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Moving Mountains & Building Dreams

How to Leverage the Value of Land

Submitted by Staci Miller

Land. Since the earliest days of our country, land has been recognized as one of the assets central to the American Dream. From a quest for wide-open spaces, to the highest levels of sophistication in development, leveraging land for the best possible value is a practice with which Americans are very familiar.

With the right plan, mountains are moved, and dreams are realized. However, it is not at all unusual for a family's portfolio to contain appreciated land acquired a number of years ago during an asset accumulation period. And while the land represents a valuable asset on the balance sheet, it may be producing little or no return in real dollars.

In cases like this, sometimes the obstacle to realizing dreams is the land itself; finding a way to move the property can be easier said than done. Selling the land outright will trigger a capital gains tax on the appreciated value. So, in the case of a piece of land that was acquired for \$20,000, and is worth \$200,000 today, the tax bite could potentially be more than \$27,000.

Leveraging The Full Value

Friends of organizations like the **Foundation for Community Care** have discovered that some aspects of charitable tax planning provide tools that make it possible to leverage the role the land plays in a family's portfolio.

Rather than selling the land and incurring significant shrinkage due to the capital gains tax, it is possible to:

- bypass the capital gains tax;
- receive a charitable income tax deduction based on the full fair market value; and
- make a significant gift to charity of the land.



Staci Miller

Since a qualified charity like the **Foundation for Community Care** is able to sell the land without tax consequences, the full \$200,000 can go to work realizing your philanthropic objectives. Our tax laws reward your generosity with a significant reduction in the taxes you owe. A very nice way to use the tools available for maximum leverage!

There are a number of issues that should be considered, of course. The above example assumes there are no mortgages or liens on the property, that the property is free of environmental issues, and that there has not been a previously arranged sale. At times, other issues can have an impact on the ultimate value; however, for individuals and families possessing a strong philanthropic spirit, this is often an attractive planning option.

Variations on the plan discussed here even make it possible to give a portion of the property, engage in a joint sale of the property with charity, and generate personal revenue from the sale.

If you'd like to explore this plan, or other ideas that leverage your assets and your charitable intent, you're invited to contact our office at 406-488-2273 or email smiller@foundationforcommunitycare.org. Our staff is pleased to be able to offer this information as an educational service, without cost or obligation.

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Observations On The Aging Process From A Front Line Participant

Constants



Lois Kerr

By Lois Kerr

We move through our entire lives facing change: interests may change, relationships come and go, health problems may crop up, abilities and needs shift, relocation may become necessary, careers change, social status alters; and the list goes on. Despite all the major changes a person experiences as he or she moves through life, some things remain constant. The love a person feels for particular family members, the affections we have for the dogs that spend their short lives with us, the beauty of a sunset, and the feel of dew on bare feet on an early summer morning – these are moments a person cherishes regardless of age and stage of life.

I thought about what has remained constant in my life through 60+ years on this earth. Some of these constants, such as a quick temper, being easily annoyed by fools, dislike of authority along with silly or ridiculous rules and protocol and procedure, and a preference for my own company rather than the company of others may not be constants to boast about, but they are attributes that have stayed with me throughout my life. Age hasn't tempered these quirks. In fact, some of them, such as my inability to suffer idiots, has increased in force and intensity as I've aged, not mellowed out with time.

On the flip side, I have what may be considered more positive constants that have been a part of who I am for

decades. These activities and objects include riding my bike, feeling the sun on my shoulders, warm breezes caressing me, long solitary walks in the company of my dogs, sunshine, sunshine, sunshine, and a wide open night sky sprinkled lavishly with stars and planets. I could happily live in the high desert country and enjoy sunshine 360 days of the year. The high desert country would also illuminate the myriad stars in the night sky and allow me to learn the locations of more constellations and to observe the planets as they journey through the endless dark heavens.

The list of constants goes on and on, of activities, places, objects and feelings that have been an essential part of my makeup my entire life. Age has allowed me to embrace them, both the positive and the negative aspects, and to understand that this is what and who I am. If I no longer can tolerate fools in silence, so be it. If age has permitted me to have the courage to tell an interviewer who twitters on and on about 'working as a team' that I would rather play solitaire, I consider that a plus. If my impatience level can reach earthquake proportions, well, maybe I have a RIGHT to be impatient, and that isn't all bad either. I figure I've walked around the block a time or two, and I am entitled to my imperfections. I earned my gray hair, and my constants of what I like and dislike, what I appreciate or do not appreciate, belong to me, whether others view them as good or bad. These constants still define and single me out as an individual.

