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Martin County's Courthouse

Guest Columnist



Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

Martin County's Courthouse is a significant and picturesque landmark admired and respected by the citizens of the county. The current structure is Martin County's third courthouse. The first courthouse was built in 1862 at a cost of \$200.00 on land that was donated by Benson C. Hinkle. The second courthouse was built in 1882 at a cost of \$12,000.00.

The Martin County

Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places.

However, regarding the current courthouse, according to the Martin County website, in part: "Following an extensive feasibility study completed in December 2018, the County set out to replace the Courthouse dome and make additional improvements to the historic building constructed in 1907. The County determined

that a full replacement of the copper dome and roof was necessary to address identified issues." The dome is being replaced, the clock renovated, and tuck-pointing will be done at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million.

The construction of the current Martin County Courthouse was prompted in 1905 when a grand jury notified the county commissioners that the former courthouse should

be condemned as being unsafe. Consequently, the commissioners approved a resolution calling for the erection of a new building at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Construction began on April 9, 1906 and was completed on November 1, 1907. Although the commissioners budgeted \$100,000.00 for the courthouse, the final cost of the courthouse was \$125,000.00. The courthouse was designed by architect C. E. Bell and was said to be identical to one built in Eureka, IL. The murals were by German immigrant artist Franz Rohrbeck of Milwaukee. They represent Peace, War, Inspiration, Genius, Sentence, and

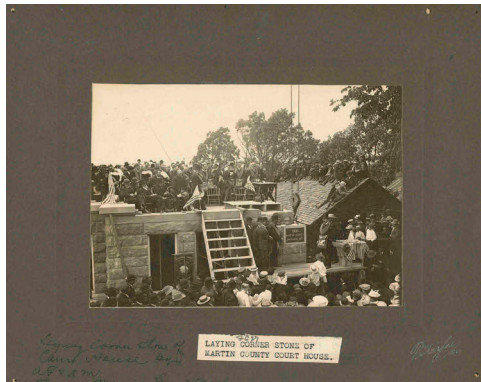
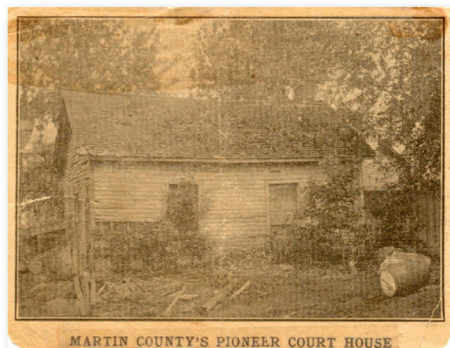
The Execution.

The first story is built of Marquette rain-drop Sandstone from Michigan. The height to the top of the roof is fifty feet and the dome extends another fifty-eight feet above the roof making it 108 feet from the ground.

An interesting aspect of the construction involved Commissioner Fred Miller who was named Superintendent of Construction being paid \$4.00 per day. When Miller and the commissioners became aware that they could not appoint one of their own members for that position, Miller offered to resign. However, at the request of the board he agreed to remain on the job for \$5.00 per day and to resign his commissioner

position.

The cornerstone of the current courthouse was laid on June 11, 1906, with Minnesota Governor John A. Johnson present. The dedication ceremony was held on December 16, 1907. For the dedication, the entire building was draped in flags and passenger trains packed with people came to Fairmont. Five hundred horses were stabled and 3,000 free meals were served during the seven-hour celebration. The "highlight" was a twenty-minute extemporaneous address given by Governor John A. Johnson followed by the main address given by Albert Ward presenting an account of the history of Martin County.



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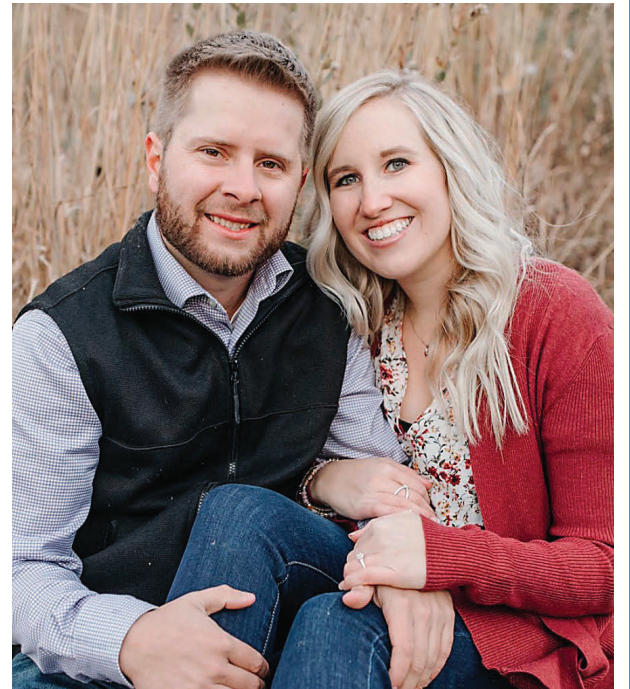
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GARY AND CONNIE RICARD will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 25th. Cards can be sent to them at 412 E. 1st St., Fairmont, MN 56031 (Submitted photo)



SOELTER-SABELLA - Mikayla Soelter and Jacob Sabella will be married June 26th, 2021 in Moravia, Iowa. Parents of the couple are Tim and Sandy Soelter of Fairmont and Linda Sabella of Algonquin, Illinois and John Sabella also of Algonquin, Illinois. Mikayla is a 2017 graduate of Fairmont High School and will graduate from Drake University in May, 2021 with a degree in biology and minors in psychology and Spanish. She will start medical school in July, 2021. Jacob is a 2017 graduate of Harry D. Jacobs High School and Drake University in May, 2020 with a degree in Actuarial Science and Data Analytics. He is employed at Sammons Financial in Des Moines, Iowa since May 2020. (Photo by Michael Cummings)



LYTLE-VOSS - Tom and Darla Lytle of Fairmont, Chris and Wendy Voss of Fairmont and Teresa Voss of Ettrick, Wisconsin announce the engagement of Marisa Lytle and Jordan Voss. The couple will be married on October 16, 2021 at the Schroeder farm. Marisa graduated from St. Catherine's University. She is a nurse at the Lutz Cancer Center in Fairmont. Jordan graduated from the University of St. Thomas and is the operations manager at CleanRite ChemDry in Fairmont. (Rebecca Lauren Photographer)



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ROBERT RIENHARDT - His children would like to honor him with a card shower in celebration of his 90th birthday on March 23rd. Cards will reach him at 125 South Seeley St., Dunnell, MN 56127. (Submitted photo)

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Marriage License Applications

Domingo Hernandez Gomez and Maria Jaurez Perez

Billie Lynn Hanshaw and Jayson Christian Johnson



SADOWSKY-HASEK - Dani Sadowsky and Ian Hasek announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Parents of the couple are Al Sadowsky, and Sue Sadowsky of Killdeer, ND and Wayne and Christine Hasek of Fairmont. Dani graduated from University of Mary and works in business development for Western Choice Cooperative. Ian graduated from Lake Area Tech and is a mechanical technician for TC Energy. An August 14, 2021 wedding is planned in Killdeer, ND with reception to follow in Dickinson, ND. (Submitted photo)

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Obituary Notices



Kent E. Johnston, 48

Private Family Services for Kent "Spanky" Johnston, age 48, of North Mankato, MN, formerly of Fairmont, MN, will be held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with interment at a later date.

Spanky passed away on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, 2021, in Mankato, MN. A Memorial Ride in Mankato will

be planned for a later date. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kent "Spanky" Ernest Johnston was born on August 26, 1972, in Blue Earth, MN. He was the son of Robert and Joanne (Frette) Johnston. Spanky attended Fairmont public Schools and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1991.

On September 20, 1997, Spanky was united in marriage to Nicole Walter at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. This ended mar-

riage was blessed with two beautiful daughters. Spanky later moved to Fairmont, MN, and most recently to North Mankato, MN.

Spanky was employed at 3M in Fairmont for twenty-six years. He was partnered with Greg Cochran and worked as a grounds keeper and in maintenance. More recently, he took on warehouse duties. Spanky was the second ranked employee at the Fairmont facility. He will be missed by his many coworkers.

During his free time, Spanky enjoyed the outdoors. Along with hunting, fishing,

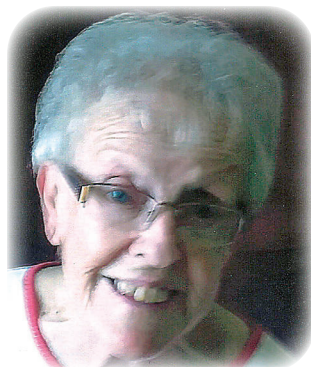
kayaking, and camping, he loved riding his motorcycle. Spanky also liked some quiet times gardening and watching the hummingbirds. Above all else, he loved the time he was able to spend with his family and friends including the time spent with his "biker gang" and Thursday night get-togethers with the guys.

Left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Allison Johnston (Brandon Hartmann) of Fairmont, MN, McKenzie Johnston of Ceylon, MN, and Anna Nagel of Blue Earth, MN; granddaughter, Norah Hartmann; parents, Bob and

Joanne Johnston of Fairmont, MN; brother, Robb "Soup" Johnston of Fairmont, MN; grandmother, Gladys Frette; girlfriend, Amy Louwagie of North Mankato, MN and her daughters, Alyssa (German) Navarro and Maia Louagie; and many, many friends.

