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The guy from just down the road



Naturally

"Drumroll, please," I said just loud enough for me to hear as I walked outside. Right on cue, a woodpecker hammered on a resonant branch. Every day brings new stories to the yard. I expect to see a queen bumblebee any day. She's the only one of her colony that survives winter.

Weather has been a rollercoaster ride without enough "whee" to it. I said "whee" as I walked. I un-

derstand why dogs are so excited about going for walks. I've been watching yellow-bellied sapsuckers maniacally machine gunning sap wells into trees. The work of those industrious birds has been followed closely by yellow-rumped warblers, diminutive ruby-crowned kinglets and both downy and hairy woodpeckers who gladly plundered the avian soda fountains. Those warblers, called butterbutts because of their yellow rumps, are proficient at flycatching, snapping prey out of the

Fox sparrows sang a song that made me want to move north with them. A silver hawk with a white rump patch flew low over the ground. It was a male northern harrier, once called a marsh hawk.

A caller reported a cacophony of birdsong in the morning. I appreciated his call, but disagreed with it being a cacophony. I think all birdsong is lovely, but I'm a strange bird. I'll admit some vocalizations of crows, gulls and others could be called a cacophony. I heard a cacophony of the strident voices of crows and jays as they mobbed an owl. The irate birds found strength in numbers.

I read that chipmunks have cheek pouches that when filled are three times bigger than their heads. I'm not sure that's correct, but they certainly look larger than rest of the head.

Wood ducks checked out tree cavities in the backyard. The female makes a loud "oo-eek, ooeek" when disturbed and taking flight. The male has a thin, rising and falling zeeting whistle.

Turkey vultures wobbled overhead. Charles Darwin saw a vulture from the deck of the Beagle in 1835 and called it a "disgusting bird" whose bald head was "formed to wallow in putridity." That was harsh. They are beautiful birds. If it perceives a threat, a turkey vulture may play dead or project offensive smelling vomit

as a defense. Vultures can't eat and run. They might be able to carry bits of food in their bills, but their feet are useless for carrying freight. In the ancient practice of Tibetan sky burial, a human corpse is placed on a mountaintop to be eaten by birds of prey, most commonly vultures. This tradition is a sustainable burial method symbolizing the impermanence of life for Buddhists.

I'm honored by each bird that visits my yard.

Q&A

Eric Annexstad wrote, "For the third year in a row we're having a mid-April snowstorm. Any suggestions on what to feed the poor robins? We found several that perished last year." Cut up apples, oranges or pears. Raisins are good; blueberries and other berries work. Cranberries should be excellent, but my yard robins don't seem to enjoy them. Softened dog food kibble, crumbled suet, sunflower hearts or mealworms. The problem is that most robins aren't feeder birds. An easy way to help robins discover the fruit is to put it in a platform feeder or on the ground near a bird bath. They don't always make a mad rush to the food. Good luck.

Roger Batt, Algona asked how to preserve a bald-faced hornet nest. It isn't necessary to treat the nest in any way. The nest will persist if it's suspended in a dry location where it won't be damaged by handling or vibration.

"How many broods does a mourning dove have each year?" They have two or three in Minnesota, with as many as five or six broods in southern areas.

"Are predators the main reasons I'm not seeing as many pheasants as I once did?" Predators don't eat habitat. Loss of habitat is the main problem and weather frequently piles on.

"Would putting the driver's license photo of my husband on the window discourage a cardinal from attacking its image?"

It might slow the shadowboxing of the bird fighting with what it considers a dastardly, would-be usurper if you put it on the outside.

"What are predators of bats?" Owls, hawks, snakes, raccoons, mink, weasels, opossums, cats and humans.

"Why do turkey vultures have bald heads?" Featherless heads are easy to keep clean. Vultures tuck their heads inside carcasses to feed and this adaptation keeps heads cleaner. The bare skin may play a role in thermoregulation.

Thanks for stopping by "Everybody's talking about people breaking into houses but there are more people in the world who want to break out of houses." — Thornton Wilder,

"Don't count the days; make the days count." -Muhammad Åli

"Out of difficulties grow miracles." – Jean de la Bruvere

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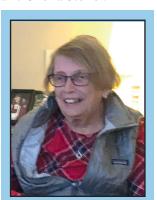
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Krumholz Fairmont will celebrate his 95th birthday on Sunday. Leo was born June 7, 1925. Cards will reach him at 449 Day St., Fairmont, MN.

A CARD shower will be held for Hunter Payne, bride to be of Nick Steffel. Hunter and Nick will be married on August 14th, 2020 in Olivia, MN. Due to Covid-19, we are unable to celebrate them in a traditional way but don't want them to miss out on this experience. During the week of June 8th let's "shower" them with a card, and enclose a favorite recipe (they both love **donations** to cook) along with wedding wishes. Hunter's address is: 206 S 7th Ave E, Truman, MN 56088.

Hunter is the daughter of Doug & Rachelle Payne, Nick is the son of Greg and Sheila Steffel.



BONNIE BAARTS of Northrop will celebrate her 80th birthday. She was born June 14, 1940. Cards can reach her at 314 S. Judson, Northrop, MN 56075.



Congratulations Courtney Pytleski, 2020 graduate from GHEC for being named the recipient of the Ryan ing in early April amid Mortensen Scholarship. nev is the daughter of crisis. At the same time, Lia and Chris Pytleski. blood drives continue Courtney¹s future plans include studying to be a kindergarten teacher. The Ryan Mortensen Memorial fund was established in 2017 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

UHD adds family nurse practitioner



United Hospital District (UHD) of Blue Earth announces the expansion of their Family Medicine department with the arrival of new provider Angie Pickerel, a Family Nurse Practitioner who is seeing patients in UHD's Blue Earth Clinic.

Newly relocated from Colorado, Ms. Pickerel holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, which is the highest level of training for a nurse practitioner. She comes to UHD with 13 years of nursing and leadership experience, including roles as a charge nurse and preceptor for a busy Labor and Delivery unit with Neonatal Intensive Care. She also has technical expertise with electronic health record and has served as an Emergency Medical Technician.

UHD CEO Rick Ash stated, "We are very pleased to have Angie join the UHD team. Her focus on quality rural healthcare with a full scope continuum of care is a tremendous addition to our healthcare team."

Angie brings the provider total to 10 in UHD's Family Medicine depart-

ment. The busy team covers all areas of general healthcare, including pediatrics, adolescent health, men's and women's health and aging issues. They provide diagnosis and treatment for a wide variety of issues, including routine care, and additionally provide referrals for specialized services. Angie will see patients of all ages and has a special interest in women's health and newborn care.

UHD, located in Blue Earth, MN, is a system of care comprised of a 25bed acute care hospital, comprehensive tient services, ambulance service and home health/ hospice care all supported by a 20-plus multispecialty provider group with four clinic locations across two counties.

East Chain Activity Center thanks MCAF outpathe East Chain Activity Center (formerly East

Organization: Martin County West Schools, \$1,685. Project: 8th Grade Courage Retreat.

Organization: Fairmont

Area Kinship, \$4,000. Project: Adopt-A-Match. The Martin County Youth Foundation was founded in 2000. The organization is committed to acquire, manage and distribute funds to enhance the lives of youth in Martin County. Since its inception over 330 youth projects have received over \$496,000. September 15 is the next grant deadline for projects beginning after November 15. For more information, visit www.martincountyyouthfoundation.org.

