Tom Palen Page 7



PRSRT STD ECRWSS U.S.POSTAGE PAID FAIRMONT, MN PERMIT NO. 192



Wednesday March, 10 2021

Volume 57 | Number 44

SERVING MARTIN COUNTY PLUS ADJACENT MINNESOTA & IOWA COUNTIES

2021 City of Fairmont Legal Newspaper

THATE'S TREE SERVICE

CERTIFIED ARBORIST

Joe Thate MN-4410A Proudly Serving Southern Minnesota & Northern Iowa.

Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You Since 1977!

Complete Professional Tree Care for

- Commercial •Residential and
 - Agricultural Properties

We Specialize in Large & Difficult Tree Projects!



Have an impossible job?

Call us TODAY!

Our ISA Certified Arborists and a complete line of equipment can service all your tree needs.

THATE'S TREE SERVICE

24 Hour Emergency Service!

John Thate - Owner

800.225.8733

www.thatetree.com • Fully Insured

FREE ESTIMATES!



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus recently presented a check to the St. John Vianney School for \$57,000. This check represented the proceeds from a fund raiser recently conducted by the Knights.

Pictured left to right:

Bruce Hady—KC Raffle Committee Chairman

Chad Lutterman—KC Raffle Committee Chairman

Fr. Greg Parrott—Associate Pastor of the St. John Vianney Parish

Sarah Striemer—St. John Vianney School Principal

Chad McGowan—Raffle Committee Member Paul Betts—Raffle Committee Member

Henry Smith—Raffle Committee Overall Chairman

Family Fun Fair registration begins

The Annual Family Fun Fair and Youth Activity Expo sponsors are joining together to have a virtual World Tour event for our youth and families March 30 through April 6. This will be a free event giving youth and families an opportunity to learn about numerous educational, recreational, social services, arts, and outdoor organizations in our community, which provide positive growth opportunities to help youth find their "Spark" of interest.

The planning committee extends an invitation to youth service organizations to participate as virtual exhibitors. As part of being an exhibitor, exhibitors are encouraged to prepare a brief video and/or photo as well as a biography/ description of your organization by March 17. This will then be incorporated into a Google site for families to access March 30 through April 6.

An additional option of "Grab-N-Go World Tour" kits will be made available to youth participants for pickup at the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Office prior to March 30. If desired, you can include a promotional flyer of your organization or 1-2 pages printed material and/or a hands-on make-andtake activity with the kits. If you have questions about video development or submission, you may call Katy Gonzalez at 507-848-0955 or call CER 507-235-3141 with other questions.

Please register with your preferences of involvement by March 17 (or before) at the Fairmont CER Office using the online exhibitor registration form at www. fairmont.k12.mn.us (click on CER webstore under Community Events/Concerns) or return form to CER or by calling 507-235-3141.

This event is jointly sponsored by Fairmont Healthy Youth, Early Childhood Family Education Parent Advisory Board and Community Education & Recreation.

MCAF now accepting grants applications

The Martin County Area Foundation is excited to announce the start of its 2021 competitive grant cycle. The Foundation will be accepting applications from eligible organizations March 1 through May 31. It also accepts inquiries year-round for emergencies or high needs. Please refer to the grant guidelines and application form at https://

fairmont.org/faf/ for information. If you have further questions or ideas, please contact the Foundation's administrative staff at 507-235- 5547 or any member of our board of directors.

The Martin County Area Foundation is a community endowment founded in 1993 by a group of community residents and established by a matching grant from the

Mickelson The Martin County Area Foundation is governed by a volunteer board responsible for growing the endowment and selecting grant recipients. Per its mission, the Foundation focuses its giving in five general areas: arts and humanities, community and civic affairs, social and economic growth, environment and youth.

Ruby's Pantry Distribution

Ruby's Pantry will have another food distribution in Sherburn, on Monday, March 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Regional Worship Center.

This will again be a distribution. drive-up Please have your trunks cleaned out for our volunteers to put your food in. The cost is \$20. This is for everyone who eats. No registration is necessary at this time and there are no financial guidelines. We are here to help you get a good amount of food for only \$20.

For any questions call: 507-764-7491.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY-Biny Lou of rural Sherburn turned 60 on March 4th. She's still pretty as a pic-

ART JUERGENS celebrate his birthday on March 12th. Cards can reach him at: 1052 Sioux Ave. Fairmont, MN 56031.

MARTIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY The Carl Nettifee Memorial Animal Shelter 522 E. MARGARET ST. • FAIRMONT, MN • 238-1885 pawprints.petfinder.com

Email: pawprints01@hotmail.com HOURS: Tue & Thurs 6-8 p.m. • Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPT

BUDDY (brown tabby with white adult male) is a super friendly and cuddly cat. He'd be good in a single or multi cat home. Loves to snuggle and explore everything.

HONEY (tortie, young female) is a very sweet and quiet cat who will melt your heart with her loving nature. She would enjoy a home with lots of attention and love. She loves to be pet but she is a little shy in new situations.

YOSHI an energetic cattle dog mix, around 6 or 7 years old. He has a happy smile and loves everyone.

BUSTER is a high energy terrier mix with lots of love to give. Playful and cuddly, this adult boy will make a great companion. No kids under the age of 12, please

** Volunteers wanted and needed! Stop by the shelter during our open hours to find out how YOU can help the animals!
For a complete listing of animals available for adoption, visit: www.pawprints.petfinder.com.



Eunoia Family Resource Center congratulates Dr. Emily Ovrebo for her ten years of service to the people of the Fairmont area. She is located at the Fairmont office, and provides care for patients age 9 and

Positivity Corner

If you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you've always gotten



Sweet Financial

Sweet Financial Services | 1300 S. Prairie Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 401 2nd Street Jackson, MN 56143 | 800.658.2507 www.SweetFinancial.com





Your complete printing headquarters & free weekly newspaper

112 E. First St. | PO Box 973 Fairmont, MN 56031 Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm PH: (507) 238-9456 | FX: (507) 238-9457 fairmontphotopress.com

eat play shop





COUNCIL

Karen Luedtke Fisher, Publisher

Manager: sandy@fairmontphotopress.com editor@fairmontphotopress.com Ad Sales: ads@fairmontphotopresss.com frontdesk@fairmontphotopress.com Subscription: \$42/1 year; \$24/6 months

Are you invested properly? Get a second opinion.



Drew Schellpeper 1001 East Blue Earth Ave Suite B Fairmont, MN 56031



Wyman Fischer

73 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN 56031 507-238-4896 www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING edwardjones.com

Member SIPC

MKT-5894J-A

Update on Local COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

Contact: Tim Langer 507-238-4757; tim.langer@fmchs.com

Weekly Update: 3/9/21 Vaccination work as of 3/5/21:

- Faribault County: 2,975 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 18% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. We doubled the percentage of population over age 65 in Faribault County who received their 1st dose of vaccine from 33.4% on 2/28/21 to 63.6% on 3/5/2021.
- Martin County: 4,391 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 18% of the population has received at least 1 dose. 35% of the population of people age 65+ have received vaccinations. We almost doubled the percentage of population over age 65 in Martin County who received their 1st dose of vaccine from 35% on 2/28/21 to 64.3% on 3/5/2021.
- Community Health & Human Services received 300 1st doses last week and distributed 270 by 3/5/2021. The remaining 30 doses are planned to be distributed on 3/9/2021.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 445 1st doses last week and distributed all by 3/5/2021.
- United Hospital District received 300 1st doses last week and distributed all by 3/5/2021.
- Dulcimer Medical Center received no 1st doses last week however were focusing on distributed 300 2nd doses to patients.

Plan for week of 3/8:

- Community Health & Human Services is not scheduled to receive any new 1st doses this week. Clinics are planned for the remaining 30 doses from last week and for individuals who need their 2nd dose.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 369 1st doses for this week for the 65+ population. MCHS-Fairmont will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule an appointment.
- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 100 1st doses this week for the 65+population. United Hospital District expects to offer vaccines to the public on Thursday and Friday to anyone 65 years and over. Those interested in scheduling an appointment can call UHD's Vaccine Hotline on Monday or Tuesday morning between 9:00 a.m.-Noon at 507-526-7700
- Dulcimer Medical Center is scheduled to receive 100 1st dose allocation this week. Dulcimer Medical Center will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule an appointment.

It is expected that the state will hit their target of vaccinating 70% of those over age 65 this week. Local public health and health care providers are preparing to move into the next tier of vaccinations which includes people with specific high-risk conditions (sickle cell disease, Down Syndrome, active cancer treatment, immunocompromised from organ transplant, chronic lung and heart conditions - COPD and

CHF) as well as employees of food processing plants. We expect this next phase may start as soon the week of 3/15/2021.

Weekly Update: 3/2/21 Vaccination work as 0

- Faribault County: 2,286 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 14% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. 33.4% of the population of people age 65+ have received vaccinations.
- Martin County: 3,503 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19.
 14% of the population has received at least 1 dose. 35% of the population of people age 65+ have received vaccinations.
 Community Health & Human
- Community Health & Human Services received all allocated 1st dose vaccine from the past two week time frame (which includes the 200 doses delayed due to weather) and distributed all doses by 2/26/21.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 420 1st doses last week and distributed all by 2/26/21.
- United Hospital District received 100 1st doses last week and distributed all by 2/26/21.
- Dulcimer Medical Center received 100 1st doses last week and distributed all by 2/26/21.

Plan for week of 2/28:

- Community Health & Human Services is scheduled to receive 300 1st doses this week. The 100 doses are allocated specifically to E-12/childcare sector and 200 for the 1A priority population and 65+ population. Appointments are being scheduled for this week using the interest form and we are working our way through the list. Individuals who provided an email address should watch for an invitation to make an appointment. If an email was not provided, someone will call the phone number provided.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 440 1st doses for this week for the 65+ population. MCHS-Fairmont will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited.
- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 300 1st doses this week for the 65+population. United Hospital District expects to offer vaccines to the public on Thursday, March 4 & Friday, March 5. **These vaccines will be available to anyone 65 years and over. Those interested in scheduling an appointment can call UHD's Vaccine Hotline on Monday or Tuesday morning between 9:00 a.m.-Noon at 507-526-7700
- Dulcimer Medical Center is not scheduled to receive any 1st dose allocation this week as they will be distributing 2nd doses to clients.

Community Health & Human Services will be reaching out to individuals who submitted interest on the COVID-19 vaccine survey who are over age 65 and in the order in which they were submitted and as vaccine is available to our agency. Individuals interested in receiving a vaccine can enter their contact information at this link to be added to our list by going to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VaxsurveyFM OR calling our office at 507-238-4757 and requesting to be added to the vaccine interest list.

