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In these trying times, small businesses are hurting regardless if they've been able to stay open in some fashion, or have been forced to close. D&S

Trophies and The Visual Identity Vault have collaborated to bring you, Martin County Strong. The two stores will be offering T-shirts and hood-

ies at both of our locations with orders taken via phone, in person if we're open, or online at www.tvivmn.com/mcstrong. What their asking for is any interested small businesses in Martin County

to contact us via either email below if they would like their business name on the back of the shirt. This is totally free to the businesses that sign up between 4/18/20 and 4/23/20.

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INTRODUCING WINDOW ART OF MARTIN COUNTY MN - Red Rock Center for the Arts invites you to a county-wide themed scavenger hunt and you are on the team. Can you find a place on your window alongside all those fun hearts to share a little more creativity? Draw, paint, color, collage and create an art gallery using your window as frame, then post a picture to "Window Art of Martin County MN" on Facebook for all to see. Not window friendly? That's okay, post a picture anyway. We want to see what you've been up to and add to the community spirit.

Bi-Weekly Art Themes

April 15 - 30 Spring Fling

May 1 - 15 People, Places & Pets

May 16 - May 31 Freedom & Flags

All ages welcome.



MARLEN AND JUNE BENTS will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday. They were married April 24th, 1955 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ceylon. A celebration with family will be held at a later time. (Submitted photo)

Haevyn Raelynne Hartke, daughter of Jacob and Sierra Hartke of Fairmont, was born April 1, 2020, at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. She weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Dennis and Jodie Schrader, and Brad and Liz Hartke, all of Fairmont. Great-grandparents are Ruthe and Norm Gran of Jackson, Ken and Barb Scheef of Fairmont and Joan Hartke of Mesa, AZ

Hy-Vee offers free full-service fueling

Hy-Vee, Inc. announces today that it will be offering free full-service fueling at its more than 165 convenience stores across its eight-state region.

The service will be offered at select fuel pumps from at least 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Upon arrival, customers who wish to use the service can select the pump's "Fuel Help" button or call a designated phone number found on signs at each pump. Food and items from the convenience store can also be ordered and delivered to customer vehicles using the service.

Once notified, employees will meet customers at their vehicle and process their transaction and fuel order without the customer having to leave their vehicle. Full-service fueling can be paid with cash or credit card. As an added safety measure, employees will be wearing gloves for every customer interaction.

The Welcome Historical Society Museum will be closed until further notice due to Covid-19 and the Governor's orders. We will publish in the paper and post on our Facebook page when we can be open again.

Input needed on Kinship Sale

It will not come as a surprise that the 2020 Kinship Industrial Commercial Rummage Sale/Auction held at the Martin County Fairgrounds in Fairmont, MN will be cancelled for April 30, May 1 and 2.

We are asking for input from businesses. Whether you have or have not donated your unneeded items to the Kinship sale in the past, we ask for your suggestions on the following:

1) Do you have items that you might have wanted to donate this year?

2) If so would you prefer—

-Rescheduling the sale for June or July?

-Rescheduling the sale for September?

-Skipping sale in 2020 and wait to do one next May of 2021?

To refresh your memory or provide information:

This would have been the 17th annual Kinship Sale that benefits Kinship's youth mentoring program that connects caring volunteer adults to be positive role models to the youth in Martin County.

Businesses have donated used or even new unneeded items from their business. It is an opportunity for businesses to "clean out" and get rid of obsolete or unused inventory, equipment, machinery, tools, materials, supplies, parts and office equipment/furnishing/items. Donations were anything related to your business other than computers, copiers, appliances, tires and non-operable items.

Kinship is a 501c3 organization, so businesses are provided with documents of the value of items donated for use in taking tax advantages.

Thank you and please contact me with your ideas,

Char Kahler, Kinship of Martin County Board Member chark@kahlerautomation.co, (507) 236-4606 1966 50th Street; Fairmont, MN 56031

Salvation Army launches emotional and spiritual care hotline

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Salvation Army Northern Division has introduced an Emotional and Spiritual Care Hotline. The hotline, available by calling 877-220-4195, operates seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time.

Most individuals and families are experiencing a higher-than-normal level of stress, due to the direct and indirect effects of the spread of COVID-19. Anyone who is feeling lonely, fearful or hopeless during the coronavirus outbreak can call the hotline number to reach a friendly and reassuring voice. Trained Salvation Army officers, employees and volunteers will be available to talk, listen, comfort, and pray for individuals, families and situations.

Lt. Colonel Lonneal Richardson, Commander of The Salvation Army Northern Division, shares that the hotline is important to help people get through these challenging days, by giving them an opportunity to share their concerns.

"Those who call will be in different situations—some afraid, some lonely, and some who might need a word of encouragement or a prayer. Others may just need the comfort of knowing that someone is listening. The hotline fits well with our mission of caring for the body, soul and spirit."

There is no charge to access the call-in service, and it's available to anyone in the 11 Midwestern states served by The Salvation Army Central Territory, which includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

The Spring Truman Historical Association Dinner has been cancelled. We hope to see you in September.

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Lydia Steinhaus, a senior at Martin Luther High School, Northrop, has been named a 2020 National Honor Society Scholarship semi-finalist. She has been awarded a \$3,200 scholarship. This selection is made in recognition of outstanding achievement in the pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.



DARYL BARTZ of Fairmont celebrated his 80th 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)



Baby Emma, born on March 12th, the Girl Scouts Birthday, was welcomed by Brownie Lillyan Matheson with a gift basket on behalf of her Girl Scout Troop 37835.

DFS cancels awards night

The executive committee of Fairmont Dollars for Scholars has made the difficult decision to not host their annual awards night on May 27, 2020.

"Even knowing that our high school seniors have already had so many special moments canceled or postponed, with the stay-at-home order still ongoing in Minnesota, we felt it was most prudent for the health and well-being of all to cancel the event," said Mary Granheim, Fairmont Dollars for Scholars chapter president.

Scholarships WILL be awarded. Students will be notified first by email and more formally by mail regarding their status as an applicant. If they are a scholarship recipient, they will receive information on how to contact their donor to convey their appreciation.

Students will be notified on their scholarship status by May 27. Donors or applicants with questions can contact Fairmont Dollars for Scholars secretary Liz Wheeler at 507-399-2134 or fairmont-dollars@gmail.com.

154 Century Farms to be honored in 2020

The Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau recognize 154 Minnesota farms as 2020 Century Farms. Qualifying farms have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more. Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau presidents and Governor Tim Walz.

Since the program began in 1976, more than 10,500 Minnesota farms have been recognized as Century Farms.

Area 2020 Century Farm families include:

Faribault

Blue Earth - Guckeen/Murphy, 1885

Frost - Claire and Diane Olson, 1920

Jackson

Jackson - Vacura, 1919
Lakefield - Buresch Family Farm, 1920

Lakefield - Doug and Sue Pohlman, Kimberley and Brett Johnson, Elaine Pohlman, and Kenneth and Pat Pohlman, 1920

Martin

Fairmont - Becker Farm, 1920

Fairmont - Bill and Jim Bulfer, 1912

Fairmont - Bill and Jim Bulfer, 1920

Fairmont - John Bulfer - Crowley Farm, 1904

Truman - George Farm, 1898

Welcome - Louis - Carl - Kristy Meyer Farm, 1919

Information on all Century Farms will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2020 Minnesota State Fair. A database of all Minnesota Century Farms is also available at fbmn.org.

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online at www.tvivmn.com/mcstrong.

The stores will offer pickup at our stores, or shipping if people so choose. The two stores are covering their costs and not profiting from the sale of this project.

Customers will be asked which business they would like a donation to go to. \$10 from every T-shirt sold, and \$15 from every hoodie sold will be donated to the participating business indicated by the customer that has joined this project. Donations can also be made directly to any business of choice.

Martin County has had its share of publicity since the beginning of this Covid-19 outbreak and they wanted to find a way to help out our fellow businesses in a way that promotes unity throughout our county. The two stores are Martin County Strong, and we will see this pandemic through and come out stronger in the end. This too shall pass, but please consider helping out your favorite business that has signed on to this project.

Sara Cyphers - Owner of D&S Trophies and Embroidery

Jay & Tanya Doyscher - Owners of The Visual Identity Vault

Follow them on Facebook: Martin County Strong

The online sales web-store will go live on 4/24/20 as well as both locations taking in-person/phone orders during their posted hours. (See both companies Facebook page for their hours of work).

NOTE: Businesses that wish to be included on this please follow these instructions.

1.) Email either of us the name of your business you'd like listed.

2.) Please promote that your business is part of Martin County Strong project on your websites and social media outlets.

3.) Share posts from our Martin County Strong Facebook page as often as you can.

