

Inside this Issue:

Farmers are Essential Pages 5, 6, 7, 8

Martin County/City Legals Pages 9, 10, 11

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S.POSTAGE
PAID
FAIRMONT, MN
PERMIT NO. 192

PhotoPress

Only good news

Wednesday
April 15, 2020

Volume 56 | Number 49

SERVING MARTIN COUNTY PLUS ADJACENT MINNESOTA & IOWA COUNTIES 2020 Martin County & City of Fairmont Legal Newspaper

The Drives

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



We are more fortunate than most. We live on a farm hoping for isolation from the spread of corona virus. We follow the directions by staying away from people and being careful with groceries, mail, and any other contact with others. We are in our twenty-first day of such

isolation. We stay in contact with family and others by use of cell phones. Hearing other voices makes things easier. Such conversations make us even more aware of how wide-spread the illness is and how it is affecting so many people. It is truly our community.

Social distancing is something that has to be done. We are doing our best! However, we consider ourselves lucky during this time. We can get in the pickup and drive. THE DRIVES take us to places where we would rarely go. It takes us on secondary roads that are seldom

used. It takes us to many of the area's smaller communities. It gives us a better appreciation of each. Many had their own school at one time. We followed our children to these schools when our children were in sports, band, choir, and other activities. Going to these towns was a "regular" thing at that time. Many of those smaller schools have merged into one centrally located larger school. This means there are few school activities in those communities anymore. However, THE

DRIVES assured us that the beauty of each of these communities remains. The well - kept homes, churches, businesses, and parks show their continued pride. It is when we return from THE DRIVES that it happens. We feel refreshed and talk about how we needed such a break. However, there is always the "guilt" that comes when we think about those who are not able to go on THE DRIVES. Some live alone with family who live far away. What

has worsened this whole "ability to get out" situation is that a well - developed community transportation system has been mostly shut down in the need of social distancing. Also, a group of organized volunteers who provides THE RIDES for them to get to essential services is more restricted for the same reasons. These people are isolated in a real sense. Others are feeling the same kind of guilt. Written by Darwin R. Anthony

COMMUNITY DEPOSITS =
COMMUNITY GROWTH

1.11%
APY*

Choose Your
CD Term!



When we put our money in a safe place with a guaranteed return we are helping create loan opportunities for local businesses. Remember, your money is FDIC insured up to \$250,000.

Call your banker for details.



PROFINIUM

Your Amazing is Possible

Banking | Mortgage | Insurance | Trust | Investments

- You choose your term length for your 1.11% APY.**
- Ask about our savings accounts with interest rates up to .55% APY ***

* Annual Percentage Yield (APY) accurate as of April 1, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Available on new money to Profinium only. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees could reduce earnings. \$5,000 minimum deposit. Renewals will receive current rate in effect at the time of renewal. See a Personal Banker for details.
** You can choose one of the following term lengths for the CD: 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, 48 months, or 60 months.
*** Annual percentage yield (APY) effective as of April 1, 2020 and is subject to change after the account is opened. Minimum deposit of \$5,000 required to open account. If you happen to fall below the minimum balance of \$5,000, a small \$5 maintenance fee will apply. Other savings options available. Fees may reduce earnings.





The Fairmont Early Riser Kiwanis is pleased to announce the awarding of a \$1,000 scholarship to Bergen Senf, from the Kiwanis Children's Fund Foundation. Bergen is a Triple A student, engaged in many extracurricular activities and is a top student at Fairmont High School. (Submitted photo)

Masks required at Mayo Clinic Health System facilities

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, Mayo Clinic Health System continues to assess and adjust practices to best protect the safety of patients, visitors and staff.

Beginning Monday, April 13, patients and visitors are required to wear a personal homemade or cloth mask while on any Mayo property and are highly encouraged to bring their own cloth masks to help conserve the supply of surgical masks for front-line medical staff. If you do not have a mask, Mayo Clinic Health System will provide one. Please note, visitor restrictions remain in place until further notice with few exceptions.

This decision is based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Mayo Clinic experts.

Patients and visitors will see staff providing direct patient care wearing surgical masks. In pro-

Students of the month

Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Fairmont and Fairmont Junior/Senior High School are proud to announce the February 2020 Students of the Month. Individuals are selected based on the positive choices, hard work and contributions they give daily.

February students of the Month are Dominick Lund-May, Ava Rodning, Ethan Tenney, Andrea Rojo, Adam Wohluter, Brooklyn Pfeffer, Andrew Johnson, Justine Eisenmenger, Jayden Aubart, Maddy Schwieger, Caleb Snelson and Morgan Zebede.

cedural areas, additional personal protective equipment will be worn by staff according to Infection Prevention and Control guidelines. This additional equipment may include eye protection. Staff working in non-patient care areas also may be wearing a mask.

Your understanding and your compliance with these mandatory guidelines is greatly appreciated.

SJV School Endowment Fund memorials

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$497.60 in memorials during the month of March, 2020. These were given in memory of:

LEONARD CAMPE: By Tom and Linda Feely
SUSAN GERSCH: By Linda Maday

NORMA HENRICKSEN: By Vivian Denton, Jan Lemon, Bernie and Julie Petrowiak

DEBRA HOMAN: By Bart Stadtherr

ROGER HOPPE: By Gene and Barb Lewellen

CATHERINE KASPER: By Michael and Joanne Reardon, Dr. Joseph and Beth Switras

MICHAEL KENNEDY: By Ed and Vikki Langford, Knights of Columbus #1575, Dan and Judy Moritz

CARLTON MILLER: By Loren and Irene Klevlen

IRENE REISCHL: By

Dan and Ann Harris

LEO SHUMSKI: By Keith and Mary Blomstrom, Gary and Grace Haeckel, Burdean and Dorothy Hartwig, Edward Kotewa, Kay Nelson, Alice Sandt, Jerome Sandt

EMMALYNE SPITZER: By Chris and Amy Pierce

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund also gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$ 384 in general contributions given during March, 2020, by the following:

CONTRIBUTIONS: By Carroll Collins, Margie Dahlstrom, Barbara Denney, Archie and Marsha Farnham, Red and Meda Holland, John and Patti Kasper, Leon and Rose Marie Lammers, Kathy Langer, Dennis and Mitzi Lockwood, Kathy McGowan, Clayton and Mary Ann Pytleski, Ron and Karen Sandhurst, Jack Zimmer



Vervyle Williamson of Truman will be turning 90 years young on April 21st. Wishes may be sent to him at: 114 E. 5th Street N., Truman MN 56088. Steve and MarLeone Williamson, Lori and Terry Kettner, Mary and Dale Ebeling. (Submitted photo)



Daryl Bartz of Fairmont will celebrate his 90th birthday on April 19th. A celebration will be held at a later date. Cards will reach Daryl at 2075 Knollwood Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss.

Your generous donations to Gene's favorite causes are greatly appreciated as well.

With sincere gratitude □ The family of Eugene Borchardt



LAKE SIDE AGENCY of Fairmont, Inc.

Independent Insurance Agency
Farm • Home • Auto • Commercial

507-235-3208
105 S State St, Fairmont MN



Mark Smith, Agent

www.lakesideagencyins.com

Are you invested properly? Get a second opinion.



Paul Schellpeper
Financial Advisor

1001 East Blue Earth Ave
Suite B
Fairmont, MN 56031
507-238-4244
www.edwardjones.com



Drew Schellpeper
Financial Advisor

1001 East Blue Earth Ave
Suite B
Fairmont, MN 56031
507-238-4244
www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
edwardjones.com

MKT-5894J-A

Member SIPC

THE TOUGHEST BOAT LIFTS, DOCKS & ACCESSORIES



• Sales • Service •
• Parts • Accessories •
**Pick up and delivery
in the local area!**

DOCK HARDWARE | SWIM RAFTS | DOCK FLOATS | STAIRCASES
CANOPIES | ROOFS | ACCESSORIES

Quality since 1971.

HEWITT

DOCKS - LIFTS - PONTOON LEGS

The
BOAT HOUSE

Phone (507) 235-6931

903 Lake Avenue - Fairmont, MN

TORO
Count on it.

www.toro.com

CCFBANK
MAKING MORE POSSIBLE

OUR "BANKERS' HOURS" ARE WHENEVER YOU NEED US.

**We are here for you whether you're an old
friend or are looking for a new beginning.**

Available Services:

- Checking, Savings, Money Market & Certificate of Deposit Accounts
- Premier Online & Mobile Banking Services
- Home Mortgage & Consumer Lending
- Agricultural & Business Lending

VISIT US ONLINE TODAY - WWW.CCF.US



Operation Round Up recipients

The Federated Rural Electric Trust, Jackson, recognized local organizations receiving \$17,250 through Operation Round Up. These donations occur due to monthly contributions by participating Federated members. 24 groups received money in this 51st round of funding:

Local organizations receiving donations include:

Heritage Acres, Fairmont, \$300 to hire a blacksmith for July 4th music festival event

Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont, \$450 to replace up to three mannequins to display historical clothing

Granada Fire Department, \$500 toward washer/dryer for turnout gear to remove cancer-causing chemicals

Minnesota West, Jackson, \$700 Scholarship for a Jackson or Martin County lineman student

City of Granada, \$1,000 toward replacing an emergency siren that no longer works

Dunnell-Lake Fremont Fire Dept., \$1,062 for two new pagers replacing old ones that no longer work

Salvation Army's Heat-share program, \$1,500 to help Federated members with emergency energy assistance

The Trust Board received 35 applications totaling \$54,883 in this 51st round of funding. The Trust Board will meet again in the fall to determine the next round of funding. The deadline for submitting applications is September 30.

About 80 percent of Federated Rural Electric members participate in Operation Round Up. They allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, a bill of \$55.75 is rounded up to \$56. The extra cents go to a special trust fund, which is administered by an independent trust board that

consists of seven Federated members. Since the first round of funding in 1995, more than \$691,000 has been awarded to local organizations and as high school scholarships.

