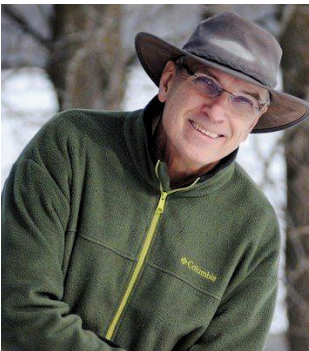


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Naturally By Al Batt

My morning started out with a shower. I hoped to clear the cobwebs from my mind. The invigorating stream of water hadn't been hitting me for long before I noticed I wasn't alone in the shower. What does a spider think when it finds a man in its shower? I can only know what I think and did. I said, "Good morning, spider, I hope you'll have a pleasant day."

A friend sent me an email saying, "To hear a duck quacking is a most fortunate omen, indicating the coming of prosperity." I enjoy hearing from pals, but this forward

was much more appreciated than the tired political ones and gave me high hopes for everyone's economy.

Once my morning ablutions had been completed, I went for a walk. During these times and all others, I find comfort in birds. Some snowy days, they all become snowbirds. A blue jay flew into the feeder, selected a peanut in the shell and flew to a tree. It flew back to the feeder with the peanut still in its bill. It dropped the goober onto the feeder and took another peanut more to its liking. I don't think I've ever had a bird return food before. I suppose the best-if-used-by date of the peanut had expired. A house finch makes a wonderful neighbor. It beautifies the neighborhood, sings songs I enjoy hearing and borrows no tools. I spotted a brown creeper, white-winged crossbill and Eurasian collared-dove.

Nature gives me bearings and values. Birds brighten my days. A new birdie's headlights illuminated a recent morning. It

was a stranger to my yard. The chestnut-capped and white-cheeked visitor was slightly smaller than a house sparrow. A Eurasian tree sparrow was hanging around with a gang of house sparrows in my yard. They are related species. The bird was a lovely surprise. I'd not seen one in my county before. In Eurasia, this species is widespread and abundant. I saw them when I've worked there and I've seen some in this country. There is a small population in the United States derived from a shipment of songbirds (bullfinches, chaffinches, greenfinches, linnets and Eurasian tree sparrows) brought from Germany and released in St. Louis in April 1870. Introducing the songbirds was meant to enhance the native avifauna and provide familiar bird species for newly settled European immigrants. The Eurasian tree sparrow population took hold and the birds are now found in parts of Missouri, Illinois and southeastern Iowa, but are fairly local. The tougher house

sparrow, more aggressive and adaptable, may keep them out of areas. This tree sparrow isn't a bird of cities, preferring farms, lightly wooded residential areas and other more natural places than the house sparrow that is at home with pavement and concrete. The welcome visitor found sustenance in the seeds from my feeders. I was as happy as a lark to see that sparrow.

Q&A

"Why do cardinals arrive so early and stay so late at my bird feeders?" Because that's when the seed prices are lowest. Those redbirds never miss taking advantage of a sale. The male is a dandy. His red plumage is bright and distinct in daylight and attracts attention (both wanted and unwanted). His bright color diminishes in dim light. That makes male cardinals as inconspicuous as their mates at twilight and less easily seen by predators like cats. And avian predators like Cooper's hawks are inactive at dawn and dusk. Cardinals often live year-

round near bird feeders. They have a short commute. They can stay later because their flight home is a brief one. Cardinals feed at dawn and dusk because they have less competition at feeders in low light. That means they don't have to wait behind birds who have clipped a ton of coupons.

"What is a jack snipe?" The jack snipe is a small wading bird native to parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. It's the world's smallest snipe. A brown marsh bird with a long bill. This country has its relative, the Wilson's snipe. I've heard a pectoral sandpiper called a jack snipe. When called that, it doesn't come any closer. Have you been one of the lucky ones who went on a snipe hunt as a youngster? If so, I hope you're not still holding that bag you're supposed to stuff with the snipe you'd catch. I further hope

they didn't drench you in snipe spit, which is purported to be a never-fail snipe lure.

Thanks for stopping by
"Black are my steps on silver sod; Thick blows my frosty breath abroad; And tree and house, and hill and lake, Are frosted like a wedding cake." — Robert Louis Stevenson

"You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes, you just might find you get what you need." — The Rolling Stones

Do good.
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Eurasian tree sparrow

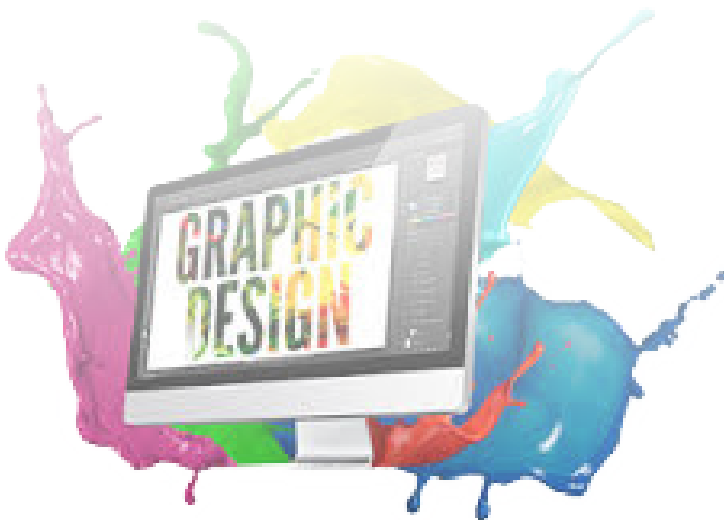
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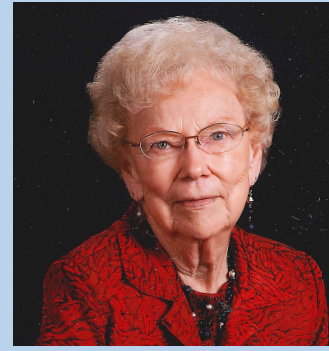
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GRUNIG'S 90TH - Eulalie Ann Grunig will celebrate her 90th birthday on January 23rd. She was born January 23rd, 1931. Cards can be sent to her at 2050 210th Ave., Truman, MN 56088. (Submitted photo)

SPREADING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER - Red Rock Center for the Arts distributed DVD's of Glenn Henriksen's Holiday Concert to area nursing homes and shut-ins. Pictured are residents from St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth. (Submitted photos)



SCHLOMANN'S 96TH - Madelyn Schlomann will celebrate her 96th birthday on January 21st. Cards will reach her at 825 Winnebago Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)

HAND'S 90th - Fern Hand of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday on Friday, January 22nd, 2020. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to host a proper birthday celebration for her, however we encourage everyone to send a card to Fern at 4 Coleman Lane, Fairmont, MN 56031 and help us make her special day memorable. I know that she would love to hear from you even if we can't be together in person. (Submitted photo)



Council work session

By Judy Bryan

The Fairmont City Council held a work session on Monday to review almost six years of work that has gone into the planning of a new \$9.8 million public works building.

