the door prizes donated by exhibitors. Special features will include displays on fraud prevention, Census 2020, services for older adults, lifelong learning opportunities, wellness technology, substance abuse

prevention, safe prescription storage, caregiver support, health & wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, hospice, home health care, and much more. Newcomers and Neighbors are especially invited to attend the Expo and learn more about our community and the services that make our area a great place to live.

This event is sponsored by the Martin County Senior Voices network, including Fairmont Hot Meals on Wheels, Prairie Lakes Transit, Compassionate Care Hospice, Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center, Temperance Lake Ridge, Heaven's Table, CREST and Fairmont Community Education and Recreation (CER.)

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OBITUARY notices

Kathy J. Knox, 71



Memorial Service for Kathy J. Knox, 71, of Fairmont, was held Wednesday morning, November 27th, 2019 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Internment will take place at a later date at Rosehill Cemetery in Greene, IA. Kathy passed away Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Kathy Jo Knox was born October 3rd, 1948 to Robert and Ruth (Willey) Knox in Osage, Iowa. She was the third of six children. She was

placed at Woodward State Hospital and School as a child and later joined the Fairmont Community, living at REM for the past 30+ years. Kathy loved her home at REM and was very attached to the staff, who gave her wonderful care over the years.

Kathy enjoyed her time going to work at Step, Inc. in Fairmont and spending time with her REM family. She had a great sense of humor and could make everyone around her smile. Kathy loved to give hugs and spend time drinking coffee with her friends. Kathy also looked forward to her ice cream snack every night. She had a

special bond with her mom and spent a lot of her free time on the telephone with her before she passed away; being reunited in Heaven is a great reward for her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sister, Vicki Larson (Larry) of Mill Creek, WA; brother, Barry Knox (Nancy) of Outing, MN; brother Robert Knox (Janet) of Sauk Centre, MN; and sister Brenda Larson (Travis) of Marine, MN, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Kathy was preceded in death by a brother, Bradley, and a nephew, Brent.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

DEATH notices



November 21 - Kathy J. Knox, 71, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

November 24 - Kenneth R. Michalke, 92, Truman
Zaharia Family Funeral Home

In Memorium One Year Ago This Week

November 19 - Douglas W. Forstrom, 69, Fairmont
November 21 - James "Jim" Svoboda, 73, Jackson
November 21 - Ruth I. Resch, 85, rural Jackson
November 23 - Elsie C. Simon, 90, Fairmont
November 23 - Mary E. Zellmer, 86, Fairmont
November 24 - Melvin L. Knuth, 83, rural Dunnell

Jay W. Logan, 57 and Elizabeth A. Logan, 52



Funeral services for Jay Wayne Logan, 57, and Elizabeth Ann Logan, 52 of New Richland, MN were held Tuesday, November 26th, 2019 at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna with The Reverend Dean Smith officiating. Interment was in the First Lutheran Cemetery in Ellendale, MN. The couple died Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 as the result of an auto accident. Michaelson Funeral Home, Inc. of Owatonna handled the arrangements for the family.

Jay was born June 17th, 1962 in Albert Lea, the son

of Wayne and Dorothy (Schwarz) Logan. He grew up in Clarks Grove, graduated from Ellendale High School and later attended Mankato State University.

Elizabeth was born July 22nd, 1967 in Oakland, CA the daughter of Kenneth and Barbara (Lohmann) Schultze. As an infant, her family moved back to Minnesota where she attended St. James Lutheran School in Northrop, graduated from Fairmont High School and attended Mankato State University.

Jay and Beth were united in marriage September 19, 1992 in Northrop. The

couple lived in Ham Lake, MN for several years. They moved to rural New Richland in 2005, at which time Jay started his career with the Hope Creamery. Beth worked for Hope Creamery and an insurance agency in Albert Lea prior to starting her career with Federated Insurance.

The couple enjoyed watching their children's many sporting events, going camping and traveling with their kids and attending wine club together. Jay was an avid hunter and loved working on cars and tractors; often with his son, Tyler. He enjoyed

going to fairs and loved watching Charlie Brown with his kids. Beth enjoyed gardening and scrap booking. She was on the church council and played organ at Zion Lutheran Church.

The couple are survived by their son, Tyler (and special friend Briana Singleton) Logan of Red Wing; daughter, Grace Logan of New Richland; Jay's sister, Shari (and James) Bakker of Mora; Beth's mom, Barbara Schultze of Northrop; Beth's brothers, Tim (and Jacky) Schultze of Sauk Rapids, Jon (and special friend Megan Schwab) Schultze of

Fairmont as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

They are preceded in death by Jay's parents and Beth's father.

michaelsonfuneral.com

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Kenneth R. Michalke, 92



Kenneth Robert Michalke, 92, of Truman, passed away Sunday, November 24th, 2019 at his home surrounded by loving family. Funeral

services were held Wednesday morning, November 27th, 2019 at Calvary Baptist Church in Granada. Interment was in Nashville Cemetery, rural Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Kenneth Robert Michalke was born December 11th, 1926 in Sauk Center, MN. He lived and attended school in Granada before joining the United States Navy at 17 years of age to serve honorably in World War II in the South Pacific Ocean assigned to recon of the atom bomb at Hiroshima and Iwo Jima. Upon his return from

service as an anti-aircraft gunner, he reunited with his childhood friend and married Lorraine Jurgenson September 28th, 1946, after a courtship, which led to a seventy-three year marriage. Ken and Lorraine lived in various locations over the years, but called Truman home.

Ken took great pride in his work; he owned and operated Michalke Plaster and Stucco for seven decades. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved big game hunting in Canada - Alberta, Ontario, Labrador, Saskatchewan; as well as throughout the U.S. in Montana, Wyoming,

Colorado, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. His passion was fishing, hunting, ice fishing, hunting, watching football and stock car races. If Ken was going on a hunting trip, he was packed six months in advance. He raced go karts in his younger years and there are many trophies in the garage to prove it.

His family enjoyed his subtle sense of humor and pranks. Ken and Lorraine worked well together, there was never a chance for dust to settle before starting their next project. They loved to travel and took several trips to Hawaii; their summers were spent traveling with their camper with

Nashwauk as one of their favorite destinations.

Ken is survived by his wife, Lorraine (Jurgenson) Michalke, of Truman; Children, Steven (Vivian) Michalke, Fairmont, Gary (Cheri) Michalke, Fairmont, David (Susan) Michalke, Truman, Keith Michalke, Truman, Sheryl Pedersen, Fairmont, Terry Michalke and family friend Larry Jones, Truman, Timothy (Kirsten) Michalke of Thief River Falls; 12 Grandchildren and 20 Great grandchildren; sister: Dona Faye Decker, of Granada; sisters in law, Marge Jurgenson, Jean Nelson, Marilyn (Ron) Meyer, nieces, nephews

other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Step-mother, Mabel (Berndt) Michalke; parents-in-law, Ellsworth and Elsie Jurgenson; sister, Flora (Dick) Schafer; sister, Gloria Ann (Delbert) Becker; Brother-in-law Robert Decker, Donald (Luella) Jurgenson, Robert Jurgenson, Stan Nelson, Marvin Sternke; sister-in-law, Sharon (Ralph) Maloney.

In lieu of flowers, the family's wishes are for memorials to be designated to Calvary Baptist Church for mission work.

zahariafamilyfuneral.com

Coping with grief during the holidays

by Mayo Clinic Health System

For many people, the holidays offer so much to look forward to: celebrations, traditions and the joys of gathering with loved ones.

But for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, this time of year can be a disheartening reminder of great loss.

"Holiday artifacts - such as ornaments, Christmas stockings, menorahs or maybe a special dish set reserved for special occasions - hold incredible meaning because of the memories we associate with them and with the special people who live in those memories,"

says Sharon Dexheimer, a Mayo Clinic Health System clinical social worker. "The sight and feel of those objects, and the sounds and smells of the holidays, can be quite painful for someone grieving a loss."

To avoid the triggers, those grieving may try to isolate themselves during the holidays. They may also feel guilt over bringing others down by showing their anger or pain.

However, there are ways to help the bereaved through this difficult time. Here are some tips to help:

- **Be aware of and acknowledge the emotions and physical reactions**

experienced. Tell them that feeling this way is acceptable because it shows how much they love and miss their family members or friends.

