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Naturally By Al Batt

Silent shadows moved past me on a walking trail. Vultures were flying between me and the sun. I watched a movie called "Miami Blues." It wasn't my cup of tea, but one of its scenes showed vultures flying overhead with the sounds of red-tailed hawks dubbed in.

The insistent whistle of a cardinal provided background music. It's impossible to ignore a redbird. May brings the musical trills of American toads as they all chime in at once. House wren song accompanied the cardinal as my steps added up. I walked past plantain, which native people called "white man's footstep."

Raccoons were noisy. Their mating season is February to March and after a 63-day gestation period, the female gives birth to a litter of 2-6 young in April or May in either hollow trees, woodchuck burrows, culverts, under buildings,

Tiny spring azures are among the first butterflies seen in spring that haven't hibernated overwinter as adults. They have bright blue upper wings that are apparent as they fly in search of mates or food. They seldom perch with wings open and the underwith spots.

Countless 17-year periodical cicadas are emerging in many major media markets, but not in Minnesota. The cicadas are about an inch long and I've heard there may be 20,000-40,000 in a single tree. The nymphs had spent their lives 12-24 inches deep in the soil where they fed on tree sap. They are noisy because they are teenagers. Brood X emerges this year. Two broods have gone extinct and a third is declining due to deforestation.

I watched trumpeter swans feed in a shallow wetland. They used their strong webbed feet to dig into the pond bottom for roots, shoots and tubers. Their big feet churn like the swans are on a Peloton bike before they plunge their heads and necks underwater to eat what they'd dislodged.

Speak softly and carry a loaf of bread

A friend came home from grocery shopping to discover a wild turkey tom in his yard. The turkey had been courting a nearby hen. The tom identified the returning shopper as a competitor and shifted into attack mode. My friend retreated swiftly to the deck of his home, but the tom followed him nimbly. The man kicked the turkey twice, but it only encouraged the tom's assault. The tom put the man's castle under siege. Finally, in desperation, the man pulled a loaf of bread from his shopping bag and struck the big bird with it. That did the trick and sent the tom into retreat.

Q&A

"I watched a crow dip bread in a birdbath. What was it doing?" Crows dip their food in water to soften it. Crows will soak food for with water.

"Why are they called ladybugs?" The name was coined by European farmers who prayed to the Virgin Mary when pests were eating their crops. After ladybugs had come and destroyed the pests, the farmers named them "beetle of Our Lady." This was eventually shortened to "lady beetle" and "ladybug.'

"What is the largest rodent in the U. S.?" The largest rodent in North America is the beaver. The porcupine is the second largest.

What is eating my tulips?" Deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks and woodchucks eat tulips. Rabbit damage is easy to recognize because they make sharp cuts as if someone has trimmed the plants with scissors. The cut is often angled at 45 degrees. A rabbit will sometimes nibble the tulip bloom and not eat the entire flower at one sitting. Squirrels and chipmunks are the most common pests of tulip bulbs.

"What animal eats asparagus?" Deer eat what is available and likely would sample fresh spears.

Dennis Anderson of Hartland asked when pelicans nest? Minnesota has 10 lakes, a city and a river that include pelican as part of their names. In April and May, they nest in large dense groups. Pelicans nest on the ground, mainly on isolated islands. American white pelicans reach sexual maturity at around three years of age and average two eggs in a nest. Minnesota has 15 known nesting colonies, but the number and locations can vary.

Customer comments

Grant Garriott of Mc-Gregor wrote, "We bought nestlings to make it easier a fake owl one summer to to eat and to provide them discourage woodpeckers

from attacking our home's cedar siding. The only thing it accomplished was luring screaming crows to the house. The woodpeckers ignored it and continued their drilling opera-

Thanks for stopping by

"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her

seniority."—E. B. White

"Animals don't hate, and we're supposed to be better than them." -Elvis Presley

Do good.

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Macy Ann Petrowiak and Christopher Ryan Kahler

There will be an open house bridal shower honoring Macy Petrowiak, brideto-be of Chris Kahler, at the Fairmont Yacht Club on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your favorite recipe for Macy and join us for brunch and fun. Gift opening begins at noon. The couple is registered at Sterling Drug and Target.



CONNIE MAY RiCARD will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 19th. Cards can be sent to her at 412 East 1st St., Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)

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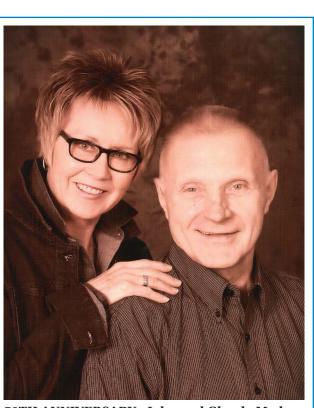




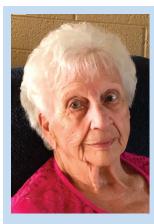
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50TH ANNIVERSARY - John and Glenda Madsen of Fairmont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 15th. Cards may be sent to them at 912 Home Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)



SHIRLEY LARSON of Fairmont will turn 90 on May 12th. She was born on May 12th, 1931. Cards and greetings may be sent to her at 850 Goldfinch St., Apt. 207, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)





SMASHING SERVE - Cards Dominick Lund-May and #3 singles partner Oliver Thedens lost their match to the Pipestone Arrows 6-3, 6-2. The Arrows defeated the Cards 4-3 Monday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



ROAD BLOCK - Cards catcher Chantel Moeller tags out Blue Earth Area's Olivia Dutton. The Cards rallied for 2 in the sixth and held on to defeat the Bucs 6-5 last Tuesday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



CLEARING THE BAR - Armando Hernandez took BASH BROTHERS - Gavin Rodning celebrates with first clearing 5-8 in the Cards 105.67- 43.33 dual Cardinal teammate Eli Anderson after scoring a run. meet victory over Blue Earth Area last Tuesday. The Rodning went 3-5 and scored three runs to help the Cardinal boys, 186, flew past Luverne-105 and Pipe-Cards hold off the Pipestone Arrows 11-8 Monday stone Area-61 last Friday. Courtesy fairmontsports.



SAC FLY - Abby Sunken connected for a sac fly to give the Cards a 2-0 lead over Luverne last Friday. Luverne (8-6) went on to win 7-3 over the Cards (4-9) last Friday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



HANDOFF Cards Carissa Saxton the baton to hands Laura Thompson in the 4x400. Ellie Schultze, RELAY RUNNER - An-**Corene Moeller, Saxton** and Thompson took first with a time of 4:26.5 to relay team vs Blue Earth BEAs 4:30.3. In a trian- Area. Johnson and teamgular meet Friday the mates Ethan Geerdes, Card girls, 193, defeated Luverne-135 and Pipestone Area-34. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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Low Sodium Ketchup

FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY

American Classics

Boneless Chicken Wings

Whole Grain Dinner Roll

Hash Brown Patty

Extra Extra

Fresh Broccoli Florets



HIGH HURDLER - Cards Ellie Hernes sails over the hurdle. Hernes won the high hurdle event with a time of 51.3. The Card girls defeated Blue Earth Area 128.5 to 17.5 last Tuesday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



drew Johnson led off the Cardinals winning 4x400 Blaze Geiger, Kainen Craig won with a time of 3:52.3 Courtesy fairmontsports.com

esh Cauliflower Florets ked Fruit Cocktail

Chocolate Skim Milk

Low Sodium Ketchup Light Ranch Dressing

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS MAY 17-21

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

FAIRMONT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

Cheeseburger Pizza Classic Cheese Pizza Extra Extra Confetti Coleslaw Mixed Fruit Cocktail Milk & Condiments 1% Low-fat Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Yellow Mustard Low Sodium Ketchup Mayo Mayo Sandwich Tater Tots Spicy Chicken Sandwich Extra Extra Caesar Salad Applesauce Milk & Condiments Milk Condiments Milk Condiments Chocolate Skim Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Low Sodium Ketchup Mayo Light Ranch Dressing Cheeseburger Extre Extra Fresh Broccoli Florets Fresh Orange Wedges Milk & Condiments 1% Low-fat Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Vellow Mustard Low Sodium Ketchup Mayo Classic Cheese Pizza Extra Extra Fresh Carrots Chilled Diced Pears Milk & Condiments 1% Low-fat Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Yellow Mustard Low Sodium Ketchup Mayo Mayo Mayo Light Ranch Dressing Mayo Light Ranch Dressing

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Obituary Notices



Clarena M. **Rode**, 98

A Celebration of Life Service for Clarena Marie Rode, 98, of Welcome, MN, will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Fraser Township, Fairmont, MN with Pastor John Henry officiating. Burial following the service at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont, MN.

