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Significant Moments in History

Guest Columnist

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There are significant moments in history that are ingrained in our memories.

On November 22, 1963, I was in the lunchroom at Gateway Junior High School when I learned that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I remember viewing live television on November 24, 1963 while getting ready to go to church when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot and killed.

On March 30, 1981, I was on the floor of the Iowa State Senate when I learned that President Ronald Reagan was

shot after speaking at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

On September 11, 2001, I was in my principal's office at Austin High School when I learned that one and then two airplanes had crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City.

After each of these significant events, our nation came together as one. We did not regard ourselves as Democrats or Republicans, Liberals or Conservatives, Urban or Rural. We considered ourselves Americans. These feelings lasted for many months and then we returned to our

normal selves.

We are now faced with a more serious challenge with COVID-19 or Coronavirus. I went to my local HyVee on Saturday to purchase two items: cereal and cat food. The grocery store was very busy but uncharacteristically quiet. People kept their shopping carts a safe distance from each other and few shoppers looked at each other. COVID-19, unlike the three examples listed above, is not a singular event affecting an individual, city, or even a nation.

COVID-19 is a global

pandemic that is having a significant economic and emotional impact on everyone regardless of race, creed, or socioeconomic status. This is not a one-time event. It is anticipated that this pandemic will last for weeks and then return in the fall. COVID-19 has caused major sporting events to be canceled or postponed. As of this writing, 38 states have closed all K-12 schools.

As a political scientist and former high school government and economics teacher, I hope that all citizens of the world learn many long lasting lessons from this attack on our society and economy.

We are not only citizens of the United States, but we are citizens of the world. We each have a direct and indirect impact on

each other. Regardless of our past political views, we need to take a step back and look at the needs of our local community and ask ourselves a series of questions.

How pro-family is the United States compared to other nations. Do we provide pre-natal care to all expectant mothers?

Do we provide the first six months with paid time off for parents of newborns?

Do we provide quality and affordable pre-school for all 3 and 4-year-olds?

Do we provide affordable access to medical and dental care for all citizens?

Do we have a tax system that requires all governments at the local, state and national level to raise revenue first before they spend tax dollars?

Do we only care about the expanding national deficit when one party is in the White House but not the other party?

How long are we going to continue to provide part-time education for our students based on an agrarian calendar that is over 100 years old? Students only attend public schools 15% of the year. (174 days x

How long are we going to continue to gouge our college students with high interest student loans of 8 or 9%? Why can't they be more reasonable such as a home mortgage at 3-4%?

What are we doing as a society to make daycare assessable and affordable so we may have a vibrant workforce?

COVID-19 is a wake-up call for all of us.

Is it time to bring manufacturing jobs back to America?

Is it time to bring drug manufacturing back to America?

Is it time to implement a fair tax

system that rewards work?

Is it time to encourage home ownership to stabilize our families?

Is it time to increase the national minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$15 per hour? This would increase the annual gross income from \$15,080 to \$31,200.

I was really looking forward to attending the Albert Lea Tigers and Austin Packers boys' basketball playoff game last week. One of these two local teams were destined to be playing in the state tournament. High school band, choir and orchestra concerts have been canceled or postponed. The state Speech tournament has been canceled or postponed. The Minnesota State High School League has cancelled sports practices and competitions have been postponed. Prom has been postponed or cancelled in many school districts. Seniors worry about how their plans for graduation may be affected.

At the time of this writing, teachers across the state are preparing to teach Minnesota's students via distance learning. Through virtual meetings, conference calls, and other means, teachers are preparing for the unknown.

My hope is that when the COVID-19 pandemic is over, our nation unites to form a more fair and loving society that results in stronger families, lower crime rates, a better educated citizenry and local, state and national governments that focus on our long term needs in a bi-partisan basis. We are all citizens of America and the World. Let's act that way.

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- UHD Fairmont, Wells and Winnebago Clinics will remain closed until further notice.

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- UHD is not currently offering Urgent Care through our Emergency Room. Please call our Blue Earth Clinic at 507-526-7388 to schedule a same day appointment.
- Any patients seen from 5 P.M. to 8 A.M. will be considered Emergency Room patients and will be seen in the Emergency Room.

If you have questions regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) call the Minnesota Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline at 651-201-3920.

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JEPSEN'S 90TH - Dee Jepsen of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday with her family. She was born March 31, 1930. Cards and birthday wishes will reach her at Lakeview Healthcare Center, 610 Summit Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Spring Rummage and Bake Sale has been rescheduled to June 4-5-6. We welcome donations of spring/summer clothing, household items, furniture and baked goods. We also appreciate volunteer help before, during and after the sale. Sale hours are: Thursday, 4-8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon (\$3 bag sale). More information at www.martinlutherhs.com.



Tim Hybbert, of Fairmont, formally of Dunnell, came into the Photo Press to take his annual Birthday Picture on March 17th. Happy Birthday Tim!

A bridal shower for Miranda Belgard, daughter of Elliot and Connie Belgard and Chris Tulowetzke, son of James and Angie Tulowetzke, will be on Saturday, April 4th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. The open house shower will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a short program at 10:30. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.



Several classes at Fairmont Elementary School shared their artistic talent by creating beautiful pictures to share with residents in our local nursing homes. Thank you to our students & staff for this Act of Kindness. It comes at a time when caring for others is extra important!

Hy-Vee opens early for at-risk customers

Hy-Vee, Inc. announces that, in response to customer requests, it will be reserving one hour of shopping time prior to its new opening time each day for customers considered "high-risk."