I am entitled to appreciate and savor the aspects of me that keep me going, such as the pleasure of reading a good book, completing a project of some sort, or sipping a glass of wine. The anticipation of experiencing one or more of these many joys each day helps me get through life, and I appreciate the constants that signify me and acknowledge them.

Time, experience and our own personalities have combined to make us the product we are today, and although some of what constitutes us as individuals today will undergo change and move us into another direction in the future, a lot of what we are today will remain an essential part of our makeup for the rest of our lives.

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Continuous Holiday Carousel

By Lois Kerr

Holiday seasons nowadays tend to blend together for one continuous shopping spree, starting in September when merchants feel obligated to start pushing Halloween, and lasting right through Easter the following spring.

When I was a kid, admittedly quite some time ago, this behavior on the part of shopkeepers didn't exist and we as consumers didn't demand it. Stores began stocking shelves with Halloween treats and costumes the first or second week of October. We didn't even begin thinking about what we might want to wear when we went out to pester the neighbors for candy, and of course, we dreamed up our own costumes and put them together ourselves.

I recall a particularly inventive child sewed mousetraps on a bed sheet, draped herself with the sheet, and went Halloweening as one of the Untouchables. What fun, what anticipation, what creativity went into producing some of our outfits. We participated in the makings of the costume and used what we had on hand; we didn't purchase a fancy Spiderman outfit, wear it once, and discard it after Hallow-

een. We appreciated the Halloween activities, the day came and went with appropriate fanfare, and the preparation and actual event lasted maybe a total of a week.

Then we thought about Thanksgiving. In mid-November turkeys went on sale, cranberries appeared on grocery shelves, and we anticipated the coming huge feast. No one thought about Christmas, as Thanksgiving was a holiday in and of itself that we wanted to enjoy first. Stores obliged as they seemed to have an unwritten rule that Christmas decorations and hoopla did not surface until Thanksgiving came and went.

Black Friday did not exist in my childhood. No one dreamed of rushing out the day after Thanksgiving to start the feeding frenzy of Christmas. We rather enjoyed the day after Thanksgiving as an extra day off, and appreciated it as part of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The week after Thanksgiving, we started to think about Christmas with delight that within a few weeks, we'd put up and decorate a tree, start looking for appropriate gifts for family members and decorate the house. We dreamed of

the treats we'd eat that we only had at Christmastime, such as my mother's scrumptious fruitcake, multi-colored coconut bonbons, and candy canes. We weren't bombarded with the idea of Christmas, as it took until the first of December before stores cranked up for the holidays and began pushing merchandise in earnest. We could enjoy the season, move into it slowly, and savor the anticipation of what the Yuletide had in store.

With the end of the holiday season, we never gave Valentine's Day a thought until February arrived, when stores put out their Valentines cards and the boxes of chocolates packaged in the heart shaped boxes. Easter cards, candy and accessories made an appearance a few weeks before Easter arrived, and we had the time to savor the uniqueness of Easter and look forward to the fruit and nut eggs my mother always bought, a delectable specialty only available at Eastertime.

My, how all this has changed. Now the continuous 7- to 8-month round of holiday madness overload begins on Labor Day, when

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merchants set out Halloween candy, costumes and fall decorations, urging us to buy, buy, buy now while we still have it in stock. Halloween becomes stale before it even arrives, and then, of course the Christmas furor begins on Halloween. Stores display all manner of Christmas items by the first of November, and we are off and running for the next two months deluged with Christmas hubbub.

Thanksgiving gets lost in the shuffle, and by the first of December, I for one am so tired of the canned Christmas music, the sight of cheap trinkets, and the overload of Christmas paraphernalia that the holiday has all but lost its appeal. If I don't pace myself and tune out the clamor, I become totally wearied by the event before it even arrives.

Valentine's Day, of course makes an appearance the day after New Year. The cards and boxes of candy show up on display by Jan. 2 and stare us in the face for over a month. Easter shows up at Valentine's Day, and we are forced to look at Easter items until Easter comes and goes.

