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The Pelicans of Cedar Lake

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



They arrive each spring in graceful flight. THE PELICANS OF CEDAR LAKE arrive in silence circling high over their favorite spot of summer, a highly visible point on Cedar Lake. Their arrival is much different than the flocks of geese that arrive on the same lake. The geese arrive with a chorus of song.

Most are amazed when witnessing the flocks of pelicans arrive each spring. Their white bodies glisten in the sun as they circle above. They separate and land in a certain way. They appear large in flight and seem even larger on land. They land and rest as though they are relieved "to get there". The large flock stands on their

favorite shallow point as though they are waiting for some signal. Several separate and become "loners" in the bay of our cabin.

I was working in the field near the Cedar Lake dam this spring. The shoreline grass and brush was high. I could see something white standing on the dam from the vantage point of the

tractor. Several pelicans were standing on the dam in the low water that passed over the dam. I watched as they waited for fish. I stopped the tractor and watched. What I saw was something amazing. When a fish would appear, a pelican would reach down and grasp the opportunity for a quick meal. There were several pelicans that seemed to take turns at the "nature buffet".

One of the favorite places to watch THE PELICANS OF CEDAR LAKE is when the large gathering has congregated on an

outreaching point of the lake that has tall rushes and shallow water. They are close and their white forms can be seen by those who use the secondary road that passes through a place called "the narrows". Sometimes several can be seen as they congregate in the water near the bridge of the narrows. The fishing must be a good at that spot.

THE PELICANS OF CEDAR LAKE provide all with something to watch as they fish, boat, canoe, or just relax. Sometimes the pelicans form a circle when fishing. They lower

their heads in unison as though they are paying homage to the lake that provides them with such a summer home. I have watched THE PELICANS OF CEDAR LAKE all summer. However, something happened that brought an end to real summer. I looked to their favorite point and they were gone. I couldn't help but question where did they go. Do they have a favorite place at some southern lake? Do they have a place that draws them back each year? Only they know the secret!

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ROHMAN 95TH - Loraine Rohman of Sherburn will celebrate her 95th birthday on Thursday, November 7th. Cards will reach her at Temperance Lake Ridge, 410 Fox Lake Avenue, Apt. 113, Sherburn, MN 56171.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome will be having their **Annual Turkey Dinner** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 3rd. They will be serving roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetables, cranberries, bun and assorted desserts. Adults are \$8.00, age 6 to 12 are \$6.00 and age 5 and under are free. Takeout orders are available.

The **Regional Worship Center in Sherburn** will host a pancake, eggs and coffee breakfast every Monday morning. They will start serving at 7:00 a.m. and continuing until 9:00 a.m. Free will donation.

Plan to attend **Trunk & Treat** at First Lutheran Church in Trimont on Thursday, October 31st, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This event may be held inside the church in case of cold. All are welcome.

A Case for Life

Martin Luther High School in Northrop is hosting an event with a compelling message next week.

"A Case for Life" features Mike Spencer, Midwest Director of Life Training Institute. The event takes place Tuesday, November 5th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther High School Gymnasium in Northrop. Spencer will be speaking on the topic of abortion and states "I believe elective abortion is the defining moral issue of our time. As the Midwest Director of Training for Life Training Institute, I have dedicated myself to equipping pro-life ambassadors to speak intelligently and redemptively to the injustice of abortion." This event is free and is open to the public. Everyone is welcome.



Garden Club to hold November meeting

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont, will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 at the home of Joy Pollock in Fairmont. Our theme for 2020 will be "Methods of Gardening" and "Visitors to the Garden".

The December garden club meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 4th, 2019. This will be our annual Christmas Potluck - please bring a dish to share. This year we are collecting Christmas gifts for residents of Goldfinch Assisted Living Facility.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about the Garden Club, please call Myrtle Heifner at 507-235-8535.

Portrait of a Veteran: Bernard Reilly

Guest Columnist



Joseph Kreiss, Portrait of a Veteran Project

It was November 1941, just three weeks before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, taking the United States into World War II, when 21-year-old Bernard Reilly enlisted into the U.S. Marines. He was following his brother's footsteps.

After boot camp, Reilly joined up with the 10th Marines artillery battalion and headed to the South Pacific aboard the transport ship USS President Jackson. Reilly said the cargo ship was ill-equipped to defend herself against enemy attack. "So, the Marines set up .50 caliber machine guns on the fantail," he recalled.

"We came under attack and the Marine shot down a "Jap" plane, a torpedo bomber and turned away others. If it wasn't for the Marines, we'd been swimming," Reilly said. The

skipper of the ship was so grateful he gave each Marine who had manned a gun a crisp \$10 bill. "At the time, that was a half month's pay for us," Reilly said.

Photo and story by Joseph Kreiss Photography

You can read more about local area veterans



Bernard Reilly

- Born in Lone Rock, Iowa on family farm, 1919
- U.S. Marine Corps World War II Veteran

3rd annual "Youth Learn to Hunt"

by Tieg Arens, Martin County Pheasants Forever



Saturday, October 19th started off with some cold, rainy weather. However, that didn't last long, as the sun came out for the 13 youth that attended the Martin County Pheasants Forever chapter's 3rd annual Youth Learn to Hunt event at the Fairmont Trap Club.

The day started off with a meet-and-greet breakfast with rolls, juice, and milk from Fareway provided by Martin County Pheasants Forever. Then, the attendees were given a layout of the day from Joe Maidl, president of the chapter. They were split into three groups and went to one of three activities at the Fairmont Trap Club.

One of the activities was archery combined with a tomahawk throw under the supervision of Martin County 4H instructors Joe Kallemeyn and Jason Becker. Another activity was trap shooting under the guidance of Bryan

Gregor and Teri Boltjes, firearm coaches and committee members of Martin County Pheasants Forever chapter. They also had help to give the youth one-on-one instruction from other members of the committee. Third, the youth were able to learn how to safely shoot pistols thanks to Sheriff's Deputy, Matt Owens with the assistance of other committee members.

Once all of the youth had a chance to participate in all the events at the trap club, they were transported to private land designated for use by Doug Willner and family. The hunters participated in a hunt where each hunter had a mentor that would provide assistance where needed and make sure all present were following responsible hunting practices.



After the hunt concluded, the hunters went back to the Fairmont Trap Club and washed up for lunch while being informed about pheasant biology from a presentation by Thea Nutt, education chair of the chapter. To wrap up the day, the youth learned how to properly clean birds and guns for transport.

Martin County Pheasants Forever would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to make this day a success, and to their "No Child Left Indoors" sponsors, who make events like this possible.



Education Minnesota Fairmont distributed 500 books for the Fairmont Area Homecoming Parade on October 4th. The 3rd grade and high school special education teachers led this event. The slogan for the float was "Tackle the Tigers." (Submitted photo)

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Cancer fund partners with MCHS - Fairmont to benefit patients

The Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Mankato Area Foundation, is expanding its reach to the Fairmont area.

A press conference was held at the Main Classroom of MCHS-Fairmont on Monday, October 28th to announce the launch of this program in Fairmont, which will serve the area's cancer patients.

The Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund was established in 2017 by Jonathan and Ginger Zierdt and a guiding coalition of engaged community leaders to build community cancer awareness and support. Its mission is to raise community awareness and provide support for those touched by cancer. Its vision is to help change the cancer journey.