The reserved hour will be from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., seven days a week, and is designed for these customers:

Ages 60 and older
Expectant mothers
Anyone with an underlying health

condition(s) that makes him/her more susceptible to serious illness

Pharmacies in most Hy-Vee locations will also be extending their hours so they can serve this group of customers from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

All other customers are asked to please respect this hour reserved for these at-risk customers, and limit their shopping to Hy-Vee's new store hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Hy-Vee seeks temporary employees

Hy-Vee, Inc. announces today that it is seeking temporary, part-time hourly employees to help fill multiple positions in stores across its eight-state region as well as its distribution centers located in Chariton, Iowa, and Cherokee, Iowa.

With the recent surge in demand for groceries in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hy-Vee is looking to hire individuals for temporary, part-time positions to help with

restocking as well as cleaning and sanitizing.

Interested applicants can visit www.hy-vee.com/careers to view available positions in their area or text SMILES to 97211.

In addition, those who may have temporarily lost their job due to the current pandemic, are out of school, want to make additional money, or simply want to help during this time are welcome to apply at Hy-Vee.

Fairmont student meal drop off update

The student meal plan is operating differently. Meals will be dropped off only one day on Mondays. At that time students will receive a full-week meal package, which will include 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches.

Two new locations and times have been added to the drop-off list:

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Fairmont High School (Horseshoe)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Fairmont Elementary School (Door #1)

In addition, students may also pick up a full-week meal package at the regular stops:

9:00 a.m.
• Intersection of West

Amber Lake Drive and Cedar Creek Court

• St. Paul Lutheran
• Lincoln Park
• Ceylon Fire Hall

9:15 a.m.

• Amber Lake Park
• Winnebago Ball Diamond Parking Lot
• Bowlmor Lanes Parking Lot

9:30 a.m.

• Evangelical Covenant Church

• Veteran's Park
• Johnson Street Apartments

9:45 a.m.

• ALC
• Soccer Fields
10:00 a.m.
• Gomsrud Park
• Fairmont Estates



KADY PEDROZA, Fairmont High School Senior, has been named a Rotary "Student of the Month." Kady is the daughter of Juan Pedroza and Marina Diaz. She has an older sister, Karla Pedroza. Kady's long list of high school activities includes band, choir, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, soccer, high school spring plays and musicals, speech, track, National Honor Society, Teen Court, prom committee, and serving as manager for girls' hockey. Following graduation, Kady will be attending Lake Superior College to study in the biology pathway and plans to eventually transfer to the University of Minnesota Duluth to further her studies. (Submitted photo)

Scholarship application deadline is nearing

Deadline for scholarships through Fairmont Dollars for Scholars is Wednesday, April 1st. Fairmont graduates who are pursuing studies at accredited schools and have not yet received a bachelor's degree may qualify for up to four awards with a maximum of one per year.

To apply, create a profile at Fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org. To be considered an applicant, you MUST sign into your profile and click on My Scholarships and then submit your name to the scholarships for which you qualify.

For questions, contact Liz Wheeler at fairmontdollars@gmail.com or call her at 507-399-2134.

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Martin County West Kindergarten Round-Up

Tuesday, March 31
6:30 PM
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We thank you for your understanding!

Please stay safe and healthy during this trying time - the staff at Fairmont Photo Press

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

An Oldie

I have eaten this dessert/salad many times but I have never made it myself. Since Pa Lloyd is now supposed to be on a low carb/sugar diet and he loves sweets I tried to come up with a dessert that I could make that he could eat. After a little thought and browsing through my many cookbooks, I came up with this strawberry pretzel dessert. I used sugar free Jello, a sugar substitute and gluten free pretzels so it was gluten free too. It was a hit, I will be making it again before too long!

Strawberry/Pretzel Dessert:

First layer:

2 1/2 cups crushed pretzels

3 Tablespoons sugar

3/4 cup melted butter

Mix together, press in a buttered 9x13 inch baking dish, bake at 400 degrees for 8 minutes, cool

Second Layer:

8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature

1 cup sugar

1 small can drained, crushed pineapple, save the juice

1 small container cool whip

Third Layer:

1 large (6 oz.) strawberry jello

2 cups boiling water

Drained pineapple juice with water added to make one cup

2 10 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries (I used no sugar added, sliced strawberries)

Blend ingredients for second layer until smooth, spread on cooled crust. Dissolve Jello in boiling water, stir in frozen strawberries until thawed, then add cool water/pineapple juice. Gently pour over cream cheese layer. Chill until the Jello is set.

Stay safe and have a great week!

MCHS closes hospital to visitors

To protect the safety of Mayo Clinic Health System patients and staff, patients in the Emergency Department, hospital and outpatient clinics at all health system sites will no longer be allowed to have visitors.

The Emergency Department visitor restriction went into effect March 23rd. The outpatient clinic visitor restriction went into effect Tuesday, March 24th. The

restriction on visitors for hospitalized patients was implemented Friday, March 20.

Compassionate exceptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis, including births and end-of-life care, among other specific circumstances. All visitors granted exceptions will be screened prior to entry. No visitors under the age of 18 will be allowed.

These visitor

CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONED EVENTS

Salvation Army to Temporarily Close Thrift Stores

The Twin Cities Salvation Army is taking additional steps to help mitigate the spread of the virus among its clients, staff and volunteers.

The Salvation Army Family Stores in outstate Minnesota and in North Dakota will temporarily close. *This includes the Fairmont store on Down-*

town Plaza. This effort follows other steps taken previously that suspended group gatherings at their service centers, in order to prevent possible virus transmission.

Food, housing and emergency assistance programs remain in force.

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce has closed the doors to the public. Appointments can be made and we will be available by phone 507.235.5547 or email:

Ned: president@fairmontchamber.org

Kandi: info@fairmontchamber.org

Miranda finance@fairmontchamber.org

Effective immediately, all Martin County Library locations are closed to the public until March 31, 2020. Curbside pick-up is being offered during select hours at certain locations. Visit our website at www.martincountylibrary.org for up to date information, or call us at 238-4207. E-books and other digital options can be accessed via our website, and all library locations have Wi-Fi available 24-7 for public use.