- **Be mindful of your word choices.** Avoid saying phrases such as, "They're in a better place," and "Everything happens for a reason." While well-intentioned, these condolences minimize their feelings and shut down the conversation.

- **Ask questions.** Invite your loved ones to share memories and talk about their feelings. Foster an environment of open dialogue, even if those conversations lead to tears. Be open to sharing their grief.

- **Be supportive, but don't try to fix it.** Acknowledge your loved

ones' emotions, but don't offer solutions.

- **Make sure they know that it's OK to have "plan Bs" during the holidays.** It's perfectly acceptable for a bereaved person to plan to attend your holiday party, for example, and then decide a gathering would be too overwhelming. A "plan B" could be for the two of you to have a one-on-one brunch the next morning.

- **Set aside a time during the season to honor and memorialize the people who have died.** Make their favorite meals and share memories at the table. You could even leave empty seats at the table as a symbol. Go through old photos together. Donate in honor of the deceased to their

favorite charities. Helping to memorialize a loved one can be cathartic and spark joy.

If your grieving loved ones' feelings become unmanageable, or if they

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Old school vs modern era real estate buying and selling

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor EXIT Realty - Great Plains



The digital movement sure has changed real estate buying and selling. When I hear stories about how real estate buying and selling used to be, I'm amazed at the differences.

Back in the day as a buyer, if you wanted to shop for a property, you'd walk into a real estate office and ask which houses they had for sale. You'd comb through the property flyers either displayed on the wall or in a 3-ring binder. Once you selected the properties you liked, a real estate agent would drive you around on a tour of the houses. If you didn't like any of the houses, you'd walk into another real estate office and repeat the process. You would have been working with a few agents at the same time. Talk about confusing!

Nowadays, buyers are shopping on the internet for a property through many websites. Rarely do they walk into a real estate office looking for the printed flyer. There are several real estate websites all delivering basically the same information as the other one. The listings are auto fed into the real estate websites by

the MLS (multiple listing service). Examples of real estate websites include: Realtor.com, Zillow.com, Trulia.com. In addition, each real estate agency has their own website with a method of searching listings as well. Some company specific websites for the brokerage only include their own listings, while others have all the listings like the national websites (e.g. Realtor.com). If the internet websites weren't enough, most of these websites also have apps to download to buyer's phones, making it easier to browse the listings. Buyers can set up accounts and get automatic alerts when there's a new listing, so they can schedule a showing for that property as soon as it hits the market. New listing alerts can be a buyer's competitive edge for popular properties.

The number of showings for properties are significantly less these days, too. Each property listing on the internet is full of colorful pictures and virtual tours and has data, such as room sizes, which allows buyers to review the property to see if it meets their needs. The downfall of judging a

property solely from pictures online is that buyers are ruling out homes that may be perfect for them. Pictures are very deceiving. Buyers and agents are often surprised how some pictures are better than the actual property and some properties are better than the pictures. I always encourage my buyers to get inside a home. That is the best way to determine if the size, layout and condition are what they desire in a home. I have seen where a buyer ends up buying a house they originally ruled out after viewing pictures online.

Speaking of showings...there is so much confusion about who can show you a property. Any REALTOR®, from any brokerage can show you a property, even if it's not their listing. The best suggestion is to pick one REALTOR® that you trust and have them schedule your showings. No need to click the buttons on the real estate websites that say, "Talk to an agent", or "Learn More", or "Ask a Question". If you find a property you like online, contact your REALTOR® directly and they can answer any questions you may have and set up your showing. If you stick with one REALTOR®, it will be less confusing for everyone involved. Plus, it will make your buying process so much simpler. If your REALTOR® pushes you toward their own listed properties, or only properties listed within their brokerage, they aren't serving your best interests—they are just trying to make more money with your help. Ask your REALTOR® if they can be your buyer's agent so they can fully represent you throughout the entire buying process. If not, the only person looking out for you, will be you!

Seller's agents have

always had a primary job for the seller: market the property until it's sold. Back in the day, that meant newspaper ads and open houses. Marketing has changed bigtime. Seller's agents need to find the buyers for their listing and most buyers are searching for homes on the internet so that's where the most successful agents market their listings.

Open houses in our market are rarely what you see on TV with a line formed at the door waiting for the open house to begin. Many open houses only have a handful (if we're lucky) attendees. Why? Because, as mentioned earlier, buyers can see the house through the pictures and virtual tours on the real estate websites. The few that show up to an open house are usually there to get ideas for their home or, frankly, to snoop on their neighbors' home!

Back in the day, agents from competing brokerages didn't play in the sandbox well together. Sellers were led to believe by many agents that they were the only ones who could bring the buyer, even though legally that wasn't true. It was a missed opportunity when they refused to work with each other. Some sellers are still confused by this topic. Today, we all work together to get properties sold for the sellers. Any REALTOR®, from any brokerage, can bring the buyer to the table. Of course, the seller's agent hopes to bring the buyer, so they make more money on the transaction (after all, selling homes is their livelihood), but their main goal should be to sell the property, regardless of who brings the buyer. As a seller today, don't hire an agent because they say they have a buyer for the property. All REALTORS® can bring a buyer to the table, and should, if they are serving their buyer's needs appropriately. Instead, hire an agent on how well they can market your property so that it gets SOLD.

MCW Swimming Pool plans to re-open on Sunday, December 1st and will resume the regular schedule. Contact elizabethviesselman@mcwmavericks.org for information. Thanks for your patience during our recent closing.



The Regional Worship Center will host a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast** each week from 8 to 10 a.m. at the church, located at 2 Crossroads Drive, across from Kum and Go in Sherburn. All are welcome to join them.

Tuesday, December 3rd, **People First** will hold their monthly meeting from 4:00-5:00 p.m., at Fairmont's Pizze Ranch. Anybody needing a ride to this event or has questions about People First should call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, November 27th they will not have a meal due to Thanksgiving break. On December 4th it will be chicken wild rice soup and chili. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. Free will donation.

All **Martin County libraries** will be closed from Thursday, November 28th through Saturday, November 30th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

CADA Opens Martin County Office

The Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. (CADA) is expanding its service area and will now provide services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Martin County. This week, CADA will open a new office in Martin County. The new office is located at 403 S. State Street in Fairmont. CADA hired Martin County resident, Laura Moreno, as the Martin County Community Advocate.

For many years, CADA's service area has included Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan Counties. Last year, CADA applied for additional funding from the Office of Justice Programs to expand services to victims and survivors residing in Martin County. In October of this year, CADA began receiving funds to serve Martin County. Since October, CADA has been searching for an office location and has hired a new community advocate.

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be

the Martin County Community Advocate," said Laura Moreno. "I have worked with the community for the last 10 years and I am excited to provide CADA's services in the area."

CADA provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence and relationship abuse, as well as victims of sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking. CADA operates four programs: emergency safety shelter in Mankato, community advocacy programs in nine counties, supervised parenting time and exchange centers, and community education programs. CADA's community advocates provide nonjudgmental and confidential support and safety planning assistance to victims and survivors. Along with emotional support and crisis intervention, CADA can assist victims and survivors with a variety of legal advocacy services. Victims can come to CADA for assistance with obtaining a protective order, assistance in civil or criminal court matters, assistance reporting abuse to law enforcement, and more. CADA can also help victims find meaningful community resources. Martin County residents can reach CADA's Martin County Advocate, Laura, by calling 507-399-2001 or CADA's 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-477-0466.

"We are excited to be expanding our service offerings in Martin County," said Jason Mack, Executive Director of CADA. "We know local victims and survivors benefit from community-based, confidential advocacy and we are looking forward to providing that to the community."

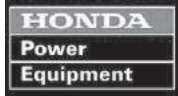
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Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2019.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse. For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

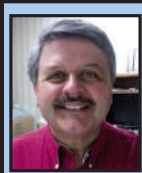
When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 16, 2019. Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 16, 2019 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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Dan Whitman, SAMA, Martin County Assessor



Jeff's Jottings



Lawrence Ternes. The item is a luggage rack that was mounted to the running board of a 1930s age auto to help hold luggage or other items in while driving down the road. This week I have

an item you think would be good to have in this column? Just bring it in and we will take some pictures and get measurements and you will see it featured in a future Photo Press.



