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Nature by the yard By Al Batt



I see a lot without going anywhere but outside.

A pileated (either PIElee-av-tid or PILL-ee-avtid is correct) woodpecker called. The call is similar to a flicker's, but a flicker sounds like a soloist and a pileated an entire choir.

The light show begins in June and continues into August, as fireflies flash in search of mates. Each species of firefly has its own flash pattern. I think of their numbers peaking around the 4th of July, but that's not exact. Eastern tiger swallowtails, bluet damselflies and widow skimmers (dragonflies) move about. Hummingbirds fed on a four parts water to one part white sugar mixture.

A walk in our woods show shady plants are doing well. The Virginia bluebells have gone, but wild ginger, jack-in-thepulpit and Solomon's seal delight. Flowers move from the spring ephemerals growing in the woods before the leaves blocked the sun to those growing on the edges of woods to the summer flowers growing in the open.

Among the multitude of events canceled this year was the wonderful Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah. Although the Hurrah has been shelved. the Hummingbird (and butterfly) Garden in Henderson is open and is well worth visiting. Volunteers maintain its magnificence.

I like most everything, but stable flies didn't make my list of things whose company I enjoy. They cause me considerable discomfort. Chiggers and buffalo gnats (black flies) didn't make that list either. I've copied the list to Santa Claus. Their common name is stable, dog or biting house flies, and legs of cows and horses, and me. Stable flies resemble small house flies and both males and females bite hard. I've heard them referred to as anklebiters, a reference to their favored feeding site — my ankles. They're fast fliers, usually biting low on the leg, feet and ankles, is fair game. Their bites cause cattle to stomp or kick and my shins have felt the misdirected anger of a cow. Decaying organic matter such as grass clippings, compost piles or bedding straw are ideal breeding areas.

A chickadee makes me smile without doing anything more than being. The chickadee is in my birding sweet spot. In 2017, I spent too much time in the hospital. Freed from that confinement, I found walking difficult and birding nearly impossible. I decided to count chickadees, with 1000 being my goal. I didn't care if it was the same chickadee repeatedly, if I saw it, I counted it. I told no one, holding my own soft celebration upon achieving that minor goal. I counted 1000 chickadees again this year. They added up much quicker in 2020.

Q&A

"How can woodpeckers hammer without getting headaches?" They have reinforced skulls structured to spread the force and brains cushioned from repeated impacts. Despite that, woodpeckers are susceptible to fatal window collisions.

"What do swans eat?" Trumpeter swans eat aquatic vegetation leaves, seeds, roots, tubers and rhizomes. Swan parents use their feet to stir up food for cygnets. Invertebrates in the sediment with the tubers and rhizomes provide protein to cygnets and adults. Swans eat grains leftover from harvest.

"Is it true that red squirrels emasculate other squirrels?" I've heard red squirrels castrate their competitors, but no reli-

able observations have been documented. I grew up reading naturalist Erthey target dogs' ears, the nest Thompson Seton (I still have one of his books) and he noted that a species of parasitic botfly preys on squirrels, laying eggs in their groins. The hatched grubs burrow into the skin and consume the host animals' testes or ovaries. I'm not certain of the veracity of the previous sentence, but botflies although any bare skin do parasitize tree squirrels and chipmunks, with

the larvae leaving protruding boils called warbles on a skin. This makes for a lumpy squirrel. Adult male squirrels lacking testes have been cited as evidence of the emasculating abilities of pugnacious red squirrels. It's an old man's tale that arose from the fact that males have testes that shrink and retract after the breeding season.

"Have coyotes ever killed a human?" Historical records show two documented incidences

in the U.S. and Canada of people being killed by coyotes. Typically, 30-50 people in the U.S. die from dog bites annually and deer-related car collisions are responsible for about 200 deaths each year. Coyotes are omnivores and small-game hunters. They feed on rodents, fruit, rabbits, turkeys, geese, woodchucks, carrion, pet food, garbage and fawns (primarily up to 20 days old). They'd eat a cat and adult deer hit by cars.

Mesopredators (such as coyotes, foxes and raccoons) are mid-ranking predators of a trophic level, which typically prey upon smaller animals.

Thanks for stopping by "Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we

are." — Mason Cooley
"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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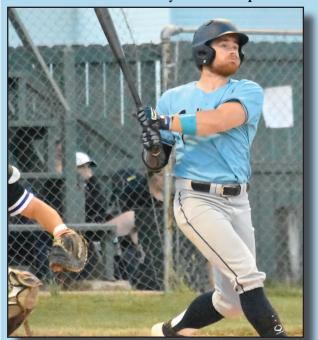




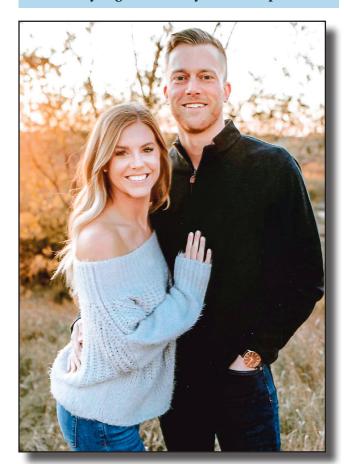
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MARTINS STARTER - Josh Smith fires to the plate. The Martins downed the Jackson Bulls 8-0 in Northrop on Sunday. First baseman Jon Traetow, pictured, blasted a 3-run homer in the contest. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



BIG DAY - Martins slugger Luke Becker supplied the power with a RBI triple and a game ending 2-run homer in the Martins 13-2 win over the Lakefield Horned Frogs. The game ended in the 7th on the 10-run rule win at Bancroft last Wednesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

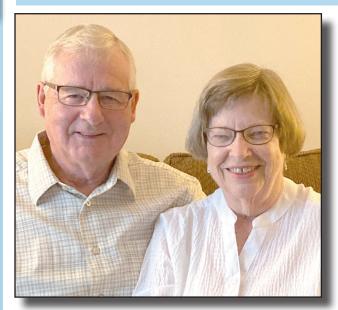


WHALEY-HEINRICH - Courtney Whaley and Justin Heinrich announce their upcoming marriage on July 11th, 2020 in Sioux Falls, SD. They will be married at the ICON in downtown Sioux Falls. Parents of the couple are Mark and Liz Whaley of Brookings, SD and Deb and the late Rod Heinrich of Fairmont. The couple lives and works in Sioux Falls. (Submitted photo)





A restored 1966 Bell Cobra helicopter was placed at the north end of the Martin County Veterans Memorial with the help of Beemer Companies, the City of Fairmont and other local volunteers. The U.S. Army helicopter was acquired a year ago from California with a former Fairmonter Steve Chase being an instrumental part of obtaining it. Many hours were put in refurbishing the helicopter. Blades were found and attached along with locally manufactured rocket pods. A monument with names of Martin County deceased veterans is located at the Winnebago Avenue site in Fairmont. The location is to be lit and will be seen from the I-90 Highway, said members of the memorial committee. Also a dedication ceremony is planned for Saturday, August 1 with pilots who flew the helicopter an other dignitaries. Many proud and smiling veterans along with local community members watched the placement of the helicopter which is an awesome addition to the memorial site. To the memorial committee members we salute you!



50TH ANNIVERSARY - Jane and Larry Fullerton of Welcome will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday. They were married June 27th, 1970. Cards will reach them at PO Box 291, Welcome, MN 56181. (Submitted photo)



JEAN STRAUSS will celebrate her 95th birthday on July 8th. Although she's currently in rehab at Lakeview with a broken arm, cards can reach her at 850 Goldfinch Street #104, Fairmont MN 56031. We're hoping she'll be back home by then, but if not, we'll get cards to her. (Submitted photo)



NORMAN 60TH - Arno and Karen Norman will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on July 1st. They were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Cards will reach them at 1310 Adams Ave., #102, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Ve will be closed riday July 3rd for ndependence day.

Deadline for the July 8th publication is NOON on July 2nd!



ADAM D. GARBERS, Fairmont Area High School, received a \$1,000.00 scholarship from Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Auxiliary, Fairmont, MN.

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Thursday's -Soup's On!

A free soup meal will be offered again by The Shepherd's In, starting on Thursday, June 25th, at the Blazer Hall at 95 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. Serving is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The free soup meal will be available every Thursday throughout the summer. Covid 19 practices will be followed. All are welcome for good food, fellowship and fun.

The Shepherd's In will also be continuing their free soup meal delivery to shut-ins and needy persons in Martin Coun-

ty. The delivery will be once per week. Call Curt at 507-848-4860 if you are in need of this service.

