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## Sharing HER STORY

TWYLA WILLIAMSON  
*Finding Joy in the Journey*

The journey began in 2017 when I tried to get life insurance. They denied me due to too much protein in my urine. I thought that's strange and went on with life. By December I was struggling with the flu, bronchitis and pneumonia and started coming around by February/March, although my fatigue level was really high.

I just blamed it on being sick for so long. In May our son Brandon had a regional baseball tournament that my husband Tod and I drove to in Clinton, Iowa. All the way there we kept having to stop for bathroom breaks. (That wasn't like me.) I was struggling, I couldn't even eat. By Saturday morning we called our doctor friend and he advised us to go get a

complete blood panel done. I was absolutely shocked when the E.R. doctor came in and said "You're in renal failure, and this is serious! Where do you want to go?" I ended up at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Mayo was doing their EPIC changeover and did not have a nephrologist on call. I was comfortable with U of I, they saved my life in 1970. I had a malignant Wilms tumor on my right kidney, which they removed. I have lived 50 years now with one kidney. I was admitted that Saturday with Tod and Brandon by my side, one sleeping on the floor, the other in the chair. The next morning the team of doctors came in and asked me lots of questions - the one that really struck

me was "Have you had pneumonia lately?" I said "Yes, I have." Little did I know that was a sign to them. After lots of tests I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a cancer that starts in the bone marrow's plasma cells and can affect your bones if not detected. My PET scan showed no bone invasion.

My "Angel Sister" Shawnya (a nurse) was by my side in the hospital too. She was with me for my first bone marrow biopsy which was done right in my room. Her hand will never be the same after I about squeezed it right off her. I thought I can't do this my whole life, but I have had 9 so

far and I am actually getting used to them. Shawnya shows me a picture of the Savior on the cross and I say to myself if He can do that, I can do this! It is so important to me to share how does one really survive living with cancer and lessons I've learned

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# TOM HAWKINS

City of Fairmont Councilor At Large

**"I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ONE MORE TERM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS TO BECOMING A GROWTH CITY AGAIN."**

**WE NEED TO REVERSE THE POPULATION DECLINE.**  
In spite of the fact that Fairmont has I-90; mainline railroad, an airport and five lakes, we have lost 1,200 residents since 1990. St. Peter, who has to compete with Mankato, has grown 25% in that time. New Ulm is vibrant. Jackson has job growth. We need to implement changes to reverse that trend in Fairmont by:

- Create a comprehensive approach to increase housing availability
- Better utilize our resources
- Be more diligent in our support of new construction/development
- Continue to work with our new city leadership in implementing these improvements to help Fairmont become a growth city.

**WHAT I HAVE DONE IN MY FIRST TERM**

- Initiated reestablishing the Charter Commission after it went dormant for almost 17 years.
- Initiated the adoption of the Administrative Citation process to allow many code violations to be handled civilly instead of criminally, which is more efficient and gains better compliance.
- As the at-large councilor, I appreciate the countless emails, calls and visits for issues of constituents. I believe I always followed through to get concerns resolved, including meetings with staff and city legal counsel to resolve various issues. People learned they could count on me.
- I was not afraid to make hard but necessary decisions to address leadership issues in our city. This resulted in new city leadership, which is already making strides in improving the efficiencies in all areas of our city with a strong focus on customer service. The future is bright for our city and all our great staff.

**BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Grew up in Sherburn, SCSU grad B.S. in Marketing.
- Fairmont resident and business owner for over 30 years.
- My wife Kate grew up here and her family managed the Fairmont Municipal Airport
- Three boys/four grandchildren.
- I attend Fairmont Baptist Church
- Have served on following boards and committees: Fairmont Hospital Board, Chamber Board, Fairmont Area (now Martin County) Foundation Board, Fairmont Booster Club Board, Lakeview Methodist Board, Planning Commission, Presentation College Advisory Board and 1590 Economic Development Committee.

*Paid for by Tom Hawkins for City Council*



## WATCH FOR THE ELECTION QUESTION IN OCTOBER 21 ISSUE



**MERGE** Board of Directors are pictured accepting a \$1,000.00 donation from Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander Steve Fosness for Martin County youth activities. (Submitted photo)

## 2020 MICHELE MILLER

City Council  
At-Large



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Strong Leadership  
Fiscally Responsible/Growth

Taxes  
Roads/Infrastructure  
Support Residents & Businesses

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Martin County Kinship Directors Katy Gonzalez and Jen Kahler accept a donation of \$1,500.00 from Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander Steve Fosness for area youth activities. (Submitted photo)

## VOTE ELLIOT BELGARD

1ST DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



### EXPERIENCE MATTERS

- TRUMAN FIREFIGHTER/ EMT 30 YEARS (RETIRED)
- TRUMAN CITY COUNCIL 18 YEARS 14 AS MAYOR
- MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER 8 YEARS
- MARTIN COUNTY EDA
- MARTIN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
- FARIBAULT MARTIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
- PRAIRIE LAKES TRANSIT BOARD
- PRAIRIELAND SOLID WASTE BOARD
- REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
- REGION NINE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
- SOUTH CENTRAL MN MULTI-COUNTY HRA
- SOUTH CENTRAL MN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
- SOUTH CENTRAL MN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

Paid for by Elliot Belgard on his own behalf

Alexis Lunn of Fairmont, MN has been named to the President's List for the Summer 2020 semester at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qual-

ify for this academic recognition, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.75, in their most recent semester, for a minimum of six credit hours.

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**DITCH CLEANUP** - David Janssen, a member of the Sherburn Lions Club and the Lions 5M3 District Governor, stopped by to visit with members of the Fairmont Lions Club prior to an I-90 ditch clean up on October 6th. (Submitted photo)

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## LOCAL NEWS

**Ormsby Antiques**  
**Fall Show**  
 Ormsby, MN

- Collectibles • Gifts
- Primitives
- Garden Art • Home Décor

October 15 - 18  
 October 22 - 25  
 10:00 a.m. to  
 6:00 p.m.

See Ormsby Antique Show on 

### Trap Club's 2020 league winners

The Fairmont Trap Club recently completed its summer league programs. Despite COVID-19 and a delayed start, many shooters enjoyed spending time and shooting at the club this year.

The Singles League competition took place over 10 weeks and involved over 40 shooters. These teams included: Dories Destroyers sponsored by DeWar Electric, D&S Trophies, Derby Inn, M&D Machine, Thrivent, FAB Shop, and JH Larson.

Winner in Division I was Dories Destroyers shooting a 2370/2500 birds.

Winner in Division II

was D&S Trophies with a score of 2225/2500 birds.

The Handicap League had five teams shoot, JH Larson, D&S Trophies, Thrivent, FAB Shop and Derby Inn. Winner of the Handicap League was JH Larson.

The Doubles League operates as a blind partner event. Individuals shoot six rounds of 50 doubles targets. At the end of the season, names are drawn to make teams of two. This year's teams were:

Roger Wokasch and Kurt Natterstad, 495-600, winners

Don McGregor and Scott Fuhrman, 485/600, second place

Rich Wolf and Adam Wohlhuter, 480/600

Dave Hanson and Kirk Morris, 475/600.

### Hey Future Girl Scouts!!

Join us for a VIRTUAL "Think Like an Engineer" junk drawer challenge!

Your girl will learn what engineers do, how they solve problems, and will complete a design challenge using items found around your home. (Supply ideas include paperclips, tape, rubber bands, empty toilet paper rolls and boxes.)

This is a free event open to ALL girls not

yet in Girl Scouts. It will be held ONLINE through Zoom on Monday, October 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register at [GirlScout-sRV.org/join](https://girlscoutsrv.org/join)

We look forward to having you join one of our Martin County Girl Scout troops!

Questions? Contact Nellie at [vsupport.nellie.welsh@girlscoutsrv.org](mailto:vsupport.nellie.welsh@girlscoutsrv.org)

If you are ready to join now, just text JOIN to 74253. Join the fun!

### Red Rock hosts virtual pumpkin carving contest

Red Rock Center For The Arts is hosting a Virtual Pumpkin Carving And Decorating Contest, open to all ages.

Participants carve or decorate their pumpkin at home and then email a photo to [info@redrockcenter.org](mailto:info@redrockcenter.org). Be sure to include the carver's name, age, email, and phone number in the email.

A winner will be

selected for each division including: under 5 years old, 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old, 13-17 years old, and 18 or older. The deadline to enter is Thursday, Oct. 29 at 10 p.m.

All pumpkins will be displayed on Red Rock Center's newly designed website and social media pages on Halloween. Happy Carving!!

[martincountylibrary.org](http://martincountylibrary.org)

### CHECK IT OUT! @ the Martin County Library

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Now that the fall season is upon us, if you're looking for a book to put you in the autumnal spirit, here are a few suggestions for you!

Educated by Tara Westover: With the start of school in the fall, this memoir is a perfect choice. Westover recounts her upbringing among religious survivalists in Idaho. When she realizes her options

will be limited without a formal education, she paves her own way to a PhD from Cambridge University.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald: With summer and fall as symbolic plot lines in this great American classic, relive the glories and opulence of the jazz age. As leaves begin to fall, the novel's love triangle comes to a captivating finish.

The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware: For something a bit spookier, Ware's suspenseful thriller will hit the spot. A dazzling story of wrongful inheritance, reading tarot cards, and a mysterious letter!

### Hope Café on October 24th

St. John Vianney Church will be delivering a free hot meal on Sunday, October 25th around 5:30 p.m.

Anyone interested

in receiving a free hot meal should email or call Bridget at 235-2451 or [bbecker@sjvhf.org](mailto:bbecker@sjvhf.org). Please leave your name, address, phone number and how many meals. Limited to the first 30 or so folks.

Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift or something to satisfy your sweet tooth? Look no further than the **Martin County People First** group. We are selling 9 varieties of fudge in ½ pound boxes until No-

vember 18th. Plus we have two flavors of sugar-free fudge available to order. The fudge will be available after December 10th. To place an order call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or contact a People First member.

### Bloodmobile visits

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop National Honor Society will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 19th from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 and or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter MLHSMN to sched-

ule an appointment.

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The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the **Truman Community Building** on Tuesday, October 20th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.

### Candidates Forum

A Candidate Forum will be held Thursday, October 15th at the Fairmont City Hall. At 7 p.m. MN House candidates Pat Bacon and Bjorn Olson will be present. At 8 p.m. candidates for Fairmont City Council will be present: Tom Hawkins vs. Michele Miller; Ruth Cyphers vs. Ron Lindberg, Joe Loughmiller and Brittney Kaweck; and Wayne Hasek vs. Terry Anderson.

No audience will be allowed, but the Forum will be aired on the Local Cable TV.

We are encouraging anyone to submit questions by calling in that evening or in advance by emailing the Chamber at [info@fairmontchamber.org](mailto:info@fairmontchamber.org)

### Ruby's Pantry

Sherburn Ruby's Pantry distribution will be Monday, October 19. It will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will have it at the Sherburn City Park once again.