At least after Easter moves on for another year, we finally get a reprieve from the constant holiday/celebrations we've been subjected to for months, and we now can enjoy ordinary days.

Holidays just aren't the same. The whole round of endless celebrating gets ridiculous, and we lose the magic and wonderment that ought to accompany every special day. Instead, the joy vanishes when we face constant celebrations that blend endlessly together for over half the year.

Nothing remains extraordinary; what used to be specialty foods for particular holidays we now can purchase year round, so the unique and distinct lose their charm and become routine.

We need special days to regroup, reconnect and celebrate, but we don't need deluged day after day and month after month from September until Easter arrives with the idea of celebration and holidays. The special becomes mundane, the uniqueness becomes commonplace, and we all lose.

February Puzzle Answers

Alphabet Soup: snorkel, goblet, perjury, shindig, gargoyle, amiss, favor, shell, pious, squall, mimic, regent, umbra, faster, cowers, voyeur, display, fling, taxing, scare, antler, march, crust, shelf, compass, zealot

Make-a-word: barnacles, remainder, waterfowl, bedspread, muskmelon, hysterics, splinters, objection, analogous

Anagram: anagram groups: humidity, barometer, precipitation, thunder, drought, temperature, storm, tornado, pressure, Arctic, El Nino, cloudy

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Woodworking

Makes Retirement Interesting



Dombrosky has created a fascinating array of objects, furniture, scrollwork, pictures and more from wood. He has these on display at his shop, located at 623 14th St. SE, Sidney.

By Lois Kerr

Retirement can lead to a whole new life, one that allows a person to embrace dreams and develop interests. Dale Dombrosky, Sidney, discovered that fact when he retired from a long career as a plumber and turned his attention to his hobby of creating everything and anything from wood. He produces marvelous scrollwork, builds birdhouses and furniture, manufactures wind spinners, jar lid openers, key chains, plaques and signs, and creates a whole host of other specialty items.

"I make a little bit of everything," Dombrosky remarks. "I repair furniture and I also make all sorts of other items from wood. If I see something I like, I have to try to make one myself. I've got pattern books to help me as well as thinking up my own ideas. I also whittle out walking sticks and canes."

Dombrosky likes producing each and every one of his creations, but he particularly finds satisfaction in carving his walking sticks and in his patriotic scrollwork. "I enjoy it all, but all things considered, walking sticks and canes give me a lot of pleasure because each one has its own personality," Dombrosky comments. "It's like reading a book. You start it and you don't know what to expect. When I take a stick and start whittling, I'm often surprised at what I find in there."

He adds, "I'm most proud of my patriotic scroll work and plaques. I enjoy making items with a patriotic theme."

Dombrosky's scrollwork takes several weeks to complete as each piece requires many careful, patient steps to produce a quality finished product. However, attention to detail pays off as Dombrosky produces

amazing results with his work. "I make over 1000 saw blade changes with each scrollwork," Dombrosky says, "so it takes time. I lay the pattern out on wood, I then drill holes in the back where I must make my cuts, and then I start the cutting process, changing blades frequently as needed."

Dombrosky will make small items that he often gives as gifts to people who have treated him well or who have need of a particular item. "I make a lot of give-aways," he remarks. "I've given away key chains and jar lid openers that I've made. When people are courteous to me, I try to repay them with a gift that I've made. I get a lot of satisfaction from giving."

Dombrosky's hobby didn't just start after retirement, although retirement has allowed his work to blossom. He has practiced his craft for years, gathering knowledge and help from several sources along the way. His grandfather worked with wood, and Dombrosky inherited that love. "My grandpa worked with wood and I'm following in his path," Dombrosky remarks. "I've been doing this kind of work for years, and I try to duplicate his work. I've also got his old tools."

He continues, "John Bock was an inspiration to me as far as craftsmanship goes. I've always admired him, as he could repair anything. He was a very talented craftsman."

Although Dombrosky chose a career in the plumbing field, he continued his woodworking hobby on the side, constantly honing his skills and abilities. "I did this work before I retired from plumbing," Dombrosky says. "I had a little trailer in the back where I worked. I started buying one tool at a time and pursued this hobby."

Below: Dombrosky enjoys creating patriotic objects, such as his wooden flag plaque and his scrollwork depicting the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima.