Due to the current corona virus outbreak the City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont, MN has decided to cancel its meeting for Wednesday, April 1, 2020. We will make decisions about future meetings on a month by month basis.

If you have any questions, call Leslie Walkowiak at 651-895-6578 and check out our Facebook page at City of Lakes Garden Club Group of Fairmont, MN for interesting and timely gardening information. Thank you.

The 50th anniversary open house for Bob and Dianne Mennen of Truman, originally scheduled for March 29th, has been cancelled.

The regularly scheduled Monday morning breakfasts at the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn are cancelled until further notice.

Dental Offices close until further notice

The Minnesota Board of Dentistry has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and has issued guidance as it becomes available. We greatly appreciate the commitment of dental professionals to treat patients and provide continuity of care at this time. However, given the emerging information in the last few days, we recommend that dental clinics postpone any non-emergent or elective dental care for two weeks starting on March 17, 2020. We anticipate that we will receive more state and federal guidance over the next few weeks concerning how providers can prevent transmission of the virus and safely treat patients. Although this is not currently mandated, we believe it is in the best interest of patients and providers alike. We also recommend that you provide patients with emergency contact information for dentists to prevent them from seeking care in emergency room

settings, in the case that they have a true dental emergency

Fairmont Family Dentistry will be abiding by these recommendations and will close our office for the next two weeks except to see emergency patients. True dental emergencies consist of dental pain, facial swelling, infection or dental trauma. Any elective or non-emergency treatment through the end of March will be rescheduled in the next few days.

If you have a dental emergency and need treatment, call our office first. If nobody is present in the office please call our emergency line at (507)236-0386. We will have both dentists available to treat emergency patients during the next two weeks. Please utilize our dental office for emergency treatment and do not go to the Emergency Room to reserve it for sick patients.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

The CREST "Lunch & Learn" scheduled for April 1st at the Senior Citizens Center in Sherburn has been cancelled due to the Corona virus outbreak.

The 50th anniversary open house for Peggy and Alvin Hovick, scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, has been postponed to a later date.

What To Do

If you are showing any sign of possible COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your local health care provider. Your provider or a nurse will direct you to our dedicated COVID-19 Nurse Line. If you meet testing criteria, you will be directed to one of our local testing sites.

What NOT To Do

This virus spreads rapidly. Help us minimize potential exposure to other patients by not coming into a clinic or

hospital to be tested. Please call your local provider first to find out how to be evaluated.

Patient Resources

Please visit our Mayo Clinic Health System COVID-19 online resource site for contact information and the most up-to-the-minute information about

COVID-19 and what to do if you have symptoms, unrelated health care needs, or need to visit someone at the clinic or hospital. You can also view updates via Mayo Clinic Health System's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels.

MCHS temporarily suspends operations at four clinics

Mayo Clinic Health System to temporarily suspend operations at four regional part-time clinics in Trimont, Truman, Sherburn and Armstrong, Iowa, effective March 23, 2020.

In light of deferring elective care appointments, Mayo Clinic Health System

will temporarily suspend operations at four regional part-time clinics in Trimont, Truman, Sherburn and Armstrong, Iowa, effective March 23, 2020.

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Jeff's Jottings

Guest Columnist

Jeff Hagen, Asst. to the Pastor and Vicar at St. John's Lutheran Church



It has been a couple weeks since I departed the Photo Press to take on my new position as Assistant to the Pastor and Vicar at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn. To say the least, it has been a very eventful couple of weeks as shortly after I began my new career, the spread of the COVID-19 virus reached the Midwest, Minnesota and Wisconsin especially, and this event has affected all of our lives in a number of ways.

Many have had to close their businesses to the public because of the threat of the virus, and that includes the Photo Press itself. Like many other businesses, the employees are still working at the business (or in some cases if they are able to - remotely work) so that the day-to-day operations can continue for that business without much interruption. The threat looms for a "Stay in Place" order from the Governor's office, which will mean that

all non-essential individuals will have to remain in their homes and not leave it except for picking up food and medication supplies. If this happens, many businesses will struggle to be able to keep their doors open. Essential personnel, including firefighters, ambulance and medical personnel, pastors and those businesses that need to remain open for needed supplies will continue to be able to work in public, but it will be in a limited capacity and will require many safety precautions to be put in place if person-to-person contact is needed.

Many churches, including our staff at St. John's Lutheran in Sherburn, are scrambling to serve their members, even without being able to hold church services and activities. We here at St. John's are communicating on an almost-daily basis with members and others through mass emails with words of encouragement and hope,

along with short videos on our website (www.st-johnlutheransherburn.org) and our Facebook page. We will continue to do these things and more as the time of separation continues for us.

Many churches are live streaming services (with limited staff members participating on-camera) and we hope to be able to do that soon here at St. John's. It is a way of keeping some "normalcy" for our members along with encouraging others to remain strong in the faith during these times.

One thing I want to emphasize during these times is the need to continue to communicate with one another. We may not be able to do it face to face, but there are many other ways to talk to others and check in on them. With all the technology we have at our fingertips now, we can still reach out to others - even if it is just giving them a call on the telephone. Hearing another family member

or friend's voice can give us more strength than we can realize and it is our obligation to care for family members and those in need in times like these. In Isaiah 58:10 it says, "And if you give yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday."

We can indirectly give to the hungry by helping to deliver needed food to those who are unable to get out, and also can pick up medications to help those who need them but are unable to get them. I know locally that there are efforts being organized to have volunteers go around to deliver those supplies to those in need. If you are in need of such service, contact your church or volunteer organizations like CREST to make those arrangements.