Weekly Update: 2/23/21 Vaccination work as of 2/20/21:

- Faribault County: 1,848 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 12% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. 33% of the population of people age 65+ have received vaccinations.
- Martin County: 2,773 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 12% of the population has received at least 1 dose. 34.7% of the population of people age 65+ have received vaccinations.
- Community Health & Human Services did not receive any vaccine last week as a result of the winter weather situation impacting the southern half of the U.S. where vaccine storage facilities are located. All appointments for last week are being rescheduled for this
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 354 1st dose allocation last week.
- United Hospital District did not receive any vaccine last week as a result of the winter weather situation impacting the southern half of the U.S. where vaccine storage facilities are located. All appointments for last week are being rescheduled for this week.
- Dulcimer Medical Center was not scheduled to receive any doses last week.

Plan for week of 2/20:

- Community Health & Human Services is scheduled to receive 100 1st doses this week. The 100 doses are allocated specifically to E-12/childcare sector. The agency will also receive the 200 1st doses that were due to arrive last week this week, 100 for the E-12/childcare sectors and 100 for the 1A priority population and 65+ population. Appointments are being scheduled for late this week.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 420 1st doses for this week for the 75+ population. MCHS-Fairmont will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited.
- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 100 1st doses this week for the 65+ population. UHD will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited. UDH will receive the 100 doses they were scheduled to receive last week and will be making appointments this week.
- Dulcimer Medical Center is scheduled to receive 100 1st doses this week for the 65+ population. Dulcimer will reach out to patients when it's

time to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited.

Community Health & Human Services will be reaching out to individuals who submitted interest on the COVID-19 vaccine survey who are over age 65 and in the order in which they were submitted and as vaccine is available to our agency. Individuals interested in receiving a vaccine can enter their contact information at this link to be added to our list by going to: https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/VaxsurveyFM OR calling our office at 507-238-4757 and requesting to be added to the vaccine interest list.

Weekly Update: 2/16/21 Vaccination work as of 2/13/21:

- Faribault County: 1,673 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 11% of the population has received at least 1 dose.
- Martin County: 2,461 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 11% of the population has received at least 1 dose.
- Community Health & Human Services received 200 1st doses of Moderna vaccine on 2/9. All 200 doses were distributed individuals identified in priority group 1A within 72 hours as directed by MDH. All doses were in arms by Wednesday, 2/10 at 9PM. Population served included educators and childcare providers.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 204 1st dose allocation last week and distributed all by Thursday to patients age 75+.
- United Hospital District received 300 1st dose allocation last week and all were distributed to patients age 65+ by Friday.
- Dulcimer Medical Center received no doses last week.

Plan for week of 2/14:

Due to winter weather situations across the nation, Community Health/Human Services has been informed our vaccine doses will be late this week. We anticipate moving our appointments for 2/17 to 2/19.

• Community Health/ Human

- Services is scheduled to receive 200 1st dose allocation for next week. 100 is allocated specifically to E-12/childcare and the remaining 100 are allocated to completing any remaining health care providers/ first responders needing vaccine as part of Minnesota's 1A priority group and for 65+ population. Human Services will be reaching out to individuals who submitted interest on the CO-VID-19 vaccine survey who are over age 65 and in the order in which they were submitted. Individuals interested in receiving a vaccine can enter their contact information at this link to be added to our list: https://www. surveymonkey.com/r/Vaxsur-
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 354 doses for next week for the 75+ population. MCHS-Fairmont will reach out to you when it's time to schedule your appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply con-

tinues to be extremely limited.

- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 100 1st dose allocations this coming week for the 75+ population. UHD will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule your appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited.
- Dulcimer Medical Center is not scheduled to receive any new 1st dose allocations this coming week.

All partnering entities listed above are part of the South-Central Minnesota Health Care Coalition. Beginning this week, allocations for non-affiliated medical clinics and pharmacies will be allocated vaccine by the state of Minnesota through this coalition. For the week of 2/14, the 11-county region received a total of 700 doses of vaccine for distribution to clinics and pharmacies. The state will continue to allocate vaccine directly to the large ten hospital systems who will allocate their allotments of vaccine within their systems. Larger pharmacies (Walmart, CVS, Thrifty White, Walgreens) will receive direct allocations from the federal government. Local Public Health agencies also receive a separate allotment from the State of Minnesota. Information about the South Central Health Care Coalition can be found at this URL: South Central Healthcare Coalition | Minnesota (scmnhc.org)

As a reminder:

Planning is underway – if individuals would like to be contacted by e-mail, phone or mail when it is your turn to receive the vaccine, you can provide your contact information in this survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VaxsurveyFM. If you do not have access to the internet or need help completing the form, you can call 507-238-4757 and someone will take down your information and include you on the list.

Weekly Update: 2/9/21

Vaccination work

- As of 2/6/21
- Faribault County: 1,155 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COV-ID-19. 8% of the population has received at least 1 dose.
- Martin County: 1,912 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 9% of the population has received at least 1 dose.
- Community Health & Human Services received 200 1st doses of Moderna vaccine on 2/3. All 200 doses were distributed to individuals identified in priority group 1A within 72 hours as directed by MDH. All doses were in arms by Friday, 2/5 at 5PM.
- Community Health expects to receive 200 1st doses on 2/9 or 2/10. This allocation is designated for the K-12 and childcare provider workforce.
- Mayo Health System Fairmont is estimated to receive 204 doses of vaccine this week to provide to patients age 75+.
- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 300 doses of vaccine this week to provide to patients 65+.
- Dulcimer Medical Center is not scheduled to receive any

doses of vaccine this week.

Weekly Update: 2/2/21 • As of 1/30/2021

- Faribault County: 903 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 6.5% of the population has received at least 1 dose.
- Martin County: 1,307 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 6.5% of the population has received at least 1 dose.
- Community Health & Human Services received 100 1st doses of Moderna vaccine on 1/26, one day ahead of schedule. All 100 doses were distributed individuals identified in priority group 1A within 72 hours as directed by MDH. All doses were in arms by Friday, 1/29 at 4PM.
- Community Health expects to receive 200 1st doses on 2/2 or 2/3. This allocation is intended to help us complete work with the 1A priority population which includes: hospital staff, skilled nursing facilities (staff and residents), certified EMS/EMT workers, COVID testers, COVID vaccinators, assisted living facilities (staff and residents), urgent care settings/clinics, dialysis centers, dental offices, home health care (staff), group homes (staff & residents), pharmacists, correctional health care providers, school nurses, funeral home staff, specialty health care providers including optometry, audiology and chiropractic care and staff with direct client care (with no ability to work remotely) working in public health, mental and behavioral health settings.
- Mayo Health System Fairmont will receive 36 doses of Pfizer vaccine this week to provide to dialysis patients.
- United Hospital District is not scheduled to receive any doses of vaccine this week.
- Dulcimer Medical Center will be receiving 300 doses of vaccine this week to provide to patients age 65+.

Weekly Update: 1/26/21

Efforts are underway in Faribault & Martin Counties to provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

- There continues to be a very limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine in Minnesota.
- Currently, MN is receiving 60,000 doses of vaccine per week. With our population of 5.6 million, that is just 1% of the supply needed.
- As of January 22, 2021, 649 vaccinations had been provided to Faribault County residents and 822 vaccinations to Martin County residents.
- The total population of individuals who would be eligible (by age) for vaccine in Faribault & Martin Counties is approximately 25,000. This means just 5% of our counties have received vaccine as of today. We have a long way to go.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont, United Hospital District and Community Health & Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties are partnering together in this effort with support from county emergency management and the South Central Health Care Coalition.

FHS Triple A students name

Fairmont High School would like to recognize two student athletes that were selected to represent Fairmont in the Section 2A Triple A Award. Established in 1988, the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award (Triple "A" Award) is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. The award goes to high school seniors who have a "B" or better grade point average and who participate in Leaguesponsored athletic and fine arts activities.



Ameya Komaragiri has kept himself busy while attending school here at FHS. Over the past 4 years, Ameya has taken 4 AP courses, 4 PSEO courses as well

courses and has maintained an impressive 4.27GPA. Ameya is very active in the fine arts where he participates in Choir, Orchestra, Band, School Musical and Speech. Ameya finished 5th at the state level as a freshman in speech. Ameya also participates in Knowledge Bowl, Math League and Mock trials where he has been a state tournament participant in all of those activities. Ameya has earned 20 letters at FHS in the Fine Arts. Ameya

as 19 College in school has been on the varsity During her time here Boys Tennis team for the past 5 years and will be the captain this spring. Ameya also participates in Boys Soccer, where he was named most improved player last fall. Ameya was selected as the male sub-section 6 Triple A winner in Region 2A. Next fall, Ameya is still undecided on which college to attend but is planning on obtaining an Economics Major.

> Bryn Miller has had a fantastic career at FHS.

at FHS, Bryn has taken 6 AP classes, 5 PSEO courses and 12 College in School courses while maintaining a 4.28 GPA. As a Junior, Brynn was selected as a captain of the basketball team and relished in that role. Bryn has been a part of the Girls Varsity Basketball program since she was an 8th grader. This past fall Bryn was also selected as a captain for the volleyball season. Bryn also participates in Band, Student Council, Knowledge Bowl, National Honors Society. and the School Musicals. Next year Bryn is still undecided on which college to attend but would like to pursue something in the medical field so she can help people every day.



Madelia Hospital announces 4 scholarships

nity Hospital Foundation will be offering four scholarships to area students through the Madelia Community Hospital Foundation. More than \$18,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Madelia and Lake Crystal area students since 2007.

Pam Masters Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2020 through the generosity of Mike and Pam Masters, this \$1,000 renewable scholarship is open to Madelia area students

The Madelia Commu- interested in pursuing a career in nursing. This scholarship will also place emphasis on nontraditional students considering a career change, current healthcare professionals seeking further education in their field, as well as high school seniors just beginning their healthcare education.

Yoshiko Masters Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 renewable scholarship is offered for Madelia-area students interested in pursuing a degree in radiology or lab science. The scholarship is available to non-traditional students as well as high school seniors. Funding for the scholarship was provided by a generous donation to the Madelia Community Hospital Foundation from Pam and Michael Masters, in memory of Yoshiko Masters, a former MCHC laboratory employee.

MCH Foundation Healthcare Scholarship -Madelia

This \$500 renewable scholarship is available for Madelia High School

seniors who are pursuing a career in healthcare. Students must be accepted in an accredited associate or bachelor's degree program to be eligible for the scholarship.

MCH Foundation Healthcare Scholarship -Lake Crystal

This \$500 renewable scholarship is available for Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial High School seniors who are pursuing a career in Students healthcare. must be accepted in an accredited associate or bachelor's degree program to be eligible for the scholarship.

