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12 Financial Commitments for 2021

Start the new year right by reviewing and revamping your financial plan. Instead of hauling out those familiar New Year's resolutions about eating

less and exercising more, how about focusing on your financial well-being? Here are 12 commitments that can help ensure your financial confidence in retirement.

1. Get your balance sheet in order

You can't expect to

reach a goal without knowing where you're starting from. Update your personal balance sheet (assets versus liabilities, broadly speaking). If you're retired, make note of the income you receive from Social Security, pensions, retirement plan assets or other sources.

Everything proceeds from this first step, so take the time to bring these numbers up to date.

2. Review your budget and spending

How closely did last year's spending match what you'd planned? Were unexpected increases one-time items or ongoing costs? Where can you trim expenses?

Although some budget items are fixed, a sharp pencil can produce significant savings on other costs. Start with what you realistically expect to have as income, then assign those dollars to your vari-

ous expense categories, while also maintaining flexibility to account for things like healthcare that can't be pinned down precisely.

3. Review your account titling

Account titling often occurs haphazardly, which can create problems down the line. If one partner dies and an account is titled only in their name, those assets can't be readily accessed by the survivor. The solution may be creating joint accounts, but it's not always that simple. Titling has implications across a

range of estate planning issues, as well as other situations such as Medicaid eligibility and borrowing power, too. Review your account titling and discuss with your team of professionals.

4. Designate and update your beneficiaries

If you don't correctly document your beneficiary designations, who gets what may be determined by federal or state law, or by the default plan document used in your retirement accounts. When

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Militello Motors

<p>2019 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L</p>  <p>80040</p> <p>Heated leather, connected radio factory tow pkg, 28K miles</p> <p>\$26,841 or \$395/mo.</p>	<p>2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT</p>  <p>80030</p> <p>Power seat, doors and liftgate, remote start, rear air and heat...</p> <p>\$18,995 or \$269/mo.</p>	<p>2019 RAM PROMASTER CITY</p>  <p>80020</p> <p>cargo van, Navigation radio, dual sliding doors, front drive only 2000 miles!</p> <p>\$22,975 or \$335/mo.</p>	<p>2020 RAM 1500 CLASSIC</p>  <p>80110</p> <p>SLT, heated cloth buckets, heated wheel, navigation radio, wheel to wheel running boards, only 1500 miles!!</p> <p>\$38,564 or \$579/mo.</p>	<p>2020 FORD EDGE SEL</p>  <p>T2088A</p> <p>AWD, only 7800 miles!, great color, heated leather, sunroof...</p> <p>\$29,152 or \$435/mo.</p>
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The Ambassadors Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce visited two Fairmont businesses on January 20th: Tami's on the Ave and Fairmont Awards. (Submitted photos)

New Service Club in Fairmont

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new service club in Fairmont, The Fairmont Service Club. The new club was formed by the former members of the Exchange Club of Fairmont, who terminated their 60-year association with the national organization in the best interests of our members and the community. Our

members voted unanimously to take this action and form a new service club.

The Fairmont Service Club is devoted to supporting the activities of local youth, sports, and other helping groups, and to the continuing education of its members. The new club will continue to support The Fairmont Hockey Association, Kids Against Hunger, Fairmont Post Prom, The Fairmont Soccer Association,

Fairmont Project Trust, Fairmont Area Kinship, and The Butterfly Park at Heritage Acres.

Furthermore, we may be able to expand our support because we will now retain 100% of our dues.

The Fairmont Service Club meets each Tuesday, over lunch, at the Green Mill Restaurant. Our continuing education program includes weekly speakers from city and county government, local sports and

business organizations, schools and helping organizations.

Our meetings are open to the public and we invite you to come and enjoy our group and the interesting speakers. Please call President Arnie Swenson at 507-848-6976, to let us know you are coming. If you are interested in the Club, we would like to have you as a member.

Submitted by Don Richards, President-Elect (507-236-3161)



BETTS-HAUGO - Mackenzie Betts and Ted Haugo announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on Friday, July 9th in Bloomington, Minnesota. Parents of the couple are Paul and Mary Betts of Fairmont and Jim and Cathy Haugo of Litchfield. Mackenzie graduated from Fairmont High School in 2014. She is a Dental Hygienist in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Ted graduated from Litchfield High School in 2013. He is a pilot for Skywest Airlines in Minneapolis. (Loco Love Photography, Colorado).

Club Invention Virtual Series

Fairmont Community Education and Recreation announces the new virtual Club Invention series to begin February 1. Mat Mahoney will be conducting the second Club Invention "Robotic Pet Vet" as a virtual after school enrichment activity for youth in Grades K-6 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, February 1 through February 11, 3:00-4:30 pm.

This unique virtual program allows young innovators to interact with a live instructor, participate from home

and have fun while learning to creatively solve problems.

The action packed activity kit includes two robotic dogs - one to personalize and one to take apart- so you can compare its mechanics to a real dog's anatomy. Use your imagination to design and build a dog park and fun accessories for your robotic pet.

Space and Class kits are limited so please register as soon as possible. You will be notified when kits are ready for pick up before the February 1 start. No charge thanks to 3M grant! Please call 507-235-3141 to register your child.

DFS scholarship applications open, February 15 help night

Scholarship applications for the Fairmont Dollars for Scholars chapter are now open. Students who wish to apply can begin creating or updating their student profiles now at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org. The minimum scholarship to be awarded is \$1,200, and more than 180 scholarships are available for graduates of Fairmont High School.

Eligibility for all scholarships offered by the local Dollars for Scholars chapter will close on April 1, 2021. Students can receive up to four awards from the organization in the pursuit of certificates, associates or bachelor's degrees from accredited institutions. Students who have applied in the past

are strongly encouraged to read through their online profiles and make applicable updates to create a stronger application.