City officials had sporadically discussed a new building in the past, but when OSHA conducted an unscheduled inspection of the facility in 2015 and noted numerous health and safety violations, the issue went to the forefront.

The existing building on Margaret Street is made up of three separate buildings that have been joined together, with some areas dating back more than 50 years. It is home to 21 full-time and eight summer employees in the street and park department. These employees maintain 74 miles of city streets, plus the alleys, and 41 miles of sanitary sewer, including 1,900 catch basins. The maintain

550 acres at 29 city parks plus 20 buildings including park shelter houses, City Hall, SMEC and the business incubator building.

They do their job using 146 vehicles or small equipment which are entirely maintained by just two mechanics.

Joey Wendinger, a project manager with ISG, has worked with the city since 2015, conducting a facilities assessment on the building. He told the council that they looked at salvaging portions of the building, but new heating, ventilation, air conditioning, water, fire suppression and electrical systems to alleviate the life and safety concerns were cost prohibitive.

They looked at expanding the existing building but faced limitations on available space with a substantial grade change on the back side of the building. They considered a new building on the original site but again faced space constraints.

Ultimately, a plan was developed by ISG, Nick

Lardy, street and park department supervisor, and Troy Nemmers, city engineer/public works director, for a new building on a site directly east of the existing facility. The new building would have storage space for seasonal vehicles used on a daily basis, a sign shop, paint shop, wood shop, mechanic's garage and wash bay.

The new building would cover 57,000 square feet, more than double the size of the existing 26,000 square foot structure.

When ISG did the facilities assessment in 2015, they estimated that a new concrete building would cost \$5 million, but inflation and skyrocketing construction costs pushed that figure to \$11 million. By switching to pre-engineered steel walls instead of concrete and instituting 40 other cost saving measures, the cost was reduced to \$9.8 million for building estimated to last 60 years.

Hoping to get more competitive bids early in the year, the council ap-

proved advertising for bids at its meeting following the work session. Bids will be opened Feb. 4, and the council will accept or reject them on Feb. 8.

If a bid is accepted, construction would begin in March with the building to arrive in June. The interior would be completed in the winter, with occupancy set for January of 2022.

The council discussed the possibility of a different site and opting for concrete walls instead of metal, but those involved in the years of planning explained how they had considered and eliminated other options.

Because of advance planning by the city and historically low interest rates, homeowners should not see an impact on their future property taxes to pay for the building. In 2019 and 2020, the city increased its levy by \$325,000 in each of those years. This amount that currently is included in the levy is sufficient to cover the debt service on the 30-year bond.

SHEILA (WARRINER) PETERSEN

Happy 50th, January 23rd!

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Happy Birthday!

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

January 10, 1996

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was to be held at the St. John

Vianney School Gym. The event was open to all boys and girls, ages 8 to 14.

Nicky Core was named "Business Education Student of the Month" at Fairmont High School. To qualify, a student must have at least a "B" average and be involved in at least two semesters of business courses. Nicky, the daughter of Allen and Carol Core was a senior at Fairmont High School.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

January 10, 1971

An adult education program began in Fairmont, with Gerald Nielsen as director. As of this printing, not enough interest had been shown to guarantee 12 students for any of the courses listed in the brochure, but local enthusiasts were confident the program would become popular. Places where copies of the brochure

were available were the Photo Press, banks, and the employment service.

Arne Nelson of Miller's Shoe Department, and his wife Mabel, who was a clerk in the Public Utilities Office, sustained injuries in an auto accident near Madelia. They were broadsided by a skidding car driven by a Minneapolis woman who lost control in extremely ice conditions. The Fairmont couple was hospitalized in the Madelia hospital, with multiple fractures and internal injuries.

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SCAN ME

Next Monday, January 18th is our monthly distribution for **Ruby's Pantry in Sherburn**, 2 Crossroads Drive, across from Kum and Go. We will again have a drive through. We ask that your trunks be cleaned out for us to put the bundles in there. If you are bringing more than one family or get-

ting more than one bundle, please make sure there is room for it all. It is \$20 cash per bundle. Distribution starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. This is open to anyone who eats. No paperwork to fill out. No questions. We hope to see you there.

MCPA lists donations

On behalf of the Martin County Preservation Association, managing the Chubb House and Red Rock Center for the Arts I would like to acknowledge the following individuals who graciously helped us reach our year-end goal during the months of November and December. These donations were generously matched by an anonymous donor.

Craig Nelson, Norm and Sandy Langford, Sandy Meschke, Marilyn and MaryAnn Hagen, Greta Lintleman, Joel and Cindy Jaeger, Elaine Kuske, James and Carol Dick, Jerry and Alyce Miller, Carolyn Oanes, Marty Krause, Kristy Olson, Ginny Riedesel, MaryDon Kislingbury, Alice Peters, Duane Rieland, Thomas

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Thank you for your support. You made a difference.

Sonja Fortune,
Executive Director

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A new Year!

I was so looking forward for 2020 being over and starting over with a better year and then 1/6 happened, a terrible sad way to start the year of 2021, but let's hope that after January 20th the year will hold promise to a hopeful new year and the end of pandemic. I am almost getting used to this solitude, I am going out even less than every two weeks to get groceries. There is a dent in my chair from where I sit and read my days away, in short I need spring, to get outdoors with my flowers!

