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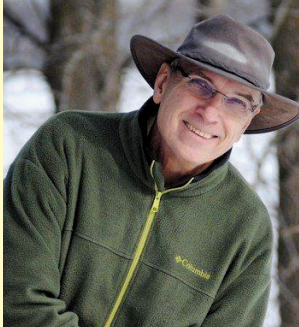
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Enjoy your cranberry sauce and watermelon pickle sandwich

By Al Batt



This year it's turkey, stuffing and masked potatoes. I remember another rough patch at Thanksgiving back when Grandma was still living. We had a small turkey that year. There was a message tied to one of its legs. She didn't worry about finding the perfect turkey. She knew it didn't exist. James Beard, the late chef, said, "Food is our common ground, a universal experience." I know many people would love to build a time machine and travel back to the first

Thanksgiving in which someone was going to make green bean casserole or creamed onions and slap the recipes out of the cook's hand. To prepare for Thanksgiving, serious chowhounds train by increasing the number of silverware-lift repetitions they do. A friend served a vegan meal last year, hoping that would diminish the crowd this year. Tom Porter, an elder of the Mohawk Nation, said that when the world was created, our Creator told us, there was one thing we must do before all others — to give thanks. Give thanks for everything and everyone. People became forgetful and stopped giving thanks. As a result, things began to go wrong. I try to find the good and praise it. I try not to think about what I want, think-

ing instead of the good things I have and be grateful for them. I try. Try that. Taste this. A turkey in its unnatural habitat of dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy is avowed to be nourishing for both the stomach and the spirit. I'm thankful for many things. My list is endless but here's a bit of it. I'm thankful the turkey didn't burn down and that I don't care how anyone pronounces "pecan" as long as it's followed by "pie." I'm thankful for aglets (sheath tips on the ends of shoelaces), that I have enough toilet paper and I can draw a hand by tracing a turkey. I'm thankful I wasn't standing in front of the nose of (insert your least favorite politician's name here) during the election campaign, that I don't wear a belt buckle the size of a football helmet and Kool-Aid doesn't come in plaid. I'm thankful I know so many people who deserve huzzahs, that the world has room for buffoons like me, I'm able to

recycle hugs into smiles, and that I don't live near a leaf blower. Thanksgiving was at our place but my family lived in the far removed, so we needed to hop into a car to go places for other things — some of which took forever to get to. The rumble of road noise and the sway of the car made it hard for a little boy stationed in the backseat to stay awake. An FM radio that played in both the a.m. and the p.m. wasn't in the cards for us or the car. Mom listened to "Kitchen Klatter" a program for homemakers (produced by KMA in Shenandoah) on the AM radio while Dad favored the farm reports from WNAX from Yankton and old country music featuring all the Hanks (Williams, Snow, Thompson and Locklin). Or if I were lucky, a baseball game. The wobbling car still tried to rock me to sleep, but I found it easy to stay awake during a baseball game. We went here and there, and we always came back. The car seldom broke down,

although it demonstrated a hesitancy to start. There were occasional flat tires my father changed at the speed of a polished pit crew thanks to a lifetime of practice. That gave me a chance to shine by holding a light or fetching tools. We didn't need a GPS because we didn't go to many places we hadn't been to before. Directions were given by how far destinations were from the nearest paved road. I've spent countless hours in automobiles, planes, ships, trains and buses. I've enjoyed that time, but nothing beats traveling with those you love, even if you doze off. If I close my eyes, I can hear the laughter in that car. Each moment dripped magic. Sadly, all those good people who traveled with me in that

car have shuffled off this mortal coil. To my parents and my siblings, who I'm thankful for in every way: When I look up, you are there. I am thankful that even though the world might be out to get us, it hasn't gotten you or me yet. Happy Thanksgiving.

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Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, Minnesota on Saturday, November 28th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue. This will be conducted in a drive thru procedure and you will not have to get out of your car. You are also asked to clean out the trunk of your vehicle before you come.

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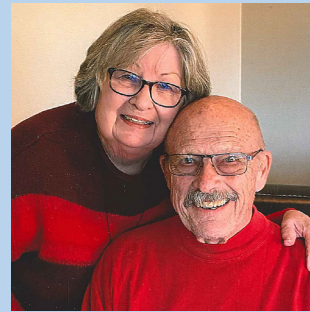
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Marriage License Applications

Austin Chase Terhaar and Alexandro Trevino

Manuel Pablo Ralios, Manuel Pablo Ralios and Magdalena Gomez Hernandez, Magdalena Gomez Hernandez



Julie and Roger Hendrickson will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on November 26th. They were married at St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in Algona, Iowa on November 26th, 1960. They have made their home in Fairmont since 1968. (Submitted photo)



RICHARD D. SANDERS' 88th birthday was on November 25th. Cards will reach him at 2600 Poetters Circle, Fairmont, MN 56031 (Submitted photo)

Upcoming Bloodmobile visits

Fairmont

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Wednesday, December 2nd: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

Thursday, December 3rd: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive

Friday, December 11th: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fairmont Crossfit, 1007 E. 10th St.

Monday, December 14th: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave.

The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies which helps provide insight to donors concerning possible prior exposure to this virus. Donors can expect to receive the

results of their antibody test within one to two weeks through our Red Cross Blood Donor App or on the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. As part of this effort, plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma. Each week, whole blood donors with COVID-19 antibodies are helping to contribute between 350-500 units of potentially lifesaving convalescent plasma for patients in need.

The Red Cross is not administering diagnostic tests intended to diagnose illness. As such, to protect the health and safety of our staff and donors, it is important that individuals

who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Blood donation safety precautions

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.



SYLVIA HANDEVIDT - Due to Covid 19, we are unable to have a celebration. Please help us shower her with cards for her 80th birthday on December 1st. Cards will reach her at: Sylvia Handevidt, 240 Birch Street W, Trimont, MN 56176. (Submitted photo)

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June E. Anders, 96

Private family services for June E. Anders, age 96, of Fair-

mont, MN, were held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Interment was in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. June passed away on Monday evening, November 16, at Ingleside Assisted Living in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

June Eileen (Gieseke) Anders was born on January 26, 1924, in Rutland Township, Martin County, MN. She was the daughter

of Herman and Anna (Johnson) Gieseke. She attended District 80 country school in Rutland Township and later graduated from Fairmont High School.

On February 27, 1943, June was united in marriage to Gerald Anders at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. This union was blessed with three daughters, Joyce, Janice, and Joan. The couple rented a farm near Fairmont for three years before purchasing the Fred Anders farm where they lived for sixty years. June and Gerald retired from farming in 1988 and moved to Fair-

mont in 2006. They shared over seventy-seven years together.

June was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. When she wasn't busy helping Gerald on the farm, June enjoyed traveling, gardening, and canning. She also did some applique and embroidery on tea towels and pillowcases for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. June most loved the time she was able to spend with her family and enjoyed having them home for a meal.

Left to cherish her memory include her

husband, Gerald Anders of Fairmont, MN; daughters, Joyce Peterson (Martin Hedstrom) of Rochester, MN, and Janice (Peter) Serfilippi of Holiday, FL; grandchildren, Lori (John) Lawler of Bayou Vista, TX, Troy (Sarah) Tyson of Zumbro Falls, MN, Darren (Rebecca) Peterson of Rochester, MN, Graysee (Jeff) Hempel of Prior Lake, MN, Jason Henton of Lakota, IA, Amy Deilke of Hinkley, MN, and Lisa (Brian) Klingbeil of St. Paul, MN; 18 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Stewart; brother, Merle

Gieseke; very special family friend, Delmer Whitaker; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Herman and Anna Gieseke, June was preceded in death by her daughter, Joan Freshwater; son-in-law, Douglas Peterson; sisters, Evelyn Lenort, and Viola Sepmeyer; brother, Norman Gieseke; and nephew, Keith Gieseke.

The family requests memorials be made in June's name to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont and St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont.



Elaine H. Bents, 89

Private family services for Elaine H. Bents, 89, of Fairmont,

MN, will be held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Elaine passed away Monday morning, November 16, 2020, surrounded by her family at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Elaine H. (Meyer) Bents was born on December 10, 1930, near Welcome, MN, in Martin County, MN,

the daughter of Arthur and Emma (Heuer) Meyer. She received her education attending District 50 country school in rural Martin County.

In the late 1940's Elaine moved to Fairmont, MN, where she met and later married Lyle Bents. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with three children, Lee, Janice, and Scott.

Elaine took great pride in the feeling that came from work-

ing hard. She worked at Serles Café and the American Legion and retired from 3M after 36 years on February 1, 1996.

Elaine kept a tight circle of friends and cherished spending time with her family. She was extremely proud of her home and loved her four-legged friends, Max and Cooper. In her youth, Elaine enjoyed attending concerts and traveling. In her retirement, she enjoyed attending hockey and

baseball games of her grandchildren. Elaine was well known for her sense of style and kept up with the newest trends. Her fiery spirit and zest for life will be greatly missed by those that loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Janice Claude and Scott Bents and his wife, Pam; grandchildren, Sam Claude, Matt Bau, Molly Claude, Ian Bents and wife, Anna, Kelsey White and husband, Lance, Brody Bents,

and Jonathan Bents; great-grandchildren, Gabriele Teet, Jazmin Claude, Erik Claude, Tyson Claude, Tate White, Gracie White, Easton Bents, Ava Terfehr and Owen Terfehr; two sisters, Marilyn Fullerton and Darlene O'Brien; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Emma Meyer; son, Lee Bents; and two brothers, Marlin Meyer and Dennis Meyer.