As you can see, the one side of the jaws is shorter than the other and at the end of the handle, both handles curl outward. It is made entirely of metal. So do you know what it is? If you know the answer or want to guess what it is, email me at jeff@

Shop locally

This Saturday, communities across the country will celebrate their local businesses with the "Small Business Saturday". We at the Photo Press have been spreading the "Shop Local" moniker for many years,

but in more recent years we have developed our own "Shop, Eat, Play Local" brand and campaign. The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce recently developed their own campaign, called "Fairmont First". Ned Koppen, President of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, has a column in our "Small Business Saturday" section of the paper, telling us more about this new campaign. Ceylon a few years back developed a similar campaign called "Ceylon Area First". These all follow the same idea of supporting our local communities in all that we do. It's a mindset that was strong locally in years gone by, but in all of the changes taking place in society in more recent years, that thought process has fallen by the wayside for "cheaper" prices or convenience. Just remember, cheaper and convenient does not always mean "better". Support your neighbor, your friends and our communities by shopping local first.

Pancakes, more pancakes and health expo
Because of the Thanks-

giving holiday weekend, there are not too many events happening in the coming week. • Don't forget to visit all the local stores on Saturday, November 30th for Small Business Saturday. • Monday, December 2nd the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will host a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. • Monday, December 2nd the Kiwanis Early Risers will have their 42nd annual all-you-can-eat pancake supper from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont. They will serve pancakes, sausage, milk and coffee with proceeds supporting kids within the community. In conjunction with that, there will be a "Healthy Living Expo" during the same time from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Five Lakes Centre. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat/play/shop local this weekend and all year 'round!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



"Trooper Casey"

In 1988 the Chief of Police, in Ottumwa, Iowa, wanted his officers and the news media to work more closely together. He thought the media could help law enforcement, when they needed information distributed to the public. In turn, news reporters (with proper training) would be allowed to get closer to crime scenes. Most reporters agreed it was a good idea, the officers were more leary; as a member of the media, I wanted to participate.

Presentations were given to teach what each side is trying to learn at a crime scene. One presenter said research shows the reasons cops become cops, is very similar to why reporters become reporters. Both want to know what's going on; they want to be in the loop and both want to have an impact - they want to make a difference.

Detectives taught members of the media to be aware at a crime scene; watch where you walk. Stepping on a bullet casing can push it down into soft soil; a foot print or tire track may be distorted if stepped on. Important evidence can easily be lost or destroyed. The training was good. After completing the course, each media member was given an ID card that would allow them behind police lines at crime scenes.

To this day I feel I have

a better understanding of what a cop's job is, in part because of that training. During my thirty-five-year career in radio broadcasting, I worked often with city police, sheriff deputies and state troopers. I got to work a few times with detectives from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and a couple times with FBI agents. I got along well with most of the cops and would help them out whenever I could.

One time the city cops were looking for a bad guy. They thought might have jumped a coal train headed west, out of town. I happened to be at the airport and called the police department. "If you can send an officer out here, I'll take them up in the airplane and fly over the train." If

the suspect was there, they'd see him. A cop came and we went up to fly over the train. The bad guy wasn't there; officers on the ground had caught him. I've always liked working with the police - even though I had my own little crime spree going on the side. Traffic violations!

In those days, it wasn't uncommon for me to tell my co-host on the morning show, "I met the nicest State Trooper, on the road the other day."

They'd reply, "Did you get pulled over again?"

"Yeah, I did. Let me tell you what happened..."

Although not nearly as often, it still happens once in a while. Now days I get more warnings than citations; apparently, I'm not as adventurous as I once was. I find myself less impressed with a

low 'zero-to-sixty' number and more impressed with high MPG digits. Once in a while my needle doesn't drop as quick as the numbers posted in reduced speed zones. Whenever I see a squad car, I still look at my speedometer, instinctively moving my foot toward the brake pedal.

Just the other night, I was nearing Billings, Montana on I-90 from the west. I saw the patrol car sitting on the median. No problem, my cruise was set at 74. As I passed, the car pulled onto the highway. Not seeing a speed limit sign, I glanced at my GPS. Crap! I was already in the 65mph zone. His lights came on and I pulled over...

...no insurance card, no registration...just a dog that would narc me out in a minute...his message read...

For the rest of this story, visit our website at Fairmontphotopress.com.



The Martin County Youth Foundation awarded \$2,550 to the Opera House for a free community event, Holiday Hoopla, where children and their families will engage in Christmas snacks, crafts and games. L-R: Christy Edmund, Board Member and Blake Pothoff, Opera House Director. (Submitted photo)

From the Pastor:

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Martin County Youth Foundation gave \$800 to Red Rock Center for the Arts for a day long workshop and art show for high school students from the surrounding area. Red Rock also received \$500 for their one day children's theatre workshop. Sonja Fortune (left), Director Red Rock and Char Kahler, Board Member. (Submitted photo)

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At the November 5th meeting of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus a check for \$1,500 was presented to the Martin County Veterans Memorial fund. This check represented the proceeds from the Knights' October 27th pancake and sausage breakfast. Pictured (L to R): Ray Rosa—KC Event Chairman; Bill Rosa—KC Event Chairman; Ron Lutz—KC Event Chairman; Steve Fosness—Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee Member; Mike Murphy—KC Fundraising Overall Chairman. (Submitted photo)



The West Central Association of REALTORS program "REALTORS helping Communities" is supported by the WCAR REALTORS with a \$10 Challenge and a silent auction held each fall where all contributions are given to the program. These funds, along with a matching donation by the office that made the nomination, goes to Kinship, who was nominated by Re/Max Total Realty and is the recipient of the 2019 award of \$1,225.00. (Submitted photo)

Alive and whale in Sitka

By Al Batt

No one called me Ish-mael.

I visited a sliver of the Alaska Panhandle to look at whales while pretending not to have read Melville's "Moby Dick." I looked forward to seeing whales. I'd liked to have seen Russia, too, but I couldn't see it from there.

Sitka, accessible only by air or sea, is 90 miles southwest of Juneau and considers International Falls the deep south. Sitka, population of around 9000, has been named in the "Top 20 Best Small Towns to Visit" by Smithsonian Magazine and part of the "17 Beautiful Small Towns to Visit" by TripAdvisor. I ate salmon with a Sitka resident who told me there were 27 churches and seven bars in Sitka. I didn't count them.

Why spend November days in a refrigerator like Alaska? Because it's warmer than Minnesota. Sitka averages 86 inches of rain and 39 inches of snow annually. August's average high temperature is 62 degrees and the average low in January is 30 degrees. The average daily temperature in Sitka is 45. They

must have had no problems getting their corn out as there wasn't a combine in sight.

Mount Edgecumbe, a 3,200-foot-tall dormant volcano, looms over Sitka Sound. Sitka is nestled at the foot of magnificent mountains facing the Pacific Ocean on Baranof Island on the outer coast of Alaska's Inside Passage. It lies at the heart of the largest temperate rainforest in the world, the Tongass National Forest.

Sitka's past is a unique blend of native Tlingit culture and Russian history. In 1867, when the United States purchased Alaska from the Russians who had pretty much killed and skinned everything with fur, the transfer ceremony

was held in Sitka, which became Alaska's first capital city. The U.S. used coupons clipped from newspapers by William Seward and took advantage of a BOGO sale (buy one acre, get one free) to get the price down to 2 cents per acre. Sitka is twice the land area of Rhode Island, which is the Chihuahua of states.

I walk because I'm addicted to a Fitbit and it keeps me out of gift shops. It's called a Fitbit because in an attempt to become fit, I'll risk being bitten by mosquitoes, black flies and bears. I can afford to travel because people pay me to put steps on their Fitbits. It rained enough as I strolled around Sitka that it was impossible for me



Steller sea lions on a buoy near Sitka. Photo by Al Batt



Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont (MCHS) recently awarded a \$1,500 Hometown Health Grant to Fairmont Area Junior/Senior High School (FHS), which will be used to develop "Wellness Rooms" to support students' health and well-being. Wellness Rooms give students the opportunity to take supportive breaks and learn coping strategies so they can focus better in class. Hometown Health Grants support local not-for-profit organizations for projects and initiatives that focus on enhancing general health and wellness, as well as community health education. (L to R): Michelle Thompson, FHS social worker; Traci Lardy, FHS dean of students; Amy Long, administrator, MCHS in Fairmont; Peggy Garsbers, IMPACT Team representative, MCHS in Fairmont. (Submitted photo)



Spanish students from Martin Luther High School celebrated "The Day of the Dead." Winning the competition were (L-R): Emma Bolen (Spider Man mask), Michaelah Petrowiak, Josh Berg and Caleb Schultz. They celebrated the life of Stan Lee with their altar. (Submitted photo)

to finish a bowl of tomato soup at an outdoor cafe. Staying dry was as difficult as sewing buttons on ice cream. I wore a baseball cap advertising an optics company, but weighed down by Sitka sunshine it became a 10-gallon hat.