Clarena was called to her heavenly home on Thursday evening, April 29, 2021 at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont, MN. A public visitation will be on Friday, May 14, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, MN. Those wishing to view the service on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. may do so at the following link: https:// client.tribucast.com/ tcid/65774157. Memorials are preferred to Martin Luther High School. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with ar-

rangements. Clarena Marie (Christensen) Rode was born on September 29, 1922 to Otto and Freda (Sorensen) Christensen in Fairmont, MN. She attended Rolling Green Country School and Fairmont High School where she graduated salutatorian in the Class of 1940. In 1965, Clarena attended Jackson Vocational School for clerical courses.

On November 23, 1947, Clarena was united in marriage to Rudolph Rode in Fairmont, MN. Together they were blessed with four children, Wendell, Marilyn, Marlene and Marcille and fifty years of marriage. Clarena and Rudy made their home south of Welcome. Clarena worked at several different jobs throughout her life, from 1940-1947 as a secretary to the Fairmont High School principal, summers as a car hop and waitress, Atlantic and Pacific checkout clerk, Fairmont courthouse, office manager at Wolf-Habein Store in Fairmont for twelve years, office manager at Ehlers Store in Fairmont for three years, and Stokely-Van Camp in Fairmont doing office payroll. The job she

caring for her family as a homemaker.

Clarena was a member of Zion Lutheran **Church-Fraser Township** where she was a Kindergarten Sunday School teacher and president and secretary of Zion LWML. She was the secretary of Mankato-Fairmont Lutheran Social Service for a number of years. Clarena was a life member of both the DAV Auxiliary where she served as chaplain, and the 1st Armored Division-81st RCN, American Legion Auxiliary, and

VFW Auxiliary. Clarena was a woman of great faith in her Savior, Jesus and dearly loved her family and friends. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Clarena was so proud of her Danish heritage and was an amazing writer of cards and letters. She enjoyed traveling, attending Army reunions, playing cards, oil painting, ceramics, feeding birds, flowers and gardening,

canning dill pickles and peaches, and making her homemade potato salad. She will be remembered for her generosity and hospitality.

She is survived by her family who she dearly loved, including son, Wendell (Helen) Rode of Welcome, MN; daughters, Marilyn (Lon) Oelke of Ceylon, MN, Marlene Karnatz of Woodbury, MN and Marcille (Jerry) Barvels of Lake Lillian, MN; sixteen grandchildren, Leah (David) Rode-Mulder of Welcome, MN, Brian (Reilley) Rode of Fairmont, MN, Kendra (Tyler) Pomerenke of Fairmont, MN, Nicole (Ali) Zaidi of Bellerose, NY, Shannon (Matthew) Singleton of Fairmont, MN, Angel (Matt) Moeller of Welcome, MN, Amber (Troy) Droegemueller of Fairmont, MN, Tiffany (Ian) Larsen of Andover, MN, John (Anita) Karnatz of Andover, MN, Aaron (Bethany) Karnatz of San Antonio, TX, Adam Barvels of Dallas, TX, Ja-

cob (Kelley) Barvels of Alexandria, MN, Matthew (fiancée, Nisa) Barvels of Sandy, UT, Nick (Amanda) Oelke of Edmonton, AB, Erik (Rachel) Oelke of St. Louis Park, MN, and Mike (Kristel) Oelke of Chelsea, MI; 26 great grandchildren; sistersin-law, Pauline Rode of Mankato, MN and Harriet Rode of Bloomington. MN: and many cherished nieces and nephews, other relatives and treasured friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Freda Christensen; parents-in-law, Ewald and Josephine Rode; her loving husband, Rudy and all his siblings; grandson, Michael Karnatz; greatgranddaughter, Merissa Droegemueller; brother, Harold (Betta) Christensen; Danish cousins, Vagn and Erna Nygaard; and dear friend, Edwin Maloney.

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Jodi L. Owens-Kristenson, 60

Funeral Services for Jodi L. Owens-Kristenson, age 60, of East Chain, MN was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the East Chain Activity Center. Burial followed the service at East Chain Evangelical Free Church Cemetery. Visitation was on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the East Chain Activity Center.

Jodi passed away Monday, May 3, 2021 at her home in East Chain. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jodi Lynne Owens-Kristenson was born on September 24, 1960 to Wendell and Beverly (Teigland) Owens in Fairmont, MN. She graduated from East Chain High School. Jodi furthered her education by attending the University of Minnesota for Home Economics, Mankato

State for Elementary Education and went on to receive her Masters in Education from Mankato State and Doctor of Education from Walden University.

treasured the most was

On July 5, 1986, Jodi was united in marriage to Kevin Kristenson at East Chain Evangelical Free Church. This marriage was blessed with two sons, Kole and Konnor. Jodi taught two years at Maynard, MN and then for thirty-three years in Fairmont Public Schools where she worked as a FACS Teacher, Elementary and Junior High Teacher, Curriculum Specialist, Reading Intervention Specialist and most recently as a

Teacher Coach and Mentor. She was also an online professor for Capella University teaching Masters and Doctoral classes for twelve years. Due to health reasons, Jodi retired in June of 2019.

Jodi was a lifelong member of East Chain Evangelical Free Church and served as a Sunday School teacher, deaconess, and many committees. She was a member of ASCD, MEA, and many other education associations. Jodi loved to garden and would can or freeze her produce, along with raising chickens. She had a love for learning, reading educational books, helping others learn, figure out how our brain works, and to help teachers become better teachers! She was the "Data Queen"! Jodi will also be remembered the "Cappuccino Queen."

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Kevin Kristenson of East Chain; sons, Kole (Kelsey Johnson, of Kennedy) Kristenson of Motley and Konnor Kristenson of East Chain; father, Wendell Owens of East Chain; mother-inlaw, Verva Kristenson of Motley and East Chain; sister, Nikki (Jon) Berg of Milaca; brothers, Tedd (Sue) Owens of Princeton and Nate (Kim) Owens of Overland Park, KS; sisterin-law, Janice Kristenson

of Seward, AK; brothersin-law, Ken (Ellen) Kristenson of Chelhalia, WA and Don Kristenson of Helena, MT; nieces, Cara (Joel) Sahlstrom and Kassi (Logan) Owens; nephews, Bryce (Kristen) Owens, Sam, Joe, Jack, and Ben Berg, Matthias Owens and Cam and Eric Kristenson; and many other extend family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Owens; fatherin-law, Kermit Kristenson; and grandparents, Wayne and Esther Owens and Marvin and Bessie Teigland.

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YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

May 8, 1996

minded to pick up their ning in 1865. garments before May 25th.

Landscap-Thumb's ing's 14th anniversary, house.

The Martin County Relay for Life committee was were owners. seeking more teams for the fourth annual Sisseton Stroll.

fund, Pioneer II , was established by Mrs. Jessie Luedtke with the Fairmont Dollars for Scholars Chapter, in memory of her grandparents, J.D. was outlawed in 1935.

and Emily Crowther. The Crowther family homesteaded east of Fairmont. In 1987, Mrs. Luedtke es-It was going to be "Re- tablished a similar fund, mont their nome begin-

Fashions from Miller's And it was Green going out of business sale was in progress.

It was the grand openobserved with an open ing of D & K Jewelers at 100 N. State Street. Duane and Kathy Shoemaker

Archie Whitman, who wrote the weekly Bird Watchers Corner column A substantial trust in the Photo Press, donated his collection of over 80 wild bird eggs to the Martin County Museum. He collected the eggs for over 20 nesting seasons, until it

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

May 8, 1971

Fairmont Senior High tirement Time" at Unique Pioneer I, in memory of Principal C. H. Hegdal an-Cleaners, starting on May her parents, William and nounced that two of the 25th, for Al, Clare and Cora Bird, who made Fair- three Merit Scholarship finalists were awarded fouryear scholarships. Nancy Buck's scholarship was mont Refrigeration Sersponsored by Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and Mary Jane Garry was sponsored by the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. The third, Marc Hequet, received one of ten yearscholarships awarded by Hamline University of St. Paul.