The Shepherd's In nonprofit was formed in 2018 with a mission to provide assistance that helps people improve their situation. They will accomplish this by operating a soup kitchen; support strong family relationships; utilize nutritious, fresh, locally grown food; and support the human mind, body and spirit.

"There are so many people in our community that need a morale uplift and a warm meal. We hope to provide that through our work with The Shepherd's In." said Curt Moeckel, Founder. "We are continuing our mission with the soup kitchen. Thank you to the American Legion Post #36 who are donating to the Thursday night meals and the facility."

The Shepherd's In is accepting donations to assist in accomplishing their overall mission and can be mailed to The Shepherd's In, 1446 30th Street, Ceylon, MN 56121 or by giving them directly to Mr. Moeckel. Questions can be directed to curt@shepherdsin.com or 507-848-4860.

All Martin County **Library** locations are now open! Our libraries are currently open for "Browse and Go" and/or contactless pickups. For the health and safety of yourself and others, we ask that you:

-Use hand sanitizer upon entry

-Wear a mask or face covering

 Practice social distancing (6 feet)

Building capacity is limited. Due to this, no social gatherings or extended stays will be allowed.

We ask that you make an appointment to:

Use a computer for 30 minutes. (All libraries)

Bring your family for a browse and go session. (Fairmont Library only)

Please return items in the outside bookdrop at the Fairmont Library.

You can put items on hold using our library To access the catalog. catalog, visit our website at www.martincountylibrary.org. You can also use the "Book Request Form" on our website to request items and for staff assistance in finding items.

Yes! We are having a summer reading program now through July 31. Pick up a summer quest challenge sheet at the library. Turn in your entries to your library by August

3 for a chance to win a grand prize! Each library also has "take and make" activities for the summer. Please share your photos with us on Facebook and Instagram!

Current Library Hours and Contact Numbers: Fairmont Monday and Tuesday 9-7 and Wednesday-Friday 9-5 238-4207

Sherburn Monday-Friday 1:30 to 5:30 764-7611

Trimont Tuesday-Thursday 1:30 to 5:30 639-2571

Truman Monday-Friday 1:30 to 5:30 776-2717

Concerts cancelled

The Fairmont Concert Association has regretfully decided to suspend their 2020-2021 Concert Series because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Due to concerns members' about health and safety, the social distancing re-

quirement for such a large group and the uncertainty of availability of the FHS PAC, the FCA board felt it best to cancel the season.

We look forward to once again providing great entertainment in 2021-2022.

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A Easy one Skillet Meal

What a great rain we had, made our lawn nice and green again and gave my flowers a boost!

Today I'm sharing a easy chicken and mushroom quick meal, I love any recipe that calls for fresh mushrooms, I hope you will enjoy it too!

Mushroom Chicken Bites

- 2 Tablespoons oil, divided
- 1 # boneless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. each garlic powder and onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 8 oz. sliced mushrooms
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped, optional
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons fresh chopped parsley

Heat 1 Tablespoon of oil in a large pan on medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add chicken, season with salt, pepper, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder and paprika. Mix well and sear chicken all over until browned and cooked through, about 5-6 minutes, transfer cooked chicken to a plate; set aside and keep warm. Heat remaining oil in the same pan with 1 tablespoon of butter, add mushrooms and cook, while stirring, until just beginning to brown and soften, 3-4 minutes. Add the remaining butter to the pan, let melt and saute' onion and pepper until just soft and fragrant, about 3 minutes, add garlic and saute' until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the chicken back into the pan along with any juices released while resting. Mix through all of the ingredients to evenly coat in the pan juices. Continue cooking until all vegetables are soft and the chicken is cooked through, about 1-2 minutes more. Taste test and season with salt and pepper if desired, sprinkle with fresh parsley, and serve warm.

Stay safe and have a great week!

Marriage License **Applications**

Elizabeth Mary-Faye Krenz and Nathan Anthony Schueller

Erika Kathleen Davison and Daniel Jay Borchardt

A come & go bridal shower will be held for Morgan Williamson, bride-to-be of Levi Ringnell, of Sherburn on Sunday, July 12th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn. Due to COVID concerts, it is strongly recommended that attendees wear a mask. The couple is registered at Target, Sterling Drug and Amazon.

MCW indoor swim**ming pool** in Sherburn has reopened with limited hours and activities. The pool will start with adult lap swimming, aerobics and special needs swims. Open swim, lessons and rentals will resume later. Contact elizabethviesselman@ mcwmavericks.org.

Hope Café To Go: St. John Vianney Church will be delivering a free hot meal on Sunday, June 28th around 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone interested in receiving a free hot meal should email or call Bridget at 235-2451 or bbecker@sjvhf.org. Please leave your name, address, phone number and how many meals. Limited to the first 30 or so folks.

Red Rock Center for the Arts seeks performing and visual artists of all kinds for a Virtual Open Mic night. You may submit your own recording for approval. A piano accompaniment is available for vocalists. A social media watch party is to be determined with proceeds supporting future Live Open Mic Nights at the Red Rock. Please contact koenning.katie@ gmail.com for more information.

FHS second semester honor rolls

HIGHEST HONORS 4.00 and above GPA

GRADE 12: Macey Bearson, Joni Becker, Daniel Betts, Daniel Brummond, Mckayla Chambers, Kaitlyn Freese, Tyson Geerdes, Savannah Glienke, Calvin Guritz, Blake Haugen, Aaron Hendricks, Lillian Hohensee, Sophie Johnson, Alexis Kaufman, Emily Kerekes, Apoorva Komaragiri, Campbell Krusemark, Jennifer Moeller, Isabella Munsch, Jacob Rahn, Emma Schultze, Bergen Senf, Zachary Soelter, Carson Toomer, Andrea Westcott, Zihao

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GRADE 10: Ca- Hatfield, dence Becker, Kaycie Brookens, Justine Eisenmenger, Ellie Hernes, Briana Joseph, Samantha Lenort, Claire Nemmers, Carissa Saxton, Lily Steuber, Laura Thompson, Libby Totzke

GRADE 9: Kynlie Anderson, Anna Busche, Kate Busche, Abigail Cihoski, Shannon Green, Jack Hagen, Anika Haugen, Caden Lebert, Carsen Musser, Solveig Senf, Jayden Smith

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GRADE 11: Mia Collazo, Kainen Craig, Kelly Lopau, Madison Maakestad, Skyeli Malo, Aeryn Martius, Jayden Mayhall, Brooklyn Meyer, Katie Mueller, Janessa Nelson, Faith Olson, Jacalyn Reischl, Allison Schwieger, Brooke Van Gelderen, Raquel Vaughn

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HONOR ROLL 3.0-3.499 GPA

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Obituary Notices



George H. Fowler, 89

A private family graveside service was held for George H. Fowler, age 89, of Fairmont. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday June, 26th at Bethel Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. with services to follow. George passed away unexpectedly from natural causes on

Monday, April 6, 2020, at his farm near Winnebago,

George H. Fowler was born on May 4, 1930 to Charles and Irene (Reinke) Fowler in Martin County, MN. He received his education from Martin County District #7.

George served in the United States Army from November 24, 1952 until being honorably discharged on November 24, 1954. He was stationed in Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

On April 24, 1953, George was united in marriage to Phyllis Peyman in Fairmont. They lived on farms near Blue Earth, Truman, and Winnebago, where they raised eight children. George farmed for many years, until retiring in 1995. Even though he was retired, he loved being out at the farm and helping wherever he was needed.

George was a member of Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. He enjoyed morning coffee on the north end of town with his buddies. He loved spending time with his family and loved it even more if they were

fishing.

Those who will cherish his memory include his eight children, Diane Henry and her husband, David, of Fairbanks, AK, Ron Fowler and his wife, Dora, of Truman, Gary Fowler and his wife, Julie, of Fairmont, Sharon R. Fowler of Fairmont, Brian Fowler and his wife, Karen, of Eagle Lake, Wendell Fowler and his wife, Sharon L., of Fairmont, Janelle Mowery and her husband, Rodney, of Rosharon, TX, and MerriDee Shumski and special friend, Steve Wen-

zel, of Fairmont; eighteen grandchildren; twentyseven great-grandchildren and one on the way; brother, Charles Fowler and his wife, Debra, of AZ; brother-in-law, Veryl Peyman and his wife, Helen of AZ; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Irene Fowler; wife. Phyllis Fowler: two great-grandsons, Calder and Coen Hanson; brother, Harold (Fern) Fowler; and sister, Lois (Dean) Peterson.