"Operation Round Up is a way for members to help members," said Marlys Runge, Federated's Trust Board Chairman. "Just a few cents a month, when added with other members' cents, can really add up and do some good in our communities. On the average, a member's Round Up contributions amount to approximately \$6 a year, which is tax-deductible."

The Trust Board's policy outlines project categories eligible for funding:

- community service (emphasis on public safety, health care and enhancement of cultural environment),
- community leadership programs,
- education and youth projects (social problems and wellness/athletics),
- environmental projects (recycling, environmental education and environmental ag research),
- emergency energy assistance funds to organizations for distribution and
- disaster relief.

Interested organizations may go to www.federatedrea.coop to download the application form and information, e-mail info@federatedrea.coop for an application or call 507-847-3520; ask for Andrea.

Federated is a Touchstone Energy cooperative serving 6,800 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

Most of The Profinium Top of the Hill Club events, trips, and travel shows, have either been cancelled or postponed, in light of these unprecedented times. Contact your local Profinium location for more information. If you are a Top of the Hill Club member, you probably have been, or will be notified if the changes.

Mayo Clinic announces furloughs and reductions

Mayo Clinic staff are doing extraordinary work, leading in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of, and committed to, our staff and our communities as they come together to fight this global health crisis.

Mayo Clinic is facing unprecedented challenges as a result of these circumstances, including a financial impact that requires significant adjustments to our operations. The decision to proactively postpone elective patient care was the right one, but it eliminated most of our revenue at the same time we are making critical investments to develop and expand testing, conduct research to help stop the pandemic, and realign our facilities and care teams to treat COVID-19 patients.

Mayo Clinic is taking necessary steps to reduce expenses, but additional measures are needed to ensure that we can emerge from this situation in a stable position. While we were able to protect full pay and benefits for our staff through April 28, temporary furloughs of some staff and salary reductions will be required after that time. We will work with our teams over the coming weeks to ensure that our staff are supported, that the duration of this disruption is as limited as possible, and that we are ready to ramp up quickly and resume full operations when it is safe to do so.

Additional details:

- The number of staff to be furloughed will not be known until late April or early May. At this time, every site and department is working through their plans.
- Of nearly 70,000 people working at Mayo Clinic across the nation, less than one-third will have pay cuts.

A few other things to clarify what we do know now...

How much of a pay cut will staff take?

The Mayo Clinic CEO and CAO will take a salary reduction of 20%. Neither will receive a 2020 salary adjustment. The direct reports of the CEO and CAO will take a 15% pay cut. Consultants and senior administrators will take a 10% pay cut, and salaried allied health staff will take a 7% pay cut. The rate of pay for hourly staff will not change.

Which staff will take a pay cut?

All but our hourly staff, and those employees whose costs are fully paid by an external party to Mayo Clinic, will take pay cuts. Most Mayo Clinic nurses are nonexempt and are compensated by the hour for their work. Hourly staff will not take pay cuts. Other examples of hourly staff would include desk attendants, environmental services, and technicians who might work in areas like lab or radiology.

Fairmont City Council update

The Fairmont City Council met Monday evening, via a group video chat, because of the virus pandemic.

The council selected five finalists for the city administrator position. Sharon Klumpp of Baker Tilly was hired to find applicants for the vacant administrator position. The firm received 28 applications and the five finalists will be interviewed by the council on May 4th, followed by meetings with the city staff. The last day of employment for interim city administrator Mark Sievert of Rochester will be May 28th.

The council was informed that because of Sunday's heavy snowfall, some street improvement projects have been delayed including Winnebago Avenue, Fourth Street, and the Human Services parking lot.

Hy-Vee seeks photos to recognize workers

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact daily lives, Hy-Vee is asking essential workers across its eight-state region to submit photos of themselves doing their jobs so Hy-Vee can recognize the work they are doing every day to serve their communities.

The photos will be featured on Hy-Vee's social media platforms in a video montage as part of the company's #HelpfulSmileStrong social media campaign and as an extension of Hy-Vee's recent heroes ad running on TV.

From doctors, to retail workers, to childcare providers, delivery drivers and more, Hy-Vee is encouraging individuals to submit photos of themselves at work during this time. Individuals may only submit photos of themselves, and submitted photos must not contain any other individuals in them.

Essential workers interested in participating are asked to send their photo(s), along with their first and last name, hometown and occupation to Hy-Vee's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Hy-Vee via Facebook Messenger. Photos will be accepted until Monday, April 20.

Ruby's Pantry changes

We will still have Ruby's Pantry on the Monday, April 20th. We will be having it in a different location. It will be at the Sherburn High School parking lot. Go to 1st Street and head west two blocks to North Prairie. Take a right toward the football field and get in line. Please do not block cross streets.

We will have the people open their trunks at the beginning and then drive through to each pallet and the worker will place the food in the trunk. We are asking that no one gets out of their vehicle along the line. There will be a worker at the beginning of the line to collect the \$20 for their share. There will be no other registration at this time.

We also have a time change. We will start the distribution at 4:00 and go until 7:30 p.m.

This is such a trying time and we are expecting that we will have many more customers than usual. Ruby's Pantry will be sending us more food so we would really like to let people know this is available for them.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Nancy Urban
Ruby's Pantry
Volunteer Coordinator
507-236-6571



Wipes used for disinfecting, changing diapers, personal hygiene and house cleaning that may even be labeled "flushable" do not break down the same way as toilet paper. Wipes will snag in sewer pipes, catching passing debris, and will create a "ball" that will grow to plug the pipe or clog the lift stations, resulting in sewage backups and costly repairs.

Please Do Not Flush Anything Other Than Toilet Paper.

Additional no flush items include: all wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene products, rags, wrappers and medication.

FAIRMONT
City of Lakes

PhotoPress eat play shop
Only good news LOCAL

112 E. First St. | PO Box 973
Fairmont, MN 56031 | Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm
PH: (507) 238-9456 | FX: (507) 238-9457
fairmontphotopress.com

Karen Luedtke Fisher, Publisher
Manager: sandy@fairmontphotopress.com
Editor: editor@fairmontphotopress.com
Ad Sales: ads@fairmontphotopress.com
Info: frontdesk@fairmontphotopress.com
Subscription: \$42/ 1 year; \$24/6 months

IFPA
INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA

CIRCULATION AUDIT BY
TRUSTEES
VERIFICATION
AGENCY

Think Spring!
New Member Special

JOIN

Rose Lake
Golf Club

2020 Spring Special

| Single: | Family: |
|--|--|
| 1st Year \$550.00 + tax = \$587.81 | 1st Year \$650.00 + tax = \$694.69 |
| Additional \$125.00 for A stock | Additional \$125.00 for A stock |

Call Rose Lake 507-235-5274 or Bonnie 507-399-2128 for more details

St. Paul Church Endowment Fund gifts

Thanks to the following who gave \$4,338.40 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund for the 1st quarter of 2020.

St. Paul Lutheran Church



George H. Fowler, 89

Endowment Fund
Darlain Anacker
Gene and Laurie Austin
Stanley and Sharon Block
Merle and Beverly Brinkman
Roger and Pam Carlson
Jon and DeAnn Eversman
Richard and Kathleen Eyerly

Barbara Fellersen
Greg and Nancy Gellert
Marv Goebel
Norman and Violet Gratz
Patricia Hall
John and Jean Huttemeier
David and Lois Johnson
Karen Leiding
Terry and Judith Leiding
Ronald and Judith Koppischke

Appraisal Associates
Bonnie Russ
K. Kuderer-Schmidt
Dennis Burmeister Estate
Russell and Joan Luedtke
Esther Lund
Daniel Maday
Larry and Donna Maday
Arlys Malo
Oliver and Eunice Meyer
Kent and Erlene Mil-

brandt
Todd and Ramona Morris
Arno and Karen Norman
Bruce and Jayne Peymann
Duane Peymann
Joan Peymann
Arlen and Sharon Reiter
Adeline Riebel
Duane and Jan Rieland
Edward and Nancy Ritter

Garry and Joyce Rosen
Charles Schaefer
Emmy Simmering
Joe and Nancy Stauffer
Rob and Ruth True
Harold and Avis Wagner
Thomas and Mary Westcott
Daniel and Wendy Yahnke
Eunice Ziemann

A private family graveside service will be held for George H. Fowler, age 89, of Fairmont. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. George passed away unexpectedly from natural causes on Monday, April 6, 2020, at his farm near Winnebago, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

George H. Fowler was born on May 4, 1930 to Charles and Irene (Reinke)

Fowler in Martin County, MN. He received his education from Martin County District #7.

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

On April 24, 1953, George was united in marriage to Phyllis Peyman in Fairmont. They lived on farms near Blue Earth, Truman, and Winnebago, where they

raised eight children. George farmed for many years, until retiring in 1995. Even though he was retired, he loved being out at the farm and helping wherever he was needed.

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

Those who will cherish his memory include his eight

children, Diane Henry and her husband, David, of Fairbanks, AK, Ron Fowler and his wife, Dora, of Truman, Gary Fowler and his wife, Julie, of Fairmont, Sharon R. Fowler of Fairmont, Brian Fowler and his wife, Karen, of Eagle Lake, Wendell Fowler and his wife, Sharon L., of Fairmont, Janelle Mowery and her husband, Rodney, of Rosharon, TX, and MerriDee Shumski and special friend, Steve Wenzel, of Fairmont; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grand-

children and one on the way; brother, Charles Fowler and his wife, Debra, of AZ; brother-in-law, Veryl Peyman and his wife, Helen of AZ; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Carolyn A. Nordstrom, 93

Carolyn Artice Nordstrom passed away Wednesday morning, April 8th, 2020 at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Carolyn was born on November 8, 1927 to Harold "Harry" and Beulah (Wester) Spiegel in Fox Lake, Minnesota.

Carolyn graduated from Trimont High School in June 1945. She married Eugene Nordstrom on July 8, 1945 at the Trimont Methodist church.

Carolyn's life centered on family, church, and music.

She was so proud of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchild. She loved music and sang at many funerals and weddings and church activities. She played the organ at home for family "sing alongs". She loved listening to and singing old hymns. She and Gene loved to go for rides in the car on Sunday afternoons, family get togethers, and baseball. Gene's work required them to move several times during his career until they retired back to Trimont.