The last time we had a nationwide event like this was after 9/11. After that event, we saw neighborhoods, communities and cities come together to help each other, encourage one another and unite as one to support each other in the recovery from that. We must

do this once again, taking into consideration of the safety of you and others, but an effort to lead others needs to take place. It is our obligation as Christians, as community members and as fellow humankind to help others so that we don't become fully separated from each other by the "Social Distancing" we are experiencing. In Ezekiel 34 verse 6 it says, "My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill, and My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was no one to search or see for them."

Don't let this event separate us completely from each other. Use this time we have to reach out and encourage one another that we will conquer this and will grow closer and stronger as individuals when this is all over.

Before I close out this week's column, I want to make sure to "plant the seed" in you to remember all of the local businesses, organizations and even churches who are facing financial struggles because of the spread of the virus. Without regular income, many of these businesses and organi-

zations will struggle to pay their bills and keep their doors open. This is a wake-up call to everyone to support local businesses, organizations and groups first, because they are your fellow community members, churchgoers and family members that all need your help. Continue to give to your church, whether it be by mailing your contributions in on a regular basis, setting up automatic withdrawals for payments or by electronic ways (if the business or organization is equipped to accept payments in that manner).

We see and hear all the gloomy reports of the number of cases worldwide and receive the news via television, radio and even online about all the negative aspects of COVID-19, but in all of this there are many positive things happening around our country and the world with people finding other ways to bring peace, joy and hope to others. Search out those positives and don't dwell on the negatives and most of all, pray daily for our families, friends and those in need worldwide!

Jeff

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Each clinic is normally operated two days per week or less.

The suspensions are necessary to reallocate staffing resources to other critical care needs in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, as well as ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

"We are temporarily suspending operations at these clinics to redirect important resources to where they are needed most," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "During this interim period, our patients will continue to have options to receive care that includes necessary clinic visits at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, virtual video visits with local providers, or our 24/7 Nurse Line and Express Care Online."

Patients should call 507-238-8500 to inquire about virtual video visits with a provider.

Jennifer Langbehn, D.O., Mayo Clinic Health

System in St. James medical director, said the same is true of the Trimont clinic.

"During this unprecedented outbreak, staff and resources will be deployed to best meet the needs of the service area," says Dr. Langbehn. "Mayo Clinic Health System will continue to assess the situation and patient demand at all health system sites."

Patients who have upcoming clinic appointments scheduled will be notified. Nearby locations to receive care locally include Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and St. James.

If you are showing any sign of possible

COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), please call first before presenting to a health care facility. If you meet testing criteria, you will be directed to a local testing site.

Please visit our Mayo Clinic Health System COVID-19 online resource site for contact information and the most up-to-the-minute information about COVID-19 and what to do if you have symptoms, unrelated health care needs, or need to visit someone at the clinic or hospital. You can also view updates via Mayo Clinic Health System's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels.

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Soccer Association’s flower sale continues

It is time to think SPRING! Fairmont Soccer Association is holding its annual Flower Sale from now to Friday, April 17th. You can order flowers and vegetables directly from the website at fsa-flower-sales.square.site or go to the Fairmont Soccer Association’s website or Facebook page for paper order forms.

Flower pick up will be on Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Martin County Arena.

If you have any questions feel free to email fsaflowersales@hotmail.com or call Amy Laue at (507)317-5352. Thank you for supporting Fairmont Soccer!

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The Big South Conference named their 2019-2020 All-Conference teams in Basketball, Gymnastics and Wrestling. Girls Basketball East Division: Fairmont Cardinals - Cadee Becker, sophomore; Madysen Allen, junior; Honorable Mention Bryn Miller, junior. Boys Basketball East Division: Fairmont Cardinals - Wyatt Frank, senior; Zach Jorgensen, junior; Honorable Mention Carter Bell, senior. Girls Gymnastics East Division: Martin County Area Magic - Sabrina Segar, junior; Anna Bachenberg, freshman. Wrestling: Martin County Red Bulls - Lucas Jagodzinske, junior; Jaxson Rohman, junior; Blake Jagodzinske, junior; Connor Simmonds, junior; Cale Steuber, senior; Payton Anderson, senior; Nathan Simmonds, senior; Jacob Rahn, senior; Miles Fitzgerald, senior; Jesse Potts, sophomore.

MSHSL UPDATE

High School Spring Sports - There will be no Minnesota State High School League activities and athletics at any member school. This includes all participation including, but not limited to training, practices, scrimmages, and contests. The previous MSHSL directive prohibiting scrimmages, contests and competitions with other MSHSL programs for Spring activities and athletics will continue until April 6, 2020. As COVID-19 is rapidly evolving, the MSHSL will continue to monitor the most current information and directives from the Minnesota Department of Health, the Governor of Minnesota, and the Centers for Disease Control. The MSHSL will continue to work within the intent and support of the Emergency Executive Order and Department of Health recommendations in its actions and decisions. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available and as decisions are made.



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Hy-Vee changes store return policy

Hy-Vee, Inc. announces today that it will be temporarily suspending its return, refund and rain check policy until further notice.