Richard D. Adams, 86

A private family service for Richard "Dick" D. Adams, age 86, of Fairmont, MN, is being held on Saturday, June 27th, 2020, with interment at the Dunbar Cemetery, rural Wells, MN. Dick passed away on Saturday morning, June 20th, 2020, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be directed to Habitat for Humanity of Martin County.

Richard Dale Adams was born on September 6th, 1933, the son of Elsie and Hubert Adams of Webb, Iowa. Dick was a graduate of Linn Grove High School, Linn Grove,

Iowa. He then served in the United States Army as a heavy machinery mechanic from 1955-1958, based in Japan during the Korean War. Following his military service he returned to college and received a Master's degree in Christian Education from Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. It was during this time that he met Millicent Peterson, whom he married following graduation in 1963.

Richard served as a Director of Christian Education for the United Methodist Church in Liberal, Kansas, and at the United Methodist Church in Fair-

mont, Minnesota. He also worked for Holly Park Industries and retired after 15 years at Telex in Blue Earth, Minnesota. Richard was best known for his volunteer activities. He served as a Scoutmaster and Councilman for Troop 57 boy scouts, served as a mentor for the Junior High Success Academy, volunteered at the Five Lakes Elementary School working with students on their reading skills, and worked with the Key Club at the high school. Richard was a member of the Early Risers Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters, served as a driver for the American

will continue one hour

prior to the service at

the church on Friday.

While Kay was doing

one of her favorite hob-

bies, bike riding, she

was tragically taken

from us and was wel-

comed into the arms

of her Lord on Friday

evening, June 19th,

2020, near her home

in rural Truman. The

Cancer Society and the Fairmont Health Care Center, and volunteered at the Lakeview Methodist Home. He spent many hours working on building projects for Habitat for Humanity and served in numerous roles within the United Methodist Church. In recognition of his service, Richard was named Male Volunteer of the Year for Martin County, and first runner-up for the State Volunteer of the Year. He was honored in 2013 with the Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds award and was selected as a Friend of Education for helping a thirdgrade class with reading

and spelling. Richard was a gifted wood carver and carpenter and spent many hours fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Millicent, son Jeffrey (Paulette) Adams and daughter Jennifer (Scott) grandchildren Davis, Joshua and Rose; brother Duane "Pete" (Pat) Adams and sister Pat (Ron) Reese, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Russell Roberts.

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June 16 - Peggy A. (Neusch) Kolda, 76, Utica, SD. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

June 17 - Katie E. (Cyphers) Poppe, 38, Northrop. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

June 17 - Marvin Johnson, 101, Burnsville (formerly of Jackson and Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

June 17 - Rosemary Howe, 70, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service June 18 - Violet Benoy, 94, Truman. Zaha-

ria Family Funeral and Cremation Service June 18 - Soon Bok Ogren, 63, Northrop (formerly of Truman). Kramer Funeral Home June 19 - Kay M. Sandersfeld, 71, Truman.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service June 20 - Richard D. "Dick" Adams, 86, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

June 21 - Earl L. Abelson, 78, Truman. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

June 18 - Ryan F. Manwarren, 38, Blue Earth June 18 - Roger A. Markeson, 81, Ormsby June 19 - Janet L. Behrens, 83, Fairmont

June 20 - Jerry E. Theobald, 75, Fairmont June 23 - Laura K. Becker, 59, Sherburn



Kay M. Sandersfeld, 71

Funeral Service for Kay M. Sandersfeld, age 71, of Truman, MN, will be 11:00 am on Friday, June 26th, 2020, at St. James Lutheran VID-19 guidelines, so-Church in Northrop, cial distancing guide-MN. Interment will be lines will be observed. in Zion Lutheran Cem- The Lakeview Funeral etery, Fraser Town- Home in Fairmont is ship, MN. Visitation will assisting the family be 4:00 to 6:00 pm on with arrangements. Thursday, June 25th, at the Lakeview Funeral

family suggests that memorials be directed to Saint James Lutheran School in Northrop, Zion Fraser Lutheran Church in Fraser Township, Redeemer Christian Academy in Wayzata, or Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Due to CO-Kay Marie (Doren-

dorf) Sandersfeld was Home in Fairmont and born on February 11, 1949, in Fairmont, MN. She was the daughter of Fred and Delores (Ambrose) Dorendorf. She attended Fairmont public schools and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1967.

On February 8, 1969, Kay was united in marriage to Ronald Sandersfeld at Zion Lutheran Church in Fraser Township, MN. This union was blessed with three children, Annette, Michael, and Amanda. The couple resided in Hartley, IA, Audubon, IA, and Slayton, MN, before moving to Kay's family's farm in rural Fairmont. In 1987, Kay and Ron moved to rural Truman where they currently reside. Kay and Ron shared over fifty-one years together.

Kay worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Reiter in Fairmont. She later became the church secretary for both St. James Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church where worked until her retirement on May 29, 2020.

Kay was a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church. She volunteered as a 4-H leader when the kids were younger as well as being a Pampered Chef Consultant for many years. Kay enjoyed cooking, baking, and canning as well as sewing and quilting. She most loved the time she was able to spend with

her grandchildren. Left to cherish her memory include her husband, Ronald Sandersfeld of Truman, MN; children, Annette (Travis) Tesch of Everly, IA, Mike Sandersfeld (Kari Thomas) of Truman, MN, and Amanda (Eddy) Dehmer of St. Michael, MN; grand-McKenzie children, Reynolds, Kayla Reynolds, Paige Reynolds, Tanner Tesch, Miles Gillum, Moses Gillum, and Gideon Dehmer; sisters, JoAnn (Armin) Flachsmann of Sun Lakes, AZ, Ginny Schafer of Denver, CO, and Susan (Jerry) Knight of Severna Park, MD; brothers-in-law, Merlin (Rebecca) Sandersfeld of Harris, IA, Vernon (Dee Ann) Sandersfeld of Hamilton, MT, and Chuck (JoAnn) Selchert of Osceola, WI; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Fred and Delores Dorendorf, Kay was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Julia Sandersfeld; and parents-in-law, Alfred and Marzella Sandersfeld.

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MN CREP Prairie Restoration. Martin County.

MN CREP is a voluntary, federal-state funded natural resource conservation program that uses a science-based approach to target environmentally sensitive land in 54 Counties in southern and western Minnesota. This is accomplished through permanent protection by establishing conservation practices via payments to farmers and agricultural

Here's how it works:

land owners.

- Landowners enroll in the federally-funded Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for 15 years.
- CRP is administered by the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA). It uses agricultural land for conservation benefits, rather than farming or ranching
- The same land is also enrolled into a statefunded perpetual conservation easement through the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve program, administered by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).
- Private ownership continues and the land is permanently restored and enhanced for conservation benefits.

MN CREP Objectives:

MN CREP will protect 60,000 acres of the highest priority areas across 54 counties. It will:

- Target riparian areas and marginal agricultural land
- Restore hydrology, increase infiltration and provide flood mitigation
- Provide habitat for wildlife, non-game species and pollinators
- nitrate Reduce loading in drinking supplies

How will the land be restored and protected?

MN CREP will focus on three main Conservation Practices (CPs) that have been identified through the federal CRP:

1. Grass Filter Strips (CRP CP 21) - This is land adjacent to a body of water.



MN CREP Wetland Restoration - Non-Floodplain. **Martin County**



MN CREP Floodplain Wetland, not yet restored. **Martin County.**

The intent is to filter run- consider MN CREP now. off before it enters the waterbody.

2. Wetland Restoration has hydric soil and depressions that could hold water. These areas often hold water after a heavy

3. Wetland Restoration -Floodplain (CRP CP 23) - This is land adjacent to a waterbody that has hydric soil and a tendency to flood. These areas often flood due to a stream or creek flooding over its typical high-water level.

Why Enroll Now? There are many reasons to based on the long-term goals of the landowner. Some of these include:

Non-Floodplain (CRP CP Fair compensation - Pay-23a) - This is land that ments for the land retirement portion of MN CREP are based on current CRP rental rates and RIM rates. Martin County payment rates range from \$7,800 to \$8,500. Please contact Martin SWCD for payment details.

Rights retained - Landowners maintain ownership, including the right to control access to the land covered by the MN CREP CRP contract/RIM easement.

Returns on marginal cropland - MN CREP prioritizes and targets marginal cropland that is often associated with buffer areas and drained or altered wetlands. These lands often produce less than average crop yields, and are less profitable even when crop prices are high.