Chain School) received a grant to construct a 10 x 40 foot overhang on the south entrance of the building. Volunteers had poured a cement slab and laid fresh rock to the existing parking lot in 2018, but Dale Jensen had even greater ideas to improve the safety and usability of the "big gym" entrance. Local folks who come regularly for Sunday open gym can attest that the previous condition of the entrance was slippery and dangerous during

the winter months when

icicles fell from the roof

above. The south entrance

is the most utilized of any

at the center as parties,

meetings, and weddings

load and unload supplies,

forklifts, food containers,

and decorations through

the double and single

In September of 2019,

many guests congregate to get fresh air during an event. Ryan Donohue Construction designed the overhang and was critical to the start of construction, which began after harvest. A few neighbors and alumni completed the bulk of it from January to March. Steve Shumski polished off the trim and siding in early May. Supplies were purchased from Lamperts.

The new overhang,

complete with lights, will

now cover a space where

doors.

Thanks to Dale, Brady, Tristan, Russell, and Eli Jensen, Neil Jensen, Daniel Calkins, and Aaron Benck for lending a hand. Again, a HUGE thanks for the Martin County Area Foundation for the grant that made purchasing the supplies for this project possible!

Red Cross: Urgent need for blood

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations to prevent another blood shortage as hospitals resume surgical procedures and patient treatments that were temporarily paused earlier this spring in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fairmont

Wednesday, June 3: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

Thursday, June 4: 9 a.m. 2 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

Sherburn

Monday, June 8: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Assembly of God Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroad Drive

Thanks to Amazon, all those who come to give June 1-30 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.

Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate in the weeks and months ahead by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting Red-CrossBlood.org, calling of Technology. 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Minnesota Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In recent weeks, hospital demand for blood products has grown by 30% after sharply declin-**Memorial** this rapidly changing and Court- complex public health to be canceled as many businesses and community organizations remain closed. Donors are needed to make and keep scheduled appointments to help meet the current need.

MCYF Awards

The **Martin** County Youth **Foundation** \$21,235 in awarded grants to eleven organizations and/or projects in May. Grants were given to the following organizations and projects:

Organization: Red Rock Center for the Arts, \$1,500. Project: Affordable Art

Opportunities for Youth. Organization: Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, \$2,000. Project: Junior Achievement for Fairmont Area Schools. Organization: **Project**

1590, \$2,000. Project: 3D Printing Courses. Organization: FHS FIRST

Robotics Team, \$3,000. Project: Tools, Parts and Materials Expansion. Organization: Highland

Echoes, Inc., \$1,500. Project: Youth Arts Learning Experience at Fairmont Opera House.

Organization: Fairmont CER, \$2,500. Project: Community Youth Activity Scholarships.

Organization: Heritage Acres, \$250. Project: 4th of July Music Festival Petting Zoo.

Organization: Martin County Area Youth for Christ, \$2,400. Project: Lighthouse Refurbishing

Organization: Education Fairmont, \$400. Project: "Books for Kids" End of the Year Parade distribution.



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The Fairmont City Hall, **Public Works, and SMEC buildings** will reopen to the public on June 1, 2020. Members of the public are encouraged to continue to conduct business with city staff via phone (507)238-9461 or email (citygov@fairmont.org) to the extent possible.

The Liquor Store will resume regular operating hours starting June 8,

Residents visiting city

buildings are requested to follow health and safety guidelines and keep a safe distance from em- 6th at 1:30 pm ployees and other visitors. The wearing of face masks is highly encouraged while visiting city

If you are sick or showing any symptoms of CO-VID-19, please stay home and conduct your business with the city over the

Pandemic brings to light importance of an advance directive The COVID-19 (coro-

navirus) pandemic has brought a keen awareness of our own mortality into clear focus. Even if you are not sick now, planning for health care in the future, such as having an advance directive, is an important step toward making sure you get the medical care you may want to receive, especially during these times of a pandemic.

Advance directives help guide choices for doctors and caregivers if you're terminally ill, seriously injured, in a coma, in the late stages of dementia or near the end of

"A traditional advanced directive does not go into the level of specificity necessary to address the possible progression of decline, especially something like COVID-19," says Art Peek, Advance Care Planning Coordinator at Mayo Clinic Health System. "This is a good time for families and loved ones to review their current directive or if you haven't done one yet, to really consider doing one."

Since COVID-19 is a

New to

Medicare

who do not have the coronavirus. Therefore, the chance of survival is likely to be lower, and the recovery for those who do survive may be difficult.

"With COVID-19 being a more aggressive disease, having the most difficult questions answered will lend a road map to help answer two key questions who makes decisions when you can't, and if critically ill what level of life support do you desire," adds Gina Zumach, a certified social worker with patient and family services at Mayo Clinic Health System.

"Never has it been more important, or more helpful, to complete an advance directive. Your doctors, your loved ones and you will appreciate it, in advance," Peek says. "Whether or not we are in a worldwide pandemic, having a Power of Attorney for healthcare in place is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. It should provide comfort to them and to you that your healthcare

Topics will include a

comprehensive introduc-

tion to Medicare includ-

ing what Medicare covers,

supplemental insurance

and Part D prescription

coverage. During the class

you will learn the Medi-

care enrollment details,

how to get the most from

your benefits and how to

research your Medicare

plan options using the

Medicare.gov site. The

Senior LinkAge Line is a

service of the Minnesota

Board on Aging in part-

nership with Minnesota's

local area agencies on ag-

ing. It is the state's federal-

ly designated State Health

Insurance Assistance Pro-

gram (SHIP) and Senior

Medicare Patrol (SMP).

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4:30 p.m.

Virtual Class Learning what to do when you become eligible for Medicare can seem overwhelming. This class is for people who will be new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C

WHAT: New to Medicare Virtual Class

WHEN: Thursday, June 18th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 24th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Online Virtual Class

Please contact Senior Linkage Line to sign up for the class, as space is limited. Call the Senior Link-Age Line at 1-800-333-2433 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to

phone or by email. new disease, there is very little clinical information related to treatment options and likely outcomes. Hospitalized patients with COVID-19 can spend two to three times longer on a ventilator than patients

wishes will be followed."

June and July

COVID 19 challenges abound this summer especially in providing "Learning and Leisure Opportunities For All Ages" which is CER's Mis-

Fishing Gear &

Boat Blessing June

Father Brian Mulligan

from St. John Vianney

Catholic Church will be

blessing boats and fish-

ing gear and praying for a

CER Update for

It is with deep regret, but prioritizing safety for all, that the Fairmont CER programs for T-ball, Girls Softball, Youth Sport Camps (Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Football) Roller Skating, Team Tennis, Baton Twirling, Archery, Canvas Creations, Legos Design, Acrylic Beach Pour, Makerspace Babysitting, Mondays, Home Alone, Defensive Driving, Scuba Diving, Summer Symphony and Fishing with Friends are Cancelled. The July FCA Junior Sports Camp and Fairmont Summer Run are also cancelled.

CER staff are exploring virtual programming options and kits for the Fairmont Summer Playground, Summer Reads VISTA and cooperative programs offered in partnership with other sites. Watch for updates on these programs and feel free to register or call if you are interested.

Fairmont Community **Education and Recreation** Is Here To Serve You! CER staff are available by phone (507-235-3141), email or Facebook and we look forward to assisting vou as a resource and referral service as well. Your

welcome - from canoes to pontoon boats.

ideas and suggestions are

always welcome!

safe season on the water

for all boaters and an-

the south shore of Hall

lake (Fujan's shoreline)

around 1:30 on Saturday,

June 4th. All boats are

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CER Adult Basic Education and GED Prep Opportunities

Adult Basic Education for age 17 or older, and not enrolled in K-12, is continuing to happen via Distance Learning options and other study resources with Instructor telephone/email contact.