In January of 2018, the fund launched its signature program, the JZ Car-

ing Box, which donates specially designed care packages for distribution to patients diagnosed with cancer. "Each box contains items specifically chosen by the group, including a message about courage on the outside of the box, a custom knit blanket, a "Cancer Fighting Kitchen" cookbook, a journal and pen, information from the MN Department of Health, inspirational messages of



support, information for patients and caregivers and a special gift envelope containing a gift card, provided by Profinium of Fairmont," stated fund administrator Tammy Fredricksen.

On hand for the press conference was Ian Bents of Profinium, who stated that they are very excited to be partnering with Mayo and the Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund on this project. "Our employees have really become involved in the processing of these gift cards to be placed in the JZ Caring Box."

Since the program launched, the Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund has distributed more than 1,000 JZ Caring Boxes to cancer patients in the Mankato area and now they look forward to spreading this distribution to the Fairmont



Front Row (holding a JZ Caring Box) Amy Long, MCHS-Fairmont and Tracy Culbertson, MCHS. (Back row L to R): Ian Bents, Profinium, Tammy Fredricksen - JZ Cancer Fund, Ginger Zierdt (Jonathan Zierdt's wife) and Tami Paulsen - JZ Cancer Fund.

area. "The addition of the JZ Cancer Fund's charitable efforts in Fairmont coincides with Mayo Clinic Health System's commitment to continually meeting the needs of oncology and infusion therapy patients,

and providing them with high-quality compassionate care every day," stated Tracy Culbertson, Regional Manager of Oncology Services for Mayo. "I see people who are touched by cancer every day, so these gift boxes bring light to the dark-

ness that cancer brings." For more information on the new program and the JZ Caring Box, you can contact Amanda Dyslin, Mayo Clinic Health Systems Public Affairs, at 507-594-6376.

Concert Association to feature Jason Farnham



The Fairmont Concert Association will present Jason Farnham Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The concert will take place at the Fairmont Area High School Performing Arts Center.

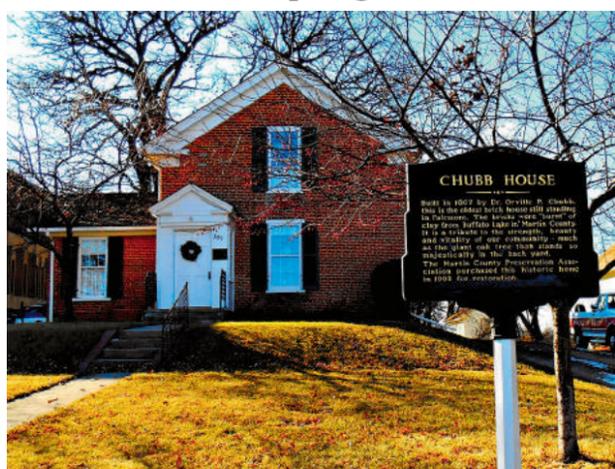
An evening with Jason delights audiences again and again. Fans have dubbed him "Schroeder"

from Peanuts because of his toy piano, witty comedy antics and clever inter-action with the audience.

The variety includes contemporary romantic piano, jazz, bossa nova, blues and classical with a modern twist.

Members are reminded to present their tickets at the door.

Historic Fairmont home to host Lamplight Dinner



The historic Chubb House, located at 209 Lake Avenue in Fairmont will be host to a Pioneer Stew Lamplight Dinner.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 2nd with seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The dinner will consist of beef stew, apple sauce, assorted breads, beet pickles and pumpkin dessert. Cost for the dinner will be \$10 per person and pro-

ceeds from this event will go toward the upcoming street assessment at the Chubb House.

The Chubb House is on the National Register of Historic Places and is managed by the Martin County Preservation Association.

Seating is limited, so please call for reservations at: 507-235-6572 or 507-235-9162.

Woodland Avenue set for trick-or-treaters

The Woodland Witches will be coming out to play this Thursday, October 31st.

Come one, come all for trick-or-treating on Woodland Avenue in Fairmont from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. on Halloween night.

In addition, starting at 4:30 p.m. that evening

at 229 Woodland Avenue they will have a Halloween Meal Deal of a hot dog, chips, cookie and water (items will not be sold separately) for a charge. There will also be a popcorn vendor on site that evening. This event is sponsored by "Grandmas Plus One."

CREST "Lunch and Learn" to feature beekeeping

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

The program this month will feature Paul Harris of Harris Honey, who will do a presenta-

tion on beekeeping and honey.

Following the presentation, a lunch of beef stew, homemade biscuits with honey butter, bars and cookies will be served. Donations are welcome to defray costs.

Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.

Graphic Novel Book Club at Martin County Library

The Martin County Library in Fairmont will be hosting a Graphic Novel Book Club.

Kids in grades three to six are invited to join them for "Let's Get Graphic: A Graphic Novel Book Club" at the Fairmont Library.

The event will be held Tuesday, November 5th at 4 p.m.

This event is free and no registration is required.

For more information, contact the library at 238-4207.

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Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday November 5th at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

The **Fairmont Class of 1953** will meet Friday, November 1st for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.

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

The **Shepherd's In Soup Kitchen** will be serving a free soup meal at the Blazer Hall, 95 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. The meal will be served every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Free rides are available by contacting Curt at 507-236-5362.

Taking Control of Your Health

Guest Columnist



Evie Anderson, Wellness Advocate, Essential Oils Educator

Direct questions to me: 507-236-5377; message me on my Facebook page Evie's Essentials

As I began preparing my notes for an upcoming speaking engagement about EMOTIONAL HEALTH, I began looking to choose a topic of focus for my presentation; since the subject of emotional health has such a wide spectrum.

The subject of emotional health is a subject that has become a passion of mine due to my life-long struggle with my own emotional health; much of which I can attribute to abuse, both in my childhood and adult life. Even though my abuse occurred many years ago, it took me decades to understand how to be "whole again"; to resolve my "stuffed emotions" and to rebuild.

As strong as I felt I had become, the recent uncovering of the unprosecuted Domestic Violence cases in our community, as well as the heart wrenching stories of the victims coming forward, shook me to the core. Watching this unfold has caused me anxious moments, has given me reoccurring nightmares and has caused me to shed tears that I don't have to spare.

As a result, I'm having to work on addressing and healing those feelings. I am thankful for the knowledge I have gained through my research and the help of my Essential Oils. I can only imagine what the victims them-

selves are experiencing and I pray for them daily.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I therefore felt obligated to do my part to bring awareness that this crime is... MUCH more prevalent than people realize... MUCH more damaging than people may think... MUCH more secretive than it should be... MUCH more of a serious social problem than we would like to admit...often unreported... and IT IS NOT OK.

I can personally relate to the victims and would like nothing more than to speak out for them; but was compelled to dedicate this forum to the children of domestic violence. I want to help my readers understand the long-term effects of these children's experiences and show how it impacts the very community in which we live.

The dynamics of abuse is so far reaching and the numbers are staggering. Did you know that studies show that 3-4 million children between the ages of 3-17 are at risk of exposure to Domestic Violence each year? US government statistics say that 95% of Domestic Violence cases involve women victims of male partners and the children of these women witness 68-80% of these assaults. In 15 states, more than 40% of all homicides

of women in each state involved intimate partner violence. 28% of families were homeless because of domestic violence; in addition to fear, this being the very reason women stay in an abusive relationship, simply to keep a roof over their children's heads and food on the table.

The psychological aftermath of exposure to Domestic Violence can include fear of harm or abandonment, excessive worry or sadness, guilt, inability to experience empathy, habitual lying, low frustration tolerance, emotional distancing, poor judgment, shame and fear about the future.