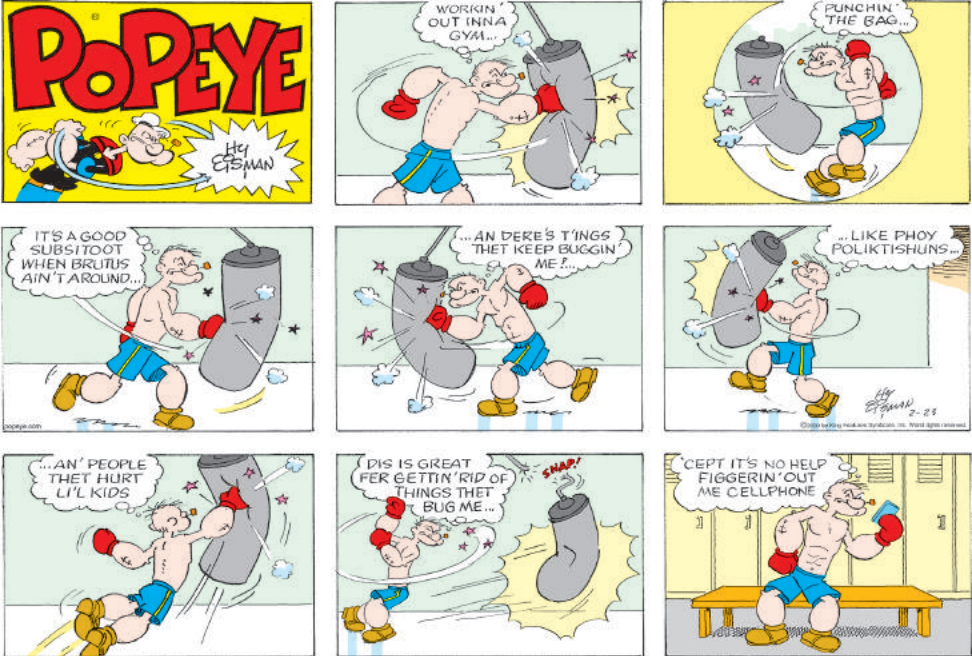
Beginning March 24, Hy-Vee stores will not accept returns or issue rain checks for its products. If customers find that any fresh product, such as produce, meat, seafood or deli items, do not meet Hy-Vee’s standards for freshness, then those products can be exchanged for a new product. Non-perishable products, however, will not be accepted.

Because we can’t trace where our products go after they leave our store, we can no longer accept certain products for return. With this change, our customers can feel safe knowing that all products they purchase at their local Hy-Vee

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If customers have a defective product they’ve purchased from a Hy-Vee store, they can exchange that product for a new item, since those products will not be re-stocked.

Additionally, due to unprecedented demand for certain products and limited product availability, Hy-Vee stores will temporarily stop issuing rain checks for products that are out of stock.



“Just the other day”

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



We’ve always had pets in our house. Sometimes having indoor pets requires a little adjustment – or a lot. We have oak floors all through our house, except the kitchen and bathrooms – they have tile floors. We find it’s easier to keep the hard surface floors clean and we prefer their look to carpet. To avoid scratching the hardwood floors, we don’t wear shoes in the house.

Not everyone likes hardwood floors. I’ve heard many people complain, “They’re too cold.” They would say. “I grew up on those cold floors, I like carpeting – it’s warmer on my bare feet.”

Personally, I find our oak floors are usually warm to walk across barefoot, but will admit to telling family and friends, “we are a slippers house” and advising them to bring a pair when they visit. Especially if they are coming in the winter months. The hard floors can be cold in the winter; particularly the tile.

I got up from the couch. Since I was going to bed soon, I opted not to put my slippers on. Besides, I was wearing a pair of thin socks. I let our dog, June, out the front door to potty. There are wolves and other such critters around our place, so I walked out on the front porch to keep

an eye on her. The wooden floor was cold, but not as cold as a concrete porch would be. June did her business, then continued sniffing around the bushes, “Come on Bugs. Let’s go inside.”

I made sure the front door was locked, then strolled across the wood floors to look out the east windows to check the driveway. I don’t know why I do it, but it seems like checking the drive is something I need to do every night. That end of the living room is over our unheated garage and those floors are chilly in the winter.

With the driveway se-

cure, I walked through the dining room and into the three-seasons room. It has quarry tile floors and that room is open below. Those floors get really cold in the winter. I looked out the windows and made sure all was well in the backyard. The sky was clear, so I walked out onto the deck; June accompanied me. The wooden deck boards felt warmer on my feet than the cold floor in the three-seasons room.

I looked up in awe. It was a new moon and stars glittered, twinkled and danced about. The Milky Way was really bright against the dark

sky. It’s such a beautiful scene, I could just gaze at the heavens for hours. I looked for satellites and planets, spotting just a few. Each time I exhaled, a puff of steam came from my mouth and disappeared into the night. I was getting chilly. My socks felt damp, like they were drawing moisture from the deck boards and my feet were getting colder...

...my feet were freezing...the screams were incredible...my dog abandoned me...“are you crazy?”

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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

I’m washing my hands while writing this.

I’m trying to enjoy myself while social distancing.

I’ve nowhere to go but where I am. COVID-19 has become those ubiquitous orange barrels closing lanes. I’ve got the “Gas prices are low and I’ve got no place to go” blues. Stiff upper lip and all that rot.

My mother gave me excellent advice during my formative years. “Wash your hands,” has proven to be wonderful guidance. I’m trying to flatten the curve. Our vocabularies have expanded. I never thought “social distancing” and “flattening the curve” would become my goals.

We weren’t promised lives with rich, nougaty centers. I’m no longer being clever when I say “Sneeze and thank you” instead of “Gesundheit.” A shortage of hand sanitizers has given people another reason to buy vodka. Vodka isn’t an effective hand sanitizer, but it’s an excuse for purchasing alcohol.

I’m a shaker and a hugger who scratches his chin thoughtfully.

As an alternative to handshakes, I tap my chest over my heart twice, either with a closed or open hand, and then point my forefinger at someone. Or I place my hand over my heart and smile/nod as a greeting. Friends taught me the footshake, a quick tap of my shoe to another’s. I worry it’s a social distancing violation. A simple, friendly wave might best suit me.