Today I am sharing a recipe I received from my granddaughter, Samantha she is a busy young mother so she likes to use quick one dish recipes. We really liked this one and I am going to use it just when I want to make crispy potatoes as a side dish without the chicken. I hope that you will like it too.

POTATO AND RANCH HOT DISH

1/2 cup olive oil
1 tsp. salt
1 envelope ranch dressing mix (dry powder)
Medium potatoes, cubed, enough to feed your family
3 chicken breasts, cubed
2 1/2 cups shredded cheese
1 cup crumbled bacon
1 cup green onions, chopped
1 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large bowl combine oil, salt, pepper and ranch dressing. Add the potatoes to the oil mixture and toss well. Spoon potatoes into the baking dish, leave as much of the oil behind as possible. Roast potatoes until crispy about 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Add the cubed chicken into the oil and toss well. In a separate bowl mix the cheese, bacon and onion. When the potatoes are crispy, remove from oven. Lower temperature to 400 degrees. Top potatoes with raw chicken and cheese mixture. Bake for another 20 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes. Serve with sour cream or ranch dressing and enjoy.

Have a safe week!

Church resumes Monday breakfasts

Regional Worship Center in Sherburn announced that its Monday morning community breakfast resumed beginning January 11th. Breakfast will be served every Monday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. This is open to everyone for a free will offering.

We cannot do buffet at this time so breakfast will be made to order. Let Steven know how you want your eggs and make a few other choices and you will end up with a fantastic meal. We hope to see you Monday morning.



Ask A Trooper: Livestock "running at large"

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: My neighbor's cattle are always out. They don't take care of their fence and they are getting into my yard. I can deal with that, but my real concern is the highway we live along. I'm worried someone is going to hit a cow and get hurt or something worse. There must be a law about this.

Answer: This is concerning as this type of activity could lead to a crash resulting in life-changing injuries. In 2019, Minnesota had 1,632 crashes involving animals. While most of those were deer, a significant number of the crashes involved cattle.

Throughout my career, I've responded to several crashes involving cattle, horses, donkeys, mules, sheep, swine, goats and much more. A vehicle running into (and sometimes under) a 1,000 to 2,000 pound animal can quickly turn a sedan into a convertible. Many of these crashes resulted in serious injuries and occasionally something worse.

To answer your question, yes, there is a law. Minnesota State Statute 346.16 addresses livestock "running at large." The law states that civil action can also be taken. The owner of the animal is responsible for keeping it fenced in and safely off public roadways.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

Hope Café To Go on January 24

St. John Vianney Church will be delivering a free hot meal on Sunday, January 24th around 5:00 p.m. (4th Sunday of the month).

Anyone interested in receiving a free hot meal should email or call Bridget at 235-2451 or bbecker@sjvhf.org. Please call before noon on Friday, January 22nd and leave your name, address, phone number and how many meals.

(We delivered over 40 meals to the community in December.)

SPL Church Endowment Fund

Thanks to the following who gave \$5,758.00 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund for the 3rd quarter of 2020.

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Best Books of 2020

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The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

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Hideaway by Nora Roberts

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From the Stacks: What's New and Notable at the Martin County Library January 2021

By Jenny Trushenski, Library Director

Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder by T. A. Willberg

In the heart of London, secret tunnels exist far beneath the city streets. There, a mysterious group of detectives in Miss Brickett's Investigations & Inquiries use their cunning to solve crimes that have stumped Scotland Yard.

Late one night in April 1958, a filing assistant at Miss Brickett's receives

a letter of warning, detailing a name, a time, and a place. She goes to investigate but finds the room empty. At the stroke of midnight, she is murdered by a killer she can't see—her death the only sign she wasn't alone. It becomes clear that the person responsible must also work for Miss Brickett's. Marion Lane finds herself drawn deeper into the investigation. When her friend is framed for the crime, to clear his name she must sort through hidden alliances and secrets dating back to WWII.

The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins

Meet Jane. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, she is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates—a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. The

kind of place where no one will notice if Jane lifts the discarded jewelry off the side tables of her well-heeled clients. Where no one will think to ask if Jane is her real name.

Things change when she meets Eddie Rochester. Recently widowed, Eddie is Thornfield Estates' most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident. Jane can't help but see an opportunity in Eddie. Yet as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is haunted by the legend of Bea, an ambitious beauty who launched a wildly successful southern lifestyle brand. How can she ever measure up? And can she win Eddie's heart before her past—or his—catches up to her?

COLLEGE NEWS

Hamline University student Alyssa Williamson of Sherburn, MN was named to the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s List for the Fall 2020 semester. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and maintain a full course load.

Autumn Wildfeuer of Ormsby, MN earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska in the Fall of 2020. Undergraduates earning a degree from Concordia were eligible for distinction or high distinction honors. The top 10% of graduates with the highest GPA in their respective colleges were designated as graduating with high distinction. An additional 15% were designated as graduating with distinction.

Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announced the students named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. The Dean’s List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale).
Payton Anderson of Sherburn
Hayden Berhow of Trimont
Laura Hartke of Fairmont
Alexa Mosloski of Fairmont
Anna Rose of Alpha

Gregg Raisanen, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Alexandria Technical & Community College recognizes individual students for academic excellence during fall 2020. The following students were named to the Dean’s List for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher Fall Semester 2020:
Fairmont
Brandon Williams
Northrop
Jordan Wiederhoeft

The following local residents were among more than 400 students from Rochester Community and Technical College who made the President’s List for Fall Semester ending this past December:
Alpha, MN
Dominic Bargfrede
Lewisville, MN
Lucas Anderson

To qualify for the President’s List, students must have completed 12 credits or more for the same semester with a 4.0 GPA. The Rochester Community and Technical College President’s List can be viewed by going to: <https://www.rctc.edu/about/deans-list/>.