Learn English, Prepare for Your GED, Improve Reading-Math-Writing Skills, Basic Computer Skills and much more. New adult learners are welcome to join at any time by contacting Fairmont Community Education and Recreation directly (507-235-3141.)

Registration can be done over the phone and adult learners will be enrolled in the most appropriate distance learning program as well as assigned to an ABE teacher to maintain weekly contact.

Hands-on learning packets to help adult learners improve skills in reading, math, budgeting, financial literacy, work readiness, resume writing and GED Preparation are available and also can be customized to fit specific needs.

GED Testing Centers have also been given permission to open with specific guidelines. Please contact CER or your local center for more informa-

Emergency food distribution You will receive three

Heavens Table Food Shelf in coordination with Second Harvest Heartland will be providing a free emergency food distribution to the residents of Martin County. This is an effort by the USDA to connect farm fresh product with families that have a need.

The distribution will be on Monday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fairmont High School parking lot. Piease enter the lot at the west entrance, circle the lot to the horseshoe drive and exit by the east entrance.

boxes. One will be produce, the second will be poultry and pork meat products and the third will be a variety of dairy prod-Due to the three box

load please be aware of a limit of two families per car, with a representative of each family in the car. We will collect data of the ages of family members only. This distribution is Fairmont, a senior at Wishonor roll open to the public and is free to all who attend. Please mark your calen-

Band concerts cancelled

To the Editor,

After much discussion and deep consideration, the Fairmont City Band Board has sadly decided to cancel the 2020 summer band season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We feel this is what's best for the health and safety of all our band and audience members.

We eagerly look forward to the 2021 season and hope band members and the community will join us once again. Thank

Sincerely, Fairmont City Band Board

Dianne Bittenbinder Nancy Gunther Doug Langford Bob Lintelman Carolyn Oanes Jennifer Tow

MSU spring graduates

Minnesota State University, Mankato awarded 2,367 degrees to 2,294 students at the end of the spring 2020 semester, with this spring's graduates celebrated through a special website that launched Saturday, May 9, the day on which the University's three traditional graduation ceremonies were scheduled but cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each graduate also received personalized URL video messages by email on May 9, and "commencement-in-a-box" packages were shipped to each graduate the week before graduation.

Graduates from our

area include:

Armstrong, IA - Danielle Tirevold, BS, Rec, Parks & Leisure Services

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Dunnell, MN - Jennifer Petersen, MS, Counseling and Student Personnel

Fairmont, MN - Tyler Benschoter, MAT, Educa-

Micah De Boer, BS, Law Enforcement, Cum Laude

Megan Petrowiak, BS, Biology

Swea City, IA - Kayla Farland, BS, Management

Truman, MN - Louis Sanders, BS, Communication Studies

More information about the Minnesota State Mankato spring 2020 commencement is available at http://mnsu.edu/ mavgrad2020.

ty College is a Catholic,

Benedictine institution

of higher education lo-

cated along the bluffs

of the Missouri River in

Yankton, South Dakota,

with additional locations

Hanna Reischl Named to **Mount Marty College Spring 2020 Dean's**

YANKTON, SD (May 27, 2020) - Hanna Reischl of Fairmont, MN, was recently named to the Dean's List of Mount Marty College (MMC) in Yankton, South Dakota, for the Spring 2020 se-

The MMC Dean's List comprises undergraduate students completing a full-time load of graded coursework with a minimum term GPA of 3.5.

Founded in 1936 by the Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Mount Mar-

in Watertown and Sioux Falls. Mount Marty offers undergraduate and graduate degrees with particular focus on student and alumni success in high-demand fields such as health sciences, education, criminal justice, business, accounting, recreation management and more. A community of learners in the Benedictine tradition, Mount Marty emphasizes academic excellence and develops well-rounded students with intellectual competence, professional and personal skills and moral, spiritual and social values. To learn more, visit mountmarty.

Alexis Lunn of Fairmont has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qualify for this academic recognition, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.749, in their most recent semester, for a minimum of

six credit hours. To learn more about the health science programs offered at Mercy College, visit our website at http://www. mchs.edu. Mercy College is the only Catholic college in Central Iowa and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

consin Lutheran College, has been named to the college's Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Seth is a graduate of Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School.

To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is an independent Christian college grounded in the liberal arts and located on the border of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa.

Seth Hughes from SJV 4th quarter

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BELINDA LUTTERMAN ETHAN SIEBRING **SETH SIEBRING**

Obituary Notices



Amaryllis Hensley, 87

A service celebrating the life of Amaryllis J. Hensley, 87, of Lakefield, MN, originally from Elmore. MN. were held at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, MN. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery in Elmore, MN. Amaryllis passed away peacefully on Monday. May 25th, 2020, at her home in Lakefield, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Amaryllis J. (Hundt) Hensley was born in Elmore. MN. the daughter of Ernest and Esther (Sharp) Hundt. She received her education attending school in Elmore, MN. On June 29, 1949, Amaryllis was united in marriage to Joseph Paul Sr. To this union, two children were born. Teresa and Joe. Joseph passed away in 1973, but Amaryllis was fortunate to find love again when she met and married John C. Hensley in 1982

and welcomed his two sons, Ron and John R. into the family.

Amaryllis made her home in Minnesota, Iowa, and Tennessee before returning to Iowa and finally making her home in Lakefield, MN, near her granddaughter. She took great pride in a hard day's work and worked many years in the meat industry. Following her retirement, Amaryllis, worked for Wal-Mart until her health prevented her from doing so. Amaryllis loved spending time and the companionship she found with her cat. Missy and enjoyed staying in touch with friends and family over Facebook. She was a wonderful interior decorator and had a green thumb, growing many flowers and plants throughout the years.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Joe Paul and Teresa Newville; step-children, Ron (Tami) Hensley and John R. (Tracy) Hensley; grandchildren, Shelly (Larry) Wendel, Heather (John) Gilderhaus, Kerry Schmidt, Jason Ziemer. Aaron Ziemer, Andy Ziemer. Sarah (Max) Longley, Jenny (Matt) Schuster, Kelly Koehnen and Kim Mosloski: stepgrandchildren, Nolan Hensley, Jack Hensley, Cole Hensley, and Logan Hensley; one brother, Ralph Hundt; 32 greatgrandchildren; 10 greatgreat-grandchildren; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Amaryllis was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Esther Hundt, and husband, John C. Hensley.



Iris M. Wokasch, 89

A service celebrating the life of Iris M. Wokasch, 89, of Fairmont, MN, was held at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Burial was held in Lakeside Cemetery. Iris passed away Thursday afternoon, May 28th, 2020, at Goldfinch Memory Care in Fairmont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Iris M. (Nelson) Wokasch was born on February 24th, 1931, in Com-

frey, MN, the daughter of Alexander and Alma (Adams) Nelson. She began her education attending school in Comfrey before moving to Fairmont and later graduated high school in Yakima, Washington.

On October 6th, 1951, Iris was united in marriage to Robert Wokasch. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with three children, Linda, Scott, and Cynthia.

Iris worked for the Fairmont Telephone

Company for a few years and was then blessed to be able to be a stay at home mom while her children were young. In 1970, Iris began working at Madsen's until 1981 when she began working at Hardees as a Manager until her retirement in 2002.