Applications are electronic and are available online at www.mchospital.org/scholarships, or by emailing: foundation@mchospital.org Applications are due Thursday, April 15th, 2021. If anyone has questions call the Foundation office at 507.642.5224.

About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinics is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of medical professionals

that are committed to providing health care of the highest standards to patients in the Madelia and Lake Crystal area. As a 25bed acute care hospital, we offer all of the primary health services: Laboratory, Radiology, Mobile X-ray, CT, 3D Mammograms, Physical Therapy, Home Care, Emergency Room/Urgent Care, Retail Pharmacy, Ambulance Services and Surgical Care. Our medical clinics also provide care for patients in all the seasons of their life. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care industry, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-todate medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.

Come Explore The World Of Kindergarten With Your Child.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Round-Up & Online Registration For The 2021-2022 School Year

Tuesday, March 16 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online registration will be available on the Fairmont Area Schools website starting February 22nd Your Open House Experience Should Last About

30 Minutes. Ask Questions, Meet The Kindergarten Teachers And Participate In Activities With Your Child.



Fairmont Elementary School
714 Victoria St., Fairmont, MN
Phone 238-4487

www.fairmont.k12.mn.us

Venga a explorar el mundo de Kinder con su hijo/a.

Bienvenida a Kínder

Registraciones y tour de la escuela para el año escolar 2021-2022

Martes, 16 de marzo de 2021 4pm a 7pm

Registraciones por internet estarán disponibles comenzando el 22 de febrero en la página web de Fairmont Area Schools.

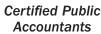
El tour durara aproximadamente 30 minutos. Venga a hacer preguntas, conozca a las maestras de Kinder, y participe en actividades con su hijo/a



Escuela Primaria de Fairmont 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN Teléfono: 507-238-4487

www.fairmont.k12.mn.us

Pierce Accounting and Tax Services





- · Personal and business tax filings.
- · Payroll, general ledger and financial statement prep.
- ·Timely and professional service, reasonably priced.

Taking care of your business is our business. 507-238-4304

51 Downtown Plaza (the old Post Office building) Fairmont, MN · www.stevenepiercecpa.com

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

March 6, 1996

Five employees retired from Fairmont Tamper, as of February 29.

Sandy Dittbenner retired after 25 years, Roger Belau retired after 38 years, Darrel Christensen retired after 19 years, Ronald Goodemann retired after 24 years and Dennis Langford retired after 43 years.

The 34th annual Martin County Lutheran Brotherhood Invitational Basketball Tournament was to be held. Schools from Fairmont, Truman, Lakefield, Courtland, Wilbert, South Branch, Alexandria and Northrop-Willow Creek were to compete in the tournament.

Debbie Fairmont was named Minnesota Women of Today's Outstanding Young Woman at the Winter State Convention held in Minneapolis. The Outstanding Young Woman Award recognizes women who have made valuable contributions and had an impact on their communities in the areas of community involvement, family commitment, personal accomplishments and career excellent.

Welcome American Legion Post #553 honored its 50 years members: Kenneth Schultz, Leo Nelson, Walter Cassem, Willis Cook, Lawrence Klindt, John Lueck, Ignatius Maday, Marshall Meyer, Lindell Miles, William Monk, Clifford Senne, Lawrence Shell, Fred Stabe-

Five Lakes Center in Fairmont announced the signing existing center: STAGE Department Stores was to open Alustore; Midwest Vision Center moved to an expanded location, City Looks was to relocate within the mall, a new Thompson-Haugen partnership was to open, and Ed Axel's State Farm Insurance was to have a renovation of its interior and exterior.

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

March 6, 1971

A Ceylon soldier, Sgt. Timothy V. Harper, was re-people have head colds.

of now, Warren Swift and Kenneth ported killed in Viet Nam. The 20-year-old man was destined to be discharged in two weeks, as he had finished his second of several new leases within the tour of duty. He had received the Silver Star for bravery, the Army Commendation medal, gust 8 in the former Madsen's two awards of the Air Medal, and two awards of the Bronze Star.

Madsen's Super whose double page grocery ad proclaimed that they were solidly situated in the new Fairmont Mall Shopping Center, quoted Hunt's tomato juice at 29 cents and 20-ounce ketchup at 29 cents.

The Smorgasbord's coffee drinking buddy said that colds settle in the weakest part of the body. . . that's why so many



February 27 - Joanne R. Sathoff, 84, Dunnell. Kramer Funeral Home

March 1 - David L. Wajtanowicz, 73, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 3- Ruth A. Carlson, 88, East Chain. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 5 - Curtis D. Howard, 77, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 6 - Jerald F. Vickerman, 90, Fairmont. Lake-view Funeral and Cremation Service

March 6 - Julie V. Clements, 62, Fairmont. Schumacher-Kish Funeral and Cremation Services

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

February 27 - Arden L. Kramerneir, 78, Ledyard, IA March 1 - Gloria N. Nelson, 60, of Fairmont March 1 - Norma M. Henricksen, 94, Armstrong, IA

Obituary Notices



David L. Wojtanowicz,

Private family services

for David L. Wojtanowicz, age 73, of Fairmont, MN, are being held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Inurnment will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont at a later date. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Due to COVID recommendations, face masks are required and the number of attendees will be monitored.

David passed away on Monday morning, March

1, 2021, at his home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to the donor's choice in lieu of flowers.

David Leroy Wojtanowicz was born on February 17, 1948, in St. Cloud, MN, to Leo and Olga (Suumeyer) Wojtanowicz. He attended St. Cloud public schools and graduated from St. Cloud High School. David furthered his education at St. Cloud State University where he graduated with a degree in Accounting.

David enlisted in the Air Force in 1971 and was stationed in Minot, ND. He achieved the grade of E-4 before earning his honorable discharge in 1976.

On February 24, 1979, David was united in marriage to Teresa VanNote at the Fairmont Methodist Church. This union was blessed with three daughters, Sara, Amy, and Diana. The couple resided in Fairmont and shared forty-two years together.

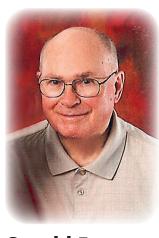
David was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Fairmont where he served on the Church Counsel as the Financial Secretary for many years. He was also a member of the Fairmont Jaycee's. During his free time, David enjoyed bowling, fishing, and playing board games as well as lottery scratch-offs. He especially loved the time he was able to spend with his family playing card games like "garbage." When he wasn't busy with other things, David was known to do "circle-circle" word search puzzles for hours at a time.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Teresa Wojtanowicz; daughters, Sara Wojtanowicz (and significant David Meixell), other, (Nathan) Windt, Amv and Diana (Bob) Johnson; grandchildren, Lexus Wojtanowicz, Ethan Windt, Emma Windt,

and Ella Windt; honorary grandchildren, Zoey Theobald, and Brooklynn Mendenhall; sister, Sandra Sohr; mother-in-law, Lorraine VanNote; sistersin-law, Pat (Alan) Voigt, and Karen (Doug) McLelbrothers-in-law, lan; Duane VanNote, and Bob (Penney) VanNote; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Leo and Olga Wojtanowicz, David was preceded in death by his brother, Ken Wojtanowicz; fatherin-law, Darrel VanNote; and brother-in-law, Larry

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Gerald F. Vickerman, 90

Private family services for Gerald "Jerry" F. Vickerman, age 90, of Fair-

mont, MN, are being held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with military honor provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. A live stream of the service may be viewed at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021, at https://client.tribucast. com/tcid/93012069. Interment will be in Crestlawn Memorial Garden in Redwood Falls, MN. at a later date. Visitation will be 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont.

Jerry passed away on Saturday morning, March 6, 2021, at Heartland Senior Living in Truman, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gerald F. Vickerman was born on June 9, 1930, in Tracy, MN. He was the son of Gerald and Minnie (Wollschlager) Vickerman. He attended Tracy public schools and graduated from Tracy High School in 1948. Jerry furthered his education at the Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, MN, for two years for land surveying. After college, Jerry served in the Army for two years before earning his honorable discharge.

On November 23, 1952, Jerry was united in marriage to Barbara Gilb. This union was blessed with four children, Leo, Ellen, Brett, and Mark. Jerry and Barbara shared forty-five years together before Barbara passed away on December 22, 1997.

Jerry was blessed to find love again and was united in marriage to Velma Blinkman on June 12, 1999. The couple resided in Fairmont and shared twenty-one years togeth-

Jerry owned a number of businesses throughout his career including a bowling alley, diner with a pool hall, greeting card store, as well as working as a land surveyor until his retirement in 2008. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont, the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36. as well as being an active member of the Fairmont Lions Club. During his free time, Jerry enjoyed bowling, playing cribbage, and was an avid Twins fan.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife. Velma Vickerman; children, Leo Vickerman, and Ellen Varner; grandchildren, Jonathan, Carrie, Janelle, Christopher, and Elizabeth; 4 great grandchildren; stepdaughters, Nancy (Ronald) Benson, and Dawn (Neal) Becker; other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Gerald and Minnie, Jerry was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Gilb; and children, Brett Vickerman, and Mark Vickerman.

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Joanne R. Sathoff, 84

A Celebration of Life Service for Joanne R. Sathoff, 84, of Dunnell, Minnesota will be held Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn, Minnesota with Pastor Steven D. Wilson officiating. Burial will be at a later time at Lake Fremont Cemetery in Dunnell, Minnesota.

Joanne was called to her eternal rest on Saturday afternoon, February 27, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Health System - St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, Minnesota. A Public Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2021 at Kramer Family Funeral Home in Sherburn. Please share a memory of Joanne with her family by signing her online guestbook at www. kramerfuneralhome.com

While maintaining so-

cial distancing guidelines, we are able to gather for visitations and service. The use of face masks by attendees is required.

Joanne's Service will be live streamed on St. John's Lutheran Church Facebook page.

Joanne Rose (Knudson) Sathoff was born on August 3, 1936 in Mankato, MN to Ray and Gladys (Snyder) Gullickson. She attended school in Lakota, IA, Blue Earth and Elmore, MN. Joanne was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Dunnell until it closed and then became a member of St. John's Lutheran

Church in Sherburn. She married the love of her life Harvey Leroy Sathoff on November 20, 1954 in Mason City, IA. They later moved near Dunnell, where they purchased an acreage and lovingly raised their six children. Joanne was employed as a nurse's aide at Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, IA and later at Naturals in Jackson, MN. They moved to Dunnell, established and operated "The Hwy 4 Store". She and Harvey really enjoyed wintering in Florida, Texas and Arizona for many years. They rarely missed watching a Twins game or an invite to a casino. Joanne was a social butterfly making friends everywhere she went. Her coffee pot and fresh baked treats (her famous brownies) were always ready for any company. Her hobbies include crafts, painting pictures and keeping an immaculate yard and home. She has always had a love for animals, especially her dog "Lacey", who went everywhere with her. Joanne greatly enjoyed her family and spending time with them, but in her own words, "Time wasn't long enough."