As young children they are more prevalent to bed-wetting, thumb sucking, increased crying and whining. They may develop difficulty falling or staying asleep, show signs of terror such as stuttering or hiding and show signs of severe separation anxiety.

As they become school aged, they may not participate in school activities or get good grades, have fewer friends than others and get into trouble more often. They also may have a lot of headaches and stomachaches. As they become teens, they may act out in negative ways such as fighting with family members or skipping school. They may also engage in risky behaviors, have low self-esteem

and have trouble making friends. They may start fights or bully others and are more likely to get into trouble with the law.

What is also quite troubling, is that children who witness domestic violence often exhibit adult domestic violence, with boys often becoming offenders, victims, or both and girls more likely becoming victims. For example, a boy who sees his mother being abused, is 10 times more likely to abuse his female partner as an adult. A girl who grows up in a home where her father abuses her mother is more than six times as likely to be sexually abused as a girl who grows up in a non-abusive home.

Children who witness or are victims of emotional, physical or sexual abuse are also at higher risk for health problems as adults. These can include mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety and poor self-esteem and physical conditions that may include diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and other problems.

What frustrates me is that the very behaviors that these children exhibit, as a direct result of witnessing or experiencing abuse, cause them to be further punished, ostracized and shamed. Just one example: It's a fact that fear weakens the kidneys; and when a child experiences fear and wets the bed, he is generally punished, shamed, not invited to birthday parties, cannot have sleepovers, experiences hygiene issues and becomes a target for bullies....all because of an environment he or she

had nothing to do with creating. When we stop burdening children with adult issues, they can be children again...happy children. We cannot forget the little ones; "some of the biggest victims of domestic violence are the smallest". When we shine the light on the children and help them with coping skills, the mothers will also begin to flourish, heal and rebuild.

I cannot even begin to verbalize the disappointment and the anger I have for the handful of misguided citizens of our Fairmont community who have shown ZERO empathy for the victims of domestic abuse in our community. It saddens me that they do not recognize that these victims were further victimized by the very legal system that was established to protect them.

These people have even openly blamed and criticized the victims, while at the same time have gone to great lengths to protect and make excuses for the very people who have undeniably done wrong and who have inflicted serious damage on the victims and the community itself.

As a member of this community, I am saddened and appalled as I watch their bad behavior to include their horrible treatment of the very people who are working hard to see these injustices uncovered. All I can say is SHAME ON YOU... SHAME ON YOU! My hope is that this article will prompt people to do more research into the fallout of Domestic Abuse and for them to become part of the solution

I want everyone to know that this is not just a family problem, this is a community problem. Abuse of any kind is something that our community needs to shine a light on; not something we try to minimize or worse yet, keep in the dark. If our community is to truly heal, this is one of the issues that needs to be addressed. Victims of abuse of any kind need our help; without help and the ability to trust that the perpetrators will be held accountable, victims will often not report the abuse and their lives will be a living hell. These victims will not have the tools or emotional stability to perform on the job or to provide a stable home. The children's trauma will be manifested in our daycares, our schools and our community. When we protect the victims who cannot protect themselves, everyone wins...the victims, the children, the community and even people like me who feel the hurt all over again when we hear of others who are hurting.

I spoke to a Victim Advocate recently and she said, "hurt people, hurt people...healed people, heal people. I am one of people who is "almost" healed and work very hard to help others to become whole again.

If you or your organization is interested in hosting an informational class or roundtable on Emotions, Feelings, Moods and Stress, please contact me. In the meantime, watch for more great information on emotional health in upcoming issues...until then!

There will be a **blood drive** at Martin Luther High School on Monday, November 4th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. To donate blood, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: MLHSMN.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, October 30th they will serve spaghetti. On November 6th it will be scalloped potatoes and ham. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. For a free will donation.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Dr. Gaugler gives Alzheimer's presentation

Dr. Joseph Gaugler presented "Alzheimer's Disease: What it Is and What Can Be Done" in Fairmont on October 15th.

It was an excellent presentation, addressing how the disease process affects the brain and the lives of the person living with the disease, possibilities for medication, research studies, and the caregivers for persons living with Alzheimer's or some form of memory loss. Many aspects of the disease were addressed and many questions from participants were answered.

There were 109 participants that heard Dr. Gaugler speak that day. It was awesome to have such a great turnout.

Alzheimer's/dementia/memory loss has in the past had a stigma attached to it that kind of

said "Ignore it. Look the other way. Maybe it will go away and I won't have to deal with it." We have now begun the next phase of learning about this disease and how to effectively live with persons diagnosed with some form of memory loss. Their thinking patterns have already been changed by the disease. If we can adjust our reactions and interactions to make them feel like worthwhile individuals, we all win. This was one of Dr. Gaugler's messages. The other thing he brought across was that you are not in this alone. There are services, resources and support groups out there to help on this journey.

CREST sponsors a support group for Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Meth-

odist Church in Fairmont. An educational piece is shared. You are free to talk or listen as problems or changes since the last meeting are shared and resolutions sought. It helps to discuss things with others who have gone through or are going through the same things you are. If you are assisting a person living with Alzheimer's or some form of dementia, please consider stopping in at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 5th to see if this would be helpful for you. There is no shame, only gain, to being a part of a support group. You may call the CREST office at 507-235-3833 with any questions. This is open to anyone in the county or nearby area.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Love those Veggies!

It doesn't seem possible that Halloween is already upon us! That means a lot of activity on Woodland Ave. We are ready for the little ghosts and goblins! Our daughter Mary and Scott are coming to help us hand out treats. We thought we were going to do it alone this year but they informed us they would be helping! We do so appreciate it so much. Our up north sons have both come and taken a turn. I think they wanted to see if our description of the night was accurate, so different than when they were growing up here.

I frequently roast the veggies I am going to serve. Its easy, they are more flavorful too. I am going to make this recipe I found in the Paula Deen magazine for Thanksgiving.

Balsamic-Glazed Roasted Root Vegetables:

2 cups (3/4 inch) diced peeled rutabagas
2 cups (3/4 inch) diced peeled turnips
1 cup (1/2 inch) chopped peeled carrots
1 cup (1/2 inch) chopped peeled parsnips
2 cups (3/4 inch) diced peeled beets
2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 cup maple syrup
1 Tablespoon white balsamic vinegar
3/4 tsp., minced fresh rosemary
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line three large rimmed baking sheets with foil.

Divide rutabagas, turnips, carrots and parsnips between two prepared pans. Place beets on remaining pan (to prevent beets from bleeding onto other veggies) Drizzle all vegetables with oil, and toss to coat.

Bake for 15 minutes. In a small bowl whisk together syrup, vinegar, rosemary, salt and pepper. Pour syrup mixture onto vegetables, tossing to coat. Bake, stirring once until vegetables are tender, 10-15 minutes more. You can add quartered peeled onions, and white or sweet potatoes too if you want.

Have a safe and great Halloween. Have a good week!

oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos for Fairmont tailgate

On October 4th, Fairmont Partners in Education held the Homecoming Tailgate at Mahoney Field.

We would like to thank all those who came out on a night that was not the best in support of Partners in Education and also the Cardinal football team. The proceeds will be used toward teacher grant money for needed things in their classrooms or opportunities for their students. We would like

to thank our two sponsors - Minnesota Motor Bus and Rosen's Diversified, Inc. We would also like to thank the following businesses that also chose to support The Partners in Education tailgate in some way: Welcome Meats, Bank Midwest, Culligan, Olson Rentals, Fareway, HyVee, and Walgreen's. Many thanks to everyone.