> Fairmont's 1971 graduating class had 67 honor students out of a class of 254.

> Leon Schleininger of Granada was retiring from 20 years service in the

Railway Motors machine shop.

The VFW was planing the fourth of a series of luncheons honoring Fairmont industry. Fairmont 3M was highlighted in 1968, Railway Motors n 1969, Aerospace Systems, Fairmont Films, Inc., Fairvice, Vikings Poly Industries in 1970, and earth moving and road building contractors in 1971.





November 28 - Lambert "Junior" Zimmer, 85, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 25 - Patricia "Pat" Hanson, 94, Sherburn. Kramer

April 27 - Donald L. Swanson, 84, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Hom

April 29 - Clarena M. Rode, 98, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 30 - Diane E. Hendricks, 75, Fairmont. Lake-view Funeral and Cremation Service April 30 - Terry W. Christensen, 68, Trimont. Kramer

Family Funeral Home May 2 - Laura A. Frietag, 91, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral

and Cremation Service May 3 - Jodi L. Owens-Kristenson, 60, East Chain. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

May 7 - Kathleen M. Tietema, 94, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

May 8 - Caroline Flohre, 90, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

April 26 - Jeffry P. Ross, 68, Sherburn.

April 29 - Connie J. Powers, 71, Sherburn. April 29 - Jan C. Donnelly, 65, Alexandria, MN (formerly

of Fairmont). April 30 - Dennis R. Marquardt, 76, Fairmont.

Governor's Pheasant Hunting opener put on hold

COVID pushes Fairmont to seek better timing to host Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener

After lengthy and thoughtful debate, the Visit Fairmont Board of Directors has decided that they cannot proceed with hosting the 2021 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

The decision to submit an application to host this event was made in 2019. It was announced in October of 2019 that Fairmont was selected to host the 2020 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. In August of 2020, Governor Walz postponed the event until 2021.

Visit Fairmont's Board of Directors saw the Opener as a fabulous vehicle to showcase our community, our area, and our great state of Minnesota. Due to the impact of the pandemic which shortened the timeline of the planning and fundrais-

ing process, we are facing the reality that we likely would not be able to perform all of the functions that would be required to successfully implement the event.

"With that reality, we wondered how this would impact all of the partners that we have pulled together for the opener, and how we could, in good conscience do the substantial fundraising that is needed to host this event" says Board Chair Bruce Peters.

It is unfortunate that this pandemic has had such a far-reaching impact, but it has.

Executive Director, Stephanie Busiahn stated, "Visit Fairmont understands what an honor it was to be chosen as a host community. It is our sincere hope that we will again be considered to host this event when we are able to schedule all of the necessary components with the certainty that they will be able to be held".

May is for Moms

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center

ay is here, and **IVI**it is one of my favorite months of the year. Flowers return. snow is (mostly) gone, the grass is green, and we get to celebrate moms. And while my own mom has been gone a long time, I am happily married to my kids' mom and that means I get to honor and celebrate her and all the hard work she put in to raising four great kids.

Mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers
— they've poured their
hearts and souls in to
raising the best kids
they could. All types
of mothers are a great
blessing, so this entire
month, let's celebrate
moms! They work long
hours, go short on
sleep, and do their best
to raise great kids — and

that's just the weekend! Because of their focus on caring for kids in addition to a job and many other things, moms tend to focus on taking care of themselves last. The average mom puts themselves behind everyone else, including self-care and health care.

For all you moms out there, don't forget to make your own health a priority. Think of the instructions you receive when you get on a plane and they are explaining all the safety rules. When it comes to oxygen masks, they tell you to put yours on first! It makes sense; if you pass out due to lack of oxygen, you are no good to anyone else. The same goes to taking care of your family. If you are sleep-deprived, malnourished, and in desperate need of a good chiropractic adjustment, what kind of mom are vou going to be? Probably cranky, exhausted, and less than you can and should be. I have seen too many moms come in to our office for chiropractic and functional medicine asking about supplements for their kids or husbands while ignoring their own needs.

Think of it this way: if you needed to be hospitalized long term, what kind of nurse would you want? Energetic, well-rested, focused. Not a tired, brain-fogged zombie finishing up the end of their third double shift in a row! How about your surgeon? Would you want someone tired and overworked or wide

awake and fresh, focused totally on you and not his or her caffeine deficiency? You and your family deserve no less.

So remember to take care of yourself

— not just to get by, but to feel totally alive, to actually thrive. Get the sleep you need. Take good, quality supplements; not just whatever you can find on the sale rack at your local drugstore. Get chiropractic adjustments to release the energy that's bottled up inside by the stress patterns you have put up with for so long. See a functional medicine specialist for a new, healthy approach to any health concerns you may have instead of just medicating symptoms away. An energetic, fresh you awaits. You deserve it and your family needs it. You have a short time to prepare for a great summer. Maybe even make it a great mother's summer by embracing that inner joyful, healthy you.



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WHAT'S COOKING

with Kathy Lloyd

The Baltimore Orioles have arrived!

Such a welcome Mother's day gift yesterday, when I observed three male Orioles at my ready and waiting grape jelly, oranges and nectar Oriole feeders! I have had them ready since May 1st, so far only Robins and finches had been visiting! A sure sign that spring is here, now if it would just warm up some! My Grandson Nik spent the afternoon with us yesterday. This week he leaves for a summer job in central North Dakota at a fish hatchery. One of his duties will to inspect boats that are entering or leaving the lake. He will be 8 hours from home so I doubt if he will be home much. I was grateful for his help in mulching my flowers. Pa Lloyd had shoulder surgery last week so has an arm in a sling for 6 weeks, I think he just wants to get out of doing dishes!! Anyway it was a treat to have Nik with us, a real Mother's day gift!

I love cooked onions so I get excited when I spot Vidalia onions in the grocery store. Today I am sharing a favorite recipe for cooked onions which by the way is a great topping for baked potatoes.

ROASTED PARMESAN CREAMED ONIONS

- 3 sweet onions, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 cup heavy cream 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne, optional
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Spread onion rings out in a 9x13- inch baking dish, keeping rings and layers intact, then drizzle with olive oil and season generously with salt and pepper. Roast in oven for 15 minutes or until softened. Remove onions from oven and raise temperature to 450 degrees. Combine heavy cream, wine, butter, garlic butter and cayenne in a medium saucepan over medium heat and cook until butter is melted and bubbles form on the outside edge of cream. Pour over pre-roasted onions, sprinkling parmesan cheese over all the onions. Cover dish with aluminum foil and bake for another 20 minutes. Remove foil and cook for another 5-10 minutes, or until onions are caramelized and cheese is golden brown. Serve hot.

Have a great week and stay safe!

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Here are the hottest titles from April at the Martin County Library! If any of these titles sound up your alley, let us know and we can help you track down a copy in your preferred format!

Libby by Overdrive:
Top trending titles currently are: The Four
Winds by Kristin Hannah (an epic dust bowl
novel), Ocean Prey by
John Sandford (a Virgil
Flowers thriller), and
The Rose Code by Kate
Quinn (a hot historical
fiction pick.)

Hoopla: All of these audiobooks are incredibly popular right now: The Invisible Life of Addie Larue by V.E. Schwab (a time spanning epic title), The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins (a thrilling update to the Jane Eyre story), and Lie to Me by J.T. Ellison (a hot suspense title.)

Items on the Shelves: In print, the top two titles this month are: The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah and Dark Sky by C.J. Box.

American Legion donations

The Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 of Fairmont recently made the following donations:

Red Rock Center -Memorial Day Picnic -

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Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold its May meeting of the 2020-2021 year on Monday, May 17, 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. Masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.

After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell of all the projects finished since last we met! We will have a report on the My Small World quilt-along and announcements of quilting events in the area. Plans for the Quilt EXPO will be discussed and EXPO book marks will be handed out to distribute to area quilt shops. Our program will be Stash to Cash with the proceeds going to the August Quilt EXPO.

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 time 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.