Along with his grandparents, Edward and Edna Johnston, Spanky was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ernest Frette; cousin, Sue Frette; and friends, "Cowboy" Collin Kelly, Michelle Iverson and Road Hog, and Dan Nowak.

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Eunice A. Koestler, 81

Beloved mother, Eunice A. Koestler, 81, of Fairmont, MN, went to her eternal rest Monday, March 8, 2021, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, MN. As per Eunice's wishes, no services will be held and burial will be held at a later date. The Lakeview Funeral Home and

Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Eunice A. (Baarts) Koestler was born on February 17, 1940, in Fairmont, MN, the daughter of Lorin and Anna (Wright) Baarts. She received her education attending school in Fairmont.

On September 4, 1959, Eunice was united in marriage to Wayne J. Koestler in Fairmont, MN. Together the couple made

their home in Rockford, IL, where they were blessed with two daughters, Lisa and Lori. The couple later divorced, and Eunice moved back to Fairmont to be closer to family.

Eunice was a member of Fairmont Baptist Church. Eunice touched the hearts of many people and will be greatly missed.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Lisa Akerman of Fairmont, MN, and

Lori Koestler of Rockford, IL; two sisters, Marilyn Borchardt of Fairmont, MN, and Phyllis Smith of Fairmont, MN; four sisters-in-law, Dolores Baarts of Fairmont, MN, Marilyn Becker of Hutchinson, MN, Lily Koestler of Granada, MN, and Sharon Pausewang of Blue Earth, MN; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Eunice was preceded in death by her parents, Lorin

and Anna Baarts; two sisters, Edythe (Leonard) Bonstead, and Janice (Ray) Bicknase; two brothers, Merlyn (Marsha) Baarts and James Baarts; four brothers-in-law, Gene Borchardt, Charles Koestler, Joe Pausewang, and Dennis Becker; as well as other family.

Eunice's family would like to thank the Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice of Mankato for their care and kindness. www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Arnold R. Wolfe, 92

Mass of Christian burial for

Arnold R. Wolfe, 92, of Fairmont, MN, was held Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, MN. Full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 will be held outside of the church following the service. Burial will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery in St. Peter, MN.

Arnold passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the Lakeview Methodist Health

Care Center in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Arnold R. Wolfe was born on January 29, 1929 in Norseland, MN, the son of Russell and Myrtle (Hansen) Wolfe. He received his grade school education in rural country schools and graduated from St. Peter High School. In high school, Arnold boxed with the Golden Gloves for several years and was extremely successful. Following his gradu-

ation, he attended the University of Minnesota Ag School and he was soon drafted into the United States Army where he spent two years overseas in Trieste, Italy.

Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Arnold returned home to Minnesota where he married JoAnn Staloch on June 30, 1956 in Wells, MN. Together the couple farmed for several years before moving to Fairmont where Arnold sold dairy and farm equipment in Southern Minnesota and Northern

Iowa. He later delivered Winnebago Motorhomes out of Forest City, IA to places across the United States. After his retirement, Arnold enjoyed woodworking and helping family and friends with various projects.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, JoAnn Wolfe of Fairmont, MN; children, Michael of Rochester, MN, Paul of Bemidji, MN, and Cheryl of Lewisville, MN; grandchildren, Allen Wolfe, Adam Wolfe, and Andy Wolfe, Cathy Hinz, and Jenny Miller all of

Fairmont, MN, Ryan Douglas of Lakeville, MN, Robby Faltersack of Turku, Finland, and Jennifer Serrano Withers of Jacksonville, FL; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Donald Wolfe of Minneapolis, MN; sister, Jean Dobie of St. Peter, MN; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Myrtle Wolfe; two brothers and three sisters.

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Richard W. Stefanske, 79

Services for Richard W. Stefanske, 79, of Fairmont, MN were held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the Lakeview Fu-

neral Home in Fairmont. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Richard passed away Monday, March 8, 2021, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont, MN is assisting the family with arrangements.

Richard William Stefanske was born on December 20, 1941, in Blue Earth, MN, the son of George and Helen (Murtha) Stefanske. He attended school in Blue Earth and graduated from Blue Earth High School. At the young age of 14, Richard found a passion for motorcycles and purchased

his first Harley. His love of mechanics and fixing things, led to him attending Jackson Vocational School where he focused his energy on learning mechanics and earned his degree.

On June 25, 1966, Richard was united in marriage to Colleen Ann Eltgroth in Fairmont, MN. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with three daughters, Stephanie, Lisa, and Summer.

Richard worked for a few years with a highway crew in Iowa where he fixed machinery. He then began working for Park Motor Company for a short time as a mechanic

before beginning his employment with 3M, working in maintenance and later as a boiler operator after getting his boiler operator license.

Richard was a very humble, hardworking man who was willing to help anyone in need. He had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed teasing those he loved the most. Richard was an avid gardener and could be found through the summer months tending to one of his many gardens. He was known for his canned pickled beets and spent many mornings going to the farmers market to carefully pick the perfect beets before perfecting

his own crop.

His love of motorcycles continued throughout his life as he owned many Harleys and looked forward to warm summer days cruising the open road. Richard also had a passion for Corvettes and enjoyed attending area car shows with his pristine Corvettes and Cavalier convertible. His winter months were spent keeping his mind sharp playing video games on the computer or newest game console.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Stephanie Stefanske and her significant other, Craig Bonin of Fairmont, MN, Lisa Quade and her hus-

band, Neil of Buffalo, MN, and Summer Stefanske and her significant other, Caleb Thate of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Alexander (Brennie) Stefanske, Maxwell Bonin and Hayes Bonin, Shanna Dunigan and Izabelle Quade, and great grandson Jaxon Paz as well as many other extended family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen Stefanske; wife, Colleen Stefanske, brother, Don Stefanske and two sisters, Patricia Wilk and Georgia Stefanske.

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Robert G. Stewart, 77

Services for Robert (Bob) G. Stewart, 77, of Fairmont, MN, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be two hours prior to the time of service from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the Lakeview Funeral

Home.

Bob passed away Sunday, March 14, 2021, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont after a long battle with Alzheimer's. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert Gilles Stewart was born on April 9, 1943, in Devils Lake, ND, the second of five children to James Gordon and Ethel "June" (Baillard) Stewart. As a young boy, Bob grew up on a farm near Southam, ND, until his family moved into town where they owned and operated the hardware store, gas station and post office. Robert attended school in Southam and Doyon School District before graduation from Crary High School with the class of 1960 with 14 other students.

Bob worked for various farmers during his youth and in 1959, was given the opportu-

nity to go south and do custom combining during the summer wheat harvest. After two summers of work, Bob considered not returning, but the day before the crew left for Oklahoma, he decided to go. God's Providence led to Bob meeting a young lady, Elaine Stroup at a café in Osborne, KS. Bob and Elaine began dating the following summer while Bob was earning his teaching degree from Mayville State College in North Dakota.

On August 9, 1964, Robert and Elaine were united in marriage in Osborne, KS. Together the couple made their home in Mora, MN and Manhattan, KS where Bob earned his Master's degree in Remedial Reading at Kansas State University before making the move to Fairmont, MN where they lived for 51 years and celebrated over 56 years of marriage. To this union, three daughters were

born, Lori, Jodi, and Angie.

Bob taught for 30 years in Fairmont and retired in 1999. During his tenure, he taught remedial reading, was the district's reading director for 10 years and finished his career teaching 5th grade. Faith was extremely important to Bob and he credited Elaine and her family for helping him learn about God's love. Family was one of Bob's greatest joys and he treasured memories made on camping trips. He looked forward to warm summer days spent out on the golf course or working in his garden and never missed an opportunity to worship with other followers of Christ with a Bible study group at the Red Rock Center.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Elaine Stewart; daughters, Lori (Jeff) Nash, Jodi (Jason) Anderson, and Angie (Kevin) Lash; grandchildren, Mackenzie (Prom) Srey, Arika

Nash, Alex Anderson, Michael Anderson, Claire Anderson, Anna Lash and Joseph Lash; great-granddaughter, Addy Srey; brothers and sisters, Jim (Karen) Stewart, Ruth Hatten, Al (Diane) Stewart, and Roger (Janel) Stewart; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dick and Dolores Stroup; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Bob was

also a beloved member of the Stroup Family.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, James and June Stewart and a brother-in-law, Neil Hatten.

The family requests donations be made in Robert's name to the charity of the donor's choice.

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WHAT'S COOKING

with Kathy Lloyd

One snow down, two to go!

Pa Lloyd always says that when you have seen the first robin in the spring there will be 3 more snows before spring, so we will see! I just hope my tulips that were up survive!

Today's recipe comes from the kitchens of Pat Burns and Joanne Soma. I thought they were delicious. The one I had used a chocolate cake mix and chocolate chip. You can be creative and try other flavors. If you want them to be gluten free simply use a gluten free cake mix. Today would be a good day to try them, turn on your oven and warm up your kitchen!

TOFFEE COOKIES

2 large eggs, room temperature
1/2 cup canola oil
1 regular size butter pecan cake mix
1 pkg. butterscotch chips
1 pkg. toffee bits

Beat together eggs and oil, then cake mix, Mix in chips and toffee bits, this will take some muscle. Drop by tablespoon full 2 inches apart on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes, let cool a couple of minutes before removing from pan.