If the weather is too cold or rainy there will be a drive through at Regional Worship Center Church across from Kum and Go.

We are asking people to line up on the corner of Park and 2nd Street going south from the elementary playground. Please follow the directions of the parking assistants. Please make sure not to block driveways.

As always it is \$20 per bundle. We ask that your trunks be emptied for our volunteers to put the food directly into there. We hope to see you there.

## What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

### Fall Colors!

This fall we don't have to drive out of town to view beautiful fall colors, we have them right here in our own Fairmont! Our front yard's ash tree has the most vibrant yellow leaves and the neighbors have two maple trees with vibrant red leaves! Tree colors are beautiful all over town, maybe at my age I am just more appreciative of what we have right here!

I still have fresh basil and tomatoes too so this is one of my favorite recipes to use both!

#### Basil Cream Chicken

1/2 cup milk  
 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs  
 1 # boneless skinless chicken breast: 4 halves  
 3 Tablespoons butter  
 1/2 cup chicken broth  
 1 cup heavy cream  
 1 can ( 4 oz.) pimentos, optional  
 1 cup diced tomatoes or 1 can diced tomatoes  
 1/4 cup fresh basil, minced  
 1/2 cup parmesan grated cheese  
 1/2 tsp. pepper

Heat skillet over medium high heat. Place milk and bread crumbs in separate shallow bowls. Dip chicken in milk, then coat in bread crumbs. Add chicken to skillet with 1/2 of the butter, about 5 minutes. Add remaining butter flip chicken and cook another 5-10 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Remove and set aside. Add broth to skillet to bring to boil over medium heat. Stir in cream, pimentos and tomatoes; boil and stir for 1 minute. Reduce heat, add parmesan cheese, basil and pepper, cook and stir until heated through. Add chicken back into the sauce. Serve chicken, covered in sauce with rice or pasta.

*Stay safe and have a great week!*

### BEV Quilters to meet Monday

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold the second meeting of the 2020-2021 year on Monday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. Attendees should wear masks and social distancing will be observed.

After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell, which is

always an inspiring part of the meeting! The October program will be Stash to Cash. Please bring any fabric, quilting books, magazines or other quilting related supplies that you may no longer need. Items will be sold by free will donation. The proceeds will be put towards the cost of the guest speaker at the Blue Earth Quilt EXPO in August 2021. Packets of challenge fabric

for the 2021 Quilt Expo are still available for \$12 and dues of \$5.00 will be collected.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. The Blue

Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are welcome!

Dues for the 2019-2020 year again are \$5. Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Jan Shaffer at 526-3979.



## Obituary Notices

### Carolyn M. White, 68

Carolyn White, 68, of Truman, formerly of Fairmont passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at her home. Private family services were held and burial of cremated remains will be at a later

date in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman is entrusted with arrangements. [www.ZahariaFamilyFuneral.com](http://www.ZahariaFamilyFuneral.com)

Carolyn Marie Murphy was born on March 3, 1952 in Worthington, to Patrick and Evelyn (Lehnhoff) Murphy. She was the youngest of two

children. She was raised in rural Fulda and graduated from Fulda High School in 1970. She then furthered her education in Alexandria for a degree in Phlebotomy. She married Larry White in Fairmont at the United Methodist Church on May 31, 1975. To this union two daughters were born, Amy and Andrea.

She began her career in the medical field in 1975 with Fairmont Community Hospital and

Clinic and found her time helping people in the lab very rewarding. Carolyn ended her 36 year career as a laboratory technician with Mayo Clinic Health Systems in 2011.

Carolyn had many loves: her husband, girls, granddaughters and chickens. Lots of them. She inherited a collection of ceramic chickens from her mother and couldn't help but make the collection grow. She also spent many days camping

and traveling to see her daughter Amy. When she was home she enjoyed her Sunday tradition of having Andrea and Bill over to try out a new internet recipe for dinner. Larry and Carolyn were members at the Fairmont Methodist Church and enjoyed friends made there.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 45 years, Larry of Truman; daughters Amy White (Haruna Momodu) of Wilming-

ton, DE and Andrea (Bill) Willner of Truman; granddaughters, McKayla, Farida and Aaliyah Momodu of Wilmington, DE; furry grandchildren, Beans, Si and Bubba Willner; brother, Bernard (Connie) Murphy of Worthington; sister-in-law, Kathy (Don) Swanson of Swea City, IA; eight cherished nieces and nephews, many other relatives and friends.



### Barbara A. Mosloski, 75

A Visitation for Barbara A. Mosloski, 75, of

Fairmont, MN, was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont.

Barbara passed away Friday evening, October 9, 2020, at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Barbara Ann (Wenzel) Mosloski was born on July 25, 1945 in Kingsley, IA to Wayne and Kathleen (Higginbotham) Wenzel.

She attended Fairmont High School.

On September 1, 1962, Barbara was united in marriage to Donald Mosloski at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain, MN. Together the couple made their home on the family farm and were blessed with four children, Dave, Timothy, Tammy, and Jeff. Don and Barb lived on the farm until moving to Fairmont in 2013. Throughout Barb's life, she worked at various jobs, including Hy-Vee in Fairmont where she

worked in the deli department.

Barb could be found around a table doing jigsaw puzzles, canning different foods, and quilting. Don and Barb enjoyed going down south in the winter to Brownsville, TX for many years. Barb's greatest enjoyment was being around her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Dave Mosloski of Fairmont, Timothy (Nancy)

Mosloski of East Chain, Tammy (Dave) Bentz of Truman, and Jeff Mosloski of East Chain; grandchildren, Scott (Clare), Ashlyn (Donny), Tucker, Mya, Hunter, Dustin (Alanna), Ryan (Ashley), Kylee, Jayden, Mason, and Carter; great-grandchildren, Lucas, Avery, Wyatt, Qwynn, Autumn, Kaylyn and Cooper; brother, Jim (Laurie) Wenzel; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bernice Petersen, Alice Petersen, Lucille Pierce, Betty (Engel) Engelson, and Kenneth (Judy) Mosloski;

as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Mosloski; parents, Wayne and Kathleen Wenzel; parents-in-law, Thomas and Lena Mosloski; brother, Kenneth (Linda) Wenzel; brothers-in-law, Eugene Petersen, Floyd Petersen, Richard Mosloski, and Ralph Pierce.

[www.lakeviewfuneral-home.net](http://www.lakeviewfuneral-home.net)



### Cheryl R. Striemer, 70

Private family services for Cheryl Striemer, 70, of Akeley, MN, formerly

of Fairmont, MN, will be held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont.

Private family graveside services will be held at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. A public celebration of life will be held on February 13, 2021, in Akeley, MN, and on July 10, 2021 in Fairmont, MN. Cheryl passed away Saturday evening, surrounded by her loving family at home in Welcome, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cheryl Ann (Post) Striemer was born on July 13, 1950, in Fairmont,

MN, the daughter of Clarence and Janice (Crawford) Post. She received her education attending school in Granada, MN and graduated from Granada High School.

On January 4, 1969, Cheryl was united in marriage to Larry Striemer at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont, MN. Together the couple would make their home on a farm on the south side of Pierce Lake, MN, where they farmed for 35 years. The couple would be blessed with three children, Tammy, Jay and Chad. In the late 90's, Cheryl and Larry then moved to Laporte, MN,

and had lived for the past year near Akeley, MN.

Family came first for Cheryl and she cherished the opportunity to be a stay at home mom when her children were young. She then worked various jobs including Hy-Vee, managing a gas station for Nu-Way Coop, Liten Hus, Next Innovations, Christmas Point, and Walker Public Library before working for the City of Akeley as a campground host.

In the fall of 2017, Cheryl retired. She loved the outdoors and looked forward to nights spent around the campfire camping. Cheryl enjoyed

nature and took in its beauty during one of her many walks and biking trips. Her quiet time was spent nestled in her favorite chair with a book or working diligently on a sewing project on her sewing machine. Cheryl cherished spending time with her grandchildren and looked forward to visits from them.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Larry Striemer; children, Tammy (Rob) Adler, Jay (Sarah) Striemer, and Chad Striemer; grandchildren, Nick Adler, Alex Adler, Isaac Striemer, Gabriel Striemer, Clare Striemer, Jonah Striemer,

and Morgan Striemer; brother, Duffy (Kathy) Post; aunt-in-law, Pauline Striemer; niece and nephews, Doreen Johnston, Troy Thompson, Cody Post and Dylan Post; as well as other extended family and friends.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, Janice and Clarence Post; sister, Darlene Thompson; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Erich and Betty Striemer.

The family requests memorials be left in Cheryl's name to Friends of Cedar Point, P.O. Box 601, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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### Allene M. Clow, 87

Allene Clow, age 87, of Truman, died with her family at the window at Heartland Senior Living in Truman, on Monday, October 5, 2020 after be-

ing stricken with COVID-19, although she probably died of a broken heart, due to the isolation of the pandemic, she was unable to hug and visit with those she loved.

Private graveside services were held at noon on Thursday October 8, 2020 with Rev. Timothy A. Chase officiating. Zaharia Family Funeral home is entrusted with arrangements. [www.zahariafamilyfuneral.com](http://www.zahariafamilyfuneral.com)

Allene Mae Jones was born on December 28, 1932 in Judson Township, Blue Earth County to Al-

vin Alfred Jones and Loris Glee (Butler) Jones. She was the second of 12 children. She attended school in Truman. On September 17, 1950 she married Anton "Tony" Clow at The Community Baptist Church in Truman. To this union 4 children were born.

Allene was a stay at home mother and kept herself busy with the kids and their school, church and scout activities. She later worked at Truman Drug for over 30 years. She was also a member of the Lutheran Retirement

home auxiliary. Allene was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Truman, attending Ladies Aid functions and as a representative on the LWML for many years. She was on the board of directors for the Truman Historical Society and enjoyed getting together at the community events held in town.

Allene's potato salad and chocolate cake will never be forgotten. Her giving personality and her care and concern for others will be emulated by many. She always had coffee on for coffee time, sweets and snacks were never in short supply and you never went away hungry. She loved watching the MN Twins win and even if they didn't, she had a good time. She truly cared for others, and it showed. She will be missed by many.