Carolyn is survived by

daughter Lucinda (Larry) Ahrens of Somerset, WI; son Torre Joe Nordstrom of Albert Lea, MN; daughter in law Linda Nordstrom of Huxley, IA; and sister in law Maridel Spiegel of Mesa, AZ. Grandchildren: Darin (Shannon) Rahm, Lisa (Becket) Dickerson, Dana (Kyle) Zalesky, Christopher Ahrens, Matthew (Rachel) Nordstrom, and Katie (Darin) Madson; great grandchildren Abby Rahm and fiancé Nate Gottman, Erin Rahm, Anna Rahm, Rafe Madson, and Gus Madson; step great grandchild Kayden Pasch:

great-great grandchildren Lincoln Gottman and baby Faith Nordstrom, due in May.

Also special thanks to her great friend LeeAnn Welchlin, who spent many hours with her and eased her loneliness. The family would also like to thank the staff at Lakeview Methodist Care Center for their loving care of Carolyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Eugene Nordstrom, daughter Rita and husband Marvin Zilka, son Gregory Nordstrom, brother Edward Spiegel, sister and brother

in law Suzanne and Leslie Landon, brother in law and sister in law Gerald and Mary Nordstrom.

Condolences can be sent to Larry and Cindy Ahrens, 1779 46th St, Somerset, WI 54025. A Celebration of Life and Internment will be held at a later date.

Kramer Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Messages of Sympathy may be sent to the family online at www.kramerfuneralhome.com



Janice Jensen, 82

Janice Jensen passed to her heavenly reward with family by her side, Tuesday evening, April 7, 2020 at her

home.

Janice "Jan" Marie (Maday) Jensen was born May 23, 1937 in Fairmont, MN. She was the daughter of V.S. "Bill" and Helen (Wehner) Maday. Jan attended country school, then attended and graduated from Granada High School.

On May 18, 1957, Jan was united in marriage to Roger Jensen at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. They were blessed with three children, Steve, Scott, and Shari. The family resided in Ringsted, IA and Fairmont before moving to her family's farm near Granada in 1976. She and Roger shared forty-five years together before

Roger passed away February 19, 2002.

Jan worked for forty-two years at 3M in Fairmont until her retirement in 2001. She enjoyed traveling by car, plane and cruise ship, trying her luck at the casino, visits with her and John's grandchildren, Wehner family reunions, burger night at Granada Bar & Grill with Clarence and Vicki Wehner, Friday happy hour with Ron and Shirlaree Nelson, and just living the "country life".

She loved to dance, had an incredible green thumb and would tend her garden, house plants and always had beautiful flowers planted

around her home. She was an amazing cook, and her recipes were coveted by her family. Jan and Roger began wintering in Naples, FL, and she continued after his passing where in 2004 she was blessed to find love again with her fiancé, John. Jan and John continued to spend equal time in Naples and Granada and traveled extensively.

Left to cherish her memory include her sons; Steve Jensen of Northrop, MN, and Scott (Jennifer) Jensen of Elba, MN; daughter, Shari (Kory) Hines of Granada, MN; Grandchildren; Weston, Gavin, Jordan (Katie), Logan

(Chelsea), Carson Jensen; Alanna (Dustin) Healey, Raela Hines; 9 great grandchildren; fiancé, J W Mumma, Jr. of Naples, FL; brothers-in-law Kenneth Jensen (Mary), Virgil Jensen (Shirley); sisters-in-law Karen (Tom) Polking, Shari Jensen; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Bill and Helen Maday, Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Jensen; mother and father-in-law, Irvin and Luella Jensen, brothers-in-law Ronald Jensen and Jerry Jensen; infant grandson Noah; and many extended family members.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kevin and Sandra Kimm of Sanford Jackson Clinic, and the wonderful nurses and aides at Adara Home Health and UHD Home Hospice for their tireless and loving commitment to Jan's comfort.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date with interment in Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials suggested to St. John Vianney or the charity of donor's choice. lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Carron J. Klukow, 81

Carron Julia Klukow, 81, of Sherburn, passed away peacefully April 5, 2020, at St. Cloud Hospital, after a brief illness, with her family by her side. She addressed her challenges with her great spirit but also with grace and dignity.

Carron was born on August 5, 1938 to Vern "Cy" and Ruth Dahlke. She grew up in

a neighborhood filled with boys and developed into a fierce athlete who had a life-long love affair with sports, especially softball, bowling, golf and tennis, all of which she excelled at along with any others she tried. She attended Sherburn High School and was immensely proud of her first-chair trombone distinction and the beautiful music made by the swing band. She both loved competing with the boys, but also dancing in her poodle skirt

Carron left Sherburn briefly to study to become a stewardess in Kansas City, where she continued making life-long friends. She returned to her hometown and worked for the phone company and the bank before settling for many years at Sperry Univac (Unisys), where she

rose from a worker to inspector to supervisor. She was both popular and respected by her co-workers and again made life-long friends.

Carron always held two and sometimes three jobs while making a wonderful home for her two children, Todd and Trudi. Nights and weekends, she worked at the Sherburn Liquor Store, the American Legion, and the Fox Lake Golf Club, which she managed for many years. After 25+ years at Unisys in Jackson and Clear Lake, IA, Carron retired and returned to her home and promptly began working for COR in Sherburn.

After retiring for good, Carron enjoyed many more fun excursions to garage and estate sales, which she had enjoyed for many years,

where she continued to find treasures to refinish and decorate her home. She was also a very active volunteer for the Sherburn Community Chest, but closer to her heart, at the Martin County Humane Society, fundraising, supporting and transporting animals to and from the facility, giving them the best chance possible to find forever homes. Over time, she had a large and varied fur family, including her dog Ruben who came to her through the shelter.

Although she loved being outside in her yard, enjoying the sunshine and the birds at her feeders, much of her free time was spent cheering on Minnesota sports, professional and collegiate. She was happiest when there was at least one game on television, and the Sports Page was al-

ways the first to be read from the daily paper. Most recently she enjoyed collecting tickets with her friends at Hamburger Night at the Legion where she loved visiting with her many friends.

Many thanks to Carron's neighbors and many friends who made it possible for her to continue to live in her beloved home. Their kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. While she enjoyed getting out and visiting with people, she loved nothing more than spending time in her home. Any memorial should be directed to the donor's choice, however, the Martin County Humane Society was always dear to Carron's heart. A memorial service to celebrate Carron's life and legacy will be held in the future, when it is safe to do so.

Messages of Sympathy may be sent to the family online at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

Carron is survived by her children, Todd Klukow (partner Jenna Radomile) of Minneapolis, and Trudi (LaMar) Detert of St. Michael; grandchildren Brady and Makena Detert of St. Michael; sister Debbie (Steve) Swift of Fairmont; nephew Nick Danielson (partner Liz Dwinell) of Minneapolis; niece Courtney (Will) Christenson and grandniece Francis of Portland, OR, as well as many family members throughout the country. Carron was preceded in death by her parents Vern and Ruth Dahlke, her beloved Brown Dog, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. kramerfuneralhome.com



Planning for COVID-19 on your produce farm

Many farmers are wondering how to respond to the COVID-19 virus. The information in this article is intended to help growers navigate communication, logistics and planning. We will continue to develop resources as more information becomes available. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to our fruit and vegetable team with questions and concerns.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the most up-to-date information, please follow the CDC. See this article about managing food safety risk related to COVID-19 for more food safety information.

Good communication

Maintaining good communication with customers is one of the most important things farmers can do right now. Use social

media, newsletters and other marketing tools to let your customers know that you have a plan. People who purchase locally generally care about where their food comes from and how it's handled. Communicating your plans to customers helps them feel connected to your business, and to feel calm in the face of uncertainty.

For those of you who sell through wholesale or retail markets, consider

getting in touch with your buyers. Plans you made previously may need to be adjusted.

Make sure to stick to the facts. Staying calm and avoiding misinformation is critical. While access to healthy, fresh foods is vitally important to community health, avoid making unsubstantiated or overstated health claims like "eating local vegetables protects your family against viruses."

This is a time when many of us are feeling isolated and lonely. The more that we stay connected, the better. Sharing regular farm updates with customers will not only help to reassure them about safety but will help to instill a sense of community.

Logistics:
managing sales



AG industrial
a tradition of innovation



Hot and Cold
High Pressure
Washers
Sales and Service

David Hill
Owner/Operator
Certified Technician

507-235-5503
Toll Free: 800-658-2477
1151 Lake Ave Fairmont, MN 56031

There are some practical solutions that can help keep people safe and maintain social distance with orders and deliveries. Farmers, market managers and others have offered the following ideas to manage local food sales during COVID-19.

Online sales

Many farms are moving to online sales options. In China, where people have

been socially distancing for a while now, online shopping has significantly increased, as has grocery delivery.

Though we can't yet predict market trends, some of the farms participating in COVID-19-related farmer-to-farmer calls are already seeing increased online sales and subscriptions in response to the virus. Online tools

can be applied to numerous types of systems: if you sell at a farmers' market that is going to trial curbside pickup, you can use online platforms to allow customers to order ahead of time. Online sales can also help to manage customizable CSA boxes and delivery options. Some of the available platforms include Harvie Farmigo, *continued on page 6*

Farm safety continues to be a sound investment for farmers. Focusing on safety and health on the farm helps save lives and protect our most important resources in agriculture, our farmers and farmworkers."

*Your Farm. Your Crops.
Our Business.*

PetersonAnthony
Insurance Agency, Inc.



Fairmont and Trimont
1501 S State Street, Ste 250 • Fairmont, MN
507-238-2008 • 800-336-6037
www.petersonanthony.com

Your hopes and dreams.
**BIG AND SMALL.
WE'RE READY.**

We're Compeer Financial™

Three Farm Credit cooperatives have united to strengthen our commitment to the agriculture industry. We have combined our resources, knowledge and expertise to champion the hopes and dreams of rural America like never before. Let's get started with yours.

We wish you a safe and successful planting season.