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Donations of spring and summer clothing, house-

hold items and furniture will be accepted Saturday, April 3 through Tuesday, April 6. (CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY.)

This is expected to be a large sale, so volunteer help is greatly appreciated beginning on Saturday, April 3 until take-down on Saturday, April 10.

Free "Pop-Up" meal planned At Fairmont United Methodist Church

Take the day off from cooking and pick up Sunday dinner for your family at the Fairmont United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 21st. Everyone is invited to receive a free meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, a side dish and a dessert bar.

Drive up to receive your meal beginning at 11:00 a.m. Meals will be distributed until gone. The church is located at 119 E. 2nd Street (corner of Park

Street and 2nd St.). If you have any questions, please call the church office at 507-235-5579.

Please follow the signs; from Park Street turn onto 2nd Street and drive up the church's ramp (under the canopy) to the front doors. Remain in your vehicle; someone will bring the meals out to your vehicle. All COVID safety precautions will be followed to keep everyone safe. All are welcome.

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On Hoopla Digital: The Wrong Family by Tarryn Fisher and The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins are top picks. Both of these are suspenseful, thrilling audiobooks!

On Libby by Overdrive: Greenlights, the audiobook memoir by Matthew

McConaughey is being downloaded regularly! Also popular right now is the Bridgerton Collection by Julia Quinn, which was recently adapted into a hit TV show on Netflix. Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah is another hot e-book title that is now a Netflix series.

In the building: John Grisham's A Time for Mercy (sequel to A Time To Kill), Stuart Wood's Hush Hush and Janet Evanovich's Fortune and Glory are making the rounds with many Martin County readers!

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DEATH notices

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March 8 - Eunice A. Koestler, 81, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 8 - Jerry W. Albert, 65, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 9 - Kent E. Johnston, 48, North Mankato (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 11 - Arnold R. Wolfe, 92, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 12 - Genevieve L. Erdman, 96, Winnebago (formerly of Truman). Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

March 14 - Robert G. Stewart, 77, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

March 7 - Melvin C. G. Schmidt, 96, Ceylon

March 13 - Timothy L. Knake, 57, Sherburn

Genesis' 2nd quarter honor roll

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5th Grade: Avery Krause, Molly Murphey, Emily Stensland, Liberty Walker

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7th Grade: Jacob Stensland

8th Grade: Emma Lawrence

A Honor Roll

5th Grade: Cecelia Holland

6th Grade: Ariel Sahr

8th Grade: Abigail Murphey

B Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Adley Butler, Ivan Perez, Jr.

4th Grade: Emma Hebert, Jericho Ibarra

5th Grade: Andrew Hebert

9th Grade: Carter Gunzenhauser, Makhenna Hill, Levi James, Wesley Meyer

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The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$230 in memorials given during the month of February, 2021. These were given in memory of:

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STAGE, an apparel store, was to open August 8 at the Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont.

Miller's Fashions in downtown Fairmont was holding a 40th Anniversary Sale.

Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post and Auxiliary held a banquet and program in observance of the American Legion's 77th anniversary.

Harmony Junction barbershop chorus, won the SW Division contest, for the fourth year in a row. The quartet consisted of Derek Spear, Brad Gerhardt, Ron Gerhardt and Tim Milbrandt.

The Ambassadors from the Fairmont Area Chamber

of Commerce held five ribbon cutting ceremonies: Salvation Army Thrift Store, J H Larson Electrical, FFE, Inc., New Dimension Electronics and Fat Daddy's.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

March 6, 1971

The Fairmont dredge, which had finished operations on George and Sisseton lakes, had been moved from Wards Park to Gomsrud Park, but the 2½ feet of ice still on Budd Lake prevented further movement. Launching on Budd was set for mid-April, but that date might be a little early.

In the opening round of the District 5 tournament, Sherburne downed Fairmont 62-57. In the second round, Fairmont defeated Ceylon 69-43. Other games were Frost-Kiester, Wells-Winnebago. Regional games would begin next week in Mankato.

St. Paul's Lutheran won the ninth annual Lutheran Invitational basketball tournament, held in Granada, defeating St. Paul's of Truman, 39-37.

The fifth annual Fairmont Builders Show, sponsored by the Fairmont Jaycees, was in progress in the American Legion building.



Mrs. Schmidt's first graders at Fairmont Elementary School had fun playing "This or That" for indoor recess with the help of their classroom Smart Board. (Submitted photo)



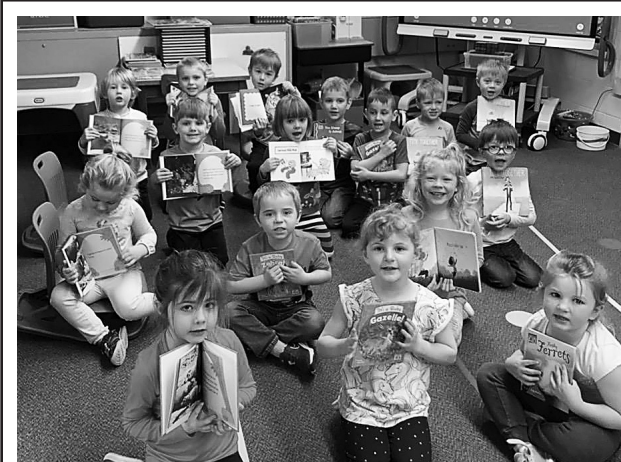
Walmart of Fairmont and Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company partnered through the Powderade for Schools program and donated \$2,400 to area parochial schools. Principals celebrating the donation are pictured front left to right: Paul Steinhaus, Martin Luther High, Northrop; Jon Jenks, St. James Lutheran, Northrop and Matt Singleton of Coca-Cola. Back: Brian Kube, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont; Sarah Striener, St. John Vianney Catholic, Fairmont and Marty Miller, St. Paul's Lutheran, Truman. (Submitted photo)

Red Rock's Lunchbox Entertainment

Red Rock Center for the Arts monthly Virtual Lunchbox Entertainment Program will feature select students from the Fairmont High School Band. The program went live on Tuesday, March 9 at noon.

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Fairmont Uptown Kiwanis in cooperation with the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) distributed books to three to five year old students at St. Paul Lutheran School. Pictured are Mrs. Gratz's four year old preschool class receiving their books. (Submitted photo)

Update on Local COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

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

Weekly Update: 3/15/21

Vaccination work as of 3/13/21:

- Faribault County: 3,391 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 20% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Faribault County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 71.4% as of 03/13/2021.
- Martin County: 5,045 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 20% of the population has received at least 1

dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Martin County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 70.6% as of 03/13/2021.

- Community Health & Human Services did not receive any new 1st doses last week. There were 30 doses remaining from the week prior which were distributed within the 7-day time frame indicated by MDH.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 369 1st doses last week and distributed all by 3/12/2021.
- United Hospital District received 100 1st doses last week and distributed all by

3/12/2021.

- Dulcimer Medical Center received 100 1st doses last week and distributed all by 3/12/2021.

Plan for week of 3/15:

- Community Health & Human Services is scheduled to receive 300 new 1st doses this week. The focus will be to vaccinate employees of food processing plants in the area and Community Health is working with food processing plant management to schedule those doses. Any additional unclaimed vaccine will be offered to anyone who meets MN eligibility criteria. Please

express your interest in receiving a vaccine from Community Health at this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VaxsurveyFM>

- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 369 1st doses for this

week for the 65+ population. MCHS-Fairmont is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. If you're eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine based on state of Minnesota criteria but haven't been contacted, please call Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont at 507-594-2100.

- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 100 1st

doses this week for the 65+ population. United Hospital District is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. Those interested in scheduling an appointment can call UH's Vaccine Hotline at 507-526-7700

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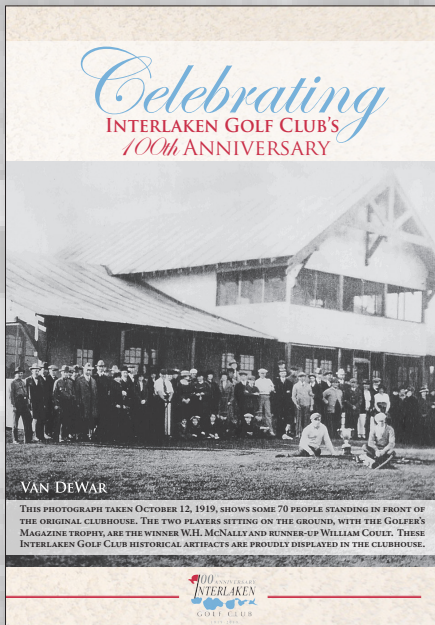
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Agricultural legacies: 4 tips for succession planning

(BPT) - Kory Hagen, who runs a 1,000-acre corn farm in Iowa, had to take over the family business in his early 20s when his father suffered a stroke. Unexpected tragedies, like Hagen's, can be challenging but proper planning can ease the burden of passing down a business from one generation to the next.

Luckily for Hagen, he'd worked the fields with his father for years. When it was his time to take over, he learned to run his farm efficiently and sustainably with a five-man team. He found ways to modernize the operation, focusing on no-till farming, which benefits the environment. Today he makes most of the decisions, but also relies on a small team of advisers, including a banker and an accountant. Hagen has known since eighth grade.