Impact on water quality and habitat - MN CREP focuses on both water quality and wildlife habitat. Enrolled land will deliver multiple benefits to ground and surface water, as well as provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

Option for re-enrolled CRP - Lands that are currently enrolled in CRP and eligible for re-enrollment during a MN CREP signup period may be eligible. This can result in seamless coverage of CRP annual

payments and may allow for the existing vegetation to stay in place.

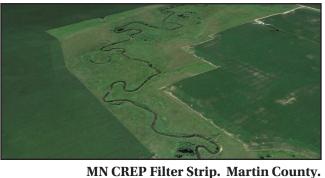
Quality native restoration - Restoration of the enrolled land will follow state and federal standards, and focus on native plant species. One hundred percent of these restoration costs will be covered by the CRP and RIM programs, leaving no out-of-pocket expenses to the landowner.

To see if your land is eligible or for additional information, please contact Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680.



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- Drain water from hoat, hallast tanks, nortable hait container, and motor before leaving a water access - and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. Keep drain plugs out while transporting hoats.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.









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The mission of Martin SWCD is to assist land users of Martin County in efficiently utilizing the soil and water resources in our county. This is accomplished in large part due to our partnerships with Federal, State, and Local agencies, as well as with local Conservation Organizations.

One source of funding we receive for projects is from Minnesota's Clean Water Fund. On November 4, 2008, Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment to the constitution to:

protect drinking water sources; protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; preserve arts and cultural heritage; support parks and trails; and protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

The Amendment increases the sales and use tax rate by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales, starting July 1, 2009, continuing through 2034. Those dollars are dedicated to four funds: Outdoor Heritage Fund, Clean Water Fund, Parks and

The mission of Mara SWCD is to assist and Cultural Heritage and users of Martin Fund.

> Right now, Martin SWCD has funds from the Clean Water Fund to offset the cost of sealing old wells, installing grass waterways to reduce erosion, and implementing innovative conservation practices like saturated buffers and woodchip bioreactors.

If you are interested in learning more about a conservation pro-

gram or would like Martin SWCD to look at a potential conservation project, please call us at 507-235-6680.







Planting a

Anyone Can Do It!

By Hannah Neusch, Conservation planner



You can plant prairie in a small garden space, or in a large expanse such as a field. There are many variations on how to plant prairie, and the details can be confusing. Despite this, the process can be boiled down to a

few simple ideas. Keep these in mind and great results will come from your efforts.

Never underestimate the value of good site preparation. Observe your site ahead of planting time. Note existing vegetation, potential weed problems,

current and future disturbances, herbicide carryover potential, soil problems and other issues. Understanding and addressing these before your first seed hits the soil will make things go much more smoothly.

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Start with quality **seed.** Where possible, purchase seed tested for purity and germination. Purity denotes the weed seed content and the amount of non-seed (inert) material in a seed lot. Germination indicates the percentage of seed that will readily sprout. Purchase your native seed on a Pure Live Seed (PLS) basis, calculated by multiplying the purity by percent germination. Seed tests should be done within 6 months of planting. A high PLS content (>50) usually indicates high quality seed.

Plant shallow and achieve good seedto-soil contact. A gen-

plant seeds no deeper tact. than three times their seed width. Planting **seeding** most prairie seed at a Spread seed after Nodepth of about ¼ inch vember 1st, preferably will give great results. on snow. This allows Observing some seed the seed to stratify, as on the surface after it needs cold temperaplanting is a good in- tures to do this. By dicator that you're on planting a diverse mix the right track. Estab- of grasses and forbs, lish good seed-to-soil you will buffer your contact with a native planting against probseed drill or cultipack- lems of seasonal timing ing for a firm seedbed. and weaknesses that Spreading seed on might be characteristic bare soil in the winter of one or a few species. is also an effective way Simply put, diversity to achieve good seedto-soil contact. Repeated freeze-thaw cycles (not-so) secret inwork the seed into the **gredient of success.** soil. Whatever seeding method is used, the seeding for at least one common ingredients full growing season afto success are to plant ter planting. Mowing is shallow and establish often the most practical

eral rule of thumb is to good seed-to-soil con-

Planting dates and diversity. provides stability.

Maintenance - the Maintain your new way to suppress weeds during grow-in. Herbicides can be helpful but should be considered with forethought and a clear understanding of implications for the prairie plants you are trying to establish. Hand weeding is labor intensive but can be very effective, especially on small sites. The value of monitoring, early detection, and timely intervention can't be understated. It can greatly reduce the time from seeding to successful prairie planting.

Keep in mind, most species of prairie plants are long-lived but develop slowly. With the exception of a few species of annual or biennial prairie plant species frequently included in prairie plantings, many prairie plants take 3-5 or more years to reach a point where they will flower. Patience is often the most important part of establishing a prairie planting.





Minnesota's Buffer Law requires perennial vegetative buffers of up to 50 feet along lakes, rivers, and streams and buffers of 16.5 feet along County and Judicial Drainage Ditches. These buffers help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment. The deadline for implementation for buffers on public waters was November 1, 2017. The deadline for public ditches was November 1, 2018.

Buffer Width Requirements

The Buffer Law requires buffer widths based on the classification of the waters identified on the Buffer Protection Maps. These widths are defined for public waters and public drainage systems. Public waters

For all public waters, a 50-foot average width, 30-foot minimum width, continuous buffer of perennially rooted vegetation.

Public drainage systems

This law applies to public drainage systems established under chapter 103E. The required buffer width is a minimum of 16.5-feet continuous buffer as provided in section 103E.021, subdivision 1. The buffer vegetation shall not impede future maintenance of the ditch.

The width of a buffer must be measured from the top or crown of the bank, as required by Minnesota Statutes §103F.48, Subd. 3(c). Where there is no definable bank, measurement must be from the edge of the normal water level.

What to Plant

A wide range of vegetation can make a suitable buffer; to meet requirements the plants must be perennials. This includes hay and forage crops such as alfalfa and clover, woody vegetation, perennial grains that can be harvested later and prairie vegetation.

Any questions on the Buffer Law please contact Martin Soil & Water Conservation District.







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The aquatic invasive plant species; Curly-leaf Pondweed.

ice is off the lakes. Then

continues to grow until it

reaches the water surface.

Around mid-summer it

dies off. Reproduction

can take place by turions,

seeds, fragmentation, or

rhizomes. The plant pro-

duces turions that look



Curly-leaf pondweed from Budd Lake 6/10/2020

Many people in the Fairmont area, who recreate on the local lakes have noticed aquatic vegetation this year. I have noticed more curly-leaf pondweed in the lakes and wanted to inform others on what they are seeing.

Curly-leaf pondweed is a non-native, submerged invasive aquatic plant that has been in Minnesota for over a century. This plant species is abundant and found in more than 750 lakes. It has been identified in 70 of the 87 Minnesota counties.

Curly-leaf is similar in appearance to many native aquatic plants found in MN. This plant has narrow leaves with very fine teeth and wavy edges. This plant can grow from the shoreline out to depths of 15 feet. It can be distinguished from other pondweeds by its unique life cycle. This is generally the first aquatic plant to come up in the spring, often times it starts growing before the

mature, the turions drop to the bottom of the lake and wait for spring to start growing. This species can cre-

ate thick matts of dense vegetation that can displace native vegetation by crowding them out and block the sunlight. They can also cause problems on water equipment, clog boat motors, and attach on boat trailers. In midsummer when the plant has died back, large matts of vegetation can wash up on the shorelines. When this happens, the decomposing vegetation will create, a not so pleasant odor and a mess for lakeshore owners to cleanup. From past experience by others around the state, eradication or elimination of curly-leaf pondweed from lakes is not a realistic goal. Problems

with curly-leaf can be managed, using available methods of control. Dense mats that interfere with the use of the lakes can be reduced by mechanical harvesting or treatment with herbicide. Both of the control methods will most likely need a permit. Lakeshore owners can manage curly-leaf in small areas, by hand pulling or using a rake to manually remove the plants. Please contact the MN Department of Natural Resources invasive species specialist if you have questions on whether or not you need a permit.

Curly-leaf may grow to problem levels in a next. This appears to be due to the weather, which can cause variations from year to year. The main reason this species can easily spread from one lake to another is from their reproduction cycle.