At the May 4th meeting of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus, State Treasurer, Bou Gazley, was in attendance and presented awards received by the local council at the 2020 KC State Convention. The awards received were the following:

Best Overall Program in the State of Minnesota State Officers "Award of Excellence"

Best "Life Event" in the State of Minnesota (Spitzer Benefit)

Best "Faith Event" in the State of Minnesota (Bittenbinder Fundraiser)

State Officers Award an Outstanding for "Community Event (Appreciate Dinner)

State Officers Award for an Outstanding "Family Event" (Memorial Basketball Tournament)

Of the '4' award categories available (Life, Faith, Family and Community) the local council took first place in two of them and runner up in the other two.



Best Overall Program in the State of Minnesota and State Officers "Award of Excellence"

Pictured left to right:

Jim Kasel—Trustee of the local KC Council, Bou Gazley—Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Treasurer, Hugh Fraser-Deputy Grand Knight of the local KC Council, Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council, Chad McGowan—Trustee of the local KC Council



State Officers Award for Outstanding "Community Event" (Appreciation Dinner-2nd Best in State)

Pictured left to right:

Ken Goraczkowski-KC Event Raffle Chairman, Cary Villeneuve—KC Event Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the lo-Overall Chairman and Grand Knight of cal KC Council, Chad Lutterman—KC Event the local KC Council, Hugh Fraser—KC **Event Overall Chairman and Deputy Grand** Knight of the local KC Council, Larry Lau-KC Event Committee Chairman, Chad Mc-Gowan—KC Event Committee Member



Best "Faith Event" in the State of Minnesota (Bittenbinder Fundraiser)

Pictured left to right:

Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council, Ken Goraczkowski—KC Committee Event Captain, Larry Lau—KC Committee Event Captain and former coworker, Bou Gazley, Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Treasurer, Chad Mc-Gowan—KC Event Overall Chairman, **Hugh Fraser—Deputy Grand Knight of the** local KC Council, Bruce Hady—KC Com-**Committee Event Finance Captain**



State Officers Award for Outstanding "Family Event" (Memorial Basketball Tournament—2nd Best in State)

Pictured left to right:

Overall Chairman, Bou Gazlev-Minnesota **Knights of Columbus State Treasurer, Paul** Betts-KC Event Overall Chairman, Hugh Fraser—Deputy Grand Knight of the local KC Council



Supreme Council "Columbian Award" recognizing the local KC Council for exceeding Program Activity Goals.

Pictured left to right:

Jim Kasel—Trustee of the local KC Council, Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council, Bou Gazley--Minnesota **Knights of Columbus State Treasurer, Hugh** Fraser—Deputy Grand Knight of the local mittee Event Captain, Denny Pytleski-KC KC Council, Chad McGowan-Trustee of the local KC Council.



Best "Life Event" in the State of Minnesota (Spitzer Benefit)

Pictured left to right:

Bob Petrowiak-KC Committee Member, Denny Pytleski-KC Event Chairman, Bou Gazley---Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Treasurer, Mike Coady-KC Event Chairman, Hugh Fraser—Deputy Grand Knight of the local KC Council, Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council

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Home renovations to fit the 'new normal' of homeownership

country spending more time at home than ever before, home improvement projects are increasingly becoming top of mind for homeowners. Despite the financial difficulties brought on by the pandemic, 77% of homeowners say their home renovation budget for 2020 is the same or greater than last year, according to a survey by the National Association of Realtors® (NAR). Whether

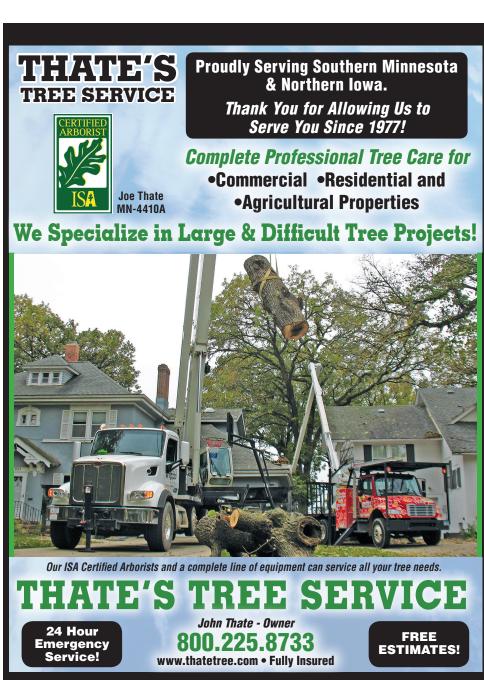
With people across the it's finally having time to make their dream home improvements a reality or preparing their homes to sell, homeowners are optimistic about completing renovations this year. NAR's survey found the top 3 home renovations that homeowners hope to complete within their budgets in 2020 are: * A new bathroom (28%); * A new kitchen (23%); and * Fencing in their yards (21%). "In an ever-changing world,

prohomeownership vides sanctuary, safety and financial security," said NAR President Vince Malta, broker at Malta & Co., Inc., in San Francisco, Calif. "As we celebrate Homeownership Month, we recognize that buying a home is one of the most rewarding transactions people will make in their lifetimes. Making your home your dream home remodeling through projects takes time and patience, but Realtors®

and homeowners alike recognize the feelings of accomplishment, satisfaction and potentially higher home values that come with it." The survey also revealed homeowners are attuned to how the pandemic may influence prospective buyers' preferences. A fencedin yard, for example, the third most popular project for 2020, didn't even make the top 10 Realtor*-recommended projects in NAR's 2019 Remodeling Impact Report, which examined a variety of remodeling projects and their appeal, value and potential return on investment. A further 21% of homeowners expect new additions such as a home office, gym or other

greatest returns on investment - another project that Realtors® would not have recommended as a top priority based on 2019 data. "Homeownership looks different now than it did years or even months ago - our homes have become offices, gyms and studios, so we're seeing a shift in priority of the types of features that homeowners and potential buyers want," Malta said. "Homeowners must keep in mind that some projects that sound appealing during a pandemic have not historically provided as much value when selling a home." Still, some renovation priorities remain unchanged: Kitchen and bathroom

space will offer one of the upgrades and remodels were highly recommended by Realtors[®] in 2019, and continue to top most homeowners' lists now. "Not only will improvements like updated kitchens for a better cooking experience be of interest to potential home buyers, but renovations such as adding space for a home office or gym will increasingly be in higher demand as we follow social distancing guidelines." Realtors® can help homeowners understand their local real estate markets as well as determine which home renovations improve quality of life and provide a greater return on investment during this 'new normal' of homeownership.







Plants that can keep bugs away from outdoor living spaces

Outdoor living spaces have become increasingly popular among homeowners in recent years, and that popularity grew even more over the last year. As social distancing guidelines issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic encouraged people to stay home as much as possible, a desire for accessible, enjoyable outdoor spaces grew. A 2020 study of Google trends data from the home decor retailer Living Spaces found that searches for items such as patio daybeds and small-space outdoor furniture grew by more than 200 percent between the early part of 2020 and the middle of the

If outdoor living spaces are in demand, so, too, are ways to make those spaces as comfortable as possible. There's much homeowners can do to make the most of their outdoor spaces, but they might feel helpless against some unwanted, often relentless guests: insects. Insects can turn relaxing days on the patio into wars of attrition with hungry bugs like mosquitoes. Thankfully, there are ways to fight back against insects while simultaneously adding a little aesthetic appeal to the backyard. The Farmer's Almanac notes that planting these insect-repelling plants around the patio or backyard can help homeowners successfully repel unwanted insects, including mosquitoes.

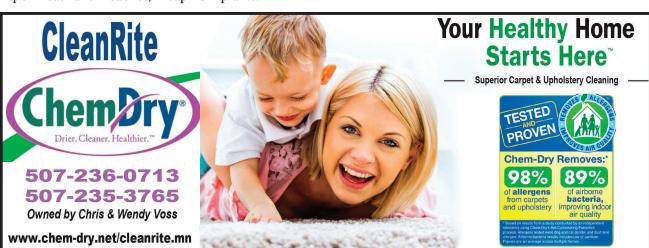
- Lavender: Lavender is a fragrant plant that adds a pop of purple and has been known to repel mosquitoes, fleas, flies, and moths.
- Basil: Basil can provide the best of both worlds, as it's been found to repel flies and moths and also makes for a tasty addition to pasta sauces and other dishes.
- Thyme: Also a valuable ingredient to keep in the kitchen, thyme can help keep hungry mosquitoes at bay.
- Mint: The Farmer's Almanac warns that it's easy to overplant mint, so homeowners should only plant with care and make a concerted effort to prevent overgrowth. Also great in the kitchen, mint has long been considered an effective mosquito repellant.
- Alliums: Like lavender, alliums can add a burst of purple to your patio. And though they aren't

believed to repel mosquitoes, alliums have been found to be helpful against cabbage worms, aphids, carrot flies, and slugs.