I wash my hands for 20 seconds about once every 60 seconds. I sing the Happy Birthday song twice as a timer. A song by Ray Charles works, “Hit the road Jack and don’t you come back / No more, no more, no more, no more / Hit the road Jack and don’t you come back no more / What you say? / Hit the road Jack and don’t you come back / No more, no more, no more, no

more / Hit the road Jack and don’t you come back no more.”

I’ve also used Janis Joplin’s big hit, “Oh Lord, won’t you buy me a Mercedes-Benz / My friends all drive Porsches I must make amends / Worked hard all my lifetime no help from my friends / So Lord, won’t you buy me a Mercedes-Benz.”

I experienced the emptiness of a toilet paper aisle in a big-box store. They were out of both the over and the under kind of rolls. The “100 toilet paper rolls or more” checkout lane had been busy. I wanted to stand in front of the void and take a selfie.

I watched the Central Plains, Kansas, girls high school basketball team win its 136th straight game; their season cut short by COVID-19 just two games away from winning their seventh

consecutive state title. The school is located in Claflin, which has a population of 645. The school has 93 students in grades 9-12. The players overcame obstacles and orange barrels to achieve success. They are inspiring, but I must add that “this too shall pass” isn’t in Scripture, and neither is “God won’t give you more than you can handle.”

The world was supposed to end in 2012. I read Barry Lopez, Wendell Berry and Mary Oliver then. That might have saved the world, so I’m reading them again. Mason Cooley wrote, “Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”

COVID-19 has thrown us for a loop. I’ve encountered uneasiness before. I’ve walked through darkened rooms with floors littered with jacks. I dreamed that Archie Bunker was president. He told COVID-19 to stifle and it did. Good people are still doing things like rushing toward burning buildings to help us. We should never miss a day of being grateful for them.

I’m still trying to figure things out. I tried to do that even before COVID-19 hit. I’ve discovered I like some soaps more than others. Prior to this pandemic, I hadn’t considered the kind of soap I was using other than I disliked the brand my mother used to wash out my mouth after I’d uttered a harsh word learned in grade school. What we focus on expands, so I’m focusing on washing my hands.

“Could I go with you?” I asked my mother as she prepared to visit the bank and grocery store after the mouth-cleansing incident.

Mom said, “We’ll see. Go outside and do something.”

“We’ll see” is uncommonly good advice. I wish you good health and just enough toilet paper. I listened to Nat King Cole sing, “I wish you bluebirds in the spring, to give your heart a song to sing.”

It’s a good reminder that the outdoors hasn’t been canceled.

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“The sun, the darkness, the winds are all listening to what we have to say.” — Geronimo

“We haven’t yet learned how to stay human when assembled in masses.” — Lewis Thomas

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March 18 - Eloise Lidke, 86, Fairmont.
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March 20 - Bruce J. Nawrocki, 62, Portland, OR
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In Memoriam - One Year Ago

March 13 - Terry Wiederhoeft, 79, formerly of Fairmont

March 16 - James W. Shell, 69, Welcome

March 18 - Shirley A. Hovick 82, Armstrong

March 19 - Paul J. Peterson, 88, Sherburn

March 20 - Janice L. Lind, 85, Fairmont

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OBITUARY notices

Eloise Lidke, 86



Services for Eloise Lidke, 86, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at a later date. Eloise passed away Wednesday evening, March 18, 2020, at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Eloise (Schuler) Lidke was born on November 15, 1933, on a farm near Grant, IA, the daughter of Albert and Evelyn (Taylor) Schuler. She began her education attending school in Greenfield, IA before moving with her family to a dairy farm

near Granada, MN. Eloise finished her education attending school in Granada and graduating from Granada High School with the class of 1952. Eloise had a passion for helping people and put that passion to work attending the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, MN, where she earned her nursing degree in 1955.

In 1956, Eloise moved to Fairmont where she worked at the Fairmont Community Hospital. On May 15, 1957, Eloise was united in marriage to Harlan L. Lidke in

Midland, TX. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont prior to moving to Indianapolis in 1965, and returning to Fairmont in 1967, where Eloise continued her career as a nurse, nursing instructor, and director of nursing at the Fairmont Community Hospital working until her retirement in 1993.

Eloise was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont where she shared her gift of singing, both in the choir and at many church events. She also sang in the Al

Zinter Chorale along with Harlan. Eloise was a board member of the Martin County Historical Society. She and Harlan both loved collecting, restoring and selling antiques for many years.

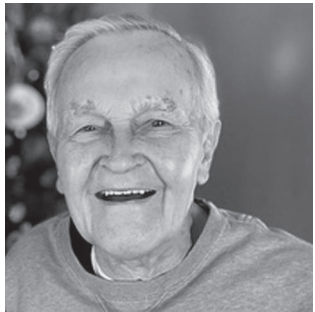
Left to cherish her memory are her children, Steve (Geri Sue) Lidke and Leslie (Chip) Annen; grandchildren, Tyler (Jenna) Lidke, Johanna (Scott) Savastano, Kenneth (Sarah) Lidke, Matthew (Shannon) Annen, Michael (Jennifer) Annen and Melissa Annen; great-grandchildren, Adrianna,

Harper, Mya, Jace, Kaylyn, Lauren, Grant, Brady, Wyatt, Nicholas, Tyler and two little girls on the way; brother, Wendell (Leona) Schuler; sisters-in-law, Clare Lidke and Carolyn Schuler; brother-in-law, Warren Koehler, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Eloise was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Evelyn Schuler; husband, Harlan Lidke; a sister, Gayle Koehler; a brother, Doyle Schuler and a brother-in-law, Allan Lidke.