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To the Editor:
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County with Transportation, Telephone Reassurance, Caregiver Support Services, and Volunteer Opportunities.
We are so thankful that you believe in our organization and support us with your monetary gifts. We look forward to another year of enhancing the quality of life for those we serve in 2021.
Sincerely,
Rob Stauter
CREST Executive Director

SJV School Endowment Fund memorials

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$1,465 in memorials given during the month of December, 2020. These were given in memory of:
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Obituary Notices

Tom D. Lehmann, 58

Tom Lehmann, 58, of Ceylon, Minnesota passed away peacefully on January 4th, 2021 at his home in Ceylon, Minnesota. He

will be buried at Lake Belt Cemetery in rural Ceylon at a private family service. Messages of Sympathy may be sent online to the family at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

Thomas Donald Leh-

mann was born on August 30th, 1962 at the Fairmont Community Hospital. He was baptized and later confirmed at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon. He attended Ceylon High School later graduating with the class of 1980. After high school, he farmed for several years, then he began working road

construction in Southern Minnesota. He worked hard and took great pride in his jobs as an Asphalt Operator on the paving crew. He could identify any bird you would see and enjoyed feeding them. He was a big NASCAR fan and like watching the Minnesota Vikings Football games and many

other sports.

He is survived by his mother, Bernice L. Lehmann of Fairmont, Minnesota; sisters, Jacqueline (Rob) Morris of rural Silver Lake, Minnesota, Kim (Roger) Manwarren of rural Ceylon, Minnesota, Jan (Bill) Bremer of rural Sherburn, Minnesota and Diana (Bill) Huntley of ru-

ral Dolliver, Iowa; many nieces and nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Donald E. Lehmann; grandparents, George and Elsie Lehmann and Arthur and Lydia Maschoff and other relatives.

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Eileen P. Christensen, 104

Services and burial for

Eileen P. (Mrs. Robert) Christensen, 104, of Ceylon, Minnesota will be held at a later time. Eileen Knuth Christensen joined her heavenly friends on January 1st, 2021 at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Eileen Phyllis Knuth Christensen was born September 3rd, 1916 to Frank and Martha Knuth in Martin County, Minnesota. She grew up as a farmer's daughter on their various farms in Martin County. She attended elementary coun-

try school, high school in Sherburn and Fairmont, graduating from Fairmont. Eileen married Robert (Bob) Christensen on June 6th, 1937 in Fairmont, MN. Their two children, Darrell and Nikki graduated from Ceylon High School. Eileen and Bob were married for 66 years before his passing in 2003.

Eileen was a devoted wife and mother, worked part time in the office of their family hardware store, was active in her church, the ladies aid,

various school organizations and community events. She made the Ceylon high school band banner provided by the band mothers carried by the marching band in parades. Eileen was an avid seamstress, made quilts, knitted and did embroidery. Eileen also enjoyed card and birthday clubs throughout the years.

Eileen joined her heavenly friends January 1st, 2021 at the age of 104. She was active until the last few years when she was confined to a wheelchair.

And then, of course, the pandemic came. However, she remained positive through her isolation saying "thank heavens for the telephone, at least I can hear your voice!"

Eileen is survived by her son Darrell Christensen and his wife Mary of Omaha, NE, daughter Nikki Dummer and husband David of Chanhassen, MN; four grandchildren, Andrea and her husband David Allen of Chaska, MN, Scott Dummer and his wife Brenda of Pleasant Hill, MO, Jo-

anna Christensen of San Antonio, TX, Erica Christensen of Burbank, CA, and four great grandchildren, Tyler and Nicholas Allen, Carson and Kathryn Dummer.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; parents, Frank and Martha Knuth; brother, Lorn Knuth and sister-in-law Delores; brother, Lyle Knuth and sister-in-law Stella and great grandson A. J. Dummer.

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Sandy J. Johnson, 63

A celebration of life service for Sandy J. Johnson, 63, of Fairmont, MN, was held on Friday, January 8, 2021, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held in the spring at Riverside Cemetery in Blue Earth. Sandy

passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Monday, January 4, 2021, at her home in Fairmont after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Sandy Jane (Christensen) Johnson was born on March 2, 1957, in St. Peter, MN, the daughter of George and Marcelyn (Brakke) Christensen. Sandy began her education attending school in Cleveland, MN and following a move to the metro, graduated from Burnsville High School with the class of 1975. Sandy would go on to further her

education attending college at Iowa Lakes Community College where she earned her Associate of Arts Degree in Computer Aided Design.

Sandy was united in marriage to Roger Johnson on November 22, 1975. To this union two children were born, Tina and Jeremiah. The couple later divorced, and Sandy was blessed to find love again when she met and married Brian Nutt on October 5, 2002, at the Eagles Club in Fairmont, MN.

Sandy worked for many years at Armour Foods and later blazed her own trail as one of the first female car saleswomen at Militello Mo-

tors. After earning her degree in Computer Aided Drafting, Sandy worked at TG Industries before stepping away from the work world where she enjoyed the opportunity to be a homemaker.

Sandy was a member of the Fairmont Eagles Club and believed in their motto of people helping people means helping the community. Her gratification in life came from helping others and the smile, hug, and knowing how special those she helped felt. Sandy loved listening to music and attending concerts. She was a devoted mother whose advice to her children was to "not live life with drama as life is too short. Keep it

simple, learn to relax and take care of yourself first."

Sandy's happy place was on Big Spirit Lake at her camper. She was blessed with a carefree attitude loved playing games and cards at the Senior Center and dancing like no one was looking. Sandy had no disappointments in life and felt blessed by god for men to love and two wonderful children. Her zest for life and free spirit will be greatly missed by all those that loved her.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Brian Nutt of Fairmont, MN; daughter, Tina (Alan Meyerdirk) Johnson of Fairmont, MN; mother, Marcellyn Christensen of

St. Peter, MN; siblings, Sharon (Bill) Watts of Shakopee, MN, Shirley (Dan) Nickel of Kasota, MN; Steve Christensen of St. Peter, MN, and Scott (Jennifer) Christensen of Cleveland, MN; two nephews, Timothy Watts and Aaron (Caitlyn) Nickel; two nieces, Sophia Christensen and Stephanie Neubert; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, George Christensen; son, Jeremiah Johnson; aunts, uncles, and other extended family.