• Chrysanthemums: If ants are drawing homeowners' ire, chrysanthemums may do the trick. These eye-catching flowers also are believed to repel fleas and roaches, among other insects.

• Marigolds: The scent of this awe-inspiring plant is known to repel mosquitoes and other pests. Marigolds also attract insects like ladybugs that are known to consume aphids, which are minute bugs that reproduce rapidly and feed by sucking sap from plants.







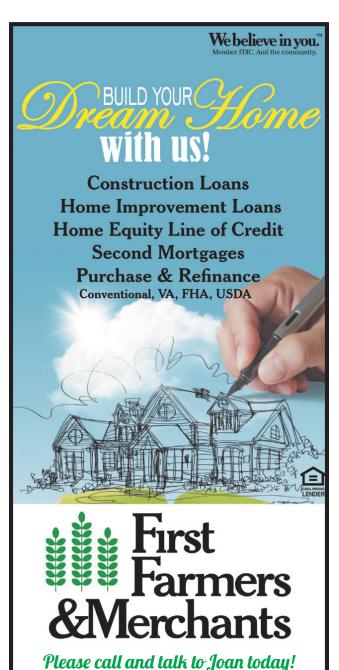
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The dos and don'ts of fire pits



Many homeowners relish any opportunity to retreat to their back yards, where they can put up their feet and relax in the great outdoors. That retreat-like escape is made even more relaxing when sitting around a fire pit.

Fire pits can be found in millions of suburban backyards across the globe. Fire pits have become so popular that a 2016 survey of landscape architects conducted by the American Society of Landscape Architects revealed they were the most sought after outdoor design element. Fire pits remain wildly popular a half decade after

that survey. Homeowners who are only now joining the fire pit revolution can keep these dos and don'ts in mind as they plan their summer s'mores sessions.

DO keep the fire pit a safe distance away from the home. Fire pits should be located a safe distance from the home at all times,

but especially when they're in use. Home design experts recommend keeping fire pits a minimum of 10 to 20 feet away from a house or other structure, such as a shed or a detached garage. The further away the fire is from houses and other structures, the less likely those structures are to catch on fire.

DON'T place the fire pit beneath trees or next to shrubs. Though fire pits should be kept safe distances away from a house and other structures, it's important that they're not placed beneath trees or next to shrubs. Shrubs and low hanging branches can easily catch embers and be lit ablaze, so make sure fire pits are not placed in locations that increase that

DO clean out seasonal debris. It can be tempting to let seasonal debris resting inside the fire pit burn away during the season's first s'mores session. But

burning debris poses a serious safety risk, as embers can easily be blown out of the fire pit and catch nearby trees or shrubs or even a home on fire. The National Fire Protection Association advises homeowners that embers blowing from a backyard fire pose the same threat to homes as if they are from a wildfire.

DON'T let fire pits burn near flammable materials. Store firewood piles a safe distance away from the fire pit while it's in operation. It may be convenient to keep firewood right next to the fire pit while the fire is burning, but that increases the risk that embers will land on firewood and start a fire outside of the pit.

DO check the weather report prior to starting the fire. Windy weather increases the risk of embers blowing around and potentially landing on the house, other structures around the property or trees. If the weather report is calling for gusting winds, burn a fire on another night.

DON'T leave a fire pit fire burning. Unattended recreational fires are illegal and incredibly dangerous. Homeowners should never leave fire pit fires burning unattended or allow fires to slowly die out overnight. Always extinguish the fire before going inside and stop adding wood to the fire roughly one hour before you plan to go inside. Water or sand can be poured on ashes to extinguish the fire. Once homeowners are confident a fire has been extinguished, ashes can be spread around to ensure there are no hot spots still burning. If there are, start the extinguishing process over again.

A night around the fire pit is a summertime tradition in many households. Safety must be as much a part of such traditions as



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4 steps to green grass on a DIY budget

grass is a delight for the senses. Not only does it look amazing, boost your mood and enhance your property value, but few things are better than walking barefoot through your yard or the fresh smell of grass on a warm, sunny day. "Many people think you need to hire professionals to get the green grass they admire in magazines, but the truth is you can do everything they do, with a little guidance and the right strategies," says Phil Dwyer, Ph.D., R&D Principal at ScottsMiracle-Gro. Consider these smart lawn care tips to get a lush green blanket of grass across your yard for months to come. Access technology for guidance What type of grass grows in your yard? What is that weed over there? When's the best time to fertilize? You may not know these answers, but technology can help provide expert guidance at no cost. For example, the free Scotts My Lawn mobile app lets you geotarget your specific yard to get expert insight and step-by-step guidance on how to create a customized lawn care plan for an entire year based on your location, climate, environment and goals. Ask questions

Having lush green the weed identifier tool to tackle tough weeds and follow seasonally relevant lawn tips and grass seeding recommendations. It's like having an on-call pro, without the costs. Mow to the highest preferred **height** How and when you mow can impact the health of your lawn for better or for worse. Because mowing takes time and energy, it's best to know strategies to help you maximize effectiveness with minimal effort. Overall, the higher you mow the deeper your roots grow. It's important to learn which grass type you have so you can mow appropriately. Northern cool-season grasses should be cut 2 1,2 to 3 1,2 inches. Some southern warm-season grasses like Bermuda grass do better when cut a little shorter. Make sure to avoid cutting more than a third of the grass blade at a time so you don't stress the plant, and also try to vary your mowing pattern to avoid ruts. These steps will help your grass grow strong at an optimal height that also helps shade the soil to prevent weed growth and water evaporation. **Feed at the right times** It's not only about how much you feed your lawn. Using the through live chat, use right treatments at the

right times gives grass all it needs throughout the season and saves you money along the way. Typically the first treatment should occur in the spring after your first mow to jump-start growth and strength. As months continue you'll need treatments that support a lawn's overall health long term, including weed and insect control. Scotts takes the guesswork out of lawn care with an easy, customized subscription plan that delivers the correct amount of what is needed when it is needed. Fill out a brief diagnostic quiz at program. scotts.com to get recommendations and order for convenient delivery. In general, a nice lawn can be achieved by feeding once in the spring and again once in the fall. If you want to create a really beautiful thick green lawn, in the North try feeding twice in the spring (4-6 weeks apart) and twice in the fall (Labor Day, Halloween). In the South, apply four applications spaced out between spring and Labor Day. Use wise water **strategies** Reduce your water footprint, save money on utilities and help grass thrive with wise watering methods.

Frequency will depend on how much it rains and the time of year, as grass needs less water in spring and fall than it does during hot summer months. Rather than watering only once a week, try watering for shorter periods every other day to best respond to conditions, changing

needs and rainfall. When the grass starts to look purplish to light brown and doesn't bounce back when walked on, it's time to water. Water is best applied in the early morning hours, as this prepares grass for the heat of the afternoon. Soil should be moist to the sticky point,

but not muddy or dripping wet. Most sprinklers can achieve this in about 15 minutes per zone. "These four simple steps will set any homeowner on the path to a green lawn," says Dwyer. "You'll enjoy spending time in your yard and enjoying the outdoors to the fullest."









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Swimming pool landscaping ideas

Backyard pools provide a way to cool off and enjoy a taste of luxury without having to travel. Backyard pools provided even more convenience and a welcome respite in 2020, as many public pools were closed in response to social distancing restrictions put in place during the pandemic.

After installing pools, many homeowners realize that touching up the landscaping around the pool can provide the finishing touch to their backyard retreats. Not all landscaping is the same, and homeowners should choose plants that look beautiful, are tolerant to pool splash-out and won't outgrow the area. The home and garden resource The Spruce notes that a plant that is attractive at two feet

tall can grow rapidly and English cottage. drop leaves or other debris into the pool.