Cornelia J. Lenz, 98

Cornelia "Connie" J. Lenz, age 98, of Fair-

mont passed away Wednesday evening, November 18, 2020.

Cornelia "Connie" Julia Murphy was born on November 7, 1922, the youngest of nine children, to L.L. Lawrence and Julia (nee Kennedy) Murphy in Guckeen, MN. She graduated from Fairmont High School in 1940 and then attended Mankato Business School where she completed secretarial and bookkeeping courses. Connie began her career as secretary

to Mrs. Wentworth of the Fairmont Canning Company.

She met her future husband Elmer Lenz of Fairmont working as a part-time carhop at the local drive-in where she accidentally "served" a soda onto his lap. The two corresponded during WW2, and were united in marriage on May 19, 1948. They were blessed with a daughter, Kathy.

Connie was employed by Erickson, Zierke, Kuderer and Utermarck Law Firm

for many years. After retiring she worked part-time for Thomas Thurston, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer.

Connie was a devout and faithful member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church where she was an active and generous volunteer of St. Timothy Circle, providing benevolent services to the community.

She received an endearing gift of bowling shoes from her oldest brother while in her

teens which provided many years of joy bowling with friends. In later years she loved spending time playing cards, was a member of a sewing group, and volunteered as treasurer to both the Fairmont Senior Citizen Center, and the "Grandma's Swingers" at Rose Lake Golf Course.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Kathy Braun of St. Charles, IL; son-in-law Gregory Braun of Osceola, WI; brothers-in-law,

Lester (Elaine) Lenz of Fairmont, MN and Warren Lenz of Albert Lea, MN; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, L.L. Lawrence and Julia Murphy; husband, Elmer; four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held at a later date. The Lakeview Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



Evelyn M. Kivi, 90

Funeral Services for Evelyn Marie Kivi, age 90, of Fairmont, MN will be held at a later date. Evelyn passed away Sunday evening, November 8, 2020 at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center

in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Evelyn Kivi was born April 22, 1930 to Hjalmer and Lempi (Maki) Pesola in Bessemer, Michigan. Growing up, she attended Ironwood High School in Ironwood, Michigan, where she graduated at age 17.

On October 30, 1948 Evelyn was united in marriage to James Arvid Kivi at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ironwood. This union was blessed with three children: Paula, Carol and Robert. The family made their home in

Ironwood before moving to Minneapolis. After retirement, Evelyn and James wintered in Arizona for 19 years before moving full-time to Fairmont in 2010.

Evelyn worked for many years as a manager at Prudential life Insurance while in Minneapolis. She also taught Sunday school and served on state square dancing boards. She and her husband, James, were very involved in square dancing, were avid travelers both domestic and international and were both very proud of their Finnish heritage. Evelyn was also a voracious reader, a very

accomplished seamstress, and a master gardener.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Paula (Gerald) Tietje and Carol (Joel) Wellman; grandchildren: Jefferson (Heather) Tietje, Joshua (Susan) Tietje, Jenna (Timothy) Gilday, Jacob (Nikki) Tietje, Chelsea (Brent) Ogren, Nicole (Alex Johnson) Prin, and Jedediah Kivi; great-grandchildren: Teagan and Treysen Tietje, Aaron and Anna Tietje, Grant Gilday, Elsie and William Tietje, Katelyn, Sydney, and Riley Ogren, Leighton and Tucker Prin, and Leland Wellman. She is

also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law: Carol Pesola, Harry Winski, John and Sue Kivi, Gloria Kivi, Eugene and Pat Kivi; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, James Kivi; son,

Robert Kivi; parents, Hjalmer and Lempi Pesola; parents-in-law, Arvid and Saimi Kivi; brothers and sisters-in-law: Luverne and Dick Michalek, Arlove Winski, Reino Kivi, Janice Kivi; and nephew, Michael Kivi.



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Duane A. Roloff, 88

Private Family Services for Duane A. Roloff

off, age 88, of Fairmont, MN, were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Duane passed away on Monday morning, November 16, 2020, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School or to Martin Luther High School.

Duane Allen Roloff was born on July 18, 1932, in Welcome, MN. He

was the son of Clarence and Alma (Borchardt) Roloff. He attended Welcome public schools and graduated from Welcome High School in 1950. Duane furthered his education at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He also served in the Army during the Korean War for two years before earning an honorable discharge.

On October 25, 1953, Duane was united in marriage to Shirley Speckman at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. This union was blessed with three children, Denise, Robert, and Jill. The couple resided in California at Fort Ord while serving

in the Army before moving to Welcome, MN, while Duane completed college. They later moved to Iowa for a year where Duane worked as an insurance adjuster. The couple then moved to Fairmont in 1958, where Duane owned and operated Roloff Insurance Agency until his retirement in 1999. Duane and Shirley shared over sixty-seven years together.

Duane was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont where he served as past Congregation President and Treasurer. He was a member of the Jaycees when he was younger and more recently was a member of the Exchange Club and

Martin County Republicans where he served as Chairman for twenty-five years.

During his free time, Duane enjoyed spending time in the outdoors including hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and horseback riding. He loved carpentry and was able to work as a carpenter while completing college as well as assisting each of his children with remodeling projects at their homes. Duane most loved the time he was able to spend with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Shirley Roloff of Fairmont; children, Denise Mosloski of Fairmont,

MN, Robert (Lindie) Roloff of St. Peter, MN, and Jill (Greg) Denton of Welcome, MN; grandchildren, Emily (Mike) Wubena, Alexa Mosloski, Ashby Roloff, Chloe Denton, and Abbey Denton; great grandchildren, Ella, Evan, and Gavin Wubena; brothers-in-law, Aldean Speckman, and Carroll "Lefty" Luhmann; and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Clarence and Alma Roloff, Duane was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Duane Mosloski; sister, Sharon Luhmann; sister-in-law, Barbara Speckman; and parents-in-law, Harry and Adela Speckman.



Herb P. Sharp, 87

A celebration of life service for Herbert P. Sharp, 87, of Truman, MN, will be held at a lat-

er date with family and friends. Herbert passed away Tuesday morning, November 10, 2020, at his home near Truman. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Herbert Peter Sharp was born on September 29, 1933, in St. James, MN, the son of John and Pauline (Hanson) Sharp. Herb attended school in St. James and then began helping out on the family farm.

On December 26, 1953, Herb was united in marriage to Shirley Ann

Raddatz at the Community Baptist Church in Truman, MN. Together the couple would make their home in Welcome, MN, where Herb worked at the meat locker for a short time before moving to Truman where he and Shirley owned and operated the Truman Locker for many years. The couple would later move to a farm east of Truman. Herb would later work at Armour's in Fairmont until his retirement. In his retirement, Herb began working for S.T.E.P Inc. where he drove bus for clients. Through the years he made many special

connections with those he drove.

Herb enjoyed the satisfaction that came from a hard day's work and spent many long days working in the meat locker taking care of the needs of the community. In his youth, he played baseball and was an extremely talented ballplayer. He was always up for any type of competition, whether it be while shooting trap with Shirley or bowling with family and friends. Herb's passion for sports was evident in his cheering for Minnesota sports teams. He loved the outdoors and looked forward to the

change of the season's and the hunting opportunities that came with it. Herb had a special place in his heart for four-legged creatures, especially dogs and horses. His farm afforded him the opportunity to raise horses which he enjoyed attending shows with. Herb's greatest love was his family. He cherished his wife of over 66 years and looked forward to spending time with his children and grandchildren. Herb was a kind-hearted man who put others first and will be greatly missed.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Shir-

ley Sharp of Truman, MN; son, Jeff Sharp of Truman, MN; daughter, Jennifer Barringer and her husband, Rod of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Ashley Barringer of White Bear Lake, MN, and Megan Barringer of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Anna Mae Curry of St. James, MN, and Sarah Lehman and her husband, Rich of Worthington, MN; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pauline Sharp; brothers, Loren Sharp and Dave Sharp; and a sister, Donna Jean Nagel.



David T. Sukalski, 92

Private Family Services for David T. Sukalski, age 92, of East Chain, MN, will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain. Interment will be in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery with

military honors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. David passed away on Wednesday morning, November 18, 2020, at his home in East Chain. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to Martin County Conservation Club or Holy Family Catholic Church. David Theodore Sukalski was born on September 20, 1928, in Silver Lake Township, Martin County, MN, to Albert and Frances (Mosloski) Sukalski. He was born, was raised and passed away on the Sukalski Family Century Farm. David attended District #6 County School

in Silver Lake Township.

When David was nineteen years old, he began working as a farm hand for his brother, Joseph from 1947 to 1952. On April 7, 1952, David enlisted in the Army where he served with the Airborne Infantry as well as Armored Division. He was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, KY, Camp Carson, CO, and in Mainz, Germany where he worked as a mechanic on M-47, M-48, and Walker Bulldog Tanks. David achieved the rank of Corporal before earning his honorable discharge on April 7, 1954. He continued serving his country until 1960 in the Army Reserve.

On November 20, 1954, David was united in marriage to Virginia

Newville at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, MN. The couple moved onto the Sukalski Family Farm in rural East Chain, MN, on March 1, 1955. It was there that David and Virginia farmed and raised nine children. David and Virginia would have celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on November 20.