Curlyleaf Life-Cycle in MN SUMMER site. We can all do our produce by fragmenta-

tion. All it takes is a piece of the plant that gets transported by boats and trailers can start a new etation and mud, drain all population in a different water, and dispose of un-

lake one year, but not the action for all lake users tin Soil and Water Conis to remove all vegeta- servation District or the tion from your watercraft, Minnesota Department equipment, and trailers of Natural Resources for before leaving the launch further information.

part in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Clean off all vegwanted bait in the trash. The most important Contact your local Mar-







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USDA Opens Signup for Added Causes of Loss Under WHIP+ and Announces Disaster **Assistance for Sugar Beet Producers**

additional disaster as- to grower members of sistance available to those cooperatives who agricultural producers, including producers impacted by drought and than \$3 billion was excess moisture as well made available through as sugar beet growers. a disaster relief pack-Through WHIP+, USDA is helping producers recover from losses related Trump. In December to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened eligible losses of drought (D3 or above) and excess moisture. USDA is also entering into agreements cessing cooperatives to **Disaster Events**

announced distribute \$285 million experienced loss.

In June 2019, more age passed by Congress and signed by President 2019, Congress passed, and President Trump signed the Further Consolidated Appropriations signup on March 23 for Act of 2020 that provides producers to apply for an additional \$1.5 billion for the continuation of disaster assistance program delivery.

with six sugar beet pro- WHIP+ New Qualifying

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The bill added excessive moisture and D3 and D4 drought as qualifying losses for WHIP+ assistance.

Beginning March 23, producers who suffered either of these types of loss in 2018 and/or 2019 can apply for WHIP+ assistance at their local a producer is eligible if any area of the county in Drought) or higher on tionwide. the U.S. Drought Monitor during calendar years Eligibility 2018 or 2019.

Assistance

\$285 million through cooperatives to compensate grower members for sugar beet crop Details will be finalized in agreements between USDA and participating sugar beet processmembers of these cooperatives and experienced losses may contact their

cooperative for more information about how this sugar beet crop assistance will be administered.

WHIP+ for Quality Loss

In addition, producers have reported widespread crop quality loss from eligible disaster events that results in price deductions or penalties when marketing the damaged crops. The Appropriations bill expands WHIP+ to include assistance for crop qual-FSA office. For drought, ity loss. FSA is gathering data and input from producers and stakeholders which the loss occurred regarding the extent and was rated D3 (Extreme types of quality loss na-

To be eligible for WHIP+ Sugar Beet Loss WHIP+, producers must have suffered losses of certain crops, trees, As also directed in the bushes, or vines in counbill, USDA will provide ties with a Presidential Disaster Emergency sugar beet processing Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation (primary counties only) for the following losses in 2018 and 2019. named natural disaster events; hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, wilding cooperatives. Sugar fires, and now excessive beet producers who are moisture that occurred in 2018 or 2019. Also, losses located in a county not designated by the Secretary as a primary county may be eligible if the producer provides documentation showing that the loss was due to a qualifying natural disaster event.

> For drought, counties having a D3 or D4 Drought Monitor classi-

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fication in any portion of the county anytime during calendar year 2018 or 2019 will also be eligible.

A list of counties that received qualifying hurricane declarations and designations is available at farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus. U.S. Drought Monitor is available at https:// droughtmonitor.unl. edu/.

Because livestock losses are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, these losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

USDA Reminds Producers to Complete **Crop Acreage Reports**

The Martin County office for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently open to phone and virtual appointments only but can still work with producers on timely filing crop acreage reports. FSA staff can provide assistance over the phone, by email and through virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Martin County:

July 15, Spring Seeded Crops AND CRP Contracted Acres

August 15, 2020 Hemp (must provide li-August cense number)

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline. FSA staff is still able to assist producers in completing acreage

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reports, including providing maps.

The Martin County FSA office will provide maps to producers through an office parking lot pick up along with instructions for completing the maps, as described above. After planting is complete, producers should return completed maps and the acreage reporting information by mail or email by June 15th at the latest.

After completed maps and all acreage reporting information is received, FSA will make software updates and mail or email producers the completed Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign. Producers must return the signed form certifying their acreage report to the FSA office through mail or email by July 15, 2020.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendars days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

If you have applied for organic certification and do not receive it before the acreage reporting deadline, you may provide the necessary documentation to FSA immediately upon receipt from the certifying agent.

For questions, please contact FSA's Martin County office at 507-235-6661.

FSA Adds Farm Loan **Flexibilities**

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USDA Launches New Conservation Pilot Program for Prairie Pothole Producers to Plant Perennial Cover for Conservation Use

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced a new pilot program that enables farmers in Prairie Pothole states to receive payments for planting perennial cover for conservation use on their land for three to five years. The new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Soil Health and Income Protection Program (SHIPP) pilot is available to producers in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The signup for this pilot starts March 30, 2020 and ends August 21.

Through SHIPP, producers have the option of three-, four- or five-year CRP contracts to establish perennial cover for

Nominations Open

for the 2020 County

Committee Election's

of Agriculture (USDA)

Farm Service Agency

(FSA) encourages all

farmers, ranchers, and

FSA program participants

to take part in the Martin

County Committee elec-

tion nomination process.

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conservation use on less and humans. productive cropland in exchange for payments. This pilot enables producers to plant perennial cover that, among other benefits, will improve soil health and water quality while having the option to harvest, hay and graze during certain times of the year. Up to 50,000 acres can be enrolled.

Perennial cover, whether used in a single year rotation or over multiple years, can improve the productivity of soils and soil health on a farm for generations and increase the bottom line for the farmer. Soil health, or soil quality, by definition, is the capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals

The SHIPP pilot is the latest option in a full suite of opportunities available to producers through CRP and other conservation programs offered by USDA. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to talk to their FSA county office soon about whether this pilot fits their operation or consider another longerterm option such as the CRP General signup that ends February 28 or CRP Continuous signup that is ongoing.

For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/ crp and contact your local office. To find your local USDA Service Center office, visit https://www. farmers.gov/service-loca-

grams in their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision making and farm

program delivery pro-

cess.

A county committee is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a three-year term. One-third of the seats on these committees are open for elec-

County committees may have an appointed advisor to further represent the local interests of underserved farmers and ranchers. Under-

tion each year.

served producers are beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers and landowners and/or operators who have limited resources.

All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by Aug. 1, 2020 (or next business day). For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member available online at: fsa.usda. I anteed Operating Loan gov/elections.

Continued from page 9 Farm loans are critical

for annual operating and family living expenses, emergency needs and cash flow, especially in tough times. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is providing additional flexibilities to provide producers with credit options. We encourage direct loan applicants and borrowers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and any current, and future, temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. Customers participating in FSA's guaranteed loan programs are encouraged to contact their lender. For a full list of flexibilities, visit farmers. gov/coronavirus.

Higher Limits Now Available on USDA **Farm Loans**

Higher limits are now available for borrowers interested in USDA's farm loans, which help agricultural producers purchase farms or cover operating expenses. The 2018 Farm Bill increased the amount that producers can borrow through direct and guaranteed loans available through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and made changes to other loans, such as microloans and emergency loans.

Key changes include:

The Direct Operating Loan limit increased from \$300,000 to \$400,000, and the Guarlimit increased from \$ 1.429 million to \$1.75 million. Operating loans help producers pay for normal operating expenses, including machinery and equipment, seed, livestock feed, and more.

- The Direct Farm Ownership Loan limit increased from \$300,000 to \$600,000, and the Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loan limit increased from \$1.429 million to \$1.75 million. Farm ownership loans help producers become owner-operators of family farms as well as improve and expand current operations.
- Producers can now receive both a \$50,000 Farm Ownership Microloan and a \$50,000 Operating Microloan. Previously, microloans were limited to a combined \$50,000. Microloans provide flexible access to credit for small, beginning, niche, non-traditional and farm operations.
 - Producers who

previously received debt forgiveness as part of an approved FSA restructuring plan are now eligible to apply for emergency loans. Previously, these producers were ineligible.

Beginning and socially disadvantaged producers can now receive up to a 95 percent guarantee against the loss of principal and interest on a loan, up from 90 percent.

About Farm Loans

Direct farm loans, which include microloans and emergency loans, are financed and serviced by FSA, while guaranteed farm loans are financed and serviced by commercial lenders. For guaranteed loans, FSA provides a guarantee against possible financial loss of principal and interest.

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Tallgrass Prairie—The Lost Ecosystem

By: Hannah Neusch, Conservation Planner

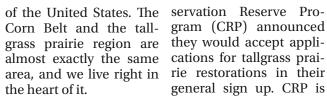


the beholder. Many people find forests beautiful, many fewer love prairies.