I spent time on a ship floating past an old buoys' club where lighthouses once kept ships from stray-

ing from the beacon path. The vessel moved over reflections of eagles and gulls flying upside down on a sea filled with whales. A humpback is a baleen whale. It opens its massive, toothless mouth and swims forward, trapping thousands of tiny krill and fish. Here's a fun fact: Most humpbacks have "Born to krill" tattoos. The whale

closes its mouth, expels the water (spouting up to 20-feet high), and using its bristled baleen plates to trap prey inside. It swallows and repeats the process, eating up to 3,000 pounds per day. These large whales (48 to 62.5 feet long and weighing 40 tons)

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Sherburn works to bring shoppers to town



Updated building front for the Sherburn library.

Small towns across the country struggle to stay alive when it comes to retail and business on their main streets. The challenges of online shopping, costs of carrying products and even wages have made

it very challenging for local businesses to remain open and even work to pass the business along to future operators. A group of residents and a number of organizations in the town of Sherburn refuse to let those pressures and societal influences change how they feel about their hometown.

Over the past few years, the community and the people of Sherburn have been working to beautify the town, and encourage businesses to show the pride in their town with their storefronts.

Some of the projects have included: new light posts and lighting has been installed along Main Street, colorful flowers line the streets in the summer, and empty store fronts are decorated and painted with various themes and historical information to brighten up the drive through town.

Recently two build-

ings on Sherburn's Main Street received a new face-lift in appearance. Sherburn Civic & Commerce worked with Alpha Sandblasting for power washing the store fronts and with Rosenberg Construction for prep work on the Sherburn Branch of the Martin County Library. Also Snick's Signs from Jackson installed new awnings on the Larson Chiropractic Office and also new awning and sign for the library.

The project was funded by Sherburn Civic & Commerce, EDA, City of Sherburn and Sherburn resident Gene Scheppmann. The group would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the beautification project. Sherburn Civic & Commerce looks forward to working with more building owners in the future to continue the "Beautification Project of Downtown Sherburn".



Freshly power-washed building front and newly installed awnings adorn Larson Chiropractic office.

Why do we have "Small Business Saturday?"

Small businesses often are overlooked by customers who are enticed by larger companies, and this can adversely affect the local economy in more negative ways than might appear on the surface level.

The rise of shopping malls and large chain stores such as Walmart and other retailers has caused irreversible damage to Main Street in the last half-century or so, and it's paramount to remember the importance of supporting local small businesses.

History of Small Business Saturday

The 1960s saw the rise of the American shopping mall, and the decades since have seen large chain retailers further cementing their position in terms of taking over the retail sphere and displacing smaller, family-run businesses.

This model has spread further throughout the world, and chain retailers have been usurping small businesses' market share worldwide in the last few decades.

That being said, the difference is most stark in countries like the US, where small businesses have often been obliterated within a year or two of some large chain retailer coming to town and opening up shop - in India and much of Southeast Asia, shopping malls coexist with small shops largely because they serve different markets - as has been noted in the past, the corner shop is not going anywhere anytime soon in India because customers can purchase items on credit, and that's just something that you'll never be able to do in a Walmart.

In the United States, the context is different, though. Different economic realities combined with different cultural ideas about how small businesses operate has ul-

timately been more harmful to those businesses in developed countries than in developing economies. And with all of the odds stacked against them,



small businesses in the US need a day in their honor.

Small Business Saturday is a relatively recent phenomenon - the first one was in Roslindale Village, Massachusetts in 2010 as a counterpart to Black Friday (which features big box retailers, and its anti-consumerist counterpart, Buy Nothing Day targets big business).

Small Business Saturday was originally sponsored by American Express and the non-profit National Trust for Historic Preservation.

From the very start, the day has been promoted through advertising on both social media and more traditional means such as television and radio advertisement. Since 2013, Small Business Saturday has also existed in the UK following the success of its American counterpart.

Celebrating Small Business Saturday

You may be wondering how to celebrate Small Business Saturday since it is possible that you might have been lead to believe that small businesses are a thing of the past. That, however, is not true, and you can dispel such ignorance by observing Small Business Saturday. As a consumer, you can choose to spend your money at local small businesses on

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"Fairmont First"

Guest Columnist

Ned Koppen, President, Fairmont Area Chamber



"Fairmont First" is a slogan you might be seeing and hearing often this holiday shopping season. "Fairmont First" is a shop local campaign that originated from the efforts of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce's RBE Committee. RBE is the acronym for Retail, Business and Entertainment and the group's newest efforts are aimed at making sure everyone in our community thinks about shopping our local businesses first this holiday season. There are many choices and great opportunity right here at home when you shop our local businesses and it makes us stronger and more attractive as a community when our local businesses thrive. The first thing the RBE Committee did as a group was to determine their Top 10 reasons for shopping Fairmont First and what that means for our town, our county and everyone who lives here. These are the Top 10 reasons why we feel shopping local is

important:

1. Creates jobs for the community
2. Boosts local economy
3. Supports your neighbors
4. Provides more personalized service
5. Saves time
6. Donates back to the community
7. Encourages other businesses to invest locally
8. Creates more choices for the local economy
9. Fosters a healthier, happier community
10. Builds community pride and a sense of place

When the Top 10 reasons for shopping "Fairmont First" were estab-

lished, we needed to find a way to bring that message to the public. We decided to put together materials that that would encourage shopping local and educate why it is important. Using our Top 10 list and the "Fairmont First" logo, we printed materials promoting shopping local. We created an 11x17 poster, table tents and lapel pins that retailers can use to promote themselves and our community. The materials are packed into a kit and we are in the process of delivering all of the kits to our Chamber of Commerce members. We will have additional kits available for anyone else who would like one available on request at the Chamber office. The "Fairmont First" campaign kicked off Friday night at the Glows parade and is intended to carry through the Christmas holiday shopping season, but it won't stop there. The holidays are the perfect time to talk about shopping local, but our intent

is to carry this campaign on into the future. If we can make thinking, shopping and buying local a conscious effort our businesses and our community will be better and stronger.

There is another fun piece of this effort the community can help with. The Chamber has 500 "Fairmont First" buttons that we started to sell the night of the Glows parade. Each button sells for \$5.00 and earns the purchaser a chance to win \$250.00, \$100.00 or \$50.00 in Chamber Bucks gift certificates. There will be a drawing December 13th to determine the winners. You can purchase a button at these locations:

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When you shop this holiday season, make sure you shop "Fairmont First". We have many great choices and strong



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Shopping local begins with your thought process

Guest Columnist

Jeff Hagen, Manager, Fairmont Photo Press



This Saturday, communities across the country will celebrate their local businesses with "Small Business Saturday."

Small Business Saturday was an idea created by the credit card giant American Express on November 27th, 2010. The campaign launched in order to help small businesses gain additional exposure and to change the way consumers shop within their own community during the holiday season. In 2011, the day became official when Washington State mayors, governors, senators, and President Obama shared their support for Small Business Saturday.

As the day began to pick up more traction, in 2012 American Express encouraged all small business owners to take charge and promote their business. The credit card company offered small business owners free, personalized ads to spread across

the web. That year, an estimated \$5.5 billion was spent across the nation at independent businesses. By 2013, neighborhoods began celebrating the day, pledging support to the local businesses and organi-



zations.

Participation in Small Business Saturday continues to grow year after year. By 2015, more than 95 million people shopped at small businesses on Small Business Saturday, an eight percent increase

from 2014. In 2015, spending reached \$16.2 billion. In 2016, Small Business Saturday reached record highs with 72 percent of U.S. consumers aware of the day and an estimated 112 million shoppers.

2017 marked the eighth year for Small Business Saturday and saw an estimated spend of \$12.9 billion. This year, the numbers are expected to rise as more consumers continue to care just as much about the shopping experience as the gifts they're purchasing.