Dombrosky now considers his business, *Custom Creations*, a hobby business, but that suits him just fine at the moment. The business provides him great pleasure and gives him something to do, but it does not tie him down. "I go into the shop every day for a few hours," he comments. "I still make time to go for coffee and meet friends. I'm enjoying retirement and I keep busy, but I can walk away from the shop if I feel like it, and I can take a week of vacation as well."

Dombrosky concludes, "I got to the point in life where I can do what I want. I go for coffee when I want, work in the shop when I want, and take it easy."



Above: Dombrosky enjoys taking an ordinary diamond willow stick (left) and turning it into a work of art (right).

Exercise Your Brain

By Lois Kerr

ALPHABET SOUP: Insert a different letter of the alphabet into each of the 26 empty boxes to form words of five or more letters reading across. The letter you insert may be at the beginning, middle or end of the word. Each letter of the alphabet will be used only once, so cross off each letter as you use it.

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MAKE-A-WORD: Place the 3 letter groups into the empty squares before and after the given letters to complete 9 letter words. Words read across only.

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Anagram Groups:

Rearrange the following groups of letters to form related words

Weather Words

I H I M D U T Y

R E M O T E A R B

P O I N T R I C E P A T I

H U N D R E T

D U G R O T H

T R U M P E T E A R E

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Remember your life is worth more than your purse, vehicle or any item you are carrying or possess.

Make sure you have important phone numbers programmed into your cell phone and that you know how to find them.

Learn how to set the security settings on social networks or have someone do it for you. Never "post" current plans on a social network.

At home consider these tips

Keep doors locked

Install easy-to-use deadbolt locks.

Install new locks if you move to a new home, apartment or lose your key.

Keep garage and basement doors & windows locked at all times.

Secure windows

Draw the curtains and blinds at night.

Don't leave your windows open at night. Use floor or ceiling fans for air circulation.

Install and use a peephole

Never open the door to strangers or let them know you are home alone. Ask service people for an ID before you open the door. If you did not request service, call the agency (look phone numbers up in the phone book. Don't rely on the number they may give you) and verify the call for service.

Remember, chain locks can be forced open.

If someone asks to use your phone, make the call for them. Never let a stranger into your home.

Consider a pet

Even a small dog can be a deterrent as well as good companionship.

Protect valuables

Keep money and other valuable papers and securities in the safe or bank safety deposit box. Make copies of all important information and give the copy to a trusted relative or lawyer.

Have your Social Security or retirement check deposited directly into your bank account.

Don't throw boxes out that show you just bought something valuable...it advertises your purchases to whoever may drive by.

Organize a buddy system

Have neighbors watch out for each other and report suspicious activity to the police department.

Don't shop, exercise or attend community functions alone—take a friend—and don't go out alone at night.

Beware of phone scams

Don't give any personal or financial information to anyone over the phone.

If you are a woman living alone, don't reveal that information to anyone on the phone.

Hang up on nuisance callers and report chronic nuisance calls to the phone company.

When you go out, play it smart

Secure your home

Make sure all exterior doors and windows are locked.

If you will be returning after dark, have an interior light set on a timer so when you come home, there will be a light on in your home. Turn on a radio.

Don't leave a note on your door telling delivery persons you aren't home.

Never leave a house key under the doormat, in a flowerpot, or on the ledge of the door...Consider giving one to a neighbor or keeping an extra one in your vehicle. There are even combination locks you can install.

Garage doors should always be kept closed and locked—even if you are home.

Street precautions

Always be alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

Avoid walking alone at night.

Walk confidently. Make eye contact with people when walking.

If you are carrying a purse, don't dangle it from your arm. Carry it securely between your arm and your body. If a purse-snatcher tries to steal your purse, let it go...your personal safety may depend on not trying to hang on to it.

When you are in a store, never leave your purse in a shopping cart.

Don't carry any more cash than is necessary. Many grocery stores accept checks and automatic teller cards.

Vehicle security

Always lock your car doors when you get into your car. Keep passenger windows rolled up or just crack them for air.

Keep your purse on the floor next to you, not on the passenger seat.

At night, drive on streets that you are familiar with and that are well lit.

Wear your seatbelt properly.

When leaving your vehicle with a mechanic...remove personal information (registration/insurance card). Only give them the vehicle key.