They will respond to your email to acknowledge its acceptance into this project. Any questions can be directed to either business:

Sara Cyphers - Owner of D&S Trophies and Embroidery

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Vernon Bau, 92

Vernon Bau, 92, of Truman, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, services will occur at a later date. Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman is entrusted with ar-

rangements. www.Zaharia-FamilyFuneral.com

Vernon Bau was born on a farm near Monango, ND on June 5th, 1927 to Peter and Esther (Farmer) Bau.

He was raised in the farm life and attended country school through 8th grade near Frankfort, SD. He started working and later joined the army and served in WWII for 16 months. Upon his return, he took his GED and enrolled at SDSU in Brookings, SD.

He met Delores Anderson in the summer of 1949 and they married on June 14th, 1952 in Redfield, SD. They became live-in house parents at the Methodist Student Center to help with expenses while in college. While as

a member of the Army Reserve, his education was interrupted in 1950, where he served in Japan during the Korean War. Upon his discharge, Vernon graduated from SDSU in 1954, first in his class, in the College of Agriculture, where he majored in Agricultural Economics and minored in Agronomy. He appreciated the education he had received from SDSU.

He followed college with a long career as a farm loan appraiser and loan manager for Equitable Life Assurance Society in Truman, MN. He continued his education to earn a master's of science in 1958 with a major in economics while working for Equitable.

He and Delores moved to

Truman in 1957. He believed in community involvement and was the Chairman of the Truman Planning and Zoning Board for many years. He was politically active and was delegate for county and state caucuses for years. They were long time members of the Madelia United Methodist Church where he served on many boards.

He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, hunting and golfing. They were members at Interlaken Golf Club in Fairmont. He flew a private plane and was a member of the St. James flying club. He enjoyed taking friends and family for trips near and far to Mexico, Canada, Louisiana, New Mexico, California, South Dakota and many other states.

After retirement, he and Delores, wintered in Mesa, AZ.

He was a lifetime VFW member and a 70 year American Legion Member. He was active in the Truman Historical Society and Truman Museum. He provided financial scholarships to students at his alma mater, SDSU.

Vernon is survived by his wife Delores; children, Gordon (Jane) Bau of Austin, Cindy (Greg) Graif of Sherburn, Connie (Elliot) Belgard of Truman and David (Sue) Bau of Slayton; 14 grandchildren, Stacy (Derek) Nelson, Tanya Ryan, Matt Bau, Josh (Angela) Bau, Melissa (Jeff) Paradis, Laura Urban, Jerrick (Jess) Urban, Foster (Alyssa) Graif, Brenna (Darren) Thate, Molly Markquart,

Miranda Belgard (fiancé Chris Tulowetzke), Brian Bau, Mark Bau and Heidi Bau; 13 great-grandchildren, Raya, Meghan, Isla, Josselyn, Ryker, Alexis, Adalynn, Grayson, Kennedy, Finley, Dustin, Londyn and Madison; sister-in-law, Teresa Bau; numerous other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wesley and Arlan; two sisters, Lena Paulson and Eva Masat.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Truman Historical Museum or SDSU Foundation, Vernon Bau Scholarships; SDSU, PO Box 525 Brookings, SD 57006-9935 www.SDState-Foundation.org. ***kramerfuneralhome.com***



Roger L. Cochran, 89

Private Family Services for Roger L. Cochran, 89, of Fairmont, MN, are being held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church with inter-

ment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Roger passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, April 15, 2020, at his home in Fairmont surrounded by his loving family. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Roger Lee Cochran was born on July 15, 1930, in Fort Dodge, IA. He was the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Sanftner) Cochran. He attended Swea City and Blue Earth public schools and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1948. Roger continued his education at the University of Minnesota.

On January 16, 1951, Roger enlisted in the Army and served at Camp Rucker,

AL, with Company K, 135th Infantry Regiment. He achieved the rank of SGT(T) before earning his honorable discharge on August 25, 1952.

On November 26, 1955, Roger was united in marriage to Patricia Patterson at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. The couple made their life-long home in Fairmont, where they raised three children, Gary, Debbie, and Greg. Roger and Pat shared over sixty-four blessed years together.

Roger began working at Railway Motors in Fairmont, later working for Industrial Credit. He then worked for Farm Bureau Insurance before opening his own independent insurance sales of-

fice. During his retirement he enjoyed managing and caretaking for the Lakeside Cemetery where he was also a board member. Roger attended St. John Vianney Catholic Church where he was active with the Knights of Columbus.

He also held memberships in the Exchange Club and Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36. Roger and Pat were volunteer members of the Fairmont Opera House. Roger was also member of Profinium Top of the Hill club and enjoyed traveling with friends. Roger had many popular sayings one of his favorites was Top of the Hill.

Roger enjoyed traveling and camping with Pat and

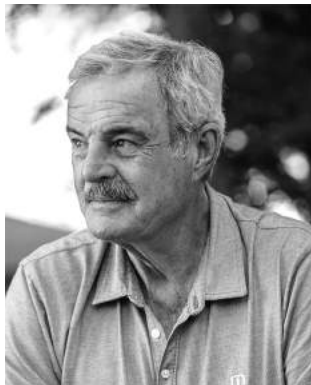
his kids. He always planned every detail making sure he took pictures at every location they visited. He enjoyed tending to his various collections and listening to music. Roger made sure he made it to casinos to play his favorite video poker game. He also liked to play card and board games, putting puzzles together, sketching and carpentry. Roger loved to be outside doing yard work and tending to his roses. No matter how many long hours he worked, he always found time to spend playing with grandchildren and attending their various activities. One of his favorite habits was candy, lots of candy.

Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife

Patricia (Patty) Cochran of Fairmont, MN; daughter, Debbie Lutz and her husband, David, of Plymouth, MN; son, Greg Cochran and his wife, Marcy, of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Regan Lutz of Plymouth, MN, Justine Lutz of Los Angeles, CA, Katie Cochran of Fairmont, MN, Garrett Cochran of Fairmont, MN, Tyler Cochran of Cottage Grove, MN, and Tony Lucken of Minneapolis, MN; other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Francis and Elizabeth Cochran, Roger was preceded in death by his son, Gary Cochran; sister-in-law, Doris Richardson; and parents-in-law, Bert and Alice Patterson.

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Jack Rooney, 69

Services for John "Jack" W. Rooney, age 69, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Tenhassen Township Cemetery, rural Ceylon, MN. Jack passed away on Tuesday

morning, April 14th, 2020, at his home. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to the donor's choice.

John "Jack" William Rooney was born on October 2nd, 1950, in Estherville, IA. He was the son of William and Catherine (Kollasch) Rooney. He attended Armstrong, IA, public schools and graduated from Armstrong High School.

Jack enlisted in the Air Force on February 25, 1970. He was stationed at the Davis-Monthan Airforce Base in Tucson, AZ, before earning his honorable discharge on October 12, 1971.

On June 22, 1972, Jack was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Debra Clark at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong. The couple resided in Armstrong before moving to Fairmont, MN, in 1975. This union was blessed with two children, Todd and Jamie. Jack and Debra shared over forty years together before Deb passed away on October 3, 2012, as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

On August 6, 2016, Jack was blessed with finding true love for a second time and was united in marriage to Marcia Draper in Fairmont, MN. The couple resided in Fairmont.

Jack worked as an Auc-

tioner with Clark Bros Auction Company. More recently, Jack co-owned Rooney and Howell Auction Company with Larry and Mark Howell. He partially retired in 2016 but continued to work with Howell and Helmers Auction Firm.

Jack was a member of the Minnesota State Auctioneers Association as well as St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. During his free time, he enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities such as boating, playing softball, and basketball. Jack most loved attending his kid's football games, cross country and track meets.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Marcia

Rooney of Fairmont, MN; son, Todd Rooney and his wife, Tianna, of Brighton, MI; daughters, Jamie Sternke and her husband, Adam, of Rochester, MN, Melissa Wieneke and her husband, Chad, of Plymouth, MN, and Maria Klug and her husband, Jared, of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Kian, Cole, Tesfalem, and Kehel Rooney, Denison and Rooney Sternke, Jack and Harper Wieneke, and Gabrielle and Delaney Klug; mother-in-law, Eunice Ziemann of Fairmont, MN; sister, Jean Oleson and her husband, Steve; sister-in-law, Sharon Rooney; brothers, Bob Rooney and his wife, Vic, Tom Rooney and his wife, Sue, Tim Rooney and

his wife, Eileen, Mike Rooney and his wife, Stephanie, and Dave Rooney and his wife, Stacy; brother-in-law, Rick Clark and his wife, Jane; sisters-in-law, Barbara Ayersman and her husband, Bob, and Judy Buckmier and her husband, Ron; many nieces, nephew, aunts, uncles, other extended family and friends.

Along with his parents, William and Catherine Rooney, Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Debra Rooney; step father, Bill Loss; brother, James "Jim" Rooney; sister, Mary Loss; parents-in-law, Lloyd and Loraine Clark; and father-in-law, Dennis Ziemann.

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Thomas R. Sherry, 91

Private family services for Thomas R. Sherry, 91, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain, MN. Burial will be held in Holy Family Cemetery. A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date with all of Tom's family and friends.