Allene is survived by

her children Brad (Brenda) Clow of Sioux Falls, SD, Cheri Clow of Truman and Mic (Kari) Clow; daughter-in-law, Faith Clow; grandchildren, Shannon (Andy) Sexe, Caycie (Nick) Volek, Ashley (Jake) Bourboun, Jory Clow, Courtney (Corey) Thorpe, Jarred (Jessy) Clow, Jasmine (Miah) Fitzgerald, Jacob (Jennifer) Clow, Jackie (Aaron) Leuer; 22 great-grandchildren, Maddie, Cammy, Anthony, Presley, Mila, Katelyn, Alyssa, Riley, Taia, Teagan, Tatum, Alyssa, Ella, Jackson, Hailley, Jenna, Nora, Hamilton, Sydney, Huxley, Vayda and Lahnee; brothers and sisters, Elaine Johnson of Swea City, IA, Ernie (Barb) Jones of Truman, Roger (Joann) Jones of Colorado Springs, CO; Larry Jones and Terry Michalke, of Truman, Anita (Keith) Libby of Plaistow, NH, Tim Jones, Newton,

IA; sisters-in-law, Pat Jones of Truman, Joann "Boo" Grani of La Verne, CA and Elaine "Tem" (Larry) Armstrong of Truman; brother-in-law Virgil Hammerschmidt of Belle Plaine; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Allene is preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Loris Jones; husband Tony Clow; son Craig Clow; granddaughter Angela Clow and great-granddaughter Ava Thorpe; siblings Mava Ruth, Valdon, Lois Kay, Harlan and Curtis; sisters-in-law Pat Jones, Bonnie "Nubbie" (Erhardt) Grefe, Odelle "Sis" Payne, Karen "Teet" Hammerschmidt and Carole "Poopy" (Jim) Payne; brothers-in-law Joseph Johnson, Donald Grani and Roy Jr. "Sig" (Ramona) Clow.

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**Dorene L. Campbell, 98**  
Mrs. Dorene Campbell, age 98, passed away on October 10, 2020 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak, there will be no service at this time. Dorene

will be laid to rest in the Center Chain Cemetery in the spring. Any memorials or remembrances can be mailed to: Carol Hatch, 13328 Huntington Drive, Apple Valley, Mn. 55124. Patton Funeral Home of Blue Earth is entrusted with arrangements. www.PattonFH.com

Dorene Lucille Ahrens was born on September 20, 1922 to Otto and Erma Ahrens of Fairmont. Dorene was a lifelong resident of Fairmont where she married her husband Harry Campbell in May 1941. They had three daughters. She was an avid flower garden-

er and was a long-time member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Dorene is survived by daughters Arlene Tonne (Jeff) of Fairmont, Sharon Eichten (Mark) of Mesa, Az and Carol Hatch (Steven) of Apple Valley; They were blessed

with one grandson, Wade Hatch (Shannon) and great-grandsons, Brendan, Landon and Rylan who reside in Farmington; other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Harry and brother Harold Ahrens.



**Benjamin F. Smith Jr., 86**  
A Celebration of Life Service for Benjamin "Ben" Smith Jr., 86, of Fairmont, Minnesota

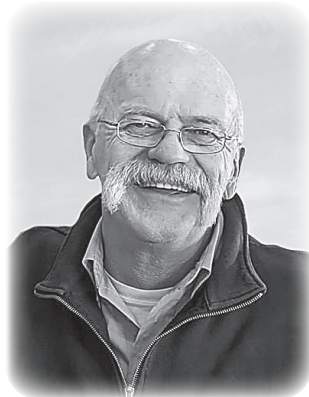
was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Christian Church, 625 Johnson St., Fairmont, Minnesota with Pastor Allen Burnham officiating. Burial was at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont with Military Honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 both of Fairmont. Ben was called to his eternal rest on Thursday morning, October 8, 2020 at Season's Health

Care Center in Trimont, Minnesota. Messages of sympathy can be sent to the family online at www.kramerfuneralhome.com Benjamin Farrell Smith Jr. was born on December 12, 1933 to Benjamin and Anne (Jensen) Smith in Jackson, Minnesota. He attended and graduated from Jackson High School in 1953. Ben joined the Army in July 1954 and was honorably discharged in November 1958. He was united in marriage to Phyllis Baarts on May 14,

1960 at Fairmont, Minnesota. Ben was employed at 3M in Fairmont for thirty years from 1963 until his retirement in 1993. He loved hunting, trap shooting, golf and bowling. Ben also loved fixing guns which he did for forty years. He was a member of the Christian Church in Fairmont, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Fairmont/Trimont, Minnesota; son, David (Tammy) Smith of Sherburn, Minnesota;

grandchildren, Whitney and Natalie Smith; sisters, Virginia Kischer of Quimby, Iowa and Evy (Ward) Knockemus of Theodore, Alabama; brothers, Bill (Jean) Smith of New Hope, Minnesota and Bob (Mary) Smith of Jackson, Minnesota; sisters-in-law, Lila Smith of Jackson, Minnesota, Marilyn Borchardt of Fairmont, Minnesota, Eunice Koesler of Fairmont, Minnesota and Dolores Baarts of Fairmont, Minnesota; nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends. Ben was proceeded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Anne Smith; brother, Mike Smith; brothers-in-law, Donn Kischer, Merlyn Baarts and his wife Marsha, Jim Baarts and Gene Borchardt; sisters-in-law, Janice Bicknase and her husband Ray and Edythe Bonstead and her husband Leonard and other relatives.



**Eddy H. Cyphers, 65**  
Private family services for Eddy Cyphers, 65, of Choteau, MT, formerly of Fairmont, MN, will be held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Those wishing to view the live stream of the service can follow the livestream link <https://client.tribuncast.com/tcid/62492811> at 12:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2020. Friends are invited to join the family in celebrating the memory of Eddy from 1:30 to 3:30p.m. Friday, October 16, 2020 at his childhood

home, 103 Oxford St. Fairmont, MN. Burial will be held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2020 at Lakeside Cemetery. Eddy passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020, trying to make the world a better place while volunteering in Liberia, Africa. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. The family asks that people are mindful of social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and best practices in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19 along with the number of visitors in attendance monitored. Eddy Howard Cyphers was born on March , 1955, in Blue Earth, MN, the fourth of eight children born to Howard and Elaine Cyphers. As a young boy, Eddy grew up in Lakota, IA, before moving with his family to Thompson, IA and Brice-lyn, MN. In 1970, Eddy

moved to Fairmont where he attended Fairmont High School and graduated with the class of 1974 where he was awarded the nickname of "Fast Eddy". On September 18, 1976, Eddy was united in marriage to Julie Baumgart in Sherburn, MN. To this union, two children were born, Lucas and Katie. After the couple divorced, Eddy was united in marriage to Cheryl (Prafke) Traver on May 17, 1986, in Fairmont, MN, which gifted him with 3 stepchildren. In 1994, Eddy and Cheryl were blessed with a daughter, Michalia. It was clear that supporting each child was important to him by how loudly he cheered at events. Eddy loved being raised on a farm and growing up in a filling station. He loved the feeling of a hard day's work and continued farming for many years. In addition to farming, Eddy worked

maintenance and was never afraid to chase a dream with his entrepreneurial and adventurous spirit. He was a jack of all trades and was always willing to teach anyone the "country custom" way to improve things. Eddy took fashion cues from no one taking pride in his unique style. He traveled throughout the U.S. in his "cottage on wheels" pulled by his one of a kind 1986 Ford Bronco. At each stop on his trips, he would seek out community activities with live music at the top of his list. He spent a considerable amount of time in Montana, where he went back to school and attained his associate degree in Business Administrative Management from Montana State University in 2016. In 2017, Eddy retired but still could be found helping with farm work in the fall. Eddy had a passion for helping others and in 2016, he joined the Peace

Corps in Senegal, West Africa. When arriving home, he knew his work was not done in Africa and started working with a non-profit Matter on a program called "Farm in a Box". His travels took him from Senegal to Zimbabwe and Liberia where he taught communities how to garden/farm with small tractors while working with more non-profits such as Gorgui Foundation and Hope 4 Orphanage. When Eddy wasn't in Africa, he was gathering and refurbishing donated antique farm equipment to ship in a cargo container to Africa or worked with Eight Days of Hope. He used his time to make many new friends and learn new things while growing daily in his faith. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Lucas (Sara) Cyphers of Fairmont, MN, and Mi-

chalia (Ryan Fritchman) Cyphers of Truman, MN; grandchildren, Gage Cyphers, of Fairmont, MN, and Faith and Tyler Poppe of Northrop, MN, siblings, Glenn (Jane) Cyphers of Cedar Falls, IA, Becky (John) Wohlford of Monticello, MN, Nora Voss of North Mankato, MN, LeAnn (Michael) McCormick of Oregon City, OR, Ruth Cyphers of Fairmont, MN, Carol (Mike) Nowicki of East Chain, MN, and Shirley (Kip) Willis of Kalispell, MT; step-children, Tabitha Jeffries of Mankato, MN, Aaron Traver of Phoenix, AZ, and Helena Zea of Mankato, MN; 17 nieces and nephews, 24 great nieces and nephews and many others who called him Uncle Eddy. Eddy was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Elaine Cyphers and a daughter, Katie (Cyphers) Poppe.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

October 11, 1995  
"A Martin County Hornpipe," first produced in May 1976 by local talent Warren Nelson, was being upgraded and improved and to be shown in Fairmont this weekend. The Hornpipe featured historic photos on a mammoth screen, over 1,000 slides, 11 singers, actors and musicians. This was the first Hornpipe performance in 19 years. Julie Ebert and Nancy Klemek both received the "Atta

Girl" award. Both Julie and Nancy were Girl Scout Troop Leaders and worked intensively with the Fairmont Girl Scout Day Camp at Cedar Creek Park at the end of July. Martin County VFW Post 1222 honor guard and the Auxiliary presented flags at the Golden Friendship Day at the Fair Mall's opening program. Pictured were bob Stewart, Bob Olson, Lyle Bird, Dave Meyers and Harold Lueth. Auxiliary members were Verdell Warnick, Sharon Pierce, Myrtle Mesche and Marg Eiden.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

October 11, 1970  
The Fair Mall Shopping Center was holding its grand opening, with J.C. Penney, Madsen's Super Valu, Fair Mall Barbershop, Gallenkamp Shoes, The Gift Tree, Schmidt Photo and Gift Shop, Singer Sewing Center, State Bank of Fairmont, Stevenson's Ladies Ready-To-Wear, Sun-Kist Cleaners and the Fair Mall Walgreen Drug Store. Fairmont Fire Fighters held an open house at their

quite new fire hall on Fourth Street, in honor of Fire Prevention Week. All the Fairmont public grade schools were having a poster contest for students with a prize of \$25 for each of the first five grade levels. From the 1970 Smorgasbord: Poverty is largely a state of mind brought about by our neighbor's new automobile. We found out while we were trying to keep up with the Joneses, the Joneses were trying to keep up with us.