Joanne was survived by her children, Peg Flaharty, Bob (Butch) Sathoff, Robyn (Deb) Sathoff, Deb (Farmer) Brandt, Dixie (Gordy) Preuss, and DeDee (Tylan Remmers) Sathoff; brother, Toby (Lorrie) Snyder; 16 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Joanne was proceeded in death by her husband, Harvey; her parents; sister-in-law Donna; sonin-law Levi; grandsons Jayson and Corey; great grandson Skylar; and other relatives.

www.kramerfuneralhome.com



Curtis D. Howard, 77

Private Family Services for Curtis "Curt" D. Howard, age 77, of Fairmont, MN, are being held at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Fairmont

date. A live stream of the service may be viewed at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, on the church Facebook or You-Tube page. Visitation will be 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Due to COVID recommendations, masks will be required and the number of attendees will be monitored.

Curtis passed away on Friday morning, March 5, 2021, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. The

with interment in Center Lakeview Funeral Home shall, MN, before moving Creek Cemetery at a later and Cremation Service to Central City Nebraska member of the Evangeli-nine great grandchildren; in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Curtis Duane Howard was born on January 6, 1944, in Fairmont, MN. He was the son of Gerald and Dorothy (Erdman) Howard. He attended school in Huntley and graduated from Huntley High School in 1962.

On April 20, 1963, Curtis was united in marriage to Jeanette Nutt in Fairmont. This union was blessed with two daughters, Tracie and Tonia. After getting married, the couple resided in Mar-

for nine years. They later moved to Huntley in 1978, where they lived until moving to Fairmont in 2007.

In his younger years, Curt worked at Berkley in Spirit Lake, IA, before working at Walnut Grove Feed Sales. He then owned and operated Cooper Feed in Marquette, NE and later worked at the Huntley Elevator selling Kent Feeds. During many of his working years, Curt also farmed. Even after "retiring" he helped his grandson with the farming.

cal Covenant Church in Fairmont where he served as an Elder, Church Chairman, as well as with the jail ministry. Curt was most proud of his fortyseven year membership in AA. During his free time, Curt enjoyed going out for coffee and breakfast with his AA friends and church friends. He also liked going fishing and attending car shows.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jeanette Howard; daughters, Tracie (Steve) Lang, and Tonia (Cory) Hendricksen; four grandchil-

Curt was an active dren; one step grandchild; brother, Richard Howard; brothers-in-law, James Nutt. Kenneth Nutt. and Bob Nutt; sister-in-law, Kay (Paul) Busch.

Along with his parents, Gerald and Dorothy Howard, Curtis was preceded in death by his sister, Phyllis (Alex) Klocek; sister-in-law, Shirley Howard; nephew, Don Howard; parents-in-law, LaVerne and Luella Nutt; step granddaughter, Ashton Hendricksen; and sisters-in-law, Linda Nutt and Zada Nutt.

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Ruth A. Carlson, 88

Funeral services for Ruth Ann Carlson, 88, of East Chain, MN, will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 15, 2021, at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church in East Chain, MN. Burial will be following the service in the East Chain Evangelical Free Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 2021, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church. The family asks that people are mindful of social distanc-

ing guidelines, wearing masks and best practices in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The number of people in attendance at the service and visitation will be monitored. Those wishing to view the service are invited to use the following link at 10:30, March 15, 2021: https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/31685798 Ruth passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems-St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ruth Ann (Berg) Carlson was born on September 2, 1932, in Dunnell, MN, the youngest daughter of Charley and Anna (Krona) Berg. Her parents were Swedish immigrants. Her father was blacksmith. Her mother was a homemaker and passed away when Ruth was 16 in 1948. She attended elementary

school in Dunnell, and high school in Sherburn where she was a cheerleader, majorette, and homecoming queen. She graduated with the class of 1950. She went to work in Minneapolis at the First National Bank, returning home when her father became ill. She then worked as a book-keeper for the Martin County National Bank of Fairmont.

On November 12, 1955, Ruth was united in marriage to Warren Carlson in Dunnell, MN. Together the couple would make their home on the family farm near East Chain and were blessed with three children: David, Chris, and Ann. They enjoyed 37 years of marriage prior to Warren's death in 1992.

Ruth pursued her higher education at the age of 36 with the encouragement of her husband and children. She attended Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville. With a passion for education and teaching, she

completed her four year degree in Teaching and Special Education attending Mankato State College. She topped it off by earning a Master's Degree in the same field from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

In 1972 until her retirement in 1998, Ruth taught in Sherburn and then Fairmont schools for the Southern Plains Education Cooperative system. In her retirement, Ruth was a substitute teacher for many area schools.

A woman of Christian faith, she attend the East Chain Evangelical Free Church for many years. Ruth also enjoyed being a 4-H parent leader. She and her family rarely missed a Minnesota State Fair where she enjoyed the 4-H exhibits and learning about crafts and especially looming rugs later in life. She loved helping her kids and others learn right up to her final days. She imparted in her children the joy of work and grit in tough situations. Everyone who knew her knows she wasn't afraid to speak her mind but yet had the biggest heart.

Ruth enjoyed working in her garden, reading, shopping with family, garage sales, organizing the farm shops, looming rugs, and tinkering. A challenge for her would be to take anything mechanical out of pure curiosity to see if she could get it to work before buying something else or scrapping it! She, in family tradition, always had a Collie at the farm. She loved the farm life. helping clean bins, run food, or give rides during harvest as she was able. Enjoying days living relatively independently on the family farm right up to the time of her passing was a blessing. Ruth's family was especially dear to her and she treasured spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, David Carlson of East Chain, MN, Chris (Kathy) Carlson of Fairmont, MN, and Ann (Dennis) Goebel of Delano, MN; grandchildren, Hanna (Jeremy) Hartman, Tonya (Ryan Doll) Mortensen, Chad (Tonya) Carlson, and Benjamin (Celia Petrowiak) great-grand-Carlson; children, Levi Hartman, Carson Hartman, Brynlee Mortensen, Cahpri Carlson and Cavan Carlson; sister, Dorothy Willenborg of Pasadena, CA; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Charley and Anna Berg; husband, Warren Carlson; brothers, Richard Berg, James Berg, and Carl Berg; sisters, Elsa Venaas, and Evelyn Preston; stepbrother, James Mack; and grandson-in-law, Ryan Mortensen.

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Julie V. Clements, 62

Julie Violet Clements peacefully left this earth March 6th, 2021. She was surrounded by her loving husband, children, and siblings. A cherished daughter of Evelyn and Ron Byom, Julie was born October 24th, 1958 and



First Farmers & Merchants

Please call and talk to Joan today!

114 South Park St. | Fairmont | 507-235-5556

lived her young life in Galesville, Wisconsin. Julie embodied selfless love. Unceasing in her giving, she tirelessly cared for all in her life without regard to herself - not least of all her husband, children, and grandchildren. Her eyes and smile were always bright with joy and love. She was the kindest, most beautiful soul. She is deeply loved.

Julie attended Viterbo University where she found her calling, nursing, and met the love of her life, Tim Clements. After eloping during the senior year, Tim and Julie started a beautiful family, and Julie lived out her caring, giving spirit as a nurse and mother. She proudly continued to earn a Master's degree, and returned to teach at Viterbo as a professor, where she inspired her three sons and later her daughter to earn their nursing degrees.

Julie practiced her rewarding final years as a provide cares we United Hospital District with and for colleagues and patients she held deep affection. She lived the rare life in which her peonies a provide cares we tant that was like lessness.

vocation and her family expressed the core of her spirit. Julie was a loving, faithful wife, a loving, proud mother, adoring grandmother, devoted friend of many, and selfless provider.

As a wife her gentle hands gave Tim strength. She carried every detail of their lives, his constant companion. As a mother her embrace and cheekkisses affirmed her always love. She celebrated every accomplishment, and listened through every trial. Her children and their spouses were her greatest gift, and she loved them fiercely. As a grandmother, her morning waffles, and evening baths and stories made her grandkids feel special and safe. As a daughter, she gave friendship and affection, and held Evie's hand as she took her last breath. As a friend her laughter and presence were as beautiful as her peonies she gifted. As a provider her patients' cares were more important than her own. She was like Jesus in her self-

deep affection. She lived Julie is survived by Now, because of Julie's www.youtube.com the rare life in which her her loving husband of gift of organ donation, watch?v=kA1UI6i3iu4.

40 years, Tim Clements; her four adoring children and spouses Zachary (Linsie), Jacob (Sarah), Sara Edgar (Byron), and Samuel (Emily); her 10 loving grandchildren Josephine, Jeremiah, Lukas, Layla, Calvin, Betsy, Carter, Eleanor, Isaiah, and a new grandson arriving in May; motherin-law Donna Clements, her sister Tammy Stegemeyer (Jeff), two brothers Pete Fry (Karen), and Michael Byom (Sarah); Tim's brothers and sisters Maria Smith (Jack), Monica Daly (John), Patrick Clements (Ardyce), Theresa Chapman (Jeff), and Andrew Clements (Annette); life-long friends Scott and Katie Koenen (Ashley, Tyler, Janelle); and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, beloved friends, colleagues, and patients.

Julie is greeted in heaven by her mother Evelyn, her grandmother Violet, her father Ron, her father in-law Lawrence, and her granddaughter Finley. Even in death, Julie continues to give. Her last wish was to donate life. Now, because of Julie's gift of organ donation

three lives are saved and many more impacted.