Iris was a member of St. John's UCC church for over 69 years and was very active in various groups within the church. In her spare time, she treasured spending time with family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Linda (Roger) Rasche, Scott (Tammy) Wokasch, and Cynthia (Terry) Boesch; grandchildren, Jason Rasche, Jonathan Rasche, Jennifer Rasche, Jill McKeown, Derik Garry, Amber Menke, and Melissa Wokasch; greatgrandchildren, Cobi, Kyley, Madison, Carly, Ella, Brea, Clarissa, Alexis, Jevin, Nova, and Titan; a special niece, Carmen (James) Bornzin; as well as several other nieces

ed family and a host of friends.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander, and Alma Nelson; husband, Robert Wokasch; father-inlaw and mother-in-law, Floyd and Harriet Wokasch; two sisters, Mercedes Stevens and Loris Jean Gradine; and four brothers, James Nelson, Jerry Nelson, Mick Nelson, and Allen Nelson.

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Jason R. Diekmann, 49

Jason Ronald Diekmann, 49, passed away peacefully May 31 from a massive stroke he suffered on May 20th, 2020 in Omaha, NE.

The family will hold a public celebration of life at a later date, due to

COVID. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetary, Fairmont, MN.

Jason Ronald Diekmann was born Jan. 3rd 1971 in Fairmont, MN. Jason attended Truman schools, graduating in 1989. He held different jobs throughout life. Presently he was employed at Heartland Retirement Group.

If you weren't his friend when you met him, vou were his friend when you left him.

He enjoyed spending time with his daughters, family and many friends. He enjoyed football, especially the Minnesota Vikings, a true blue fan; auto racing, riding his Harley, travelling, especially his recent trips to Florida with Carla.

Left to cherish is memory are his parents, Le-Roy and Christine Diekmann, daughters Nika, Zoey and Lainie.; grandchildren Aidyn, Jalee and Jager; his sister and her husband Tasha (Casey) Kester and their children, Tyler, Natalie, Luke and Gavin; his girlfriend and soulmate, Carla and her children Lauren, Kassidy, Nicolle, Michael and Berkley; special friend Iake Mayer; many aunts, uncles, cousins and many wonderful friends

and nephews, extend-

Jason was preceded death by brother-in-law, Jeff Abel; grandparents

who will miss him dearly.

Julie and Harold Diekmann, Ronald and Billye Osland, step-grandmother Dorothy Osland.

Thank you Carla and Jake for being there with him and being his voice when he did not have one.



May 22 - Arvid E. Binde, 78, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

May 24 - Valeen Meyer, 102, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

May 25 - Ignatius P. Maday, 96, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Service

May 28 - Iris Wokasch, 89, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

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May 28 - Bonnie Larsen, 74, East Chain

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May 29 - Jennifer N. Ommundson, 32, Lewisville May 30 - Constance "Connie" I. Krahmer, 78, Fair-

June 1 - Arlo W. Gustafson, 93, Fairmont

June 1 - LaVeda M. Roy, 83, Fairmont

June 1 - Debra L. Belgard, 65, South Branch

June 1 - Dustin Nelson, 25, Trimont

June 1 - Paul E. Berhow, 67, Truman

Patent Pending Players Spring **News 2020**

We certainly wish it were better news. As we step up to do our part during the Covid 19 situation we have canceled our summer play. Natalie Henriksen was directing and ready to start looking at plays. We want our supporters to know we do value your support through the years and although we do not have a 2020 season we are still responsible for paying our insurance for the year. If you can help support us financially with a donation to our 501c3 organization it would be greatly appreciated during this unprecedented time. This

is new territory for us, as well.

An artistic venture we entered into with Jeff Speltz of Armstrong could be a good way to show your support as well. Jeff has issued a print of our beloved building. The print is offered for sale by Speltz Studio, Armstrong, IA 712-868-3001 or Dave Harner 515-272-4556 or 515-320-1902. PPP receives a percentage of the proceeds based on the number of prints sold.

Our Patent Pending Players Community Theatre, the Swea Township "Community Hall" was built in 1888 as the Swedish Baptist Church of the town of Swea, located two miles north of its present location. Swea at that time had the local post office. The town of Reynolds which was located where Swea City is now had the railroad and depot. They merged in 1895 and formed Swea City as we know it today. When the Swedish Baptist Church closed in 1920, the building was sold to Swea Township. It was moved

by horses two miles south to its present location on Highway 9.

The "Community Hall" has quite a history. Residents of the township took pride in it. It was "home" for many organizations over the years. Meetings that were held there include: Farm Bureau, Swea Homemakers, Swea Sunbeams 4-H Club, and Swea-Harrison 4-H Club. The building also served as a place for youth parties, basket socials, bridal showers, and purposes. Christmas programs. The Community Hall was a voting hall for the township until 1990. It not only serves as a theater today but has been used for auctions, Swea City historical events and church services.

Donations can be made payable to Patent Pending Players and are tax deductible. Please mail to David G. Harner, 4402 40th Avenue, Swea City Ia. Memberships are still \$100 for a friend and \$25 for a Patron. Thank you for your support!

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vid G. Harner, President; Arlyn Valivick, Vice President; Denise L. V. Harner, Secretary and Treasurer; Lois Harrison, Lisa Henriksen, Mitch Mart.



Week of June 3, 1970 Fairmont GO an-

nounced they had topped their goal of \$200,000 in a fund-raiser to purchase a 160-acre tract just west of Fairmont for industrial

Walter F. Mondale, United States Senator from Minnesota, was commencement speaker at Fairmont High School's graduation exercises. Born in neighboring Ceylon, he became Minnesota Attorney General in 1960 and U.S. Senator in 1964 at the age of 36.

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One Veteran's Story - Mike Wolter

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



Martin County's Veterans' Memorial Site will have a Bell Cobra Rotary Wing Attack Helicopter on display. This helicopter was a stalwart of the U. S. Army's attack aviation serving in both Vietnam and Laos from 1968-1971, often saving the lives of many American soldiers. There are many Martin County veterans that have experienced helicopter service as well. The following is the account of the experiences of one Martin County veteran, East Chain native Mike Wolter.

"A total of 5,086 choppers, about 42%, were destroyed by enemy fire, bad weather, mechani-

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cal snafus and the other bad hands war routinely deals those sent to fight it. The toll among those who flew for a living: 2,002 pilots killed and 2,704 crew chiefs and gunners dead. That's about 7% of the 58,000 American troops killed in Vietnam. But along the way, they helped rescue more than 90,000 wounded—more than half of them American—and saved untold thousands of lives."

Mike Wolter was one of those helicopter pilots who flew missions in Vietnam. Wolter was one of twenty-four graduates of East Chain High School in 1961. His father and four uncles served in

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World War II and many of his heroes were military personnel.

In the fall of Wolter's senior year of college at Wisconsin State University in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Marine Corps recruiters were on campus. After visiting with the recruiters, he soon found himself in a C-119 Boxcar flying to Minneapolis for aviation testing. Following testing, the Marine Corps offered him pilot training upon graduating from college and completing Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. His commitment would be for three years upon receiving his aviator wings.

Wolter took basic training at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, followed by flight training at Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. He received additional helicopter training in California at LTA (Lighter Than Air) Station in Santa Ana. While at Santa Ana he received orders for Vietnam and, consequently, arrived there on June 1, 1968.

His assignment in Vietnam was with HMM-165, MAG-36 at Phu Bai near Hue. HMM stands for Helicopter Marine Medium and MAG is Marine Air Group. Their squadron nickname was "White Knights" and their call sign was "Lady Ace."

His thirteen-month tour of duty in Vietnam was to support the Marines on the ground. This included the following: missions of troop strikes starting a new assault; resupply of primarily food, water and ammunition; medevac; recon inserts and extracts; and administrative and test hops required after maintenance to test repairs. They also supported the Vietnamese and the ROK (Republic of Korea) Marines.