When David wasn't working on the farm and prior to his retirement in 1989, he hauled concrete for C.H. Gould, ran a rock crusher for Hodgman & Sons, as well as seining fish for Ernie Hand. David was a member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and was a life-long member of Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain. During his

free time, he enjoyed listening to old time music, caring for his cattle, hunting, fishing, going for nature walks and for Sunday rides. David most loved the time that he was able to spend with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Virginia Sukalski; children, Monica (Thomas) Kellander, Rodney (Lori) Sukalski, Gloria (Michael) Carroll, Lawrence (Diane) Sukalski, LeRoy (Linda) Sukalski, Yvonne (Joel) Macziewski, Colleen (Curt) Grone-wold, Lorraine (Willie) Schmidt, and Harlan Sukalski; 24 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren; brothers-in-law, William Newville (Terra Lexow), Michael (Janice)

Newville, Jack (Rosalie) Newville, and Tom (Peg) Newville; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Albert and Frances Sukalski, David was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Loni Solberg; grandson, David Dwain Sukalski; brothers, Harry (Viola) Sukalski, Joseph (Leona) Sukalski, Edmund (Betty) Sukalski, Lewis (June) Sukalski, and Roy Sukalski; sisters, Agnes (Felix) Lenort, and Leona (Delmar) Lindberg; parents-in-law, Charles "Freeman" and Kathryn Newville; brothers-in-law, Charles Newville, and Robert Newville; and sisters-in-law, Mary (Kenny) Behr, and Doris Newville.



Julie A. Abernathy, 58

Julie Ann Abernathy, 58, of Farrar, Missouri passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO.

She was born August 6, 1962 in Great Bend, KS to John and June (Simon) McLain. June survives in Council Grove, KS.

She and Rev. Roger Abernathy were married February 28, 1981 in Grace Lutheran Church in Midland, TX. He sur-

vives in Farrar, MO.

Julie Ann was an Associate Manager at Pizza Inn in Fruitland. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Farrar. Julie was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother.

The Abernathys are former Fairmont residents. Her husband served at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont for approximately 15 years.

Julie worked as secretary at St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont and also at KFC.

Survivors include four sons, John (Alexandra) Abernathy of Farrar, MO, Joshua (Sarah) Abernathy of Jackson, MO, Nathan (Ginny) Abernathy of Gallipolis Ferry, WV, Caleb (Alexandria) Abernathy of Jackson, MO; daughter, Sarah Lawrence of Hillsboro, MO; brother, Jim (Christine)

McLain of Council Grove, KS; sister, Janet (Teddy) Buchman of Gillette, WY; seven grandchildren, Lillian, Grace, Vivian, Samuel, Amelia, Holden, Elias and two on the way. She was preceded in death by her father and four grandchildren.

Funeral Service was Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Salem Lutheran Church in Farrar with Rev. Wayne Schwiesow officiating and Liturgist

Rev. Michael Kettner.

Burial was at Point Rest Cemetery in Crosstown, MO.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to Salem Lutheran Church in Farrar, Zion Lutheran Church in Crosstown or Calvary Lutheran Church in Council Grove, KS.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Long Term Care Facility Named Outstanding Disability Employer

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Lakeview Methodist Health Services utilizes STEP, Inc. to support eight employees in many job roles, recognized by state organization

Employees with disabilities at Lakeview Methodist Health Services, a long-term care facility in Fairmont, had to step up their efforts when COVID-19 hit. Some months into it, the service provider which supports these individuals nominated the facility for a state level award, and it won.

Lakeview Health was recognized as an Outstanding Disability Employer by the Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation, MOHR, as part of National Disability Employment Awareness

month in October. The award was presented to Lakeview Health Services on Monday, November 16 as part of a small ceremony following Covid 19 guidelines.

"Employers like Lakeview Health tap into this great talent pool and give people with disabilities an opportunity," said Julie Johnson, president of MOHR. "Organizations will be stronger if they hire these talented and dedicated people. They will quickly see the benefits of an inclusive workforce." MOHR represents more than 100 disability service providers across the state.

The business was nominated by STEP, Inc., a disability service provider and MOHR member which assists people to find and maintain jobs. "The biggest responsibility for our job coaches is to set up the employee for

success, not to fail," said Dominique Berg, employment service manager for STEP.

The nonprofit supports eight individuals who were hired directly by Lakeview Health, customizing their approach to each person's needs. The long-term care staff work in laundry, foodservice and custodial operations.

Lakeview Health Food Service Director Dru Egeness said the relationship with STEP began about 15 years ago when the nonprofit sent a person to train in the care facility's kitchen. Egeness was "overjoyed" to make the hire. Individuals from STEP work alongside other staff to complete the work. "It is so great that for the clients I hire with some challenges, STEP provides a coach," she said.

Berg said cooperation and communi-

cation with Lakeview have been strong, and important to the success of each employee. Support levels are flexible as STEP can either ramp up or pull back depending on the response from Lakeview and the individual employee. "We never 'stop and drop off' an employee," said Berg. "We are always there in one capacity or another."

Lakeview Health pays good wages for good employees, the employment service manager said. And, all of the employees are respectful toward the residents. Work hours have increased for some, and that financial growth and added work history is helpful to each individual, he explains. "I see confidence, happiness and a sense of accomplishment in many of the employees," he said.

There are additional

benefits, as well. "I just had a client tell me the other day that he has been at Lakeview for one year, and he was smiling ear to ear!" said Egeness. "Thanks again for the award, and it is my pleasure to have these individuals work for us."

Johnson said employers help people with disabilities to pursue their goals, earn decent wages and contribute to the economy as part of their communities. "Supporting people to live a community connected life is a large part of what MOHR providers do for the people they support."

The commitment of staff supported by STEP at Lakeview Health was tested with the COVID-19 situation as the employer's needs grew. People worked mornings, nights and weekends to keep things running, said Berg, who

highlighted their commitment. Each was considered "essential," and Berg said they assisted others using their gifts and talents.

MOHR's mission is to advocate and support its nonprofit members in providing meaningful services to persons with disabilities and communities served. Members are committed to respect for each individual, a person-centered approach and expanding work opportunities.

Celebrated every October, this year's theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month was "Increasing Access and Opportunity." It celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. The national observance began under a different name in 1945.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Happy Thanksgiving!

This will be the first Thanksgiving in my life that I haven't shared it with extended family, just Pa Lloyd and myself! Hopefully next year will be different. Since Jerrald isn't too fond of turkey we are going to have ham but I am going to make cranberry relish and stuffing and try to make it as festive as I can. I ordered a table top 3 foot Christmas tree yesterday. Usually when our family is here for Thanksgiving we have help with getting our tree down from the store room and setting it up but that won't happen this year I will miss decorating it but I will be able to use some of the decorations on the smaller version. This year will be year of compromise in hopes that we will have future holidays together!

Today I am sharing my cranberry relish recipe with you sometimes I do leave it as relish and sometimes I add it to a large package of raspberry jelly prepared with half the amount of water, add some chopped celery and pecans and call it a salad. It's easier to grind the cranberries if they are frozen or partially thawed and I now use a food processor.

Cranberry Relish

1 pkg. cranberries (4 cups)
4 apples, peeled
2 oranges, peeled with as much as the white removed as you can
1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 1/2 cups to 2 cups sugar

Grind cranberries, apples and oranges, stir in pineapple and sugar. Chill so flavors blend. This freezes great.

Have a great Holiday and stay safe!

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November 14 - Janice R. Cihak, 8, Trimont. Kramer Funeral Home

November 16 - Duane A. Roloff, 88, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

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November 16 - June E. Anders, 96, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

November 16 - James W. Harris, 86, Fairmont. Kramer Funeral Home

November 18 - David T. Sukalski, 92, East Chain. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

November 18 - Cornelia J. Lenz, 98, Fairmont. Lakewview Funeral and Cremation Service

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November 21 - Kathy J. Knox, 71, Fairmont

November 24 - Kenneth R. Michalke, 92, Truman

Holiday Lighting Contest

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Fairmont are encouraging businesses and residents to really light it up this holiday season with a Residential and Commercial Lighting Contest. Winning entries will receive Chamber Gift Certificates. Call or email us with your participation so we can judge your lights!

Contact Julie Zarling at City Hall, julie.zarling@fairmont.org, 507-238-3937 or Kandi at the chamber, info@fairmontchamber.org

507-235-5547 and let us know if you will be participating.

Prize money as follows:

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First place contest winner will be awarded \$125 and second place \$75 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

The contest will judged between December 16 and 19. Winners will be announced Monday, December 21.

Don't forget ... the City of Fairmont offers a rebate on LED holiday lights ~ check out their website for all the details on these and other rebates.

UHD Community Health Survey

Residents in Fairbault and Martin Counties may have an opportunity to shape future healthcare decisions by completing a Community Health Needs Assessment survey being distributed by United Hospital District (UHD). The survey is being mailed to a random sampling of homes in November and December to help UHD identify local health care needs and establish health care priorities.

As explained in the cover letter that accompanies the health survey, UHD is partnering with The National Rural Health Resource Center (the Center) of Duluth, Minnesota to complete the process. The Center will collect the data and ensure the anonymity of survey respondents. The survey seeks to measure opinions about the overall health of the area and identify services or programs that

may be needed. UHD did not provide mailing addresses or patient information.

"We are pleased to participate in this information gathering process, which will bring awareness of community health issues and guide UHD in developing programs to meet identified needs," said Rick Ash, CEO of UHD. "We hope that anyone who receives the survey will enjoy the opportunity to provide input, as their insights are very valuable to us."