An information night on how to use the scholarship application system and how each application is scored will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, email Liz Wheeler to register at fairmont-dollars@gmail.com. The first 15 minutes will cover what Dollars for Scholars looks for and expects in its applications. The second part will cover briefly the online application process with plenty of time for questions and answers.

For more information or questions, call Liz Wheeler at 507-399-2134.

The Dell Lutheran Church

Scandinavian Smorgasbord of

Frost MN:

CANCELLED

due to Covid-19!

Our sincere apologies.

NO dinner on February 7th!

Dell will instead have an Empower Missions Day on February 7th, for a special offering to bless the missionaries who would normally receive support from the Smorgasbord's proceeds.

Learn more at:

www.dellfreechurch.org

May you know Jesus more in 2021!

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It always seems impossible until it's done.

- Nelson Mandela



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**SJV School
2020-2021
Honor Roll**
2nd Quarter
GRADE 5:
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Lauren Bettin
“A” Honor Roll
Ingrid Edman

Michael Hamlet
Brooklyn Stone
“B” Honor Roll
Lexi Haycraft
Max Krahmer
Avery Kurt
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Tyler Slama

GRADE 6:
“A” Honor Roll
Clare Striemer
“B” Honor Roll
Makenna Fischer
Norah Heille
Leo Juarez
Regina Oberbeck

Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School Students of the Month

Early Risers Kiwanis, Hy-Vee and Fairmont Jr. Sr. High School recognize the following Fairmont Jr. Sr. High School students as December Students of the Month. Student and families recently participated in a

Zoom recognition and the students will receive a certificate and gift card. The 7th through 12th grade students include Kellen Fritz, Sanjna Venigalla, Oliver Tordsen, Finley Reichel, Ty Nawrocki, Mireya

Schmidt, Dayton Bishop, Tara Blake, Hayden Clabaugh, Grace Slinde, Thomas Klanderud and Kelly Chen. Congratulations on making the school a better place.



Kellen Fritz 7th



Sanjna Venigalla 7th



Oliver Tordsen 8th



Finley Reichel 8th



Ty Nawrocki 9th



Mireya Schmidt 9th



Dayton Bishop 10th



Tara Blake 10th



Hayden Clabaugh 11th



Grace Slinde 11th



Thomas Klanderud 12th



Kelly Chen 12th

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS | February1-5

SOUTHERN PLAINS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 American Classics • Cheese Pizza Extra Extra • Seasoned Carrots • Chilled Pears	2 American Classics • Beef Fajita Meat • Soft Flour Tortilla • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Shredded Lettuce • Cilantro Lime Brown Rice Extra Extra • Seasoned Corn • Fresh Orange Wedges	3 American Classics • Boneless Chicken Wings • Whole Grain Dinner Roll Extra Extra • Baked Beans • Applesauce	4 American Classics • Beef Nachos • Creamy Cheddar Cheese Sauce • Seasoned Refried Beans Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Sliced Fresh Apples	5 American Classics • Sloppy Joe Meat • Whole Grain Hamburger Bun • Seasoned Waffle Fries Extra Extra • Savory Green Beans • Chilled Peaches

FAIRMONT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 2Mato • Classic Pepperoni Pizza • Cheese Pizza Grill • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Spicy Chicken Sandwich Extra Extra • Seasoned Carrots • Sliced Cucumbers • Chilled Diced Pears	2 American Classics • Beef Fajita Meat • Soft Flour Tortilla • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Shredded Lettuce • Cilantro Lime Brown Rice 2Mato • ARCHIVE Meat Lover's Pizza • Cheese Pizza Extra Extra • Seasoned Corn • Fresh Carrots • Fresh Orange Wedges	3 American Classics • Boneless Chicken Wings • Whole Grain Dinner Roll Grill • Classic American Cheeseburger Extra Extra • Baked Beans • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Applesauce	4 American Classics • Beef Nachos • Creamy Cheddar Cheese Sauce • Seasoned Refried Beans Grill • Classic American Cheeseburger Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Sliced Fresh Apples	5 American Classics • Sloppy Joe Meat • Whole Grain Hamburger Bun • Seasoned Waffle Fries 2Mato • Cheeseburger Pizza • Cheese Pizza Extra Extra • Savory Green Beans • Chilled Peaches

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 American Classics • Cheese Pizza Extra Extra • Seasoned Carrots • Chilled Pears	2 American Classics • Beef Fajita Meat • Soft Flour Tortilla • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Shredded Lettuce • Cilantro Lime Brown Rice Extra Extra • Seasoned Corn • Fresh Orange Wedges	3 American Classics • Boneless Chicken Wings • Whole Grain Dinner Roll Extra Extra • Baked Beans • Applesauce	4 American Classics • Beef Nachos • Creamy Cheddar Cheese Sauce • Seasoned Refried Beans Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Sliced Fresh Apples	5 American Classics • Sloppy Joe Meat • Whole Grain Hamburger Bun • Seasoned Waffle Fries Extra Extra • Savory Green Beans • Chilled Peaches

FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Main Entrees • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich Sides for All Meals • Baked Beans Extra Extra • Applesauce	2 Main Entrees • Classic American Cheeseburger Sides for All Meals • Baked Crinkle Fries Extra Extra • Mixed Fruit Cocktail	3 Main Entrees • Soft Beef Whole Grain Taco • Shredded Lettuce • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Fiesta Rice Sides for All Meals • Seasoned Corn Extra Extra • Chilled Pears	4 Main Entrees • Chicken and Gravy • Whole Grain Dinner Roll Sides for All Meals • Mashed Potatoes Extra Extra • Frozen Strawberries	5 Main Entrees • Cheesy French Bread Pizza Sides for All Meals • Seasoned Carrots Extra Extra • Fresh Orange Wedges

Menus Subject to Change. We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur.
Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.