Their CH-46 helicopter consisted of a crew of four: two pilots; a crew chief; and a gunner. The explained his feelings re-

pilot and copilot seats were iron to deflect small arms fire and the crew wore Kevlar vests and carried sidearms. Wolter carried a .38 caliber revolver

The "grunts" on the ground in the field depended, to a large extent, on the helicopers for their food, water, ammo, and transportation. In addition, removing the dead and wounded was also a significant part of their mission.

Wolter kept a diary of his tour of duty. A brief summary of some examples of missions he encountered are as follows:

- Hauled forces, supplies and troops;
- Unloaded troops from ships; ran one medevac; hauled several KIA's and experienced the "smell of death;" and did some resupplying.
- Thanksgiving Day, extracted two recon teams; hauled hot chow (turkey) to Marines in the field.
- Squadron flew 1,424 hours; moved 750 tons of cargo; hauled 9,250 troops; and 940 medevacs during February of 1968.
- SAR duty, AF F-4 shot down, picked up one pilot. Wolter received a letter of commendation from the Air Force stating from the rescued pilot that "The Apollo Astronauts never received better service."

One experience that seems indelibly etched in Wolter's mind is a flight to an island about twenty-five miles off the coast of Vietnam to transport a priest to a medical facility. It was a volcanic island with terraced fields, a dirt runway, with the ocean surrounding it exposing varying colors of blue. It was untouched by war with no bomb craters, no defoliated forests, and it seemed to reveal how beautiful all of Vietnam must have been before the war.

In retrospect, Mike



garding his military experience: "My service with the Marine Corps is still remembered to this day and the feeling is the duty was honorable. I do wish the reason for my service was more honorable."

Wolter served four years, three months, and twenty-eight days and was promoted to Captain on January 1, 1970. The awards and decorations he received include the Air Medal "1-59" referring to making over 1,000 landings of which many were on insecure landing zones. In addition, he received the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and frame, and the Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V." This was awarded for meritorious service as the awardee was recognized for exposure to personal hazard and direct participation in combat operations.

Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to California and attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff Academy becoming a deputy sher-iff. Shortly thereafter, he became a California game warden serving in Baker,

Barstow, Solvang, Bishop, Alturas, and Chino. After thirty years and two promotions as a game warden he retired in 2003. In 2015, following the passing of his wife, he moved back to East Chain and currently lives in the home he grew up on by the lake.

Regarding the Cobra Helicopter to be located in Fairmont, he believes that having it is an appropriate addition. The Cobra Gunship Helicopters played an important role during the Vietnam era and they were instrumental in keeping the troops on the ground alive.

The Bell Rotary Wing Attack Helicopter will be dedicated on August 1, 2020, at the Martin County Veterans' Memorial Site on Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont. Watch the local media for the exact time of the event and other activities planned for that day.

Salvation Army closes Fairmont Thrift Store

The Salvation Army Northern Division announced the permanent closing of four "Family Store" thrift stores in outstate Minnesota, due to the impact of the COV-ID-19 pandemic. They are Fairmont, Cloquet, Morris, and Faribault, effective immediately. The decision to close these stores is a result of the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the restrictive retail climate being anticipated in the post-pandemic environment. As a result, 19 parttime and full-time positions are being phased

Retail operations of all Salvation Army Family Stores in Minnesota had been suspended back in March to protect clients,

staff and volunteers from the rapidly spreading CO-VID-19 virus. A number of other Family Stores have reopened and are following government safety guidelines, with more scheduled to reopen next month.

Richardson also made it clear that these store closings would not affect the social service programs operated by The Salvation Army in these communities. Food distributions, emergency assistance and other social services will continue unabated. To learn more about what the Salvation Army is doing to provide help in response to the pandemic, visit www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/covid19.



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Millions of potholes in the U.S. wreak havoc on vehicles as they try to navigate around them on damaged roads and bridges, in parking lots and on driveways all over the country, leading to nearly a half million insurance claims each year.

Potholes can cause your vehicle to have serious alignment problems, bend your wheel rims and wreck your tires, as well as put your shocks and struts through the wringer - all leading to costly repair

The worst thing is that it's impossible to avoid potholes entirely as you go about your business every day, even when you're driving on your own property.

While you can't do anything but hope for repairs to get started soon on the roads you travel regularly, there is something you can do about your own driveway. Why not avoid further damage by making repairs to your driveway yourself? You'll not only prevent problems with your vehicles, but you'll keep your property looking in better shape all year round.

Permanently your own driveway's potholes is not difficult or expensive, as long as you have the right materials and know-how, whether your driveway is concrete or asphalt.

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* Consolidate and compact the blacktop repair with a tamper until a firm surface is achieved.

* A trick to further compact the repair material is to place a piece of plywood over the patch, and then slowly drive back and forth over the plywood in a vehicle several times.

To watch an easy-tofollow video on how to repair your asphalt potholes, check out QPRUSA.

Steps for repairing concrete potholes

*Square pothole edges as much as possible using a chisel, hammer and shovel.

*Mix QUIKRETE 5000 Concrete Mix as directed on the package.

*Remove any debris from the pothole and apply concrete bonding adhesive with a brush.

*Pour concrete mix into the hole about one inch above the surrounding concrete.

*Pull a 2-by-4 over the surface in a sawing motion before using a wood float to smooth the sur-

*Texture the surface with a stiff-bristled brush or broom.

*Allow pothole repair to set for 48 hours before driving on surface.

For more tips, information and directions, including helpful how-to videos on repairing damaged concrete surfaces, visit QUIKRETE.com.

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What to consider before buying a used

(StatePoint) When it comes to their next set of wheels, the majority of Americans would consider buying used despite harboring concerns about reliability and necessary repairs, suggests a new sur-

The survey from Ally Financial and conducted online by The Harris Poll found that 69% percent of Americans would be likely to consider a used vehicle for their next auto pur-

The survey also found that the source of the used vehicle matters to consumers, with 53% of respondents saying they would feel most comfortable buying used at a dealership that sells both new and used vehicles. This was much higher than any other category, including purchasing the car from another individual (12%), a used-vehicle-only dealership (10%) and from an internet-based company (8%).

'While there's a lot of hype around internet auto sales within the industry. the majority of consumers are most comfortable purchasing at a franchise dealer that's part of the community and where they can ask questions," says Matthew Arnold, senior regional vice president of Auto Finance at Ally Financial.

Those who currently own used cars largely cite value as the reason for their purchase, with 61% saying they opted for a used car because it was less expensive than a new vehicle, and 34% saying they were able to get more car for their money.

"With new vehicle prices approaching \$38,000, it's a good time to have a refreshed look at used vehicles," Arnold says. "Vehicle quality from the factory has greatly improved in recent years and that is carrying over to the used vehicle market. Yet, there are still several common sense steps consumers should take before purchasing."

Arnold recommends the following steps when researching used vehicles:

•Get a vehicle history report. The minimal cost is worth the investment, and some car dealers will provide it for free upon request.

•Consider buying certified pre-owned (CPO). CPO vehicles are backed by the manufacturer and are a good option for used car buyers concerned about reliability.

•Give yourself peace of mind. Vehicle service contracts can help cover unexpected repairs and replacements parts.

•Do your homework. Go online and check independent sources on vehicle reliability and dealership reviews. You can also check the local market value for a specific model based on its mileage and condition. To get savvy about car buying and ownership in general, visit Ally.com/do-it-right/

While a used vehicle can be a good idea for a lot of shoppers, it may require a bit of extra research, particularly if you are harboring any concerns about the vehicle's reliability. However, experts say that taking a few smart steps can offer you peace of mind and a better deal.