We at the Photo Press have been spreading the "Shop Local" word for many years, but in more recent years we have developed our own "Shop, Eat, Play Local" brand and campaign.

The campaign is more of a mindset than anything else. We ask our readers to consider purchasing locally before you head out of town or order it online. The same can be said for eating places and entertainment businesses. If we put that thought into our actions every time, you eventually develop that understanding yourself and put it into practice every time.

It also is a matter of supporting local people. Behind every local business, there is the local owner or owners who use this business to make their living, support their family, donate to local organizations and benefits, contribute to the local infrastructure and tax bases, and who may sit next to you in church or at the local restaurant. Putting a "face" to a business makes the decision to purchase locally much easier because you know who you are buying from and not just contributing to a mega-conglomerate business that doesn't do many of those things and could really care less about the local economy.

The convenience of purchasing items online is far outweighed by the wasted time and money spent on returning items that are either too big, damaged, don't work or not the right style for your tastes. We see many items returned using the UPS service here at the Photo Press. When I first started here 7 years ago, we maybe received a half dozen returns a week. Now, we receive that many every single day, and sometimes more. When you think of all of the fuel and manhours that is needed to return that item to the company you bought it from, the savings you may have gained from purchasing online was essentially all "eaten up" by the resources needed to return it "back to sender."

Start a new thought process - consider local first when you eat, play and shop.



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this day rather than going to the big box retailers or shopping online. After all, the best way to support small businesses is to go and spend money at them rather than somewhere else. You can also tell your friends to do the same, perhaps making a point of organizing a shopping day where you only visit

small, local enterprises instead of chain stores.

While you may or may not end up paying more, it's important to remember that spending your money at a small business generally puts more money into the local economy than if you're spending that money in a chain store or online.

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Fairmont High School senior Antonio Ortega has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Tony's parents are Pastor Pete Ortega and Cherylee Ortega. He has four younger siblings, Pete, Ellie, Oliver, and Lilly. During high school, Tony has been actively involved in cross country, track, basketball, band, and school plays. Following graduation he will be attending North Central University in Minneapolis to major in education. (Submitted photo)

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Guest Columnist

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Ask a farmer what their profit levels from crop farming are in 2019, and the answers can range from “fairly good” to “reduced” to “right down terrible”. Any of those answers could be correct, even in the same area, depending where the farms are located and how the erratic 2019 weather conditions affected crop production for that producer. There will also be a wide variation in grain marketing decisions and crop insurance coverage for the year that potentially will affect farm profit levels. Following is a brief overview of how some major factors are likely to affect farm profitability in 2019:

- 2019 crop yields --- “Mother nature” has not been kind to many producers in 2019 in portions of Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, as well as in some other areas of the Upper Midwest. Several locations received 150-200 percent of the normal rainfall amount during the 2019 growing season, including localized heavy rainfall events in both the early and late portions of the growing season. This resulted in very late planting and significant prevent plant acres in some areas, as well as delayed harvest in many areas, both of which negatively affected crop yields. Some locations in Southern Minnesota and Eastern South

Dakota also experienced severe “green snap” on corn, due to severe storms in July.

Overall, corn yields in affected areas were about 10-20 percent below long-term averages, and probably 15-30 percent lower than 2015-2017 average yields. In general, soybean yields were 5-20 percent below long-term average yields. By comparison, growers in some areas of the U.S. and Upper Midwest had much better crop yields in 2019. At a farm-level price of \$3.50 per bushel, a farm operator with a corn yield of 210 bushels per acre will gross \$735 per acre, while a producer with 175 bushels per acre grosses \$612.50 per acre, and a producer with 140 bushels per acre only grosses \$490 per acre.

- Grain marketing decisions --- As in most years, the grain marketing decisions that were made by farm operators will have a big impact on the profit levels for their crop enterprise in 2019. The biggest difference will likely come in corn, where producers in many areas had the opportunity to “lock-in” cash prices near or above \$4.00 per bushel on a portion of their anticipated 2019 production in June and July this past Summer. Current corn cash price levels are near \$3.50 per bushel in Southern Minnesota, and even lower in other areas.

For example, farmer A and B both targeted a yield of 200 bushels per acre for corn at the beginning of 2019; however, due to the weather conditions they only had a final yield of 170 bushels per acre. Farmer A “locked-in” 75 percent of the anticipated production (150 bu./acre) at \$4.00 per bushel and sold the balance at \$3.50 per bushel. Farmer B sold the entire production at harvest for \$3.50 per bushel. Farmer A would have a gross income of \$670 per acre, while farmer B would have a gross income of only \$595 per acre, a difference of \$75 per acre.

There have been very few opportunities to “lock-in” a favorable local cash soybean price during 2019. One positive for local soybean prices in recent weeks has been a tighter “basis” level, which is the difference between the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) soybean price and local soybean market price offered to farmers. The soybean basis level at processing plants in Southern Minnesota tightened from \$.50-\$.60 per bushel in mid-September to \$.15-\$.20 per bushel in mid-November. Taking advantage of a \$.30-\$.40 per bushel soybean basis improvement can easily add \$15-\$25 in gross income per acre. Grain marketing opportunities are often short-lived and need

to be acted on promptly to get the full advantage. Grain marketing decisions are often overlooked as a major factor that impacts farm profitability.

- 2019 MFP payments --- The 2019 “market facilitation program” (MFP) payments, which are being paid to farm operators to offset market price reductions resulting from tariffs and trade issues, are being allocated on a per acre basis in 2019. As a result, the MFP payments are not affected by crop yields, as the payments were in 2018. Even though the MFP payments were not intended to help cover losses from low yields in 2019, these payments will help stabilize final farm income levels for many farm operators.

- 2019 crop insurance coverage --- The level and type of crop insurance coverage that a producer carried for the 2019 crop year will also impact farm profitability in the areas that had greatly reduced crop yields for the year. Corn and soybean producers had the option of selecting revenue protection (RP) crop insurance policies ranging from 60% to 85% coverage levels. The level of insurance coverage can result in some producers receiving crop insurance indemnity payments, while other producers receive no indemnity payments, even though both producers had the same adjusted APH yield and the same final yield. For example, at an adjusted APH corn yield of 190 bushels per acre and a final 2019 corn yield of 150 bushels per

acre, a producer with 85% RP coverage would receive a gross indemnity payment of \$61 per acre, while a producer with 75% coverage would receive no indemnity payment.

Many farm operators in portions of the Upper Midwest had some prevented plant crop acres in 2019 and depending on their crop insurance coverage received an indemnity payment on those acres. Producers with crop insurance coverage received 55 percent of their crop insurance guarantee for prevent plant corn acres and 60 percent of the insurance guarantee on soybean acres. Producers with higher insurance coverage levels (80% or 85%) received higher prevent plant payments. There was an additional 10 percent prevent plant “top-up” payment as part of the Federal Disaster (WHIP) program, which was increased to 15 percent for producers that had a “harvest-price” option on their 2019 insurance policy.

A large majority of Midwest corn and soybean producers chose “enterprise units” for their 2019 crop insurance coverage, in order to reduce premium costs. This combines all acres of a crop in a given county into one crop insurance unit. By comparison, “optional units” allow producers to insure their crops separately in each township section, which can be a big advantage in a year such as 2019. For example, assume that producers A and B both have 5 separate farms in the same county with an APH

corn yield of 190 bushels per acre, and with an overall average 2019 corn yield of 171 bushels per acre. However, three of the farms average 185 bushels per acre and two of the farms average 150 bushels per acre. Producer A has an 85% RP policy with optional units and producer B has an 85% RP policy with enterprise units. Producer A would receive no insurance indemnity payment on three farms; however, would receive a gross insurance payment of \$61 per acre on two farms. Producer B would likely receive no insurance payments on any farms.

Bottom Line

Corn and soybean producers with average or above average yields will likely have an average to fairly good profit year in 2019, depending on their grain marketing decisions. Farm operators that had average to slightly below average yields for the year will probably have reduced to poor profit levels in 2019, depending on grain marketing decisions. Finally, producers with below average to very low crop yields in 2019 will likely have reduced to disastrous profit levels for the year, depending on their crop insurance coverage and grain marketing decisions. Farm operators that are facing serious year-end cash flow shortages are encouraged to consult their farm management advisors and lenders sooner than later to look at ways to address the situation.