"It was hard going from farming with my dad to being on my own," Hagen says. "But I'll always farm, no matter what. It's very peaceful; and once it's in your blood, it's there for life."

Farmer Glenn Heard has experienced both sides of farm succession. He gradually took over his father's farm in Georgia - a 16,000-acre operation growing cotton, peanuts, sweet corn and carrots - and now plans to pass it to his son.

"We did it differently than most farm families," Heard says. "I started my own farm as a separate operation and shared equipment with my father. My operation got bigger after I acquired land from outside farms and from my father as he transitioned out of the business. By 1995, I was able to take over his farm completely."

Heard hired dependable farm managers to oversee operations and is now grooming his son to

take over in a similar way, getting him started on his own farm and sharing equipment.

For growers like Heard and Hagen, it's a common dream to pass on farms to family. Farmers can succeed with careful planning that includes their next farm leaders. Parties must navigate local and state tax structures, transfer fixed capital assets and land, create retirement strategies and have difficult conversations with partners and family members.

"A farm is more than just an enterprise - it's a way of life," explains Lynn Sandlin, business intelligence manager for Syngenta. "Elder farmers think of it not just as a business, but a legacy they're leaving for their children, grandchildren and so on."

Sandlin urges anyone pursuing farm succession to consider everything required by the complex process. To succeed, it's crucial to plan methodically and understand every necessary decision.

Retired professor of agricultural economics and Texas A&M University Danny Klinefelter, Ph.D., offers four steps to follow.

1. Develop estate and succession plans

* Start planning as soon as possible, so everyone involved knows where the assets are going.

* Children interested in the family business should consider enrolling in a management development program at a land grant university.

* Create a family business council of interested parties to discuss goals and plans.

2. Outsource your trust
Don't feel obligated to entrust your business solely to family, especially if they lack knowledge in crucial areas. Instead:

* Enlist a team of agriculture-focused attorneys, tax accountants or

consultants who specialize in family-owned businesses.

* Form an advisory board or even a formal board of directors.

* A peer adviser group of top managers can also offer outside counsel that may help you and your successors.

3. Evaluate your successors

* Conduct regular performance evaluations within your team to set expectations, track improvement and assess everyone's strengths and weaknesses.

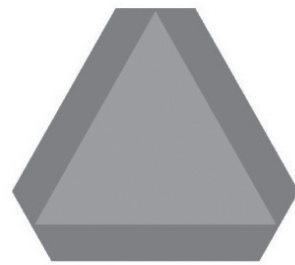
* When one or more successors emerge, give them every opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.

4. Test your team

Once you have successors identified, assign group tasks to gauge personality styles and management capabilities. Especially for operations with multiple successors, this will help them work together efficiently and build on one another's strengths. Have open discussions about self-improvement or expanding the team with the right expertise, from forward-looking CEOs to accountants and marketing experts.

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The role of technology in agriculture

When asked to think of industries that utilize technology in unique ways, few people may immediately think of agriculture. But technology has left a significant footprint in every industry, and the agricultural sector is no exception.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture notes that modern farms operate a lot differently than the farms of yesteryear. Dramatic changes have taken place within the agricultural industry over the last few decades, helping farming operations become more efficient and profitable as well as safer and more eco-friendly.

Robots, temperature and moisture sensors, aerial images, and GPS technologies are now routinely employed within the agricultural industry. The NIFA notes that the value of such technologies cannot be understated. Thanks to the technologies at their disposals, farmers no longer have to uniformly apply water, fertilizer and pesticides

to their farms. Technology now allows them to use only the minimum amounts required as they zero in on individual plants and target specific areas of their farms. The NIFA notes that the utilization of these technologies produces some very real benefits, including:

- Higher crop productivity
- Reduced impact on natural ecosystems
- Less runoff of chemicals into rivers and groundwater
- Increased worker safety

Safer, more efficient and more eco-friendly operations can only

make the agricultural industry more successful in the decades to come. That's especially notable as the world continues to confront climate change and how it might affect the food supply.

Though few may recognize the role of technology in modern farming, there's no denying the impact that various technologies have already had on the agricultural industry. And that impact figures to become even more profound in the decades to come.

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We also applied for

and were grateful to receive the Mayo Home-town Health grant again this year from Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont in the amount of \$2,400. This is the third year they have offered us this grant so that we are able to provide healthier food options to our mentors and mentees at each of our events. Last year, even though we had fewer events and did not need a monthly food stipend, we were able to use the leftover funds (and partner with Hy-Vee) to offer every one of our mentee families a full Christmas dinner. Thank you Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont!

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We are so grateful for those mentioned here,

and for all who continue to support the work of Kinship. This has remained true even in the midst of some of the most unique and difficult times many of us have faced. We are always seeking to find new ways to connect with

others in our community, and to do the work of sustaining relationships regardless of our circumstances.

Jen Kahler,
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Farm Safety Check: Silage Storage



checklists for each storage situation.

Are you scheduling a team meeting to talk about potential safety hazards? Make sure everyone understands their roles.

Are there signs or markings to manage traffic in the area of the silo? (packing tractors, trucks, etc)

Do silage harvest teammates remain in their tractor/truck and wear neon yellow?

Are silos/piles/bunkers constructed to proper dimensions and filled within capacity?

Are you cautious of exposure to gases and dusts when working around silage?

Are you using the buddy system when working around a silo or bunker so that you are not working alone?

Is the storage area marked with signage?

You and/or your employee(s) can download and print a pdf checklist below to complete safety checks on your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections.

Silage is vital to the cattle industries. The smell of silage on any cattle operation brings a sense of habitual chore time activities. However, silage bunkers and silos have unique hazards, like silo gas, dusts that may contain mold, avalanches, falls, and more. Silage gas formation during the fermentation process has lethal potential, especially with silos.

Take precaution during crop production, during ensiling, and when working with silage to keep everyone on the farm safe.

SAFETY CHECKLIST

Below is a general safety checklist that applies to both silos and silage piles/bunkers. Scroll down to view custom

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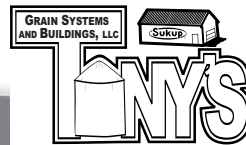
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Farm Safety Check: Grain Handling Safety

Grain handling is a high-hazard activity, where workers face serious injury and death. Youth should not be in grain bins or silos or in/around

available for anyone entering a grain bin?

If a worker enters, is an observer present and in communication?

Is the observer trained and able to



flat storage structures unless they are empty, proper lock-out/tag-out and other safety procedures are followed, and the youth is at least 16 years old.

Have you taken the proper steps to ensure the safety of grain bins/silo entry on your farm?

SAFETY CHECKLIST

The checklist below lists a few common hazards you can look for and fix to keep your workers and family safe.

Has equipment been powered off at main disconnect and locked and tagged?

If there is potential for combustible gas, vapors or toxic agents, has the oxygen level been tested with a gas monitor?

Is a rope and harness

initiate rescue?

Is rescue equipment provided and specifically suited for entry?

Are there NIOSH approved masks or respirators available?

Are grain and feed bins clearly labeled to warn of the hazards of flowing grain or feed?

Do all bins have permanent ladders inside and outside?

Are hearing protectors available for wearing around noisy equipment?

Are equipment guards and shields in place and in good condition?

You and/or your employee(s) can download and print a pdf checklist to complete safety checks on your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections.

Inspecting farm buildings damage after wind storm

Wind damage to buildings is not always readily apparent. For this reason, examine all farm buildings for hidden damage after a severe windstorm or tornado. Undetected damage could weaken a structure, creating possible hazards. Prompt repair is usually less expensive in the long run.

ROOF

Damaged or missing shingles. Check asphalt shingles for cracks at the butt end, where they may have been weakened from flexing. Make sure individual shingles have not blown off. Thoroughly inspect shingles on the ridge, gable ends and eaves.

Loose nails on metal roofing. Inspect the entire roof, with particular attention to gable ends, eaves and ridge cap. If nails have worked loose,

re-nail them as soon as possible. If the nails don't hold when hammered back in, use #12 or #14 metal screws to fill old nail holes. (Use aluminum screws on aluminum and steel screws on steel.) In addition to screws, re-nail 3 to 4 inches away with ring or screw-type nails.

Potential leaks. On a sunny day, check the roof carefully from inside with the building doors closed. While looking for holes in the roof, inspect the ridge, gable ends and eaves for possible structural separation.

FOUNDATION

Inspect the foundation. The plate should not be separated from the studding where the foundation meets the walls. On block foundations, inspect mortar joints to make sure the block with the plate bolt in it hasn't separated from the wall. On stone or concrete

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foundations, check to see that the plate bolts have not worked loose.

SILO

Make sure the silo is still plumb. Look for loose hoops. Inspect the roof to be sure it remains fastened to the silo. Inspect the base of metal silos inside and outside for hairline cracks. If there is rust around the base, remove it with a wire brush. Then check for cracks and apply a rust preventive paint. Look for

new cracks in the plaster of empty concrete stave silos.

INTERIOR

Inspect the interior of buildings for structural damage. Using a good light, check the framing. Look for ridge separation, loose knee braces and loose rafters where the rafters join the walls.

Additional resources:

Your county agricultural agent.