Tom passed away Tuesday morning, April 14th, 2020, at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Thomas R. Sherry was born June 1st, 1928, in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Richard T. and Catherine Abbey (Gannon) Sherry. He attended St. Bridget's Grade School in Minneapolis and graduated from DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis.

In October 1950, Tom enlisted with the United States Army where he served his country proudly during the Korean War and

was awarded the Bronze Star. In October 1952, Tom received his honorable discharge and returned home to Minnesota.

On August 20, 1955, Tom was united in marriage to Eleanor Korolewski at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain, MN. Together the couple would make their home in Minneapolis where Tom worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator for the City of Minneapolis Park Dept. In 1962, Tom and Eleanor made the move to a farm Southeast of East Chain where Tom farmed until his retirement in 1990. To this union, six children were born, Steve, Diane, Bill, Sue, Laura, and Julie. In his retirement, Tom

kept busy working at Rose Lake Golf Course, Shopko, K-Mart and plowing snow for the township. Tom had a passion for helping people and helped as a funeral assistant for several years at Lakeview Funeral Home.

Tom was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain where he served as a past Trustee and served on the Holy Name Society. He was proud of his military service and enjoyed being a long-time member of the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36. Tom was a past member of the East Chain Sportsman's Club,

served on the East Chain Township Board and was active in the East Chain School P.T.A.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Eleanor "Ele" Sherry of Fairmont, MN; children, Steve (Anita) Sherry of Dodge Center, MN, Bill Sherry of Apple Valley, MN, Sue (Kevin) Lauwagie of Winthrop, MN, Laura (John) Tiemann of Bloomington, MN, and Julie (Bruce) Torkelson of Maple Grove, MN; son-in-law, Dick Gerhardt of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Jaci, Alyssa, Andrew, Matthew, Reid, Tim, Talia, Beth, Kayle, Emilee, Erica, Jack, Nathan, and Alec; 8 great-grandchildren; brother,

Tim (Kathy) Sherry; sister-in-law, Yvonne Baker; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Catherine Sherry; daughter, Diane Gerhardt; grandson, Joshua Lauwagie; sister, Kathleen Gauthier; brother, Richard Sherry; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Percy (Margaret) Korolewski, Bernard Baker, Dave Gauthier and Theresa Sherry.

Cards and messages of sympathy can reach the family at 1310 Adams Ave. #304 Fairmont, MN 56031.

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UHD seeks donations of handmade face masks

Effective no later than May 1st and based on updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United Hospital District (UHD) recommends everyone who enters the Blue Earth facility be masked. This new measure is in line with other healthcare facilities and will help with source control for the community.

According to UHD Infection Control Officer Raina Juba, RN, anyone who needs to visit UHD and already has their own face mask is asked to arrive wearing their own mask. Persons arriving at UHD without a mask will be provided one by UHD based on their health status. Anyone determined to be symptomatic will be given a hospital grade mask and individuals considered asymptomatic will be provided a handmade cloth mask.

"UHD has an adequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand to protect its employees and patients from COVID-19," said Mrs. Juba. "However, the global supply for this equipment continues to be uncertain and we are actively taking steps to secure more supplies."

To that end, UHD is now accepting donations of handmade cloth face masks, which may be provided to staff and/or patients. Donors are asked to refer to the Minnesota Department of Health website at www.health.state.mn.us or CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus for guidance regarding pattern and material. All donated masks will be laundered before distribution. UHD has set up donation boxes inside the entrance doors to the hospital and the Blue Earth Clinic. Anyone wishing to donate may simply place their handmade masks in the donation boxes, which are accessible 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be monitored by UHD staff.

UHD is working in partnership with Community Health and Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties (CHHSFMC), which is also collecting and distributing cloth masks to those in need at no cost. Masks donated to UHD will be primarily distributed to UHD staff and patients but may also be used to supplement need from CHHSFMC.

Concert Association cancels final performances

The Fairmont Concert Association announced the cancellation of the final two performances of the season, Alliance Brass, scheduled for Sunday, April 26th and Many Voices Choir on May 17th.

A statement from Allied Concert Services, which furnishes the performances for the Fairmont Concert Association stated that it would announce if and when the cancelled 2020 concerts will be rescheduled.

"Nothing can replace live entertainment. It is a group activity that gathers neighbors and friends together for an evening of art, passion and fun. Unfortunately the coronavirus pandemic has forced the postponement of all of Allied's performances from March 14 through the end of the 19-20 season in late May.

"However, in the absence of live performances for a while, may we suggest you visit an artist's website:"

Alliance Brass - www.alliancebrass.com

Ball in the House - www.ballinthehouse.com

Classic Nashville Roadshow - www.jasonpetty.com

Double Double Duo - www.doubledoubleduo.com

The Everly Set - www.facebook.com/TheEverlySet

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Popovich Comedy Pet Theater - www.comedy-pet.com

Presidio Brass - www.presidiobrass.com

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Sultans of Sting - www.sultansofstring.com

Sundae & Mr. Goessl - www.sundaeandmrgoessl.com

Tony DeSare - <https://www.tonydesare.com>

These websites have information on the artists, music samples and video clips. You may even be able to purchase a CD. Not only will it be fun to listen to, this purchase will help financially support the artist while they are not working.

Speaking of CDs, remember all of the great concerts you attended in the past? Hopefully you purchased a CD or two. Play them, and be transported back to a fond memory.



Jerome Determan uses Mayo's video visits

Jerome Determan isn't one to back down from a challenge. In 2009, when he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, he was told he may only live for another three years.

Eleven years later: "I feel just fine," said Determan, 88, of Fairmont, Minn.

Having yet to achieve remission, Determan is still undergoing treatment for his cancer, and he's doing so in a world that poses a more acute threat to his health: COVID-19. And while he still must seek on-site infusion treatments at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, some of his appointments can be handled remotely through video visits.

Like many other health care organizations across the country, Mayo Clinic Health System quickly rolled out widespread use of video visits across various departments during the past few weeks to ensure patients could stay safely at home while still being connected to their health care providers.

"We have very much appreciated our patients' willingness to try the technology so we can continue to provide them with quality care in their homes," says Amrit Singh, M.B.B.S., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont oncologist. "We've been so pleased with how smoothly the process has gone and how many patients we've been able to serve so far. We want to encourage many more patients to schedule these visits for any health care needs that don't require a physical exam during this period when it's safer to shelter in place."

Telehealth has been used for years at Mayo Clinic and throughout the health system, including on rural medical campuses to connect patients with specialists in Rochester, among other locations. But the novel coronavirus required a hastening of widespread use, meaning thousands of patients like Determan are experiencing it for the first time this spring.

"Our concern at first was acquainting patients with the technology. In Oncology, we work in large

part with an older population and not all of them have access to computers," says Tracy Culbertson, Oncology nurse manager, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. "But a lot of people have had family members who can help. Or, if they have a computer and can log into their Patient Online Services account and click the link that says, 'Click here to start visit,' then a member of the Mayo Clinic Connected Care team appears on the screen and walks the patient through the process of ensuring the sound and video are working properly. They make it very simple."

When a doctor's visit on the computer first came up, Determan thought, "Well, I'm computer illiterate." But thankfully his wife, Donna, is not. She has a computer and an iPad, and she got her husband all set up for his first video visit. The visits only require a device and an internet connection. No software needs to be downloaded.

"I've used Skype, and it's very similar," says Donna. "I got it on the computer, and everything went fine. (The Connected Care person) walks you right through it. It went really smooth."

Determan agreed. In fact, he was so impressed with how smoothly and quickly the visit went, he hopes they continue using it after the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been trips he and Donna have made to Rochester for check-ups that don't involve a physical exam, and he thinks video visits would be a big time-saver.

"In this day and age, if there's new technology that will make things better for you and me, then let's do it," says Determan. "If we all kept using the same stuff we were born with, we'd all be driving horses and buggies. Let's progress with the world."

Patients need to have a Patient Online Services account to take advantage of video visits. They can inquire about setting up an account when calling to make an appointment.

Appointments for video visits are required. Patients are asked to log into their account 15 minutes before their appointment. Their provider will log in at the scheduled visit time and the session will begin.

"One of the many great features of this type of visit is that the provider has the option to share his or her screen with the patient, and the patient can actually see scans or test results on their own computer screen," says Culbertson. "They can show them a list of their medications to make sure they're all correct. It's a really nice

visual."

Culbertson said many patients have been apprehensive to try a video visit, but once completed, they've realized how easy and convenient the technology is.

"They express gratitude for keeping them safe at home," says Culbertson.



Fairmont's Amy Long adds St. James to her Mayo duties

Mayo Clinic Health System in St. James Administrator Scott Thoreson will be leaving his role April 28 to explore new professional opportunities.

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Administrator Amy Long's leadership role will expand to include site administrator duties in St. James on April 29. Long previously served as the administrator of the St. James campus in 2016.