If you receive this survey in your mailbox, please take a few minutes to complete the questions. A wide range of participants will ensure a greater representation of the community, so it is very important to know your opinions. Anyone who receives a survey can direct questions or concerns about it directly to the Center by calling Keely Lonetto at 218-216-7041. All surveys should be completed and returned to the Center by the due date of December 14.

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A turkey alternative for intimate Thanksgiving meals

Thanksgiving is steeped in traditions involving familiar foods. Thanksgiving may look a little different this year, and certain customs may need to be modified. If family celebrations are scaled back, perhaps a large turkey that can feed 10 or more will not be needed.

Even if the size of the celebration may be reduced, flavor doesn't have to shrink as well. Families can use this opportunity to try some new foods that can enhance this year's Thanksgiving experience. This recipe for "Poulet au Vinaigre" from "Simple Soirées: Seasonal Menus for Sensational Dinner Parties" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) by Peggy Knickerbocker takes about an hour to get on the table and it's a flavorful dish that can be a succulent and special option for holiday meals.

Poulet au Vinaigre (Serves 6 to 8)

- 12 chicken thighs (about 3 to 4 pounds), bone in
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 shallots, minced
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade
- 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley

Season the chicken generously with salt and pepper to taste. In a large, deep skillet (big enough to hold all chicken fairly close together; or use two skillets), melt 3 table

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Option 2: Set up a virtual visit with us! We will go into the library and browse the stacks for you, using a virtual video call. You can "see" the items and tell us what you want, then swing by later to pick them up from the lobby.

Option 3: Give us an idea of what you're

looking for, like cookbooks or mysteries or books for preschoolers and we will pick out some great titles for you to pick up! Of course, you can always go to our library catalog and request items there as well.

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How to combat isolation and loneliness among older adults

(BPT) - Feeling a sense of connection and belonging with others is a basic human need. But unfortunately for many older adults, social isolation and loneliness are on the rise, especially because of the necessary social distancing since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

The good news is, there are concrete strategies that caregivers and family members alike can take to bring more joy and a sense of play to the lives of the older adults they care about - especially for those who may be coping with cognitive decline, dementia or Alzheimer's.

Many older people could benefit from a focus for their affection, such as a pet, but are no longer capable of caring for one due

to the often-strenuous daily responsibilities or costs associated. Whether you live near or far, providing your loved one with the gift of companionship can make all the difference in their lives.

Pets with purpose To help alleviate loneliness and feelings of isolation, Ageless Innovation created the award-winning line of Joy for All Companion Pets - life-like animatronic animals that help aging adults foster essential social connections, improve their emotional health and well-being and bring joy into their lives.

Recent research conducted by United-Healthcare, AARP Services, and more shows that the introduction of robotic companion pets is helping to

improve the quality of life for older adults as it relates to depression, loneliness, social isolation and all forms of dementia. Nearly a dozen studies showed that the Joy for All Companion Pets had meaningful positive impact on recipients.

Key findings of these studies reveal:

- * Use of robotic companion pets enhance the well-being and quality of life of individuals with dementia

- * Companion pets showed a significant reduction in agitation and social isolation, improving quality of life for both patients and family members

- * Robotic pets may be a feasible way to mitigate behavioral disturbances in patients experiencing ICU delirium

- * Companion pets

are beneficial to decreasing feelings of loneliness

How companion pets make a difference

One insight from the research was that older adults wanted interactive, two-way companionship, so the need for pets that could give love and receive it influenced the design of these companion pets.

Built-in sensors allow them to respond to touch, allowing them to react to their environment. The Companion Pet Cat features VibraPurr technology, mimicking the feeling and sound of a realistic cat purr; and the Companion Pet Pup features built-in Bark-Back technology that responds to voices with playful puppy-like sounds.



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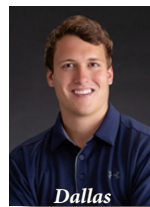
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spoons of the butter in 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken for about 8 minutes, turning so both sides get nicely browned. Transfer the chicken to a deep, broad, ovenproof casserole that can go from the oven to the table. Remove the skillet from the heat and pour off most of the fat.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Place the skillet back over medium heat and add the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add the shallots and garlic and cook for about 1 minute, or until they become translucent. Add the vinegar and wine, and stir up the crispy bits that have stuck to the bottom of the pan. Allow the liquids to cook down a bit, stirring occasionally, for about 8 minutes. Whisk in the tomato paste and let the sauce simmer and condense, about 5 minutes more. Then add the chicken stock, a little at a time. Keep stirring to mix well.

Pour the sauce over the chicken. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes until the chicken is very tender, turning the chicken pieces halfway through, so that both sides are infused with the sauce. Remove one thigh and cut into it to make sure it is done and no red juices flow from the cut.

Remove the casserole from the oven, sprinkle the parsley on top, and serve.

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The real impact of Companion Pets

Patti LaFleur (@MissPattcake on Instagram) gave a Joy for All Companion Pet Pup to her mother Linda, who suffers from dementia, to help ease her feelings of isolation when she couldn't be there. Her mother named her new companion pup "Popcorn."

"I gave Mom someone to talk with and love on and care for," explained LaFleur. "My mom was always a nurturer, but in her dementia world she wasn't able to care for others in the same way. But with Popcorn she could. She could love,

cuddle, nurture and support her."

LaFleur's Instagram posts include lots of pictures of her smiling mother with her beloved companion pet.

Bringing joy and a vital sense of play into aging adults' lives

Finding ways to improve the lives of older adults through play and a sense of connection is vital to their overall well-being. Using approaches ranging from games, crafts and activities to exploring ways to connect virtually can all help to enrich the lives of aging adults who may be feel-

ing isolated right now.

Providing a life-like animal companion is another highly meaningful way to add joy to an older adult's life.

"Developed with extensive input from older adults, Joy for All Companion pets look, sound and feel like real pets, but without the responsibilities of pet ownership," said Ted Fischer, CEO and co-founder of Ageless Innovation. "Giving a Companion Pet Cat or Pet Pup can add a lot of fun and a sense of companionship to your loved one's life."

For the holidays this

year, or in recognition of National Caregivers Month, look for a Companion Pet for your loved one at JoyForAll.com and Amazon.



End 2020 on a high note with these holiday hacks!

(BPT) - While 2020 has been a rollercoaster of emotions for all of us, this year's holiday season doesn't have to be. These hacks will help you navigate the new norm this holiday shopping season - and make sure 2020 ends on a stress-free note.

Channel your inner Clark Griswold.

Go all out with holiday decorating and make your home extra festive this year since everyone will be spending more time at home this holiday season. Missing family members who can't visit this year? Incorporate their photos into your holiday decorations to invoke family memories and to feel closer during this time when so many of us are spending the holidays apart. Cheery decor can improve your entire vibe - so whether you

deck the halls with extra string lights in every room or spice up your bar cart with festive beverages, bring the holiday festivities into your own space and embrace the at-home life.

Shop smarter and protect your packages with in-garage delivery.

If you're planning to do most of your holiday shopping online this year like the majority of Americans, it's even more important than ever to be prepared with a secure and contactless delivery solution like Key by Amazon In-Garage Delivery. Amazon recently expanded the service to millions more Prime members in more than 4,000 cities across the United States. Ensure your gifts, decorations and everything else you need to have a safe and happy celebration are

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Start a new family tradition.

With the holidays looking a bit different this year, our annual traditions may also have a new feel. Since life is slowed down and everyone is snuggled in at home, consider making the most of the situation and putting some extra thought into starting a new family tradition.

Try ordering matching holiday jammies, experimenting with new delicious family recipes (perhaps spark some friendly competition with a bake-off over Zoom?) or maybe even try building an ice-skating rink on your lawn. 2020 has been an unforgettable year, so add some happy memories to the mix.

If you're entertaining and need extra space to spread out, consider your garage.

Your garage is an extension of your home and can be a great place this year to remain socially distant. If you're entertaining and need extra space to spread out, why not utilize your garage? The indoor/outdoor space lets in fresh air and creates additional room for hosting loved ones over the holiday season. Add space heaters, twinkling lights, some festive music and pour the hot cocoa!

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Feeling Blessed

a story by Nyla Gerhardt

October 1, 2020

Brad and I traveled to Duluth for our 43rd Wedding Anniversary, the same destination we went for our honeymoon. We love the Duluth area and have been there for many family vacations and camping trips when our children were young, visited it many times when our son went to college there and for our 40th Anniversary. Now, Brad can no longer drive there, has little energy to walk around the sights, and couldn't remember ever being in Duluth before. He still has a sense of adventure, a sense of humor, enjoys a good meal, and knows how to live in the moment. He remains loving and caring, and for these things I feel so blessed.



Back in 2016 our family started noticing a change in Brad. The first sign for me was when he started teasing the grand kids in a not so kind way, would playfully chase them and tickle them but didn't seem to know when to quit which started to scare the kids. Before this he was a fabulous grandpa, all the grand kids lovingly call him "Papa". He was fun loving, would read to them, watch movies with them, swim with them, give them rides on the lawn mower, and take them to parks, but that was changing. He lost interest in so many things, he would do less, and seemed to care less about other people.

Over the next year we noticed more and more changes, I would mention to Dr. Green the changes we were seeing, and he would say that it sounds like FTD. I finally got the courage to google "FTD". There was a list of 30 symptoms for FTD, and I could identify with about 20

of them in Brad's behaviors. His filtering was gone and he'd say inappropriate things, there was a loss of table manners, and loss of empathy. He seemed anxious. He couldn't sit through an hour church service without getting up 2 or 3 times, and then would go sit in the car until we came out. He was more impulsive but he didn't seem to be aware that anything had changed.