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COLLEGE NEWS

The following students graduated after the summer and fall 2020 semesters at South Dakota State University. The students listed below completed all requirements for a degree and/or certificate program and those requirements have been verified by the appropriate college.

Hayley Hazel Johnson of Odin, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Erica Jean Anderson, Ringsted, Bachelor of Science, College of Education and Human Sciences

Bryce Ronald Harris, Armstrong, Bachelor of Science, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Lindsey Miles, of Truman was named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. Miles is a Senior majoring in Exercise Physiology. Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale.

Elizabeth Kotewa of Truman, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. She is a senior, pursuing a BS degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism. The award, formerly known as the Chancellor's Award, is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Christine Redenius of Fairmont graduated from Buena Vista University with a master of arts in organizational leadership. Redenius was among more than 150 students who received degrees.

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 500 students who were named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. The following local students were recognized:

Noah Becker of Fairmont
Cayden Fischer of Truman
Brenna Horkey of Sherburn

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Jonathan Lutz of Fairmont has been named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona. He is the son of Laura Lutz. The dean's list includes 465 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale.

More than 11,000 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students from our area:

Armstrong

Avery Brielle Laabs, 2, Psychology
Dayna Ranee Umscheid, 3, Accounting

Fairmont

Aaron Edward Hendricks, 2, Mechanical Engineering
Benjamin Lee Huinker, 4, Software Engineering
Nathan John Kallenbach, 4, Finance

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Abigail Lee Tonder, 3, Elementary Education

Granada

Madeline Rae Mathiason, 3, Biology (AGLS)
Truman, MN
Brytni J. Drevlow, 4, Interior Design

The Fall Semester Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College has been released. The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade point average (based on a scale in which 4.0 = A) or higher for the semester ending in December 2020.

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College:

Fairmont

Iliana Ramon

Ormsby

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Welcome

Todd Morrow

WHAT'S COOKING

with Kathy Lloyd

I Love the Toddler age!

I have a Lydia story today, I was lucky to have her with us for a day recently. She had been sitting up to the table, when she slid off the chair and bumped her head, so I was consoling her and she said "Nana a banana might make me feel better" (she loves to eat) I am sharing a cookie recipe she helped me make. I measure and she dumps in ingredients into the bowl what she really likes to do is lick the bowl when we are done, there isn't much left to eat but she finds what there is! I like this recipe, there aren't many ingredients, no flour so its good for my granddaughter who eats a gluten free diet and it doesn't make so many. I always let Lydia take some home with her to share!

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup chunky peanut butter
1 egg
1 cup chocolate chips
1 tsp. vanilla
Granulated sugar for rolling in

Blend sugar and peanut butter, add egg and vanilla, stir in chocolate chips. Dough is soft. Roll into balls and roll in sugar. Press gently with a fork two directions. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 9 minutes. Let cool on a parchment lined cookie sheet before removing.

Have a great week and stay safe!



Great granddaughter Lydia Renee Phyllis age 3.5



Obituary Notices



Patricia M. Kneeland, 82

Funeral Service for Patricia M. Kneeland, age

82, of Fairmont, MN, were held on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at the Christian Church in Fairmont with interment in Nashville Township Cemetery at a later date. Patricia passed away on Sunday evening, January 17, 2021, at her home in Fairmont.

Patricia Mary (Beckmann) Kneeland was born on August 17, 1938, in Springfield, MN. She was the daughter of Cecil and Blanche (Clark) Beckmann and graduated from Fairmont High

School in 1956.

On June 7, 1957, Patricia was united in marriage to Ronald Kneeland at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. This union was blessed with three sons, Dan, Tom, and Doug. The couple resided in Illinois while Ron was stationed there in the service. They later moved to Lewisville, MN, and St. James, MN, before moving to a farm near Truman, MN. Patricia and Ron shared thirty-two years together before Ron passed away on February 12, 1989.

Patricia worked as a grocery clerk at Paul's Grocery and later at Carol's

Grocery both in Truman. She also worked very hard with farm chores, raising hogs on two farmsteads. More recently she worked cleaning at the Fairmont Hospital for ten years. Patricia was most known for working as a crossing guard for the Fairmont schools. She loved her corner kids.

Patricia was a member of the Christian Church in Fairmont. She loved the time she was able to spend at the church and could often be found greeting attendees even when it wasn't her turn to be a greeter. During her free time, Patricia enjoyed crossword puzzles, go-

ing to rummage sales and thrift stores, and watching Minnesota sports including the Gophers, Twins, and Vikings. She most loved the time she was able to spend attending her children's and later her grandchildren's sporting events. She was even awarded a plaque for being the #1 Truman Track Fan.

Left to cherish her memory include her sons, Dan (Marilyn) Kneeland, Tom (Karen) Kneeland, and Doug (Shari) Kneeland; grandchildren, Veronica (Jeff) Lind, Rena (Drew) Revak, Adam (Jennifer) Kneeland, Barry (Stephanie) Kneeland,

Rebecca (Denis) Sik, Craig (Kristy) Kneeland, and Dan Kneeland (fiancé, Kelsey Handfield); 14 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Barbara Beckmann, Marty Beckmann, and Darlene (Kenney) Brummand; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Cecil and Blanche Beckmann, Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Kneeland; grandson, Casper Kneeland; and brothers, Joel Beckmann, and Jerry Beckmann.