However, most people have never seen a tallgrass prairie. Just two hundred years ago, tallgrass prairie extended from the forests of Kentucky and Tennessee to the middle of Nebraska and Kansas, from the Gulf of Mexico to southern Canada. Part strong agricultural base

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Love is in the eye of of the lack of romance in prairies for most people is that you need to imagine what it was like. There are very few places where you can see anything like the great sweep of the presettlement grasslands. The tallgrass prairie grew in some of the best agricultural land on the continent and it was quickly plowed. It provides the



ests romantic have surely farmers to temporarily walked through forests, retire farmland and they enjoying the scents and receive yearly compensounds. To do that in a sation. The contracts last tallgrass prairie, you'd from 10-15 years. Martin first have to find one, and County received a large that might be difficult. In number of applications

gram (CRP) announced general sign up. CRP is People who find for- a program that allows



most places 99% of the for this program at the beprairie is gone. The pieces that remain are small enough that you can't avoid seeing the neighboring properties. There are three exceptions...two

though! This year the Con-

ginning of the year and we are hard at work helping the Farm Service Agency draw up plans for these tallgrass prairie restorations. We are very excited about these restorations, yet there are a couple It's not all bad news of things missing in the ecosystem which are incredibly important to a tallgrass prairie...bison and fire. CRP contracts allow for controlled burning and grazing, but only at specific points in the contract and it must be defined in the contract as to mow, mostly because

time to establish, sometimes years, but once they are grown in, they will take your breath away. tallgrass prairie, but it's which, in turn, eat the indifficult to show prairies sects or the grass, such as to the next generation in a pheasant, deer, and turway they will be interested or impressed. It used to be a man could stand

prairies take quite a bit of

in his stirrups and not see very active across the tallover the grass! That isn't the tallgrass prairie that you are likely to see on a prairie education going visit to a local remnant. on at all levels. A great Mostly the grass is about deal of progress has been 3' high. Walking out into made in the last 30 years, a mature field of corn is preserving prairie remthe closest we'll ever get nants, connecting isolatto the feeling of standing in the middle of a tallgrass prairie. Walking through lost ecosystem, in the one has been described middle of everything but as 'swimming' because the grass was so thick, you would have to push your way through as you of our many public spacmoved.

The CRP program reers). The forbs are re-

it's safer and easier. Native quired to have a few species which bloom in all seasons except winter, so there is always food for pollinators. This mix of gasses and forbs provide We try to teach about shelter for larger animals, key. Ah, the circle of life.

> Prairie restoration is grass prairie region and likewise there is energetic ed pieces, reintroducing bison. This is our great very nearly totally gone.

Take a hike out to one es to get acquainted with what made the Midwest quires farmers to seed so successful. Accorda diverse mix of native ing to the Martin County such. Most people prefer grasses and forbs (flow- website "Other areas to use and enjoy in the county are the DNR Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Many of these areas have never been plowed and also have not been used as pasture for many years. They have remnants of native prairies as part of their ecology." So, next time you are out for a drive, walk, or bike ride, keep your eyes peeled for the sea of green and flashes of color that is a tall grass prairie ecosys-



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By Troy Daniell, USDA NRCS State Conservationist, and Joe Martin, USDA FSA State Executive Director, in Minnesota

The next time you snack teen years ago, the U.S. Senate on almonds, add blueberries to your smoothie or eat pumpkin pie, thank a pollinator and thank farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners who work hard to create and maintain their habitat.

Pollinators, such as honeybees, bumblebees, but-terflies, birds, bats, flies and many others, play a critical role in crop production. Without pollinators, we wouldn't have many crops.

During the week of June 22-28, the nation will celebrate these iconic and crucial pollinators during National Pollinator Week. This year's theme is "Pollinators, Plants, People and Planet." Thir-

unanimously designated the third week in June as National Pollinator Week to increase awareness about the importance of pollinators and the challenges many of them face, including serious population declines and habitat losses, often due to land use changes and excessive or improper pesticide use. Nearly 200 species of pollinators are considered threatened or extinct.

Pollination occurs when pollen grains are moved between two flowers of the same species, or within a single flower by wind or insects and animals. Successful pollination results in healthy fruit and fertile seeds, allowing the plants to reproduce.

The extensive and critical world of crop pollinators is a \$20 billion a year industry. About 75 percent of crop plants are pollinated by billions of animals and insects every year

Many federal, state and local government agencies, nongovernment organizations and universities have launched extensive efforts to protect pollinators, especially honeybees and the Monarch butterfly. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works closely with farmers, forest landowners and other private landowners to increase pollinator habitat in targeted areas nationwide.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service

tives to agricultural producers and private forest landowners who enhance pollinator habitat by voluntarily implementing conservation practices such as cover crops, wildflower and native plantings in buffers and areas not in production.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) also can be used to enhance habitat to protect pollinators. Administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), CRP is a land conservation program in which enrolled landowners remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality.

As owners and stewards of

(NRCS), offers financial incenthe land, many farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners manage their natural resources to work to achieve their production goals, they are protecting the rich and diverse ecology on or near their opera-

> When we protect pollinators, we protect our ability to grow food. We thank our farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners for who offer a safe haven for pollinators and grow the products we enjoy.

> Whether you are a large commodity producer, a small and diverse organic producer or even a suburban homeowner, you can have an important role in saving pollinators in Minnesota.

You can help protect pollina-

- tion. Use conservation practices and create habitat that sustains and enhance pollinators on the farm, forest or
- · Use pesticides, herbicides and insecticides carefully on and off the farm, ranch and private forests. Keep your operation pollinator friendly.
- Protect flowering plants and potential pollinator nesting sites such as areasof undisturbed ground and native vegetation.

Do your part to help protect pollinators. By taking action to diversify and beautify your operation or property, you could ensure that many fruits and vegetables are available and plentiful for future generations for many years to come.

For more information about pollinators and what you can do in Minnesota, please contact your local USDA service center.

USDA Expands Farmers.gov Features to Manage Activities

conservation activities online the U.S. Department of Agri-Conservation Service (NRCS).

"These conservation features join a number of others already available through farmers.gov, including the ability to view farm loan infor-

New self-service features mation," said Bill Northey, USon farmers.gov will help farm- DA's Under Secretary for Farm ers and ranchers manage their Production and Conservation. "As more content and capabiland request assistance from ities are added, farmers.gov is quickly becoming the online culture's Natural Resources hub for producers to find resources, submit applications and assistance requests and make connections. Now, amid this pandemic, we recognize the importance of online options for producers to manage

their USDA business."

Producers can access these conservation features by desktop computer, tablet or phone. They can now:

- View, download and e-sign documents;
- Request conservation assistance;
- Reference technical terms and submit questions;
- Access information on current and past conservation practices; and
- View detailed information on all previous and ongoing contracts, including the amount of planned and received cost-share assistance.

The new conservation features enhance the request process with a customer-

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friendly unified mapping tool that allows farmers to locate areas of interest in minutes, with high-resolution aerial imagery and multi-layered display functionality.

The new features include the most popular functionalities from NRCS's Conservation Client Gateway (CCG) while providing enhanced functionality and an improved user experience. CCG is the NRCS portal for producers, but now these functionalities are being moved to farmers. gov to give producers one place to do business with NRCS, Farm Service Agency and other USDA agencies.

Managing Conservation Online

To access their information, producers will need a USDA eAuth account to login into farmers.gov. After obtaining an eAuth account, producers should visit farmers.gov and sign into the site's authenticated portal via the "Sign In / Sign Up" link at the top right of the website. Current CCG users can use their existing login and password to access the conservation features on farmers.gov. CCG will continue to be actively maintained and supported until all core components have been migrated to farmers.gov later

Currently, only producers doing business as individuals can view information. Entities, such as an LLC or Trust, or producers doing business on behalf of another customer cannot access the portal at this time, but access is being tract documents.

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Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Edge are the recommended browsers

More Information

USDA is building farmers. gov for farmers, by farmers. Future self-service features available through the farmers. gov portal include: authority for FSA and NRCS customers to work in the portal and act on behalf of their active power-of-attorney entitlements and their current authorities for business entities, updated e-sign capabilities to enhance the single and multi-signer functionalities and a robust document management system that enables customers to download, upload and interact with their important conservation practice and con-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Minnesota (the "County") will meet on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the County Board Room of the County Courthouse, located at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, to hold a public hearing concerning the approval of a five-year capital improvement plan (the "Plan") and the issuance of general obligation capital improvement bonds (the "Bonds") thereunder to provide for the undertaking of certain capital improvements in the County, including but not limited to renovations of and improvements to the County courthouse, acquisition and installation of new roofs for the County human resource building and the County storage garage facility, and the acquisition of land for a new County justice center. The Bonds are expected to be issued in 2020. The maximum principal amount of the Bonds to be issued under the Plan may not exceed \$5,000,000. A copy of the Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the County Coordinator during normal business hours.