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Kahler Automation hires John Christ as CEO/Integrator



Kahler Automation has selected John Christ as the company's CEO/Integrator. He officially takes the reins on Monday, March 15, 2021.

Christ (pronounced "cris") brings decades of engineering, project management, and leadership experience to Kahler Automation, most

recently as manager of Rockwell Automation's Industrial Plant Services business unit. His strong background in delivering power and automation to industries matches the strength of Kahler's commitment to providing powerful solutions for its customers.

Christ is a licensed professional engineer, holding a B.S. in Engineering Science from Iowa State University, an M.B.A. from DePaul University, and an M.S. in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Known for a thoughtful nature and active listening, his focus as an industry professional includes strategic plan

ning and analysis, budget administration, and relationship building.



Company founder Wayne Kahler, who has been serving as interim CEO since October 2020, will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board.

John grew up on the west side of Chicago. He and his wife, Pam, met

in college and have been married for 30 years; they have two grown children, living in East Lansing, Mich., and Austin, Texas. The Christs enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, playing cards and board games, and visiting their children. They look forward to exploring the Fairmont area.

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Facts and figures on farm safety

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, agriculture is among the most hazardous industries. Fatal and nonfatal injuries pose a significant threat to farmers, including the many young people who work on farms. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in an effort to promote productive and safe workplaces, supports programs that conduct research on injuries associated with agriculture as well as pesticide exposure, pulmonary disease, musculoskeletal disorders, hearing loss, and stress. Studying the results of such research, compiled by NIOSH, may compel veteran and novice farmers to further emphasize safety measures and promote practices that can reduce risk for accidents on the farm.

- Estimates indicate that there were roughly 2.1 million full-time workers employed in production agriculture in 2017 and between 1.4 and 2.1 million hired crop workers employed annually on crop farms in the United States.

- An estimated 893,000 young people under 20 years of age resided on farms in 2014. More than half of those young people performed farm work, and

an additional 266,000 youth were hired to work on farms in 2014.

- Each day, roughly 100 agricultural workers suffer injuries that cause them to miss time at work.

- In 2014, 12,000 youth were injured on farms, and 4,000 of those youths could trace their injuries to farm work.

- In 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injuries. Tractor overturns and other transportation incidents were the leading cause of death for these farmers and farm workers.

- A rollover protection system, or ROPS, is a structure, similar to rollcages and rollbars in cars and trucks, intended to protect farm equipment operators from injuries caused by overturns or rollovers. NIOSH notes that an ROPS is the most effective way to prevent overturn deaths. Despite that, in 2014, only 62 percent of tractors used on farms in the U.S. were equipped with an ROPS.

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Safety tips for parents of young farmers



People who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farm in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on farms.

- Know and obey the laws. Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

- Review equipment operation instructions. Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions.

Doing so can help parents reacquaint themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

- Inspect equipment. Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect

the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

- Enroll children in farm safety camps. The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

- Set a positive example. Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using haz-

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ardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.

Hundreds of thousands of children perform jobs on farms across the country. Parents who want to teach their kids to farm should always do so with safety

in mind.

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LAND VALUES INCREASING IN 2021

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Farm land values in the Upper Midwest appear to be making a bit of a correction in the past few months after several years of uncertainty. The improved crop prices in recent months, together with higher levels of government program payments and improved crop yields in some areas, helped boost final 2020 farm income levels compared to recent years. Land value summaries showed that a

reduction in average land values occurred in many regions of the U.S. from 2014-16 before stabilizing in 2017 and early 2018. Land values were under pressure in some areas in 2018 and in 2019, due to reduced crop yields, the ongoing trade war with China, and low commodity prices. No it appears that land values have stabilized and even begun to increase in some areas, due to improved farm profits, rela-

tively low long-term interest rates, a limited supply of land being offered for sale, and relatively strong buyer interest.

Iowa State University does a comprehensive land value survey each December, which is regarded as one of the best resources on trends in Midwest farm land sales. Iowa farm land values rose at an incredible pace from 2000 to 2013, with only one minor decline in 2009, before more significant declines in 2014, 2015, and 2016. Average farm land values in Iowa declined from a peak of \$8,716 per acre in 2013 to \$7,183 per acre in 2016, representing a 3-year decline of 17.6 percent or \$1,533 per acre. From 2017 to 2020, the Iowa Farm-land Value Survey showed a slight increase each year except 2018, increasing by 3.5 percent from the low point in 2016. Average land values in Iowa in 2020 increased by \$127 per acre or 1.7 percent from the previous year.

The average 2020 land values increased in eight of the nine crop reporting districts in Iowa, as compared to 2019 average land values, while decreasing in only the Southwest District. The greatest increases in average land values were +3.9 percent in the West Central District and +3.8 percent in

the South Central District. The Northwest District reported the highest 2020 average land values in Iowa at \$9,536 per acre, followed by the East Central District at \$8,524 per acre and the Central District at \$8,485 per acre.

Trends in farm land values in Southern Minnesota are usually fairly close to the trends shown in the Iowa land value survey for northern crop reporting districts in Iowa. Similar to many areas of Iowa, land values in most portions of Southern Minnesota seemed to stabilize in 2017, before declining slightly in 2018 and 2019. In addition to low profit margins, 2018 and 2019 crop yields in the region were among the poorest in several years for many farm operators. Crop yields in many portions of Southern Minnesota were much improved in 2020, which together with higher commodity prices have helped strengthen land values in many areas.

There have been some isolated land sales across Southern Minnesota at fairly high values per acre; however, the overall land value trend in recent months appears to be steady to up slightly from a year earlier, but still well below the peak land values of 2013 and 2014. In the past few years, there has been an increasing gap in the average land price for high quality, well drained farm land, compared to low quality, poorly drained land. There also continues to be a limited supply of land being offered for sale in many areas of Southern Minnesota.

One of the best sources of farm real estate values in Minnesota is the University of Minnesota's "Land Economics" web site at: <https://landeconomics.umn.edu/>. This web site is

updated annually in October and accesses a data base of various land values, based on farm land valuations reported to the State Revenue Office by County Assessors Offices throughout the State each year, which are adjusted annually based on actual land sales in a given County. This web site allows for selected sorts by County, State Economic Regions, Watersheds, etc., as well as by types of land.

Based on returns from crop production from 2015 to 2019, land values in the Upper Midwest probably should have declined by a much larger margin than actually occurred during those years. In recent years, many farm operators have purchased farm land as an "opportunity investment", using returns from existing farm land that is "debt-free" to help subsidize the cash flow and debt payment ability on the newly purchased farm land. Similarly, investors have purchased farm land as a long-term investment, accepting current cash rental rates as a desirable annual rate of return.

Most economists point to the relative stability in farm land values in the Midwest as the primary reason that we did not see more farm operations discontinuing due to financial collapse or bankruptcies in recent years. Profit margins in crop production have improved for many farm operators in 2020 and 2021; however, profit margins in the livestock sectors continue to be a concern. Farmers are wondering if the improved farm income trends will continue into 2021 and beyond, when there will likely be lower levels of government program payments. The value

of farm land accounts for over 80 percent of the total assets in the U.S. agriculture industry.

Land sales during the first two months of 2021 have continued to be quite strong, with some isolated per acre sales at the highest levels that we have not seen in recent years; however, most sales are showing more modest increases. The increased activity in farm real estate sales is being driven by farm operators that are taking advantage of improved farm profits and low interest rates to expand their land base. Higher land values are also being driven by investors that are looking to re-position their financial portfolio due to uncertain financial times down the road. Both farmers and investors also want to take advantage of Section 1031 tax-deferred exchanges to replace any land that they have sold, due to concerns that changes in Federal tax laws could limit this option in the future.

Currently, most signs point toward continued stability and potential further modest increases in land values in the next 12 to 18 months. However, there are some lingering "caution flags" that could potentially reverse this optimistic trend and revert to more downward pressure on land values. These potential challenges include:

- Return to lower crop prices and lower profitability in crop and livestock farming.
- Slow-down of the ag export increases that have occurred under the new trade agreements.
- Increases in long-term interest rates by the Federal Reserve Bank.

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The youth tractor and farm safety certification program is a two-part program, including both an online learning experience and two days of in-person hands-on training in the summer. The online course is a self-paced one- to two-week program. Once you have registered for the in-person program,

details about accessing the online course will be provided to you.

U of M Extension is using the curriculum from the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program, which is run by Penn State Extension. View more information about the curriculum. <https://extension.psu.edu/national-safe-tractor-and-machinery-operation-program>

Bank Midwest Earns 2021 Top Workplaces USA Award

Bank Midwest has announced it has earned the 2021 Top Workplaces USA award, issued by Energage, a purpose-driven organization that develops solutions to build and brand Top Workplaces.

"Receiving the Top Workplaces USA award is an honor and we were thrilled to learn of the accomplishment," states Mary Kay Bates, President and CEO. "At Bank Midwest we talk often about our people being the best at what they do."

Over the last year, I'm proud of what our team accomplished as we adjusted operations to serve our customers in different ways. And they did this by keeping the success and

wellbeing of our customers their top priority."

Top Workplaces USA offers national recognition for large organizations, those with more than 150 employees, and those that may have operations in multiple markets. Several thousand organizations from across the country were invited, and more than 1,100 participated in the Top Workplaces USA survey. Winners of the Top Workplaces USA list are chosen based solely on employee feedback gathered through an employee engagement survey, issued by Energage.