#CHAMPIONRURAL

Steve Pomeroy, Financial Officer
(507) 525-0986 | Steve.Pomeroy@compeer.com
Sara McCall, Associate Financial Officer
(507) 525-8935 | Sara.McCall@compeer.com
Grant Pomeroy, Financial Officer
(507) 317-8366 | Grant.Pomeroy@compeer.com

COMPEER
FINANCIAL

COMPEER.COM | (844) 426-6733

1st Farm Credit Services, Badgerland Financial, AgStar Financial Services and Compeer Financial are trademarks of Compeer Financial, ACA. Compeer Financial, ACA is an Equal Credit Opportunity Lender and Equal Opportunity Provider. ©2018 All rights reserved.

Amish Flower Sale

Starting Thursday, May 7 and
Friday, May 8 - 8:00 a.m.

Grown in Northwood, IA - Great Prices!

Amish
Hanging
Baskets

\$30

Lots of
Annual
Flowers

Watch our Facebook page for updates!



104 S. Dugan St., Welcome MN
Open Mon-Fri 8-5; (507) 728-8745

Family Owned and Operated

Supplying top Feed Brands, Seed
and Livestock Equipment



During Minnesota's "stay at home order", we are designated an essential business in order to help our customers perform necessary travel. Our sales department is able to operate, by appointment only. We will have someone at the dealership Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5pm to help you if you are in need of a vehicle. Appointments outside of those hours may be available as well. We can arrange to do much of the sale over the phone, and/or bring the vehicle to you if you prefer not to come to the dealership.

Our service department will also be open by appointment. In order to help keep our staff and customers healthy, we would like to try and limit visitors in the dealership. We will be happy to pick your vehicle up for service, and deliver it back to you. We will sanitize commonly touched areas upon return. If you prefer to bring it to us, we can arrange for you to use a loaner while we are working on it.

During this time, we will continue to practice social distancing between our staff and our customers. We also continue to sanitize commonly touched areas around the dealership and in our vehicles. We hope you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy during this time. Our hearts are with you.

Shop online: www.elizabethchev.com Or call: 507-776-2131

ELIZABETH Certified Service
CHEVROLET



"Take the drive, we're worth it!"
329 Highway 15 South • Truman, MN 56088
Phone: 888-635-2275
Website: www.elizabethchevrolet.com

See us for your complete fertilizer needs!



Crop Protection Products Protecting Your Yield

Nutrien
Ag Solutions™

Crop protection technology is becoming increasingly more complex. You know the importance in modern agriculture of understanding the exact effect of every product used on your crops. Making it even more complicated, you have to think about the interaction of multiple crop protection products applied in the same field.

"We're there to work with you through these challenges."

Crop Nutrients - The Key to Your Success

Fertilizer is a cornerstone of our business and has been for well over 100 years. Fertilizer allows us to help you improve your production by restoring nutrients to your soil. The result? Something we can all be proud of - an increased ability to feed the world

Profit From Our Experience!

Nutrien
Ag Solutions™

East Chain, MN
(507) 773-4241
1-800-944-0083

Continued from page 5 Facebook, Barn2Door, Local Food Marketplace, Local Line, Squarespace, and others. Oregon Tilth hosted a webinar where they discussed the pros and cons of each of these systems; we'll post the link to the recorded version when it becomes available.

Local Line put together a very helpful guide for creating a successful online marketplace for local foods during this virus.

MOSES has made a conference talk about attracting local customers online free on their website.

CSA drop-off sites and in-person pick-ups

In a time when we need to encourage social dis-

tancing, the logistics of a CSA drop site can be complicated. This is not an extensive list of suggestions, but here are a few ideas (most were contributed by CSA farmers) for reducing risk at drop sites:

Coordinate schedules at CSA drop-off and on-farm pick-up sites to avoid too much traffic at once. Examples of tools to help you assign pick-up windows include Square, Doodle, Google Calendar, HubSpot meetings tool, and Setmore. There are many others, and this is not an endorsement of any of the tools listed.

Consider adding additional sites to minimize the number of total people at each site. And create

systems at busy sites to facilitate social distancing. Some CSAs have put tape on the floor with marks six feet apart to help people gauge how far apart to stand if they need to wait in line.

If people are coming to your farm to pick up orders, make sure to facilitate social distancing when possible, and have hand washing stations available. Place signs to let people know your policies including where to stand, what boxes to touch, handwashing, etc.

If you have a farmstand-style CSA where people browse through available produce, consider using pre-bagged shares temporarily.

Reduce cross-contamination at drop-off sites: use disinfectant wipes for things like pens and pencils, clipboards, surfaces where you're leaving boxes, and door handles. Think about how you're stacking boxes so that people won't have to touch multiple boxes in order to find theirs.

Document the precautions you're taking at drop-off sites or any deliv-

ery sites. These records are helpful to show the measures your farm is taking in keeping your customers safe.

Home delivery

Many farms are starting to consider home delivery as a viable sales option, despite the extra logistical work. Some farms are doing this for all customers, some are doing it only for people who identify as vulnerable to the disease. There is little consensus on how much to charge - we've seen as low as \$3 and as high as \$10 per delivery.

One good suggestion was to use a routing app to help you maximize your time and minimize the distance traveled. Examples include OptimoRoute, Farmigo and MapQuest (this is not an endorsement, simply a list of companies we know of that provide these services).

Consider partnering with neighboring farms to reduce the costs and burden of delivery.

If you have neighbors who raise animals for meat or eggs, grow fruit or make other value-added prod-

ucts, consider working together. While assembling orders and delivering products from multiple farms typically requires licensing for the entity taking responsibility for the assembly and delivery, the MDA is not exercising licensing enforcement at this time.

The MDA is committed to ensuring the continued safety of Minnesota's food supply and requires that safe food handling practices are followed for all commercial sales. These practices include:

Temperature control for potentially hazardous foods.

Handwashing.

Reducing cross-contamination potential.

Training for all workers involved in food handling, transport and delivery.

Having sick workers stay home.

See the Selling Minnesota: Aggregation of Farmers' Produce guide for more details about requirements when multiple farms are working together to sell products.

Be creative about local transportation

Local courier companies may be currently out of business or seeing reduced business at this time. You may find that other local transportation businesses (even Lyft or Uber drivers) will partner with you on delivery.

If you pursue this option, you need to ensure food safety.

If the product is perishable, you need to ensure it can stay within safe temperature ranges during transport.

Product in transport needs to be in sealed, food-safe containers that keep out dust or other potential contaminants.

Delivery vehicles must be clean.

The Selling Minnesota: Aggregation of Farmers' Produce guide includes information about safe transport of products. The Minnesota Department of Health issued guidance on food delivery for businesses adapting to COVID-19.

Finally, consider work-share positions to help with delivery. Be aware, though, that employment law and insurance requirements are likely to apply to a work-share person. Farm Commons has good information about managing requirements for farm employees.

Lost sales

If you have lost existing wholesale accounts with restaurants and schools, please fill out MDA's Immediate Wholesale Market Need Survey. Our partners at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture are working with the Minnesota Grocers Association to help growers find alternative markets.

Double D Dispatch

Fairmont, Minnesota
507-728-8836

For all your livestock hauling needs!





PRESSURE WASHER SALES & SERVICE



FLOOR SWEEPERS

NOZZLES
SOAP
BRUSHES
WANDS
HOSE REELS



NEW
USED
HOT
COLD
HOSES

MATT & JEN, OWNERS

507-236-2476

SCHUSTERSPRESSUREWASHERSALES@LIVE.COM

YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR PRESSURE WASHER NEEDS!

819 EAST 1ST STREET, FAIRMONT

We believe in you.
Member FDIC. And the community.

LOAN SPECIALISTS

LOCAL AND TRUSTED



Andy Noll, Dan Driscoll and Chris Pierce are your local experts in commercial and agricultural lending. Whatever your needs you can turn to Andy, Dan or Chris with confidence that they'll work for you.

Download our FF&M Mobile App!
Available on the App Store and Google Play

114 S. Park St. | Fairmont, MN
507-235-5556 | www.ffmbank.com

Celebrating America's Farmers



They're the humble heroes who rise before dawn and battle the elements. They put clothes on our backs and food on our tables. Their genuine values and tireless work ethic are an inspiration to us all ... we salute them.

I invite you to join Farm Bureau in saying thanks to America's farmers.



David Huset
1254 Lake Avenue
Fairmont
(507) 238-3334




PLANNING TO APPLY MANURE?

Setbacks for Manure Application

The following setbacks shall be maintained during the application of manure

For more information:
Martin County Planning & Zoning Department
201 Lake Avenue - Room 104, Courthouse
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031
507-238-3242



| Land Feature | Spreading w/out incorporation | Incorporation w/in 48 hrs and prior to rain |
|--|--|---|
| Lakes, Rivers, Streams, Wetlands*, Private and Public Open Ditches | 300 feet - F 300 feet - U 1 rod - S (from the OHWL) | 1 rod (from the OHWL) |
| Road Right-of Ways | 60 feet - F 1 rod - U no setback - S | No setback |
| Surface Water Intakes | 300 feet - F 150 feet - U | 1 rod |
| Frozen Ground | 6% slope or less | |

* = public water wetlands and other uncultivated wetlands
OHWL = ordinary high water level
F = on frozen or snow-covered soils
U = on unfrozen or non snow-covered soils
S = on and sloping away from the land feature under any soil condition
1 rod = 16.5 feet

When applying manure on hay ground, the "Incorporation Within 48 hours and prior to Rain" setbacks in the adjacent table shall apply.

When applying manure to hay ground, incorporation is not required.

FAIRMONT FORD'S REPAIR SHOP

PARTS AND BODY SHOP

will be open to serve you
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Your Safety Is Our Top Priority!

We will pickup your vehicle FREE of charge, perform your requested maintenance then return your vehicle back to your home or work. Call (507-235-6681) to schedule your appointment today.

Our sales department will be available **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** to support automobile sales that are necessary to allow for essential travel. We will meet the CDC and MDH guidelines, including social distancing when showing a vehicle and during test drives.