DEATH notices

August 6 - Eddy H. Cyphers, 65, Choteau, MT (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
October 5 - Allene M. Clow, 87, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service  
October 7 - Carol M. White, 68, Fairmont. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service  
October 7 - Richard J. Schleining, 83, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
October 8 - Benjamin F. Smith, Jr., 86, Fairmont. Kramer Funeral Home  
October 9 - Barbara A. Mosloski, 75, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
October 9 - Marian M. Anderson, 85, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Home  
October 10 - Cheryl R. Striener, 70, Akeley, MN, formerly of Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
October 10 - Dorene L. Campbell, 98, Fairmont. Patton Funeral Home, Blue Earth  
In Memoriam - One Year Ago  
October 4 - Norma Schultz-Caquelin, 79, Fairmont  
October 6 - Judy H. Buhmann, 78, Fairmont  
October 6 - Helmut Fedder Jr., 86, Truman  
October 7 - Mary K. Kelly, 75, Fairmont  
October 7 - Paul Schlaphoff, 75, Sherburn  
October 9 - Rose Marie Krebs, 92, Jackson  
October 11 - Dorothy I. Marquardt Bahr, 96, Fairmont  
October 12 - Virgil K. Jacobson, 83, Fairmont



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along the way, and I also want to share some of the miracles and blessings I have received on this journey.

During my hospital stay my blood pressure was extremely high due to renal failure. I always had very low blood pressure. I was put on blood pressure meds. I started having migraines, then vomiting. I could actually feel my heart beat in the base of my head. I was miserable. I had a head CAT scan. After 3 days of misery the blessing of an allergic reaction to the blood pressure medicine was diagnosed. I thanked the Lord for no cancer in my brain!

My hematologist came into my room and sat at my bedside for a good chat. I asked him if I do nothing, how long do I have to live? He said 2 months - boy, that road looked so good to me after all the misery I had just went through! I was actually entertaining the idea!

My hands and feet became so swollen I thought we needed to cut off my wedding ring, it hurt so bad. I had lymph nodes removed in my right arm when I had breast cancer in 2004, so I can't have needles or blood pressure cuffs used on it. My left arm was so swollen from renal failure and the constant poke from needles. I asked them if they could use my feet, which they did.

After 8 days in the hospital we were excited to get home. The trip is around 5 hours so you can about imagine how swollen my feet and hands were by the time we arrived home. I was in extreme pain! Before I took a shower I said a prayer to the Heavenly Father to please help me, my ring was so tight I couldn't stand it! So very painful! I wasn't in the shower more than a minute and my ring came off my finger - I just sobbed and started yelling for Tod to come and see. We couldn't budge that ring for 8 days in the hospital, then add the 5 hour trip home! I learned that day the

Lord is in the details of our lives - some prayers are answered immediately, some come later. He knows our needs and He answers accordingly! I just need to ask Him for His help. Remember the picture of Jesus standing at the door knocking - there is no door knob for him to open I have to open the door for him - he does not force himself on me. I have my agency here on earth to choose. I made the choice to choose His path, one that has a bright future - one that has challenges to help me grow, learn, stretch my abilities, overcome my fear, bridle my passions, help my fellow man, try to live my life so I can be an instrument in in His hands, magnify the gifts and talents He has given me to help others on their journey here. I had to learn to completely trust Him! He knows what I stand in need of. He is my super hero and He wins in the end - I take comfort in that! A lot going on in our world right now - I'm so grateful His laws and standards never change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. I know what He stands for and I try my best to follow His example. I find joy and peace with Him. He is the sure foundation on which I stand.

I truly miss attending church each week, there is strength in numbers! Church is a hospital for sick people. We all fall short each week. When we attend church we can recharge our spiritual battery and try to be a little better each day. By going to church we show the lord we are trying to become who He designed us to be. We need His help, and He usually sends that help through other people in our lives. We learn truths at church, we learn about others and listen to their perspectives. We also learn to be very careful about judging others. everyone here grows and overcomes things in their lives on very different time lines and in different ways.

We don't know their mission here. We need

to keep an eternal perspective thinking about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ often, praying for guidance, loving others, forgiving others. These truths have sustained me when everything in my life has changed in one moment's time: healthy to sick - working to disabled - active to isolation - energy to exhaustion - hair to bald - hugger to no hugs - (I never realized people who are promised that wear masks should never give hugs). I love hugs! I have found I get sick if I take that chance Life has slowed way down for me. I'm grateful for that, now I "see" and "recognise" the blessings of each new day.

A big challenge during this journey was money. I was self employed so if I didn't work, no money was coming in. I would ask my myeloma doctor when can I return to work. His answer was always "not yet." I had to sign up for disability. They turned me down the first time (I guess 2 months from dieing wasn't sick enough) so I applied again. This time they approved it, but said they would start it from the time I had my stem cell transplant in October, so my first payment came the third week of April, 2019, three weeks shy of a year from when I got sick. The Lord blessed me during that rough time - my church relief society, friends, family, brought meals out almost every day. I received cards and letters with money, the Aspire girls sold t-shirts and had a rummage sale and raffles for me.

My daughters set up meal train for me. A classmate whom I haven't seen in 35 years send me a check for \$500, a direct answer to my prayer. My children, Josh, Sara, Dani Scott, Spencer and Madi came and took great care of me. Brandon, when home, took me to appointments in Iowa City which allowed Tod to work, which was peace of mind for him. I was so sick. Now Tod works from home which is a blessing for

me!

**Stem Cell**

A true miracle happened the end of September 2018. The morning we were to leave for my stem cell I received a call from my nurse telling me my stem cell had not been approved. I was devastated! I pleaded with her not to cancel me. I knelt by my bed and petitioned the Lord for His help. I called the insurance company and asked them "What was the holdup? They said I needed records from 1970 when I had kidney cancer and hadn't received them from the U of I Hospital. It just so happened I have a cousin Jerry that worked in dialysis at U of I and retired 5 years ago, so I called him. He told me he had just had dinner with my nephologist's secretary the night before and would call her for help. She ended up faxing my 1970 records to my insurance company that very day - "incredible" although the insurance company still needed time to evaluate my records. I called the nurse at the insurance company in charge of my case and pleaded with her to please help me, so she said she would put my files in the doctor's desk.

My sister came to my home at noon that day and said let's go - I said I haven't been approved yet. She said "you have faith don't you?" I said I sure do! So we left, still not knowing if I was approved. The next morning from my room at Hope Lodge I called the insurance company at 8 a.m., my

appointment was at 9 a.m., to ask if I had been approved. She said I was approved. Many tears flowed that morning. I knelt by my bed and thanked Almighty God for my miracle!

My sister had to give me a series of shots each day for 10 days to boost my stem cell production. Then I could start harvesting my own stem cells to be stored and used later. So this process can take up to 10 days. The first day of harvesting we started at 8 a.m. A tube was placed in my neck, then hooked up to a machine. I started cramping up in my fingers then my calves, so I had to eat Tums, as many as I could stand. It was so uncomfortable I ate the whole bowl they gave me. Thank goodness my sister is also a massage therapist too. We finished the day around 3:30. They said they would call me that night to tell me how many stem cells I collected, and also what time to be back in the morning. The goal was 20 million stem cells. That night we got the call that I didn't need to return as I had harvested all 20 million in 1 day! Another blessing from above!!

In the last year I have struggled with a lot of charlie horses - they attack my feet, legs, hips, back, hands, neck and lips. They have brought me to tears and awakened me in the night. I prayed for relief. My blessing came. We picked up a couple with truck problems not far from our home. On our way to their house the lady asked

me how I was doing. I said good, all but the charlie horses I get. She said, "I used to get those, and my Dr. said to drink tonic water. It has quinine in it. So I decided I would try it - what a miracle!!! 1/4 cup each night gave me my life back! (Canada Dry Tonic Water). I tried other brands and they didn't work. This couple was an instrument in the hands of God, sent to help me! This wasn't happenstance. This was inspiration! Another direct answer to my prayers.

When our lives come to a cross road which happens a lot, we do have to make a choice. We can go left down the Bitterness Road, where we will feel fear, loneliness, discouragement, worry, and the why me's are there too. Or we can choose to go right and travel down Betterment Rd. where there is hope and love and peace ahead. Challenges will still come but we have to remember with God anythings are possible. This life is a time to prepare to meet God. I've learned challenges are necessary for spiritual growth? When I choose to follow God's laws and not man's laws I find joy, peace and happiness! Then I can say why not me instead of why me! I go forward with faith and complete trust in Him! It no longer matters how long I live, what really matters is how I live!

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## Winter Car Care Checklist

October is Car Care Month, an ideal time to remind motorists as the weather cools, motorists should complete a seasonal vehicle checkup to maintain safety and maximize efficiency.

AAA recommends motorists use this simple checklist to determine their vehicle's fall and winter maintenance needs. Many of the items on the list can be inspected by a car owner in less than an hour, but others should be performed by a certified technician. Motorists can identify reliable, high-quality repair shops with certified technicians by looking

for the AAA Approved Auto Repair sign. These facilities must meet and maintain high professional standards for customer service, technician training, tools, equipment, warranties and cleanliness. Nearby shops can be located at [AAA.com/repair](http://AAA.com/repair).

**Battery and Charging System** - Have the battery and charging system tested by a trained technician. A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather. AAA members can request a visit from a AAA Mobile Battery Service technician who will test their battery

and replace it on-site, if necessary. AAA Approved Auto Repair shops can also test and replace weak batteries.

**Battery Cables and Terminals** - Make sure the battery terminals and cable ends are free from corrosion and the connections are tight.

**Drive Belts** - Inspect the underside of accessory drive belts for cracks or fraying. Many newer multi-rib "serpentine" belts are made of materials that do not show obvious signs of wear; replace these belts at 60,000-mile intervals.

**Engine Hoses** - Inspect cooling system hoses for leaks, cracks or loose clamps. Also, squeeze the hoses and replace any that are brittle or have an excessively spongy feeling.

**Tire Type and Tread** - In areas with heavy winter weather, installing snow tires on all four wheels will provide the best winter traction. All-season tires work well in light-to-moderate snow conditions provided they have ad-

equated tread depth. Replace any tire that has less than 3/32-inches of tread. Uneven tire wear can indicate alignment, wheel balance or suspension problems that must be addressed to prevent further tire damage.

**Tire Pressure** - Check tire inflation pressure on all four tires and the spare more frequently in fall and winter. As the average temperature drops, so will tire pressures - typically by one PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Proper tire pressure levels can be found in the owner's manual or on a sticker typically located on the driver's side door jamb.

**Air Filter** - Check the engine air filter by holding it up to a 60-watt light bulb. If light can be seen through much of the filter, it is still clean enough to work effectively. However, if light is blocked by most of the filter, replace it.

**Coolant Levels** - Check the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. If the level is low, add a 50/50 solution of

coolant and water to maintain the necessary antifreeze capability. Test the antifreeze protection level annually with an inexpensive tester available at any auto parts store.

**Lights** - Check the operation of all headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and back-up lights. Replace any burnt out bulbs.

**Wiper Blades** - The blades should completely clear the glass with each swipe. Replace any blade that leaves streaks or misses spots. In regions where snow is common, consider installing winter wiper blades that wrap the blade frame in a rubber boot to reduce ice and snow buildup that can prevent good contact between the blade and the glass.

**Washer Fluid** - Fill the windshield washer fluid reservoir with a winter cleaning solution that has antifreeze components to prevent it from freezing.

**Brakes** - If there is any indication of a brake problem, have the system inspected by

a certified technician to ensure all components are in good working order.