Barb Iverson
Partners in Education
Secretary

Each year for the past forty-five years, the Fairmont Exchange Club has presented the Book of Golden Deeds Award to a citizen of Fairmont. The purpose of this award is to recognize those citizens within the community whose self-sacrifice, response to duty and other praiseworthy actions may pass unnoticed and unremembered by the general public.

This year's award will be presented to Moni Harper, at our banquet at the Holiday Inn Monday, November 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Moni Harper was born in Fairmont on April 28th, 1955. She grew up in Ceylon, graduating from Ceylon High School in 1973. She then attended Mankato State University for about a year, after which she worked for the Sentinel, REM and Minnesota Valley Action Council. Moni returned to college earning her BS degree in Business Administration from MSU in 1990.

She joined MRCI in 1997 and for 22 years helped disabled and disadvantaged individuals find meaningful employment and enjoy social recreational opportunities. She recently retired from MRCI as Branch Manager.

Over her entire adult life, Moni has volunteered her services in support

of others. Her list of volunteer activities is quite lengthy, making it possible to only mention some in this biography.

One of Moni's talents is music. She learned the trumpet as a child and played in several bands, including the Fairmont City Band and Trimont Centennial Band. However, Moni's most memorable, and perhaps her proudest achievement is serving as bugler for VFW Post 1222 and American Legion Post 36. For 22 years through rain, sleet, snow, wind, cold and heat, Moni has answered the call to play TAPS at veterans funerals with the Honor Guard.

When first asked to play TAPS, Moni jumped at the opportunity, for it gave her a way to honor her older brother, Staff Sergeant Timothy V. Harper. Tim was killed in Vietnam in 1971, while serving a second tour with the Airborne Rangers. Moni has felt like the members of the Honor Guard were her big brothers since they took her into their unit. Moni has played TAPS since she was in the 6th grade in Ceylon, playing "echo" TAPS with leader Dennis Hagen. Moni's dedicated service to our veterans likely qualifies her for her nomination, but there is more - much more.



Moni served as a speech judge at Fairmont High School for 20 years, and assistant speech coach at Martin County West High School for over 2 years. She is a member of Ceylon American Legion Auxiliary Post 529 and a member of Fairmont United Methodist Church. She has served on a number of boards, including being chair on a few of them.

Many musical and theater groups have utilized Moni's talents and throughout her life she has given generously of her time whenever called. Therefore we believe Moni Harper is an excellent choice for the Fairmont Exchange Club's 2019 Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Don Richards
Fairmont Exchange
Club

Area Servicemen News



Private First Class Jack Matuga, son of Mark and Amy (Hanson) Matuga and grandson of Phil and Sharon Hanson of Fairmont, became a United States Marine on Friday, October 4th.

Matuga is stationed at Camp Pendleton in California for further training.



Area College Student News



Iowa State University announces scholarships awarded by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and its academic units to undergraduate students for the 2019-20 academic year.

• Madeline Mathiason of Granada, who is studying Biology, received the Arlene & Harold Estes Agriculture Scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year.

• Lydia Studer of Truman, who is studying Animal Science, received the CALS Student Recruitment for the 2019-20 academic year.

More than \$3.5 million in student scholarships are offered each year by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and its academic units, in addition to monies awarded by Iowa State at the university level.

Local blood donation opportunities

With influenza season upon us, the American Red Cross needs your help spreading the word that healthy blood donors are needed now. At the same time, you can also help bust the myth that the flu vaccine makes donors temporarily ineligible to give.

Donors of all blood types, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood, are urged to give now to ensure a stable supply this fall.

Local blood donation opportunities include:

Blue Earth -
Monday, November 11th from 1 to 6 p.m. at Hope United Methodist

Church, 12080 380th Avenue, Blue Earth

Fairmont -
Friday, November 8th, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 300 S. Grant Street

Granada -
Tuesday, November 5th, 2 to 7 p.m. at Granada Huntley East Chain School, 300 Renolds Street

Northrop -
Monday, November 4th, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther High School

Sherburn -
Monday, November 11th, 1 to 6 p.m. at Assembly of God Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive

Church, 12080 380th Avenue, Blue Earth

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OBITUARY notices

Gloria Scott, 90



Gloria Scott, 90, died peacefully at her home in Fairmont, on October

15th, 2019 surrounded by family. A private family funeral service was held at Grace Lutheran Church on October 18th. In the spring, there will be a celebration of life for Gloria.

Born March 1st, 1929 in Ortonville, Minnesota, Gloria was the daughter of the Reverend Arling and Ingeborg (Stokke) Thompson. Gloria grew up in Blue Earth, where she graduated from high school. Gloria attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN.

Gloria was united in marriage to Kenneth E. Scott at Trinity Lutheran Church, Blue Earth, on January 22nd, 1950.

Throughout her life,

Gloria was a faithful member of her church. Things of special importance to her were singing in the Grace Lutheran Chancel Choir, being a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood for 68 years and volunteering at the Fairmont Hospital for more than 50 years. Gloria especially treasured time with her family and many friends.

Left to cherish her memory include husband, Ken; children Mary Ellen Scott of Hopkins, MN, Mark Scott of Palm Springs, CA, Susan Rae (David) of Excelsior, MN, grandchildren Sophie Rae and Chloe Rae of Excelsior; sister Marilyn Nielsen of Fairmont; sisters-in-

law Margaret Tyler and Winifred Scott of Columbia, Missouri; nieces and nephews Matthew Nielsen (Jennifer), Tom Tyler (Emily), Bob Tyler, Marnie Tyler (Brad Halstead), Howard Ambrus (Brandy), Michael Scott, and Rina (Charlie) Leon; great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws Kenneth W. and Marian Scott, brothers-in-law Ken Nielsen and Richard Tyler, and nephew John Tyler.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or a memorial of your choice

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DEATH notices

October 22 - RaLetta M. Flohrs, 79, Fairmont

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 25 - Lawrance Bezdicek, 89, rural Jackson

Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memorium

One Year Ago This Week

October 22 - Ardis L. Drogemueller, 87, Fairmont

October 23 - Arlys K. Meyer, 79, Sherburn

October 24 - Butch L. Saunders, 91, Trimont

October 25 - Nancy K. Schultz, 77, Granada

October 26 - Marion Julin, 71, Trimont

October 28 - Carol M. Bratland, 76, St. James

Loren G.L. Wessel, 99



Loren Gustave Louis Wessel was finally called to his heavenly home Friday, October 18th, 2019, at Heartland Senior Living in Truman. He will be

remembered as a devoted spouse, loving father and grandfather, uncle, and friend. From his family, to his church, to his community, to his combat unit (Loren's nickname was "Rev") he will be remembered for his faith in Jesus.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 24th, 2019 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Truman. Burial was in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Loren was born December 4th, 1919 on a farm southwest of Fairmont. He was the fourth of nine children born to Edward and Amanda Wessel, baptized December 28th, 1919 and confirmed April 9th, 1933 in Fairmont. He finished his education at

a county school near Truman, where their family had moved.

He was 21 years old when World War II broke out. On January 1st, 1942 he caught a bus to Fort Snelling in St. Paul. From there he took a train to Camp Roberts in California for basic training. He eventually joined the thirty-second Infantry Division which was preparing to go overseas. They took a ship to Australia and prepared for combat in Papua, New Guinea.

While he spent time in Australia during the war, he met a young lady named Beulah Briese. They were married February 19th, 1955 at Lutheran Church, Albury, N.S.W.