Results are calculated by comparing the survey's research-based statements, including 15

Culture Drivers that are proven to predict high performance against industry benchmarks.

"During this very challenging time, Top Workplaces has proven to be a beacon of light for organizations, as well as a sign of resiliency and strong business performance," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward. Top Workplaces draw on real-time insights into what works

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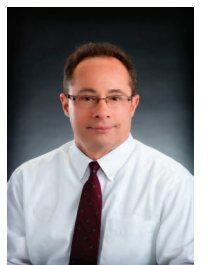
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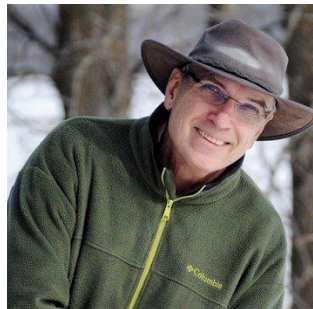
Many areas of the Upper Midwest experienced above average corn and soybean yields in 2020. These strong yields combined with much improved crop prices have stabilized and even increased land values in many portions of the Upper Midwest.

Buyer interest at land auctions and through private sales has been quite strong in recent months.

The future trend in crop prices, the level of 2021 crop yields and profitability in livestock production, along with potential changes in government policy, will likely determine if there is further strength in land values later this year. Many farm operators and ag lenders are still quite cautious on farm land purchases following the very poor farm profit years from 2016 to 2019 across the region.

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Naturally By Al Batt

There is no "I" in food

Sometimes I get so hungry I could almost eat my cooking.

I make excellent toast, but I can't explain my technique well enough to teach a class on toast making. I reckon it's a gift. I'm a wizard at reheating food in a microwave. I'm lucky to have lived under the spell of two talented cooks (wife and mother). They make cooking as easy as shooting fish in a barrel, but I've never gunned down a single fish in a barrel.

I do what I can to make the world a better place by not cooking for anyone. My creations taste like what I imagine packing peanuts would. I should have taken a home economics class from Mrs. McDonough in

high school and learned how to prepare some foods. They made a lot of cookies and egg preparations in that class. I know because that classroom was next to the shop class where I was ensconced. The school denied my request for enrollment in that class due to national security concerns. Sadly, that left me with a limited culinary aptitude. I can't cook but I can eat. That's called balance.

I've heard friends and relatives lament the pandemic pounds they've put on. If my mother were alive today, I'd weigh 417 pounds. That's just a rough estimate and could be modest. Mom loved to bake things. Mother's motto was, "When in doubt, bake something." My wife excels at baking but doesn't produce them in an assembly line production as my mother did.

I remember eating in a small-town restaurant in a small town named the "Take It or Leave It Cafe." I felt at home there. Many mothers and aunts of my acquaintance were good at telling me I had two choices, take it or leave it. My mother believed I needed more choices. She made food in bulk enough to make

Costco blush. Men at her table sopped things up with bread and smacked their lips before saying, "I could eat that again." I guess they were hoping for fourth helpings.

I grew up on a farm with livestock, a sizable garden and chickens. We had meat, potatoes and eggs every day. When my father wished for food, he wished for meat, potatoes and eggs. We had homemade desserts — sugar cookies, pies, rosettes and cakes. We had cakes because it was somebody's birthday somewhere. It wasn't homemade if I didn't get to lick the mixing spoon before she stopped using it.

My mother was half-German and half-Swede. We ate meatballs, potato pancakes, sausage and dumplings. There were a lot of creamed dishes — peas, corn and asparagus. We ate liverwurst. I liked it but I can't remember why. My German ancestors didn't mind seeing sausage made. Wurst was never the worst. To this day, I enjoy going into a butcher shop and inhaling deeply. It's free as long as I don't frighten customers.

The senior women in my family kept and exchanged recipes on 3 x 5 cards as fervently as I did the same with baseball cards. I read their recipes that I was trying to recreate and thought, "That's not happening." It wasn't in standard or metric measurements. What's a

smidgen? I understood a pinch, but what's a dash, nip or tad? Recipes are like driver's licenses. Recipes in magazines or online that include photos are like driver's licenses. The real things never look like the photos. I baked an upside-down cake once. It came out of the oven right-side up and lopsided. No photos were taken.

When I married, my father gave me the required bits of advice. "If mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." Most fathers offer that. Then he added, "Never anger the cook, it might result in starvation or worse." I'd add a third. Husbands, if you want to live a long and happy life never say, "Why can't you cook like my mother?"

One neighbor was into health foods. She'd put food in front of me and say, "You'll eat this if you know what's good for you." My wife keeps me humble by shoving a forkful of something into my mouth before saying, "Try this. Does it taste spoiled to you?" I've eaten my cooking and have led a nearly normal life.

My mother got three cups out of one Lipton tea bag. Maxwell House coffee's slogan is "Good to the last drop," Mom could wring another drop out of the last drop. Leftovers lasted in our house.

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Mayo offers tips to cope with fear of vaccination injections

With COVID-19 vaccinations becoming more available in the community, Mayo Clinic Health System is offering advice to those who might be afraid of the needle poke.

"A fear of needles can manifest itself in many ways depending on each individual," says Jessica Wadium, certified child life specialist at Mayo Clinic Health System. "Just the sight of a needle, a phobia called trypanophobia, can cause sweating, nausea, fainting, dizziness and even heart palpitations."

Immunizations using a needle have been around for centuries. Vaccinations protect people from preventable diseases, including diphtheria, measles, polio and influenza. COVID-19 vaccines produced by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are being offered to patients as they become available.

"Fear of needles shouldn't stop you from getting your COVID-19 vaccine or any other vaccination," adds Wadium. "Although it's a small poke and it's over in seconds, it is important to recognize that there are many ways to help counter the fear and anxiety that can stop people from getting a vaccination."

Wadium offers a few strategies when coping with receiving a COVID-19 vaccination (or any other phobias):

- **Deep breathing.** Deep breathing lowers pain, relaxes muscles and decreases anxiety. This helps because when the muscle is relaxed, the injection does not hurt as much.

- **Distraction.** "Distractions can work differently for each person," explains Wadium. "Common alternatives to help focus on something else include watching a video, playing a song or talking to another person. Any of these methods can help the individual focus on another topic

during the injection, and, therefore, lowers the fear in the moment."

- **Voicing your preferences.** "Feel free to inform the nurse on what helps the individual cope best. Let the nurse know if you would prefer to have him or her count down, or have a specific arm you would like the injection in. You also can let them know if you want to watch or look away," Wadium adds. "Most importantly, tell the nurse if you have a history of feeling light-headed or faint with needles and would benefit from laying back."

- **Positioning (pediatric patients).** Comfort positioning, such as having the child sit on the caregiver's lap facing chest-to-chest, promotes feelings of control, comfort and active participation in one's medical care, which can increase compliance and a positive experience.

- **Preparation.** Talk or think through each step, feel more prepared and in control of the situation. Do not stop thinking through once the injection is finished. Remind yourself what you are going to do after the injection, as a reminder that it is one moment in time.

- **Pain management.** "Ask the nurse about pain management if it is a pediatric patient, patient with special needs or if there is high fear of pain. For pediatric patients, there are multiple options for pain management, and these may be available for adults, as well," Wadium says.

Tips for safer farming

Tractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

- **Know farm equipment.** Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific

equipment and products.

- **Conduct routine safety checks.** Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

- **Practice cleanliness.** Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

- **Be mindful of your clothing and hair.** Many accidents involve a power take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers. Clothing can easily get caught in an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. It's easy for laces or coveralls to become wrapped around a spinning stub shaft. The PTO driveline and other protrusion points also can be dangerous if people do not pay attention.

- **Use rollover protection structures.** ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries. In addition, wear seat belts and employ other safety equipment as advised.

- **Avoid extra passengers.** It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

- **Exercise caution when handling chemicals.** Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

- **Wear protective gear.** Wear appropriate gear and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

- **Employ lock out/tag**

out control. This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

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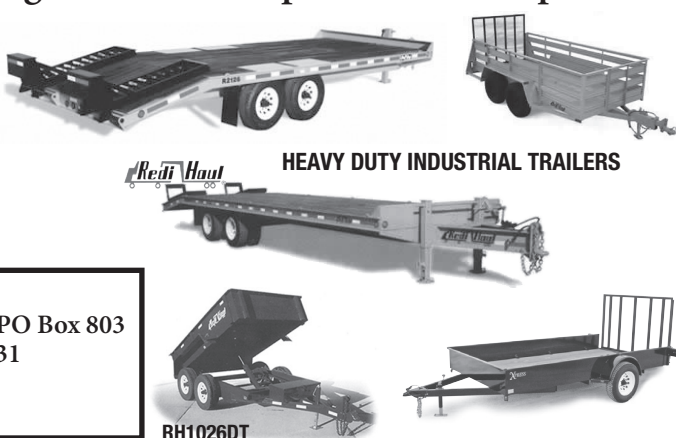
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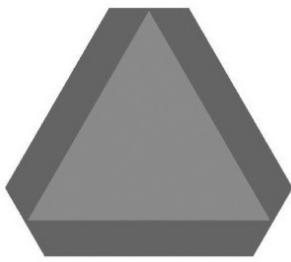
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5 Farm Safety Tips for Spring

After a long, cold and dreary winter, spring has finally arrived. The days are longer, calving season begins and planting season is approaching.