If a petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the Bonds, signed by voters equal to five percent (5%) of the votes cast in the County in the last general election, is filed with the County Coordinator within thirty (30) days after the public hearing, the County may issue the Bonds only after obtaining approval of a majority of voters voting on the question at an election.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the public hearing either orally or in writing, or may file written comments with the County Coordinator before the hearing.

PLEASE NOTE, due to COVID-19, the public hearing may be conducted via telephone or other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. Please refer to the County's website at http://www.co.martin.mn.us/ or call the County Coordinator's Office at the Martin County Courthouse, telephone (507) 238-3124 to learn how to attend the public hearing via telephone or electronically.

Dated: June 16, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY,

By /s/ Scott Higgins County Coordinator Martin County, Minnesota

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of June 28, 1995

Glow necklaces and bracelets were again to be sold before the 4th of July fireworks, to raise money for the fireworks fund. The sale was sponsored by the Fairmont Women of Today.

Members of the Fairmont Women of Today celebrated 10 years.

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ceylon was to observe its 100th anniversary. On the same week, the Ceylon all school reunion was to be held.

New Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson listed his goals as commissioner.

The 1995 Sisseton Stroll, sponsored by the Martin County unit of the American Cancer Society, exceeded its goal of \$30,000. The event was held at Heritage Acres.

Picture This, 111 East-2nd street, was offering double prints, free on Fridays. Twenty four exposure 35mm and 110 prints were \$5.33.

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of June 24, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Dale of Armstrong were involved in a serious traffic accident 15 miles south of Fairmont. A creamery truck pulled in front of them, causing the collision (broadside) and the couple received multiple fractures and internal injuries. Mrs. Dale was the daughter of Bernie and Maurine Rautenkranz of Fairmont.

Clarence Mock, proprietor of the Sherburn Launderette, had the unique distinction of being the world's oldest person to receive a non-relative kidney transplant. He received the transplant in 1964 in Denver.

Red Rock Center for the Arts to resume rental activities with limited capacity beginning July 1. Call (507) 235-9262 to reserve the space for your special event today.

In recognition of Marsha Williams's volunteer hours to the Welcome Historical Society in 2019 including the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, the 3M Foundation has donated \$500. 3M has made this donation through the 3M Volunteer Match Program. Thank you to 3M for recognizing their retired employees' volunteerism.

The Madelia Community Hospital Foundation is sorry to announce the cancellation of their upcoming 5K Run/1M Walk that was scheduled for July 11th. Any advance registrations will be refunded. Due to CO-VID19 concerns, it is not feasible to have the race this year. We hope to be back again next year.

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Robert J. Nelson to Angela M. Schmidt, Kevin D. Schmitz, Pt. SW1/4, 35-101-32 Gary E. Hanson, Linda M. Hanson to Marc Hanson,

Neil Hanson, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 1-102-30 Farmers State Bank of Trimont to Scott Fisher, Pt. NE¹/₄,

E½NW¼, 17-104-32 Jessica Fisher, Scott Fisher to Lila Cutler, Wayne Cutler,

Pt. NE¼, Pt. E½NW¼, 17-104-32 Isabel Negrette, Ernesto Vasquez to Thomas Roger Tracy, W½ Lot 3, Block 12, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

Adam K. Griese to Keith Griese, Sandra K. Griese, Lots 9, 10, 8 Exc. N.35, Extension to Sherburn Blks. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Federated Rural Electric Association to Back 40 Wireless LCC, Pt. NE¼, 12-102-32

Roseann Tabatt, Jeffrey D. Wiehe, Jeffrey O. Weihe, Roseann Weihe to Brett Hofer, Kelly Hofer, Pt. W/Vac Oak Beach Dr., Lots 20, 21, Block 2, Oak Beach Addn.

Brittany M. Steinke, David J. Steinke to Jeffrey D. Wiehe, Roseann M. Weihe, Pt. Lot 1, Block 1, Wollastons Addn. &

FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO CONTROL AND ERADICATE **NOXIOUS WEEDS**

OCCUPANTS AND OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY, MN PURSUANT TO M.S, STAT. SECT 18.83, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THISTLE AND OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE CONTROLLED AND ERADICATED UPON THEIR LAND AND IN THE ROW ADJACENT TO THEIR LAND. THE WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FLOWERS AND PODS RIPEN AND MUST BE REPEATED AS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS. THE TOWN MAY PERFORM THE WORK & HAVE THE EXPENSES COLLECTED AS A TAX ON THE PROPERTY

> PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD HEATHER GUNTHER, CLERK

CITY OF FAIRMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fairmont Planning Commission will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 to conduct a Public Hearing to review the following item:

> John & Cheryl Hughes 819 Reiman Ct (Parcel ID 23.203.0080) Home Occupation Permit for a consulting and internet sales business

Due to the ongoing local emergency surrounding the CO-VID-19 pandemic and Governor Walz' orders, members of the public wishing to provide public comment may do so by calling 1-786-535-3211 and entering the access code 222-480-125 at the time of the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Patricia Monsen City Clerk

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Extension

Daron C. Johnson, Laurie A. Johnson to Brittany Steinke, David Steinke, Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, Block 6, Ramsdales Addn.

Lila Cutler, Wayne Cutler to Scott Fisher, Pt. S½SE¼, Pt. S½SW¼ Pt. N½SѾ¼, 31-104-31

Leland R. Trunkenbolz to Donna Hovick, Eldon Hovick, Lot 201, GS2, Belle Vue Estates Condo No. 1

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS Terry C. Schultz, Traci L. Schultz to Terry C. Schultz, Traci L. Schultz, Pt. AP 23 and AP 24, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, 30-103-29

GL Hanson Land LLC to Katie Hanson, Marc Hanson, Pt. NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, Pt. SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, 5-102-29

Katie Hanson, Marc Hanson to GL Hanson Land LLC, Pt. NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, Pt. SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, 5-102-29 Eileen E. Fringer to Eileen E. Fringer Trust, Eileen E.

Fringer, Trustee, N½SW¼, 20-103-33

Eileen E. Fringer to Eileen E. Fringer Trust, Eileen E. Fringer, Trustee, Pt. NW1/4, 20-103-33

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve Flohrs via WebX (videoconferencing due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic). Commissioners present via WebX were Steve Flohrs, Tom Mahoney, Richard Koons, Kathy Smith, and Elliot Belgard. Present in the Board Room and WebX were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Leigha Hauglid, Human Resources Manager, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters,

On Motions duly made and adopted the following actions were taken:

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the June 2, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following: Add 9.10 Consider Purchase of Election Equipment and Software - Auditor/Treasurer's Office, and 9.11 Consider Hire of part time Patrol Deputy - Sheriff's Office; and Delete 9.1 Consider Martin County Fair Board Request - R. Celander, President of the Martin County Fair Board. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

By consensus, the Board received and filed the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's Annual Report; and CY2021 Budget Allocation Request in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to receive and file the CY2021 Budget Allocation Request received from the Martin County Historical Society in the amount of \$20,000.00. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs, NAYS: None, Motion carries,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club or 3.2% License for Richard Koons, d/b/a Fox Lake Tack & Trading Co. located at 8 Main Street in Welcome, MN effective June 7, 2020 through June 7, 2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. ioner Koons. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the Des Moines River Watershed, One Watershed One Plan Memorandum of Agreement, effective June 2, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the hire of Cory Lyons to the position of part time Seasonal Water Safety Patrol Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective June 5, 2020; and approve and authorize the hire of Desirae Hertling to the position of part time Seasonal Water Safety Patrol Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective June 5, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize the hire of Parker Stevens to the position of part time Patrol Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective June 18, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize the Martin County MIS Director to move forward with the purchase of three licenses at \$190.16/year for continued WebEx online videoconferencing services. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize extending Legislative Representation through the 2020 Special Legislative Session by Larkin Hoffman for Martin County's State Bonding Request. Extension is in the amount of \$5,000 per month from June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the proposed Martin County Preparedness Policy Plan as presented, effective June 1, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve revisions to Martin County's Funeral/Bereavement Leave and Paid Time Off (PTO) Personnel Policy changes as defined. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and award the bid proposal for janitorial services to Voss Cleaning Services Inc. (ChemDry) in the amount of \$3,489.00 (plus applicable taxes) per month, effective on June 15, 2020 for a one year period Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution granting Adam and Amanda Smith abatement of property taxes to be levied by the County on Parcel No. 23.347.0090 in the City of Fairmont, for a period of 10 years. The total amount of taxes proposed to be abated by the County on the Property for the years 2021 through 2030 is estimated to be \$15,200. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve moving forward with the purchase of a DS450 Scanner and Tabulator Election Equipment and software in the maximum amount of \$59,795.00. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on June 2, 2020, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Mahoney, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARTIN COUNTY, MN