When selecting options for pool landscaping, there are some considerations to keep in

- Choose plants that will provide privacy.
- · Know which kind of climate a plant needs prior to purchasing it. Tropical plants may be fitting poolside, but will they endure when the season is over?
- Design according to the theme of the home, as plants should complement the existing style. Modern foliage may not blend well with a home styled after a traditional

- Decide whether you can accept spreading or trailing plants that can cascade over retaining walls and other infrastructure.
- Look at trees that won't drop too many leaves, flowers or fruit into the water.
- Think about having layers of plants to soften the landscape, which can make a small pool seem bigger and more luxurious, indicates the landscaping company Earth Development, Inc.
- Don't overlook the possibility of a lawn abutting pavers or concrete surrounding a pool, as it can soften the edges and

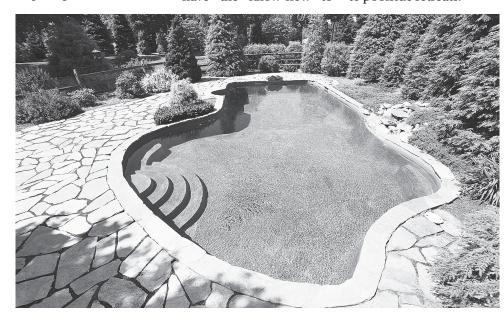
keep spaces open and inviting.

• Incorporate herbs or fragrant plants, which can transform a pool day into a spa experience. Consid-

er low-maintenance lavender as an option.

Pool landscaping must marry a variety of different features and plant requirements. As a result, a professional consultation may be the route to take. Landscape architects will have the know-how to select plant varieties that will be tolerant, beautiful and fulfill homeowners' wishes.

Backyard pools can make a backyard retreat that much more enjoyable. Landscaping offers the softness and beauty that adds a finishing touch to poolside retreats.



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First-time homebuyer? Follow these steps

⊥goal of yours? It does offer some benefits, in addition to meeting your basic need for shelter. The

s homeownership a home can be a valuable financial asset, and you may get to deduct your interest payments on your taxes. But if you're a firstequity you build in your time homebuyer, what

steps should you take? First, make sure the

time is right for you in terms of your personal and financial situations. For example, are you fairly confident that your employment is stable and that your earnings won't decline? Of course, external events can also play a role in your decision. A recent study by Morning Consult and Edward

Iones found that 12% of respondents postponed purchasing a house during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But if you're ready and eager for homeownership, consider the following moves:

 Save for a down payment. The more money you put down for a home, the lower your monthly payments, although there's also a point at which overly large down payments can be financially unwise. However, if you can make a down payment of more than 20% of the purchase price. you can generally avoid having to pay for private mortgage insurance on top of your monthly payments.

Also, as a first-time homebuyer, you might qualify for down payment assistance from your local or state housing authority or a nonprofit group.

- Check your credit score. A higher credit score gives you a better chance for a lower interest rate. You can request a credit report from annualcreditreport.com, and you might be able to get a credit score for free from your bank. If you need to improve your score, you may want to delay your home purchase.
- Learn how much you qualify for – and how much you should spend. Once you think you're ready to begin the homepurchasing process, you may want to contact a few lenders to determine the size of the mortgage for which you qualify. Be aware, though, that just because you can get a mortgage of a certain amount, does not necessarily mean that you should. You don't want to become "house poor" that is, you don't want to spend so much on your house payments that you are cash strapped and other goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. You may want to establish a budget for how much SIPC

you can readily afford to pay for your mortgage each month - and try sticking to it before you buy the house. If you have extra savings, put it toward your down payment.

• Prepare for unexpected costs. You can plan for your mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance - but when you own a home, you'll always encounter unexpected costs. You may need to get a new furnace, repair your roof or face any number of other maintenance issues. To help prepare for these costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments or take on added debt to pay for these unanticipated expenses.

Homeownership can be a rewarding experience - and the rewards will be even be greater when you've "done the numbers" and prepared yourself financially.

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until mid-May in order

to optimize yields; how-

ever, the ideal window to

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CROP PLANTING **ADVANCES RAPIDLY**

orn and soybean planting across much have the Upper Midwest has progressed at a fairly rapid pace during late April and the first ten days of May. Most areas have avoided the periods of excess rainfall and prolonged wet field conditions that greatly slowed Spring planting progress in many portions of the region in both 2018 and 2019. The planting progress in 2021 across Southern Minnesota and Iowa is on a similar pace to last year, when a large majority of the corn and soybeans were planted in the last half of April and early May. The biggest concern during planting season in many areas has been continued cooler than normal temperatures and rapidly drying topsoil conditions.

Crop producers in

most areas of the U.S. have been planting corn, soybeans, and other crops at a very fast pace. The weekly USDA National Ag Statistics Service (NASS) crop progress report on May 3 showed that 46 percent of the anticipated U.S. corn crop was planted by May 2, which was an increase of 29 percent from the previous week. This represented the largest weekly increase in U.S. corn planting progress since 2015. By comparison, 48 percent of the U.S. corn was planted by the same date in 2020 and the 5-year average is 36 percent of the corn planted by May 2. The May 10 crop progress report is likely to show continued rapid progress with the planting of the 2021 U.S. corn and soybean crop.

Iowa lead the way on May 2, with 69 percent of the anticipated 2021 corn crop planted, which compared to only 20 percent planted a week earlier. Îowa had 72 percent of the corn planted by that date in 2020, with both 2020 and 2021 being well above the 5-year average of 45 percent of the corn planted by May 2. Similarly, Minnesota had 60 percent of the expected 2021 corn acres planted by May 2, which was an increase from 18 percent a week earlier and is well above the 5-year average of 32 percent; however, it trails the 71 percent planted acres in 2020. The 2021 corn planting progress in in other major corn producing States on May 2 included Illinois at 54 percent, Indiana at 32 percent, Nebraska at 42 percent, Ohio at 22 percent, Wisconsin at 27 percent, South Dakota at 25 percent, and North Dakota at 14 percent, all of which were above the 5-year (2016-2020) average planting progress by that date.

The May 2 NASS report showed 24 percent of the 2021 U.S. soybean crop planted, compared to 21 percent planted in 2020 and a 5-year average of 11 percent. Iowa had 43 percent of the anticipated 2021 soybean acres planted by May 2, compared to 41 percent in 2020 and a 5-year average of 14 percent. Minnesota had 23 percent of the anticipated soybean crop planted by May 2, which compares to 31 percent in 2020 and a 5-year average of 9 percent. The 2021 soybean planting progress in other States included Illinois at 41 percent, Indiana at 24 percent, Nebraska at 20 percent, Ohio at 17 percent, Wisconsin at 16 percent, South Dakota at 8 percent, and North Dakota at 2 percent, most of which are well above the 5-year average soybean planting progress rates.

Historically, planting of corn usually results in higher than normal State average corn yields in Minnesota. In six of the eight years that 50 percent or more of the State's corn acres have been planted in April, Minnesota has set a record corn yield. In 2015, corn planting in Minnesota was 83 percent completed by May 3, resulting in a record yield of 188 bushels per acre, which was followed with 89 percent of the corn planted by May 8 in 2016, again resulting in another record statewide corn yield of 193 bushels per acre. One exception was in 2017, when most of the Minnesota's corn was planted in the first two weeks of May. Very favorable growing conditions throughout the year in most areas resulted in statewide record corn yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017. The common denominator in the exceptional corn yield years in Minnesota has been that a majority of the State's corn crop was planted by the end of April or in early May, which has occurred again in 2021.

opposed to planting in late May.

Much cooler than normal soil temperatures has been the biggest crop production concern in late April and early May. The 24-hour average soil temperatures at the University of Minnesota Research and Outreach Center near Waseca on April 7 and 8 was near 60 degrees Fahrenheit. at the 2-4 inch level and above 50 degrees F. at the 8-inch level. By mid-April, average soil temperatures at all levels had dropped below 50 degrees Fahrenheit and only rose into the low-tomid 50's a few times are in the rest of April, which greatly slowed the germination and emergence of the newly planted corn and soybeans in some areas. A few warmer days in early May have pushed soil temperatures close with corn. Similar to corn to the levels that existed planting dates, research back in early April and has does show that with favor- resulted in improved soil able growing conditions, conditions.