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Financial Focus

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Remote Work May offer financial benefits

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways – and it may end up providing workers with some long-term

financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

- Reduced transportation costs – Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transportation and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to

greatly reduce these costs.

- Potentially lower car insurance premiums – Your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.

- Lower expenditures on lunches – If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week – even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures, you could end up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think

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CREST Update for West Martin County

CREST continues to serve Martin County with Live In Your Home Services, Volunteer Opportunities and Care-giver Support. Because of the pandemic, transportation and telephone

reassurance are the only Live In Your Home Services being offered.

If you live in West Martin County and would like to arrange services or explore the volunteer opportunities

at CREST, please call the CREST office in Fairmont at 235-3833 and we will work with you on the arrangements. You can also find us on the internet at www.crestvolunteers.org.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

January 24, 1996

Doolittles' Carpet & Paints was holding a grand opening of their new showroom at 1225 Hwy. 15 South. The Doolittles had purchased the Freitag Floors building from Willie and Wanda Freitag, who were retiring after 35 years in the flooring business.

Archie Whitman, who had a weekly column, Bird Watchers' Corner, in the Photo Press, was to be a guest on the Focus on Fairmont program on Fairmont Cable Channel 12. Featured were to be Archie's egg collection and his specially designed bird feeders.

This week's Photo

Press included the Martin Soil and Water Conservation Update section, Volume 14, Number 1. Pictured on the front were Linda Meschke, Water Plan Coordinator; Steve Pierce, County Commissioner; Herman Greffe, Martin SWCD Chairman and Jerry Voyles, Martin SWCD Manager.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

January 24, 1971

The Board of Education announced that the new high school should be open in September, 1972, which would be about 18 months from the intended ground-breaking to be held when weather permits.

The State Highway De-

partment announced that the proposed widening of Highway 15 in Fairmont would be at the intersection of Eighth Street to Interstate 90 north of the city limits. It was to be a four lane divided highway, 1.4 miles.

Arne Nelson, who was injured with his wife Mable in a crash near Madelia, died of his injuries in a Rochester hospital. He was manager of the shoe department at Miller's Fashions. He was 58.

Scott Hanson, 14, of Sherburn, received a heroism medal from the Boy Scout Court of Honor, for his quick action in rescuing Dale Struder from drowning in Fox Lake.

DEATH notices



January 17 - Patricia M. Kneeland, 82, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 18 - Wilbert A. Sieg, 90, South Branch. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

January 21 - Grace A. Mulso, 85, Kramer Family Funeral Service

January 24 - Harvey L. Sathoff, 85, Dunnell. Kramer Family Funeral Service

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

January 18 - Jeanette M. Means, 83, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 18 - Randall L. Green, 63, San Diego, CA. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 24 - Dorothy J. Simpson, 96, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 25 - Lee A. Meyer, 78, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Home

January 25 - Earl Kurtzweg, 89, St. James. Kramer Family Funeral Home

January 25 - Harris A. Eng, 89, St. James (formerly of rural Odin). Kramer Family Funeral Home

Goldfinch indoor visits update

Goldfinch Estates is delighted to announce that we are re-opening to inside visits with your loved one. These visits are in addition to our current Essential Care-giver Visits. Understanding that we have not yet defeated COVID-19, our process follows a set of guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Please read this important information carefully.

What are the conditions before indoor visiting can reopen?

- Residents and staff in our community must be COVID-19 free for at least

14 days.

- The rate of COVID-19 infections in our county or area must be lower than 10%.

- We must meet other MDH clinical and safety requirements.

How can we arrange a visit?

- Reserve your visit online. Go to "Make a Visit Appointment" to schedule a visit.

- Visits are Sunday-Friday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or every hour (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) on Monday and Wednesdays.

- Visits are limited to 60 minutes; these will be monitored.

- Please be mindful when scheduling visits, we have a lot of residents who want to see their loved ones, you may be

refused visits if there are too many scheduled per week by the same person.

- Visits may include 2 persons from the same household.

- All visitors must be 16 years of age or older

- People may not visit if they feel ill, are demonstrating symptoms related to COVID19, have been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive in past 14 days or have tested positive for COVID-19.

What should we expect when we arrive?

- All visitors must wear a face mask which covers your nose and mouth during the entire visit.

- No eating or drinking during the visit, but You may bring in groceries or

meals for the resident to enjoy after your visit.

- Maintain social distancing of six feet (no hugging or handholding).

- Visitors must go directly to the apartment of their loved one and exit using the nearest exit doors. Visitors are not allowed to use the resident's restrooms. Please use the public ones provided in each hallway. Goldfinch Estates is very humble to say we have remained COVID free with our residents to date. We deeply appreciate your sacrifices to limit the impact of COVID-19 on our community and your patience as we prepare to host safe visits and other activities once again.

HOME OWNERSHIP BENES

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty



Is home ownership for you? There are many financial and emotional reasons why it could be more beneficial both to you and your family than renting. And for a single person, a great way to invest in your future. Some of the benefits include:

Equity - When you pay rent, your money is gone, with no lasting financial benefit to you! Instead of paying off the landlord's mortgage, start paying

your own and saving! Home ownership is like a long-term savings plan, building equity for you over time (When you put your home on the market, equity is the selling price minus what you owe). At first, your monthly payment is mainly interest with a small amount going to the principal, but gradually the reverse happens and the larger amount is principal, thus increasing your investment at a faster rate towards the end of the payment period.

Taxes - There are tax benefits from owning a

home. Generally, the Tax Code allows you to deduct the interest you pay on your mortgage and certain other home-buying costs. Consult your tax professional for further information.