**Transmission, Brake and Power Steering Fluids** - Check all fluids to ensure they are at or above the minimum safe levels.

**Emergency Road Kit** - Carry an emergency kit equipped for winter weather. The kit should include:

Mobile phone pre-programmed with rescue apps and important phone numbers including family and emergency services, and car charger, Drinking water, First-aid kit, Non-perishable snacks for both human and pet passengers, Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter) or traction mats, Snow shovel, Blankets, Extra warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves), Flashlight with extra batteries, Window washer solvent, Ice scraper with brush, Cloth or roll of paper towels, Jumper cables, Warning devices (flares or triangles), Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench).

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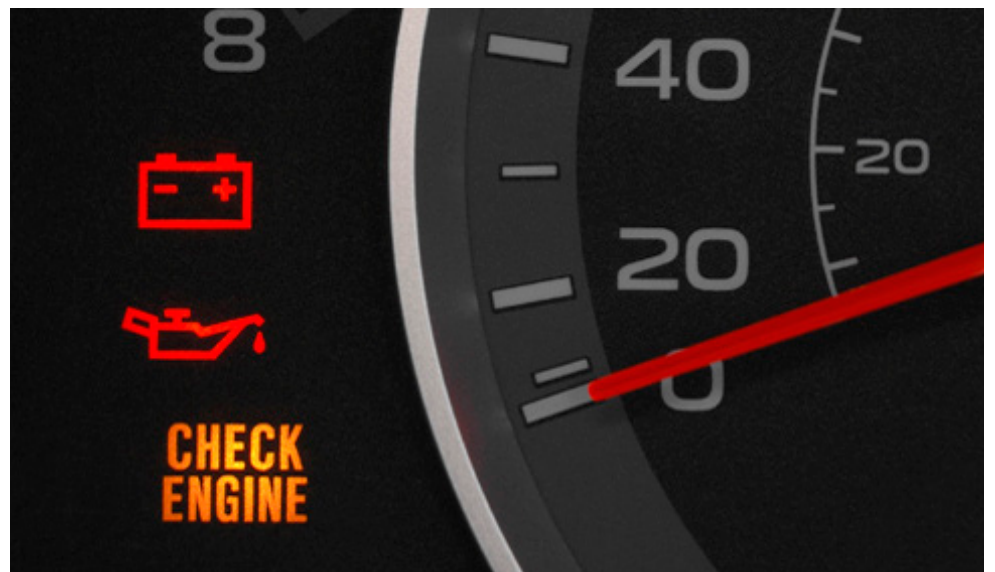
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## Car Battery Maintenance

Today's high-tech vehicles make more electrical demands than ever before, and your car's battery helps meet those demands in a variety of ways. The car battery supplies electrical current for the starter motor to crank the engine, and it provides power to electrical accessories when the engine is off. During vehicle operation, when electrical loads exceed charging system capacity, the battery steps in to provide any needed extra current. And throughout all this, the car battery acts as a voltage stabilizer for the entire electrical system.

Do-it-yourself preventive maintenance can play an important role in maximizing the life of your battery. It is also important to have an automotive service professional, such as those found at AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities, test your vehicle's battery, starting and charging systems annually. Early detection of weak components can save you time, money and inconvenience.

Battery Safety  
Although batteries

seem uncomplicated, they can be hazardous to service if you are not careful. Batteries, and the corrosion that forms on their terminals, contain sulfuric acid that will cause chemical burns and can damage most surfaces it contacts. To avoid injuries, observe any warnings on the battery and in your owner's manual, then follow these additional precautions:

Always wear eye protection, gloves, and old or protective clothing.

Avoid squeezing or tipping the battery in any manner that could cause acid to spill out. In the event of a spill, flush the area immediately with water.

Take special care not to drop the battery. Batteries are heavy and can cause personal injury. In addition, the battery case may crack, creating an acid spill.

Never smoke when servicing a battery, or expose the battery to a spark or open flame. Charging batteries produce hydrogen gas that can ignite and cause an explosion.

Remove all jewelry.

A ring, watch or other metal object that creates a short between the positive battery terminal and ground can cause explosive sparks or serious burns. For the same reason, never place metal tools near, or on top of, the battery.

Always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling a battery. This will dilute and neutralize any acid with which you may have come in contact.

**Battery Inspection & Service**

Whether you have a battery with removable vent-caps or a sealed "maintenance-free" battery, regular inspection and service are required to ensure the battery works safely and effectively. Note that some "maintenance free" batteries do have vent caps that can be removed for service.

**Clean/Inspect The Case**

The simplest battery maintenance procedure is keeping the case clean. Dirt and oil residue on the case can cause a current drain on the battery. Clean the case by wip-

ing it with paper towels moistened in a mild detergent solution. Once the case is clean and dry, inspect it for cracks and bulging that indicate the battery needs further testing or replacement.

**Check The Electrolyte Level**

The electrolyte solution in your battery is a mixture of sulfuric acid and water. If the battery has removable vent caps, check the electrolyte level at every oil change. The level in each cell should be above the top of the battery plates and even with the bottom of the "well" beneath the vent cap. If the level is low, add distilled water as needed, being careful not to overfill the cells. Tap water is not recommended as it contains mineral deposits that will shorten the life of your battery.

**Inspect/Clean The Terminals**

Inspect the battery posts, terminals and hold-down hardware for corrosion buildup and loose or cracked connections. If corrosion is present, clean it away using a 50/50 solution of baking

soda and water applied with a small, stiff brush. After removing corrosion, rinse the battery thoroughly with clean water. Catch the contaminated water in a suitable container – a plastic drain pan works well – and dispose of it properly.

**Remove/Install The Battery**

If the battery terminals or hold-down hardware are severely corroded, it may be necessary to disconnect the cables and remove the battery to properly clean the components. Loosen each battery cable clamp and spread its ends to remove the cable from the battery. If the clamps are frozen in place, use a suitable puller to remove them from the terminal posts. Never

pry a cable clamp off the terminal post as this can damage the battery's case and internal connections. Always remove the cable from the negative battery terminal first, then the positive terminal. Reinstall them in the opposite order, positive cable first, then negative. There are three basic ways to distinguish the positive and negative terminals:

**Color-code:** red for positive and black for negative (not all cables match this code).

**Symbol:** + for positive and - for negative (usually molded into the battery case).

**Size:** on post-type terminals, the positive post is usually slightly larger in diameter.

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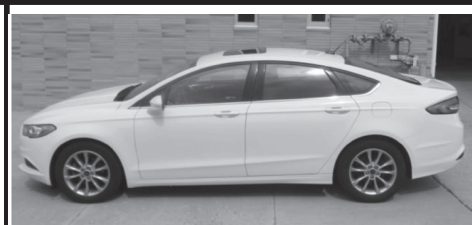


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Disconnecting the battery on a modern vehicle will erase various onboard computer memories. This makes it necessary to reprogram features such as radio station presets, and it may also result in minor driveability glitches until the powertrain control module can "relearn" the vehicle's operating characteristics. On a few cars, disconnecting the battery will require a dealer visit to reprogram certain functions. To avoid these issues, consult your owner's manual before disconnecting the battery, and connect an al-

ternate "memory keep alive" power source to the electrical system before you disconnect the battery. Most auto parts stores sell an inexpensive device of this type that is powered by a 9-volt battery and plugs into a cigarette lighter socket.

**Causes of Battery Failure**

Underhood heat increases the rate of chemical degradation in the battery. To combat this heat, some cars have a heat shield that fits over the battery. If your vehicle came with a heat shield, make sure it is properly reinstalled following battery service or replace-

ment. Vibration causes physical breakdown of internal battery parts. To minimize the effect of vibration make sure the battery fits properly in your vehicle, the hold-down hardware is installed correctly and the battery is secured firmly in place.

A malfunctioning charging system, whether over- or under-charging, will shorten battery life. Have your car's battery, starting and charging systems tested annually to make sure they are operating at peak performance.

**Warning Signs of a Weak Battery**

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The non-profit Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council's consumer education website at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

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battery that is suitable for every vehicle. Physical size, terminal location, and cranking power are all important factors in ensuring the proper fit and function of your battery. In fact, choosing the wrong battery can adversely affect the entire electrical system of your vehicle. For maximum convenience, AAA's Battery Service (available in most areas) can install a proper replacement battery in your vehicle at home or at work.

**Battery Selection Tips:** Replacement batteries are usually selected based on "Group Number" and "Cold Cranking Amps" (CCA) rating. The Group Number (for example, Group 24) is an industry standard that defines the battery's

physical size, its hold-down configuration, and the type and location of its terminals. Cold Cranking Amps (for example 650 CCA) is an electrical measure of how much current the battery can provide for 30 seconds at a temperature of 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Select a battery with the same Group Number as the original equipment (OE) battery. This will ensure a secure fit, proper clearance, and no cable/terminal issues. Here are some additional tips:

If your vehicle uses a non-standard battery (one without a Group Number), use an OE replacement or take special care to ensure a non-OE battery will not create problems.

If your car's OE battery is equipped with a protective heat shield, make sure the shield will fit properly over the replacement battery.

Never install a battery with a CCA rating lower than that recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. A higher-rated battery will work effectively if it fits properly, but a lower-rated battery may cause electrical system problems.

Purchase your battery from a high-volume seller with fresh stock no more than 90 days old. Most batteries have a three- to five year life from their date of activation.

vation. You don't want a battery that has already lost a good portion of its service life sitting on a shelf.

Look for a battery with an extended full-replacement warranty. Top quality batteries offer this type of coverage for three or more years. Battery warranties that are prorated after a short time provide significantly less protection.

#### Jump Starting

When a battery has been discharged to the point where it will no longer crank the engine, a battery boost, or "jump start," can get you back on the go.

#### Jump-Starting Precautions:

While jump-starting may appear to be a simple procedure, special care must be taken to ensure the safety of the people and vehicles involved. Before you begin, review the "Battery Safety" information earlier in this brochure. In addition:

Inspect the battery for low electrolyte level and top up with distilled water as necessary. If the electrolyte loss was caused by leakage from a cracked case, replace the battery.

In low temperatures, look for a bulging case or ice in the cells that indicate the battery has frozen. If necessary, remove the battery and allow it to

thaw in a warm location before proceeding.

Never attempt to charge or jump-start a battery that is frozen or low on electrolyte. The battery may rupture or explode!

#### Jump-Starting Your Vehicle:

The jump-start procedure below is generic in nature. Always check your owner's manual for vehicle-specific instructions and precautions before attempting to boost a battery. Jump starting is not advised for some newer cars, and on others certain fuses need to be removed protect electronic components.

Position the two vehicles so their batteries are within jumper cable distance of one another, but do not allow the vehicles to touch.

#### On each vehicle:

Remove the key from the ignition. If either vehicle is equipped with a keyless ignition system, make sure the "smart fob" is at least 10 feet away from the vehicle before connecting the jumper cables.