Julie's legacy of selfless love will always burn bright in our hearts. To carry her legacy, the Julie Clements Nursing Scholarship has been set up at Viterbo University. In lieu of flowers or gifts, consider joining in her legacy by giving to her scholarship. Gifts for this purpose may be given either online at https://www.viterbo. edu/advancement/giving-online or to the family.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Schumacher-Kish Funeral and Cremation Services, 200 West Ave. S, La Crosse, WI 54601 and Friday, March 12, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at San Damiano Chapel, 900 Viterbo Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601. A private celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 12 at San Damiano Chapel. Mass will be live streamed on the San Damiano Chapel's YouTube page which can be found at https:// www.voutube.com



Getting the Point

Guest Columnist

one dollar, or all these pen-

nies?" We agreed the dollar

would be more comfort-

able. "Everything is based

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



"Which pile has the most Tthought a school-**⊥**marm's role was pretty money?" She chose the pennies. "Which has the straightforward; hand out assignments, wear out a next biggest amount of money?" She picked the red pencil each day, discipline young Mr. Palen, and nickels, then the dimes, the monitor the playground. quarters, and finally the dollar bill. "What if I told "How sweet it would be to you each pile has the same be a teacher." I thought. They work six hours a day, amount of money?" get every weekend and all "That can't be, Papa, bemajor holidays off, a week cause all these pennies are of vacation at Christmasmore than one dollar," she time and another in the explained. Our lesson began, spring, plus three months in the summer. Of course, "Which would be easier back then, I also thought to put in your pocket: this

worked one hour a week. As time went on, I became friends with several school teachers. Two of my three daughters are now school teachers; Delaney in the Twin Cities and Annie in Sheffield, Iowa. Now that I think about it. I've never heard any of them say, "I became a teacher for the short hours and great pay." The ability to teach is a gift, and the desire to do so is a passion.

priests and ministers only

I've recently had a few close encounters with the everyday challenges of an educator. My granddaughter, Addison, had a homework assignment - how to count money. Easy-peasy. I could help her with this.

I went to the bank and withdrew \$5; one-hundred pennies, twenty nickels, ten dimes, four quarters, and a crisp one-dollar bill. "As soon as you can count it, I'll let you keep all of this money," I told my young student. Eager to earn her pay, Addie and I went right to work.

With the coins in their respective piles, I asked, on one-hundred pennies, but that many pennies would be hard to carry, so they made the dollar bill which is the same as one hundred pennies." Next. we made twenty stacks of pennies with five coins in each. She totaled the piles by counting in fives.

"One hundred." She answered

I had her lay a nickel in front of each stack of coins, explaining that one nickel

was the same amount as five pennies. Again, counting by five, she reached a

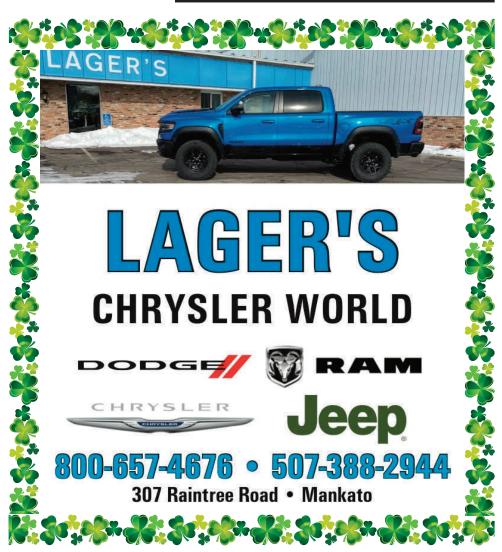
Continued on page 8













TIRE REBATES ON OUR **MOST POPULAR BRANDS!**

-PLUS-

- ROTOR REBATES
- STRUT REBATES
- SHOCKS REBATES

(LIMITED TIME OFFER)



GMC

CALL ADAM OR CLINT FOR DETAILS



THE DIFFERENCE IS HAWKINS

www.hawkinsbestprice.com

507-238-4786 • 1304 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont, MN





Continued from page 7

total of one hundred. We did the same exercise with dimes but would save the quarters for the next lesson. "How old are you?" I asked Addison.

"Papa, you know I'm

seven." She replied as if the answer was obvious.

'Okay, give me enough coins to make seven cents." She counted out seven pennies. "What's another way could you give me seven cents, using fewer coins?" She thought hard; I prompted her, "How many pennies are in a nickel?" As if a lightbulb lit up over her head, she gave me a nickel and two pennies.

PHOTO PRESS | FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

We explored the age of other people. "How old is Evelyn?" She gave me three pennies. Asking, "How old is your mom," allowed us to find several combinations of coins totaling thirty-one cents - without using quarters. "How old is Papa?'

As innocent and sincere

as a child can be, Addison asked, "Do we have enough money to do you, Papa?"

"I think our lesson has gone on long enough for today," I said and began gathering the coins.

...more patience than a doctor...broke the sharp point on his head...it was a spelling issue...

For the rest of this story, visit our website at (www. fairmontphotopress.com)



Spencer Chirpich of Fairmont was named to the Abilene Christian University Fall 2020 Dean's List. Chirpich is a senior majoring in liberal studies. Chirpich was among more than 1,300 students named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students

must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Abilene Christian is the highest-ranking university in Texas in a 2021 U.S. News & World Report assessment of institutions highly regarded for their commitment to student success. Nationally, ACU achieved Top 10 status in three and Top 50 in another of eight high-impact categories among 1,500 universities evaluated for the annual "America's Best Colleges" edition. No other Texas university was named in the top 10 of any category. Learn more at acu.edu.



OPEN WED-SUN - NOON-8PM

Dilly Bars Buster Bars Starkist







Download the offical DO Mobile App





SOMETHING DIFFERENT

507-235-5005 • 1326 Blue Earth Ave. Fairmont • dairyqueen.com



Additional \$125.00 for A stock

Additional \$125.00 for A stock

Call Rose Lake 507-235-5274 or Bonnie 507-399-2128 for more details

FAIRMONT'S OWN SPECIALTY COFFEE ROASTER.

What we do:

• 12 oz. bags of fresh roasted coffee (whole bean and ground.)

• Wholesale Accounts

 Knowledgeable staff to help with any coffee related questions or requests.

Visit us at our Fairmont Location: 428 E. Blue Earth Ave.

Fairmont, MN 56031 Hours: Sat-Sun 10AM - 2PM



Order online 24/7 www.loxleycoffee.com Like us on: **f** + **y** + **o**

Allan Eppens



507-399-9413

507-235-3994

Don Ditzler - Owner 825 N. Main Street Fairmont, MN 56031

See us for all types of Small Engine Service & Repair

Pick-Up and Delivery (Fairmor



914 North State Street Fairmont, MN

www.olsonrental.com



floors & footings

Grotte

Construction

Concrete done right. Free Estimates. Call us today

Greg: 507-236-2816 COMMERCIAL

Dean: 507-238-1400 SNOW REMOVAL

stamped concrete

concrete resurfacing

SCRAP

620 N. Main Fairmont, MN

RECYCLE **ALUMINUM CANS HERE** **IRON**

(507) 238-4391 HOURS:

POOLEY'S

BASEMENT BASEMENT WALLS

SPECIALISTS ◆ Interior Tiling

◆ Guaranteed

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-12 noor & 1-4:30 p.m. **Closed Saturday**

CASE III

BANGROFT IMPLEMENT

312 W Ramsey St | Bancroft, IA Office: (515) 885-2319

ROD BIERLE Cell: (515) 341-3001 rodb@redpowerteam.com

www.redpowerteam.com

CRACKED **OR BUCKLING**

◆ Basement Wall

Straightening

◆ Foundation Repair

WE SOLVE BASEMENT PROBLEMS!

Free Estimates • Licensed Insured • Locally Owned

1-800-658-2501 or (507) 776-5201

A Division of Tennyson Construction • Truman, MN • Ctr. Lic. #740801

Farmland Tree Service

• Tree Trimming & Removal

New & Old Grove Trimming

Stump Removal & Cleanup

 Lake Bank Trimming • Gutter Cleaning Insured and Free Estimates

SCOTT • 507-236-3951 • 507-764-4879 Office: 311 Delana Street, Sherburn, MN Still serving the area after 30 years.

507-235-6007 or 507-236-0066 **Fairmont**

FULL SERVICE PAINTING

Custom Window Blinds

FREE Cordless Upgrade on select window coverings! (effective 10/1-12/31/2020) Call Paula today for details and to

schedule an in-home consultation! 507-236-4951

I look forward to helping you find the perfect view!

TORO

Sales **Service** Repair Count on it.



BOAT HOUSE



903 Lake Ave. • Fairmont, MN (507) 235-6931



Brett Meyeraan owner

507.766.3910

Fairmont, MN | Brett@BahaGutter.com | BahaGutter.com



(507) 235-3765 • (507) 236-0713 cvosschemdry@gmail.com Fairmont, MN

Services Include: Carpet & Furniture • Tile Floors Fire & Smoke Cleanup

• Entrance Rugs • Janitorial Service The experts in residential and commercial cleaning. 27 years in service!



(507) 235-9418





Full Line Sales & Service Dealer! FAIRMONT MN

1300 NORTH STATE ST.



eterans Linkage Line your link to experts minnesotaveteran.org | 1-888-LinkVet

Do you know your benefits? Let us serve you.

Martin County Veterans Services: 507-238-3220



Garage & Shop Floor • Poured Walls • Colored & Stamped Concrete Facebook

RYAN ANDERSON 406 1st Street. Welcome, MN 56181

rinoconcrete@outlook.com 507-848-0755

LAKESIDE AGENCY of Fairmont, Inc.



Mark Smith

Agent

Independent Insurance Agency

Farm • Home • Auto • Commercial 105 S State St, Fairmont, MN

FIA G GRINNELL



Reneé Benschoter Agent



ROMOTE ELL S ADVERTISE

COST PER \$1 5 STOP IN TODAY! WEEK IS ONLY:

This Week's Martin County

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

brought to you by



NORTHLAND REALTY

507.238.4796 1010 E. 4th St., Fairmont, MN

century21northlandrealty.com



WARRANTY DEEDS

Keri Murphy, Markus Murphy to Garrett Balcom, Pt. NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, 30-102-29

Julie Bess Gavaras, Thomas G. Gavaras to Jay J. Oltmans, S½NE¾, 31-103-33

Deborah Williamson, Jamie S. Williamson to Emily Louise Fett, Ryan John Fett, Lot 2, Block 1, Barkers Hall Lake Addn.

Rhonda K. Rademaker to Jody L. McCartney, E.50' Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 8, Goulds Addn.

Vickie Nasby, Wayne A. Nasby to Cheryl Brooks, Thomas Brooks, Pt. Govt. Lot 1, NW1/4, 27-102-31

Gary F. Wilson, Linda R. Wilson to Gary F. Wilson, Linda R. Wilson, W1/2SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2NW1/4, 7-104-33,

Linda S. Lutterman, Linda Susan Maday to Jeannie Carritt, Nathan Carritt, Lot 10, Block 3, Larsens Subd.

Brent Meyer, Sara Meyer, Lori Stibbe to Jack Michael Bednarek, Lot 13, w/vac. alley, Block 11, Original Plat

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

City of Fairmont to M-MAR Properties LLC, Pt. 2 tracts, Block 7, Ext. to Gambles Addn.

City of Fairmont to Vincent C. Vaughn, Jr., E.75' Lot 6, Block 5, Wards Addn.