Financial Focus



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New at Investing? Follow These Suggestions

If you're fairly new to investing, you might be wondering what sort of rules you should follow or moves you should make. And while everyone's situation is different, there are indeed guidelines that make sense for all investors. Here are some to consider:

- Learn the basics. The investment world can seem confusing, but the more you know about the basic components, the more confident you'll be when you begin to invest. For starters, you'll want to be familiar with the essential types of investments: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on. And it's also important to know that some investments are de-

signed to provide growth - an increase in the investment's value - while others provide income in the form of dividends or interest payments, and still others may offer growth and income.

- Set your goals. You need to know why you're investing - and that means you must clearly define your goals. Do you want to retire early? When you do retire, what kind of lifestyle would you like to have? Are you planning on helping your children (or grandchildren) pay for college? Once you've established your goals, you can create the appropriate investment strategy for achieving them, taking into account your time horizon and risk tolerance.

- Invest regularly. At first, you may only be able to afford to put in small amounts to your investment accounts, but even so, try to contribute regularly. You'll get into the habit of investing and, later on, when you earn more money, you can ramp up your contributions. If you have a 401(k) or similar plan at work, the money can come out of your paycheck before you even see it.

- Think long term. As you begin investing, it's important to have the right attitude. Specifically, don't look for the “hot” investments that will make you a “bundle” in a matter of weeks. Investing just doesn't work that way - instead, it's a decades-

long process of carefully choosing, managing and adjusting a diversified portfolio that's suitable for your individual needs. And by maintaining a long-term focus, you'll be less susceptible to making ill-advised moves in response to short-term market events.

- Don't get scared off by downturns. If you invest for many years, it's inevitable that you will experience sharp drops in the financial markets. But these declines are actually a normal part of investing. If you overreact to them by selling investments

just because their price has dropped, you'll not only be breaking a cardinal rule of investing - to buy low and sell high - but you'll also be disrupting the type of cohesive, continuous investment strategy that's necessary to help you achieve your goals.

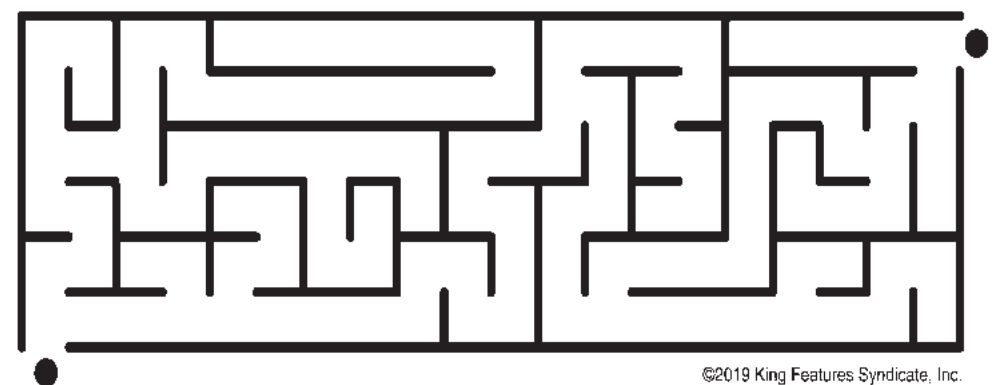
- Get some help. You may find it easier to navigate the investment landscape if you get some help from a professional advisor - someone who understands your goals and family situation and who can make appropriate investment recommendations.

A financial advisor can also suggest changes to your portfolio in response to changes in your life (new job, child graduating college, etc.) and in your goals, such as a new date for retirement.

When you invest, there aren't many guarantees. But by following these suggestions, you will know, at the very least, that you're taking the steps that can lead to success.

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Kids' Maze



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work together to make feeding more effective by herding tiny creatures. I watched lingering arches of whale backs leading to the appearances of flukes cutting the surface of the water. Photographers love to see flukes. Each tail's underside has a different design. A fluke is like a fingerprint, allowing for the identification of individual whales. I had a whale of a time watching the big mammals, but it might have been just a fluke.

Downtown traffic in Sitka divides around lovely St. Michael's Cathedral. A bald eagle perched on a golden cross high above

the Cathedral's green dome. That was excellent. Sitka has no malls or big-box stores. It has 7 miles of road leading one way from downtown and another 7 miles going another way. There are two traffic lights. I visited Sitka National Historical Park, the oldest national park site in Alaska.

I sent people "get whale" cards after I'd walked more than enough miles in the rain one day without being bitten by a single bear or wishing I wasn't soaked.

I basked in imaginary sunlight, knowing that in a city where everything was dripping, I was the biggest drip.

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Youth Foundation awards over \$13,000 in grants

The Martin County Youth Foundation recently awarded \$13,250 in grants to twelve organizations and/or projects in November.

Grants were given to the following organizations and projects:

- Project 1590, \$1,000. Project: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Activity Camps.

- Minnesota Ag in the Classroom Foundation, \$1,200. Project: Ag Based Lessons for Schools and Teachers.

- Red Rock Center for the Arts, \$800. Project: Fairmont Area High School Art Show and Workshop.

- Red Rock Center for the Arts, \$500. Project: Chil-

dren's Theatre Workshop and Play.

- Girl Scouts, Jennifer Nielsen, \$500. Project: Musical Sensory Garden.

- Girl Scouts, Hope Kueker and Kaylee Nelson, \$500. Project: Community Sensory Room.

- Fairmont Opera House, \$2,550. Project: Holiday Hoopla Community Event.

- Fairmont Bowling Association, \$1,680. Project: Bowling 101 Blastoff.

- Kinship of Martin County, \$2,200. Project: Positive Participation Scholarships.

- Fairmont Area Schools, \$950. Project: After School Enrichment Science Explorations with the Prairie Ecol-

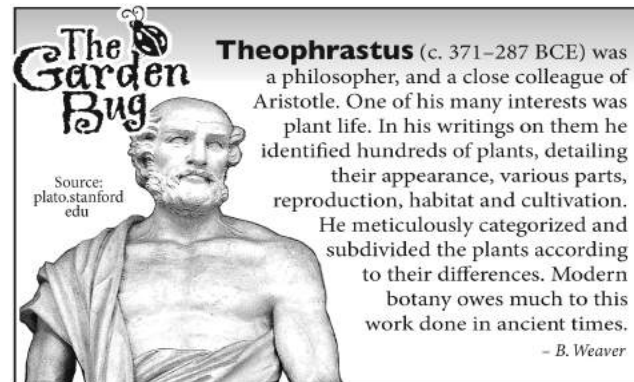
ogy Bus.

- Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, \$2,450. Project: Area Career Exploration Day.

- Martin County Historical Society, \$500. Project: Annual School Visitation Program.

The Martin County Youth Foundation was founded in 2000. The organization is committed to acquire, man-

age and distribute funds to enhance the lives of youth in Martin County. Since its inception over 320 youth projects have received over \$475,000. March 15th, 2020 is the next grant deadline for projects beginning after May 15th. For more information, visit www.martin-countyyouthfoundation.org.



Theophrastus (c. 371–287 BCE) was a philosopher, and a close colleague of Aristotle. One of his many interests was plant life. In his writings on them he identified hundreds of plants, detailing their appearance, various parts, reproduction, habitat and cultivation. He meticulously categorized and subdivided the plants according to their differences. Modern botany owes much to this work done in ancient times.