The couple then traveled to New Guinea where Loren had accepted a job as a lay church worker with the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church USA in their Highland Mission Field.

In 1957 Loren and Beulah returned to the U.S. having completed their terms in the New Guinea mission fields. They settled on a dairy farm outside Truman. There they raised their six children.

Loren was very involved in his church as President, Elder, and choir. He was also involved in his community as township supervisor and the Legion Chaplain. A very humble, honorable Christian man who spoke words of wisdom and modeled his

faith by his words and actions. He had an amazing memory right up to the end. He cherished relationships, especially with his Lord and Savior.

Left to look forward to the reunion that awaits all Christians on the Last Day are his children, Timothy (Jody) Wessel, Karen Roedel, Warren (Linda) Wessel, Tamara (Bruce) Lammers, Richard Wessel, son-in-law Jim Sackett, grandchildren, MacKenzie (Brian) Pellin, Jennifer (Jordan) Glamann, Kaleb (Rachel) Roedel, Shane (Becky) Roedel, Hunter Roedel, Brooklynn Roedel, Katie Wessel, Ivy Pettersen, Missy Pettersen, Amy (Chris) Hoheisel, Calvin Lammers, Lau-

ren Lammers, Colin (Olivia) Lammers, Jacquie (Pau) Malzahn, Shelby (Bryan) Hauge, Kelsey (Cody) Geistfeld, Kayla, Emily Wessel, Josiah Wessel, Hannah Wessel, Talia Wessel, Joseph Wessel; many great grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by wife Beulah, parents, daughter Daphne Sackett, son-in-law Marty Roedel, granddaughter Avenelle Joy Lammers, two sisters, six brothers, many in-laws, relatives, and friends.

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RaLetta M. Flohrs, 79



A celebration of life service for RaLetta "Rae" M. Flohrs, 79, of Fairmont, MN was held Monday, October 28th, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

Rae passed away Tuesday afternoon, October 22nd, 2019, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

RaLetta "Rae" Matil Colby was born November 12th, 1939, in Oakes, North Dakota the daughter of Archie and Elvira (Bergemann) Colby. As a young girl, the family moved to a farm near Granada, MN. She attended school in Fairmont and Granada and would later go on to earn her Associate Degree.

On February 3rd, 1956, Rae was united in marriage to Richard Fluegel at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. While

Richard served his country, the couple made their home in various places throughout the United States and were blessed with two daughters, LaRee and Michelle. While in Wisconsin, she worked as an accountant and following the family's return to Fairmont, she worked for Dr. Reed Gethmann and at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. In 1996, Richard passed away, but Rae was blessed to find love again when she met and later married Oren Flohrs March 27th, 2004, at Galena Lutheran Church.

Following Rae's retirement in 2005, She and Oren set their sights on the open road and traveling around the United States.

They looked forward to the winter months and their annual trek to Rockport, TX, where they looked forward to connecting with friends. After 11 years of marriage, Oren passed away June 10th, 2013.

Rae was a strong-willed, hardworking woman who had a wonderful sense of humor. In later years, she kept her family on their toes as she sometimes "lost her filter" when visiting with others. She loved to travel and after Oren's passing in 2013, she, her daughters and other families members continued traveling and making memories. Rae was a kind and caring person and loved to "mother" those important to her. She was extremely proud of her

daughters and loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rae enjoyed keeping up with everyone via Facebook on her iPad and could be found playing a game a solitaire.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, LaRee (Terry) Rowan and Michelle "Shelly" (Kenneth) Vlieger; step children, Sheryl (Greg) Hanefeld, Steve (Connie) Flohrs, and Kent (Teri) Flohrs; grandchildren, Tim Heup, Kelli Anderson, Colby Vlieger, Cassidy Vlieger, Steven (Natalie) Rowan, and Chris (Kara) Rowan; step grandchildren, Jason (Angelic) Flohrs, Aaron Flohrs, Rachael (Michael) Flohrs, Bethany (David) Maday,

Kelsey Hanefeld, Leigh Hanefeld, Wraime (Matt) Schroeder, Cierra (Zach) Peterson and Karl Vlieger; great grandchildren, Kiera, Sydney, Kendall, Josephine, Rayna; step-great grandchildren, Blake, Byrnn, Carter, Regan, Malcolm, Nathan, Cheyenne, Clayton, Emma, Hayden, Oren, Ivory, Trenton and Elijah; sister, Lenor Waldschmidt; brothers, Eldren (Darla) Colby and Arvid (Sheryl) Colby; as well as other extended family and friends.

RaLetta was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Richard Fluegel and Oren Flohrs; and other family.

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Mary A. Kerg, 77

Mary A. Kerg, 77, of Pass Christian, passed away on Sunday, October 20th, 2019 in Gulfport, MS.

Mrs. Kerg was a native of Fairmont and a former resident of Huntsville, Alabama. She has been a resident of Pass Christian since 2001. She was a civilian government employee, working as a Program Analyst, GS13, with Missile Defense.

She was a member of

First United Methodist Church of Long Beach, volunteered with CASA and was a member of the Christian Brotherhood of Magicians. She loved making birthday, anniversary and thank you cards, and never forgot a birthday or anniversary.

The family would like to express their thankfulness to the doctors and nurses of MD Anderson and Memorial Hospital of Gulfport; and for all who prayed for her and provided for the family with meals and financial as-

sistance for medical expenses.

Mrs. Kerg is survived by her husband of 47 years, Gary Kerg; her daughters, Karen McCutchen and husband John and Shelly Torick and husband, Keith; her siblings, Lois Anderson, Gladys Sinsel, Velma Roalson and Tommy Wescott and wife, Mary; her seven grandchildren, Tiffanie Adams and husband Ricky, Tyler McCutchen, Heidi Fredebeil, Matthew Fredebeil, Sarah Jenkins and husband Chris, Heather Ste-

vens and husband Greg, and Megan Jones and husband Ben; and her great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Juliana, Archer, Addison, Kylie, Austyn and Emerson.

Visitation was held Thursday, October 24th at the First United Methodist Church of Long Beach. The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on October 24th at the church. Burial followed at Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.



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OCT 24 - 30

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FRI: Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread, pineapple.
MON: Soft shell taco, apple.
TUE: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread, mixed fruit.
WED: BBQ ribbette sandwich, fries, broccoli, peaches.

FAIRMONT AREA

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Breakfast menu can be found online.
OCT 24 - 30

THUR: K-6: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, strawberry parfait, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, peas, orange, blueberries. **JR/HS:** Cheese calzone, broccoli & cauliflower, caesar salad, broccoli, apple, fruit cocktail.
FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, nachos fun lunch, broccoli, cucumbers, apple, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Chili cheese dog, tater tots, green beans, lettuce, pepper strips, orange, pears.
MON: K-6: Crispy chicken patty sandwich, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, baked beans, tomatoes, banana, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, jicama sticks, apple, pineapple tidbits.
TUE: K-6: Chicken fajitas, rice, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, carrots, pepper strips, orange, peaches. **JR/HS:** Roasted turkey sandwich, tater tots, broccoli, coleslaw, cucumbers, kiwi, applesauce.
WED: K-6: Cheeseburger, chicken caesar salad wrap, fries, salad, apple, pineapple tidbits. **JR/HS:** Chicken fajitas, refried beans, carrots, pea salad, carrot & celery sticks, frozen strawberries, peaches.