Check Engine Light on? Could be a faulty O2 Sensor

According to the annual CarMD® Vehicle Health Index[™] one of the most common check engine light repairs is replacing the oxygen sensor. This relatively minor repair can be costly if neglected, leading to as much as 40 percent lower fuel efficiency, causing further damage to your vehicle's exhaust system and adversely impacting the environment.

"Vehicles with faulty oxygen sensors typically seem to drive and handle well, but the malfunction can dramatically decrease fuel efficiency and lead to costlier repairs if ignored," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "A faulty oxygen sensor means your vehicle is emitting more pollutants and if the check engine light is illuminated, it may not pass vehicle emissions testing in those states requiring it for vehicle registration."

A vehicle's oxygen sensors are mounted in the exhaust system; they monitor the catalytic convertor's operation and the level of oxygen in exhaust gases to maintain efficient engine operation. The best way to prevent an oxygen sensor failure is to follow a regular service schedule, including routine oil changes.

Unlike the past nine years of the annual Car-MD report, costly catalytic converter replacement edged out O2 sensor replacement as the most common check engine light repair. Catalytic converters do not typically fail unless maintenance and other repairs are ignored or the vehicle is older. Average vehicle age has increased from 10.6 years to 11.7 years over the past decade, contributing to this outcome.

"It is important that car owners check the reason for an illuminated check engine light without delay and make necessary maintenance to avoid more costly repairs, like catalytic converter replacement, down the road," said White. "If you find your vehicle needs service, call your trusted local repair shop as automotive repair is considered an essential service."

The Car Care Council's popular Car Care Guide features helpful information about the check engine light. Available in English and Spanish, a free printed copy of the 80-page Car Care Guide can be ordered by visiting www.carcare.org/carcare-guide.









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How to extend the life of your used car

(StatePoint) Nearly 70 percent of all car sales are used vehicles, thanks to the rising costs of new cars and the increasing quality of their used counterparts. While buying a previously owned vehicle makes the best financial sense in a lot of cases, experts say there are some things to keep in mind.

"To keep everyone on the road safe and protect your purchase, all drivers need to stay up-to-date on car maintenance," says Doug Turner, director of service operations

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at Byrider, the nation's largest used car and finance network of dealerships. "This is especially true for those with used cars."

To help you extend the life of your used car, the automotive experts at Byrider are offering the following tips:

•Follow the maintenance recommendations of the manufacturer.

•Caring for a vehicle is similar to caring for oneself - take preventative steps to help keep your car healthy. Pay special attention to issues, noises or warning signs that could indicate your vehicle needs mainte-

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service that hires Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)-certified technicians. This certification can make a big difference when it comes to quality repairs and maintenance.

•Complete as-needed or at a minimum, an annual inspection, on the vehicle. Keep in mind many motorists that different seasons of

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nance. Warning lights the year require different inspections and repairs.

•Use quality parts.

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hicle, stick to retail dealers that put cars through a detailed inspection process. This will help to ensure a given vehicle's safety and reliability. At the same time, consider dealers with an attached service department. "Your relationship with the dealership shouldn't end once you drive the car off the lot," adds Turner. In the case of Byrider, every car

sold comes with a warranty or optional service agreement, as well as discounted parts, labor and service. To learn more, visit byrider.com.

A used vehicle can be a great investment. Extend the life of your car and stay safer on the roads by making smart purchasing decisions and taking a proactive approach to maintenance.

Can you save money driving an electric vehicle?

(StatePoint) While are aware of the environmental benefits of going electric, they may not know just how much they stand to save by making the switch.

Here are some fast facts about the economics of driving an electric vehicle (EV):

•Tax Incentives: Depending on your eligibility and the capacity of the battery used to power the vehicle, buying an EV can come with up to \$7,500 in Federal Tax Incentives, helping you lower

purchase. Talk to a tax professional to see where you stand. State and local incentives may also apply for an additional savings, so visit afdc.energy.gov to search for state and local laws and incentives.

year and spends about \$1,262 on gasoline. Over six-year average length of car ownership, \$4,446 in gasoline savings. To calculate your estimated savings based on your local gasoline prices, amount of mileage you average annually and other factors, visit ChooseEV.com/Savings-Calculator.

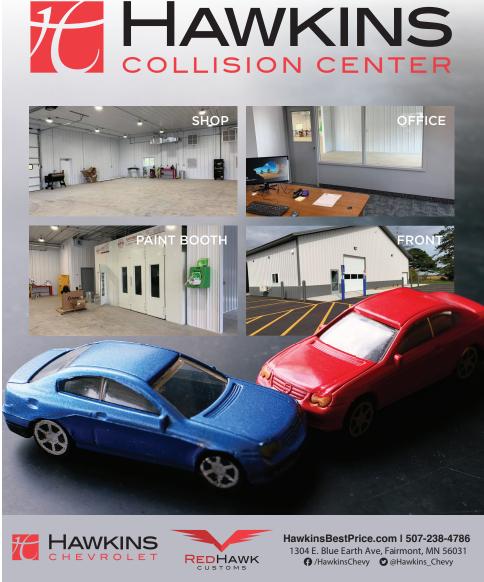
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> "If you're in the market for a new car, being informed about the many benefits of electric mobility is essential," says Andrew Cutler, head of corporate communications, MINI USA. "Going electric is not just stylish and good for the planet, for many folks, it can be a practical financial deci-





Adam Smith





SUDDENLY

Guest Columnist



Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

It happens every spring. The black dirt of the prairie has turned gray. Some residue of last year's crop sticks up from the soil as though it wants to be noticed. The farmer knows that the ground is waiting for the right moment. Those who live from the soil begin to think of spring. They begin working on the machinery so that they will be assured that "everything is ready to go". Spring comes slowly! Just when they think it is here winter returns and covers the ground with snow.

It happened this year on Easter Sunday. A few days pass and then it begins to happen. A small area of snow melts to show some green grass in the lawn. The area widens from the heat of the warming sun. There seems to be conflict between the winter and spring. Winter does not want to give up and spring wants to move it out.

SUDDENLY it happens. A farmer with well-drained land drives what seems to be an anxious tractor to the field. He lowers the digger into the ground to make the first tillage pass of spring. The gray dirt turns black as though it was sending a message of promise. This first farmer to test

the soil is surprised when looking back behind the digger.

Unlike several of the last years the digger is preparing a perfect "seed bed". His feeling is beyond happiness. It is a feeling of elation. He has waited for this moment all winter. He is surprised by how the soil has dried down to

something perfect.

SUDDENLY it happens. The farmer knows that nature has given him a green light for planting. He finishes tilling the field and looks at his dream that has come true.

> Written by Darwin R. Anthony

The Prize Was Worth The Wait

All are hopeful of its appearance Within a planter track of the field Opening the mystery of the cornfield What will be the yield

Then it is noticed One of the first blades of corn The single stem of folded green A start of what will form

Soon there be a row of blades Standing in a line Each reaching for the sunshine Maturing one at a time

The blades go through stages Developing more leaves as they grow Then comes the tassel Appearing row after row

The time of harvest comes slowly Ripe ears hang from each stalk by a certain date

A sign of something watched for The prize was worth the wait

> Written by Darwin R. Anthony May 3, 2020

East Chain 4-H Club Minutes

The East Chain 4-H Club met via Zoom on May 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm. All in person 4-H activities have been cancelled until June 30, 2020 due to the pandemic. Roll Call was what is your favorite sport to play?

We had 11 families in attendance. As of right now the fair is still on as scheduled. We had cancelled our April meeting and our community meals in both April and June.

There was no April meeting so we could not make the crosses for the Memorial Day Association for our community pride project. There will no Memorial Day program this vear, but we are hoping for possibly the 4th of July. Thank you to the Memorial Day Association for donating the flag to Wolter Park.