We continued to observe his changes and Dr. Green was spot on from the beginning in his assumptions. After many trials and months of waiting, we were able to get in to see a Neurologist at Mayo in Rochester. We signed up to be part of the Alzheimer research program which added more visits, more tests, and included about five different types of brain scans which are usually very expensive. In August of 2018 Brad was diagnosed with Behavioral Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD). Even though we pretty much knew what the diagnosis was going to be, it's gut wrenching to hear the Neurologist actually say the words "Brad has Frontotemporal Degeneration."

Together we listened to the neurologist and the doctors explain it. We learned that FTD first brings progressive changes to personality, language, decision making, behavior, and movement. Then it progresses to memory loss. We were told there are no treatments, no way to slow it down, no cure, and the average life expectancy is seven to 13 years after the start of the symptoms. We would leave the clinic and all Brad would say is, "I don't think I have this as bad as everyone else does, I think it's just old age." Brad took it calmly, I however was devastated. Anyone that knows me, knows I am an emotional person. I cried every day for six months, trying to hide the tears and cope at the same time. It wasn't until I studied it more, prayed more and accepted the fact that this is what he really had, that I began telling people about it. It was still difficult and tearful, but my thinking was the more people know about it, the more they will understand his actions and look out for him, the less embarrassment and danger for all. One of the wonderful things about living in a small town is people know you, they are compassionate and they look out for each other. Brad's hobby became driving around in his truck, the drives became more like patrolling the area. I invested in a "Hum" through Verizon so I could track his truck in case he got lost, but he knew the city and county well and getting lost wasn't a problem. He was averaging 500 miles a week driving around. In January of 2020 his decision making about driving in bad weather, slippery roads and snowstorms were questionable, and so it was decided it was time to end the driving. He took it amazingly well and has left the driving to me ever since.

Looking back, I feel so blessed that Dr. Green was so knowledgeable on FTD and identified the symptoms right away. I have talked to other FTD caregivers and heard their stories of misdiagnosis. So many cases are first misdiagnosed as mental illness. It usually takes an average of three to five years and several expensive brain scans to get a correct diagnosis of FTD. It took us about six months to find the correct medications to help Brad with some of the symptoms. Like other disorders, there are meds to help control the behaviors but nothing that cures the disease. We tried many combinations of medications, some with horrible side effects, but again, with Dr. Green's help we were able to come up with a combi-

nation to help level off some of the behaviors, anxieties and sleeping issues. Medications need continuous attention with the progression of the disorder. We've had to make tweaks here and there to keep up.

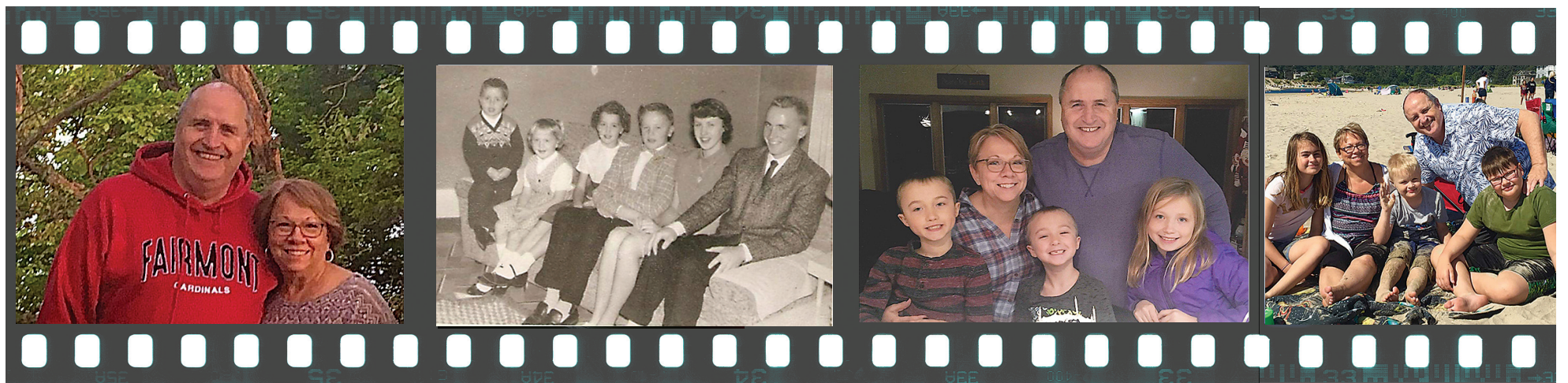
Born in 1957 to Paul and Gloria Gerhardt, Brad was the sixth child with his oldest brother being 15 years older. In one of his mom's many poems, she referred to him as the "Heavenly Bundle" which his siblings like to keep teasing him about to this day. He grew up on a farm west of Fairmont where he learned good work ethic. When he and his family get together the room is filled with stories of growing up on the "Belle Vue" farm, stories of how hard they had to work on the dairy farm, how strong their dad Paul was, how much their mother Gloria cooked and cleaned, the tricks they'd pull on each other, swimming with their neighbor Dale Stade, fun times with their Uncle Albert and Aunt Gladys and their cousins Allen, Dick, Tim and Jack. When he was 12 they moved to the farm by the radio station where they had livestock including dairy cows, and were grain farmers. Brad went to grades one through 12 at the Fairmont Public Schools. In high school he was in choir, plays, gymnastics, football and track.



After graduation he went one year to South Dakota State University in Brookings on a gymnastic scholarship. The next year he went to Alexandria Technical College to follow his dream to be in law enforcement. It was there that we met. Our first date was January 7, 1977 and it was minus 36 degrees out - his car wouldn't start so I volunteered to drive. We talked for hours that night and I learned about his childhood, his family, farming, that if he ever had a son he would name him Scott and his dream was to someday be a Sheriff in Martin County. (Mmmm, funny how that worked out).

I was 18 and Brad was 19, we fell in love and were engaged in three months and married six months later, October 1, 1977. Brad had one year of school left, so we moved into a little apartment in downtown Alexandria just above the theater. I worked at the TV station that was a block away while Brad went to school and took a job as a night auditor at Arrowwood Lodge. After graduation from Alexandria, Brad was hired as a City Police Officer in Breckenridge MN and I got a job at the First Farmers Bank.

Brad was a police officer in Breckenridge, MN from 1978-1984. During that time, we made a lot of good friends, had two sons, Scott and Lukas and purchased our first house. Brad had always wanted to move back to his hometown, so when there was an opening on the Fairmont Police Department he applied, and was hired in 1984. We purchased a home in Fairmont that happened to be in the back yard of the house he grew up



The private Facebook group called “**The Associate for Frontotemporal Degeneration**” (AFTD) is a compassionate, effective support group. In my effort to spread FTD Awareness, I have asked the AFTD FB group what they would like others to know about FTD and here are some of their responses.

1. All FTDer’s are different, they don’t all have the same symptoms or level of awareness or rate of progression.

2. Family and friends are very important, encourage people to set a regular call or visit schedule and keep to it.

3. People with FTD can’t control how they behave and the bizarre things they may say, filtering is affected. Be understanding and kind.

4. The symptoms mimic so many other illnesses that it is hard to diagnose. FTD is often mistaken for Alzheimer’s, FTD is the most common form of dementia for people under the age of 60

5. As Caregivers, some days we can pull it together only to fall apart.

6. To those who serve the public, if you meet up with a younger person who doesn’t seem “normal” they could be dealing with early onset dementia, please be patient.

7. Dementia is like cancer in one way. There are many different kinds of Cancer like colon cancer, breast cancer, brain cancer, etc. There are many different kinds of Dementia like FTD, Lewy Bodies, Vascular, Alzheimer’s etc ..

8. The changed personality in FTD can be mistaken for depression, midlife crisis, marriage problems, or money problems. If they aren’t acting quite right, think neurology first, not psychology.

9. Please treat us as adults, talk to us as adults, the adults we were before

we were struck with FTD. Do not shun us, even just a smile and wave and say hi makes us feel like people.

10. A segment on 60 minutes called “FTD the cruelest disease you’ve never heard of”. Remember, in the beginning it presents itself as personality changes.

11. Its still unknown how many cases there are, but in young people with neuro degeneration, frontotemporal dementia is a big one. So, if you see someone who is suffering dementia at a younger age-strong likelihood that its FTD.

12. For Facts about FTD, go to www.theaftd.org

in. We made the big move and three months later our third son, Christopher was born. Brad started as a patrolman, through promotions he advanced to Sergeant, and then to Lieutenant. He was a dedicated officer, loving father and loved watching his sons play sports. I was a stay at home mom for four years and taught aerobics on the side. In 1989 I worked part time for the Erickson Law Firm, and in 1994 I started working for Bank Midwest.

Brad was hired by KSUM as a sports announcer for high school sports which he did for 20 years and loved every minute of it. Brad also loved singing. He sang in a barbershop chorus, several quartets, church choirs, and performed in several Civic Summer Theatre productions. In 2003 he ran for the Martin County Sheriff’s Office and was elected. He held this position for eight years before retiring in 2011 after a successful 33-year career in law enforcement. He was now 53. He enjoyed his first 18 months of retirement remodeling the house, traveling, spending time with grand kids, and improving our lake lot. Then as many law enforcement retirees do, he started a part time job. He worked at Fleet and Farm Supply for seven years while still enjoying all the other things he loved to do. And then he was struck with FTD at the age of 61. I feel blessed he wasn’t struck with this in his 40’s like so many have. Brad had a chance to fulfill his law enforcement dreams, we were able to raise our family together, to travel and experience being grandparents.