Maria Garcia Fernandez, Maria Garcia Fernandez, Eber Noe Jaurez to ILI of Fairmont, LLC, S½ Lot 4, N½ Lot 5, S½ Lot 5, Block 29, Original Plat of Fairmont

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Jeanette E. Bare, Angeline M. Nelson, Warren M.

Brodt Testamentary Trust to Gregory Piper, Steven Piper, W½NW¼, 36-103-31, Pt. E½NE¼, 35-103-31

Bradley J. Campe, Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Shirley E. Campe Trust to Danielle Blazejak, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. S½NW¼, 28-102-29, E½NW¼ Exc. RR. Hwy 16, 7-102-29

Bradly J. Campe, Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Shirley E. Campe Trust to Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Trustee, Truman R. Campe Trust, Und. 1/2 Int., W½SW¼, E½NW¼ Exc. RR. Hwy 16, 7-102-29

Bradley J. Campe, Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Shirley E. Campe Trust to Bradley J. Campe, Trustee, Truman R. Campe Trust, Pt. Und. 27.67% Int., NW1/4, 28-102-29

Bradley J. Campe, Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Shirley E. Campe Trust to Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. SE¼7-102-29, Pt. 85.96% of Und. 3/7 Int., N½NW¼, Und. 25% Int. Pt. SE¼SE¼, 7-102-29, Und. 25% Int. Pt. NE¼NE¼. 18-102-29

Braley J. Campe, Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Shirley E. Campe Trust to Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Trustee, Truman R. Campe Trust, Pt. Und. 14.04% OF 3/7 Int., NW1/4, 17-102-29, Pt. Und. 36.52% Int. E½NW¼, 7-102-29

Bradley J. Campe, Rhonda R. Petrowiak, Shirley E. Campe Trust to Bradley J. Campe, Pt. Und. 22.33% Int., NW¼, 28-102-29, Pt. Und. 1/2 Int., E½NE¼, 18-102-29, Und. 25% Int. SE½SE½, 7-102-29

COLLEGE NEWS

Concordia University Wis- lege of Biological Sciences consin officials have released the Fall Honors List for the 2020-2021 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA. Among the area students named to the list were: Marissa Steinhaus, Fairmont, MN, Biomedical Sciences.

The following students have been named to the 2020 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities,. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Dunnell, MN

Nicholas Potthoff, Junior, Col of Food, Agr & Nat Res Sci Fairmont, MN

Cody Freese, Senior, Col of Educ/Human Development

Sydney Hainy, Junior, College of Design

Molly Hawkins, Senior, College of Liberal Arts

Campbell Krusemark, Sophomore, College of Biologi-

Chloe Murphy, Sophomore, College of Liberal Arts

Taylor Nuss, Senior, Carlson School of Management

Walker Tordsen, Senior, Col-

Trimont, MN Lindsey Bettin, Senior, Col of

Food, Agr & Nat Res Sci Emelia Melson, Senior, Col of Food, Agr & Nat Res Sci

The following area students are ranked among the top 2 percent of students in their college at Iowa State University, Ames,

Armstrong, IA

Dayna Umscheid, junior, Ivy College of Business

Fairmont, MN

Aaron Hendricks, sophomore, College of Engineering

Benjamin Huinker, senior, College of Engineering

Granada, MN

Madeline Mathiason, junior, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Truman, MN

Brytni Drevlow, senior, College of Design

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced. Among 3,861 students, a total of 1,130 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,731 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

> Ceylon Daniel Smith, Honor List

Fairmont Jenna Lee Gustafson, Honor List

Megan Hawkins, Honor List Sarah Hoffmann, High Honor

Christopher Kastner, Honor List

> Isabelle Lenort, Honor List Emily Lubenow, Honor List Joseph Martinez, Honor List Cameron Militello, Honor List Crystal Morton, Honor List Tod Parks, Honor List Dayton Pasch, Honor List Anna Schulte, Honor List Carson Toomer, Honor List

Cecilia Trembley, Honor List Albertson Vergara Corrales, Honor List

Andrea Westcott, High Honor List

> Granada Lindsey Tonne, Honor List Trimont

Katie Ebeling, High Honor List

Truman

Emilee Mosloski, High Honor List

Melissa Wokasch, Honor List

Welcome

Cara Behrends, Honor List Jacquelyn Frerichs, High Honor List

Calleigh Hillmer, Honor List Jamee LaRow, Honor List

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M.- Ruth Draut Revocable Trust-80 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland Located in Section 11 of Clay Twp., Clay County, IA! Sale to be held at Royal Community Center 302 Main St, Royal, IA. Please contact Doug Wedel 507-236-4255 with any questions. WEDEL, KAHLERS,

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.-BRUSS FAMILY-135.23 Acres +/- of Farmland/Residential Development Property in Section 33 of Lake Hanska Twp., Brown County, MN. Sale to be held at the Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center Gymnasium. Hall & Associates





- · Allen Kahler, 841-3466 · Ryan Kahler, 764-4440
- Kevin Kahler, 235-5014 Doug Wedel, 236-4255

UCTION merica.

For upcoming auction flyers: auctioneeralley.com

- · Dustyn Hartung 236-7629
- · Leah Hartung 236-8786
- · Chris Kahler, 230-6006
- · Dar Hall, 327-0535

105 South State Street, Fairmont, MN (507) 238-4318

AUCTION

Saturday, March 20th, 2021 9:00 A.M. Start

116 N. 4th Street-Estherville, Iowa One block North of Ace Hardware

*Nascar (75+ 1/24th & 1/18th scale) *Comics *Pocket Knives(100+) *Toy Tractors (50+) *Guns (20 Shotguns/Rifles) *Pocket Watches *Belt Buckles *Metal Coin Banks, *Antiques *2014 Buick Encore *2007 Yukon Denali *Large Amount of Sports Cards

(Singles/Sets/Sealed Wax Boxes all sports, some graded) Full List on Webpage.

Check Facebook / Webpage for pictures and updates Viewing of items Friday March 19th 10-3 other times by appointment.

Howell Real Estate & Auction Office: 712-362-4844

www.howellrealestateandauction.com

Larry Howell Mark Howell Gary Helmers 712-260-9693 712-260-9690 507-236-2921

RETIREMENT FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

LIVE AND ONLINE

Lance and LeAnn Krumwiede Owners

Saturday March 27th, 2021 - 10:00 am Auction Location: 3840 130th St. Estherville, IA

Late Model John Deere Equip. JD 9770 STS Combine, Spra-Coupe 7650 Sprayer (05)JD 8320R Tractor, JD 9410R Tractor, JD 4000Tractor, JD 2680 Hi-Speed Disc. J.D. 1770NT Planter. MacDon FD70 Draper Head, (2) Semi's/ (2) Mauer Grain Trailers

Check Website / Facebook For Full Sale Bill & Pictures

Howell Real Estate & Auction Office: 712-362-4844 www.howellrealestateandauction.com Mark Howell Larry Howell Gary Helmers

712-260-9690 712-260-9693 507-236-2921

LAND AUCTION

Wednesday March 31, 2021 10:00 A.M. Start

Farm Bureau Building 421 1st Ave. N. Estherville, Iowa One block North of Ace Hardware

2 Parcels:

Parcel 1: 166 Tillable Acres

(Very Good Producing Farm with excellent tile outlets.)

Parcel 2: 75 Pasture Acres (Rural Water hookup at farm)

Twelve Mile Lake & High Lake Townships Emmet County, IA

Full Packet of Information can be viewed on Webpage or call for more information

Howell Real Estate & Auction Office: 712-362-4844

www.howellrealestateandauction.com Larry Howell Mark Howell **Gary Helmers** 712-260-9690 507-236-2921 712-260-9693

Ceylon Community Day Consignment Auction

Saturday April 10th, 2021

86th Annual

ALL COVID-19 Guidelines will apply

Ceylon MN - Starting: 8:30 am **Huge Auction** Selling 2-3 Rings until Dark

Bring Consignments to: Ceylon MN April 1st - 8th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Howell Real Estate & Auction

www.howellrealestateandauction.com

Mark Howell 712-260-9690

Gary Helmers 507-236-2921

Larry Howell 712-260-9693

Fairmont Council seeks options for public works

By Judy Bryan, freelance journalist

The Fairmont City Council again tackled the issue of a new public works facility at its meeting on Monday, March 8. Although the facility has been the topic of discussions and planning by city staff and previous councils for six years, some members of the council continue to balk at its \$10 million price tag.

A representative from Kraus-Anderson of Minneapolis, a construction management firm, offered five options for council consideration. These options included the proposed \$10 million building on Margaret Street, renovating and expanding the existing building on Margaret Street for \$8 million, a \$5 million building, a \$5 million addition to the electric department's building on Marcus Street and a new building on Marcus Street which would cost \$11 million.

The representative highlighted the pros and cons of each option and the cost per square foot which ranged from \$167 for the 58,000 square foot proposed new Margaret Street facility to \$300 for the 16,000 square foot \$5 million build-

Councilor Britney Kawecki liked the \$5 million price tag, although the building does not include a 36,000 square foot garage bay for city vehicles. She wondered about the cost of adding the garage bay and a wash bay in a separate build-

Councilor Bruce Peters cautioned the council that delaying the project would result in a higher cost to taxpayers. The city has received competitive bids, under budget, that are valid until March 25, but the council voted down accepting those bids at its Feb. 22 meeting.

Previous councils also have authorized spending \$650,000 in design and planning for the facility, a cost that would be increased by an estimated \$400,000 if another design is needed.

In an effort to move ahead with the original plans, Peters made a motion to put a resolution accepting the bids on the council's March 22 agenda, and Wayne Hasek offered a second. The motion failed with Kawecki, Randy Lubenow and Michele Miller voting against it.

Miller felt there was a definite need for a building but wanted to consider less expensive alternatives

Lubenow called the proposed building a "\$10 million parking garage" and asked his fellow council members to tour the existing facility and the electric building so they can evaluate the situation.

City Administrator Cathy Reynolds and Mayor Debbie Foster encouraged council members to tour the existing facility and the electric department building so they can give direction to staff about the project at the March 22 meet-

In another matter, the council failed to offer a motion to approve a letter of intent with Community Asset Development Group to purchase city property for market rate multifamily housing.

Dave Pokorney of Chaska, representing the development group, told the council that his company specializes in developing housing in non-metro areas such as Mountain Lake. Winthrop and Howard Lake. A 67-unit building currently is under construction in St. Pe-

ter, and a 49-unit building in Worthington is in the planning

Pokorney proposed buying four acres of the Day Farm, a site directly east of the Pheasant Run Apartments on Hengen Street, for \$140,000, with a commitment to build four 12-unit two-story buildings. Most of the 48 units would be two-bedroom, two bathroom apartments.

The letter of intent would allow the company to perform necessary due diligence on the property, such as inspection, soil testing and environmental assessments. If everything went well, construction would have started in late summer.