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Russell L. Mileham, 76

Memorial service for Russell L. "Buster" Mileham, age 76, of Imogene, MN, was held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, MN.

Buster passed away on Tuesday evening, January 5, 2021, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Buster was born on December 19, 1944, in Elkhart, Illinois, the son of Elmer and Lillie (Stratton) Mileham. He attended Lake Fork Elementary School through the eighth

grade and continued his education at Mount Pulaski High School, where he graduated with the class of 1963.

Following his graduation, Buster moved with his brother Buddy to Elmore, MN where he met JoAnn Terhark. They were married July 3rd, 1965 and were together for 29 years. They settled in Imogene, Minnesota and were blessed with four children. After their divorce they were able to come together for their children when needed and remained friends in later years.

Buster had a knack for solving problems and found a calling as a heavy equipment operator and master mechanic. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #49. In his earlier years he worked road construction, playing a part in building I-90. He was present when the two ends met and the golden

spike was poured.

Buster worked for various companies over the years including Hodge-man's, All State Paving and Astleford M G Company, Inc. Buster was then recruited by Philippi Equipment Company/Truck Crane Service where he worked until his retirement. During his time there he became close friends with the owner, Tony Phillippi, who had such confidence in Buster's abilities that he called him out of retirement many times. He was always up for a challenge and never hesitated when called upon with a new project or problem to be solved. When other mechanics would claim the job couldn't be done because they didn't have the parts, the shop foreman would say "Send Russ, he can fix it with nothing". Buster enjoyed designing and fabricating his many ideas.

When Buster was not working, he enjoyed

many hobbies including playing music. Although his favorite instruments were the fiddle, the guitar and the mandolin, there wasn't a stringed instrument he couldn't play. He enjoyed going to Bluegrass festivals. He played with many bands including "The Country Sir" and at one point had a band of his own that he called "Buster and The String Alongers".

He also had a passion for flying and earned his private pilot's license. He enjoyed taking his family up and "running over the clouds". He liked the advantage of flying to Illinois to visit family since it only took two and a half hours to get there at a time when driving was nearly nine. Buster was proud to play a part in restoring a Grumman Albatross, a Korean era search and rescue plane which saw combat service in the United States Airforce.

Buster enjoyed hunting coon, rabbits, and

squirrels. He was well versed with bee keeping, loved old gas engines, old tractors, going to threshing bees and riding his Harleys. Buster enjoyed antiques of all kinds. His 1920s era cook stove was his definition of home. He always wanted bacon and eggs made on that stove and cooked many holiday turkeys in its oven. Buster loved children, seeing them smile and hearing their laughter, he would always say "there isn't a better sound on earth". He appreciated a good joke and loved to share his many jokes with others. Buster never met a stranger and was always willing to help others in need. "Yeah Buddy!"

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Russ (Andrea) Mileham of Brookings, SD, Kris (Dion) VonBank of Ceylon, MN, Debi (Kevin) Koep of Alexandria, MN, and Tim (Niki) Mileham of Granada, MN; grandchildren, Christopher

(Meghan) Stromberg, Taylor (Jacob) Fenner, Michelle (Jon) Dykstra, Derek VonBank, Dylan VonBank, Tyler (Katie) Koep, Tanner Koep, Madison Mileham, Madisen Lewis, Wyatt Lewis and Levi Lewis; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Eddie Mileham of Riverton, IL, and Dean Mileham of Elkhart, IL; two sisters, Velma (Ver-non) Burt of Guckeen, MN, and Alma Walker of Forest City, IA; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Buster is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Lillie Mileham; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Chris and Meta Terhark; brothers, Elmer Lee "Bud" Mileham and Harry "Buddy" Mileham; and a sister, Mary Alice Hotchkiss; brother-in-law, Marvin Walker; sisters-in-law, Alberta "Bunnie" Mileham and Margaret Mileham.

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Lorna M. Baarts, 84

Lorna M. Baarts, age 84 of Truman, passed away on Saturday, January 9th, 2021 at Oak Hills Living

Center in New Ulm. A public visitation will be held at Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman on Saturday, January 16th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A private family funeral service will be held following visitation. Guests are invited to watch the service live at www.zahariafamilyfuneral.com/obituary/lorna-baarts. Burial will take place at Ridgeland Memorial Park in Truman.

Lorna May was born in Fairmont on March 26, 1936 to Dietrich and Wilhelmina (Kruse) Laue. She attended school through 8th grade and then began

working to help her family and her younger siblings. Lorna later would obtain her GED. On May 22, 1954, Lorna married Mearl Dean Baarts at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairmont. The couple was blessed with six daughters and raised them on the family farm.

Lorna was a hardworking woman and held many jobs throughout her lifetime. She cleaned houses, walked beans, worked as a waitress and cook at E & L Cafe, worked at the canning factory, and worked as a farm wife. She loved to spend time working on the

farm. Driving tractors and the combine was Lorna's favorite job. Lorna also enjoyed visiting, laughing, spending time outside, cooking, and baking. Lorna made homemade cinnamon rolls, bars, and cookies for her family. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In her later years, Lorna loved to read.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Jean Liebenstein of Dundas, Betty (Scott) Wink of Truman, Bonnie (Keith) Skluzacek of Faribault, Sherry (Tom)

Hansen of Truman, Dawn Baarts of Dundas, and Denise Baarts of New Ulm; 11 grandchildren, Jordan (Liz) Liebenstein, Jessica (Grant) Christensen, Jillian (Rick) Kuntz, Christina (Steve) Koedam, Leahet (Josh Conley) Wink, Charles (Emily) Skluzacek, Ben (Ashley Sanderson) Skluzacek, Kate Skluzacek, Adam (Shirly Abear) Hansen, Tony (Kendra) Hansen, and Cody Hansen; 14 great-grandchildren, Alex, Aiken, Gretchen, Gustus, Jocelen, Cowen, Maggie, Matthew, Morgan, Mia, Macy, Elliot, Deric, and Brynn; brother, Darwin

(Anne) Laue; sisters, Lavonne (Rollie) Olson, Ardis (Duane) Lennartson, Karen Rossow; brother-in-law, Arlen Berhow; and many more nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Mearl Dean; son-in-law, John Liebenstein; brothers, Walter, Larry, and David Laue; sisters, Delores Dokken and Lois Templeton; sisters-in-law, Norine Baarts, Shirley Berhow, and Norma Laue; and parents-in-law, Wilhelm and Irene Baarts.