Research shows that 50 to planting soybeans in percent corn emergence late April or early May as will occur in 20 days at an average soil temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit, which is reduced to only 10 days with an average soil temperature of 60 degrees F. The forecast for temperatures will certainly provide for favorable conditions for corn and soybean germination and seedling growth. Much of the corn in the Upper Midwest that was planted from April 15-20 has just started to emerge from May 6-10, which emphasizes the cooler than normal soil temperatures across the region in recent weeks. Much of the region has also been receiving lower than normal amounts of rainfall this Spring as well. The Research Center in Waseca, MN received on .62 inches of precipitation in April and less than .30 inches since May 1, which is about 3 inches below normal for that period.

Drought Concerns In-

Continued dryer than normal weather remains a concern in many areas of the Northern and Western

Corn Belt, as well as most areas of the Plains States. The U.S. Drought Monitor on May 4 listed over 46 percent of the United States in either a moderate, severe, extreme, or exceptional drought, primarily in the Western half of the country. This is only the fourth time since USDA has been tracking drought data that the U.S. drought index has been at that high of level in May. Nearly the entire State of North Dakota, Northern South Dakota, and Eastern Montana are listed as being under an extreme drought, as is most of the southwest U.S. from California to West Texas. Much of Nebraska, Iowa, Southern Minnesota, and Wisconsin are listed as abnormally dry to a moderate drought.

According to USDA data, 26 percent of the U.S. corn production area is currently in some level of drought, as well as 22 percent of the soybean

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production area and 35 percent of the primary wheat production area. In addition, 36 percent of the cattle producing area of the U.S. is in moderate to extreme drought conditions, which is especially critical in the beef cow/calf production areas of North and South Dakota. Recent rainfall events in the Upper Midwest have been quite spotty, with fairly

precipitation modest amounts. The Spring levels of many rivers and streams in the region are at the lowest levels in several years. Once corn and soybeans germinate and emerge, drought is usually not a major concern until late June and July, when corn is growing rapidly and reaches the tasseling and pollination stage. This will certainly bear watching in 2021, especially in the extremely dry areas of the Upper Midwest that have very limited stored soil moisture.

Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Sr. Vice President,

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Dennis E. Berkness, Gary L. Berkness, Atty.-in-fact to Paul Potter, W.8' Lot 7, Lot 8, Block 5, Original Plat Triumph

Jason C. Brekke, Leslie D. Brekke to Jill E. Olson, Lot 3, Subd. of Lots 5-6-7 and 8, Block 3, Maple Grove Ext. to Wards Central Addn.

Leroy P. Graphenteen, Patricia Ann Graphenteen to Mirian Vallette, Lot 1, Christinas Addn.

Taylor Davis, Danielle Hansen, Lori Hansen, Zachary R. Hansen, Bradey Schmidt, Jennifer M. Schmidt to Jeffrey A. Miller Revocable Living Trust, Jeffrey A. Miller, Trustee, Joleen L. Miller, Trustee, Pt. SE¼, 14-103-32

Charles W. Johnson III, Marissa K. Johnson to Eugene

Guinn, Lisa Guinn, Lot 15, exc. E.4, Block 2, Interlaken 3rd

John R. Larson, Mary A. Larson to Charles W. Johnson III, Marissa Johnson, Lot 1, Lot 2, Exc. N.14, Block 3, Campbells 2nd Addn., Welcome

Four Fifths LLC, Kelsey Steuber Fenlon, Trustee, to Justin Fenlon, Trustee, Kelsey Steuber Fenlon, Trustee, Justin Fenlon Revocable Living Trust, Kelsey Steuber Fenlon Revocable Living Trust, Pt. W½SW¼, 28-103-30

Amy Jo Donovan to Ryan M. Firchau, Lot 16, Vandrey Addn., Truman

Nichole K. Asmus, Nichole K. Ayers, Tyler J. Ayers, Nichole K. Nelsen to Debra A. Leopold, Robert D. Leopold, Lot 6, Schumachers Subd. OL 1, Welcome

Alice Peterson, Curtis Peterson to Jeremy Peterson, Und. 1/3 Int., Pt. N½NW¼, 14-101-29

Alice Peterson, Curtis Peterson to Jeremy Peterson, Und. 1/3 Int., Pt. N½NW¼, 14-101-29

Lawrence E. Cihak to Albert P. Seckinger, Debra Seckinger, Lot 5, Block 10, Original Plat Triumph

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Alice Peterson, Curtis Peterson, Sonja Peterson, Terry L. Peterson to Lisa De Boer, Mike De Boer, Und. 2/3 Int. Lot 2, Und. 2/3 Int. W.10' Lot 1, Block 2, Birds Budd Lake Addn.

Debra M. Mosloski, Jerald L. Mosloski to Christopher Joe Mosloski, Pt. Lots 12 and 10, West Addn., Northrop, Lot 1, Block 1, Scotts Addn., Truman

Allison Vrieze, Nathan L. Vrieze to Oscar Rojas Santiago, Oscar Rojas Santiago, Lot 7, Block 8, E½ Lot 8, Block 8, Original Plat Monterey

Dale A. Leding, Jeanne L. Leiding to Dale A. Leiding, Jeanne L. Leiding, Lot 3, E½ Lot 4, Block 10, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

Reanne Lena Berhow, Reanne Lena Meyer to Nicholas Martin Berhow, Lot 6, Block 7, Lake George Addn.

David B. Boe, Donna E. Boe to David B. Boe, Donna E. Boe, S½S½SW¼, 26-101-33, N½NW¼, 35-101-33, S½SW¼,

David B. Boe, Donna E. Boe to David B. Boe Revocable Trust, Donna E. Boe Revocable Trust, S½S½SW¼, 26-101-33,

N½NW¼, 35-101-33, S½SW¼, 27-101-33

David E. Klug to DK Rentalz, LLC, N.50' Lot 8, Block 3, BH&C 3rd Addn., Sherburn

State Bank of Fairmont to Kris Isenberg, Kurt Isenberg, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼, 29-101-29

Maria Boatman, Michael J. Boatman, Brenda J. Ingvoldstad, Timothy Ingvoldstad to Daryl Stephan Boatman, Michael J. Boatman, Bobbi Jo Boatman Nawrocki, Bobbi Jo Boatman Nawrocki, Lot 3, Subd. of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 4, Maple Grove Ext. to Wards Central Addn.

Jeremy Bellecourt, Chantelle Wegner to Jeremy Bellecourt, Pt. SW1/4NE1/4, 2-102-30

Carolyn Pankake, Pt. N½NE¼, Pt. NE¼, 26-102-29 Eugene Goerndt, Susan Goerndt, Carolyn Pankake, Gary

Kenneth Goerndt, Rebecca Goerndt to Eugene Goerndt,

Pankake to Kenneth Goerndt, Pt. NE¼, 26-102-29 Bonnie J. Larsen, Earl Dean Larsen to Terry D. Larsen,

Timothy L. Larsen, S½NW¼, 32-104-29, Pt. NE¼NE¼, Pt. NE¼NE¼, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 15-101-29

Heather Larsen, Roxanne Larsen, Terry D. Larsen, Timothy L. Larsen to E & B Larsen Family Trust, Terry D. Larsen, Trustee, Timothy L. Larsen, Trustee, S½NW¼, 32-104-29, Pt. NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, Pt. NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, Pt. SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, 15-101-29

Michael R. Fisher, Michael R. Fisher, Personal Rep., Estate of Patricia L. Fisher, Und. 1/3 Int. N½NW¼, 14-101-29

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Sandra Dressen, Estate of Ricky Shoemaker, Betsy Steuber, Betsy Steuber, Personal Rep., Pearl M. Bahr Irrevocable Trust to Ricky Shoemaker Family Trust, Betsy Steuber, Trustee, W½NW¼, 15-103-29

PERSONAL REP. DEEDS

Michael R. Fisher, Personal Rep., Estate of Patricia L. Fisher to Lisa De Boer, Mike De Boer, Ûnd. 1/3 Int. Lot 2, Und. 1/3 Int. W.10' Lot 1, Block 2, Birds Budd Lake Add.