Club members may walk ditches on their own and the township will pay for ditches walked. Be sure to order your 4-H t-shirts from D&S trophies.

Our next meeting will be on June 7th, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Addison Barrick

Community Education Recreation honors and thanks MCYF

To the Editor:

During these unprecedented and challenging times, it is so appreciated to live in a community where our youth are valued and respected as citizens and future leaders. I would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank the Martin County Youth Foundation for their exceptional service to our area youth organizations with grants recently awarded.

The COVID 19 challenges of accessing positive enrichment opportunities for at-risk youth has enhanced the need for helping families with this fund. Families are encouraged to contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation program (507-235-3141) with your need and for more information on the scholarships available to area youth (age preschool to 18) for a variety of activities. CER administers the funds received but scholarships are not limited to only CER activities. In the past, activities featuring quality learning experiences, camps, art, swimming lessons, youth sports and aquatic programs were some of the activities youth engaged in thanks to the Youth Foundation's generosity.

Special thanks to the Martin County Youth Foundation and the many youth activity/organization volunteers who care so much about our youth by actively making a positive difference in their lives!

Sincerely,

Ronelva (Roni) Dauer, Director Fairmont Community Education and Recreation



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Community Options & Resources (COR) is a private, non-profit organization which provides residential and in-home support services to persons with disabilities in Martin, Jackson and Watonwan Counties. The COR mission is to provide a service promoting the ability of each individual

to lead a productive and eniovable life in all environments with the support of professionally skilled staff.

Until this month, COR Connections articles have highlighted a single staff person and one, two, or three people to whom they provide support. Though it's not possible, it would only be fitting in this challenging time to highlight every single COR employee for their contributions. Our personnel care for some of the area's most vulnerable residents.

And though often overlooked, their work has always been essential for the health, well-being, and community integration of our service recipients. They continue this work and uphold our mission despite the everchanging environment we are all living in at this time. Their commitment to serve others is second to none.

The COR community also includes our service recipients' family members. Support has been coming in from those key people as well for which we are very grateful. For example, one of our homes received a supply of homemade face masks from Judy Post. Another home was gifted toilet paper, disinfectant, and food items by Kathy Howell.

Meanwhile other community members have volunteered to sew facemasks and/or extenders to protect employees and those we serve. For that, we especially would like to thank Lori Baumgard, Sharon Knickrehm, Mary Erichsrud, and Cindy Malo. Other community members deserving of high praise include Learning Unlimited, Jeff Klinkner/Klink's Woodworking & Construction,

Inc., and Gene and Carmen Scheppmann. On behalf of COR, thank you all for your thoughtful contributions!

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Social Distancing

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty

During this time of so- whose main interest is the cial distancing, some of us home and thinking about projects that could be done with the extra time, especially if we want to put our home on the market.

Often, when looking at a prospective home purchase, a buyer's biggest focus is on the kitchen and bathrooms. However, there are quite a few to have a garage clean-

garage (sorry to be sexist, may be looking around at but it's generally, though not always, the guys)!

> This is an area quite often neglected, and it becomes a repository for items that don't seem to belong anywhere else in fact, around a third of homeowners can't park in theirs, because there is no room left for cars!

This is a great time

out, when the temps are warming up a bit but it isn't quite pleasant cost money! Often, when enough to work outside. And all those extra hours at home lend themselves frustrated and buy anothto starting a large project!

It's an opportunity to case," but haven't needed! tential buyers!

Clean as you go to save time, and reorganize for the greatest convenience and usability, e.g. things used most often kept within easy reach, but seasonal items needn't be as accessible.

Being disorganized can we can't find something we know we have, we get

When you are ready get rid of rubbish, items to put your home on the that you haven't used for market, your realtor can years, or old broken appli- take photos of your home, ances and tools that you and the reorganized gaare hanging on to "just in rage that will appeal to po-

Courtney Mosloski of Fairmont, MN, has been selected to the University of Jamestown's Spring 2020 Dean's List for maintaining a Semester GPA of 3.50 or better.

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and 9, Block 14, Original Plat Truman

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Early Learning Tobacco 21 books donated passes Senate to ECI

This is so exciting! Southern Minnesota In case you haven't Initiative Foundation heard, Tobacco 21 DID (SMIF) recently distributpass last night on the ed 295 books to Fairmont Senate floor. THANK Area Early Childhood YOU TO OUR AWE-Initiative to support early SOME Senator Rosen. literacy efforts during this along with 43 others, time of distance learning. who voted yes! The bill is These books were donated by Mankato-based pubon its way to be signed by lishing company ABDO. the Governor. The books received will

be used for distribution

through English Language

Learner instruction and

various ECI partners to

encourage books in every

household for every fam-

ily. The Fairmont Area

Early Childhood Initiative

is coordinated through

the Fairmont Community

Education and Recreation

program and includes

representation from local

schools/early childhood

family education, Build-

ing Blocks Childcare and

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Health, Human Services,

Thanks for your work in prevention and engagement with our community throughout this! We are making a difference with every step like this along the way!!!

Have a great day! Steph Johnson, Project Coordinator

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Martin County, Chamber and Read, County Commissioner and individual advocates of early learn-

ing.
SMIF President, Tim hood Business Consultant, Jeff Andrews, dropped off a total of 3,000 books to Early Childhood Initiative Coordinators in SMIF's 20 county region during the month of May.

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312 S. Main Street Parcel # 35.040.0060 Legal description: Beginning at a point 605 feet South of the Southwest corner of Block (3) extension to the Village of Handy (now Grana-da) according to the recorded plat thereof on file in the office of the County Recorder in said County and State; running thence East 140 feet, more or less; thence South 60 feet, more or less, thence West 140 feet, more or less; to the place of

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 23rd day of May 2020, the City Council of the City of Fairmont approved Emergency Ordinance 2020-07, an emergency ordinance for COVID-19 Declared Local Emergency.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be viewed on the City of Fairmont's website or at the City Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT

/s/ Patricia J. Monsen Patricia J. Monsen, City

Mankato-based publishing company, Capstone, each year to distribute thousands of books throughout southern Minnesota through SMIF's Early Literacy Grant Program, the AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative and various early childhood train-

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Center Creek Pork, has made an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency / County of Martin for a permit to construct/expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The existing feedlot is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 7, Center Creek Township, Martin County, Minnesota. There is an existing farrowing barn 132' x 376' that holds 768 head of swine weighing over 30 pounds or 307.2 animal units. The farrowing barn is a total confinement barn with an 8' below barn manure storage area. There are currently three gestation barns that are 80' x 380' each holding 1344 head of gestating swine weighing over 300 pounds or 537.6 animal units. The three current gestation barns are total confinement barns with an 8' below barn manure storage area. These three barns hold a total of 4032 head gestating swine weighing over 300 pounds for a total of 1612.80 animal units between the existing three gestation barns. Between the four existing barns this site currently holds 4800 head of finishing swine over 300 pounds for a total of 1,920 animal units. The proposed barn will be 64' x 80' with a 2' below barn manure storage area that will pull plug to the existing farrowing barn. The proposed barn will be a total confinement barn that will hold 4500 head of swine weighing under 55 pounds for a total of 225 animal units. After construction, this site will hold 4800 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds and 4500 head of swine weighing under 55 pounds for a total of 2,145 animal units after construction.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot, as required by Minnesota State Law.