Park smart

At home, if you have a garage, use it.

In parking lots, park as close to the store as you can.

At night, park under a light.

Have someone from the store/business escort you to your car if you need assistance or feel threatened.

Don't leave valuables or packages inside your parked car where they can be seen. Lock them in the trunk.

Have your keys ready to unlock your car...they can also be used as a weapon.

Always lock your car!

Know what to do if you are a victim of a crime

If your home is burglarized while you are out:

Don't go in if you suspect someone is still inside your home.

Call your local law enforcement agency from your cell or neighbor's home.

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Don't confront the burglar.

Leave the location if you can safely or lock the door to the room you are in.

Call 9-1-1 immediately.

Let law enforcement officials help

Learn how to use your cell phone camera and use it when you see something suspicious or write down the details so you don't forget.

Report any crime, attempted crime or suspicious activity.

Give details, including height, weight, clothing, appearance, license plate number and information about witnesses.

Press charges if the criminal is caught. This helps protect others.

Our Community has always looked out for one another whether they have been your neighbors and friends for years or they just moved here last fall. We can continue our way of life by adding a layer of awareness for our personal safety. Remember safety doesn't happen by accident.

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Do you or your spouse suffer from:

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Options Counseling

Is A New Service For Anyone Age 60 Or Older In Region 1
(Divide, McKenzie & Williams Counties)

Because of a new federal mandate, outreach services through the Williston Council for the Aging, Inc. (service which had been provided by Karen Froyland and Coreen Nehring, Williams County; Judy Jacobson, McKenzie County; and Lisa Fredrickson, Divide County) ended Dec. 31, 2011. The Council and other entities were not interested in contracting for the new service Aging & Disability Resource Link (ADRL) Options Counseling.

NW Human Service Center's Aging Services Unit is offering ADRL Options Counseling as of Feb. 1, 2012. Eligible consumers are individuals 60 years of age and older living in Divide, McKenzie and Williams counties. If you are age 60 or older and are looking for services so you can remain in your own home, please contact Karen Quick, contact information is below. You may just have some questions to ask over the phone or you may want a face-to-face session to explore your options more closely; either way the service is available to you. Clients are provided the opportunity to contribute towards the cost of the services received.

ADRL Options Counseling is a person-centered, interactive, decision-support process whereby consumers, family members and/or significant others are supported in determining appropriate long-term care choices based on the consumer's needs, preferences, values, and individual circumstances. Options counselors ensure that consumers have considered a range of possibilities when making a decision about long-term services and supports, and they encourage planning for the future.

Options counseling is not a long-term service. For the most part, ADRL intensive options counseling relationships are short term, usually no more than 90 days. However, services can be initiated again by the consumer or by a referral.

Six core competencies of options counseling have been identified by the Aging and Disability Resource Center Technical Assistance Exchange (ADRC-TAE):

- Determining the need for options counseling;
- Assessing needs, values and preferences;
- Understanding and educating about public and private sector resources;

- Facilitating self-direction/self-determination;
- Encouraging future orientation; and Following-up.

Examples of when ADRL Options Counseling is not appropriate: when the person already has a case manager or discharge planner involved with them (we don't want to duplicate services or have too many people involved with the elderly person so they get overwhelmed or confused). Karen Quick can provide technical assistance or information and assistance to a case manager or discharge planner if they are having difficulties identifying the different options for a certain service in the area; since we want to better coordinate and strengthen our partnerships with the existing systems of information, assistance and access.

Referrals are welcome, you can use the attached ADRL Options Counseling Intake/Referral Form and fax or email it to me or call me or email me with your referrals. If you have them on the phone and you can conference/transfer the call to me, that will make it much easier for the consumer. Karen Quick, Aging Services Unit, NW Human Service Center, 316 2nd Ave. W., Box 1266, Williston, ND 58802-1266; kquick@nd.gov; 701-774-4685; 701-774-4620 fax.

Seniors Should Apply For MT Homeowner/Renter Tax Credit

MSU News Service

Are you a Montanan who is 62 or older as of Dec. 31? If so, then check to see whether you qualify for Montana's elderly homeowner/renter tax credit for 2011. If you can answer "yes" to all of the following questions, then you may be eligible for the credit:

1. Were you 62 or older as of Dec. 31, 2011?
2. Did you occupy a Montana residence(s) as an owner or renter for 6 months or more during 2011?
3. Did you reside in Montana for nine months or more during 2011?
4. Was your total gross household income less than \$45,000 in 2011?