"Your Friendly Ford Dealer Since 1909"



700 East Blue Earth Ave. Fairmont, MN
507-235-6681 www.fairmontford.com

USDA reports signal lower grain prices

Guest Columnist

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, VP, MinnStar Bank

Phone: (507) 381-7960 • E-mail: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com



The USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) Report released on April 9 increased the projected 2019-20 U.S. corn and soybean ending stocks. The higher corn ending stocks were primarily due to a reduction in the annual bushels of corn used for ethanol production, while the soybean reduction was due to reduced estimates in annual soybean exports. The report was regarded as mainly "bearish" for both the corn and soybean markets in the coming months, which added more downward pressure to both near term grain markets and forward contract prices for the Fall of 2020.

The March 31st USDA Planting Intentions Report estimated a large increase in both U.S. corn and soybean acreage for 2020,

which is likely to put further downward pressure on the grain markets going forward this year. Following are some highlights of the latest USDA reports:

CORN:

Based on the WASDE Report, the projected corn ending stocks for the 2019-20 year, which ends on August 31, are estimated at 2.092 billion bushels, which was increased by 200 million bushels above the March report. The projected corn ending stocks were nearly 90 million bushels above the average grain trade estimate. The 2019-20 corn ending stocks would be a decline from 2.22 billion bushels in 2018-19 and 2.14 billion bushels in 2017-18. USDA reduced the projected total corn used for ethanol in 2019-2020 by 375 million bushels, which

was somewhat offset by a projected increase of 150 million bushels in corn used for feed. The total corn usage for 2019-20 is now estimated at 13.86 billion bushels, which is a decrease of over 400 million bushels from the 2018-19 level.

The March 31st USDA Planting Intentions Report is estimating total U.S. corn acreage for 2020 to be just shy of 97 million acres, which would be the highest level in several years. The 2020 projected corn acreage compares to 89.7 million in 2019 and 89.1 million acres in 2018. The 2019 corn acreage was greatly impacted by a late planting season and a large number

of prevented plant acres in some areas of the Midwest. If the 2020 U.S. average corn yield returns to "trend line" yield levels, which is near 176 bushels per acre, corn ending stocks are likely to increase even more by the end of the 2020-21 marketing year. This is likely to put further downward pressure on the corn market prices.

USDA is now estimating the average U.S. "on-farm" corn price for the 2019-20 marketing at \$3.60 per bushel, which was a decline of \$.20 per bushel from the March WASDE estimate. The current USDA projected corn price compares to the final national average prices of \$3.61 per

bushel for 2018-19 and \$3.36 per bushel for 2017-18. The 2019-20 marketing year runs from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020, so further adjustments to the final market year average price could occur in the coming months.

SOYBEANS:

According to the April 9 WASDE Report, the projected soybean ending stocks for 2019-20 are now estimated at 480 million bushels, which was an increase of 55 million bushels from the March estimate.

The increase was primarily due to a projected reduction from one month to the next of 50 million bushels in final soybean export levels for 2019-20. The April carryover estimate was about 50 million above the average projections by grain marketing analysts. The projected 2019-20 U.S. soybean ending stocks level are still just over half of the 2018-19 soybean carryover level of 909 million bushels, which was impacted by the Chinese trade war and was the highest level ever recorded.

Continued on page 8

FULL LINE OF BULK FUEL & OIL PRODUCTS

NOW HANDLING HITCH DOC FUEL CADDIES.

WELCOME OIL

Box 415 • WELCOME, MN 56181
TRAVIS SCHUETT • WELCOME.OIL@OUTLOOK.COM

507-728-8865



We Offer AGRICULTURAL LOANS

Set Up An Appointment With Dan Hilgendorf Today!



Invest In Your Community

We're Still Your Full Service Bank!

Home-Owned Independent Bank

STATE BANK of FAIRMONT

918 E. Blue Earth Ave, Fairmont, MN
(507) 238-4287

Member FDIC



CFS
CENTRAL FARM SERVICE

Farm Safety
OTHERS DEPEND ON IT

Trusted Service. Cooperative Value.

Southern Minnesota's Leading Building Supply Source



Family owned and operated since 2004!



For Agriculture Services!

- ☐ New Construction
- ☐ Barn Remodel
- ☐ 29 Ga. G90 Steel - call for pricing
- ☐ PVC Ceiling Liner
- ☐ Extreme Panel Doors & Stainless Steel Doors
- ☐ Glassboard & Aluminum Skin Plywood
- ☐ Premium Grade A Lumber

ALL IN-STOCK!

Proud Sponsor of Martin County Pork Producers

Your Local Dealer!



- ☐ Controls
- ☐ Ventilation
- ☐ Flex Flow System
- ☐ Curtain & Stainless Steel Hardware
- ☐ Water Systems & Parts
- ☐ PVC & Stainless Steel Bird Netting

Upon Special Order BULK BINS, FEEDERS other Specialty Parts

TRUMAN, MN
106 N. 5th Ave. East
507.800.1500
Derik Garry



JACKSON, MN
1100 Industrial Park
507.800.1600
Terry Boesch



FAIRMONT, MN
709 N. State Street
507.235.6611
Brent Putney



www.boekett.com



Toll Free 1.855.210.9001

SPRING SALES EVENT

TORO

BIGGEST SALE OF THE YEAR



Save up to \$700 on Select Models!

TimeCutter® SS Series
Model shown 74721 with 42-inch deck

\$2,499

- Smart Speed® Trim/Tow/Mow ground speed ranges for optimal performance
- Automatic parking brake - making operation simple
- Heavy-duty 10-gauge frame, front axle, and engine

Ask about our Spring Tune-Up Specials

Pick up and delivery available in the local area

• Sales • Service • Parts • Accessories www.toro.com



The BOAT HOUSE



HEWITT Gifts & Roll-A-Dock

Continued from page 7

Based on the March 31st USDA Report, planted soybean acres for 2020 are projected at 83.5 million acres, which would be an increase of nearly 10 percent from 76.1 million acres in 2019. The planned 2020 soybean acreage is still well below the 89.2 million acres in 2018 and the record U.S. planted soybean acres of 90.2 million acres in 2017. Similar to corn, the final 2019 soybean acreage was reduced due to the late planting season and increased prevented plant acres in the Upper Midwest.

USDA is now estimating the U.S. "on-farm" soybean price for the 2019-20 marketing year at an average price of \$8.65 per bushel, which is decline of \$.05 per bushel from the March estimate. The 2018-19 soybean market year average price was \$8.48 per bushel, which was at lowest level since 2006. The projected 2019-20 soybean price also compares to final U.S. average soybean prices of \$9.33 per bushel for 2017-18, \$9.47 for 2016-17, and \$8.95 per bushel for 2015-16.

Impacts of the lower projected corn and soybean prices

The March 31 USDA Grain Stocks Report estimated total corn stocks at 7.95 billion bushels and soybean stocks at 2.25 billion bushels, with over half of those grain stocks in on-farm storage. Many grain marketing analysts suspect that a large number of the on-farm grain stocks are in the Upper Midwest, with a high percentage of the corn and soybeans not yet priced. The sharp drop in local cash corn prices in recent weeks, following the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. and reduced ethanol demand, is costing Midwest farmers millions of dollars. There has also been a fairly significant decline in cash soybean prices at many locations in recent weeks.

If there is a "silver lining" to the recent decline in corn and soybean prices, it would be that 2019 farm program payments may increase for many producers. The payments are based on the final 2019 market year average price (MYA) from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. The decline in the projected 2019 corn MYA price to \$3.60 per bushel means that there would be an estimated 2019 price loss coverage (PLC) payment of \$.10 per bushel in October, 2020. A large number of Midwest corn producers switched from the ARC-CO program to the PLC program option for the 2019 and 2020 crop years. The lower projected 2019 MYA prices for corn and soybeans will also potentially increase estimated ARC-CO payment levels for corn and soybeans in some counties, as well as increase the ARC-IC levels for some producers that chose that farm program option for 2019.

What could change going forward?

There has been a drastic downturn in ethanol production and consumption in the past couple months due to the over-supply of oil worldwide and the coronavirus outbreak in the United States and around the World. Many ethanol plants in the U.S. have either cut back production or temporarily suspended production, which has greatly reduced the demand for corn in some locations in the

Midwest. Many experts feel that the overall Spring and Summer demand for gasoline, and ultimately for ethanol, will continue to be well below normal. This could result in further reductions in 2019-20 corn usage and increased levels of corn ending stocks, as well as additional reductions in the final 2019 corn MYA price, in future monthly WASDE Reports.

The other change that could occur are adjust-

ments in the final planted corn and soybean acres in 2020. Obviously, the challenges in the ethanol industry and the rapid drop in corn prices since the coronavirus outbreak may lead some farm operators to consider switching some intended corn acres to soybeans and other crops. However, current soybean prices for the Fall of 2020 are also below breakeven levels for many producers. 2020 planting decisions will also be dictated by the amount

of crop inputs that have already been purchased and by planting conditions in late April and early May.

Drive Thru Only!**NOW open daily - Noon to 10PM**Download the official
DQ Mobile App**EARN REWARDS!****SOMETHING DIFFERENT**507-235-5005 • 1326 Blue Earth Ave.
Fairmont • dairyqueen.com**OUR FARMERS ARE ESSENTIAL**

COVID-19 has presented challenges for many of the nation's farmers, including local ones. What can we do to help our farming community? In the short-term, help get as many of your food dollars directly to farmers by:

1. Signing up for a CSA (Community-supported agriculture). This influx of cash now helps farmers buy seeds and tools at the beginning of their season, and allows you to be a stakeholder in a local farm. If you have the means, consider donating a CSA share to a family in need. Visit www.minnesotagrown.com

2. Ordering direct online. Many farmers offer delivery of organic produce and pastured meats, and more farmers are adding this service in the wake of the pandemic.

3. Be sure to fight to make sure farmers, and not just the corn and soybean farms that receive the bulk of traditional U.S. farm subsidies, are included in any coronavirus stimulus packages.