Estimated time frame of construction: August-September 2020
Estimated time frame of occupancy: October-November 2020

Center Creek Pork 1275 Hwy 15 South Fairmont, MN 56031

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Alex D. Schmidt, Christine S. Schmidt to Stefanie Topinka, Taylor Topinka, Lot 18, Block 1, Hilllcrest

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Kellie Jo Krumwiede, Ross Thate to Jeffery R. Krumwiede, Kathy E. Krumwiede, Lots 12 and 13, Block 15, Lake George Addn.

Premier Exchange Accommodation Title Services LLC to Mary Jagodzinske, Maynard Jagodzinske, SW1/4, S½S½S½NW¾, 35-103-32

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County of Martin to City of Fairmont, Pt. Block 28, Pt. Lot 2, Lot 1, Lot 1/2, Block 28, Original Plat of Fairmont Bradley J. Cone, Yvonne M. Cone to 507 Investments LLC, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, NE¼, 30-102-30, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 4-102-30, Lot 3, Block 1, Eastside First Addn., Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Soloman Second Subd.

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Brian S. Nickerson, Karen Nickerson to Steuber's Scrub 'n' Bubbles, Lot 2, Block 1, Oles Addn, Truman

For questions about mont ECI and Community another SMIF's Early Childhood Education and Recreation programming and early literacy efforts, contact fairmont.k12.mn.us.) Rae Jean Hansen, vice president of early childhood at 507-214-7012 or raejeanh@smifoundation. org or Roni Dauer, Fair-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Ceylon will hold a public hearing at Ceylon City Hall, 301 W Main Street, Ceylon, MN 56121 at 6:00 pm on June 16, 2020 to review the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING **SECTION 9.03 AND 9.04 OF** THE CEYLON CITY CODE RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS OF THE RURAL URBAN SERVICE DISTRICT.

Mary M Muller Clerk~Treasurer (507-235-3141, rdauer@

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Fairmont City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020, 5:30 p.m. will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers. Due to the ongoing local emergency surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Walz's orders, members of the public wishing to provide public comment during the open discussion may do so by calling: +1 (872) 240-3311, Access Code: 266-991-181 and can monitor the meeting by watching it on Fairmont Local Access Channel

The press is hereby notified.

Patricia J. Monsen City Clerk

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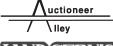
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General Notice

ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 16529

Martin & Jackson County Drainage Authority (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of

Martin & Jackson County Judicial Dtich No. 91 ISG (the Engineer) Project No. 16529

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by ISG (the Engineer) electronically through QuestCDN until June 25,2020 at 10:00 A.M. local time. At that time the Bids received will be posted publicly online.

The project includes the following major quantities of Work:

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Approximately 100 linear feet of roadway borings
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Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated

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Bidding Documents may only be purchased for download online at the designated website for a fee of \$15.00.

The bidder must electronically submit the proposal online using the designated website. The bidder must pay an online bidding fee off \$30.00.

C Pre-bid Conference

D. Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract ard, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents This Advertisement is issued by:

Chuck Brandel, P.E June 3, 2020

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Guest Columnists: Lynne Burgraff, Amber Knips, Brittany Anderson, Marsha Malo

Women Forward Leaders, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. at Sweet Financial Services

2020 - the year of Roth conversions

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We see many people having been great savers, but a majority of their funds are all in pre-tax retirement accounts, meaning they have to pay tax on the funds when they start distributions. It is a misconception that you will be in a lower tax bracket in retirement, as that is not always the case.

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> Church of Fairmont was to hold a Festival of Music. Music was based on the festivals of the Church Year. Special guests included Betsy Stodola, cellist with the Mankato Symphony and Fred Limmel, tenor soloist from Excelsior. A free will offering would go towards the church's building program.

Lori Schock of the The Martin County Granada Women of Today



YEARBOOK STROLL - Fairmont students Amos Broomfield and McKayla Chambers were out taking prom pictures pictures for the FHS yearbook. The yearbook committee asked students to send in some pictures since no prom was held this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.







Historical Society Pioneer and Lynn Johnson of the OUTDOOR DINING - The state relaxed its rules for Museum was to be open on Saturday, June 10th in day, were honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, were honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, were honored by reday, were honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, were honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, were honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by the honored by reday, which has a subject to the honored by the honored by t ceiving a Presidential Pin day, if they meet certain safety rules. A few local from Jean Fast, President restaurants like El Agvae and Jake's Pizza have set of the Minnesota Women up outdoor tents on the parking spots and tables on the side walk along the building for customers.



- Fairmont Area High School will hold a graduation parade on Sunday, June 7th starting at 3:00 p.m. to honor our 2020 graduates. This parade will start and end on Johnson Street by Fairmont Jr/Sr High School. It will be led by Fairmont Fire Department and will consist of vehicles of graduates only (limit is one vehicle per graduate and only household members in the vehicle). We will be using the guidelines put out by the Minnesota Department of Health for this parade (https://www. health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vehiclegather.pdf). Please follow these guidelines carefully to keep every safe during this event.

no candy to be thrown, no riding in the backs of trucks or on top of convertibles, and to stay with the parade route. If you plan to decorate your vehicle, please keep this to a minimum. If you plan to watch the parade, please do so in a parked car along the parade route or from your home if you are on the parade route. See the attached parade map. We want to stress the importance of NOT gathering in large groups (more than 10). Remember that this is not a typical parade and the route is very large to make sure there are plenty of spaces along the route to view the parade safely from your vehicle.

YEARS AGO IN THE

Week of June 7, 1995

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Keeping the home-ownership dream alive

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Cavers Realty

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own home is no easy task, and there are moments on everyone's journey when home. they feel like it's impossible. However, there are plenty of resources available to help make your dream of becoming a homeowner a reality. The first step you should take when you're ready to consider buying a home is to check your credit score and/or start building your credit. Lenders want to see that you've been able to pay back borrowed money on time, and without missing payments or defaulting on the loan. If you have a poor credit score, you'll need to spend the next several months, or even years in some cases, improving it by paying off any debt you currently have and making sure to make all payments on time in the future. This is a great time to find a mortgage loan officer that you trust. They will periodically check in on your progress and make any suggestions to further improve your credit score.

Another way to keep your dream of homeownership alive is to start saving NOW. Putting aside even a few dollars here and there will be a step toward your dream. When you're ready to purchase your first home, you'll need to make a down payment, and you'll be responsible for all the services and expenses required

to finalize a mortgage at the time of closing. Closing costs range between 2% to 5% of the total loan amount. So, get in the habit of put-Buying and owning your ting some money aside from every paycheck to help fuel your dream of owning a

When the time comes for you to start looking at houses, contact your mortgage lender to get pre-approved for a loan and discuss your budget with them. Your mortgage payment will not only pay for your house but other fees such as mortgage insurance (PMI), property taxes and homeowner's property insurance. Once

you are pre-approved, send your pre-approval letter to your REALTOR®.

Remember to take into consideration your down payment and closing costs when determining your budget. This will ensure your REALTOR® only shows you homes that you can afford, to avoid the stress of trying to figure out how to make payments on a home you love but can't afford.

Discuss with your mortgage loan officer all loan programs available to you. Some programs will require little to no money down, and you can ask the seller to help you with the clos-

ing costs! To best assist you and make your buying process easier, your REAL-TOR® needs to know the type of your mortgage loan (Conventional, FHA, Rural Development/USDA, VA, etc) so this topic is very important when choosing a house and, eventually writing up your offer.

In the end, remember not to get discouraged. Even if you're not able to become a homeowner right now, that doesn't mean that you won't in the future. Utilize your trusted loan officer and REALTOR® to help you decide when you're ready to buy a house and to help you stay within your desired price range.

Your dream of homeownership is closer to coming true than you might



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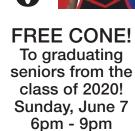
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