#### Set the parking brake.

Turn off all factory electrical systems such as the lights, heater fan, radio, etc.

Disconnect any aftermarket electrical accessories such as cell phones, radar detectors, stereo amplifiers, etc.

Identify the positive

and negative terminals on the discharged battery and the booster battery.

Refer to the diagram below and connect the jumper cables in the following order to the specified locations:

Install one end of the positive jumper cable (red clamp) to the positive terminal of the discharged battery.

Install the other end of the positive jumper cable (red clamp) to the positive terminal of the booster battery.

Install one end of the negative jumper cable (black clamp) to the negative terminal of the booster battery.

Connect the other end of the negative jumper cable (black clamp) to a ground point on the vehicle with the discharged battery, such as the engine block or an accessory bracket, as far from

the battery as possible. To prevent damage from sparks, never connect the negative jumper cable to the discharged battery.

Try to start the vehicle with the discharged battery. If the engine seems to be turning too slowly, stop cranking and start the other vehicle to avoid draining both batteries. Try to start the discharged vehicle again.

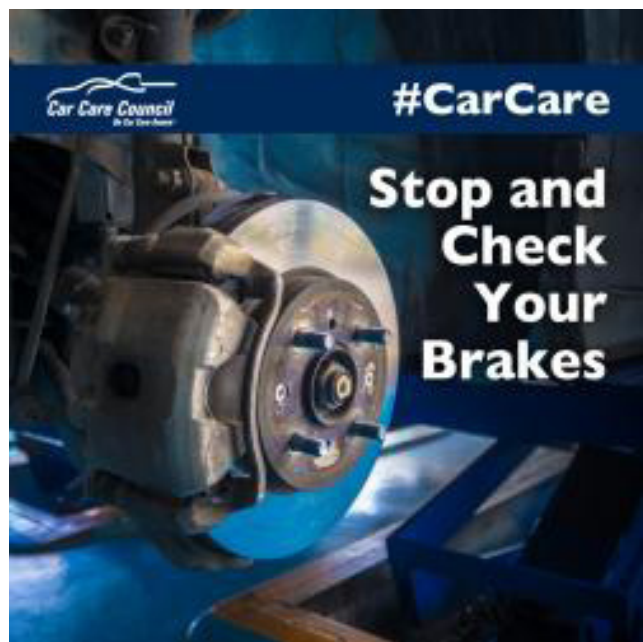
Once the vehicle starts:

Allow it to run at a high idle for 30 seconds or more.

Turn on the headlights and heater blower motor to provide an electrical path for any voltage spikes that may occur when disconnecting the jumper cables.

Remove the jumper cables in the reverse order of installation.

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## Tire Safety and Maintenance

### Understanding Your Vehicle's Tires

Your tires are the only part of the car that has direct contact with the road. Tires affect your vehicle handling, ride, braking, and safety. For optimum performance, tires must have the correct air pressure, tread depth, balance and the wheels of the vehicle must be properly aligned.

Checking your tires on a regular basis is an important step in protecting your safety and your automotive investment. Ideally, tire inspections should be performed monthly. If you drive over potholes and debris in the road, live in a cold climate, or drive long distances regularly, then you should inspect your tires more often.

Always inspect your tires before a long trip. The more often these inspections are performed, the easier it will be to find a small problem, such as a

nail in your tire, and fix it before it becomes a more expensive and time-consuming issue.

#### Signs of Tire Wear:

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature tire wear, a flat tire or even a blowout. Factors other than tires themselves also can affect tire wear. Worn suspension parts and wheel alignment both play a direct role in tire wear and performance.

#### Tire Problems to Look For During a Visual Inspection:

**Over inflation:** Too much air pressure causes mostly the tire's middle section to contact the road. This creates wear primarily in the center of the tread, with less wear at the tire's edges.

**Under inflation:** Too little air pressure causes mostly the tire's outer edges to contact the road. This creates wear primarily on both edges of the tire tread, with less wear in the center.

Tread wear on one edge of the tire: This typically occurs when the wheels are out of alignment.

**Erratic tread wear:** This is often called cupping, and may mean the wheel is out of balance, or that the shock absorbers or other suspension components need to be replaced.

**Raised portion of the tread or sidewall:** May indicate that one of the belts in the tire carcass has separated from those next to it.

#### Tire Problems to Look for While Driving:

**Unusual vibration or thumping noise:** Vibration or thumping noises can indicate an out-of-balance tire, one with tread that has a flat spot due to locking the wheels in a panic stop, or a tire with a separated belt.

**A pull to one side:** While driving at a steady speed, pulling to one side may indicate an underinflated or damaged tire on the side of the car to which the vehicle pulls. If this is not the case, a brake problem or poor wheel alignment may be causing the pull.

#### Tire Tread Inspection:

Tires depend on good tread condition depth to maintain traction and to shed water on wet roads. The tread should be checked at least once a month for excessive and uneven wear. The most accurate tread depth measurements are made with a simple tread depth gauge available at any parts store. Or you can use the traditional quarter and

penny tests.

Insert a quarter into a tread groove with the top of Washington's head facing down. If the top of his head is not visible, your tires have at least 4/32" of tread and are fine for continued use. If you can see above the top of Washington's head, it is time to start shopping for new tires. Take measurements in three locations across the tire's tread: (1) outer edge, (2) center, and (3) inside edge.

The penny test is done in the same way, except that if you can see above the top of Lincoln's head your tires have less than 2/32" of tread, which is below the legal minimum and cause for immediate replacement. Tires worn to this level will also have visible wear indicators (thin bald strips) running from side to side across two or more tread segments.

The difference between 4/32" and 2/32" of tread depth might not seem like much, but based on research by the Tire Rack, America's largest independent tire tester the difference is significant. For example, a pickup truck traveling at 70 miles per hour that passes the penny test can take up to 499.5 feet to stop on wet pavement. However, the same truck has a stopping distance 122 feet shorter if it passes the quarter test instead. This is a 24 percent difference in stopping distance, and the equivalent of six or more car lengths.

The Tire Rack also reported that tires passing the quarter test exhibited better grip on the road

under other driving conditions as well. Given these facts, AAA suggests you put that penny back in your piggy bank and instead use a quarter to check tire wear and determine when it is time for replacement.

#### Tire Inflation Inspection:

Keeping your tires properly inflated is one of the easiest ways to help maintain good gas mileage and extend the life of your tires. Check your car's tire pressure at least once a month with a quality gauge, that measures pressure in pounds-per square inch (psi). Three types of tire pressure gauges are available at most auto parts stores: digital, dial and pen/stick types. The digital and dial designs tend to be more accurate and easier to read, although a good pen/stick gauge will do the job as well. Pressure gauges built into air hoses at gas stations are often abused and frequently inaccurate.

Recommended tire pressures are for cold tires. Therefore, tire pressure should be checked at ambient temperature before the vehicle has been driven. Checking tire pressure on a car that has warm tires can result in a pressure reading of up to 5 psi higher than the recommended pressure. The recommended inflation pressures for your car's tires can be found in the vehicle's owner's manual or on the tire information decal attached to the driver's door jamb. On older cars the decal may be in the glove box or inside the fuel filler door.

**Checking Air Pressure:**  
1. Remove the tire's valve cap.

2. Place the gauge over the tire's valve stem and press firmly so that no escaping air is heard. The tire gauge will indicate how much pressure is in the tire.

3. Adjust the tire's air pressure as needed. When adding air, push the air hose into the valve firmly, until the air stops escaping. Check the pressure every few seconds to help judge the amount of air going into the tire, until you reach the recommended air pressure. If the tire's pressure is greater than it should be, use the nipple on the tire gauge to press the center of the tire valve stem and release air.

4. Replace the valve cap.

5. Repeat the process for the other tires. Don't forget the spare tire.

#### Tire Maintenance:

There are several tire maintenance procedures that automotive repair professionals should do because they require special tools and knowledge. However, understanding these procedures will help you feel more confident in dealing with a repair provider.

#### Tire Rotation

Tires on the front and the rear of vehicles operate at different loads and perform different steering and braking functions, resulting in unequal wear patterns. To gain maximum life and performance from your tires, it is essential to rotate your vehicle's tires. Refer

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to your vehicle's owner's manual for mileage recommendations. Usually tire rotation is performed between 5,000 and 7,000 miles. Common on performance cars are tires designed to rotate in a specific direction; these can only be rotated front-to-rear, and if different tire sizes are used on the front and rear axles rotation is not possible.

**Tire Balancing**

Properly balanced tires help minimize uneven wear and extend their life. When tires are

balanced, small weights are attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. Newly installed tires should be balanced, and thereafter whenever a vibration is noticed. Balancing is also called for whenever a tire is removed from the wheel, for example to repair a puncture.

**Wheel Alignment**

Wheel alignment is the measurement of the position of the wheels compared to specifications that the vehicle manufacturers recommend. Each vehicle has

specific wheel alignment settings. If any alignment measurement falls outside the specified range, uneven tire wear can result, vehicle handling may be affected and fuel economy can be diminished.

You should have the wheel alignment checked and adjusted when new tires are installed, and thereafter any time when unusual steering characteristics are observed. A vehicle's wheels are properly aligned when the car will drive down the road in a straight line

without drifting or pulling to either side. A drift or pull can be caused by problems other than just alignment, so a thorough inspection should be

performed by a qualified shop to determine the exact nature of the problem before an alignment is performed.

Spending a few min-

utes with your tires every month can help protect your family, improve your vehicle's performance, and lengthen the life of your tires.

## Guardrails

by Tom Palen

Normally our fall trip would take us into Canada; sometimes trekking all the way up to Nova Scotia, sometimes just camping at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. Other times driving to Agawa Bay, or making the full circle around Lake Superior, however 2020 has been everything but a normal a year. The Canadian border was closed, so we

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## MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 WebEx (videoconferencing due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic). Commissioners present were Flohrs, Smith, Koons, and Belgard. Commissioner District #2 is vacant. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff.

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 September 15, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following addition: 9.16 Consider Engagement of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce to provide Administrative Services related to grants generated through Martin County and the City of Fairmont CARES Act Funding. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 and September 1, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meetings. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve Proclamation declaring September 2020 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Martin County, MN. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Proclamation duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of support for the 2021 BevComm broadband project and grant application. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the County Coordinator to sign a letter of support for the 2021 BevComm broadband project and grant application. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign resolution granting Larry and Serena Johnson abatement of property taxes to be levied by the County on Parcel No. 09.027.1350 in the City of Sherburn, MN 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 \$8,466.00. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and adopt the draft Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize the hire of James Tietje as a full time Deputy Sheriff for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective October 18, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to accept the resignation of Abigail Nesbit as Emergency Management Director for Martin County, effective September 23, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize recruitment to fill the Emergency Management Director vacancy in the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the out of state travel for Deputy Ballard to attend training at Camp Dodge, IA September 20-23, 2020; and for Deputy Lamack to attend training at Camp Dodge, IA September 21-24, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the REVIZE Web Services Sales Agreement in the amount of \$14,600 for the development and redesign of a new County website. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to accept the Petition for an Improvement to CD #27. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to appoint ISG Architects and Engineers as engineer for the proposed Improvement Project. Carried unanimously.