Wayne L. Markquart, 83

Wayne Lawrence Markquart, 83, was born February 15, 1937 on the family farm near Dunnell, MN, son of Lawrence and Florence Markquart.

He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dunnell. He graduated from Ceylon High School in 1955. Wayne entered service in the US Army in 1956 and

served in the 8th Army Honor Guard in Seoul, South Korea until his discharge in 1958.

He began his building career working in Sherburn, MN. His adventurous spirit led him to California, Montana, Alaska, Washington and Idaho where he ran his own construction company, and hunted, fished and enjoyed the outdoors of the Northwest. He married Dianne Duda in California

and they had three children.

On February 7, 2001, he was united in marriage to Julaine Petschke at St. John's Lutheran in Dunnell, MN. They made their home in Thompson Falls, MT, where he treasured time and food with his family and friends, work in his shop, and fellowship at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. He was known in the community as the maker of furniture,

notably his custom Adirondack chairs.

Wayne passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the age of 83, of both COVID and his ongoing battle with inclusion body myositis.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Julaine; children Garry (Shawna), Bradley, and Michelle (Michael) Britain; stepdaughters Darcia (Larry) Schmidt and Dana (David) Nawrocki; daughter-in-law

Julie; 10 grandchildren; 9 step-grandchildren; 17 step-great-grandchildren; sisters Phyllis Laidig, Joyce Fox, and Donna (Terry) Luscombe; and many dear friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, brother, and grandson.

Celebration of Wayne's life will be postponed for now due to our global pandemic.

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December 31 - William C. Eustath, 77, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 4 - Sandy J. Johnson, 63, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 4 - Thomas D. Lehmann, 58, Ceylon. Kramer Family Funeral Home

January 5 - Russell L. Mileham, 76, Imogene. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

January 6 - Steven R. Craig, 73, Welcome. Kramer Family Funeral Home

January 9 - Lorna M. Baarts, 84, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

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January 6 - Richard "Dick" S. Bradley, 91, Fairmont

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January 8 - Kenneth J. Vonnahme, 73, Buffalo Center, IA

January 8 - Bonnie J. Shearer, 70, Jackson

January 10 - Barbara A. Wimmer, 64, Fairmont

January 10 - Joyce E. Malcolm, 84, Mankato (formerly of Fairmont)

January 10 - Laurel L. Christensen, 71, Trimont

January 11 - Joanne Olson, 88, Trimont

January 12 - Donald M. Meyer, 73, Welcome

How to host a socially distant wedding

It's likely that few people heard of "social distancing" prior to 2020. That changed as the novel coronavirus COVID-19 spread rapidly across the

globe and the world found itself in the midst of a deadly pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines social distancing as keeping a safe distance of at least six feet between yourself and other people who are not from your

household. Public health officials continue to champion social distancing while acknowledging the fatigue that many people have experienced as the pandemic stretched on for months. Though much of the world hit the proverbial pause button, life went

on during the pandemic. Perhaps nowhere was that more evident than at the altar, where many couples still tied the knot, albeit in scaled back ceremonies that adhered to social distancing guidelines in their communities.

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Engaged couples who have yet to tie the knot no doubt recognize that planning a socially distant wedding will not be the same as organizing more traditional ceremonies and receptions. While planning a socially distant wedding presents some unique challenges, couples can take certain steps to ensure their big day is memorable and safe.

- Spread the socially distant word. Let guests know what they're in for should they decide to take part in the festivities. Many people have strictly followed social distancing guidelines, while others have been reluctant to do so. Couples intent on keeping themselves and their guests safe from COVID-19 should emphasize that their weddings will be socially distant affairs so there's no confusion come the big day.

- Stream the wedding

online. Stream the wedding online for those guests who won't be in attendance. By the end of 2020, millions of people had already "attended" weddings via platforms like Zoom, so loved ones may be experienced virtual guests by the time couples walk down the aisle in 2021. Couples who may need some help planning virtual affairs can visit the virtual wedding coordinators at Wedfully.com, who recently partnered with Zoom to help couples bring their ceremonies online.

- Pare down the in-person guest list. Couples who planned large weddings prior to the pandemic can still invite all of their loved ones to witness the festivities online, but pare down the in-person guest list to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Limit in-person guests to immediate family and those people who are part of your social distancing bubble.

- Plan a party for down the road. Couples can still celebrate their nuptials with family and friends down the road. Plan a post-

pandemic reception and let guests know you will fill them in on the details once social distancing restrictions have been lifted.

Socially distant wed-

dings may require couples to take some unusual steps as they try to tie the knot while keeping themselves and their loved ones safe.

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3 tools for keeping wedding guests informed

Weddings give couples an opportunity to share the joy of joining their lives together with a host of friends and family members. Guests live up the party and help make the celebration that much more memorable.

According to The Knot 2019 Real Weddings Study, the average wedding in the United States hosts 131 people. Data indicates this number has been slowly decreasing over the years, after the average wedding size reached an all-time high

of 153 in 2007. No matter how big or how small the guest list, keeping guests informed of what's happening regarding the upcoming nuptials is a courtesy couples can provide. Couples can explore various avenues for keeping guests informed and ensuring they'll be able to take part in the festivities.

Save-the-date announcements

Save-the-date announcements have become an increasingly popular component of wedding planning. Instead of waiting on the wedding invitation, which traditionally arrives one or two months prior to the wedding itself, save-the-date cards provide guests with an advanced

advertisement of the celebration to come. According to the photo and invitation specialists at Shutterfly, it's customary to send save-the-date notes around six months before the wedding. For a destination wedding, which will require extra travel plans, an eight- to 12-month advance can be helpful.

Save-the-date cards generally have basic information, including the wedding date and the venue. Many will feature a photo of the couple as well. If you're planning on sending save-the-date announcements, coordinate with your photographer to have a photo taken exclusively for these cards.