"The St. James campus will be in great hands moving forward. In her more than three years as administrator on the Fairmont campus, Amy has overseen numerous renovations, expansions and special projects, and we are pleased to expand her leadership across the region," said Terry Brandt, regional chair of administration, Mayo Clinic Health System.

Long said she is eager to work beside St. James physician and administrative partners to help improve and support the health system's mission for the communities they serve.

"I am excited to return to St. James, having served for a short time as administrator in 2016," says Long. "It will be a pleasure getting to know the staff again, learning what has changed and the progress made, and reengaging with the community."



ROXY, the working cat.

Take the YOCO Fun At Home Challenge

Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Youth Coalitions (YOCO) are challenging you! Create a one-minute video showing what you're doing to have fun during Minnesota's Stay-At-Home AND WIN GREAT PRIZES. Prizes include MCSAP gear, pop sockets and great stuff from area businesses! We've got great stuff from Bowlmor, Fairmont Dairy Queen, Graffiti Corner, Taco John's, Fairmont Awards, and State Bank of Fairmont, to name a few, so more prizes may be awarded.

It's really easy to enter. Create a one-minute video by May 1, 2020, before midnight, upload it to YouTube, then enter that YouTube URL at www.mcsapcoalition.com/contest. The top three videos with the most votes that meet all criteria will win once finalized by the judges. There is one video entry per person; however, you can vote for your favorite once a day beginning April 13! So, the sooner you enter, the better your chances of winning!

Be sure to read all of the official rules on our website. There is no age limit, but you either must be living in Martin County or enrolled in a Martin County school. Kids, if you plan on entering, make sure you get a guardian's approval.

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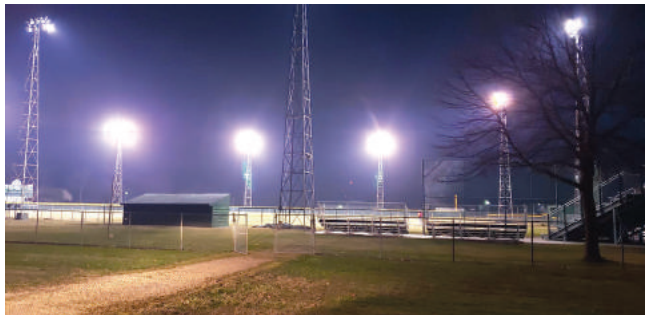
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#BeTheLightMN brings schools, students, communities together

On March 24, an administrator at a high school in the Texas panhandle was driving home from a meeting in Amarillo. In the evening darkness, in the midst of fears about Covid-19, he had a thought: Is there a way to shine some light for all to see?

Dumas High School principal Brett Beesley called football coach Aaron Dunnam, Beesley told local media in Texas. "I asked Aaron what he thought if we turned our football stadium lights on every night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., to show the students in Dumas we're thinking about them. Aaron loved it and ran to the stadium and flipped them on. I then thought, 'Why not challenge other schools to do the same?' It's a way to show our kids we'll be back, and a sign of hope."

From Dumas to all over Texas and beyond - including here in Minnesota -- #BeTheLight has become a big deal. I learned about it by seeing Tweets from Colorado, where Colorado High School Activities Association assistant commissioner Adam Bright had seen Tweets from Texas schools.

My friend Ryan Casey, the director of digital media at the CHSAA, Tweeted this on Tuesday, March 31: "Stadiums across Colorado lit up on Monday night as schools and districts sought to offer a beacon of hope to their students. #copreps #bethelightCO

@AdamCHSAA I retweeted Ryan's message with these words: "This is such a simple and great idea. How many #mshsl schools will flip on their stadium lights every Monday night in support of students?"

And here we are now, with approximately 250 Minnesota high schools (and counting) turning on stadium lights one or two evenings per week or Monday through Friday. It has been incredible to see so many schools join in this effort to show support for and solidarity with their students, staff and communities. Lights have gone on at football/soccer/lacrosse stadiums, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, all over the state.

Entire conferences have come on board, including schools in the Gopher Conference: Bethlehem Academy, Blooming Prairie, Hayfield, Maple River, Medford, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva, United South Central and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

The complete list of participating schools can be found on the MSHSL Facebook page. Schools have stressed that they don't want people who see the lights to gather. Some have recommended that people are welcome to drive past the stadiums, forming a long line of headlights, and others have asked the public to also turn on their porch lights in a show of unity.

Many schools have posted inspiring messages on Twitter: Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City's announcement mentioned "Three towns, united as one, shining bright with hope." St. Croix Prep's Twitter note said, "We miss our students and want you to know we are here! Enjoy the lights but continue to practice social

distancing."

There have been personal touches, too. Marie Hansen, a teacher at Burnsville High School, posted this on Twitter: "I'm the least sporty person, but are you even a high school teacher if you're not sobbing over all these Friday Night Lights left on to light the way back home for the kids who will

The community is invited to give back and help save lives by donating blood on Monday, April 27th, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther High School,

Northrop. The Red Cross will be taking additional safety precautions. To make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

National History Day in Minnesota - "Breaking Barriers in History"

History Day was changed to a virtual contest this year, but it is continuing. No Awards Ceremony was held, where the students receive medals, and where they are able to show off their work to large groups of people.

Following is the list of Fairmont students who were either State Qualifiers or Honorable Mentions, their categories, and their project titles.

STATE QUALIFIERS & HONORABLE MENTIONS

Junior Paper: Honorable Mention

"Juliette Gordon Low, Founder of Girl Scouts: How She Broke the Barrier for Women" - Mireya Schmidt

Junior Individual Exhibit: State Qualifiers

The Vietnam War: Breaking Societal Barriers Through Photography and Photojournalism - Hannah Judkins
Breaking Financial and Societal Barriers in Women's Basketball: Establishment of the WNBA - Nevaeh Rahm

Junior Individual Exhibit: Honorable Mention

Cora Fuller: Breaking Barriers in Women's Aviation - Emily Wheeler

Junior Group Exhibit: State Qualifiers

"Hope Will Never Be Silent": Harvey Milk - Jacob Wiemers, Gage Borntrager

Unintended Consequences: The "Save Our Children Campaign" Inspires the LGBTQ+ Community to Break Social Barriers - Breanna Groskreutz, Grace Danner, Hope Kueker

"Breaking Barriers in Space": Apollo 11 - Isaac Sheard, Blaze Geiger

The Revolution of Plastic Surgery: Breaking Barriers for Timid Soldiers - Ty Nawrocki, Hudson Laven

Junior Group Exhibit: Honorable Mention

Valentina Tereshkova: Breaking Barriers for Women in Space - Abi Peyman, Grace Pendergast, Elayna Anderson, Ava Terfehr

Senior Individual Website: State Qualifier

"I Reject Your Reality": Breaking Barriers to Modern Surgical Practices Through Antiseptic Theory's Validation - Makayla Javers

Junior Group Website: State Qualifier

Let's See That Again: Instant Replay Breaks Athletic Barriers - Cole Wiemers, Reece Buntjer

Junior Individual Website: Honorable Mention

Elon Musk: Breaking Technological Barriers to Make Science Fiction a Reality - Calvin Jerred

come back to fill these stadiums and schools someday?"

Be The Light Minnesota.

Follow Up: John Millea, Dick Bremer, Voice of the Minnesota Twins.

--Brian Cole of Moorhead H.S. and Lucas Shogren of Mounds View High School put together a video tribute which can

be viewed on YouTube at this link <https://www.youtube.com/>

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--Follow John on Twitter @MSHSLjohn, listen to "Preps Today with John Millea" wherever you get podcasts and hear him on Minnesota Public Radio.

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

An Easter to remember!

Many of our fellow Americans and even our global brothers and sisters spent an Easter Sunday very differently than what we are used to doing for all the Easters of our lives. Even though most of us couldn't attend church, hide Easter Eggs, entertain our families for Easter Brunch or dinner, those of us who are lucky will be able to celebrate Easter in our traditional way next year.

We are the lucky ones who haven't lost loved ones to this pandemic, for now we can hunker down in our comfortable homes and usually with plenty of food on hand to sustain us, yes its inconvenient, lonesome, fearful and boring but we have much to be thankful for. Easter season is a time for hope, for rebirth and to reflect on the meaning of Easter, together we will get through this, but the Easter of 2020 will be one we will not soon forget!

The beautiful young nurse pictured is my grand daughter Alex Mankle dressed in her protective gear on her way to work at Avera health care center in Sioux Falls, So. Dakota. She is one of the many dedicated RNs along with other health care professionals doing their best to care for us.