Spring is a busy season for many FFA members, and there is no better time to keep safety in mind. Between chapter banquets and evening chores, follow these five farm safety tips to ensure a successful transition to summer break.

1. Avoid driving tractors and ATVs on the road at

dawn and dusk.

This is the peak time for drivers commuting to and from work. If you must be on the road, make sure your equipment has plenty of reflective material, use your headlights, wear your seatbelt and carry your license and insurance cards. When possible, have a friend or family member act as an escort vehicle.

2. Watch where you step.

It's not just the cow pies

in the field you should watch out for. When working in potential risky spaces like manure pits, grain bins or logging areas, pay extra attention to your surroundings to avoid dangerous gases, loose footing or falling hazards.

3. Follow the label.

Whether you are working with pesticides, vaccinations or fertilizers, always follow the label exactly. Be sure to wear the proper personal protective equipment,

handle and store materials appropriately, and keep all supplies away from young children.

4. Create a Farm Aid Kit.

While many farmers keep duct tape and baling twine handy during the spring, adding a few other materials can create an essential Farm Aid Kit. Grab a travel bag and add a fire extinguisher, bottles of water and basic first aid materials.

Keep an information card on hand that includes emergency contact numbers as well as written directions on how to get to the farm, field and other work areas.

5. Take care of yourself.

Long hours in the field can lead many farmers to neglect basic self-care. Make eating regular meals and getting an adequate amount of sleep priorities this spring to prevent careless accidents. As the temperatures rise, remember to stay hydrated both in and out of the field.

The Fairmont Girls 10u hockey team hosted the Dodge County team on March 6th, winning 3-1. On March 7th, the team defeated New Ulm/Sleepy Eye 8-3. Fairmont is now 12-3 for the season.

Fairmont Squirts White hockey team lost to Redwood Area, 9-2 and to Windom 13-1 last weekend.

The **Fairmont Squirts** hockey team lost to Windom 5-4 on March 13, then lost to Okoboji 9-3 on March 14th.

Fairmont Girls 10u hockey team wrapped up their regular season the past weekend. The team is 14-3 on the season and is undefeated in the district. They have one final tournament the weekend of March 16th in Prior Lake.

On March 13th the team defeated Marshall 3-1.

The **Fairmont Cardinals Pee Wee B** squad hosted the Luverne Cardinals on March 6, and lost the match 9-2.

On March 7th, the team hosted the Lakes Area Boji team, losing 7-0.

The **Fairmont Cardinals Pee Wee B** squad participated at Windom in the district tournament on March 10, losing to New Ulm/Sleepy Eye 4-2.

The **REMAX Bantam B** hockey team played two non-district games this past weekend. The first game was Friday in Spirit Lake Iowa and defeated the Blizzards 11-4. Scoring for REMAX was Luke Kester with 4 goals and 2 assists coming from Jace Teveldal and Eric Determan. Jace Teveldal had 2 unassisted goals, Jace Prindle had 2 goals with assists from Jace Teveldal and Luke Kester. Tyson Pankow had an assisted goal from Jace Prindle, Eric Determan had an assisted goal from Mathew Cone and Preston Rogge had an unassisted goal. Goalies Ilana Moeller and Isaiah Lockwood each played half game with and had a combined 17 saves.

Saturday Morning REMAX traveled to Waseca for the other non-district game and were defeated 5-3. Scoring for REMAX was Tyson Pankow with an assisted goal from Mathew Cone. Barret Scholl had an unassisted goal and Jace Prindle had an assisted goal from Eric Determan. Goalie Ilana Moeller had 33 saves.

Sunday REMAX hosted New Ulm Sleepy Eye at Martin County Arena for the regular season final game with a big 10-3 win to earn the 2nd seed in District 4. Fairmont had 52 shots on the New Ulm goalie. Scoring for REMAX was Jace Teveldal with a hat trick with 3 assisted goals coming from Mathew Cone, Jace Teveldal and Luke Kester. Luke Kester had a hat trick with 1 assist coming from Jace Teveldal. Jace Prindle added 2 goals with an assist coming from Luke Kester. Tyson Pankow had an assisted goal coming from Luke Kester and Tyler Kurt had an assisted goal from Jace Prindle. Goalie Isaiah Lockwood had 19 saves.

REMAX travels to Redwood Falls this Saturday to start the district tournament.

The **REMAX Bantam B** hockey team hosted Marshall last Sunday at Martin County arena and had a tie game at 4 each.

Scoring for Fairmont was Jace Teveldal with 2 goals, one was assisted goal from Tyson Pankow. Barret Scholl had an assisted goal from Mathew Cone, Jace Prindle had an assisted goal from Tyler Kurt. Goalie Isaiah Lockwood had 37 saves.

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2. Site work including piping, turf restoration, and sidewalk replacement.
3. Electrical modifications.

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is being funded by the City of Fairmont, Minnesota. The project is not subject to the provisions of Little Davis-Bacon Act.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete within 150 days.

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

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DATED: 3/11/2021 /S/ Cathy Reynolds
City Administrator

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Sandy Jo Denn, Lot 8, Pt. Lot 7, Block 11, Original Plat Welcome

Douglas Storbeck, Michele Storbeck to Laurie Truesdell, Oliver A. Truesdell, Pt. vac Quarter Line St., Lots 15 and 17, vac. Quarter Line St., Lot 16, Block 3, Campbells 2nd Addn., Welcome

Keith E. Winter, Sandra L. Winter to Miles E. Heide, Lot 6, Ex. 3 Pts., Block 4, Taylor & Johnsons 2nd Addn.

Roger J. Morris to Bradley Tadlock, AP#22, SE¼, 7-102-32

David C. Halvorson, Jane E. Halvorson to Douglas R. Yegge Trust, W½NE¼, Pt. N½NW¼, 27-104-31

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Gregory L. Wohlhuter, Lisa L. Wohlhuter to Gregory L. Wohlhuter, Lisa L. Wohlhuter, Pt. NE¼SE¼ 24-103-32

Charles Rosen to Charles Rosen, Sharon Rosen, NW¼SE¼, W½NE¼SE¼, 36-102-32

Charles Rosen, Sharon Rosen to Lisa Nagel, E½NE¼SE¼, W½NE¼SE¼, NW¼SE¼, 36-102-32

Charles B. Larson, Sheryl L. Larson to Amanda Larson, Matthew C. Larson, Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 18, Morgans Addn., Sherburn

CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Harold B. Borchardt, Susan Borchardt to Justin Borchardt, Lot 1, Block 1, 2nd Ext. Country Side Addn.

TRUSTEE DEEDS

David D. Mosloski, Mosloski Revocable Trust to

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - CITY OF FAIRMONT- 5 buildable lots for sale at public auction: 406 North Elm St, 1206 N Elm St, 714 N North Ave, 614 N Orient St & 719 E 6th Street all located in Fairmont, MN. More details on our website! Auction to be held at the City of Fairmont Council Chambers 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN. Hartung & Kahler

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, HARTUNG & PIKE

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



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BODY CONTACT - Cardinals Cadee Becker goes up for a lay-up while being fouled by Redwood Valley's AJ Guggisberg. The Cards up-ended Redwood Valley 56-51 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



TWO SHOTS - New Ulm's Morgan Hulke fouls Maggy Totzke on her lay-up while Eagle teammate Ramsey Hopp looks on. The Cards, who led 29-6 at the half, went on to win 60-25 over the Eagles last Saturday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



CRISS-CROSS - Cardinals Eli Anderson tries to get the puck past Luverne goalie Shaide Shearer. Anderson and Hudson Artz had goals in the Cards 5-2 loss last Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



STORM SWARM - Cards Mackenzie Householder gets off a shot surrounded by Morris/Benson Area skaters. Householder had a goal in the 7-0 win vs the Storm last Saturday. The Cards (5-12) seeded 7th traveled to #2-seeded Mankato East/ Loyola Monday night in the Section 3A playoffs. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

BUILDABLE LOTS IN FAIRMONT, MN FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

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AUCTION

Tuesday, March 30th, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

406 NORTH ELM STREET, FAIRMONT, MN

Legal: #23.281.0320-Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), Ward's Addition to the Village (now City) of Fairmont as per the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County and State.

1206 NORTH ELM STREET, FAIRMONT, MN

Legal: #23.162.1010-Lot Ten (10), Block Ten (10), Lake George Addition to the Village (now City) of Fairmont as per the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of Register of Deeds in and for said County and State.

714 N NORTH AVENUE, FAIRMONT, MN

Legal: #23.041.0050-Commencing at a point on the East side of North Avenue in the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota, on the Section line between Sections Five (5) and Eight (8), running thence South 92 feet to place of beginning; thence South 52 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence North 52 feet; thence West 150 feet to place of beginning, all being in Township One Hundred Two (102), Range Thirty (30), West of the Fifth P.M., Martin County, Minnesota, save and except the following described premises: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Corner (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Two (102), Range Thirty (30), thence East on the Section line 40 feet; thence South on the East line of North Avenue in the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota, 92 feet; thence East parallel with said Section line 10 feet to place of beginning of the land herein excepted; thence South 46 feet; thence East parallel with said Section line 40 feet; thence North 46 feet; thence West parallel with said section line 40 feet to place of beginning.