We’ve always loved to travel, took vacations and went camping when our kids were small. Once we had an empty nest we started taking long road trips, flying places, and cruises. After the diagnoses and not knowing how much more we would be able to travel, we went to Portland and Montana for possibly the last time, to see the grand kids, had a wonderful time in short segments as he tires so quickly. We did some of our bucket list trips - we went on a 16-day Panama Canal Cruise in March 2018 and a 13-day Mediterranean Cruise in October 2019. We had a wonderful time along with some challenging events, but I wouldn’t trade those experiences for anything. The behavioral part of FTD left us with some funny stories, as you have to keep your humor to survive. We went with four couples we had cruised with before, and they encouraged us to go along, even though they knew of Brad’s disorder. They were and still are such a blessing and helped me look out for our Brad on the cruise and the excursions. We took lots of pictures of the trips to help Brad remember them, but many of the memories are lost now. Someone asked me why we took these trips if he isn’t going to remember any of it?

My response was, it was for the experience, because he was having such an awesome time at that time . . . we are living for the moment. The moment he would look over the waters and close his eyes and smile as the wind would bring the mist to his face, for the moments when we would watch the sunsets over the ocean, for the moments when he would be able to stay awake the whole day and climb the streets of Rome, Santorini, Athens and the bus ride and winery in the Tuscan Valley. For the midnight, 3 AM, and 6 AM walks along the quiet ship decks, or the restaurant stops in the middle of the night. We would explore one day and he would need to sleep for two days. Even though we would miss going into the ports on those two days, we could still see a lot from the ship in a more relaxing way, he could sleep, and we were together. I feel so blessed we were able to travel because those traveling days are over now. Staying in motels now is a challenge as he likes to get up and walk at night. At home he stays in the house but at hotels the halls intrigue him. I bring a door alarm to hotels so I wake up when the walks begin, but suffice to say we are both more comfortable staying in our own home now.

We still can go for a day trips here and there, but he will be

totally exhausted the next day and sleep all day. He’s lost interest in most things but still enjoys going out to eat, going for car rides, watching Bonanza, Andy Griffith, and Practical Jokers on TV. On our outings, I try to take him to familiar places, walks at Cedar Creek Park reminds him of his childhood when his Uncle Albert had that land and his cows would graze there. He and his cousins would often be sent out there to bring in the cows. Eating places like Jakes Pizza and Eddies brings back great memories of growing up in Fairmont.

Some of the more unique effects of FTD is food choices, the frontal lobe of the brain controls the sweet tooth so his staple is and has been Honey Nut Cheerios and sugar frosted mini wheats. He eats them as meals and as snacks constantly. This disorder causes him to over eat things he really likes so I have to container his daily limit of Cheerios, milk, apples and bananas and hide the rest. Another interesting behavioral thing that FTD has caused him to do is read road signs out loud, count things like cars, wires on highlines, garage doors, and birds in the sky or ducks on the lake. He likes to eat out, but doesn’t like crowds and gets anxious if I take too long to eat. His interest span to watch TV or a movie is about 15-20 minutes. His favorite two things to do are eat and sleep. On an average day he will sleep 15-20 hours if we don’t have anything going on. If we go on an outing it usually can’t last more than 3-4 hours as he tires very quickly. FTD has also affected his singing voice, but he can still whistle any tune without missing a note. We have installed cameras in the house and an Alexa Eco so I can keep track of him in the house when I’m at work. We have a tracker watch and another GPS faub in his shoe so he can go for walks. I have gone down to 4 days a week at work. We have hired a PCA who is an angel to come stay with Brad 2 days a week with family filling in as well. The past several months, the FTD has advanced and is now affecting his memory, both long term and short term, but again I am so blessed that he doesn’t get upset about this, it’s just kind of “oh well” when he can’t remember something.

Since the diagnosis, we are trying to live one day at a time and appreciate each one of those days, and each minute we can spend together. I am trying to be patient and understand that he can’t help it the way he is right now, though I know he is really trying to please me. His sense of humor is still there and he likes to make me laugh, so sometimes we get down right silly so I join in and share the fun and laughter. His world is much happier than mine sometimes, so I welcome the chance to go to his. I feel so blessed that Brad is the way he is, some that have this brain disorder become mean, physically violent and uncontrollable. Brad has not, he is more kind than ever, always says thank you for everything I do for him, he is mellow, cooperative most of the time, and again has a great relationship with our grandkids. Don’t get me wrong, we do have our share of challenges but together with an awesome doctor, phycologist and family we are getting along.

So, I found out, life goes on and everyone has something these days. And though FTD is certainly a cruel, unfair and devastating disease with no treatment or cure, it has made me appreciate every moment we have together, I would never wish this on anyone, but it makes you realize how precious time is and not take your time for granted with those you love.

Thanks to Nyla and Brad for sharing their journey as a reminder how blessed we are this holiday season. Plus if anyone else has a story they would like to share, please send to the Photo Press. Happy Thanksgiving for all of the staff at Fairmont Photo Press.



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New Mayo health column

Mayo Clinic Health System is starting a new weekly column in the Photo Press, titled "Hometown Health Connection."

Each week, a provider at Mayo Clinic Health

System, Fairmont will cover a health related issue.

This week, Dr. Jeffrey Green's column focuses on how everyone can help slow the spread of Covid-19. See Dr. Green's piece on page 14 of this week's Photo Press.

Remembering Herb Russ - a champion for Kinship

The first and only time I met Herb Russ was a couple of years ago after the passing of his wife June. A few of our Kinship mentees and I got together to make popcorn balls for him, from June's own recipe. It was something she was well known for and making and sharing them was a way she shared joy to those around her. We stopped by for a visit to offer our condolences and extend to him in a small way the gratitude we had for her life.

We were saddened to hear the news of the passing of Herb earlier this October. I think his memory is summed up in the words my fellow Kinship director: "I never knew him, and yet I am familiar with him as his name comes up in stories about Kinship and the Kinship house." It's true - though I only met him once, there is no mistake in my mind that Herb's life and legacy are inextricably woven into the fabric of Kinship.

Even though Herb was well known by many, it wasn't because he demanded attention - quite the opposite. Others described him as a quiet presence - but big on making sure Kinship and the kids

had what they needed. Another board member who knew him well went on to say that when you were in the presence of Herb, you felt welcomed with his soft smile and demeanor. He was a pillar of Kinship with compassion, expertise and a keen mind for what needed to be done to run a program that was beneficial for youth.

As a member of St. John UCC and forward thinker, he orchestrated the generous giving of their parish home to be the Home of Kinship. He rallied the church members to paint, decorate and make the house a home that was kid friendly. Herb remained the valued liaison with

the church to keep our home maintained.

Herb could be counted on to help with every Kinship activity. Even when using a walker, he bravely came out to the fairgrounds to help with the Kinship sale. When he could no longer physically attend, he would still offer June's famous popcorn balls for the kids.

He was our greatest financial supporter. Because Herb was so respected, he garnered many donations for Kinship. After Herb and June were somewhat restricted and living at Goldfinch, I would bring 100's of letters and thank you cards for donors which he would

graciously sign and take the effort to write personal notes on them. His generosity extended to his children who have and continue to support Kinship. Instead of birthday gifts, Herb would ask that people donate to Kinship. He suggested amounts in the number of years old he was which was substantial as he reached his 90's.

Herb was tried and true Kinship, a fine man with a strong passion for what Kinship is about.

His was a life well lived - and we at Kinship are grateful for it.

Jen Kahler

On behalf of the staff and board at Kinship of Martin County



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Chera Sevcik earns state award

The Local Public Health Association of Minnesota (LPHA) announces that Chera Sevcik, Executive Director and Community Health Services Administrator for

Faribault and Martin Counties Health and Human Services, is the recipient of the 2020 LPHA Emerging Leader Award.

This annual award recognizes emerging

local public health leaders who go above and beyond to move public health work forward. Ms. Sevcik was selected for her leadership in public health at the state and local levels.

"Chera's advocacy for public health, representation of local public health on various groups at the local and state level, willingness to mentor new public health staff and leaders, and efforts to convene leaders within her region exemplifies the spirit of this award," said Richard Scott, LPHA Chair and Public Health Division Director at Carver County Public Health.



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CHALLENGES IN SETTING 2021 LAND RENTAL RATES

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FOCUS ON AG
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Once harvest is completed in any given year, farm operators and non-farm landowners begin the tenuous task of negotiating annual land rental rates for the following crop year. Approximately 60-70 percent of the crop land in the Upper Midwest is under a land rental agreement, and most rental agreements are negotiated on an annual basis. Arriving at equitable land rental rates for the 2021 crop year is even more of a challenge, given the variable crop yields in 2020 and the unexpected rise in grain market prices, as well as fairly high levels of government farm program payments during 2020.

In the past, many land rental arrangements have been between farm operators and landlords that usually have known each other quite well, sometimes being neighbors or family members. However, in recent years, more and more land ownership has been transferred to family members or family trusts outside of the local area where the land is located. Some landowners are hiring the services of a land management company to represent them in land rental negotiations. Many times, farm operators have had very limited previous working relationships with the newer landlords or those representing landowners. This can lead to more challenges when negotiating annual land rental rates, especially during more highly volatile economic times in crop farming, such as we are now experiencing.