No action taken establishing the 2021 non-union health insurance contributions for the health plans offered by the County.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the disposal of County surplus/obsolete computer equipment to be disposed/recycled by Martin County's Sentencing to Service Program. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and adopt the Martin County Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy as presented, effective September 15, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Municipal Advisory Service Agreement between the County of Martin, MN and Northland Securities, Inc. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to receive and file Martin County's Finance Plan for the issuance of \$7.13 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A, in the Proposed Aggregate Principal Amount of \$7,130,000 (\$3,045,000 Capital Improvement Plan Bonds and \$4,085,000 Drainage Ditch Bonds). Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Modernization Proposal for the Human Resource Building Otis Elevator Repair with MEI Total Elevator Solution and DeWar Electric in the combined project amount of \$101,337.00. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution Establishing the Preliminary Tax Levy for the year 2021 which equates to a 3.26% increase. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution to Establish a Small Business Grant Program for Martin County funded by CARES Act Funds. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the Administrative Services Contract in the amount of \$150.00 per application with the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce related to the economic assistance grants generated through Martin County and the City of Fairmont CARES Act Funding. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on September 15, 2020, and includes the Highway Department bills and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize per diems and expenses for Commissioner Smith to attend and participate on Department of Natural Resources panel discussions pertaining to county land acquisitions. Carried unanimously.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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](http://www.co.martin.mn.us)

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Chad T. Lutterman, Christine B. Lutterman to Jamen Smiley, Joanna Smiley, Lot 4, Block 1, Milbrandts Addn.

Tamra L. Taylor to Jacob Sinn, Rebecca Sinn, Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Perssons Subd., Trimont

David E. Bach to Candi Schafer, Wesley Schafer, Lot 6, Block 3, Larsens Subd.

Gretchen A. Hoppe to David Bach, Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Green Acres Subd., Welcome

Judy R. Krahmer to Jodi A. Pouliot, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SW¼, 8-102-30

Emily L. Fett, Ryan J. Fett to Kenneth L. Doocy, Christine M. How, Stanley J. How III, Mary Ann Powers, Pt. Lot K. Stade Lake Lots, Govt. Lot 4, SW¼, 20-102-30

Blaine Lee, Kimberly Lee to Jeffrey Schultz, Jodi Schultz, Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, 1st Ext. Fred Stade Amber Lake

Jordan L. Breitbarth, Maggi M. Breitbarth, Maggi M. Siegler to Chad Truax, Patricia Truax, Lot 6, Block 11, Original Plat Truman

Darvin C. Bishop, Nancy J. Bishop to Alysha J. Meyeraan, Brett W. Meyeraan, Pt. NW¼NE¼, 32-104-32

James L. Ebert, Mary J. Ebert to Robin K. Pettit, Lot 22, Vandrey Addn., Truman

John M. Kasper, Patti A. Kasper to Rhonda Elbert, E½ Lot 17, Block 2, Lake Park Addn.

Brenda Crissinger, Dixie Crissinger, Kenneth C. Crissinger, Mark Crissinger, Michael Crissinger, Anthony Zender, Carol Zender to Mary Janssen, Nathan Janssen, Pt. NW¼NE¼, 13-102-33

### PUBLIC NOTICE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

A Public Accuracy Test for the purpose of demonstration for the accuracy of the computer election equipment to be used by Martin County in the General Election on November 3rd, 2020, will be held in the Commissioner's Room in the Martin County Courthouse by the Martin County Auditor/Treasurer at 9:00 a. m. on Wednesday, October 21st, 2020.

Jessica Korte  
Martin County Auditor/Treasurer

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### NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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Candi C. Schafer, Wesley D. Schafer to Jay D. Balcom, Mary J. Balcom, Lot 2, Block 1, Schafer Shores

Jan Marie Schiff, Atty.-in-fact, James A. Teeslink, Jean C. Teeslink to Brandon Edmundson, Sara Lynn Edmundson, Pt. Outlot A, Barkers Hall Lake Addn.

Nathan Schueller, Sara Schueller to Anthony Hobson, Emma Hobson, Lot 1, Block 1, School Tims Addn.

Betty Rosburg, Richard Rosburg to Richard and Betty Rosburg Revocable Trust, Betty M. Rosburg, Trustee, Harley Richard Rosburg, Trustee, Pt. SW¼, Pt. W½SE¼, 100' strip of land, SE¼SW¼, 50' strip of land, NW¼SE¼, Pt. E½SE¼, Pt. 100' strip of land, W½SE¼, 34-101-33

Aubrey Korth, Dain Korth to Jason Pahl, Kara Pahl, Lot 14, Block 6, Lake George Addn.

Jaclyn Schwieger Hall, Jaclyn Schwieger Hall to Ross Gronewald, NW¼, 34-103-29

Jaclyn Schwieger, Jaclyn Schwieger Hall to Ann Gronewald Fordice, Ann Gronewald-Fordice, N½SW¼, 34-103-29

Jean M. Maday, Thomas Maday to Joanne M. Maday, Richard Maday, W½SW¼, SE¼SW¼, 12-102-29

REM Heartland, Inc. to Capgrow Holdings JV Sub VI LLC, Pt. Govt. Lot 14 w/esmt, SW¼ 7-102-30, Lot 12, Block 1, Heritage Park 2nd Addn., Lot 3, Block 1, Valley View Addn., Lot 4, Block 3, Cedar Creek 2nd Addn., Lot 41, Block 1, Hillcrest Addn., Lot 18, Bethel Addn., Lot 22, Lot 1, Block 1, Hillcrest Addn. Lot 14, Block 1, W.12' Perpetual Easement for Ingress and Egress

Dawn D. Willner, Douglas A. Willner to Fidencio Paz Rodriguez, Fidencio Paz Rodriguez, Lots 17 and 18, Block 5, Ramsdale Addn., N. 25' Lots 32 and 33, Block 5, Ramsdales Addn.

Gregory Walter Straub, Paula Jean Straub to Kimberly R. Tobin, Lot 7, Block 4, Brodts Lake Park Addn., Lot 2, Block 3, Lake Park Addn.

### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Jenna Klages, Damon Simser, Jenna Simser to Damon Simser, Jenna Simser, Lot 1, Block 8, Wards Central Addn.

Sherburn Area Classic American Radio Preservation Guild, Inc. to Economic Development Authority of the City of Sherburn, Lots 10 and 9, Block 4, Original Plat Sherburn

Revivalive Ministries, Inc. to City of Sherburn, Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Original Plat Sherburn

Dawn R. Krahmer, Mark E. Krahmer, Troy A. Krahmer to Judy R. Krahmer, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SW¼, 8-102-30

Martin Meyer to Justin Breitbarth, Ann Logan, Lot 16, Block 4, Grafts 3rd Addn., Truman

Beverly A. Schleining, Richard J. Schleining to Beverly Schleining Living Trust, Beverly A. Schleining, Trustee, Pt. Govt. Lot 3, SW¼, 24-102-30, Govt. Lots 1 and 2, NW¼, 25-102-30

Deborah Traxler to Christopher Hiller, Lot 17, Block 4, Original Plat Truman

Susan Maldonado to Christopher Hiller, Lot 17, Block 4, Original Plat Truman

William Traxler to Christopher Hiller, Lot 17, Block 4, Original Plat Truman

Tiffany Bass to Douglas A. Willner, Lot 2, Block 8, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Profinium Inc. Trustee, R. Arlen Ebert Living Trust to Doreen L. Ebert Living Trust, Pt. E½NW¼, 5-104-29, Pt. E½NW¼, 4-104-31

Profinium Inc., Doreen L. Ebert Living Trust, R. Arlen Ebert Living Trust to Kimberly Gleason, Pt. NW¼, 5-104-29 D-DEEDS

Marilyn Jane Blanchard, Personal Rep., Estate of Darrell Grant Tenney, Kathleen F. Tenney, Personal Rep., to Kathleen F. Tenney, Kenneth T. Tenney, Pt. SE¼NW¼, Govt. Lots 1 and 2, NW¼, 18-102-29, Govt. Lot 3, SE¼, 13-102-29, NW¼SW¼, 18-102-29, Govt. Lot 3, NE¼, 13-102-30

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### MSHSL votes for Fall Football/Volleyball

The Minnesota State High School League's board of directors voted to bring back high school football and volleyball to a the fall season after previously planning on playing those sports in the spring.

Football will have a two-week postseason that starts the week of November 16 and volleyball beginning the week of November 30. So far the MSHSL hasn't determined dates or formats for any state tournaments.

Schedules subject to change. See MSHSL.org for new info on fan attendance.



**2020 Cardinal Football Schedule**  
Wk 3 Fri 10/23 7pm @ Marshall  
Wk 4 Fri 10/30 7pm vs New Ulm  
Wk 5 Fri 11/6 7pm @ St. Peter  
Wk 6 Thu 11/12 7pm vs JCC

**Fairmont Girls Volleyball Schedule**  
10-20-20 7:30PM vs New Ulm  
10-22-20 7:15PM Away vs. St. James Area  
10-27-20 7:30PM vs Blue Earth Area  
10-29-20 7:15PM Away vs. St. Peter  
11-02-20 7:15PM vs Waseca  
11-05-20 7:30PM Away vs. New Ulm  
11-10-20 7:30PM vs St. James Area  
11-12-20 7:30PM vs St. Peter  
11-17-20 7:30PM Away vs. Waseca



**Martin County West Football**  
Fri, Oct 23, 7:00PM Away vs. Saint James  
Fri, Oct 30, 7:00PM Away vs. LCWM  
Fri, Nov 6, 7:00PM vs NRHEG  
Wednesday, Nov 11, 7PM vs Redwood Valley

**Martin County West Volleyball**  
Tue, Oct 20, 7:15PM LCWM  
Thu, Oct 22, 7:15PM Away vs. ML/GHEC/T  
Tue, Oct 27, 7:15PM Away vs. Alden-Conger  
Thu, Oct 29, 7:15PM JWP  
Mon, Nov 2, 7:15PM Away vs. Loyola

Thu, Nov 5, 7:15PM Madelia  
Tue, Nov 10, 7:15PM Away vs. Nicollet  
Thu, Nov 12, 7:15PM Cleveland  
Tue, Nov 17, 7:15PM Away vs. LCWM  
Thu, Nov 19, 7:15PM ML/GHEC/T



**GHEC-Truman Football**  
Sat 10/24 5pm @ Southland  
Fri 10/30 7pm vs Lyle/Pacelli  
Fri 11/6 7pm vs Hills Beaver Creek  
Thu 11/12 7pm @ Madelia  
**Martin Luther-GHEC-Truman Volleyball**  
Tue, Oct 20, 7:15PM