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Jerome "Jerry" Nolte, 83



Private family services for Jerome "Jerry" E. Nolte,

age 83, of Brainerd and formerly of Fairmont and Eden Prairie, MN were held Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at a later date at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Jerry passed away on March 12, 2020 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jerome Edward Nolte was born on March 27, 1936 to Alvin and Hazel (Ledebur) Nolte in Fairmont, MN. He graduated from Fairmont High School. Jerry entered the Army National Guard on January 24, 1954 and was honorably discharged on January 25, 1958.

Jerry was united in marriage to Sharon Nolte on March 15, 1957 in Fairmont, MN. This marriage was blessed with two sons,

Mark and Randy. After their marriage, Jerry and Sharon lived in Bloomington, Eden Prairie and most recently in Brainerd, MN. Jerry worked as an optician at Benson Optical and retired in April 2001.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood, MN. He was also a member of Cuyana Rolling Hills Golf Course where he loved spending many hours golfing and

visiting with his friends. He also enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing. Jerry loved to be out on his pontoon cruising the lake and cherished his time spent with family.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sharon Nolte of Brainerd; sons, Mark Nolte of Brainerd and Randy (Diane) Nolte of Norwood Young America; grandchildren, Nathan Nolte of Belle Plaine, Josh Nolte of Duluth, MN, and Paige

Nolte of Norwood Young America; sister-in-law, Cindy Kollofski; brother-in-law, John Kollofski; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Hazel Nolte; grandmother, Elizabeth Nolte; and two sisters, June Sliger and Janet Burmeister.

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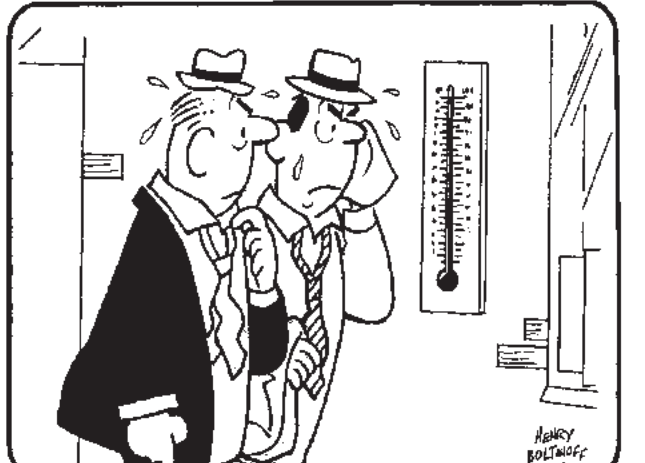
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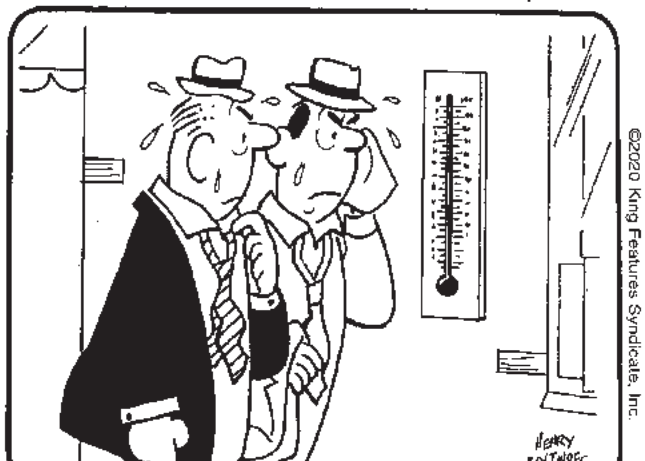
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It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 7, 2020 , at 8:00 a.m. , a hearing will be held in this Court at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, June 7, 1988, and codicils to the will, dated October 22, 2009, and December 6, 2018, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Ervin W. Arndt, whose address is 47995 132nd Street, Vernon Center, MN, 56090 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an UNSUPERVISED <input type="checkbox"/> a SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.		
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH - ONLINE ONLY Retirement Machinery Auction! Bidding opening April 6th. Sale includes: Cat 85D & Cat 45 Tractors; JD 4440 QR Tractor; 2009 JD DB44 CCS 24-22" Planter, very nice; DMI Tiger II Field Cult; JD 310D Turbo Backhoe; CIH 7130 MFD Tractor; AC 7020 Tractor; JD 3710 10 Bottom Plow & More! These items will be sold on the internet via www.auctioneeralley.com with live bidding opening April 6th at 5 PM and closing April 8th! Please contact Kevin Kahler 507-920-8060, Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 or Chris Kahler 507-230-6006 for details!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020 DOORS OPEN AT 4PM - WHAT A KNIGHT MARTIN LUTHER DINNER AND FUND-RAISING AUCTION

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Junior Achievement offers online learning

Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest (JAUM) is now providing free online resources for teachers and parents to keep our children engaged, inspired, and educationally challenged. In response to the COVID-19 guidelines, the organization quickly enhanced its digital program portfolio to make select programs and lessons available to the public. Parents will find a variety of free financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship resources that children can do on their own, with a parent or other caring adult. K-12 educators can also access new and existing JA programs through the national JA USA Learning Management System. There may be no better time than today to equip our children with the tools needed to make smart financial choices as they experience these tumultuous economic times. Junior Achievement's experiential programs teach students in grades K-12 how to manage money, prepare for a successful career, think innovatively, and start businesses that create jobs.

Programs are age-appropriate, hands-on, and engaging. To access Junior Achievement's free online learning programs, visit www.jaum.org/resources. Visitors will be asked to complete a short registration form. Junior Achievement's entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness programs are delivered nationwide, typically in classrooms during the school day by volunteer role models from the local business community.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE MARTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Dear Martin County Residents,

We need your help in suppressing the coronavirus. There is no longer any debate: All medical experts agree that the spread of COVID-19 has the potential to overwhelm the U.S. health care system by early summer.