Breakfast Bundt Cake

1 pkg. yellow cake mix
1 small pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
3/4 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup water
4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. butter flavoring
Filling:
1/4 cup sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Glaze:
1 cup powdered sugar
3 Tbsp. milk
1/2 tsp. vanilla and
1/2 tsp. butter flavoring

Combine cake mix and pudding, beat in oil and water, add eggs one at a time, beating well after each egg, add flavorings. Set your timer and let this beat for 6-8 minutes at high speed. Grease a bundt pan and sprinkle pan with sugar rather than flour, sprinkle with chopped nuts. Layer the batter in thirds and alternate with the sugar-cinnamon mixture and nuts, starting and ending with batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Cool in pan for 8 minutes then turn onto a plate. Brush glaze on with a brush while cake is warm. I have baked this in a 9x13 pan and am thinking of trying cupcakes for portion control!!

Stay safe and have a good week!



Grand daughter Alex Mankle, RN on her way to work in her protective uniform at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. (Submitted photo)

Happy Birthday Sherman!

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Tips to Plant, Grow and Care for a Container Garden

(StatePoint) Container gardens are a viable and popular cultivation option, especially for those who have limited sun-exposed spaces or are looking to start small and learn the basics of gardening.

"Containers, whether bought or recycled, are a great place to plant herb and vegetable gardens," says landscape designer, Doug Scott of Redeem Your Ground in Atlanta, Ga. "But to get it right, there are a few things to keep in mind."

To help you successfully cultivate a container garden, Scott offers the following pointers:

- Well-drained, not dry or overly wet soil, is necessary for herb and vegetable growth, so using bottom-draining pots with a peat-based potting soil specifically formulated for herbs and veggies will facilitate proper soil drainage and moisture retention.

- The proper container size depends on what you'll be growing. Most small herbs do well in pots as small as eight inches in diameter, while larger plants may require a gallon pot or larger. For visual interest, consider repurposing items around the house to use as your container, such as an old pail.

- Incorporate a "thriller,

filler, spiller" planting approach to maximize space and aesthetic appeal. This means tall focal plants in back, middle layer plants that fill in, and plants that will cascade over the container in front.

- Soil dries out more quickly in container gardens than garden beds, especially if you place containers outdoors in the sun. Perform daily soil moisture checks. You may need to water outdoor container gardens every day -- and possibly twice a day -- in extremely hot weather.

- Place your container garden where it will get the optimal amount of sunlight -- between six and eight hours a day. The beauty of container gardens is their movability. You can even follow the sun as exposure changes throughout the seasons. Always refer to the care tags on the specific plant to determine a prime location.

- Gardens planted in a container are entirely dependent on you to provide nutrients. Start out with an

organic, rich potting soil formulated for container gardens. Then, going forward, fertilize your container every two to four weeks by pouring a nutrient-rich liquid solution directly into the soil.

- Don't forget to reap what you sow. Harvesting will generally help increase yields and prevent plants from outgrowing their containers. For best results, use this five-step method: water plants before harvesting, make clean cuts, keep them clean, dry your harvest quickly and store them away from sunlight and moisture.

More expert advice is available online. Scott has partnered with Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment on a video series for DIY homeowners called "Done in a Weekend." Among the free videos is "Contain Your Enthusiasm," offering tips to help you successfully plant, grow and care for herbs and vegetable container gardens. To view the video, as well as access other videos in the series covering a range of home and garden topics, visit Exmark.com/DIY.

There are a few important considerations that every container gardener should know. Be sure you're equipped with the proper tools and knowledge before getting started.

5 Great Ways to Celebrate Earth Month

(StatePoint) Want to go green while practicing social distancing? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Maximize your time at home by planting a garden. Not only will the plants you grow help to reduce carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere, but you'll also be creating a healthy habitat for birds, insects and other small critters. Plus, if you plant vegetables, you can reduce your carbon footprint by reducing the amount of food you need to purchase that was shipped long distances.

- Your home theater is likely more important to you these days than ever before, making it a good

place to start when making eco-friendly home upgrades. Consider a mercury-free projector with a hybrid laser and LED light source, which removes the need for hazardous bulbs. With a long bulb life of 20,000 hours, selecting a Casio's LampFree projector is one upgrade with a lasting impact.

- You don't need to spend a lot of time or money to substantially improve your home's energy efficiency. Take an afternoon to swap out the incandescent bulbs in all your light fixtures and replace them with LEDs or another energy-efficient alternative.

- Get outdoors and enjoy nature using wearable tech like the PRT-B50 Pro Trek Watch, which can help steer you through a

solitary hike. With Quad Sensor technology, you will know the direction, weather, temperature and altitude at the touch of a button. In addition, an accelerometer keeps track of your steps and calories burned. The Bluetooth-enabled watch connects to an app that will also record your location into memory so you can find your way back.

- Learn more about environmental causes and get involved remotely. Many organizations host online petitions, which are shared directly with policymakers. This is a great way to have your voice heard on issues that are important to you.

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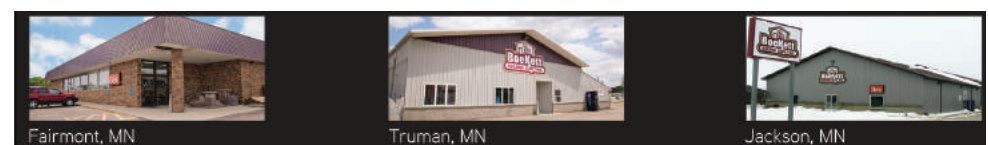
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Protect Wild Birds in Your Yard

(StatePoint) You may not think about it often, but wild birds use your lawn as a rest stop and place to call home. As you spruce up your lawn and garden for the season, there are simple steps you can take to protect them and help them thrive.

According to Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert, makers of bird-friendly products for homes, the following changes are easy to implement in order to create a safe harbor for wild birds:

- Plant native species: Planting native species on your property is one of the most impactful ways you can improve your local environment, as well as make your lawn and garden a

healthy habitat for wild birds and other fauna. Native plant species provide birds with food and places to rest and nest. Birds in turn, spread pollen and seeds, while acting as a natural pesticide. Speaking of which, gardening organically will also go a long way to protecting the health and safety of feeding birds.

- Make windows visible: Up to 1 billion birds die annually from striking windows in US, according to the American Bird Conservancy. The good news is that it's relatively easy and affordable to prevent your home from being part of

the problem. Special window decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight, a wavelength of light noticeable to birds, have been proven to substantially reduce the likelihood of bird strikes. Giving the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass but glowing like a stoplight for birds, those from WindowAlert feature a range of decorative patterns. To boost protection for birds, you can also apply a high-tech liquid called WindowAlert UV Liquid in between decals. More information, as well as useful application tips, can be found by visiting windowalert.com.

- Monitor cats: Monitor your cat's time outdoors to ensure they are not terrorizing or hunting birds. An enclosed play area for your cat is the most effective way to keep birds in your yard safe from your furry companion's natural instincts.

Good deeds start at home. This season, do your part to help migrating bird populations reach their destinations safely.

The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

Naturally

I listened to The Troggs sing, "Wild thing you make my heart sing. You make everything groovy, wild thing. Wild thing, I think I love you. But I wanna know for sure."

Inspired by that song, I moved to the light. I need windows now more than ever before. Thankfully, they require no passwords. There are wild things just outside a window that need seeing.

The window was a siren's song that drew me outdoors. A song sparrow sang a mnemonic: "Maids maids-maids-put-on-your tea-kettle-etle-etle. Hip, hip,hip hurrah boys, spring is here! Madge, Madge, Madge pick beetles off, the water's hot." I recognized my privilege

and walked toward mysteries and discoveries. I was nearly trampled by a pair of chipmunks in what I suspect was an amorous pursuit. A golden-crowned kinglet moved through the trees like a leaf with feathers. I was lifted up on tiny wings.

The world has a melody. Birds, their beauty intact, provided a tireless concert. When cardinal males sing, they are claiming a territory. Older males typically claim previous territories while young males move around to find open ones. I heard the rhythmic drumming of a woodpecker, hoping to establish a territory and attract a mate.

The grass was a hopeful green as a chipmunk ran up the downspout and then cheeped, "There's nobody here but us chickens." Eastern chipmunks mate once a year, in early spring, usually have one litter of up to seven young born in May or June. Some females may produce a second litter if their first litter is lost.

I saw a muskrat. I felt the shiver of the river. I see river otters infrequently. The otters have fur four times as dense as a muskrat's and are able to stay underwater for eight minutes.

Sandy Kopeschka of Fairmont sent a photo of a great blue heron rookery. These herons nest in colonies in trees, often of this species alone (rarely in isolated pairs), sometimes mixed with other wading



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birds. A nest has two to six eggs, which could be preyed upon by crows or ravens. Bald eagles and great horned owls have been known to kill adult herons.

I'm late in reporting what Sarah Kocher of the St. Cloud Times sent me, "The post office always comes out with so many wonderful stamps at Christmas time. I walked up to the counter and told the woman, 'I'd like to buy some Christmas stamps. Can you show me all of the ones you currently have?'"

"No problem," she said. "We have birds in winter ---" "That's enough!" I said. "I'll take 20 of those, please."