Predictability - fixed-rate mortgage payments stay the same, so you always know what your payment will be, whereas, when renting, you are subject to your landlord raising the rent at any time. However, your property taxes may go up if the appraised value of the home increases, but property taxes are also deductible.

Changes - with home ownership comes the freedom to change, upgrade, or add anything in your home and garden without having to ask permission!

Pets - another freedom - no need to ask a landlord whether pets are allowed, or to pay a huge damage deposit if they are!

Stability - Over time, staying in the same home allows homeowners and families to establish ties to the community, and offers children the benefit of continuity in their education and social lives

Economy - Home ownership is good for the economy in general. Normally it isn't a case of buying one house and you're done. Most people want to trade up after a few years, the exception being empty nesters who may want to downsize. In the process of home ownership, there are other related expenditures over time that improve

the local economy - general shopping, home improvement costs, furniture, vehicle purchases and so on.

Involvement - home owners have a vested interest in their community. They are more likely to get involved in local activities such as sports, volunteerism, local elections etc., thus contributing to the overall stability of the area.

To summarize, home ownership has great benefits both for the owner, the family, and the community in general. If you are presently renting, it's worth looking into a home loan, especially right now when mortgage rates are so low! Check with your banker - you may be pleasantly surprised!

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Ask A Trooper:

How to call for help when you can't speak

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I was wondering if you could address what someone, such as my spouse should do if needing to call 911 and cannot

associated with them, so if this person was not at home when pressing their help button, it may not be helpful.

For your situation, I would recommend reaching out to the 9-1-1 call center manager that would receive the call in your jurisdiction. The computer aided dispatch system premise file database might be able to flag a phone number, or provide other helpful information with an address that will provide background information to alert the 9-1-1 call taker if they receive a call with an open line from a specific number. This would assume you are normally at home, and the person who is not able to speak or text uses a single wireless phone.

From my experience,

9-1-1 call centers are very willing to work with citizens within their jurisdiction who feel they need additional support when a 9-1-1 call is placed and someone is not able to communicate.

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did you last update your designations? Have life changes (divorce, remarriage, births, deaths, state of residence) occurred since then?

Update your beneficiary listings on wills, life insurance, annuities, IRAs, 401(k)s, qualified plans and anything else that'd affect your heirs. If you've named a trust, have any relevant tax laws changed? Have you provided for the possibility that your primary beneficiary may die before you? Does your plan address the simultaneous death of you and your spouse? An estate attorney can help walk you through these various scenarios.

5. Evaluate your cash holdings

A certain amount of assets should be set aside in cash accounts that can be readily accessed – talk with your advisor about whether your current allocation strikes the right balance. Note that the cash portions of your brokerage and retirement accounts serve a different purpose and shouldn't be counted as emergency reserves.

6. Revisit your asset allocation

Appreciation in one asset class or underperformance in another can leave your portfolio with a different allocation than what you originally intended. Revisit your current and ideal asset allo-

cation at least annually and rebalance as needed (consider rebalancing with new contributions to help avoid capital gains taxes).

Consider, too, whether you're comfortable with your portfolio's current level of risk. Risk tolerance isn't static – it changes based on your net worth, age, income needs, financial goals and other considerations.

7. Evaluate your retirement income sources

Most retirees have several income sources, such as Social Security, pensions, retirement portfolios, rental properties, notes receivable, inheritances, etc. Think about how secure each source is. Can you count on that inheritance? Would rental property vacancies interrupt your cash flow? Are the notes receivable backed by collateral? If too much of your retirement income is from less-than-solid sources, it may be time to reposition your assets.

8. Review your Social Security statement

If you're not yet retired, go online and establish an account with the Social Security Administration – the SSA doesn't mail out individual statements of accrued benefits anymore. Review your statement, and be sure all your earnings over the years have been recorded. Use the SSA's online calculator to compute your ben-

efits at various retirement ages. If appropriate, revisit your spousal plan and revise as needed.

9. Review the tax efficiency of your charitable giving

Think strategically about your contributions – for example, consider whether or not it'd make sense to donate low-basis stocks in lieu of cash, or learn about establishing a donor advised fund to take an upfront deduction for contributions made over the next several years. Give, but do so with an eye toward reducing your tax liability.

10. Check whether your retirement plan is on track

What changes are needed given your current lifestyle and the market environment? Don't fixate solely on your retirement assets' value – instead, drill down into what types of assets you hold, what your expected cash flow will be, what your contingency plans are, what rate of return you're assuming, what inflation rate you're assuming and how long you're planning for. Retirement plans have many moving parts that must be monitored on an ongoing basis.

11. Make the indicated changes

You should now have a good idea of your cash flow situation, what your retirement income picture looks like and where other challenges lie. Do

you need to adjust your IRA contributions, other account contributions or tax withholding? Are you taking full advantage of your employer's retirement plan options, particularly any contribution match? Go after any problem areas – or opportunities – systematically and promptly.

12. Check in with your advisor

Your advisor can help offer specialized tools, impartiality and experience earned by dealing

with many market cycles and client situations. Communicate openly about what's happening in your life today and what may happen in the future. Advisors can't help you manage what they don't know, so err on the side of over-communicating. Establish a regular meeting schedule to review your portfolio and retirement plans.

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how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

•Lower clothing costs – Despite the rise in "casual dress" days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can "dress down," reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or your 401(k)

or similar employer-sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than \$97,000 – and if you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise.)

You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for something like a major home repair.

Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part – but, in strict-

ly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.