While we recognize that agriculture and all those who work in the industry are essential, none of us are invincible. Please do your part to protect your health and the health of those around you.

bomgaars
What You Need... When You Need It1001 Hwy 15 South - Fairmont, MN
(507) 749-1100**DeWar Electric, Inc.**724 E. Blue Earth Ave.
Fairmont, MN
(507) 235-6677**FAIRMONT**
NATIONAL INSURANCE
Providing Peace of Mind Since 1901Kim Garbers
Agent / OwnerAdam Garbers
Agent**Auto-Owners**
INSURANCE
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS120 West 1st St.
Fairmont, MN
(507) 238-4746
www.fnamm.com**Lange Ag Systems**
WE'LL BE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US!
■ Remodeling & New Construction
■ Livestock Equipment
■ Full Line of Replacement Parts On Hand
1105 North State Street • Fairmont, MN
507.399.2178 • www.LangeAgSystems.com**Fairmont Veterinary Clinic, LLP**Established
in
1959Serving the
swine and beef
industries for
over 50 years**HyVee**
EMPLOYEE OWNED

907 S. State Street • Fairmont • 238-4323

INTERNATIONAL AG LABS
A BIOLOGICAL APPROACH TO AGRICULTURE800 W. Lake Ave • PO Box 788 • Fairmont, MN
507.235.6909 • www.aglabs.com

Have a safe planting season!

usbank507-238-8300
usbank.com103 N. Park St.,
Fairmont, MN800-USABANKS
Member FDIC**Federated**
Rural Electric

507-847-3520 or 1-800-321-3520

info@federatedrea.coop
www.federatedrea.coop

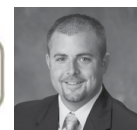
Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

AGCO
Your Agriculture Company

Call for a Quote

Tony's Grain Systems and Buildings, LLC
Tony O'Donnell **Sukup**
Cell: 507-525-5800
tonysgrain@gmail.com**HOG SLAT**
Midwest DivisionToll Free: 866-461-4448 • hogslat.com
maelness@hogslat.com**Concrete Slats and Hog Equipment**710 Cory Lane
Fairmont, MN
238-4448
Fax: 238-4478**MARTIN COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS**
Pork Producers establish safe high-quality food products
www.martincountypork.com
Contact: info@martincountypork.com**Baarts Trucking**Northrop, MN • Dispatch 507-776-8161
Business Office 507-776-4436
Local & Long Distance Trucking

Serving the area with innovative banking products since 1913!

Welcome State Bank111 Guide St N (507) 728-8251
www.welcomestatebank.com • Member FDIC**MILLER SELLNER**SLEEPY EYE
507-794-2131
22024 State Highway 4
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085BINGHAM LAKE
507-831-1106
495 2nd Avenue
Bingham Lake, MN 56118SLAYTON
507-836-8571
1535 20th Street
Slayton, MN 56172FAIRMONT
507-235-3358
1205 North Bixby Road
Fairmont, MN 56031www.millersellner.com**RDI**Innovative International Independent Integrity
POULTRY, SWINE & RUMINANT NUTRITIONProudly supporting one of
Martin County's great traditions.**DEVENISH**
The Agri-Technology Companywww.devenishnutrition.com
507-235-5116Jared Pomerence
jared@pomerenceinsurance.com
507.236.0666507.235.8866
224 Lake Avenue,
Fairmont, Minnesota
PomerenceInsurance.comTyler Pomerence
tyler@pomerenceinsurance.com
507.236.2835**MARTIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
923 N. State Street
Suite 110 - Fairmont
507.235.6680
martinswcd.net
helping people help land

This Week's Martin County
REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
brought to you by



WARRANTY DEEDS
 Margaret Ellen Theobald to David W. Crissinger, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-102-32
 Richard B. Johnson, Shirley Johnson to Richard G. Johnson, Pt. a tract 20'x100', Teeters 2nd Subd., SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 4-102-30
 David Pugsley, Nancy Pugsley to Kaleb J. Dobie, Lot 9, Block 16, Lake George Addn.
 Joanna S. Bryant, James W. Lien to Amanda Weihe, Parker Weihe, Lot 6, Block 1, Shady Beach Estates

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
 Eugene G. Voyles, Janet C. Voyles to Jennifer M. Preston, Gina L. Swenson, Ryan G. Voyles, Pt. AP Granada, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 30-103-29
 Casey Aspelund, Leigh D. Aspelund to Aja Alanna Ross, Ryan Jeffrey Ross, Lots 3 and 4, Block 12, Morgans Addn., Sherburn

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS
 Juanita Heckman to Keith E. Berhow, Peggi J. Berhow, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 24-104-31

**MARTIN COUNTY
 LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 REVISED HEARING DATE
 REVISION TO THE COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE**

Please take notice, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners (Martin County, MN) will be conducting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 10:00AM in the Martin County Commissioner Room, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031. The purpose of the public hearing is pursuant to Minnesota Statute 373.41 regarding proposed fee changes to the Martin County Fee Schedule for Liquor Licenses and Tax Abatement Applications Fees.

Anyone interested in viewing the proposed fee schedule changes related to the proposed Liquor Licenses fees and Tax Abatement Application fees may do so at the Martin County Coordinator's Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00- a.m. 5:00 p.m. or view on the County's website at www.co.martin.mn.us

All interested parties can attend the public hearing or provide comments either orally or in writing on the proposed fees. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments to the Martin County Coordinators' Office, Room #100, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 prior to the Hearing date or email scott.higgins@co.martin.mn.us.

Questions about the proposed fee changes can be directed to Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator at 507-238-3126.

Dated this 7th day of April 2020.

By Order of the
 Martin County Board of Commissioners

Published in the Fairmont Photo Press - April 15, 22, 2020

**SECTION 00 1113
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**MARTIN WATONWAN JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 9 IMPROVEMENTS
 MARTIN WATONWAN JOINT DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
 LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
 ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 17-20222**

A. General Notice

Martin Watonwan Joint Drainage Authority (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Martin Watonwan Judicial Ditch No. 9 Improvements
 ISG (the Engineer) Project No. 17-20222**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by ISG (the Engineer) electronically through QuestCDN until April 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be posted publicly online.

The project includes the following major quantities of Work:

1. Approximately 2,200 linear feet of open ditch cleaning, deepening, and/or widening
2. Approximately 51,000 linear feet of agricultural tile with sizes ranging from 48-inch to -8inch
3. Approximately 660 linear feet of roadway and railroad borings ranging in size from 48-inch to 10-inch
4. Approximately 56,100 CY of excavation material for the construction of a storage basin with a concrete control structure
5. Construction of three (3) concrete control structures with concrete pipe ranging in size from 60-inch to 24-inch

The awarded contractor must guarantee the tile work under the contract for three years after its completion.

B. Obtaining the Bidding Documents

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

Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN)
www.questcdn.com

The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 6948701. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

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

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

C. Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference call for the Project will be held on April 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Attendance at the pre-bid conference call is encouraged but not required.

Phone Number..... (507) 779-7435
 Conference ID Number:..... 116794

D. Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

By: Chuck Brandel, P.E.
 Title: Vice President
 Date: April 8, 2020

**House & Workshop
 FOR SALE**



Located: 429 Sparks Dr.- Granada MN

Selling: Ranch Style house w/ 2+ bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, full basement w/ 276 sq. ft. finished, large 24' x 24' living room, new furnace in 2018, has central air, double attached garage, appliances stay w/ house, unattached 32' x 55' steel building w 15' x 30' heated workshop w/. radiant heat, Very nice property.

Call for more information
James Mathiason Estate - Owner

Howell Real Estate & Auction

Office: 712-362-4844

www.howellrealestateandauction.com

Larry Howell - Broker 712-260-9693
 Mark Howell 712-260-9690
 Jordan Meyer 605-695-5427

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

RE-SCHEDULED TO SATURDAY, MAY 16- WHAT A KNIGHT, MARTIN LUTHER DINNER AND FUND-RAISING AUCTION

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 @ 5:00 PM-DENNIS & LONA LARSON-Evening Farm Retirement Auction-Exceptional JD low hour equipment including: JD 8230 & JD 8420 Tractors, JD 9570 Combine, 12 row equip & full line.Sale location: Sherburn, MN. Call Chris 507-230-6006 or Kevin 507-920-8060 for details! KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE

SALE PENDING! - 12.99 ACRE CATTLE FEED LOT located at 1258 170th Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 in Section 2 of Rolling Green Twp, Martin Co., MN. CALL DUSTYN HARTUNG 507-236-7629 FOR PRICE, TERMS & INFO!

NEW PRIVATE LISTING! 94.06 Acres +/- located in Section 26 of Rolling Green Township, Martin Co., MN. For Sale by Private treaty! Please Contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for Price, Terms, Etc.

PRIVATE LISTING-592.08 Acres +/- in Galena & Cedar Twps, Martin Co., & Long Lake Twp, Watonwan Co., MN for sale by private treaty. Contact Kevin Kahler 507-920-8060 or Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc.



For upcoming auction flyers:
auctioneeralley.com

• Allen Kahler, 841-3466
 • Ryan Kahler, 764-4440
 • Kevin Kahler, 235-5014
 • Doug Wedel, 236-4255

• Dustyn Hartung 236-7629
 • Leah Hartung 236-8786
 • Chris Kahler, 230-6006
 • Dar Hall, 327-0535

**105 South State Street, Fairmont, MN
 (507) 238-4318**

The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

Naturally
Bird feeding softens the edges of isolation. It lowers blood pressure. Birds offer needed touches of life and feeders act as prisms. Shine a light through one and it



radiates countless directions. The blue jays cried, "Hey, hey, hey!" I listened to them and tossed them some peanuts. I watched a red-tailed hawk work a thermal to ease its flight. Common grackles made sounds like rusty gates. Fox sparrows ripped up the dance floor of my yard with their chicken scratching. They brought joy to one deep in self-care.

This and data

Some information gleaned from a Pheasants Forever publication. Producing one migratory monarch butterfly requires 29 milkweed plants since the butterflies have a survival rate of 1-2%. There are 76 (Monarch Watch says 73) native milkweed species in the U.S. During WWII, school children helped the war effort by collecting 1.5 billion milkweed pods to fill life jackets. A little over a pound of the cotton-like milkweed floss could keep a soldier afloat over 40 hours.