Wedding website

Couples are increasingly embracing technology as they plan their weddings. Brides magazine states that, during the typical 15-month engagement period, 48 percent of couples will launch a wedding website. A wedding website is a versatile tool that can help answer questions that guests may have. The website can spell out specifics, including dress code, whether children are invited, the names of wedding party participants, overnight accommodations, transportation providers, and even restaurants near the hotel for a quick bite between ceremony and reception.

Wedding websites also can be used as fun ways to keep guests engaged. "Throwback Thursday" photos or funny memories and anecdotes can be included.

Video conferencing apps

As the world continues to adapt in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, video conferencing applications like Facetime, Zoom and Microsoft Teams enable people involved in the planning process to routinely "gather" and go over details about the wedding, helping to limit in-person meetings as much as possible. These apps also can prove invaluable when conferring with wedding vendors, such as florists or musicians.

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work included in this project consists of:

Construction of a new 58,000 SF pre-engineered metal building to house vehicle storage, maintenance work areas and office space for city public works staff and equipment.

Electronic bids only. Reference bidding documents for additional instructions.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be substantially complete by January 29, 2022.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents will be available at www.questcdn.com, or at the Rochester Builder's Exchange and Regional plan rooms. Please contact the Kraus-Anderson Rochester office for further information (507.226.8690). You may view the digital plan documents for free by visiting Quest's website and using their search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$150.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Fairmont shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: 1/12/2021 /S/ Cathy Reynolds
City Administrator

Published:
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WATER TOWER COATINGS City of Fairmont, Minnesota

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received at the Office of the City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 until 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2021 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read. The bid opening will be available to the public via an online meeting since City Hall is closed to the public. The meeting link will be published at a later date.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the following:

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together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is being funded by the City of Fairmont, Minnesota. The project is not subject to the provisions of Little Davis-Bacon Act.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by August 1, 2021. The project shall be substantially complete by July 7, 2021.

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. Any addendums may also be distributed by mail, fax, or email.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #7480350 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$45.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SUBMITTAL: A Bid shall be submitted no later than the date and time prescribed and at the place indicated in the advertisement or invitation to bid. For this project, the City will be accepting paper bids via mail or hand delivery, with pre-arranged delivery time to City Hall. Call City Hall at 507-238-3935 to arrange a bid drop off. City Hall is not open to the public, and unannounced deliveries may not be received.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Fairmont shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

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MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
@ 9:00 A.M.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the December 15, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following change: move December 17, 2020 Calendar Item – Continued Redetermination Hearing for JD #60 at 11:00 a.m. to Agenda Item 11.0. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, the November 19, 2020 Special Emergency Board meeting, the December 1, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and the December 1, 2020 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve resolution authorizing 2021 Tobacco Licenses for Casey's Retail Company General Store #3003 located in Trimont, MN and Casey's Retail Company General Store #3005 located in Welcome, MN. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

No action taken on Citizen Appointments to the 4H/Extension Committee. The Board will review names and consider appointments at the January 5, 2021 Commissioners Organizational meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and adopt the 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan for Martin County. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to accept the following farm lease bids: McClain Property – Pat Hardt and Phillip Hardt in the amount of \$362.24 per Tillable Acre; Vanderwert Property – Faber Bros (Donald Faber) in the amount of \$150.00 per Tillable Acre; Landfill Property – TILO Farms (Tim Maschoff) in the amount of \$175.00 per Tillable Acre; and Rose Lake Pit Property – Conrad Zoeller in the amount of \$265.00 per Tillable Acre; for a three (3) year lease term. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the (re)appointments of the following Martin County citizens to the Martin County Parks/Trail Committee Citizen Advisory Board/Commission: Laurie Quinn, Cary Villeneuve, and Pat Bulfer to serve an additional three-year term beginning January 1, 2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the hire of Jeremiah Fitzgerald as Appraiser for the Martin County Assessor's Office, with a tentative start date of December 21, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve resolution for approval of a Sheriff's Deputy to be included as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve resolution Establishing the Tax Levy for the Year 2021 in the amount of \$17,593,548. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve resolution Establishing the Fund Expenditures estimated at \$28,627,835 and Fund Revenues estimated at \$11,110,112. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve resolution Establishing the Martin County Elected Officials Salaries for CY2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the general wage adjustment of 2.5% for eligible union and non-union employees, and approve step increases for eligible union and non-union employees for CY2021 per the County Compensation/Classification Plan. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve commitment of the Human Services fund balance in the Human Services Fund. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to receive and file the 2019 Cost Allocation Plan for Martin County. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the regularly scheduled Martin County Commissioner meeting dates, times, and locations for 2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve a final year-end bill payment cycle in December 2020; and authorize the Martin County Auditor/Treasurer to approve such bill payments for December 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to receive and file the Final CARES Act Expenditure Report. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to approve resolution Order Fixing Ditch Repair and Maintenance Levees and Assessments on County, Joint County, and Judicial Ditches of Martin County, MN. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to set a Public Hearing date and time to consider the Final Acceptance of JD #97 Alterations. Public Hearing will be held on December 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room – Martin County Courthouse. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to approve the 2021 Retainer Agreement with Rinke Noonan, Attorneys at Law, for defined services provided Martin County pertaining to drainage issues under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E, with monthly retainer fee in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on December 15, 2020 and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to approve the Amended Redetermination of Benefits Report for JD #60. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, adjourn the continuation Public Hearing for the Amended Redetermination of Benefits Report for JD #60. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to move into closed session for the performance evaluation of the Martin County Coordinator. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to move back into open session. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.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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MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION

State of Minnesota

Jessica Korte

County of Martin

County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Martin County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest and costs levied on those parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) 60 days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels, or (2) May 11, 2020.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the county Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcel; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcel as of the date listed below.