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The Only Two Blossoms Left

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



I am a Christmas cactus who can look out the east window of the Anthony cabin. I am located where I can feel the heat of the winter sun. The view allows me to see the lake, lawn, and distant shore-line trees. It is also a view that includes what was supposed to be a many-roomed purple martin house. It stands on the very top of a tall pole near the shoreline. I have watched it for several years. No martins have claimed it as a summer home. Maybe this is because it has become the home of so many house sparrows. I feel good about them occupying the bird house as they provide me with a

year around view of their activity. I watch as they quickly enter and leave one of the twelve rooms.

I spend my summers on the top of a six-sided picnic bench located on the deck. It is from here that I can see the lake, hear the summer birds, hear the songs of the frogs that are in a swamp across the road. It is from here that I can feel myself gaining strength in a, "more natural" way. I can feel the warm sun as it shines through the leaves of the summer trees. I can feel the warm summer rains which fills the earthen pot in which I live. I like to feel the warm rain water that finds its way down through the

soil of my home. I know that too much water will drain out of a hole in the bottom.

My summer ends when they bring me into the cabin before the time of frost. It is then that I am placed in my winter home. I am relaxed as I am without the fear of a strong wind. I wait to share something important which is supposed to happen only once per year. I try hard but something happens that I cannot hold back. I am supposed to wait until Christmas before I start blooming. However, the care of summer has given me extra strength. I wait the moment when I hear one of them to say, "Look

the Christmas cactus is blooming". I have surprised them with only a few blossoms. However, they notice the ends of my many branches show a "promise of many".

I have listened to the voices of many. All are amazed at my wonderful Christmas gift. I have heard them say that they should share the beauty of such a plant with family. I know that sharing me will be easy as all they have to do is break off the end of one of my branches and place it into a glass of water. The branch will then form roots and then can be planted in the soil of a clay pot like mine. I am proud to say that they have shared me in such a way with their three children and six grandchildren.

They are at the cabin today. I stand almost bare, staring out of the window. I see the snow from a recent blizzard, trees without leaves, ice covered lake, and a strange quietness. The Christmas season is over and yet I feel that I should give them one more Christmas gift. THE ONLY TWO BLOSSOMS LEFT are for them to enjoy.

Written by
Darwin Anthony
January 16, 2021



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter to all residents of Independent School District 2752 (Fairmont Area Schools), Minnesota.

On February 9, 2021, there will be a vote taken regarding the Fairmont Area Schools Vocational Expansion Project Referendum. We will have the opportunity to provide a super enhanced vocational program for our students. Almost all postal customers of our school district have been sent information regarding this project, and there also have been several information sessions held, via open meetings, School Board Discussions and presentations to community service groups by Mr. Jake Tietje, Principal of Program Development for our school. If you have read through the material, or listened to any of the presentations, you will be aware of the great opportunity this project holds for its participants to gain practical skills and education regarding sorely needed vocational talents throughout our state.

Thanks to the leadership in our schools, the awareness of the need by our school board, and the support of the industrial, service, retail and manufacturing businesses in our area, this project sets forth a plan focusing on the opportunity for our students to receive training in many vocational fields. Just think of the need for skilled workers in our community alone. If you are wondering about the need for such a program in our area, just ask any owner or manager of food service, construction, automotive, plumbing, woodworking, or retail businesses in the area.

We owe it to the youth of our area schools to provide this opportunity to come out of high school with marketable skills and an understanding of the many aspects of what employers are looking for when hiring. When completed, this project will be available to all students in the surrounding districts as well. This is an opportunity to provide a win-win situation for all of us. Please vote yes when you cast your ballot (either mail-in or at the polls) for the February 9, 2021 referendum.

Thank you,
Respectfully,
Harlan Gorath
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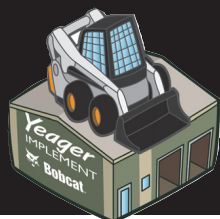


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Gary L. Caquelin to Ryan E. Rouse, Lot 1, Block 1, Casey Jones Addn.

Dale A. Burmeister, Pamela R. Burmeister, David C. Lowery, Kathleen K. Lowery, Jeanette R. Sauck, Bruce M. Steffen, Georgia A. M. Steffen to Vaughn W. Kuehl, Pt. NW¼, 3-104-32

Lois E. Gronseth to Jonathan McGowen, Kristin McGowen, Pt. NW¼NW¼, 32-102-33

Amber Hansen, Jeremy Hansen to R&R Limited Liability Company, Lot 6, Block 2, Highland Addn.

Judith N. Beckman, Judith N. Beckman, Trustee, Edward M. Beckman Trust, to McKenzie Terfehr, Tim Terfehr, Lot 2, Block 1, 2nd Ext. Countryside Addn.

Bradley Sherman, Atty.-in-fact, Joanne E. Sherman to Catherine Lightfoot, Cole Lightfoot, Pt. NW¼SW¼, 10-104-30

David Cordova III to Tyson L. Schuder, Lot 1, Ex. S.15', Lot 2, Block 4, Original Plat Welcome

CONTRACTS FOR DEED

Guy Beemer, Julie Beemer to Montana Thiesse, Pt. NE¼, 20-103-30

Mark S. Nelson and Kathleen A. Nelson Revocable Trust, Kathleen A. Nelson, Trustee, Mark S. Nelson, Trustee to Crystal Ann Clabaugh, Jerad Alan Clabaugh, Lot 17, Block 2, Clear Lake Homes

Samuel Aaron Knutson to Xiomara Patricia Ajuria Claros, Xiomara Patricia Ajuria Claros, Lot 5, Block 5, Wards Addn.

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The Martin County Relief Program Grant is offered pursuant to funding received by Martin County, through the Minnesota County Relief Program that was established to provide economic relief to local businesses and non-profits adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that are in Martin County.

Businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that meet eligibility criteria may apply to receive grants up to \$10,000.00 to cover eligible expenses. If funds exist to cover more than \$10,000 in eligible expenses, larger grants may be awarded at the discretion of the County.

Grant applications will be accepted through February 12, 2021.

Business Eligibility and Grant Requirements, and the Application Form can be found on the Martin County website: <http://www.co.martin.mn.us>

Completed applications, with all required documentation, must be submitted to the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce.

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Fairmont Council OKs street plan

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

The Fairmont City Council approved the 2021 street improvement plan at its Jan. 25 meeting. Projects include new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, overlays and seal coating, totaling an overall investment of more than \$3.3 million.

A portion of Fairlakes Avenue from the dead end north to Woodland Avenue constitutes \$1.9 million of the total. This project involves new construction and reconstruction of the infrastructure and street which provides direct access to the new Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center facility.

Resurfacing projects include Fairlakes Avenue from Woodland Avenue to Canyon Drive, Holland Street from Lucia to West Anna Street and the Amber Lake Park parking lot and boat ramp.

Also included in the program are four overlay projects and 22 seal coating projects.

The council approved the mayor's reappointments to the city's boards and commissions: Dan Thiesse to the Police Commission; Jodie Whitmore and Vicki Schulte to the Park Board; Mary Jo Moltzen and Brian Johnson to the Public Utilities Commission; Tom Lytle to the Planning Commission; Richard Schaefer to the Safety Council; Barry Altman and Jeff Varboncoeur to the Airport Board; and Mike Brau to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Officers for the Fairmont Fire Department also were approved: Brandon Scott, chief; Bryan Kastning, deputy chief; Colby Whitmore, captain; Tim Miller, first lieutenant; Rob Iverson, second lieutenant; and Matt Streit, secretary.

In her report, City Administrator Cathy Reynolds said that 166 building permits totaling \$17.8 million in construction were issued by the city in 2020, compared to 159 permits in 2019.

Reynolds also noted that additional CARES funding is available at the county level, and the deadline to apply for the grant money is Feb. 12. Applications are available on the Martin County website.

Agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of past meetings for the city's boards and commissions will now be available on the city's website.

Reynolds also told the council of an upcoming large group meeting on downtown revitalization set for 5 p.m. Feb. 11 at the SMEC building.

In other business, the council:

- Amended an ordinance to allow the sale of 606 N. Prairie Ave. to M-Mar Properties. The lot, which combined 606 and 610 N. Prairie Ave., was created through the city's demolition program of blighted houses. The lot was intended to be sold at public auction, but the auction was delayed due to COVID. The buyer submitted an offer of \$5,000, which was the city's target bid for the sale of the lot.

- Adopted Fairmont Forward 2040, a comprehensive plan for the city.

- Approved advertising for bids for the Fairlakes Avenue street construction project and the Grant Street water main replacement project.

- Heard a report from Paul Hoye, city finance director, that the city's investments earned just over \$400,000 in 2020, which was less than the \$600,000 earned in 2019 due to the current interest rate environment.

- Went into closed session, as required by law, to discuss the sale or purchase of government property.

CITY OF FAIRMONT

Grant Street Watermain Replacement
2021-G Improvement Project
City of Fairmont
Fairmont, MN

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received at the Office of the City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 until 2:00 p.m. on February 17th at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

REMOVE CONCRETE/BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	140 SY	REMOVE CONCRETE WALK	59 SY
BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT PATCHING	50 SY	4" CONCRETE WALK	525 SF
6.5" CONCRETE PAVEMENT PATCHING	90 SY	6" WATERMAIN, HDPE	47 LF
6" WATERMAIN, HPDE (PIPE BURST)	345 LF		

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by October 1, 2021.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.fairmont.org or www.questcdn.com. Any addendums may also be distributed by mail, fax, or email.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.fairmont.org or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #7525772 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$30.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$40.00 per set, which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check payable to City of Fairmont and send it to 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 (507) 238-9461.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Fairmont shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: 1/26/2021

/s/ Cathy Reynolds

City Administrator

Published:

Fairmont Photo Press: 1/27//2021, 2/3/2021, 2/10/2021

CITY OF FAIRMONT

Fairlakes Avenue Street & Utility Improvemetrns
City of Fairmont
Fairmont, MN

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 2:00 p.m. on February 18, 2021, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read via conference call only. Use the number and conference ID below to join the meeting:

Conference Call Number: 1 (612) 428-8778

Conference ID: 876 309 376#

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

Remove Pavement	1,910	SQ YD	12"-54" RCP Storm Sewer	1,982	LIN FT
Common Excavation (EV) (P)	3,900	CU YD	8" - 21" PVC Pipe Sewer	1,684	LIN FT
Select Granular Borrow	2,730	TON	4"-12" Watermain	1,669	LIN FT
Aggregate Base Class 5	2,125	TON	Construct Drainage Structure	152	LIN FT
Bituminous Pavement	1,140	TON	Construct Sanitary Manhole	69	LIN FT
8" Concrete Pavement	1,200	SQ YD	Concrete Curb & Gutter	1,824	LIN FT
4" Perf PE Pipe Drain	1,550	LIN FT	Turf Restoration	7,830	SQ YD

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by September 17, 2021.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com.