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 L. Dean Clausen Trust, Lewis Dean Clausen Trustee, Marcia Kay Clausen to Tenhassen Farms Inc., EX NE¼NE¼ of NE¼, and E½E½ of NW¼, 7-101-31
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 Richard Braun to Taylor Alan Anderson, PT Lots 1&2, Block 1, Taylor & Johnsons 2nd Addition
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 Alf Operating Partners LTD to Touchdown Investments, Inc., PT NW¼SW¼ and PT W½ of SW¼ and SW¼SW¼ and PT S660' of NW¼SW¼, 11-101-33
 Carole L. Schultze, Warren D. Schultze to Carole L. Schultze, Warren D. Schultze, Lot 3, Block 4 and S½ Lot 4, Block 4, Original Plat Northrop
 Reginol Dimetrius Worlds, Susan Worlds to Shari Jensen, E10' of Lot 8, Block 33 and Lot 9, BLock 33, Extension to Truman
 Deborah S. Schultz, Melvin G. Schultz Jr. to Deborah S. Schultz, Melvin G. Schultz Jr., Lots 5,6,7, Block 3, Vet-

erans Orchard Addition
 Nancy L. Smith, Robert H. Smith to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., PT SW¼NW¼, 24-103-33
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 William H. Leiding Trust, David Leiding Trustee, Gloria Leiding Trustee to David L. Leiding, Debra J. Leiding, PT 6.5 AC EX 4.64 AC of SE¼SE¼, 30-101-31
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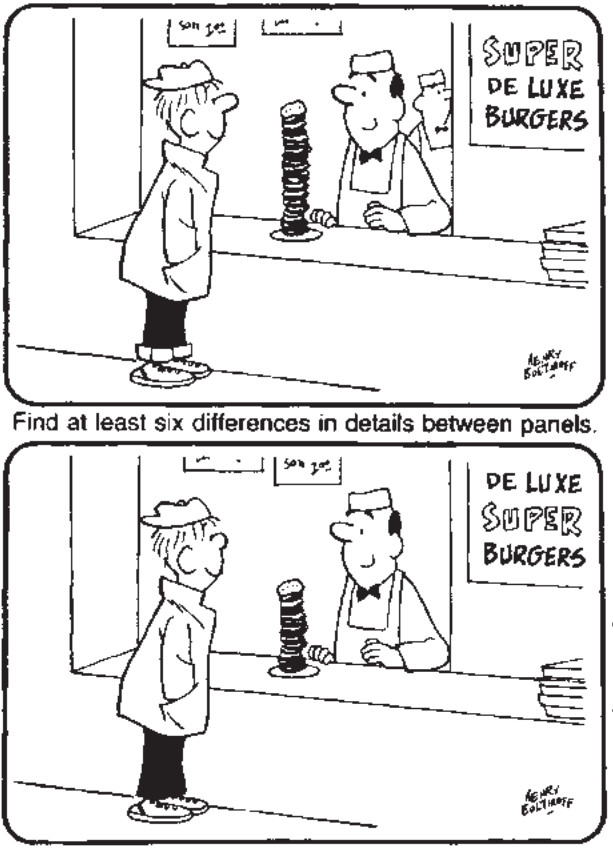
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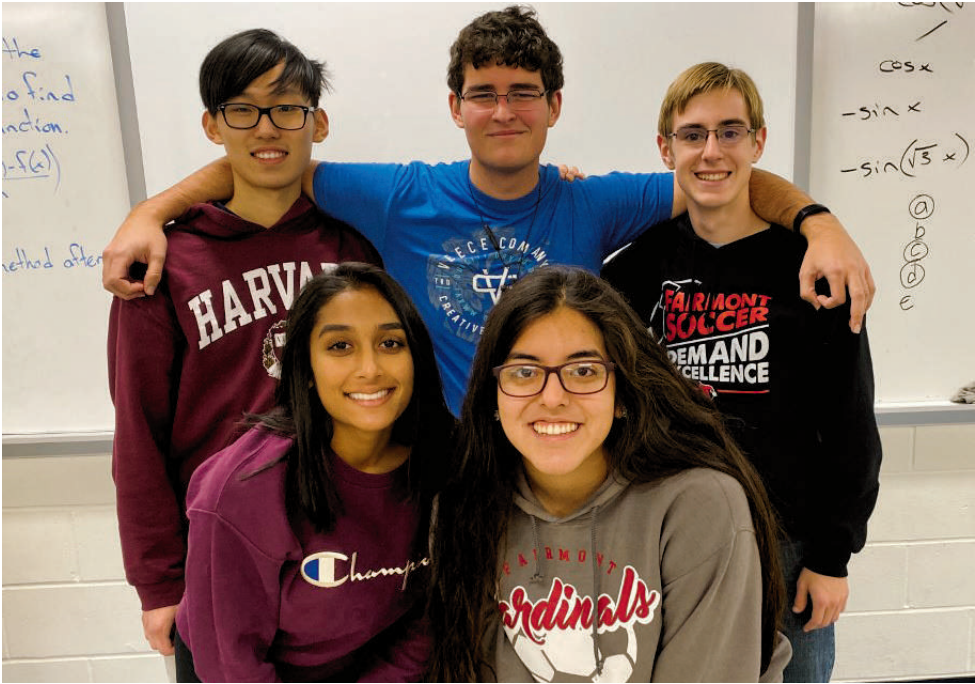
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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

Second meet for Fairmont Math League team

By Jerry Brooks, FHS Math League Coach



Back row (L to R): Zihao Yang, Ethan Grunewald, Aaron Hendricks. Front row: Apoorva Komaragiri, Kady Pedroza

On Monday, November 18th the Fairmont High School Math League team participated in the second meet of the season in the Minnesota Valley Division of the State High School Math League. The meet was hosted

by Blue Earth Area High School. Fairmont finished in fourth place with a total of 37 points. Minnesota Valley Lutheran won the meet with a score of 47 while Mankato East finished second with a score of 44. Mankato West placed third with score of 44. Blue Earth High finished in sixth place with a score of 23. The Minnesota Valley Division is made up of eight schools that compete in five meets throughout the season. Other schools in the division are St. Peter, Waseca, and Lake Crystal Welcome Memorial. Fairmont and Blue Earth also compete in Section 2A for the opportunity to participate at the state meet in March. After two meets Fairmont is in first place with Blue Earth second.

Participants from Fairmont that do well at each

meet earn the title of "Mathlete of the Meet". For the second meet of the season, five individuals attained this honor. Zihao Yang led Fairmont with 8 individual points. Ethan Grunewald scored 7 points, Aaron Hen-

dricks scored 6 points and Apoorva Komaragiri and Kady Pedroza each scored 5 points. Mankato East High School will host the next meet on Monday, December 9th at 3:45 p.m.



Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 officers stand ready to carry the colors leading the Fairmont Glows Parade last Friday night. Pictured (L to R): Bob Altman-Vice Commander, Jim Hardt-Vice Commander, Cory Germain-Chaplain, Steve Fosness-Commander. (Submitted photo)

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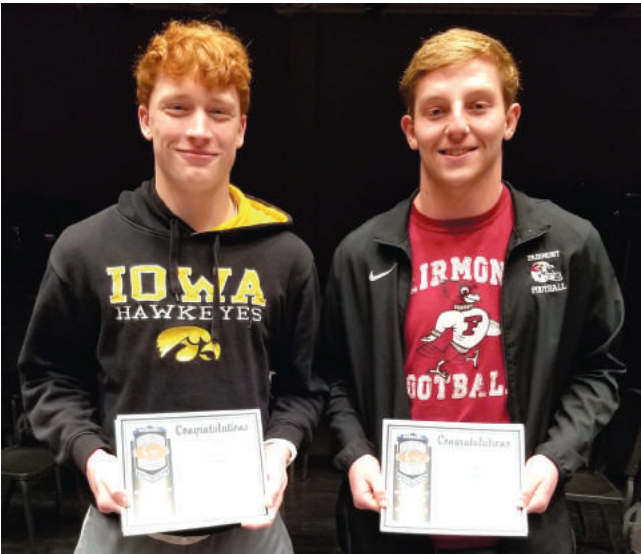
Fairmont Cardinals South Central Silver District Football Team Members: Front (l to r): Zack Soelter, Cale Steuber, Carson Toomer, Josh Heinze. Back: Jacob Rahn, Caden Baarts, Zach Jorgensen, Hudson Artz. Submitted photo.

Fairmont Cardinal Football program recently announced this season's awards.

2019 Team Awards: Fight On Award: Josh Heinze; Defensive Player of the Year: Zach Soelter; Offensive Player of the Year: Zach Jorgensen; Card Lineman of the Year: Jacob Rahn; Tom Mahoney Award: Carson Toomer; Scout Team Player of the Year: Kainen Craig; Card MVP: Caden Baarts.

South Central Silver District Awards: Caden Baarts was selected as the District Player of the Year. Jacob Rahn was the Lineman of the Year. Also named to the SCSD team: Zack Soelter, Cale Steuber, Carson Toomer, Josh Heinze and Zach Jorgensen. Honorable Mention: Gavin Rodning and Hudson Artz

Senior Caden Baarts has been named to the Minnesota All-Star football game to be held at US Bank Stadium on Saturday, December 7th. Baarts will play for the South team while Card head coach Mat Mahoney was named as an assistant coach.