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OCT 24 - 30

THUR: BBQ rib-b-q sandwich, fries, broccoli, pineapple chunks.
FRI: Chili cheese dog, tater tots, pepper strips, orange.
MON: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, pineapple chunks.
TUE: Roasted turkey sandwich, tater tots, coleslaw, applesauce.
WED: Crispy chicken patty sandwich, baked beans, carrot & celery sticks, orange.

The East Chain 4-H club met at the Calkins farm on October 6th, 2019. Roll call was "What's your favorite Halloween candy?" We celebrated October birthdays. The members who participated in Aksarben, State 4-H Horse Show, and State Shooting gave short presentations. The federation meeting will be held October 28th, 2019 at 7:00. We will be voting on banner ideas at the November meeting. Members were reminded to wear 4-H T-shirts during National 4-H week. Members displayed their 4-H projects at Bank Midwest. There will be 2 community meals on April 29th, 2020 and June 24th, 2020. The next meeting will be November 3rd, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at Bowlmor Lanes in Fairmont. You can go to the link www.eastchain4hclub.com to view club information. Respectfully Submitted by Addison Barrick

eat play shop
LOCAL

SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

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

OCT 24 - 30

THURS: Baked chicken, sweet potato, wax beans, vanilla pudding.
FRI: Salmon, mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, carrot cake.
MON: Spaghetti, cheese bread, lettuce salad, bar.
TUE: Swiss steak, twice baked potatoes, veggie mix, apple crisp.
WED: Chicken chow mein, rice, egg roll, broccoli, jello with fruit.

Education Minnesota Fairmont gave thank you treats to Fairmont Area Schools support staff for helping make each day awesome! Pictured are the treat bags and a picture of elementary students Joe and Bethenny Long giving a bag to Marlyn Hagen, a crossing guard. This great activity was led by the 5th grade and high school English departments. (Submitted photo)

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

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

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

SUCH IS LIFE... GRAND CHAMPION AT THE WOODFIELD COUNTY FAIR ONE DAY... PIG FOOD THE NEXT.

Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander Steve Fosness (left) presents \$3,000 check to Luvorne Veterans Home Duane Mabon towards construction of outdoor handicap picnic tables and pergola. (Submitted photo)



Jeff's Jottings

The streets in the area towns will be full of ghosts, skeletons and whatever is the popular outfit this year on Thursday night for Halloween. I can remember growing up that I always looked forward to going to the Ceylon Fire Hall because the firemen would pull all the trucks out and set up the hall for various kids games that we would take part in to win toys or candy. Some of the games I remember were fishing (which was a sheet thrown over a clothesline and we would "cast" our fishing line over it and a prize would be attached to it. We also threw darts at balloons and tried to break them, and other games. There were always a large amount of kids taking part. Those days are of course long gone, as kids now travel the streets and some rural roadways in search of some delicious treats. Remember

to watch out for the kids Thursday night, especially after dark!

A unique "What is it?"

I was surprised that last week's item was answered fairly quickly. Larry Jones of Truman called in right away and identified it as a casket document holder. Dennis Grabianowski also identified it as such, which Randy Musser of Fairmont said his dad had one like it that he used to keep his wooden matches dry while in the war years ago. I did some digging and found out that it is indeed a casket or coffin "Memory or important document holder". Apparently these were made back in the 1900-1940 era (and may be still made today). The threaded brass tube with the gasket on each cap was to make the piece wa-



terproof. It was widely used in areas where flooding was a problem. During heavy rains or hurricanes, caskets may "unbury" themselves and float away. The tube would contain documents to identify the casket and where it was originally located in a cemetery. So there you have it! This week I have an item from Arnie Wolfe of Fairmont. It is made of cast steel, measures 9 inches long and has three different sized openings (2 1/4", 1 1/4" and 1 1/2"). So, we can safely say it is a wrench, but what is it to be used on?



If you know the answer or want to guess what it is, email me at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or call us at 507-238-9456 with your answer. Do you 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.

Decades-old nuts

After being out of the office one day last week, I returned to my desk to find a ziplock bag laying on it with black walnuts, some shelled and some still whole. There was a note attached that said "Bob Kosbab will be calling you on these". I had written in my column a few years ago about my winter project of cracking black walnuts in my basement, so I wondered if Bob wanted me to crack some for him. That afternoon Bob called



remembers his folks drying black walnuts on the floor of an old shed years ago before cracking them open to harvest the edible part (referred to as walnut meat). Apparently these nuts had been saved and forgotten about for those 72 years and he was surprised when he cracked them open to find good meat inside that was still edible. That makes me feel better as I have some 4 to 5 year old walnuts still in some 5-gallon buckets in my basement that I was going to work on this winter.

Whodunit, Pioneer stew and turkey

Lots of events in the coming week: • Wednesday, October 30th Fairmont United Methodist Church will serve scalloped potatoes and ham from 5 to 6 p.m. • Wednesday, October 30th at Grace Lutheran they will serve spaghetti from 4:45 to

6 p.m. • Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd MLHS Drama Department will perform a "whodunit" comedy, "I Don't Have a Clue" at 7 p.m. at the Fairmont Opera House. • Saturday, November 2nd the Historic Chubb House in Fairmont will host a Pioneer Stew Lamplight Dinner. Seatings will be at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. by reservation only. • Sunday, November 3rd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Paul's UCC in Welcome will have their annual turkey dinner with all the fixings. • Monday, November 4th the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will host a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. • Monday, November 4th will be a blood drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat/play/shop local - turn clocks back one hour Saturday night!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist



Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

"Sunny Beach"

I carry a flip phone with no internet access, which often leaves me dependent on other people to look things up for me. I was going to be in Marquette, Michigan, Sunday, so, Saturday night I called my wife at home to ask if she could give me the name of a church and mass times. She told me Saint Peter Cathedral had masses at 8 and 10:30 am. The later mass sounded good to me.

I got up early to get ready and be to the church on time. Unfortunately, I couldn't remember the name of the church she gave me. I typed "catholic churches" into my GPS and it brought up several but none of them sounded correct. Opposed to calling Melissa and admitting I forgot the name of the church, (even after she suggested I write it down) I decided to find a McDonald's. With their WIFI, my iPad and the GPS I could find the church on my own. All was going well until the GPS led me to a place where there were no golden arches.

It was 10:22 a.m. and I really didn't want to be late for mass. The GPS showed another McDonald's less than two miles away. I told her to take me there.

"Continue on West Spring Street." Said the GPS, then "In one quarter mile, turn left on Seventh Street." When I stopped for the sign at Fourth Street, I heard church bells. Looking to my right I didn't see anything and there was no church straight ahead. I looked to the left and saw the tall bell towers of Saint Peter Cathedral, just one block away. I made a quick turn that direction, thinking I would be on time...if I could find a parking space long enough for the van and the trailer I was pulling.

I turned right on Baraga Street in front of the church and saw the parking lot. It was full but there was a lot across the street with plenty of available spaces. I read the sign, "Marquette Police Department? Well that explains why there are so many squad cars there." I opted not to park illegally in the PD's parking lot. At the far end of the block there were several diagonal spaces open. I parked across four of them and started walking back to the church on the other end of the block.

The air was cool and the sky was clear. It was a gorgeous morning. I was admiring the

large brick structure with its steep pitched red roof and beautiful stained-glass cathedral windows. The towers at the corners, each with a cross on top, seemed to reach right up to heaven. It is such a majestic building. The bells were still ringing out, sending a message of welcome, inviting all to come and worship.