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Dated: January 21, 2021

/s/ Cathy Reynolds

City Administrator

Published:

Fairmont Photo Press: January 27, 2021; February 3, 2021; and February 10, 2021

CITY OF FAIRMONT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA AND THE CITY'S INTENTION TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Fairmont, Minnesota, (the "City") meet on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fairmont City Hall, located at 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the City's proposed Capital Improvement Plan prepared under Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.521 and the City's intention to issue bonds in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 (the "Bonds") to finance a public works facility as identified in the Capital Improvement Plan and pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The payment of the Bonds and interest thereon shall constitute a general obligation of the City secured by the full faith and credit of the City. PLEASE NOTE, due to COVID-19, attendance of the public hearing will be allowed via telephone or other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. Please refer to the City of Fairmont's website at <https://fairmont.org> or call City Hall at (507) 238-9461 to learn how to attend the public hearing via telephone or electronically. All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Individuals unable to attend the public hearing can make written comment by writing to Cathy Reynolds, Fairmont City Administrator, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 or via email at creynolds@fairmont.org. Written comments must be received prior to the public hearing.

If a petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the Bonds is signed by voters equal to five (5) percent of the votes cast in the City in the last municipal general election and is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the public hearing, the Bonds may only be issued upon obtaining the approval of the majority of the voters voting for the question of issuing the Bonds.

BY ORDER OF THE FAIRMONT CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Cathy Reynolds
City Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MARTIN
FIFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 46-
PR-20-796

Estate of Kay Ana Hoppe
aka Kay A. Hoppe,
Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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ACTING IN MINNESOTA

Notice is given that Kenneth E. Lane, residing at 812 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 is the domiciliary foreign Personal Representative ("Personal Representative") for the estate of Kay Ana Hoppe, a resident of the State of Ohio.

On January 15, 2021, the Personal Representative filed with the Court a document stating an intention to exercise, as to assets in Minnesota, all powers of a local Personal Representative and to maintain actions and proceedings in Minnesota in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 524.4-205.

Notice is also given that any Minnesota creditor who objects to the Personal Representative's exercise of power over assets in Minnesota must file a written objection within 60 days from the Personal Representative's filing. If no objections are filed, the representative may, after the expiration of the 60 day period, exercise all powers of a local Personal Representative.

BY THE COURT

/s/ Cathy Celander
Court Administrator Dated:
January 19, 2021

/s/ Julie A. Hansen Deputy
Dated: January 19, 2021

Attorney for Foreign Personal Representative Ryan L. Blumhoefer Schmitz, Ophaug & Blumhoefer, LLP
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SOFT TOUCH - Cards Gavin Junkermeier tosses one over St. James' #22 Mike Suarez and Adrian Luna. Junkermeier had 12 points in the Cards 74-68 win over St. James last Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Squirts hockey

In the January 24th Squirts hockey game against Redwood Falls, Fairmont lost 9-0. Redwood Falls scored three goals in each period.



DEFLECTED SHOT - Goalie Hadley Artz blocks a Worthington shot as her Cardinal teammate Alexis Newville defends the play. The Cards defeated the Trojans 4-1 on Tuesday night and also won Thursday night in Waseca 7-1. Mackenzie Householder had a hat trick in both contests. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

ALL-AROUND WINNER - Martin County Area Magics Sabrina Segar was the all-around winner last Friday night in the Magics 133.15-132.025 loss to the New Ulm Eagles in the Magics new home arena - the Live Fit Sport & Wellness Center in Fairmont.



REBOUND REACH - Cardinals Sawyer Tordsen yanks down a rebound away from Jackson County Central's Erik Hesebeck as teammate Jacob Crissinger looks on. The Cards defeated the Huskies 73-50. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



RACING LINE - Cards Brock Lutterman zips past Waseca's Ethan Adams. Lutterman had a goal and an assist in the game. The Eagles downed the Cards 12-4 last Thursday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

PeeWee B hockey results

The PeeWee B Cardinals of the Fairmont Youth Hockey Association visited the New Ulm NUSE team on January 16th. Fairmont lost the matches 9 to 1.

Highlights of the game included Goalie Tannor Pankow's 17 saves. Dominic Earhardt scored Fairmont's only goal, in the first period.

On January 17th the team traveled to Windom, facing the Windom PeeWee B squad. Windom won 5 to 1. Goalie Tannor Pankow had 26 saves. Kole Anderson's goal came in the third period.

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Only good news

1 Cards of Thanks

BENTELE- The family of Harold Bentele would like to extend our sincere thanks to so many who assisted in his care in recent months. We greatly appreciate the nurses and staff at the Woodland Manor, the doctors, nurses and staff at the Mayo Clinic and Hospital in Fairmont, the nurses with Hospice, and the Chaplains from both Woodland Manor and Mayo Hospital-Fairmont. We would also like to thank all of Harold's friends at Woodland Manor, and the many friends and family who reached out to him during these months of COVID and helped brighten his day. We will always remember your kindness and will be forever grateful. The family of Harold Bentele. 4-1tp-1

BEVEN- Thank you for Christmas cards, well wishes and beautiful flowers while I was recovering. Jan Beven 4-1tp-1

Scheef- Thank you for the many cards, memorials, gifts, "goodies" and for all the caring thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Pastor John of Grace Lutheran Church for words of comfort and to the Lakeview Funeral Home for all their kindness and help through our loss of Ken. Our blessings to all. Barb & family. 4-1tp-1

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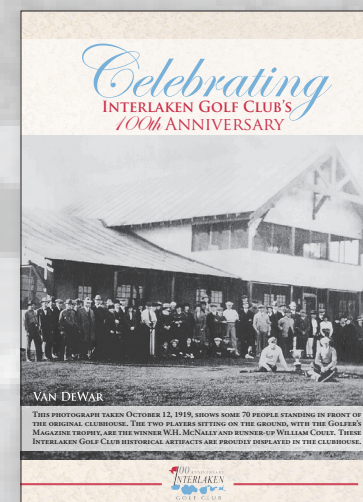
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