Crop producers in the Upper Midwest are indicating mixed crop production results in 2020. Some producers are reporting corn and soybean yields that are well above average, while producers in other areas had average to below average yields, due to severe storms and drought late in the growing season. Many farm operators in portions of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa had corn yields that were 10 percent above their 10-year crop insurance actual production history (APH) yields in 2020, after having corn yields that were 10-20 percent or more below long-term average yields in 2019.

This points out why it is best to use the updated 10-year APH yields, or other verifiable historical yield data, to make yield projections for cash rental rate estimates for the coming year.

Cash corn prices have remained fairly low over the past five years (2016-2020), though recently there have been some signs of slight improvement due to the variable crop yields this year. Soybean prices were also quite low from 2018-2020, following the Chinese tariffs on U.S. soybean imports. Up until 2018, China had been importing approximately one-third of the U.S. soybean production on an annual basis; however, U.S. soybean export levels to China in 2019 were only a fraction of what they were prior to the trade war. Since the initiation of the Phase 1 trade agreement with China earlier this year, U.S. export levels to China for both corn and soybeans have been increasing again. The projected added export levels to China have greatly reduced the estimated U.S. corn and soybean carryover levels by the end of the 2020-21 marketing year.

USDA is currently projecting the national average soybean market price for the 2020-21 marketing year at an average of \$10.60 per bushel, compared to final national average price of \$8.57 per bushel for 2019-20. USDA is estimating the national average corn price for the 2019-20 marketing year at an average of \$4.00 per bushel, compared to \$3.56 per bushel for 2019-20. However, it should be noted that the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Southern Minnesota is recommending using \$3.50 per bushel for corn and \$9.00 per bushel for soybeans as planning prices for farm operating loans for the 2021 crop year. Even though there is some current strength in local grain markets, forward price bids for the Fall of 2021 are currently much lower. It is probably not realistic to base 2021 cash rental rates on projected prices of near \$4.00 per bushel for corn and over \$10.00 per bushel for soybeans.

Many farm operators have received some Coronavirus Food Aid Program (CFAP) payments in 2020 to compensate for a portion of the financial loss that resulted from the depressed market prices and the mar-

ket disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. In addition, some producers received 2019 farm program payments and disaster payments in 2020, due to crop losses that occurred in 2019. These various government payments did not totally account for the financial loss incurred by many farm operators in 2019 and early 2020, especially livestock producers and farmers in areas with greatly reduced crop yields in either 2019 or 2020. Given current crop commodity prices, 2020 farm program payments in 2021 are not likely to be widespread, and USDA has indicated that farmers should not plan on CFAP-type disaster payments again in 2021. As a result, farm program payments and other short-term disaster payments should not be factored into 2021 cash rental agreements.

Average crop input expenses for crop production in Upper Midwest, excluding land costs have remained somewhat stable in recent years and expense estimates for 2021 are not expected to show any major increases. Costs for operating interest in 2021 are likely to be stable or lower, due to stable interest rates and potentially reduced levels of farm operating debt at the end of 2020. Production costs are highly variable from farm-to-farm,

depending on fertility level, availability of livestock manure, and farm operator efficiency.

In many cases, landlords reduced land rental rates a few years ago, due to the lower commodity prices and very tight cash flow margins. Now landlords are wondering if 2021 is the time to re-adjust land rental rates to a slightly higher level; however, there continues to be a high level of volatility in commodity prices and considerable uncertainty in ag policy. Serious and honest negotiation between farm operators and landlords will be required to arrive at equitable rental rates for 2021 and beyond. One alternative in lieu of increasing land rental rates that landlords may want to consider for 2021 would be to set up a "flexible cash rent agreement" with a farm operator.

A flexible lease would have provisions to increase the final annual rental rate in the event of exceptional crop yields and/or higher than anticipated crop prices in 2021. A good flexible lease sets a reasonable "base rental rate" that is based on average crop yields, typical production costs, and projected 2020 prices. The final cash rent adjustments should be based on actual 2021 crop yields and crop market prices in the Fall of 2021, with any rental rate adjustments occurring on the final land rental payment for the year. If the "base rental rate" is set higher than realistic breakeven levels for the farm operator, the flexible lease will not be very effective to address any

added financial risk for the farm operator.

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, has prepared an updated Information Sheet titled: "Flexible Lease Agreements for 2021." To receive a free copy of this Information sheet and other land rental information, contact Kent Thiesse at: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com

Iowa State University has some very good resources on flexible cash leases and written cash rental lease contracts, in-

cluding sample cash rental contracts, which are available on their "Ag Decision Maker" web site, which is located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/>.

Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal, MN. Phone (507) 381-7960;

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Martin Luther High School, Northrop Knights4Life members Jade Kitzerow, Ella Bolen, and Emily Sokoloski along with Advisor Rebecca Oerman recently participated in the "Stop the Silence" virtual 5K/half-marathon in support of Corrie's House, which will be a safe home in the Twin Cities that offers aftercare rehabilitation to girls who have been sexually exploited. (Submitted photo)

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Ms. Sevcik has developed relationships across the state to advance the work of public health and serves on several statewide and community work groups and boards. She has also recently taken on a joint Health and Human Services Director role, while balancing the changing duties of local public health brought on by the

COVID-19 pandemic.

The award is administered by the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota, which works to achieve a strong and equitable public health system through leadership and collective advocacy on behalf of the public health organizations of Minnesota's city, county, and tribal governments.

FHS Trap Team completes fall season

The Fairmont High School Trap Team competed in the USA Clay Target league fall season for the first time this year. After having to cancel our spring season, we chose to compete in the fall league. Thirty two students completed the event.

Because of COVID the league let teams to shoot with a flexible schedule and now will be posting our results during the month of November. We will be placed in a conference based on number of shooters and each

week team results will be posted mnclaytarget.com.

We want to congratulate all shooters. Here are our top shooters' individual results for the fall league. Results are out of 250 possible clay targets.

High Over All (HOA) - Jackson Francis 239

High Over All Female - Gracie Ziemer 189

High Senior - Jackson Francis 239

High Junior - Ethan Stenzel - 161

High Sophomore - Adam Wohhuter - 204

High Freshman - 189
Ethan Geerdes - 185
High 8th Grader -
Ethan Madsen - 189,
Caiden Padgett -

High 7th Grader -
Klay Beemer - 189
High 6th Grader Dane
Breitbart - 149



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WARRANTY DEEDS

Dustin L. Frank to Robert T. Krahmer, Pt. SW¼, 7-102-32

Lois Herrig, Atty.-in-fact, Berneil M. Wenner, Leon Wenner, Atty.-in-fact, Neil Wenner, Atty.-in-fact to Lois Herrig, Leon Wenner, Neil Wenner, Pt. NW¼ w/ease-

ments, 4-104-33

Darwin G. Peterson, Roberta A. Peterson to Avis L. Wakey, Thomas W. Wakey, Pt. Lots 16 and 15 w/ease-ments, West Addition Northrop

Synjin McKay Haugen, Synjin Kay Haugen to Tony Weiss, Lot 6, Block 28, Original Plat Triumph

Tony Dean Weiss to Synjin Haugen, Lots 1 and 2, Block 21, Original Plat Triumph

Diane M. Nelson, Thomas R. Nelson to Dustin E. Kennedy, Jessie A. Kennedy, Pt. NW¼, 14-101-33

Joann L. Hilgendorf, John V. Hilgendorf to John E. Hilgendorf, Tamara Hilgendorf, Pt. W½NE¼, 13-103-32

Joann L. Hilgendorf, John V. Hilgendorf to John E. Hilgendorf, Tamara Hilgendorf, Pt. NE¼SE¼ w/ease-ment, 13-103-32

John E. Hilgendorf, Tamara Hilgendorf to John E. Hilgendorf, Tamara Hilgendorf, Pt. NE¼SE¼ w/ease-ment, 13-103-32

Bonita Baarts, Bonnie Baarts, Larry Baarts to City of Truman, Pt. E½SE¼, 9-104-30

Dennis Neuenschwander, Shirley Neuenschwander to Katie Meger, Curtis L. Schultz, Lot 6, block 7, Ext. to Young's Addn.

Bridgit Jean Eckmann, Jacob Eckmann, Bridgit Jean Tenney to Zachri volgarino, Lot 12, Block 2, Fairview

Addn.

Dennis Harder, Kelli Harder to Akhyani Andriani, William Henry Hoyles, Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Original Plat Monterey

1023 Blue Earth LLC to Goldlion Property LLC, Lot 10, Pt. Lots 11, 12, Block 4, Smiths Addn.

Cherry Harris, Dennis J. Harris to Brandon Ulrich, Erin Ulrich, Lot 6, Block 1, Fred Stade Amber Lake Addn.

Brittany Weiss, Coty A. Weiss to Laurinda W. Porter, Lot 4, Block 1, Gilberts Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Christine I. Nelson to Diane M. Nelson, Thomas R. Nelson, Pt. NW¼, 14-101-33

Caitlin Nielsen, Eric Nielsen to Joann L. Hilgendorf, John V. Hilgendorf, Pt. SE¼, Pt. NE¼, 13-103-32

Jennifer Barringer, Atty.-in-fact, Shirley A. Sharp to Jeffrey Sharp, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 17-104-29

Sheryl Van Rooyen, Timothy Van Rooyen to Christen Bettin, Daren Bettin, Lot 1, Block 1, Center Creek Addn., Granada

Kevin J. Cole, Marla R. Cole to Kevin J. Cole, Marla R. Cole, Lot 1, Block 1 Haas Addn.