Bird Watcher's Digest, a fine magazine, sent me my horoscope. It read: "Pisces is in tune with the magic of everyday existence. Affectionate, empathetic, wise, and soulful, you love nature and inspire people with the way you understand the rhythm of the seasons." I'm greatly

flattered.
The late Charlie Ellis had a farm in Lacombe, Alberta, with many bluebird nestboxes. When Charlie held white feathers in his hand, tree swallows flew down and snatched them. Tree swallows build cup nests of dried vegetation, gathered and carried to the nest mostly by the females. Both mates bring feathers, preferably white, to line and to arch over the cup. Turkey vultures prefer

meat as fresh as possible and won't eat extremely rotted carcasses. They can smell carrion less than 12-24 hours old. Many of us have a 3-second or 5-second rule. Vultures have a 259,200-second rule.

Carrol Henderson, former director of the Nongame Wildlife Program of the DNR for 41 years, said that in 1929, the Minnesota Legislature removed legal protections from eagles, hawks, owls, and

falcons, declaring them outlaw birds before eventually restoring the protections in 1948.
A friend, Gordon Hopp of Unadilla, Nebraska, received an award better than the leg lamp, the major award in the movie "Christmas Story," from the North American Bluebird Society. Gordon maintains 400 bluebird nestboxes and fledges 2000 bluebirds annually. He also provides boxes for American kestrels and wood ducks.

Bill Taddicken is the director of the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon, Minden and Kearney, Nebraska. There have been 360 whooping cranes sighted at Rowe since it began in 1974. A whooping crane is white and 5-foot tall with a 7.5-foot wingspan and a sandhill crane is gray and 4-foot tall with a 6.5-foot wingspan.

Each year, Bill gets reports of whooping cranes that turn out to be American white pelicans with 9-foot wingspans. Bill calls those reported birds "whooping pelicans." American white pelicans have traditionally migrated through Nebraska and were seen by **Continued on page 11**

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Fairmont
Lair Road will be closed to traffic just west of Albion Avenue on Tuesday, April 14th.
A private contractor will be repairing utilities in the street. Traffic will need to use Woodland Avenue as an alternate route. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.
Anyone with questions can contact City Hall at 238-9461
Published in the Fairmont Photo Press
April 15, 2020

MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS
Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., May 1, 2020, at the office of the Martin County Engineer located at 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont, Minnesota at which time they will be opened and read out loud. The contract will be awarded at the May 5, 2020 Martin County Commissioners' meeting for the County Project listed below:
C.P. 20:10 SUPPLYING BITUMINOUS MATERIAL FOR SEALCOATING
575 ton of CRS 2P liquid asphalt
Proposals may be obtained via our website <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>
Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond, made in favor of Martin County, in an amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid.
The County Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, portions, thereof, and to waive informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the bids in the best interest of the County.
The planholder list and bid results will be available for viewing at:
<http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>
Jessica Korte
Martin County Auditor
Kevin Peyman, P.E.
County Engineer
Published in the Fairmont Photo Press - April 1, 8, 15, 2020

MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS
Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County at the office of the Martin County Highway Department in Fairmont, Minnesota until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020, at which time they will be opened and read publicly for the County Project listed below. Lowest responsible bid will be awarded at the May 5, 2020 Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
C.P. 20:11 SUPPLYING GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL
Martin County is accepting bids to supply fuel to various shops in Martin County, Minnesota between May 6, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Approximate quantities to be delivered are as follows:
50,000 Gallons of Diesel Fuel to the Fairmont Shop
7,500 Gallons of Diesel Fuel to the Dunnell Shop
7,500 Gallons of Diesel Fuel to the Trimont Shop
45,000 Gallons of Gasoline to the Fairmont Shop
Proposals may be obtained via our website at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department> You may also email your request for the Proposal to jill.redenius@co.martin.mn.us
Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond, made in favor of Martin County, in an amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid.
The County Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, portions, thereof, and to waive informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the bids in the best interest of the County.
The planholders' list and bid results will be available for viewing at:
<http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>
Jessica Korte
Martin County Auditor
Kevin Peyman, P.E.
County Engineer
Published in the Fairmont Photo Press - April 1, 8, 15, 2020

MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS
NOTICE TO FARMERS OF MARTIN COUNTY
Please be advised that **planting and plowing within the highway right-of-way** as well as depositing field rocks is in violation of Minnesota Statute 160.27, as is removing, injuring or displacing right-of-way markers.
Also, all **field and farm entrances** built off a county roadway must have a permit from the Martin County Highway Department. If culvert is needed in entrances, it must be **new corrugated metal pipe**. Please call 507-235-3347 before building any field and farm entrances.
Violations of either of the above is a misdemeanor and may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties.
By Order Of:
Martin County Board of Commissioners
Martin County Highway Engineer
Martin County Attorney
Published in the Fairmont Photo Press - April 1 & 15th, 2020

PhotoPress
Only good news
Picture Peddler
Deadline Mon at Noon for Wed's publication
1 week, your picture and 20 words for \$17; Run 2 weeks, your picture and 20 words for \$27. We'll take the picture at the Photo Press for an additional \$3.50

2011 GMC ACADIA
AWD, leather, loaded, 94,000 mi.
Sale Price \$8,995
Welcome Motor Co., 1310 N. State St., Fairmont, MN, 235-3447, welcomemotorcompany.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
SECTION 00100 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Lake Avenue Improvements 2020-A
S.A.P. 123-111-010
City of Fairmont
Fairmont, MN
RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2020, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read at the office of the Interim City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Remove Pavement | 16,500 | SQ YD | 4" Perf PE Pipe Drain | 4,200 | LIN FT |
| Common Excavation (EV) (P) | 14,100 | CU YD | 12"-42" RCP Storm Sewer | 1,387 | LIN FT |
| Select Granular Borrow | 8,900 | TON | 8" - 15" PVC Pipe Sewer | 1,333 | LIN FT |
| Aggregate Base Class 5 | 11,000 | TON | 4"-12" Watermain | 2,450 | LIN FT |
| Bituminous Pavement | 5,200 | TON | Construct Drainage Structure | 160 | LIN FT |
| 8" Concrete Pavement | 1,200 | SQ YD | Concrete Curb & Gutter Design B618 | 5,700 | LIN FT |
| 4" & 6" Concrete Sidewalk | 35,000 | SQ FT | Traffic Striping | 16,000 | LIN FT |

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, Truck Rentals, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals, Targeted Group Business Program Goals, and Veteran-Owned Small Business, Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions, and Responsible Contractor Certification.
COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by October 30, 2020.
PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com.
TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #6997219 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$45.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.
BID SUBMITTAL: A bid shall be submitted online no later than the date and time prescribed. For this project the City will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.
BID SECURITY: A Proposal Bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Fairmont shall accompany each bid.
OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.
Dated: April 13, 2020 /s/ Mark Sievert
Interim City Administrator
Published:
Fairmont Photo Press: April 15, 2020; April 22, 2020; and April 29, 2020
QuestCDN: April 15, 2020

PhotoPress Classifieds

FAIRMONT PHOTO PRESS classified advertising deadline is **MONDAY noon**. Call **507-238-9456** and have your credit card number ready; fax **507-238-9457**; e-mail frontdesk@fairmontphotopress.com, or stop in at **112 East 1st Street**. Payment must accompany all classified ads.

10 Apartments For Rent

KRUEGER REALTY: one or two bedrooms, some with heat provided. Garbage, water, on-site laundry. EHO. Call Krueger Realty at 507-235-9060. 25-tfn-10

11 Houses for Rent

HOUSES FOR RENT. 4 bedroom houses in Fairmont. \$815-845 per month. Call Neil at 507-236-9187. 48-9tcc-11

SHOP LOCALLY! Help keep your community's economy going strong! When you shop locally, not only do you buy the easy, convenient way, but you keep the money in your community, where it benefits the place where you live. Shop where the parking is free, where you know the merchants, and you always feel welcome in their stores! Support your neighbors - It pays to shop local!

Continued from page 10

Lewis and Clark during the Corp of Discovery's epic adventure. In August 1804, the expedition found a flock of several hundred white pelicans resting on a sandbar about two miles north of the mouth of Little Sioux River in present-day Burt or Thurston County, Nebraska, and Monona County, Iowa. A pelican was shot and measured by Captain Meriwether Lewis. Its throat pouch was determined to have held five gallons of water.

I've been reading

"Finding Beauty in a Broken World" by Terry Tempest Williams. She watched prairie

dogs rise before the sun and stand with their paws pressed together as they faced the rising sun in total stillness for up to 30 minutes. Then she watched them at the end of the day make the same gesture 30 minutes before the sun went down. She used the term "prayer dogs" and wrote of clay-colored monks dressed in discrete robes of fur standing as sentinels outside their burrows, watching as their communities disappear, one by one, their hands raised up in prayer. Navajo elders have said, "If you kill all the prairie dogs, there will be no one to cry for rain."

Q&A

"Can you really stand an egg on end during the equinox?" Yes, but egg balancing can be done at any time with a steady hand, patience and the right egg.

"Shouldn't a hummingbird beat the eagles back here? They'd have less wind resistance." Good point, but there is that whole availability of food thing that a hummingbird must consider.

"Do birds down under fly

upside down?" Only while calling, "Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!"

Thanks for stopping by

"One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak." — G.K. Chesterton

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." — Mark Twain

Do good.

© Al Batt 2020

COVID-19: Small Business Guidance & Loan Program

If you have a small business and need assistance to navigate through the COVID-19 SBA Business Loan program applications and the Minnesota DEED application process, the **Martin County EDA** can help.

Please contact Bryan Stading at RCEF via email:

bryan@rcef.net or via telephone: **507-382-5679**

or call the Martin County Coordinator's

Office at **507-238-3126**

Martin County EDA offers FREE and CONFIDENTIAL business development services to individuals, start-ups, and existing businesses.