THE COMPLETE MINUTES OF THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY COORDINATOR'S OFFICE, 201 LAKE AVENUE, ROOM 100, FAIRMONT, MN AND MAY ALSO BE VIEWED ON THE MARTIN COUNTY WEBSITE AT: www.co.martin.mn.us

SCOTT HIGGINS MARTIN COUNTY COORDINATOR

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Marsha Farnham, Personal Rep., Estate of Louis Maday, Richard Maday, Personal Rep. to Richard Maday, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, 12-102-29

Marsha Farnham, Personal Rep., Estate of Louis Maday, Richard Maday, Personal Rep. to Louis John Maday Jr., Richard Maday, Thomas Maday, W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4,

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Kenneth C. Olson Trust, Kenrick C. Olson, Trustee, Kristie Swenson, Trustee to Aaron J. Ebeling, Lots 7, 8, E1/4 Lot 9, Airport Addition Monterey

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CITY OF FAIRMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fairmont Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 to conduct a Public Hearing to review the following items:

Michele D. Fjemestad 808 N Elm St (Parcel ID 23.246.0630) Variance from side yard setback requirements

Kelly J. Hilpipre 231 Lake Ave (Parcel ID 23.040.1060) Variance from side yard setback requirements

Gerald D. & Joy M. Meyer 408 S Prairie Ave (Parcel ID 23.256.0610) Variance from front yard fence height requirements

Lori A. & Gary R. Bergemann 113 Runyan PI (Parcel ID 23.197.0030) Variance from shoreland setback requirements

Due to the ongoing local emergency surrounding the CO-VID-19 pandemic and Governor Walz' orders, members of the public wishing to provide public comment may do so by calling 1-224-501-3412 and entering the access code 543-883-989 at the time of the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Patricia Monsen City Clerk

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WASDE report suggests lower grain prices



process is fairly easy for

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FOCUS ON AG Written by Kent Thiesse Farm Management Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank June 22, 2020

Sign-up for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments began on May 26 at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices and will continue through August 28, 2020. The amount of CFAP payments being processed has varied from State-to-State, as well as from County-to-County within States. This is primarily due to staffing availability and other FSA program demands at local FSA offices. Farmers and ranchers are asked to be patient with the processing of CFAP applications at local FSA offices. There appears to be adequate funding to cover the initial CFAP payment for all eligible CFAP requests
The CFAP application

producers to complete. For producers that are new to utilizing FSA programs and services, they will need to supply the FSA office with some additional FSA forms detailing business and personal information, adjusted gross income verification, and conservation compliance. Farmers that have participated in other USDA farm programs likely have already completed necessary FSA program eligibility forms. Once the required FSA forms are completed, producers can complete the CFAP application on-line and then fax or e-mail it to the local FSA office. The CFAP application form (AD-3114), the CFAP calculator, other FSA forms, and other details on CFAP are available at:

www.farmers.gov/CFAP As June 15, USDA had paid out nearly \$2.9 billion in CFAP payments to producers of various agricultural commodities.

The CFAP payments are intended to offer direct financial assistance to offset losses from commodity and product sales that were associated with the CO-VID-19 pandemic. There are \$16 billion available for the CFAP payments, including \$9.5 billion from CARES Act funds and \$6.5 billion from USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds. There should be adequate funds to cover the initial round of CFAP payments. Following is the early breakdown of CFAP payment amounts (as of 6-15-20), including the average CFAP payment per eligible producer:

(Field) •Non-Specialty Crops --- Nearly \$758.5 million (26%); average payment = \$6,747

•Specialty Crops (Fruits, Vegetables & Nuts) --- Approx. \$53.2 million; average payment = \$35,234

 Livestock (Cattle, Hogs & Sheep) --- Just over \$1.4 billion; average payment =

•Dairy --- Nearly \$667 million; average payment = \$55,194

There are still numerous questions regarding which commodities are eligible for CFAP payments. Following is a summary of the non-specialty (field) crops,

livestock, and specialty crops that are eligible for CFA payments:

Field Crops --- Corn, soybeans, spring wheat, durum wheat, sorghum, oats, malting barley, canola, upland cotton, millet, and sunflowers.

Cattle. Livestock hogs, sheep (including wool), and dairy. (Beef cows and calves, bred heifers, sows and gilts, etc. are counted as CCC inven-

tory.) Specialty Crops --- Numerous fruits, vegetables, nuts, and other specialty crops are eligible.

For a complete list, go to: www.farmers.gov/

There also continues to be considerable misunderstanding of the CFAP calculations for field crops, with many producers feeling that the official CFAP payment calculator is under-estimating the CFAP payments. However, the official FSA CFAP calculator is correct. The most common mistake being

made by producers is to fully factor downward the maximum bushels on which the CFAP payments are being made. Initially, the eligible bushels for CFAP is the lesser of 50 percent (.50) of the total 2019 production for a crop or the bushels of unpriced inventory on 1-1-20. The CFAP payment calculation step that is usually missed is taking the eligible bushels times 50 percent (.50)

before calculating the CARES and CCC portions of the CFAP payments. The initial CFAP payment is currently being made is then 80 percent (.80) of the total calculated CFAP pay-

The CFAP payments are calculated from two

CARES Act funds and CCC funds, with different payment rates, which are then combined into a single CFAP payment, based on the CFAP payment formula. Following is a bit more detailed explanation of CFAP payment calculations for field crops:

Step #1 --- The eligible bushels or pounds for CFAP payments with both the CARES and CCC payment formulas will be the lesser of 50 percent of the verified 2019 production for a crop, or the unpriced bushels in inventory on January 15, 2020.

Step #2 --- The CARES and CCC payments are paid on 50 percent (.50) of the eligible bushels or pounds (from Step #1).

Step #3 --- Multiply the bushels or pounds (from Step #2) times the CARES payment rate times 80 percent (.80) to get the initial CARES payment amount. (CARES payment rates are \$.32/bu. for corn; \$.45/bu. for soybeans; \$.18/bu. for spring wheat.)

Step #4 --- Multiply the bushels or pounds (from Step #2) times the CCC payment rate times 80 percent (.80) to get the initial CCC payment amount. (CCC payment rates are \$.35/bu. for corn; \$.50/bu. for soybeans; \$.20/bu. for spring wheat.)

Step #5 --- Add the initial CARES payment amount (from Step #3) and the CCC initial payment amount (Step #4) to get the total initial CFAP payment amount for a crop.

CFAP payment example

A crop producer produced 200,000 bushels of corn and 60,000 bushels of soybeans in 2019 and had 150,000 bushels of corn and 20,000 bushels of soybeans as unpriced inventory on 1-15-20

Eligible bushels are as

less than 150,000 Bu. (inventory on 1-15-20)

CFAP payment bushels would be 50,000 bushels

(100,000 Bu. x .50) Soybeans --- 20,000 Bu. eligible. Inventory on 1-15-20 is less that (60,000 Bu. x

.50)CFAP payment bushels would be 10,000 bushels (20,000 Bu. x .50)

Payment formulas are as follows:

Corn --- CARES = 50,000 Bu. x \$.32/Bu. = \$16,000 x.80 = \$12,800

= 50,000 Bu. x CCC $35/Bu. = 17,500 \times .80 =$ \$14,000

Total Initial Payment = \$26,800 (remaining payment = \$6,700

Soybeans --- CFAP = 10,000 Bu. x \$.45/Bu. = \$4,500 x.80 = \$3,600

CARES = 10,000 Bu. x $5.50/Bu. = 5.000 \times .80 =$ \$4,000

Total Initial Payment = \$7,600 (remaining payment = \$1,900

If these CFAP calculation steps are followed, the resulting CFAP initial payment should be the same as the CFAP payment that is calculated on the official FSA CFAP calculator. While there is no guarantee at this point, it is highly likely that the final 20 percent of the CFAP payments will be made, once USDA has more funding available. Kent Thiesse has prepared an information sheet titled "2020 CFAP Payment Summary", which is available by sending an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@ minnstarbank.com.

Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Manage-ment Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal, MN. (Phone --- (507) 381-7960); E-mail --- kent.thiesse@

minnstarbank.com) Web Site --- http://www. minnstarbank.com/

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