Instructions for determining total gross household income are included with the form required to request the credit, Form 2EC.

Montana allows qualifying citizens a credit for a portion of their property taxes or rent paid based on their income. The credit can be used against state income liability or as a direct refund if the person is not required to file a Montana state income tax return. During the years 2008 and 2009, the average claim was \$494. Only one claim is allowed per household.

To determine eligibility, complete Form 2EC, which can be found at your local Department of Revenue, library, post office or tax preparer office. It is also available on the web at revenue.mt.gov.

Help is available to complete Form 2EC by calling the Department of Revenue, 406-444-2830 (hearing impaired only) or toll free: 1-866-859-2254.

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The Fairview News

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1950

AN INDEPENDENT NEWS PAPER

Commercial Club Will Hold Election Monday

Annual meeting of the Fairview Commercial Club will be held Monday night, January 30, and all business and professional people in Fairview are urged to attend this gathering at the Lions club hall at 8 p. m.

The meeting will be preceded with a dinner at Kay's Cafe at 7 p. m. and members and others interested are urged to attend this social function.

According to President Gaar Thomas Jr. the business session will not only include the election of officers for 1950 but there will be reports of all committees and projects which the club has sponsored during the past year. In the main this will include trades and industries, aviation and roads. There are a few other matters of community importance that will likewise come before the group during the evening. This will include Lower Yellowstone Feeders Tour which will be revised in this area.

The Fairview Commercial club has completed another successful year in its long history development for this locality. The future is bright for those which wish to build a better town and territory and the effort of every

individual is needed to insure constructive planning.

According to officers the 1950 membership drive will be completed during February and a carefully arranged schedule of committees and activities will insure accomplishments for the new year.

Cold Siege of January Setting Records; Temp Wednes. Was 44 Below

With activities at a minimum and people hugging the firesides unless they have work to be done out doors there is not much left but to "talk about the weather."

The entire northwest is covered with its greatest blanket of snow in many years although in this particular area the depth has not attained record proportions. It is in the neighborhood of 12 inches on the level.

Much heavier snows lie to the far west and north. In North Dakota, Jamestown was one of two localities reporting 34 inches of snow on the level. Side roads have been practically impassable although here farmers find a way to maneuver around and go and come as needed.

Many schools have been closed and in numerous localities busses have been unable to operate. Thus far the

Fairview school busses have made their regular routes and have only been stuck once or twice. Mail routes from here are likewise operating but carriers are having plenty of road troubles and are unable to get all the way around.

Ellis Eggleston, government cooperative weather observer stated to the News on Thursday that the coldest registration since 1936 was recorded Wednesday night when the mercury hit 44 degrees below zero here. January has only had one thawing day thus far and that was last Saturday when the temperature rose to 44 above. For the 26 days that have transpired in January the local station shows that this was the coldest period of any January on record.

Since Christmas the mercury has dropped from 10 to 40 degrees below zero each night and daytime has been but little warmer.

In this immediate area there has been no loss of life or livestock reported but feeders have been having difficult times making gains against the cold. Everyone is discussing weather and hoping for a break.

Annual John Deere Day Is Scheduled at Collins Mercantile February 1

Another annual John Deere Day, made popular among farmers of this area for many years, is scheduled to be held in Fairview on Wednesday, February 1 under auspices of the Collins Mercantile company.

The event, free to all farmers and their families, will begin at 10 a. m. with an educational and entertaining show at the Orpheum theatre. A second show will take place at 1:30 p. m. to accommodate the crowd that usually attends John Deere Day.

The Collins Mercantile company will serve free lunch to its guests at the showroom, starting at 11 a. m. An ad elsewhere in this issue will give more details of the program.

Piano Recital Is Slated Saturday

Mrs. C. O. Johnson, Fairview piano instructor, will present her students in a recital Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at her home in Fairview. Mothers of the students will be guests at the recital. The local young folks who will participate are: Judy Smith, Don Helm, Dick Johnson, Joyce Hardy, Celia Holder, Jil Foster, Shirley Hardy, Sally Alling, Bud Hardy, Ann Dietsche and Kathleen Bowers.

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