614 NORTH ORIENT STREET, FAIRMONT, MN

Legal: #23.119.0270- Lot Four (4), of Block Nine (9), Extension of Gamble's Addition to the Village (now City) of Fairmont, as per map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of Register of Deeds in and for said County

719 EAST 6TH STREET, FAIRMONT, MN

Legal: #23.239.0120- Lot Thirteen (13) of Block One (1) Stoke's Addition to the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota.

AUCTION SALE TERMS:
All bidders must register for a bidding number prior to bidding. The successful buyer at the conclusion of the auction will enter into a purchase agreement & make a 10% earnest money down payment the day of the auction. The unpaid balance shall be due and payable in full on or before April 30, 2021 when clear title will be furnished. This sale is NOT CONTINGENT ON BUYER FINANCING and 10% down payment is NON-REFUNDABLE. Property is being sold AS IS-WHERE IS. Properties are being sold by legal description. Properties are being sold subject to any and all zoning, environmental, state, federal laws or any easements including road, drainage, utility, or other easements or agreements of record. Buyer will be responsible for 2021 real estate taxes and thereafter. Any new assessments of record after the signing of the purchase agreement will be the responsibility of the buyer. Any appraisal or loan fees are buyer's obligation. It is interested bidder's obligation to inspect the property prior to their purchase of it. Any statements made at the auction may take precedence over any printed information. This sale is subject to the sellers approval. Auctioneer Alley/Land Services Unlimited+ and Sales Staff represent the sellers in this transaction.

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**OWNER:
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GOING FOR THE STEAL - New Ulm's Maddie Backer collides with Emma Gudahl going for the steal. The #3-seeded Cardinals (12-6) hosted #6-seeded New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (5-13) Wednesday night in the Section 2AA, South Sub-Section quarter-final. The winner will play #7 Blue Earth Area (4-13) or #2 Waseca (10-7) Friday, March 19 at the highest remaining seed. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



GOAL TIME - Cardinal #14 Jayda Healy assisted on Karissa Newville's goal past Storm goalie Leah Thompson. Hannah Goerndt also scored while Macy Militello and Alexis Newville added a pair of goals in the Cards victory. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

INTERNET ONLY! MACHINERY AUCTION

Wednesday, March 24th w/bidding opening on March 17th



CIH 200 TIGERMATE II, decal shows 200, 60' Field Cultivator w/factory CIH rolling basket, 2 bar harrow; **1990 WILSON 45'** Aluminum Composition Flatbed Trailer, 1635, 2035 & 1035 gal hoop horizontal tanks; **AGRI PRODUCTS 2x450** Gallon Saddle Tanks w/mounting brackets for JD 9000RT Series Tractor-Call Justin 507-236-2071; **JD 7000 12-30 PLANTER** converted to Hyd. Wing fold, quite a bit of money spent-Call Scott 507-380-1058; **2002 CORNHUSKER 800**, 42' x 96" x 78' Hopper Trailer-Call Connor 507-399-3624; **1990 VOLVO WHITE DAY CAB**, 592,853 miles, Cummins & **1990 FREIGHTLINER DAY CAB**, 663,458 miles, Cummins-Call Brian 507-317-2398; **JD 980 FIELD CULTIVATOR**, 28' & **WESTFIELD MK10X71 AUGER**-Call David 507236-4896; **1990 MACK CH 613 SLEEPER CAB TRUCK**-Call 507-920-8060; **DEMCO 250 GALLON SADDLE TANKS**- Call Dustyn 507-236-7629 **INTERNET INFO:** These items will be sold on auctioneeralleylive.com and will close throughout the day on March 24th. Bidding will open on March 17th at 5:00 PM. Please go to auctioneeralleylive.com for full listing & pictures.

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SUPER-SECTION CHAMPS – Team members include: Aden Welcome, Aiden Weiland, Alec Thompson, Berent Kosbab, Blake Jagodzinske, Brennan Ringnell, Carver Rohman, Colby Schwichtenberg, Connor Simmonds, Cooper Steuber, Gage Cyphers, Jaxson Rohman, Jesse Potts, Joseph Forsberg, Kain Sanders, Kam Domeier, Kole Hanson, Lucas Jagodzinske, Max Olson, Riley Allen, Rylan Cutler, Slade Fitzgerald, Taylor Austin, Torrey Paplow, Tristan Peterson, Wyatt Williamson. Head Coach Adam Williamson, assistants Dusty Faber, Derek Sanders, Mike Steuber, Brandon Greiner. Student managers Paige Anderson and Lilly Krogman.

Martin County Red Bulls Head Back to State

The 2020-2021 Class AA #3-ranked Martin County Red Bulls will make a return trip to the State Wrestling Tournament Friday, March 26 in St. Michael-Albertville. After finishing state runner-up last year to #1-ranked Simley (26-0), a possible rematch might be looming again this year. Other ranked state opponents include #4-ranked Dassel Cokato-Litchfield 926-3) and #9-ranked Princeton (20-8). The Red Bulls (28-1) will wrestle at 9 a.m. Friday with the championship match to follow. The individual Championships will follow the team championship in the afternoon.

Participating 3AA individual champions will be crowned this Saturday in Redwood Valley. Ranked Red Bulls participating are - #7 Jesse Potts (25-2), #1 Jaxson Rohman (29-0), #8 Kain Sanders (27-2), #3 Lucas Jagodzinske (27-2), #2 Connor Simmonds (27-1), #4 Blake Jagodzinske (28-1). Other team members - Rylan Cutler (18-6), Cooper Steuber (16-11), Gage Cyphers (13-15), Carver Rohman (23-6), Max Olson (24-3), Wyatt Williamson (14-8), Alec Thompson (12-14), Tristan Peterson (5-4).

Section 3AA un-ranked TCU defeated #7-ranked Watertown-Mayer/Mayer Lutheran 36-34 and #12-ranked Scott West 40-25 to get to the 2AA-3AA Super-

Section Championship Saturday in St. Peter. The Red Bulls, who defeated upset-minded Tri-City United 45-26 during the regular season, used falls from Rylan Cutler, Jesse Potts and Kain Sanders to defeat the Titans 39-28 to claim the Super-Section title.

In the Section 2AA final the South Section Red Bulls pinned their way to a 59-15 win over the North Section 2AA champ Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle-Montevideo United. Eight Red Bulls pinned their opponents - Cutler, Potts, Sanders, Jaxson Rohman, Aden Welcome, Lucas Jagodzinske, Carver Rohman and Max Olson all won by fall.

2AA-3AA SUPER-SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP - Red Bulls 39, TCU 28.

106 Rylan Cutler over Ayden Balma (TCU) (Fall 1:25). 113 Chris Johnson (TCU) over Cooper Steuber (Dec 6-2). 120 Jesse Potts over Zach Balma (TCU) (Fall 5:08). 126 Jaxson Rohman (Forfeit). 132 Kain Sanders over Brant Lemieux (TCU) (Fall 1:11). 138 Aden Welcome over Cole Franeck (TCU) (Dec 6-4). 145 Caleb Whipps (TCU) over Lucas Jagodzinske (Fall 3:07). 152 Caden O'Malley (TCU) over Carver Rohman (Dec 10-4). 160 Connor Simmonds (Forfeit). 170 Blake

Jagodzinske over Marco Reyes (TCU) (Dec 0-0). 182 Brody Rud (TCU) over Gage Cyphers (MD 17-4). 195 Max Olson over Tegan Determan (TCU) (Dec 8-5). 220 Riley O'Malley (TCU) over Wyatt Williamson (Fall 1:36). 285 Robert Bastyr (TCU) over Alec Thompson (Fall 1:08)

SECTION 2AA FINAL - Red Bulls 59, Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle-Montevideo United 15.

106 Rylan Cutler over Kameron Sather (United) (Fall 5:09). 113 Daniel Gunlogson (United) over Cooper Steuber (Dec 2-1). 120 Jesse Potts over Ethan Moravetz (United) (Fall 1:10). 126 Jaxson Rohman over Holland

Schacherer (United) (Fall 1:37). 132 Kain Sanders over Zander Clausen (United) (Fall 3:18). 138 Aden Welcome over Tyler Schickedanz (United) (Fall 4:29). 145 Lucas Jagodzinske over Isaac Moravetz (United) (Fall 1:33). 152 Carver Rohman over Kadin Huntley (United) (Fall 5:21). 160 Connor Simmonds over Dain Mortenson (United) (MD 8-0). 170 Blake Jagodzinske over Avery Wittnebel (United) (Dec 4-0). 182 Gage Cyphers over Holt Larson (United) (MD 10-0). 195 Max Olson over Landon Olson (United) (Fall 3:48). 220 Keaton Haas (United) over Wyatt Williamson (Fall 0:00). 285 Trey Teichert (United) over Alec Thompson (Fall 0:50)



HALF NELSON - Joseph Forsberg won by a 15-4 major decision over Luverne's Mason Smith, The Red Bulls defeated Luverne 74-0 in the opening round of the South Section 3AA Team Meet quarterfinal. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



BACK POINTS - The Red Bulls Aden Welcome holds New Ulm's Wyatt Pollard to the mat. Welcome won a 13-0 major decision over Pollard in the 53-18 win over the Eagles. The Red Bulls semi-final win sent them to the Super-Section meet in St. Peter with North Section champ Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle-Montevideo United. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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