The number of positive COVID-19 cases in Martin County continue to rise at a concerning rate. As of today, March 23, there are 8 confirmed cases with many other patients awaiting results. Despite having a significantly lower population than both Blue Earth and Nicollet counties, Martin County has the same number of cases as both counties combined (Blue Earth: 5 cases; and Nicollet: 3 cases). In fact, Martin County has the highest number of positive COVID-19 cases in the nine-county region. Furthermore, 7 out of the 8 cases in Martin County have been acquired through community transmission, which means individu-

als acquired the virus from other community members — and not due to travel outside of the region or state.

The most powerful tool we have to change this alarming trend is social distancing. Yet, far too many people are falling short of what's needed, including the residents of Martin County.

We are asking all of you to self-quarantine if you have any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough or shortness of breath) or have been exposed to the virus in any way. For everyone else, please distance yourself from others in the following ways:

- Avoid public places; only go out to get essentials.
- Avoid family or public gatherings.
- Stay 6 feet from anyone with whom you do not live.

We understand that making these temporary sacrifices is difficult. But doing so can mean the difference between life and death for the people of our community — particularly

those at highest risk.

We encourage you to go to the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 website for the most accurate information about the disease. Locally, you can follow the Community Health and Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties Facebook page for daily updates and information.

For information on what to do if you develop symptoms of COVID-19, please visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org/covid19 or call your health care provider.

Thank you for your sacrifices and for keeping the residents of Martin County safe!

Abigail Nesbit, Emergency Management Director
Chera Sevcik, Community Health Services Executive Director
Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Medical Director
Amy Long, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Administrator

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
COUNTY PROJECT
CLOSING DATE: April 3, 2020

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the following projects will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 3, 2020, at the office of the Martin County Engineer located at 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont, Minnesota, at which time they will be read out loud. The contract will be awarded at the April 21, 2020 Martin County Commissioner meeting.

SAP 046-743-001 C.S.A.H. 143
Bituminous Wear, NonWear, Cold Inplace Recycling and Aggregate Surfacing

Major quantities for SAP 046-743-001 are:

Salvage Aggregate (C.V.)	244	C.Y.
Aggregate Surfacing, Class 5	276	Ton
Mill Bituminous Surface (2.0")	96	S.Y.
Milled Rumble Strips	1,167	L.F.
Bituminous Material for Fog Seal	562	Gallons
Bituminous Material for Tack Coat	925	Gallons
Type SP 9.5, Wear Course Mixture 3,C	633	Ton
Type SP 12.5 NonWear Course Mixture 3,C	1,252	Ton
Cold Inplace Recycling-Bituminous	4,325	S.Y.
Traffic Control	1	L.S.
6" Broken Line Paint	354	L.F.
6" Solid Line Paint	6,800	L.F.

Proposals and specifications may be reviewed or obtained at the Martin County Highway Department, 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Price of the plan and proposal is \$40.00 picked up or \$50.00 mailed (8 1/2" x 11" plan size). Prices include sales tax. No refunds. You may also email your request for the plans and proposal to jill.redenius@co.martin.mn.us

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond made payable to the Treasurer of Martin County for at least five (5) percent of the amount bid.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive informalities therein.

Planholder's list and bid results for this project will be available for viewing at:

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Kevin Peyman, P.E.
County Engineer

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

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

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve Flohrs. Commissioners present were Elliot Belgard, Kathy Smith, Richard Koons, and Steve Flohrs. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

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

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the March 3, 2020, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the hire of Amanda Heinrichs-Milburn, new Assistant County Attorney, effective March 16, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to accept the resignation of Sue Koons, part time Administrative Assistant for the Martin County Victim Witness Office, effective March 31, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution in support of a 17.4 acre land acquisition in Section 15 of Fox Lake Township. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution in support of 19 acre land acquisition in Section 16 of Waverly Township. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the purchase of a budgeted 2020 Freightliner 114SD Tandem Axle Dump Truck from Harrison Truck Centers of Mankato, Minnesota, at the state contract price of \$115,394.00; and approve and authorize the purchase of a truck box, plow and attachments for the new dump truck from TBEI, Inc., in Lake Crystal, Minnesota, at the state contract price of \$108,870.00. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the purchase of a 2020 Road Groom 11 foot Unit at the state contract price of \$15,400.00 from Road Groom Manufacturing in Grundy Center, Iowa. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the hire of James Kain as Highway Maintenance Specialist/Parks Coordinator, effective March 9, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize the hire of Derek Laven as Highway Maintenance Specialist, effective on or around March 23, 2020, and is contingent upon required pre-employment drug test; and approve the hire of Tyler Laue as Highway Maintenance Specialist, effective on or around March 23, 2020, and is contingent upon required pre-employment drug test. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize the hire of Mercedes Johnson and Lindsey Weber as full time Corrections Officers, effective March 15, 2020; approve and authorize the hire of Maxime Rainville as part time Corrections Officer, effective March 15, 2020; and approve and authorize the hire of Renae Wallace as Transport Officer, effective March 15, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize funding of \$102,784.84 as a loan to the Fairbault-Martin County Joint Transit Board for payment of the new Elkart Coach Vehicles purchased by the Fairbault-Martin County Joint Transit Board; and that 80% of the loaned funds will be reimbursed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, set a Public Hearing date of March 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at Hamilton Hall in Blue Earth, Minnesota, for the Proposed Repair on JD #2 M&F. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, set a Public Hearing date of April 7, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room – Martin County Courthouse, for the Proposed Improvement on JD #414 M&F. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on March 3, 2020, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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

SCOTT HIGGINS
MARTIN COUNTY COORDINATOR

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