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Craig S. Cain, Dave A. Cain, Debra A. Smith to Monica Chukuske, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 7-102-32

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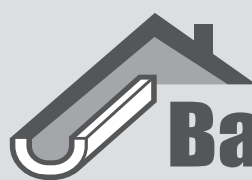


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve Flohrs via WebEx (videoconferencing due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic). Commissioners present were Flohrs, Smith, Belgard, and Koons. Commissioner District #2 is vacant. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public (via WebEx).

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

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the November 3, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following additions: 9.13 Consider Purchases for County Allocated CARES Funding and Building Improvement Projects; and add to 9.2 Minnesota DNR Notification-Acceptance of Donation. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve to expend \$10,000.00 from the County's Tax Forfeited Land Fund to share in the demolition cost of a hazardous building, Parcel #38-060-0310, at 105 North Main Street in Sherburn, MN. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution approving the re-appointment of Les Anderson, Glen Friedrich, and Marlow Nickel to serve on the Red Rock Rural Water System Board for another 4-year term beginning on January 1, 2021 and will expire on December 31, 2024. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of November, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the renewal Contract Agreement for Medical Examiner Services by Dr. Kelly Mills, M.D., effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve revisions to the Martin County Sheriff's Office Fee Schedule including removal of fees that are no longer provided by the Sheriff's Office; and to categorize remaining items in proper categories on the Sheriff's Office Fee Schedule. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair and other required staff to sign the FY2019 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement Contract Amendment with revisions to the Term of Grant Agreement (from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021) and Grantee's Reporting Duties (from February 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022). Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the re-appointment of Bob Lintelman and Chuck Poppe to serve an additional three-year term on the Planning Commission effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to accept the resignation of Ben Huntley as Planning as Zoning Technician, effective November 20, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize recruitment to fill the Planning and Zoning Technician vacancy in the Planning and Zoning Office. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Schneider Geospatial Professional Services Agreement for Beacon Software and Maintenance and GIS System Support in the amount of \$14,628.00/year for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the Martin County Coordinator's Office to advertise for bids for designation of the official newspaper for Martin County for the year 2021. Bids are due in Coordinator's Office by 12 noon on Monday, December 14, 2020. Bid opening will be held on December 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin County Courthouse – Commissioners Meeting Room – First Floor; with Bid Award at the January 5, 2021 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to appoint staff as voting delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Annual Conference to be held virtually on December 7, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to re-appoint Commissioner Belgard as voting delegate, and Jessica Korte, Auditor/Treasurer, as voting alternate to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCT) to be held virtually on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the following project purchases and that the County CARES Funds will be used for the following projects: Highway Department – proposed replacement of restroom fixtures to touchless fixtures in the amount of \$7,700.00, proposed technology upgrades with RT Vision Software Highway Cost Accounting and Time Keeping to be linked to Ascensis Payroll Program in the amount of \$9,330.00, and proposed technology upgrades and equipment, i.e. laptops and surfaces, in an estimated amount of \$15,000.00; and Auditor/Treasurer's Office purchase and installation of desk panels for 4 work stations in the amount of \$11,119.44. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the replacement of two (2) entry doors and hardware and approve the bid quote received from Fairmont Glass & Sign in the amount of \$5,319.00 (install doors and hardware); and to approve the construction of a counter for the Planning and Zoning Office and to approve the bid quote received from Paradis Construction and Remodeling LLC in the amount of \$2,531.12. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Renaissance Roofing to hook-up to existing gas feed to the existing rooftop units for usage of natural gas for heating the enclosure around the courthouse dome so work can be done during the winter months; and that Renaissance Roofing will pay for the required hook-up and reimburse the County for usage of the natural gas for the project as determined by the County. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and award the low quote for the JD #74 Main Tile Reroute Repair to Beemer Companies of Fairmont, MN in the amount of \$54,830.00; and authorizes the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign and execute the necessary documents for the listed project. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to deny abatement of property taxes to be levied by the County on Parcel ID No. 038-725-0010 and Parcel No. 038-725-0020, in the City of Sherburn. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution denied this 3rd day of November, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on November 3, 2020, and includes the Highway Department bills and Drainage bills as presented. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize placement of Renaissance Roofing/ISG Martin County Dome Replacement Project sign on the front lawn of the Martin County Courthouse. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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

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

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November 22, 1995
Pictured were Ellis Saxton, Grand Marshall of the

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Martin County West High School in Sherburn is accepting applications for **Elementary Assistant Principal**.

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selected as an entrant in the 1996 Miss Minnesota Teen USA Pageant. Brandis was a ninth grader at Fairmont High School.

Fairmont American Legion Auxiliary members Arlene Saxton, Americanism Chairman and President Dolores Schuster presented a new American flag to Martin Luther High School in Northrop. VFW Auxiliary members Irene Borowiak and Sharon Pierce presented a new outdoor flag to the Fairmont Middle School.

"The president keeps telling us that recovery is just around the corner - that from a man who works in an oval office?"

The Fairmont High School Class of 1946 announced the winners of two \$300 scholarships, Donna Fitzpatrick and Chris Burke, both of Fairmont.

The back page of this week's Photo Press was used by Plaza Bazaar to advertise its 1st Anniversary and Christmas Open House. Plaza Bazaar and Quilt Store was located at 203 Downtown Plaza.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

November 22, 1970

Gayl Finn of Chicago, the former Gayl Kerns of Sherburn, passed away at the age of 64 at her home. She was valedictorian of the Sherburn High School Class of 1924. Lynn Kerns of Fairmont was a brother

City Attorney Charles Zierke resigned, saying he thought there might be a conflict of interest, since his partner, attorney Elton Kuderer, had been elected Martin County Attorney. Both were members of the law firm of Erickson Zierke, Utermarck and Kuderer in Fairmont.

Scout leaders of North Star District elected new officers. The district included Martin and Jackson counties and the south half of Cottonwood and Watonwan counties. Bill Small of Fairmont was district chairman.



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Financial Focus

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Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns – such as expenses. How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college – rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

- Save money in your name – not your child's. FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.

- Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid. Many of your current as-

sets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

- Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA. The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

- Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA. Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC – plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account. Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59 ½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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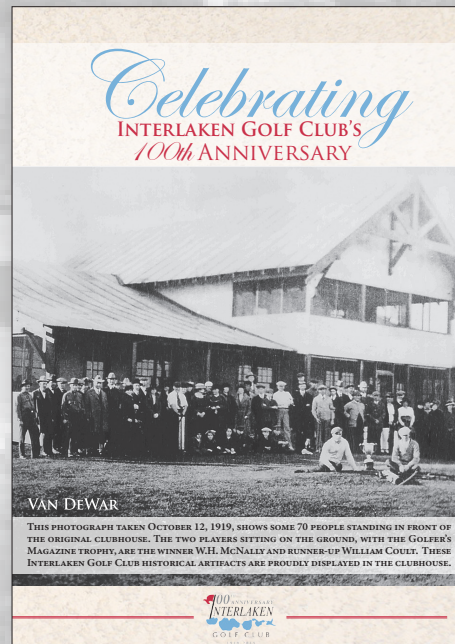
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VOLLEYBALL SENIORS - The Cards (1-8) lost their season-ending Big South Conference cross-over match in Pipestone Friday night 3-0. Seniors include, pictured left to right - Maddy Schwieger, Bryn Miller, Natalie Tonne, Sabrina Segar, Madysen Allen and Kaitlyn Scott. Managers, right, Acacia Schmidt and Alex Dorow. Submitted photo.



SWING PASS - Cards running back Noah Nelson catches a pass from Zach Jorgens and picks up good yardage. The Cards downed Watertown-Mayer 35-6 last Friday night in Watertown. The Cards were scheduled to play Luverne in the playoffs but with Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's COVID-19 season ending ruling #1 Luverne played #2 Sibley East for the section championship and won 44-6. The Cards played the Royals ahead of the Governor's Saturday deadline. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



ROYAL SACK - Cards Gavin Rodning sacks Royals QB Albert Rundle. Rodning scored a touchdown on one of Zach Jorgensen's four TD passes. Eli Anderson caught the other three with Jorgensen running in the final score. The Cards ended the pandemic shortened season with a 2-3 record. Watertown-Mayer ended their season with a 2-6 record. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



GO BIG RED - The Fairmont cheerleader squad led the crowd in a cheer at the chilly Watertown-Mayer football game. Team member's include - Seniors: McKenzie Johnston (Captain), Audrianna Lewison (Captain) Jacalyn Reischl, Faith Heille, Hali Wiebe, Erin Hoch, Kari Maier. Juniors: Lily Steuber (Captain), Mariana Reyes, Bailey Jahnke. Sophomore: Misty Geerdes. Freshmen: Thea Peterson, Payton Smith. 8th Grade: Hailey Worden. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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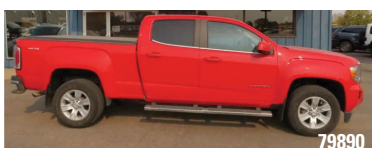
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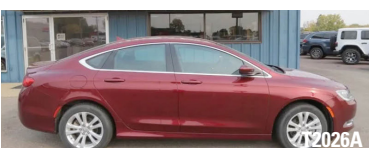
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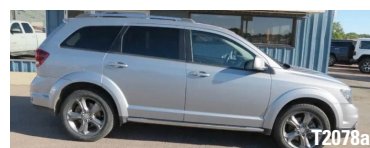
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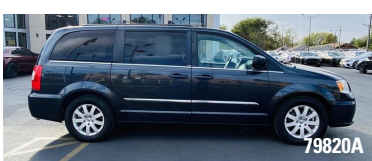
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