Q&A

A caller asked, "How do turkey vultures determine roosting sites?" The gregarious birds have traditional, communal roost sites that favor tall trees close to water. The locations may be used for generations. They roost together for: Social functions such as mate selection (they usually mate for life), predator avoidance, the sharing of food location information (a hungry vulture might follow a successful forager), and in preparation for migration.

"Do cedar waxwings migrate?" The breeding and wintering areas of these nomadic birds may change from year to year, depending on food supplies. Some waxwings linger south of breeding ranges into late spring or early summer.

"What do Canada geese eat when they return in the spring?" Rhizomes, roots, shoots, stems, seeds, algae, grass, wheat, millet, corn and submerged vegetation.

"How far apart are the eggs of a bald eagle laid?" Each egg is laid about three days apart. Incubation begins with the laying of the first egg.

"How far will wood ducks nest away from water?" Up to a mile.

"How can I tell if rabbits or deer have eaten my plants?" Rabbits reach only as high as they can stand plus the height of the snow. Typical damage is under 3 feet high. Deer browse as high as 6 feet. Deer tear plants, leaving rough or ragged edges. A neatly clipped plant is a telltale sign of rabbit feeding. The cut is often angled at 45 degrees.

Nancy Sather of Albert Lea asked what she could do to help wood ducks battle starlings for nestboxes. Remove starling nests and eggs. They aren't protected. They gang up on ducks and will puncture duck eggs. There are starling traps available.

"When do owls nest?" Minnesota has 12 species of owls: barn, barred, boreal, burrowing, great gray, great-horned, northern hawk, long-eared, saw-whet, eastern screech, short-eared and snowy. I'll mention three common ones here. Great horned owls nest January into early March. Barred owls begin nesting in March into August. Eastern screech owls nest March to mid-August.

Thanks for stopping by

"The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." — William James

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Do's and don'ts of outdoor fuel use

(StatePoint) With stay-at-home measures in place, you may find yourself with extra time for getting a jumpstart on outdoor seasonal chores.

But first, you'll need to fuel up, as gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuel are all required for outdoor tasks like removing fallen tree limbs and power washing driveways. Follow this advice from the experts at Scepter to use fuel properly and safely.

Dispose of Old Fuel

"Safely dispose of any leftover fuel in containers from winter activities," says Daniel Marshall, vice president of marketing and business development with Scepter. "Winter fuel is heavier, and a unique blend. Fuel available in spring and summer is different and should be used for lawn care and sporting equipment."

You can safely dispose of a winter mix of gasoline, Marshall notes, by careful-

ly funneling it into your car so that a small amount of remaining winter fuel will mix in with the gasoline in your larger tank.

Selecting Containers

Inspect your existing fuel containers for cracks and leaks. If you find signs of aging, invest in new, durable fuel containers, like Scepter SmartControl. Available in one-, two- and five-gallon gas, kerosene and diesel sizes, these high-density polyethylene containers have child safety features for added protection. Additionally, their innovative spout design provides a clean and fast pour, helping save gas for where it's needed by eliminating spills. Their user-controlled flow valves and flame mitigation devices (FMD) make it easy and safe to direct the amount of fuel being dispensed.

Do's and Don'ts

Before using fuel around the house, review this "do's and don'ts list" with your family:

Do...

- Use fuel outside only, in well-ventilated areas where you won't breathe in the fumes.
- Remove fuel contain-

ers from vehicles before refilling.

- Place containers on the ground a safe distance from vehicles when refilling.

- Touch the container with the gas dispenser nozzle before removing the container lid to ground the static electricity charge.

- Keep the nozzle in contact with the container when filling it to prevent build-up of static charge.

- Carefully wipe away fuel spills, either during the filling of the container or when using the container.

- Store fuel in their proper containers. Universally, red containers are for gasoline, blue are for kerosene and yellow are for diesel.

- Let a hot motor cool before adding more fuel.

Don't...

- Siphon any type of fuel by mouth.
- Allow children near

fuel containers.

- Store filled fuel containers in a vehicle or living space, like a home or trailer.

- Bring fuel containers near open flames, whether it be pilot lights or stoves.

- Bring, store or use fuel near any source of ignition.

- Smoke when using fuel or when near fuel containers.

- Remove or alter the FMD inside the opening of the container.

- Pour fuel directly onto or near a flame, coals or embers. Fuel should never be used to start or accelerate a fire.

- Use any type of fuel to kill ant hills or bee hives.

For additional tips, check out free safety videos online by visiting, Scepter.com/safety.

For a safe, productive season of outdoor activities and chores, be sure to always store and use fuel properly.

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Twice in a Lifetime

I'd been on the road for eight days and was hoping to be home within the next two. Melissa wasn't with me on this trip; June and Edgar stayed home with her.

It was early in the morning and I had stopped at a truck stop in Butte, Montana, to get some breakfast. Before eating, I thought I would get in my daily walk of two miles. I started walking the outside perimeter of the truck stop.

I had to watch my step all the time I was walking. It was pretty obvious a lot of people don't clean up after their dogs! Ick! I wondered about the people who walked these dogs. They would have to be truck drivers because I was walking the back edge of the parking area where

the driver's back their trailers up to park and rest for the night.

Dogs are wonderful companions on the road. I could envision them sitting in the front passenger's seat in the cab of a semi-tractor, watching out the window with their ears flapping in the wind as they rode down the highway. Like Fred, the hound that rode with the Snowman, in Smokey and the Bandit

Thinking about all these drivers and their dogs really made me miss June. The way she is constantly nudging my hand to scratch her head. Or coming to me with a ball, a rope or a toy she wants me to throw. The way she gets so spastic when she sees a tennis ball, a stick, or when someone comes to the door. I laughed about the way she tries to climb over me in the front seat of the car, to get to the driver's window, whenever we pull up to a drive thru window. She's just sure she'll be getting a treat from whomever is in the window, just like the tellers do at the credit union.

All those moments when June may have annoyed me, didn't seem so bad after all. As a matter of

fact, I missed them and I missed her being with me. She is such a good dog. Any man would be blessed to have such a companion.

As years go by, a person may have many different dogs - and love them all, but there will always be that one. A dog with which they had a special bond, making that dog stand out from all the others. It's a once in a lifetime relationship that no person would understand - unless they



too, have had such a dog. June is that dog for me. I was really missing her.

After my walk, I wasn't really hungry; I had lost my appetite. I went to a restaurant for a cup of coffee and to use their Wi-Fi. I sat down and opened my iPad to check my Facebook page. The first thing to appear on my screen was a memory; a photo posted by my friend, Stu. In the picture, Stu and I were wearing orange hunting vests and holding our shotguns. We had been out pheasant hunting; my dog Harry was standing between us. The tears welled up, and fell. "Oh, Harry, how I miss you."

A waitress came by and asked, "Are you alright, sir?" "Yeah, I'm fine." I said as I turned the iPad toward her to show her the picture. "Is that your Dad?" She asked...

...running for their lives...I was afraid I had lost him forever... it's a much cooler story if...

For the rest of this story, visit our website at www.fairmontphotopress.com

4-H ag in the virtual classroom

Most people's world has changed in the last couple weeks and they are unsure what the next couple of weeks will look like. For students, their classes have turned online, teachers are away from their students and parents are looking for ways to entertain and still teach their children from home.

Crystal Reith, an Extension educator in Cottonwood County, has engaged video technology and social media to keep teaching and spread the importance of animal agriculture knowledge with young people. "I have been doing ag in the classroom for years. Every spring, our family raises chicks and I bring them into first-grade classrooms to teach with. The stu-

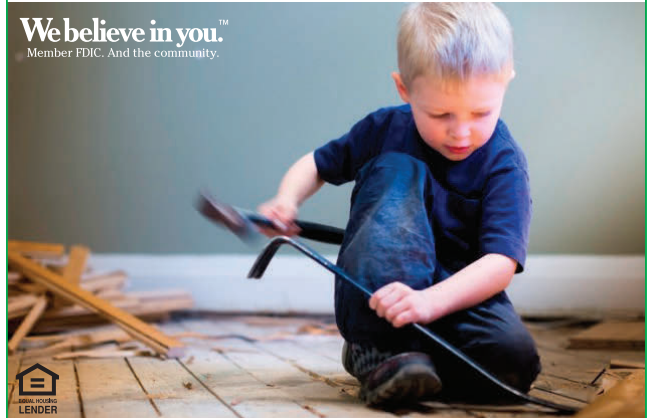
dents watch them grow and ask questions. Not to mention, they are just cute." Because classes have now gone online, Crystal decided to use this opportunity to bring students onto her farm using video and social media.

"The teachers were on board so I decided to give it a try. My children and husband help me, which is great." Crystal's videos have featured different growth stages and care activities for their chicks and beef cattle. They are published twice weekly.

Crystal enjoys the challenge of keeping young people connected and engaged in learning via distance. "It's important to use what we have to teach agriculture today." Her next video topic is egg incubation. "Keep an eye on the Cottonwood County 4-H Facebook page to watch and learn!"