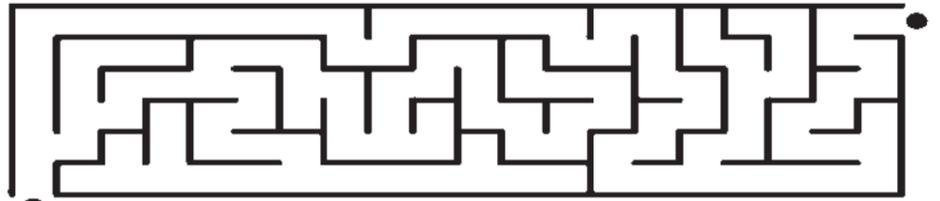
I walked briskly toward the front doors. There was an elderly lady ahead of me who walked with a cane in her left hand. Her white tennis shoes shuffled slow and carefully below her full-length grey down-filled coat. She was trying to push her black gloves into her pocket, while she moved slowly across the sidewalk. I extended my arm toward her, "Would you like to take my arm and walk to church with me?" I asked her.

Being quite a bit shorter, she looked up at me over the top of her glasses, "I would love to." She answered while wrapping her right hand around my left arm...

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Fire risks increase as the weather cools

(NAPSI)—The fall and winter seasons bring cooler temperatures, holidays, and images of cozy nights by the fireplace. Yet the change in seasons also comes with the chance of severe weather and an increase in fire risks.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, more home fires occur in winter than in any other season.

“Holiday decorations, space heaters, generators, and fireplaces all present fire hazards if not properly used and maintained,” said Steve Hirsch, chair of the National Volunteer Fire Council. “Residents should be aware of the dangers and take the steps to make sure their families and homes are

protected.”

Follow these tips to minimize home fire and safety risks:

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Test monthly to ensure they work.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms and test them at least once a month.

- Know where the gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.

- Place fire extinguishers in the kitchen, garage, and living room, and make sure all household members know how to use them.

- Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the

entire family.

- Keep portable generators outside and away from the home.

- Install a screen in front of each fireplace or wood stove. Store cooled ashes in a metal container outside the home.

- Have chimneys professionally inspected and cleaned every year.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, or other heat source.

- Never leave lit candles unattended, and keep them out of the reach of children and pets.

- If using a live Christmas tree, keep it adequately watered and get rid of it after Christmas or when it gets dry.

Residents can also take an active role in protecting their communities from hazards such as fires, medical emergencies, and much more. Fire departments across the country are looking for volunteers to serve as firefighters, EMS providers, and auxiliary members.

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Small Fixups

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Little things mean a lot! This is true for relationships, and also for home fix-ups!

If you are preparing your home for sale, there are numerous inexpensive, relatively small improvements and repairs that can be done to improve its overall appearance and saleability.

Starting with first impressions, are the house numbers large and prominent enough to see from the road? Are they attractive and easily legible?

Try to look at the front of the house as someone seeing it for the first time. What would be your perception of its condition? Does the garden look cared for? Grass should be kept mown, flowerbeds weeded, and leaves raked depending on the season (walkways free of snow!). Dead flowers and shrubs removed.

If the house is festooned with cobwebs and dead leaves etc., perhaps a power spraying

would help freshen its appearance (depending on the season of course!). Broken windows should be repaired.

Are the steps or front entryway clean and in good condition? A couple of potted plants and/or a seasonal wreath can add a welcoming and inexpensive touch.

If the front door is looking tired and faded, and the budget won't stretch to a new one, a thorough sanding, with a fresh coat of paint and a good clean can make a huge difference. New hardware can also be a very noticeable update without great expense. The front area should make a prospective buyer want to see what's inside!

Is the inside light and airy? Heavy drapes might need to be replaced with something lighter; fixtures may need an update to something brighter; clean windows let in more light than dirty ones!

Paint is one of the most inexpensive and

effective ways to update and brighten a home! Rooms with damaged or darker paint will be transformed by the simple application of a neutral shade - quick and easy!

Numerous small signs of neglect can have a very negative effect. Patch holes and cracks in walls and ceilings. Repair or replace leaky faucets and broken appliances. Check the condition of the base boards and corners (do they need a paint/stain touch-up), and the switch and outlet plates (cracked or missing should be replaced). All door handles should function properly, and doors should close. Anything not in good working order should be repaired, replaced, or removed.

Simplicity is the key word when getting a home ready for the market. Anything that distracts from the house itself should be removed - collections of things, large groupings of photos on the wall or

table, and so on. Kitchen counters look better, larger, and are easier to clean when not cluttered with appliances and bits that could easily be put in a drawer or cupboard, especially things that aren't used very often (the same thing goes for bathroom counters).

The house should not be crowded with furnishings, but should have clear walkways across rooms.

These are just a few of the small things that can help to project that cared-for look, which in turn leads to a more positive impression to would-be buyers, and may lead to a quicker sale of the home.

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10 to-dos for home and yard winterization

(BPT) - Scarves. Pumpkin spice lattes. Leaves crunching underfoot. Sweater season is moving in fast, which means it's time to start transitioning to fall maintenance to make sure your home and yard are ready for winter. The following are 10 things you can do to prepare for the cold and wet weather ahead.

1. Interseed your lawn
A summer of heavy use can take its toll on even the healthiest of lawns. If your turf has some thin or bare patches, fall is the ideal time to reseed. A turf specialist at a garden shop or university extension office can help you choose the right kind of seed for your local conditions. After spreading the seed, water lightly and frequently (if it doesn't rain) to keep the soil slightly damp until the seed germinates.

For those who live in the warmer, Southern regions of the U.S., interseeding with cool season grass seed can help you enjoy a lush green lawn year-round. Speak with a local landscaper or your university extension office to determine the best timing, seed and process for interseeding with cool season grasses as warm season lawns turn dormant.

2. Winterize your irriga-

tion system
If the ground in your area freezes down to the depth of your irrigation pipes during the winter, be sure to shut off the water to the system and drain the pipes before the first freeze.

3. Lower your mower
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in the fall (and the first few in the spring), set your lawn mower blades at the lowest recommended height for your type of turf. You no longer need the height of the grass to shade the soil and keep it cool, and minimizing the amount of moisture that's trapped by the grass can help prevent

fungal disease.
4. Remove the leaves
Don't leave your lawn buried under a thick layer of leaves. If you don't want to rake, try mulch mowing - chopping the leaves up into small pieces allows them to decompose more quickly, so that they fertilize the grass instead of suf-



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focusing it. You may need to mow more frequently to keep up with the falling leaves, even if the grass itself isn't growing quickly.

5. Clean up your yard
Any object that sits on your grass all winter can create a dead spot. To protect your lawn, remove toys, furniture and other items from the grass. Be sure to cover or store anything that's not designed to be out in the rain or snow indoors.

6. Prep your equipment for spring lawn care

In addition to seeding, another great way to get a jumpstart on spring is to give your lawn mower a tune-up. By sharpening the blades before you put it away for the winter, it will be ready to get back to work when the grass starts growing again in the spring.

7. Check your roof, gutters and downspouts
Leaks can lead to costly water damage, so check for potential trouble spots now, before the winter storms start. Look for broken shingles and damaged flashing around vents, chimneys and skylights; clean the leaves out of your gutters; and add extensions to your downspouts if the water runs less than three feet away from the foundation of the house.

8. Check your doors and windows for leaks
Eliminating air leaks around doors and window frames is one of the most effective ways to lower your heating bills. Caulk and replace weatherstripping where needed to prevent cold air (and potentially water) from entering. Don't forget to make sure the seal between the garage door and the ground is tight as well.