Council members expressed strong support for the project, but not at the proposed site.

Peters said he heard a unanimous "no" from every phone call he received about the project, referring to the Day Farm site and Heritage Acres as somewhat hallowed ground in Fairmont. He was concerned that the developer would spend money for testing and assessment, only to have the council vote down the land sale after the obligatory public hearings before such action.

Kawecki said there was privately-owned land suitable to multifamily housing in the Goldfinch Estates area and suggested that the company investigate that site.

Council Fairmont City meetings can be viewed on the city's website, www.fairmont. org under the "Citizens" tab or on Fairmont Cable Channel 13 at 2 and 10 a.m. and p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at 7 a.m. and p.m. on Wednesdays.

City of Fairmont, Minnesota **Habitat Restoration and Nitrate Bioreactor** City Project No. 2021-H ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Receipt and Opening of Proposals: Sealed Bids for furnishing the necessary labor, materials, and equipment for the construct tion of the Habitat Restoration and Nitrate Bioreactor will be received, by the City of Fairmont, Minnesota, at the Office of the City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031, until 10:00 am local time on April 7th, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

Description of Work: The Project generally consists of:

Enhancement and restoration of roughly 35 acres of Dutch Creek watershed and natural habitat areas; and
 Constructing a field scale biological nitrate removal pilot to improve surface water quality.

Bids will be received for a single Contract with itemized bid items, as indicated in the Bid Form

Completion of Work: Substantial completion by December 15, 2021. Final completion by June 15, 2022.

Prevailing Wages: Must use state prevailing wages per LCCMR and Lessard Sams grant requirements.

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: The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Office of the City Administrator. City of Fairmont 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031, (507)-238-3942, tnemmers@fairmont.org.

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9 am to 4:30 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Complete digital project bidding documents will be available at www.fairmont.orgor www.questcdn.com on March 10, 2021. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #7643303 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$50.00. 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 from the Issuing Office for a nonrefundable price of \$50.00 per set, which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check payable to the City of Fairmont and send it to 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont MN 56031, (507) 238-9461

Pre-Bid Meeting: No pre-bid meeting

Submittals: Bids shall be made on the forms attached to and made a part of the proposed contract documents, in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders, and Bids shall be addressed and submitted to:

Trov Nemmers

Director of Public Works/City Engineer City of Fairmont 100 Downtown Plaza

Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

and endorsed with:

(Name of Bidder)

City Project 2021-H Habitat Restoration and Nitrate Removal

Bid Security: Each Bid shall be accompanied by all forms listed in the Instructions to Bidders and a certified check or bid bond payable to the City of Fairmont in the amount of 5 percent of the total bid, as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into an Agreemen with Buyer, in accordance with the terms of the Project Manual, in the event that Bidder is selected by Buyer to furnish the Goods

Owner's Rights Reserved: Bids may be held for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of opening of Bids. Buyer reserves the right to accept any Bid, or 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 Buyer would be best served thereby.

Cathy Reynolds

Published in the Fairmont Photo Press on March 10, 2021

Fairmont Council takes new look at community center

By Judy Bryan, freelance journalist

In December 2019, the Fairmont City Council committed \$14 million for construction of a \$20 million community center. contingent on the center's committee raising \$6 million in private donations and the YMCA agreeing to operate the facility.

A lot has happened in the last 15 months. The city has a new administrator, new attorney and two new council members, and COVID abruptly curtailed the Community Center Committee's fundraising efforts and the project's forward momentum.

Because of these events, the council held a work session on Monday, March 8, so Brandon Edmundson, co-chair of the center's committee, could update the council on the project, and the council, in turn, could offer direction to city staff as to the next steps.

Edmundson recapped the committee's efforts on the project, starting with a feasibility study in June of 2016, which led to a question on the November general election ballot that year about a half-cent local option sales tax for construction and funding of recreational amenities, trails and a community center. The issues received 61 percent of the vote.

In May of 2017, following passage by the Minnesota Legislature and signed by the governor, the sales tax was approved, allowing Fairmont to collect the tax for 25 years or until \$15 million is collected. The council approved the tax a month later.

In early 2018, the committee hired a construction manager and architect.

In September of 2018, the council approved allocating \$600,000 of the sales tax money to the community center annually, but delayed a vote on committing \$14 million in construction bonds.

Members of the public expressed their disapproval of the community center when a letter signed by 79 city business owners opposing the building was presented to the council in November of 2018, and a public

meeting at the Fairmont Opera House in December drew a majority of negative comments.

The committee began developing a relationship with the Dennis Dieser, executive director of the Albert Lea YMCA, in early 2019, and the council agreed to pay Dieser to research the development of Y programming for Fairmont.

The council held work sessions in September and December of 2019 to keep updated on the Y's programming plans and the committee's progress. In December, the council, by a 3-2 vote, committed \$14 million to construction of the community center if the committee raised \$6 million in private donates and the Yoperated the facility.

Dieser provided an update to the council in March of 2020, but by June had to pull back on programming due to COVID.

Edmundson told the council that committee members began approaching private donors at the end of 2020 and are "ready to hit the ground running" in their fundraising efforts.

"We feel confident to raise \$6 million this calendar year," he

He pointed out that the community center is just a concept drawing, not construction plans, and some features can be adjusted to cover increased cost due to inflation.

Council members weighed in on their thoughts.

Britney Kaweki supports the community center as a way to attract families and workforce and grow the city.

Michele Miller said Kawecki's points were valid, but she did not see a community center as a make or break decision for a family to move to Fairmont. She asked if the current council was bound by the previous council's vote, and City Administrator Cathy Reynolds said they were

Bruce Peters said the indoor pool was the only part of the community center that the city doesn't already have. He asked about using the SMEC building

for YMCA programming.
Reynolds said a plan is in process to have CER move from Fairmont Elementary School into the SMEC building where they would use two rooms and manage the rest of the building.

Randy Lubenow pointed out that if the county is going to spend \$40 million "to put bad people behind bars," referring to the proposed Justice Center, then the city needs to start investing in its youth.

He cited the 61 percent who voted in support of the local option sales tax in November of 2016 as voting in support of a community center, but Miller responded that she voted for recreational amenities and parks as did many others who have contacted her.

Hasek, who has a record of opposing the community center, wondered what would happen to programming and management if the Y pulled out, but Dieser was quick to assure him that would not happen.

Dieser noted that the Albert Lea Y has been in existence since 1914 and lost \$300,000 in revenues in 2020. Yet, they broke even because they were able to secure grant funding.

Edmundson encouraged people to check on the YMCA online and see the variety of programs that are available. He promised the the community center would be "so much more than just a gym and swim."

Peters praised the YMCA and its programming but added that a community center is not needed to have the Y and what it offers in Fairmont. He said his constituents have expressed strong opposition to a community center and the potential operational shortfalls.

Edmundson said the operating budget would be the Y's responsibility and that a foundation would be established to cover operating deficits so the city would not.

At the end of the work session. Revnolds said she was unsure of the direction the council wanted staff to take.

MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property This may affect your 2022 property taxes.

Following is a schedule of the 2021 Boards of Appeal and Equalization or Open Book Meetings for jurisdictions in Martin County. The purpose of these meetings is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, you or your agent should contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. If your jurisdiction holds an open book meeting all residents automatically qualify to appear

before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.				
DAY	DATE	TOWNSHIP/CITY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	April 5	Fox Lake Township	10:00 AM	Town Hall
Monday	April 5	Manyaska Township	10:00 AM	Fox Lake Town Hall
Monday	April 5	Rutland Township	7:30 PM	Township Hall
Tuesday	April 6	Lake Belt Township	5:30 PM	Town Hall Grader Shed
Tuesday	April 6	Jay Township	7:00 PM	Theobald Home 474 100th St
Tuesday	April 6	Elm Creek Township	7:30 PM	Trimont Fire Hall
Wednesday	April 7	Fairmont Township	6:00 PM	Heaven's Table 909 Wbgo Ave
Wednesday	April 7	Silver Lake Township	7:30 PM	Randy Musser Home
Thursday	April 8	Fraser Township	7:00 PM	Welcome City Hall
Monday	April 12	Lake Fremont Township	8:30 AM	Grader Shed, Dunnell
Thursday	April 22	Ceylon City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Granada City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Northrop City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Sherburn City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Truman City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Welcome City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Cedar Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Center Creek Twp(open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Dunnell City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	East Chain Township(open bool	k)5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Galena Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Nashville Township (open book		Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Pleasant Prairie Twp (open book	,	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Rolling Green Twp (open book	c)5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Tenhassen Twnsp (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Waverly Township(open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Westford Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 22	Trimont City	7:00 PM	Trimont City Hall
Wednesday	April 28	Fairmont City	9:00 AM	Fairmont City Hall
Tuesday	June 15	Martin County Board of Appeal & Equalization	6:30 PM	Commissioners Room

Published in the Fairmont Photo Press March 10, 2021

HAVE FUN SOLVING THIS WORD SEARCH!

"In the Tool Shed" word search winner of the \$25
Gift Certificate to Bomgaars is JoDell Justice!



courtesy of...