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Schmeeckle Foundation grants \$150,000 to community programs

Schmeeckle Foundation has gifted \$150,000 to local community programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The foundation is partnering with the Martin County Area Foundation and Families First of Minnesota to deploy funds to three

crucial areas of the community: early child care providers, food shelves, and healthcare workers. “Martin County is one of the hardest hit rural counties in Minnesota from COVID-19,” said Wade H. Abed II, Schmeckle Foundation Trustee. “Now, more than ever, this is the time for us to lift each other up. Our goal is that this gift inspires others in the community to donate to the Martin County COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund developed by the Martin County Area Foundation.”

The Martin County Area Foundation will distribute the funds by making grants to nonprofits and local units of government to: ·assist disproportionately affected communities ·meet immediate needs of economically vulnerable populations ·respond to the increased demands placed on stressed social support systems and public services. “Our quality of life in this area has never before been challenged like it

is being challenged right now due to the Covid-19 pandemic,” stated Jason Subbert, Martin County Area Foundation Board President. “We hope you will consider donating to the fund and help us be the light and hope that some are so desperately looking for right now.” In addition, the Schmeckle Foundation is partnering with Families First of Minnesota, a 501(c)3 organization located in Mankato and Rochester, to provide emergency grants to early child care providers. Families

First of Minnesota will administer the program and will be contacting Martin County providers as early as Friday, April 17th. “Many child care providers exist because they have a passion to serve families; and in times like these, there are no blue prints for how to handle these sort of situations,” states Jon Losness, Executive Director, Families First of Minnesota. “It is vital that we support daycare providers during this crisis so they remain open for business when parents are able to travel back to work.” Another portion of the Schmeckle Foundation gift has been distributed to various local food shelves. “The gift was such a

fabulous surprise that provided support when we needed it most,” said Greta Lintelman, Executive Director at Heaven’s Table. “The entire gift will go towards supplying the food shelf. With these funds, we can ensure we have balanced nutritional options such as fresh fruits and vegetables and quality proteins.” In closing, the Martin County Area Foundation is providing a dollar-for-dollar match to the first \$30,000 in donations made to the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund by Friday, May 15th. Donations are tax deductible and can be made online by going to the Martin County Area Foundation Website, www.mcarea-foundation.org.

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 strutures 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

DEATHS NOTICES

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Zaharia Family Funeral Home
April 14 - Jack W. Rooney, 69, Fairmont.
Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
April 14 - Thomas R. Sherry, 91, Fairmont.
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April 15 - Roger L. Cochran, 89, Fairmont.
Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
April 19 - Norma J. Jacobsen, 87, Sherburn.
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In Memoriam
One Year Ago This Week
April 16 - Helen L. Hillmer, 84, Fairmont
April 16 - Ronald W. Kost, 85, Fairmont
April 18 - Douglas V. Lutterman, 69, Jackson
April 19 - Gerald E. Garrison, 90, Fairmont

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FAIRMONT

Please take notice that the Fairmont City Council will be meeting to interview potential City Administrators on Monday, May 4, 2020 from 9:45 a.m. – 7:45 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Southern Minnesota Educational Campus located at 115 South Park Street, Fairmont, Minnesota.
The press is hereby notified.
Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk
*Published in the Fairmont Photo Press
April 22, 2020*

COUNTY OF MARTIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of Martin County, Minnesota (the “County”), will hold a public hearing at a meeting of the County Board beginning at **10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020**, to be held at the Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, on the request of Parker and Amanda Weihe, owners of property, in connection with the proposed construction of a new single-family home located at 28 Harris Lane in Sherburn, Minnesota 56171, and to grant an abatement to the Weihe’s of property taxes to be levied by the County on Parcel ID No. 04.400.0060, in the City of Sherburn, Shady Beach Estates (the “Property”) for a period of 10 years. The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the County on the Property for the years 2021 through 2030 is estimated to be \$18,810. After the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will consider granting the property tax abatement, in response to the request.

Information about the proposed property tax abatements will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the County Coordinator at the Martin County Courthouse, Room #100, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont , MN

All interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views orally or in writing. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the County Coordinator’s Office at the Martin County Courthouse, telephone (507) 238-3124.

PLEASE NOTE, due to COVID-19, the public hearing may be conducted via telephone or other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. Please refer to the County’s website at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/> or call the County Coordinator’s Office at the Martin County Courthouse, telephone (507) 238-3124 to learn how to attend the public hearing via telephone or electronically.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

/s/ Steve Flohrs, Board Chair
Dated this 21st day of April, 2020

One Book | One Minnesota

One Book | One Minnesota is a new statewide book club that invites Minnesotans of all ages to read a common title and come together virtually to enjoy, reflect and discuss.

Libraries are essential for connection, and through One Book | One Minnesota, libraries across the state – in partnership with local schools – will connect their communities through stories. The program aims to bring Minnesotans closer together during this time of distance and adversity.

The first featured book selection is *Because of Winn-Dixie* (Candlewick Press) by Kate DiCamillo.

Program Details

During the months of April and May, through their local libraries, Minnesotans will be invited to read the featured book selection. All Minnesotans will be invited to participate in a statewide virtual discussion with the author in May.

“Because of Winn-Dixie” will be available on multiple platforms. Readers can access the digital book for free on Ebooks Minnesota for eight weeks. Hard copies of the book will be available through Red Balloon Bookshop and other independent stores across the state, as well as public libraries as social distancing allows.

Partner Details

One Book | One Minnesota is presented by The Friends of the Saint

Paul Public Library, as the Minnesota Center for the Book, in partnership with State Library Services. Program partners also include Candlewick Press, Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators, Minitex (a joint program of the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education), and the Minnesota Department of Education. This program is made possible in part by the State of Minnesota through a grant to the Minnesota Center for the Book through the Minnesota Department of Education.

About the Book

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, “Because of Winn-Dixie” is a children’s novel written by Minnesota author Kate DiCamillo, published in 2000, and winner of a Newbery Honor distinction, the Josselyn Frank Award, and the Mark Twain Award. The classic tale follows the story of ten-year-old India Opal Buloni who, one summer day, goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries and instead comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog, and this is where the story really begins. “Because of Winn-Dixie” is written for middle grade readers and older, and this story of friendship will delight readers of all ages.

Jenny Trushenski
Martin County Library Director
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Bridging The Gap

April 16, 2020

To The Editor:

During these unprecedented times we are challenged to get by with less. Less travel, less socializing, less work, less freedom to go and do whatever we want. While we may not like it, we will survive and come out stronger for it.

Some people in our community live similar to this all the time. They might not have transportation to get back and forth to the store, medical appointments, church or to visit friends or family. They might not have money to pay all the bills in any month. They might not have enough healthy food for their own sustenance. They are getting by with what they have, a no frills life. These people are in our community and unfortunately they are invisible to most. If you know someone in this situation, please help, however you can.

The Shepherd’s In, a local [Martin County] nonprofit, whose mission is to provide assistance that helps people improve their situation, has been assisting people in the community who have a need for a hot meal and housing. Prior to the coronavirus, The Shepherd’s In provided a free weekly soup meal to anyone. When things shut down due to the coronavirus, they began preparing and delivering daily soup meals to people’s homes in a non-touch delivery manner. During the two week period prior to Easter, The Shepherd’s In served 291 meals. On Easter, they provided 53 Easter Meals to families in need. The Shepherd’s In is currently pausing their meal delivery to re-evaluate how to best deliver their services during the balance of the Governor’s Stay At Home order.

In addition, The Shepherd’s In has been assisting people in “the gap.” These are people who may be un-

sheltered, just getting out of prison/jail, sudden loss of a job, recently completed treatment or are just down on their luck. The gap is that they have no money, no housing, no food or clothes resources, no transportation and most times no family or friends. They are free to move forward in their life, but they need a bridge for a couple of weeks until they get their first pay check.

Meeting the needs of those who find themselves “in the gap” is a priority for The Shepherd’s In mission. While a small sub-set of our community, it is very important this need is met. The Shepherd’s In has been able to assist by identifying and providing short term housing, furniture, food and transportation. They have also been able to assist with limited job identification and direct people to local resources, such as the Career Force Center. Most of these people are looking for a hand up, not a hand out and once past “the gap,” move on successfully.

Going forward, The Shepherd’s In will continue to offer these services to the community and has a vision to expand their capacity to continue to meet this community need. Persons who would like to volunteer or provide a monetary donation in support of this mission can contact Curt Moeckel, Founder at 236-5362 or send a check to The Shepherd’s In, 1446 30th Street, Ceylon, MN 56121. All donations are tax deductible as The Shepherd’s In is a 501(c)(3) charity.

Thank you for caring about our community,
Linda Meschke, Chairperson
The Shepherd’s In

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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

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FAIRMONT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota, will meet on
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held using the GoToMeeting app.