- ♦ Start-up, expansion, and relocation assistance
- ♦ Business plan development
- ♦ Feasibility assessments
- ♦ Marketing strategy
- ♦ Finance counseling
- ♦ Resource connections



Martin County Coordinator's Office

507.238.3126

Exciting Career Opportunities!

Are you looking for a challenging career opportunity where you are able to make a difference in your community? Consider joining the team at Martin County - where your contributions make a true impact in the work you do!

Martin County is accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Seasonal Water Patrol Deputy** - Martin County Sheriff's Department
- **Victim Witness Assistant** - Martin County Victim Services
- **Account Technician I** - Martin County Auditor/Treasurer's Office

Additional position information and required applications can be obtained on the Martin County website at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/applications/employment>

Completed applications are to be submitted to Martin County Coordinator's Office at the Martin County Courthouse, **no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29th.**

Martin County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Transfer/Yard Driver

DEVENISH

The Agri-Technology Company

DEVENISH NUTRITION, a growing animal nutrition company, is seeking a full time Yard/Transfer Driver. The successful candidate will be part of the team primarily responsible for the transfer of product between our offsite warehouse and plant, and yard trailer moves. This position is based out of our Fairmont, MN location.

The successful candidate must have a Class A Driver's License, a Health Card, and must meet all DOT requirements. Candidates should be well-organized, effective communicators and self-motivated. Knowledge of forklifts and other warehouse equipment as well as animal feed products is a plus.

Devenish Nutrition offers a competitive benefit package including: Health, Dental, Vision, Life, STD, LTD, HSA, 401K & Paid Time Off.

Please send resume to: Devenish Nutrition,
Att: Human Resources 2320 Lake Ave, Fairmont, MN 56031
Email: kelli.harder@devenish.com

THE MARKET PLACE

PROMOTE
SELL
ADVERTISE

COST PER
WEEK IS ONLY: **\$16** STOP
IN
TODAY!

Redi Haul Sales & Service

D.O.T. Certified Inspection Station

**Qualified Technicians:
Repair All Brands of Trailers.**



1205 N. Dewey St.
Fairmont, MN 56031
Ph. 507-238-4231
www.redihaul.com

- Trailer Parts & Repair
- Wheel Bearings Packed
- Brake Parts & Repair
- Lights & Wiring
- Couplers & Balls
- Trailer Hitches Installed

BENJAMIN ROSA ROOFING

RESIDENTIAL
REMODELING
FREE ESTIMATES

507-399-9570

ChemDry CleanRite ChemDry

(507) 235-3765 • (507) 236-0713
cvosschemdry@gmail.com

Fairmont, MN
Services Include:
Carpet & Furniture • Tile Floors
• Fire & Smoke Cleanup
• Entrance Rugs • Janitorial Service
*The experts in residential and commercial cleaning.
27 years in service!*

TOM FINKE Excavating

Licensed
Septic System
Install and
Design

- Dirt & Rock Hauling
- Basement Work • Dozer Work
- Tree & Grove Removal

Sherburn, MN
507-764-2680

FREE
ESTIMATES

Landsteiner Repair

- Affordable Rates
- Professional Job
- Speedy Service
- Small Engine Repair
- Used Equipment Sales
- Blade and Chain Sharpening

"If we can't fix it, you don't pay"

507.230.0781

landsteinerrepair@gmail.com

Bentle Lawn Care

Terry Bentle, Owner

Residential or Commercial
Property Lawn Mowing and Leaf Pickup

202 E 1st St North • Truman, MN
(507) 236-2965
terry.bentle@yahoo.com

Veterans Linkage Line

your link to experts
minnesotaveteran.org | 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838)

Do you know your benefits?
Let us serve you.

**Martin County Veterans Services:
507-238-3220**

Allan Eppens Painting, LLC

FULL SERVICE PAINTING

**507-235-6007
or
507-236-0066
Fairmont**

Farmland Tree Service

- Tree Trimming & Removal
- New & Old Grove Trimming
- Stump Removal & Cleanup
- Lake Bank Trimming • Gutter Cleaning

Insured and Free Estimates

SCOTT • 507-236-3951 • 507-764-4879
Office: 311 Delana Street, Sherburn, MN
Still serving the area after 30 years.
Arborist by trade.

TORO • TORO • TORO • TORO • TORO



Sales and Service

Count on it.

The
BOAT HOUSE

903 Lake Ave. • Fairmont, MN
(507) 235-6931

- Small Engine Repairs on all Makes & Models
- Local Pick Up & Delivery Available

Fairmont Eagles Aerie #3394

1228 Lake Avenue
Fairmont, MN

Call Us for Hall Rental:
Weddings, Anniversaries,
Meetings, Private Parties & More!

Full Service Bar Available!

Dave Nutt, Events Planner
507-236-5928 • racenutt@midco.net

FLEET and FARM SUPPLY

Paint & Painting Supplies

CLARK+KENSINGTON
PAINT • PRIMER IN ONE

FAIRMONT, MN
1300 NORTH STATE ST.

POOLEY'S SCRAP IRON

620 N. Main
Fairmont, MN
(507) 238-4391

HOURS:
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m.-12 noon
& 1-4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday

RECYCLE
ALUMINUM
CANS HERE

Custom Window Blinds

FREE Cordless Upgrade on
select window coverings!
(effective 1/1-4/20/20)

Call Paula today for details and to
schedule an in-home consultation!

507-236-4951

I look forward to helping you
find the perfect view!

507-766-3910



Baha Gutter Company

Get your mind off your gutters!

Brett Meyeraan Owner
Meyeraanbw@gmail.com
Fairmont, MN

RENT THE PARSONAGE!

We're the perfect place
to host your gathering.

- Receptions
- Reunions
- Meetings
- Parties
- & More



Call Martin County Historical
Society's Pioneer Museum
for details: 507-235-5178

THE TOUGHEST BOAT LIFTS & DOCKS

Docks - Lifts Service - Marine Repair

The Boat House

903 Lake Avenue
Fairmont, MN

507-235-6931



TORO Sales Service

Grotte Construction Concrete Contractor

We know concrete.

- driveways & patios
- floors & footings
- ICF walls
- colored/stained concrete
- stamped concrete
- concrete resurfacing

Concrete done right. Free Estimates. Call us today.

Greg: 507-236-2816

Dean: 507-238-1400

775 190th Avenue Fairmont, MN 56031

State Farm Returning \$2 billion dividend

In an effort to help customers during these challenging times, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the nation's largest auto insurer, is announcing up to a \$2 billion dividend that will go to its auto insurance customers. With schools and businesses closed, and many of us sheltering in our homes, people are driving less right now, so we're returning value to customers as we anticipate fewer auto claims.

Customers do not need to take any action to receive this dividend, which will appear as a credit on their auto policy.

On average, State Farm Mutual auto customers can expect to receive a credit of about 25 percent of premium for the time period March 20 through May 31; exact percentages will vary by state. Every State Farm Mutual auto insurance customer will receive

credits applied against bills beginning as early as June. We'll continue to monitor our loss experience and respond appropriately.

"State Farm is returning value through a dividend to our customers," said Chairman, President and CEO Michael L. Tipsord. "We insure more cars than anyone and we see from our claims activity people are driving less."

We're committed to giving back not just to our customers, but to communities where we live and work by providing \$5 million in donations across the country. These efforts are in direct response to COVID-19 and are focused on relief and recovery efforts.

We encourage customers facing financial challenges to call their State Farm agent. Agents are working with State Farm customers one-on-one providing payment options.

Grants available to Veterans

Minnesota Veterans impacted by COVID-19 may be eligible for grants from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA).

MDVA is now accepting applications from Minnesota Veterans who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. MDVA will award one-time financial relief grants in the amount of \$1,000. Funding is available for both Disaster Relief Grants and Special Needs Grants.

"We are grateful to Governor Walz and the Minnesota Legislature for their support of Minnesota Veterans in the recently enacted Emergency Response package," said MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke. "Minnesota Veterans have served our country in many past conflicts, so it is only right that we support them now during this challenging time."

Eligible Applicants must be:

A Veteran or the surviving spouse of a deceased Veteran as defined by MN Statute 197.447;

A Minnesota Resident, and;

Negatively financial impacted by COVID-19.

To apply for the Disaster Relief Grant:

Contact your local County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) or MDVA Field Operations Representative at FO.MDVA@state.mn.us OR apply online at Minnesota-Veteran.org/COVIDRelief.

To apply for the Special Needs Grant:

Contact your local County Veterans Service Officer or MDVA Field Operations Representative.

To identify or contact your local CVSO, visit MACVSO.org. For more information, visit Minnesota-Veteran.org/COVIDRelief.

**HOUSES - MANUFACTURED HOMES
GARAGES - FEEDLOTS - ADDITIONS
GRAIN BINS - PATIOS - DECKS
PAVED DRIVEWAYS - BARNES
STORAGE SHEDS - MACHINE SHEDS
GARDEN SHEDS - LANDSCAPING—AND MORE**



PLANNING TO BUILD, MOVE-IN, REPLACE AN EXISTING STRUCTURE, OR ADD-ON? YOU NEED A PERMIT!

Residents of Martin County are reminded a **BUILDING PERMIT** is required **PRIOR** to constructing, moving-in a structure, replacing an existing structure, or adding-on to an existing building.

Please contact Martin County Planning & Zoning Department for information on how to apply for a **BUILDING PERMIT**

Martin County Planning & Zoning Department
201 Lake Avenue – Room 104, Courthouse
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031
507-238-3242

FAREWAY®

MEAT & GROCERY

NEW HOURS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Open Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

The early closure will provide for additional cleaning and sanitation measures in our stores, as well as time for restocking inventory.

**The first hour of business from 8:00 am - 9:00 am
will be reserved for those customers who are 65 and over,
expecting mothers, those living with a serious chronic medical
condition, and anyone with an underlying medical condition that
increases the susceptibility to serious illness from COVID-19.**

We appreciate the advance cooperation from our customers
in respecting the hour reserved for those that are at higher risk.

**500 South State Street, Fairmont, MN
Grocery 238-4737 • Meat 238-4673**