9. Service your heating system
Before you turn your heating system on for the winter, have it cleaned and inspected by a professional. Regular preventive maintenance will keep it running safely and efficiently and make sure minor issues are resolved before they become major problems.

10. Test your emergency power generator
Winter wind and ice storms can bring down power lines and cause lengthy blackouts. If you live in an area where power outages are common and you have an emergency backup generator, test it now, and make sure you have engine oil and filters on hand.

Spending a bit of time in the fall to prepare your home and yard will allow you to enjoy the winter months with peace of mind. What's more, the effort you invest in the health of your lawn now can pay dividends in the spring by jumpstarting your turf's growth and minimizing weeds. Have you completed everything on the list? It must be time to curl up with a good book, a hot beverage and relax!

Tips to go green, save green and stay toasty this winter

(NAPSI)—The 2020 Farmers' Almanac predicts "yet another freezing, frigid, and frosty winter for two-thirds of the country." The good news is, homeowners don't have to choose between staying cozy and eco-conscious. Today's innovations make it easy to enjoy both with "smart" home climate control technologies and advanced heating systems created to achieve maximum energy efficiency and comfort.



So, how do you select a home heating solution that is Earth- and financially friendly? Following are some useful tips and practical information to guide your journey:

Smarten Up Your Home Climate Control
When it comes to smart home temperature control, there are Smart HVAC Systems and Smart Thermostats. Smart HVAC systems have built-in Internet capability and can be controlled directly without additional equipment. Smart Home Thermostats

create "smart" systems by enabling remote temperature control via a mobile or Internet-connected device or voice-operated home automation system. Several leading manufacturers, including Fujitsu General America, offer Smart Systems as well as a Thermostat Converter, which can control their single and multi-zone Halcyon and Airstage heating and cooling systems using a third-party thermostat.

Fire Up Efficiency, Cool Down Costs Up to 25 Percent
Upgrading your system and installing a smart home thermostat can significantly reduce your utility expense. The most energy-efficient heating and cooling products on the market, ductless mini-split systems, can save as much as 25 percent on your energy bill. Further, an efficiently controlled thermostat could save an additional 10 percent a year.

Here's how ductless mini-split systems work: Thin copper tubing is used to pump refrigerant from an outdoor compressor directly into an indoor air-handling unit, where the air is quietly distributed to the interior space. This eliminates the need for basement or attic evaporators and bulky, expensive duct-work. Mini-splits are easy to install and usually require only a 3- to 4-inch hole through a wall or ceiling to connect the indoor and outdoor units.

controlled from anywhere using a mobile device. Now, voice-control capability uses digital assistants, such as Amazon Alexa, to verbally dictate home temperatures: "Alexa, set the living room temperature to 70 degrees." For instance, Fujitsu offers a free FGLair app that enables Web-activated control via mobile devices and now voice-activated control via Amazon Alexa or Google Home.

Heat Up Customization, Even in Extreme Cold

Take control of your comfort. Most HVAC manufacturers offer apps that enable systems to be con-

such as guest bedrooms, bonus rooms, sunrooms and basements. Ductless systems operate at much higher efficiency levels than central forced-air systems and window units, as duct losses in a central AC system can account for more than 30 percent of your energy consumption. What's more, the comfort continues even in extreme cold weather. Fujitsu's Extra Low Temperature Heating (XLTH) Series features outdoor condensing units engineered to operate in

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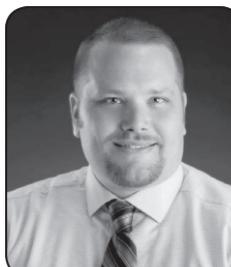
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- 44 percent weatherize to make the temperature of their home more comfortable

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NOTICE TO FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS

Request for Bids
Food Service for Martin County (MN) Jail

Sealed bid proposals will be received until 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 by the County of Martin in the Office of the County Coordinator at 201 Lake Avenue, Room #100, Fairmont, Minnesota, for the catering of food for the Martin County Jail. Facsimile bid proposals will not be accepted.

Food Service Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained from the Martin County Coordinators Office, Room #100, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 OR the county website at www.co.martin.mn.us, click on "Public Notices". Sealed bids must be marked "Jail Food Service Bid" on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be opened and reviewed during the regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Bids will be on a per meal basis.

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Amy Maday, Louis Maday to Rachel E. Maday, Sean L. Maday, PT 10.92 AC of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 31-101-29
 Juanita L. Krull, Roy A. Krull to LB Investments, LLC, PT NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 30-102-30
 Jay Michael Hillmer, Linda Jean Hillmer to James Kloeckner, Kathryn Kloeckner, PT Lots 6 and 7, Block 1, McKisson Addition and PT Lot 21, Block 3, Oak Beach Addition
 Courtney Ann Keith, Titus Kiplimo to Angela Sundeen, Lot 4, Block 1, First Extension Belle Vue Heights
 Benjamin J. Petersen, Brooke Ashlyn Petersen, Brooke Ashlyn Schroeder to Wendy Anders, PT NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 30-103-29
 Denise E. Allen, Steven P. Allen to Mitchell Robert Koopmeiners, Rachel Marie Koopmeiners, PT NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 30-101-32
 Mary Jo Davis, Mary Jo Toppin, Robert D. Toppin to Mary Jo Toppin Trust, Mary Jo Toppin Trustee, PT NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-104-29
 James Gray, Kristine Gray to Debra Geiger, Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30

Darrell Schultze, Linda Schultze to Debra Geiger and Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30
 Janet Hoekman, Janet Meyer, Roger Meyer to Debra Geiger, Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30
 Alice Gray, Gerald Gray to Debra Geiger, Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30
 Neal A. Schultze, Neal S. Schultze to Debra Geiger, Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 37-104-30
 Linda M. Bach-Quade, Wayne G. Quade to Jefry Deschamps Abreu, Johanna Rosario Torres, PT AP#64 in SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8-102-30

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Barbara Schultze, Neal Schultze to Debra Geiger, Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30
 Glenda F. Madsen Trust, John S. Madsen Trust, Gelnda F. Madsen Trustee, John S. Madsen Trustee to Michael P. Ricard, Theresa D. Ricard, PT E $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.1 AC in NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30
 Dennis Augustus Ricard, Kimberly Ricard to Michael P. Ricard, Theresa D. Ricard, PT .60 AC, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 36-104-30
 Kenneth L. Petzel to Kenneth L. Petzel Living Trust, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-103-31 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 7-103-31

TRUSTEE DEED

Kathleen A. Senne Revocable Trust, Kathleen A. Senne Trustee to Debra Geiger, Roger Geiger, EX 17.39 AC and 38.75 AC in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 37-104-30

CONTRACT FOR DEED

Amy Maday, Louis Maday, Lucas Maday to Brittany L. Hausladen, Lot 4, Block 2, Andersons 2nd Addition Granada



UPCOMING AUCTIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M. -ROBERT & DELORIS BUTTERFIELD ESTATE Bare Farmland Auction of 154.96 Acres +/- in Lura Twp., Faribault County. Sale to be held at the Winnebago Municipal Center-140 Main Street S, Winnebago, MN. KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.-ROBERT LEWIS & E & B LARSEN FAMILY TRUST-157 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Nashville Twp., Martin Co., MN. Farmland to be sold in two parcels. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fairmont. HARTUNG, KAHLERS, WEDEL & PIKE

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 by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

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- Remember that red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus.

State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended. Red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus. In 2017, the fine for a school bus stop arm/red lights violation in Minnesota increased from \$300 to \$500.

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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