Please join the meeting at 8:45 a.m. from your phone by dialing:

1-571-317-3122 - Access Code: 821-397-661

(There is no audio PIN, so please press # when prompted)

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you still are not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed.

Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Patricia J. Monsen
City Clerk – City of Fairmont

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 00100 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Lake Avenue Improvements 2020-A
S.A.P. 123-111-010
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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:

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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.

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Bradley J. Wadsten, Nancy Rae Wadsten to Garold J. Skluzacek, Joyce M. Skluzacek, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-103-30

Garold J. Skluzacek, Joyce M. Skluzacek to G&J Skluzacek Farms Partnership LLP, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-103-30

City of Trimont to Moore Automation Inc., Lot 10, Block 2, Original Plat Triumph

Dustin Person to Deanna Forsythe, Jay Forsythe, Lot 3, Block 1, Westwoods Addn.

Brenda Lynn Whitman to Crystal Gruber, Lot 6, Block 4, Smiths Addn.

Hugoson Family Farms LLLP to Eric Hugoson, Kevin Hugoson, Mary Hugoson, Angela Toothaker, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 5-101-29

Ang Ngoc Ly to Victor Nino, Lot 5, Block 17, Original Plat of Fairmont

RMAC Trust, Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC, Atty In Fact, US Bank National Association Trustee to Daniel Klous, Lot 3, Block 4, Krahmers Addn.

Joann Renee Huss, Michael J. Huss, Jennifer L. Sorensen, John Carl Sorensen, Sandra Kay Sunde, Steven Sunde to Carol J. Nasby, Trustee, Chris L. Nasby, Trustee, Nasby Family Trust, Lot 208, GS 11, Shorewood Terrace Condo #2

Ratcliff Development LLC to Falcon Holdings LLC, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 10-104-30

Lonnie L. Moffitt, Robert D. Moffitt to Lucas J. Stoffel, Veronica L. Stoffel, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 35-103-32

Kristy Jo Schultz, Terry Schultz, Kristy Jo Walters to Jesse Walters, Pt. w/easement, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 21-101-30

Jesse Walters, Krysten Walters to Andrew Keith Jensen, Chelsey Rae Jensen, Pt. W/easement, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 24-101-30

Dennis R. Gettler, Jennifer L. Gettler, Harlan H. Handevit, Linda R. Handevit, Pamela S. Handevit, Steven L. Handevit, Connie R. Marquart to Kerri L. Rose, Mark A. Rose. Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 19-103-33

Karla P. Malo, Mark Malo to Jesse Cole Walters, Krysten Anne Walters, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 26-102-30, Pt. Govt. Lots 3 and 4, 26-102-30

Harold R. Cooper, Sandra L. Cooper to Jason Zinter, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 9-102-29

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Eric Hugoson, Kevin Hugoson, Mary Hugoson, Sara Hugoson to Angela Toothaker, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 5-101-29

Heidi Steuber, Michael Steuber to Heidi Steuber, Michael Steuber, E.677' of N.677', NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 24-103-31

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Evelyn E. Helvig, Evelyn E. Helvig Trust to Jonathan B. Helvig, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 29-104-31

John Helvig, Jonathan B. Helvig, Jennifer Saxen, Bruce H. Helvig Trust to Jonathan B. Helvig, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 29-104-31

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One Veteran's Story – Dale Tauer

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Martin County's Veterans' Memorial Site will soon have a Bell Cobra Rotary Wing Attack Helicopter on display. This helicopter was a stalwart of the U. S. Army's attack aviation serving in both Vietnam and Laos from 1968-1971, often saving the lives of many American soldiers.

There are many Martin County veterans that have experienced helicopter service as well. The following is the account of the experiences of one veteran, Dale Tauer, and the Martin County soldier that saved his life, Randy Benck.

"The Vietnam War was a long, costly and divisive conflict that pitted the communist government of North Vietnam against South Vietnam and its principal ally, the United States. The conflict was intensified by the ongoing Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. More than 3 million people (including over 58,000 Americans) were killed in the Vietnam War, and more than half of the dead were Vietnamese civilians.

Opposition to the war in the United States bitterly divided Americans, even after President Richard Nixon ordered the

withdrawal of U.S. forces in 1973. Communist forces ended the war by seizing control of South Vietnam in 1975, and the country was unified as the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the following year."

Dale Tauer grew up and graduated from high school in Morgan, Minnesota, and is currently a resident of Punta Gorda Isles, Florida. Tauer has first-hand knowledge of the Vietnam War, including the significant role a helicopter played during his service.

Tauer was just out of high school in 1969 when he went to Minneapolis to sign up for the draft. He had no desire to go to Vietnam and actually considered going to Canada. However, he was drafted into the Army and was sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for basic training. He then went on to jump school with the 101st Airborne becoming a member of the Vietnam version of the famous "Band of Brothers" from World War II. Following that was three weeks in Fort Lewis, Washington, serving as a clerk typist until an extra soldier was needed to fill a seat on a plane headed to Vietnam. He just happened to become that extra soldier.

When getting on the plane headed for Vietnam, he thought they were going to Korea, however, he was quickly corrected. After refueling in Alaska, the plane hit some ice on the runway during takeoff and crashed through a barricade. As a result, he spent the Christmas weekend in the terminal before being shipped out to Hawaii, without orders.

While in Hawaii, and still with no orders, he was given the job of fixing boat motors at the officers' club. He also spent time surfing, water skiing, bartending, and in general being somewhat of a "caban boy." That came to an abrupt end when one of the officers noted that he had some radio training. The officer told Tauer that he was taking him along to Da Nang because he needed a radioman.

Tauer ended up in Quang Tri as a radioman, admittedly not knowing what was really happening. He was sent with another young soldier to a fire base. The other soldier, a ham radio operator, really liked Tauer's radio, so Tauer gave him the radio in trade for the other soldier's job. However, the other soldier didn't even know his own job.

Tauer's first day of experiencing battle was very frightening. Their point man was killed and a soldier named "Red" took his place. Tauer then became Red's slack man (understudy). Next, a sniper killed "Red," so Tauer became the point man for his squad.

Tauer was involved in "The Battle of Ripcord" that took place in July of 1970. This was the only battle that the 101st Airborne ever lost as well as

being one of the last big battles of the Vietnam War. The series of events that followed for Tauer were momentous and life threatening.

The battle involved about 1,500 U. S. Troops up against about 15,000 NVA regulars. During the encounter, Tauer was hit with an RPG (rocket propelled grenade) as he jumped out of a hole to pull another soldier, John Knott, into cover of an enemy's fox hole complex that they had been dropped into earlier in the day. He remembers the flash from the RPG as the enemy was only 30 feet away. The blast sent Tauer and Knott into the air over the tops of trees.

The next day as the squad was pulling back, Randy Benck, a Martin County soldier, ran down the hill to look for Tauer's body as he was thought to be dead. He was fortunately found alive by Benck the day following the RPG blast. Benck carried him back to the hill where the few surviving soldiers were gathered waiting for extraction while still under heavy enemy fire.

The first chopper in was hit by a rocket and crashed on top of the guys killing Captain Workman. He had just received the call, "every man for himself." A second chopper came in after calls from the downed pilot and a remaining crew member in distress. Tauer was in no condition to walk, was in shock, and was weak from loss of blood. Consequently, Benck, who had also been wounded, carried Tauer on to the last chopper.

As if that wasn't enough, while being medevaced out of battle, the helicopter Tauer was on was struck with machine gun fire by the NVA. The door gunner was hit and bullets pierced the floor of the chopper going between Tauer's arm and body while, for-

tunately, entirely missing him. Then, when he finally arrived at the field clinic at Camp Evans, a nurse saw that since he was not "bleeding out," he was sent to the end of the line of the wounded soldiers. He eventually received treatment for his injuries, was moved to a hospital ship, and then relocated to a recovery center at Da Nang.

As a result of Benck's daring rescue, Tauer considers him not only his buddy but also his hero. If it weren't for Randy Benck, Tauer would not be alive today. Sadly, Benck died March 7, 2009, after battling cancer from Agent Orange.

Dale Tauer was honorably discharged from the Army in September of 1971 and returned home to his father's farm in Minnesota before later getting into farming.

In reflecting on his experience in Vietnam and the war, Tauer felt it to be a terrible waste of lives and that it's important for people to understand that war is horrible. Because of the bravery and sacrifices of Dale Tauer and Randy Benck, as well as that of others that have served, we as Americans have the



privilege of living in a free country. This is something that we can never take for granted!

I would like to acknowledge and thank Dale Tauer for providing this memorable and vivid account of his military experiences and <https://donmoorewartales.com/2011/02/23/dale-tauer/> that also served as a source of information for this article.

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



Domino's Pizza in downtown Fairmont will open on Monday, April 27th, at its newly remodeled location, 117 Downtown Plaza. For the present time, the business will offer carry out and delivery. Ryan Hawkins, the owner of the Fairmont Domino's, also owns the store in Worthington.

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