Z S S G Т А D U G \subset Р к G Ε F \subset Ε G J G R т J к W W А Т Н J J G R Z F Р Т J I Ε W А Υ Ν \times Z \times W J I Z Т S Т R Т D I S Ε G R Н в Ν А Ε I Ε S к Ε D \subset F D S S Т \subset S I F А 0 А G 0 Ν × Q О \times R ν 0 Ε W А L w Z Q Р Z G D Ι Ε Υ I \times D Т L Н Υ Ν Υ \times Н О Ι W Υ \times Ε Ε О Ε Z Z Ι R Ν Q \times R Ε S J А М 0 Р к R F D S D D Ι 0 D S S Т Ι D О 0 Т Ε Z Т L I В В в U R О Ε \subset Т R Q Ε О 0 Ε I R 0 R S Z R \subset \subset Ε В Т Р В R S I D R Υ А G М М Н F Ε \times Р S Р S В S G S Ε Υ D В Q В В D Н Υ v Ν т U т W М Ε S А О К W В S Ε R Z S Ε Υ Т S к R О Ε Ν Т Ε Ι U А J F G S J S D Р Z Ε Ε G R Ε G Ν Т Ε \subset U Ε М М А Ι Ν Ε D F Р \subset Т S к Z Υ Р \subset S Ν Н Ε Ε Υ Ν Ε А В D к 0 Ι R U н R Ε 0 Р J Р D F в А G Т G А D О \subset Ι R В D Z м G т w W I Ι н Р \subset S Т Ε J D В S Z В S в Q J Q О Z 0 Ν М Ε В × Ε Т Р Р C S А М 0 0 Q В I V C Z М R U D В \subset Т В G V Ν U I C R Н J S R к G V S R C В к Z J К J F Ι Т Р 0 Z н S Q G М Р 0 Q Ε D Ε F 0 В Z S Ε Ι F в G W W ν Ι Q \times × Z \times Т \subset S Z В Н S Q R В × Z М М C U Ε Ε Н Ν Q к F Q Z × G Н Р В Т Т D Ι G J Q D J Z Ε Ι J Ε J Ε Ε J А Ν \subset Н 0 V I Ε S Ε 0 G U Υ W Т Р н м М М 0 E Ε L W D М к Ν Υ 0 В R Z В Q Ι к 0 R Т Ν Ε Υ W R 0 R R В J U F C Ι Υ I 0 Υ н в w G М О Υ W \times Υ В 0 Р S Ν А 0 R R Ι G Т J Ι J А F Q Р А \subset В S В S В S R Т Н 0 S Н М Q F G Т Ε Ε \subset Q D В Q А \subset R Т В J J Ε Ε Ε W R R Р Ε Р I к Ε Р Т J О S Z В Р н Т к Q J 0 М Q U А Ι в N Υ н Ι Р N U Ι I Ε J Ε \subset В U Ε Q Q Т А C О \subset R \times В Ε т Ν А D Ι Ν в А \subset О Ν Z Ι Z 0 Ι Ν I D В Z Q В D Q Z J R 0 U Ε Ε в 0 А Ι F D 0 \times М F М А М G J Z к 0 Z к W I Т R S U J ν U D 0 0 0 D S \subset \subset Ε 0 W Н О Ι G W Ι G к В N W S Q В Ε G 0 Q J U в J \times D к Т Υ О к I Ν Ν Z I Ε R Υ Ι Ι I \subset Ι S Ι G G В D Р R В О U Q Т U 0 F Q J Н Р Z J Q Ι Q Ε М Z 0 Ι А F \subset G D Р \subset L D V Ι I U Ε I S А в U \subset Μ \times В \times L W F 0 В I S G D G J 0 Р Z D Q \subset I R Ш I G М \times \times Υ

PIZZA!

ALFREDO
ANCHOVIES
ARTICHOKE
BACON
BARBEQUE
BASIL
BEEF
BELL PEPPERS
BUFFALO CHICKEN
CANADIAN BACON
CHEESE

CHICAGO STYLE
CHICKEN
GARLIC
HAM
JAKES SPECIAL
JALAPENOS
MARINARA
MEAT LOVER
MOZZARELLA
MUSHROOMS
NEW YORK STYLE

OLIVES
ONION
PARMESAN
PEPPERONI
PINEAPPLE
RED PEPPER FLAKES
SAUSAGE
SICILIAN
SPINACH
STUFFED CRUST
SUPREME

TACO
THE PORKY PIG
THIN CRUST
TOMATO
VEGGIE

The winner of this puzzle will be drawn on March 19, 2021



112 East 1st Street - Fairmont, MN 56031

PROVIDED BY THE FAIRMONT PHOTO PRESS

Send submissions to:

Fairmont Photo Press: P.O. Box 973 Fairmont, MN 56031 or drop off at our office in the <u>mail slot</u> on left side of door!

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

fairmont sports LIVE CARDINAL WEBSTREAMING VIDEO

SHORT JUMPER -Cadee **Beck**shoots over Worthington defenders #24 Tarren Spartz and Stephanie Bauman as **Cardinal teammate** Cassidy Schultz looks on. The Troians downed the Cards 35-30 last Friday night. The Cards (9-5) finish the regular season at home 2:30 p.m. Saturday vs New Ulm. Courtesy fairmontsports.com





STICK SAVE - Cards Rachel O'Conner blades away a Redwood Valley shot as teammate Hudson Artz looks on. Alec Reutzel and Eli Anderson had the Card goals in the 6-2 loss last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



CHASING THE PUCK -The Cardinals #8 Hannah Goerndt checks the puck away from Luvernes's Regan Feit. Suer to take Minnesota before ending the regular season at home Saturday against Morris/ Benson. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



TO THE HOOP - David Maakestad soars to the basket past Luverne defender #42 Jayson Rops and Arekel McLaughlin as Cardinal teammate **Junkermeier.** Gavin Luverne defeated the Cards 80-53 last Tuesday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com





Luverne defeated the CLASSIC DUAL - The Class AA #3-ranked Martin Cards 12-0 last Saturday. County Red Bulls slipped past the Class A #7-ranked The Cards travel to Le Jackson County Central Huskies 31-29 last Saturday in Sherburn. Both the Red Bulls and Huskies River Thursday night won 7 matches highlighted by the Bulls Class AA #9-ranked 132-pounder Kain Sanders' 7-5 decision over Class A #8-ranked Thomas Freking and Class AA #1-ranked 126-pounder Jaxson Rohman's 21-8 major decision over Class A #2-ranked Logan Butzon. The Red Bulls (24-1) will take on #4-seeded Luverne while #2-seeded Worthington wrestles #3-seeded New Ulm in the quarterfinals of the South Division's Section 3AA team tournament at 6 p.m. Thursday at Cardinal Gym in Fairmont. The winners will wrestle in the semifinal 7:30 p.m. with the winner advancing to face the North champion, Saturday, March 13, at St. Peter High School.

HELP WANTED

Easy Automation Inc in Welcome, MN has the following Day Shift production positions available:

Shipping & Receiving:

Easy Automation Inc. is seeking a second full time Shipping & Receiving Coordinator. The successful candidate will be organized, be able to multitask & work in a fast-paced environment. Candidate must be able to lift up to 40 pounds, drive a fork-lift, & use a computer. Basic wood working skills preferred. Some duties include: pull stock for orders, pack orders for shipment, receive orders in the computer, & deliver to appropriate department.

Paint/Assembly:

Easy Automation Inc. is seeking a full time Production Painter/Large Equipment Assembler. Must be Mechanically inclined. Experience with painting and Large Equipment Assembly in a manufacturing setting preferred.

Easy Automation Inc. offers 90% paid employee health & dental, 401k, Life and AD&D insurance, Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Account, PTO, annual logo wear allowance, and Holiday Pay as well as a friendly work environment. Please email resume to Jill Mathiason at jmathiason@easy-automation.com Applications can also be completed at our facility located at 102 Mill Street, Welcome, MN.

PhotoPress Only good new. Picture Peddler

Deadline Mon at Noon for Wed's publication

1 week, your picture and 20 words for \$17; Run 2 weeks, your picture and 20 words for \$27. We'll take the picture at the Photo Press for an additional \$3.50



2012 VOLKSWAGON TIGUAN PREMIUM AWD, heated leather, sunroof, loaded SALE PRICE \$7,995 Welcome Motor Co., 1310 N. State St.

Fairmont, MN, 235-3447, welcomemotorcompany.com

PhotoPress Classifieds

7 Help Wanted

PHOTO PRESStime Graphic Designer position open. Indesign program knowledge is a must. Flexible hours, multi tasking skills, customer service and team skills Send resume to PO Box 973, 112 E. 1st St. Fairmont MN 56031 or call 507-238-9456 to set up an interview appointment with Sandy. 9-tfn-7

PCA Position available in Fairmont. Available immediately. Over night shift. Equal Opportunity male or female. PCA training provided. Starting wage \$11.00 per hour. If interested contact Joe or Steve at Golden Home Care Plus at 507-766-1013 or 507-848-1518. 9-4tp-7

10 Apartments **For Rent**

Krueger Realty: one or two bedrooms, some with heat provided. Garbage, water, on-site laundry. EHO. Call Krueger Realty at 507-235-9-tfn-10

12 Other Rentals

FOR RENT: Available September 1: three 1,000 head wean to finish hog barns north of Fairmont, next to a blacktop a mile north of I-90 entrance. Cell: 507-848-1765. Ask for Glenn. 9-3tp-12

Interested in advertising your business with a Display Ad? We reach over 12,461 readers. Call Randy in our Advertising Department 507-236-6644 or eads@fairmontphotopress.com, serving you since 1963!



GKN Armstrong Wheels, Inc. is seeking career minded individuals! Our fast-paced heavy manufacturing of steel wheels for off-highway applications is BOOMING! Opportunities within our Armstrong & Estherville, Iowa

• EHS Manager • Design Engineer Supervisor

Please send cover letter, salary expectations and resume to: WS-ARM-DG-Recruiting@gknwheels.com GKN will only contact individuals who meet qualifications and appear to be a fit for one of the positions.

Hiring Night Shift Production at \$18/hour

GKN Armstrong Wheels is an EEO employer; women, veterans, and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) is looking for a professional driver who can deliver the highest level of customer service while maintaining an obsessive focus on safety. An ADS Professional Fleet Driver is the link between our company and our customers

We need our Drivers when our customers need us. This position requires workday flexibility and assisting other ADS facilities when needed

Why drive for ADS?

- Competitive pay. Many of our truck drivers exceed \$65,000 per year!
 SIGN ON BONUS \$3500
- Get home most nights
- Stable income year-round
- Enjoy the use of our new fleet and equipment.
 Robust recognition program

Requirements:

- Valid Commercial Driver's License
- Meet standards of the (FMCSA) and ADS Acceptable Motor Vehicle Record
- Firm working knowledge of DOT regulations and freight requirements
- At least 21 years of age
- Successful completion of background check, physical and drug tests • Possess skills to handle receipts, read road maps, road signs, maintain driver logs, etc.

Educational Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent preferred
- Safe/Defensive Driving Certification preferred

Preferred Experience:

1-2 years OTR experience w/ reputable carrier
 At least 100,000 verifiable miles through former transportation-related employment

Visit our Career page to see full job descriptions and other possible positions with each location.

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

http://drivercareers-ads-pipe.icims.com/jobs/intro

Fairmont, MN • 507-238-4791

Advanced Drainage Systems is an equal opportunity employer



Join our Ministry of Gentle Service at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth, MN

Current Full time and Part time openings for Nursing staff on the Evening and Night shifts.

Additional Experience Pay Given to Base pay **NEW STARTING WAGES:**

BASE RN - \$27.25

Evening RN with shift diff \$29.50

Night RN with shift diff \$32.25

BASE LPN - \$21.25

Evening LPN with shift diff \$23.50

BASE CNA - \$15.25

Evening CNA with shift diff \$16.50 Night LPN with shift diff \$26.25

Night CNA with Shift diff \$17.25

Full benefits include: Health, Dental, Vision, Matching 403b Retirement, Company paid life insurance, Paid time off and double time for holidays worked.

Full tuition Scholarship and Tuition Assistance available to eligible employees.

Visit our website to apply • stlcare.com • EEO/AA