South Central Silver District Football Players of the Year: Caden Baarts (left) was selected as the District Player of the Year. Jacob Rahn was the Lineman of the Year. Submitted photo.



Martin County West Senior Peyton Anderson (front row, right) recently signed a letter of intent to attend and wrestle for Augustana University. Pictured with Peyton is MCW Athletic Director Nate Klima (front row, left) and his parents, back row (L to R): Tamara Fritz, Jared Anderson, Michele Anderson and Tom Finke. (Submitted photo)



GLOVE SAVE - Cardinal goalie Rachel O'Connor makes the grab on a Waseca shot as teammates #3 Brooklyn Meyer and #7 Jozie Hoefker watch the play. The Cards downed Waseca 5-3 last Tuesday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



STORM STOPPER - Cards Carsen Musser sets up to stop Morris/Benson's Will Breuer shot while teammate Jack Riley looks on. The Cards edged the Storm 4-3 last Saturday in the home opener at the Martin County Arena. The Cards host Minnesota River 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 3rd. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



WINNING CELEBRATION - Cards #14 Carson Johnson and #9 Eli Anderson mob freshman goalie Carsten Musser. The Cards down 3-0 to the Morris/Benson got 4 goals from Anderson, Hudson Artz, Jacob Becker and Carson Kuhl in the come from behind victory. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



DOWN IN FRONT - The Cards Tegan Roskop crashes to the ice in front of Morris/Benson goalie Leah Thompson. Eighth grader Jayda Healey and senior Joni Becker scored goals in the 2-2 overtime tie vs the Storm. The Cards (1-3-1) host Minnesota River 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 3rd. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

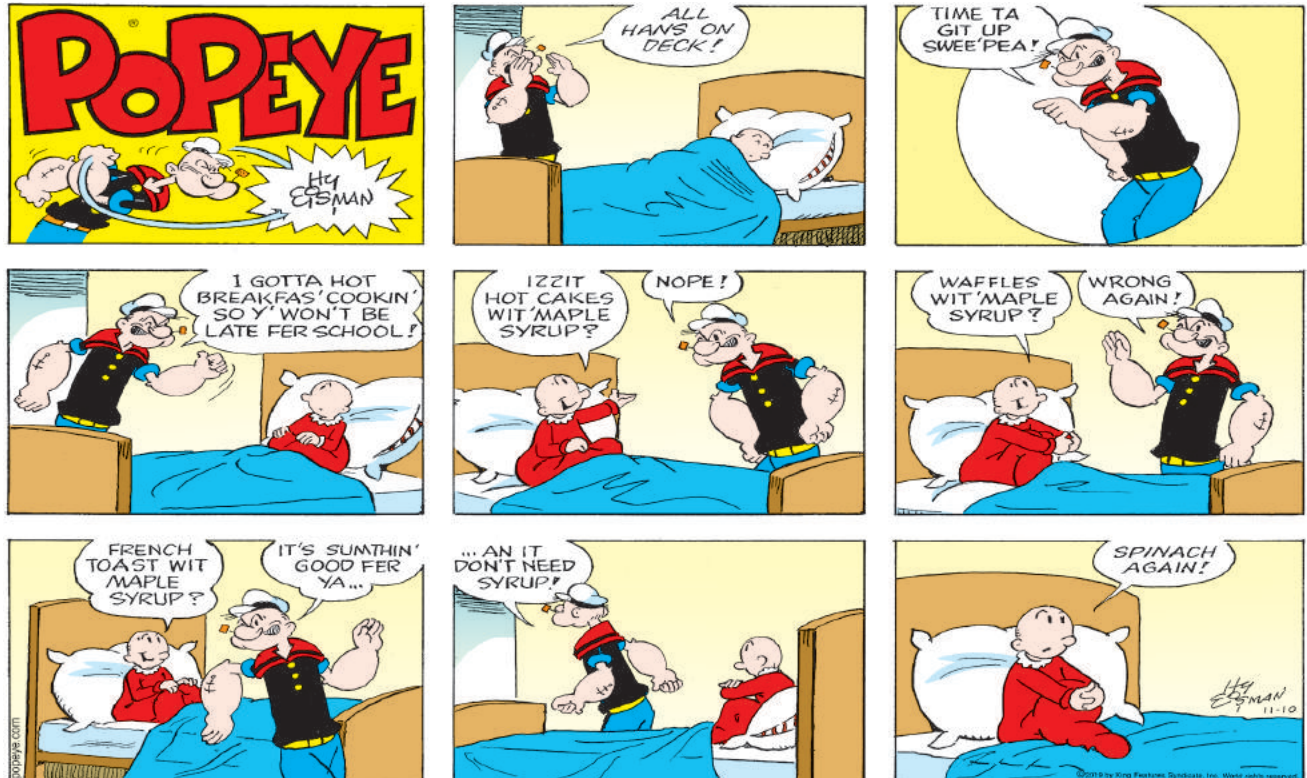
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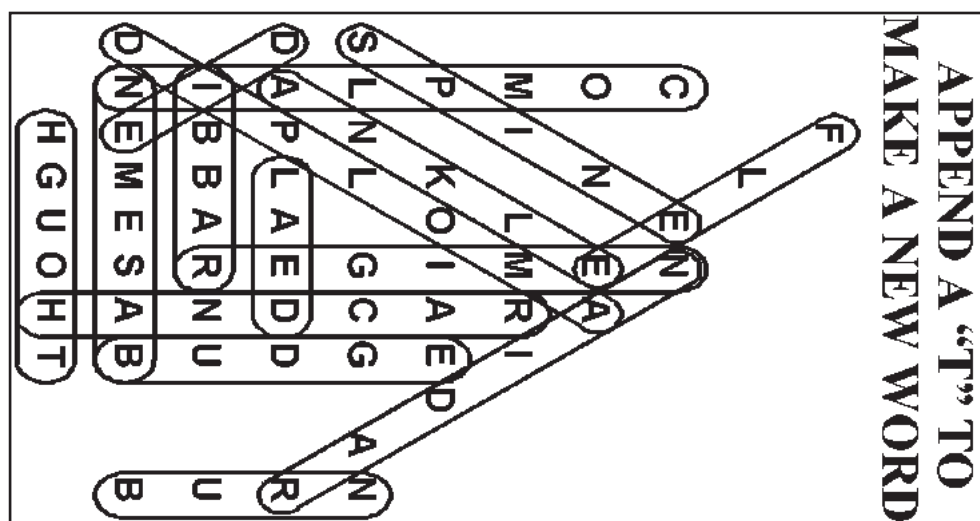
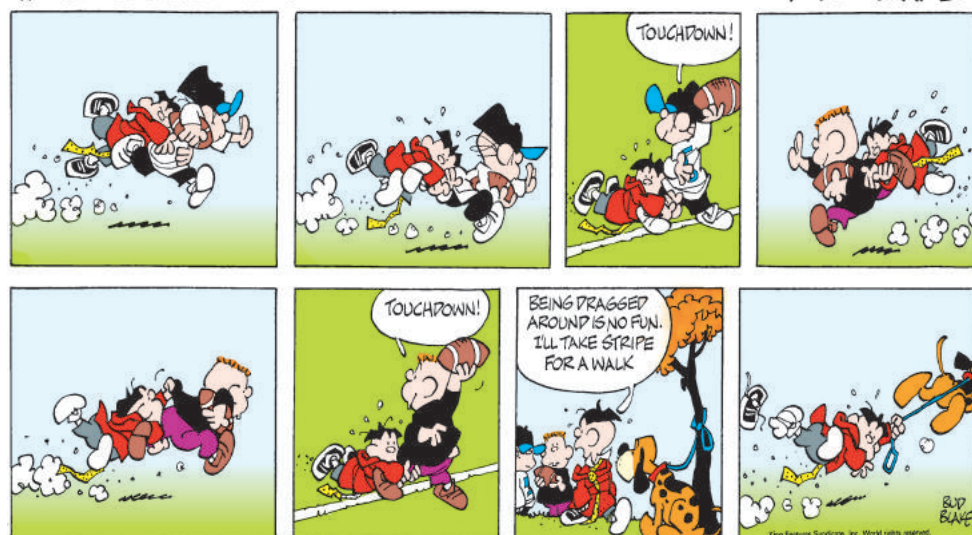
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