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#### HOUSEHOLD

Whirlpool Frig 1997, Stove- glass top, small college refig microwave, table & 6 chairs, bar stool, pots & pans, chamber pot (no lid), misc kitchen utensils, cutlery set, silverware, misc serving dishes, 2 sets of china (Japanese & Serron), 2 fans (one table - one standing) last supper pic, Dirt devil (upright), typewriter - case, Kenmore sewing machine

#### FURNITURE

bedframe, couch (beige), rocker, rocker recliner, recliner (doesn't recline), TV & stand, bar stool, Duncan Phyf table (2 leaves) 4 chairs, small table, end table, metal wardrobe, night stand, desk, dressers

#### ANTIQUES

Antique coke bottles (6), Antique fence tightener, Red Wing Crock- (3) 5 gal w/handles (3) 6 gal w/ handles (1) 8 gal no handles (2) 15 gal 1 w/ handles, 1 w/o sewing table, Antique dresser, porcelain pitcher & bowl, Antique lard can, 2 kerosene lamps, Murphy wall safe, old wooden card table, very old wooden rocker (no seat), incubator, egg candler, copper boiler w/ lid, Walters Livestock wall thermo., Maytag wringer washer, (2) cane fishing poles, pulleys, Antique tire pump, hay rope, skunk trap, 2 hsp 230 volt motor live trap, very old radio, buttercrack, plat books, old manuals, 1977 Hesson belt buckle

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Thu, Nov 5, 7:15PM vs. St. Clair @ ML  
Tue, Nov 10, 7:15PM @ Madelia  
Fri, Nov 13, 7:15PM vs. LCWM @ ML  
Tue, Nov 17, 7:15PM vs. Nicollet @ ML  
Thu, Nov 19, 7:15PM @. Martin County West

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### UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**FARMLAND AUCTION:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 10 AM -228.84 Acres +/- in Bloom Twp., Nobles Co., MN, Owner: Beatrice Hoffman Family- Farmland to be sold at public auction LIVE & ONLINE at the Wilmont VFW Hall at 402 4th Ave, Wilmont, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE DATE:** October 29, 2020 @ 7 PM to be held at the Sherburn Legion . MARTIN COUNTY FARMLAND-148.06 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 16 of Fox Lake Township, Martin Co., MN.

**NEW PRIVATE LISTING-**Approx. 2 Acre Buildable Lake Lot for Sale on East side of Temperance Lake located at 21 Schafer Shore Drive, Sherburn, MN. Please contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc

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**Tuesday, October 20**

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Unit Nos.: U9C, 60, 68, 98, 103

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## PhotoPress Classifieds

### 1 Cards of Thanks

**RICHARDS-** Thank you to family, friends and fellow educators for the birthday and 70th wedding anniversary cards. It made our days very special. Dorothy & Doug Richards. 23-1tp-1

**MENNEN-** Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and memorials given in memory of Bob. The family of Bob Mennen. 23-1tp-1

**GRATZ-** Thank you all for the many greetings, cards and flowers sent to us for our 60th wedding anniversary. We are so blessed. God bless you. Norman & Violet Gratz. 23-1tp-1

**BARTZ-** Once again the Giver of all good things has blessed us with an abundance of wishes for our 60th anniversary from our family and friends. The cards, calls and gifts were humbling and appreciated. Thank you and blessings to each of you. Daryl & Carol Bartz. 23-1tp-1

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### 28 Rummage & Garage Sales

**1611 Knollwood Dr,** Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-3pm. Moving to twin home and must downsize. P.Buckley Moss pictures and Moss dolls, Longaberger, American Heritage Figurines, large snowman collection, decorating items, small appliances, furniture, Michelin tires 185/65R15, tools, tools, tools. Don't miss this one. Sunday all remaining items 1/2 price or free. PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK. 23-1tp-28

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not thousands – of feet to the valley below. The cliff is so close to the road and so steep, there isn't room to put up guardrails. With all her beauty, the road is unforgiving and the

consequences severe. If you're one of those drivers who is constantly hearing the rumble strips on the side of the pavement, you should not drive this highway. There is no room for error.

Colorado offers beauti-

ful fall colors and spectacular sights that can easily humble a man. Thousands of acres of brilliant gold aspen leaves and dark green pine trees against the mountain sides and down into the valleys, are a sight to behold – one you'll never forget. Look-

ing up at rocky cathedrals that reach into the purest of blue skies is humbling. It makes me realize how small I am in the midst of all of this majesty. Water babbling over rocks in the creeks and rivers, along with the sound of the wind, creates a symphony of nature's best music. It's absolutely breathtaking – or could it be the altitude?

Our home in Minnesota is at an elevation of 750 feet above sea level. Silverton, Colorado, where we would be camping, sits

at 10,505 feet. That difference can make breathing difficult as the air is very thin. Albeit the most important, breathing is just one of the many challenges that come with high altitude. Thin, dry air changes all the rules for baking, too; something I love to do...

...I don't need any advice...they were perfect...plummeting into the harsh valley...

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### MARTIN COUNTY FARMLAND AUCTION

**148.06 Acres +/- of Good Tillable & Recreational**

**Land in Fox Lake Twp, Martin Co., MN**

**Thursday, October 29, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

**Auction to be held at American Legion 18 N Osborne St, Sherburn, MN**

*Since we will be inside the Legion for the sale Covid-19 rules will apply. Social distancing rules will apply and those attending are asked to wear masks.*



**PROPERTY LOCATION:** 148.06 Acres +/- located in Section 16 of Fox Lake Twp., Martin County, MN approx. 4 miles SE of Trimont, MN.

**PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** S 1/2 SE 1/4 & S 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 16 of Fox Lake Township, Martin County, MN T103N, R32W EXCEPTING The Chicago Northwestern Railroad right-of-way & exc. 6.89 acres. For full flyer & informational booklet, visit [www.landservicesunlimited.com](http://www.landservicesunlimited.com)!

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## Community Options & Resources

### MANAGEMENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION

in Fairmont, anticipated starting date about November 10, 2020. It is preferred an applicant have a minimum of 50 hours of education and training related to human services and disabilities and a minimum of 4 years of full time experience providing direct support services to people with intellectual disabilities. Possess knowledge and skills in program planning; skills training; staff supervision; computer programs such as Microsoft Office; knowledge of current theories/practices in the field of intellectual disabilities. Working knowledge of all applicable rules and regulations is helpful. Responsible for the overall operations of an Adult Community Residential Service supporting 4 individuals. This is a full-time, hourly, non-exempt position working direct support as needed. Wage will be discussed at the time of interview. If interested, please call Marlene at Community Options & Resources at 507-764-4612 x 2 or visit our web site at [www.cormn.com](http://www.cormn.com). You can call for an application or apply on line. Applications will be accepted until 4pm on 10/21/20.

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For more specific information and the application please visit our website at: [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org). Applications are due October 23, 2020.



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LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR

## Lead For Minnesota

Hey folks, my name is Alex Young-Williams and I'm new to the Fairmont community! The purpose of this article is to introduce myself and explain my work to all of Fairmont, but first I'd like to give an overview of the organization I'm working for, Lead For Minnesota.

Lead For Minnesota seeks to recruit, train, and place young leaders in two-year paid fellowships across rural, tribal, and economically distressed urban communities. They focus on places with bold visions lacking the capacity to attract and retain the next generation of leaders to create a more unified Minnesota.

Lead For Minnesota's Fellowship program recruits and trains young leaders to return to their hometown or home state to address critical community challenges through placements in local government and nonprofits. Fellows are tasked with full-time work on a key public challenge, and also work

to recruit other young people to the region over their two-year term.

Lead For Minnesota is an AmeriCorps Program that allows eligible Fellows to serve as AmeriCorps Members within their placement. Another advantage of the program is the wide range of resources each Fellow has already connected with; during the initial training for the work, we met small-town mayors across Minnesota, representatives from statewide funding organizations like the Bush Foundation, as well as from regional groups, such as the Region 9 Development Commission.

I was born and raised in the Washington, DC area; my father works for the civil service and my mother is currently a freelance writer and translator. I enjoy golfing, hiking, and being outdoors in general. I'm passionate about mental health and economic insecurity in particular. I moved to Minnesota for the first time four years ago to attend Macalester College up in Saint Paul. I really enjoyed my time as a student, and as I became more involved in existing community networks, I began seriously considering staying in Minnesota beyond graduation. During this time, I also became more interested in local organizing and changemaking.

My placement in Fairmont, with the official title of Community Activator, is due to the work of a few different local organizations in collaboration with

the executive director of Lead For Minnesota, Benya Kraus. They were able to draw up a project scope that shapes my work.

While Project 1590 in particular has helped to find funding sources for my work and is guiding me, I see my role as being an advocate of the Fairmont community as a whole, not only certain segments of the population. My main focus is on downtown revitalization, with additional emphasis on issues of economic development, affordable housing, and childcare. In order to most effectively address these challenges in Fairmont, I am currently conducting a listening tour with many different community leaders and stakeholders. The work that I pursue will be primarily based on the information, opinions, and ideas I continue to receive. My intention with this project is to bring Fairmont residents together in a community visioning process that imagines what Fairmont could look like in the future without any limitations, and, over time, build a strong, inclusive, and healthy community identity.

I hope that this op-ed helps to clarify my role here in Fairmont. I'm so excited to get to work on many of the great projects and initiatives that are already underway here! I'm always open for input from the community, so if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at alex.youngwilliams@gmail.com.

**A Candidate Forum will be held Thursday, October 15** at the Fairmont City Hall. At 7 p.m. Minnesota House candidates Pat Bacon and Bjorn Olson will be present.

At 8 p.m. candidates for Fairmont City Council will be present: Tom Hawkins vs. Michele Miller; Ruth Cyphers vs. Ron Lindberg, Joe Loughmiller and Britney Kaweck; and Wayne Hasek vs. Terry Anderson.

No audience will be allowed, but the Forum will be aired on the Local Cable TV.

We are encouraging anyone to submit questions by calling in that evening or in advance by emailing the Chamber at [info@fairmontchamber.org](mailto:info@fairmontchamber.org) or Char Kahler at [chark@kahlerautomation.com](mailto:chark@kahlerautomation.com)

The forum is sponsored by the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce and the American Association of University Women.

**To the Editor:**

I am writing to show my support and encourage fellow citizens to re-elect Tom Hawkins for City Council Councilman at Large. I think it's important we have someone who understands business representing our city. The population of Fairmont has been declining for decades and unless we are proactive on growing our city, we will keep declining and hurting our tax base. The more citizens and more businesses that come to town, the lower the taxes per individual or business. Tom is pushing for that type of growth.

Tom has run successful businesses for over 30 years in Fairmont and just invested over \$1 million in a new body shop. He and his family have a vested interest in seeing Fairmont grow and have stability for the future. He also has worked hard for his constituents by responding to their concerns on a consistent basis.

I encourage you to re-elect Tom Hawkins to city council. Thank you.

Marty Krause  
Fairmont, MN

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