Michael R. Fisher, Personal Rep., Estate of Patricia L. Fisher to Jeremy Peterson, Und. 1/3 Int., SE¼SE¼, 10-101-29, Und. 1/3 Int., NW1/4, 14-101-29

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Beverly Roben Revocable Trust, Beverly Roben, Trustee to Molly A. Roben, Steven D. Roben, Pt. SW1/4, 22-102-33

Fairmont council sets work session on sales tax fund use

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

At the Fairmont City Council's regular meeting on Monday, May 10, the council set a special work session to examine and discuss the results of a recent parks and recreation survey, past information about recreational amenities in the community and the utilization of the half-cent local option sales tax that can be used to pay for these ameni-

The council will tackle those topics at the work session at 4 p.m. Monday, May 24, prior to its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Both the work session and council meeting will be aired live on Fairmont Cable Channel 13.

City Administrator Cathy Reynolds told the council a recent online survey about Fairmont's parks and recreational opportunities drew 841 responding, 784 used the city's parks for their boat ramps, fishing piers, playgrounds, picnic areas or shelter houses. Gomsrud Park and its Adventure Playground were the most utilized sites.

For future city investment, people selected an indoor aquatic park, trails, Gomsrud Park upgrades, a new ice rink, a field house, an events center, youth programming space, indoor lap pool, indoor track and a second sheet of ice.

Reynolds stressed that the survey was focused on amenities, not on a building or community

She also noted that when it came to paying for the amenities, some people were willing to pay up to \$15 per month or even up to \$30 per month for membership usage.

Britney Councilor Kawecki called the survey "unregulated" with only a small number of respondents compared to total population. She requested that a more in-depth survey done by Project 1590 also be included in the council's work session discussion.

Mayor Debbie Foster said the Project 1590 survey was paid for by the city, and the results of that poll, although it is a few years old, certainly would be included in the discussion.

Turning to anothresponses during its er matter, the council three-week run. Of those unanimously approved an agreement with the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA), the city's wholesale electric provider, which will lead to the installation of three electric vehicle charging stations in the city.

Troy Nemmers, city engineer/public works director, told the council that SMMPA will cover the cost of the chargers, but the city will be required to cover the cost of installation and underground connections. The cost is estimated at \$15,000, \$9,000 of which is for a mini substation required for the fast charger. The cost will be paid for out of line department operations.

A Level 2 charger and a DC fast charger, capable of charging a vehicle in 30 minutes, will be installed at the Winnebago Avenue Sports Complex. A Level 2 charger also will be installed near City Hall, adjacent to Citizen's Plaza. The sites were chosen because they are both cityowned properties and offer trails, shopping and other pastimes for people while their vehicles are charging.

In other business, the council approved numerous event permits as the community gears up for summer activities and the relaxing of COVID restrictions. The permits included:

- A Memorial Day parade, sponsored by the Fairmont VFW, at 10 a.m. Run 5K on June 19. The May 31. The parade will begin at Veteran's Park, travel north on Prairie Avenue to Winnebago Avenue, then east to the Martin County Veteran's Memorial.
- Interlaken Heritage Days on June 12. Events start at 10 a.m. at Gomsrud Park. A kiddie parade starts at 5 p.m. and will go through Downtown Plaza. The main parade starts at 6 p.m. and follows a route from Heritage Acres along Lake Avenue to Downtown Plaza, and then north to Lincoln Park.

- The Blazer Bar & Grill for a street dance and beer garden at the corner of First Street and Downtown Plaza on June 12, in conjunction with Interlaken Heritage Days.
- The grand re-opening of the mini golf course on June 18. Kids Just Want to Have Fun Committee will be hosting food wagons, face painting and mini golf from 4-8 p.m. at the expanded mini golf course next to the aquatic park.
- Also on June 18, in conjunction with the mini golf event, the Fairmont Youth Triathlon will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The event will cause Prairie Avenue from Cardinal Street south to East Belle Vue Road to be closed during these hours. A portion of the street will be open to local traffic.
- The annual Fairmont Triathlon and Bacon event runs from 6 a.m. to noon at Gomsrud Park and includes swimming, bicycling and running in the triathlon events plus an individual 5K run. Lair Road will be closed from Albion Avenue to Shoreacres for the duration of the event.
- Grace Lutheran Church services at the Sylvania Park band shell. These outdoor services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on June 20, July 18 and Aug. 15, the third Sunday of each month.
- Grace Lutheran Church services

Wednesday evenings at the Sylvania Park band shell. Worship services will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. July 14, 21 and ity softball tournament 28 and on Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

- Extreme Tour 2021, a faith-based music festival, on July 7. This is the third year for the event which draws hundreds of participants. Entertainment runs from 5-11 p.m.
- Short story readings by the Tolstoy Society of Martin County on July 15 at the Sylvania Park band shell. The event runs from 5-9 p.m. and will feature a "battle" between four short stories by the American writer, Mark Twain,

and four short stories from the Russian writer, Anton Chekov.

- Play4ACure, a charsponsored by Midco and the American Cancer Society. The tournament will be held from Aug. 6-8 at the Winnebago Avenue Sports Complex.

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

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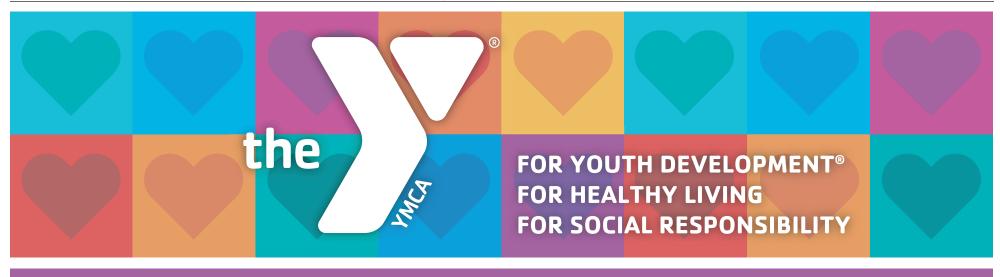
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ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS



What are the values of a YMCA?

The YMCA believes everyone deserves opportunities, no matter who you are or where you're from.

The YMCA is committed to:

- 1) Youth development: empowering young people to reach their full potential
- 2) Healthy living: improving individual and community well-being and
- 3) Social responsibility: giving back and inspiring action in our communities.
 - 2,700 YMCAs engage 22 million people in more than 10,000 communities
 - Long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change
 - Commitment to serving families and providing opportunities
 - Everyone is welcome to become more involved with our community



What does the YMCA offer?

- Child Watch While Using Facility
- eLearning Assistance
- After School Programming
- Food Programs
- Well-Being Classes
- Community Outreach
- Youth Camps
- Blood Drives
- Swimming Lessons
- Health Classes
- Senior Programming
- Youth Sports



What amenities are proposed for phase one of the project?

- Meeting Rooms/Senior Programing and Healthy Living
- Mayo Health Systems Sponsored Exam Rooms
- Swimming Pool
 - Zero Depth Entry, Aquatic Physical Therapy Lap Swim, Splash Pad, Slides
- Lockers
- Fitness
- Child Watch
- Field House
 - Walking/Running Track
 - Athletic Courts Basketball, Tennis, Pickleball, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling, Floor Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Golf and More
 - Large Multipurpose Area Indoor Car Shows, Boat Shows, Large Exhibition Space



Who will operate the new facility?

The Albert Lea YMCA Executive Director and board will operate the facility in conjunction with a local appointed board, and additional staff to be hired locally. The YMCA will be responsible for the budget of operating the facility and the city would not have any obligation to subsidize the YMCA's operations.



Is Mayo Clinic Health Systems involved in this project?

Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont has confirmed interest in being a community partner to support this project for the Fairmont area in order to improve the quality of life, health, and well-being of our community. We approach this work with the following principles: health is determined by many factors, including social and behavioral, environmental and medical — and all are important. Strategies to improve community health are best determined and implemented through partnerships between healthcare providers, community members, and community-based organizations.



What location is being considered and why was it selected?

The best location for this facility is the small field west of Mayo Clinic. Research indicated that this is the best location because of the proximity to our largest employer as well as elementary and high schools. The land is owned by Mayo. They have agreed to donate the land if the project moves forward.

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