Names/Addresses	Parcel ID and Description	Amount Due
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STEVEN WANNARKA 2973 95TH ST BLUE EARTH, MN 56013	07.025.0500 Sect-25 Twp-103 Range-031 68.87 AC, SW ¼ (EX E 1400' & 7.132 AC NW ¼ SW ¼) 68.868 AC	\$12,124.13
CITIBANK, N.A. 701 E 60TH ST N SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104	09.014.0250 Sect-14 Twp-102 Range-033 4.55 AC, 3.56 AC IN N ½ SW ¼ & .99 AC S1/2 NW ¼ 4.55 AC	\$10,552.22
ERIC A HANSON ET AL 1052 HWY 4 SHERBURN, MN 56171	14.023.0200 SECT 23 TWP 102 RANGE 029 W531' OF E1123.4' OF N675' OF SE ¼ 8.23 AC	\$5,787.10
TRIUMPH STATE BANK 519 E MAIN ST TRIMONT, MN 56176	R21.060.0600 ORIGINAL Lot-001 Block-008	\$805.39
SUSAN E WANNARKA 2973 95TH ST BLUE EARTH, MN 56013	22.060.0770 ORIGINAL, Lot-010 Block-010, EXEMPT	\$3,247.03
JOEL & BETTY HILLER	22.060.0940 ORIGINAL, W20' OF N41' OF 2 BLK 12	\$1,216.19
ROSS WALSER, JR 1015 S PRAIRIE AVE FAIRMONT, MN 56031	23.041.0235 SECT-08 TWP-102 Range-030 AUDITOR'S PLAT, 50' X 50' OF 16 & ALL OF 18 1/2	\$2,310.67
DUNNELL TELEPHONE CO 110 SEELEY AVE N DUNNELL, IA 56127	R23.041.0210 AUDITOR'S PLAT 60' X 150' AP 16	\$3,306.00
AARON TOLZMANN 839 EDISON DR FAIRMONT, MN 56031	23.113.0290 FAIRVIEW, LOT 013, BLOCK 002	\$3,144.11
TRAVIS D WERNER 2 W KEN RUE LANE FAIRMONT, MN 56031	23.118.0040 GAMBLES, LOT 003, BLOCK 001	\$5,347.92
ARMANDO RIVERA % FRANCISCO RIVERA 721 E 4TH ST FAIRMONT, MN 56031	23.122.0570 GOULD'S, E50' OF N1/2 OF BLK 10	\$2,148.72
SHEILA HOLTZ 201 FAIRVIEW AVE FAIRMONT, MN 56031	23.254.0150 VETERAN'S ORCHARD, LOTS 3 & 4 BLOCK 3	\$5,358.46
BENJAMIN & HEATHER ISENBERG 410 PRAIRIE AVE N FAIRMONT, MN 56031	23.272.0230 YOUNG'S ADDN, BLOCK 002, E ½ LOT 8 & E50' LOTS 9 & 10	\$5,310.85
DANIEL GRAIF 724 1ST ST E FAIRMONT, MN 56031	38.080.0180 EXTENSION, LOTS 5 & 6, BLOCK 18	\$16,064.63
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Inquiries about the delinquent tax proceedings described above can be made to the Martin County Auditor/Treasurer at the address listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 11th day of January 2021.

Jessica Korte
Martin County Auditor/Treasurer
201 Lake Avenue, Suite 201
Fairmont, MN 56031-1852
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(COUNTY SEAL)

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Fairmont
council

By Judy Bryan

By a 4-1 vote on Monday, the Fairmont City Council endorsed advertising for bids to construct a \$9.8 million public works building to house the street and park departments. New council members Michele Miller and Britney Kaweck joined Wayne Hasek and Bruce Peters in support of moving forward with the next step in the project, while Randy Lubenow cast the lone dissenting vote.

Bids will be opened on Feb. 4, and the council will vote to accept or reject the bids on Feb. 8.

In a related matter, the council unanimously approved a contract revision with Kraus-Anderson, project manager for the proposed new building, to take advantage of cost savings from the city's tax-exempt status. The revision means that the city, not the project manager, will pay all contractors and sub-contractors directly.

Turning to other business, the council unanimously approved a 17.1 percent water rate increase and a 6.4 percent wastewater rate increase which will add about \$10 per month on the average residential customer's bill. The increased revenue will be used to fund future capital improvement projects in those departments, including some major projects at the wastewater plant.

Also included in the utility increases were the monthly lake restoration fee to \$1 and the fee for citywide clean up, the tree dump and leaf pick up to \$3 per month. In other business, the council unanimously approved:

- The 2021 street improvement program. The only reconstruction project involves Fairlakes Avenue deadend to Woodland Avenue to allow for access to the new Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center building as well as significant drainage infrastructure. Other projects in the \$3 million improvement program include several resurfacings, overlays and seal coatings. Abutting property owners will be notified of the public hearing on the projects set for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 25.

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SIGNED BY: Brandon Hollingsworth

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- Two-year contracts with two of the city's three labor unions. Members of AFSCME, which include street, park, engineering and liquor store employees, and IBEW, which include the electric, water and wastewater employees, will receive a wage increase of 2.25 percent in 2021 and 2.75 percent in 2022.

- Advertising for bids for the water tower coating project for the water tower by CHS to take care of interior painting recommended after a 2018 inspection. The \$400,000 project will be done when CHS closes for a scheduled shut down this spring.

- Advertising for bids to close the lime ponds, which haven't been used since the new water plant opened in 2013. The project involves sealing off 60 years of lime deposits from the old water filtration process. The city has been working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for more than six years to develop a plan to seal off the ponds with a layer of clay to encapsulate the deposits. The \$6 million project will be financed with a low-interest loan from the state.

- The city's official designations for the year. As council member at-large, Michele Miller will be mayor pro tem. The official depository for city funds is Bank Midwest, and Patty Monsen, city clerk, will serve as council secretary. The official newspaper for the city's legal notices will be the Fairmont Photo Press, which submitted the low bid.

- Ordinances reducing the number of members on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals from six to five. The move will eliminate tie votes and clarify quorum requirements.

- An official purchasing policy for city staff. The new policy will promote transparency by outlining steps, setting limits and identifying procedures when making purchases on behalf of the city.

- Appointed Jay Maynard to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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7 Help Wanted

PHOTO PRESS- Part time Graphic Designer position open. Indesign program knowledge is a must. Flexible hours, multi tasking skills, customer service and team skills. Send resume to PO Box 973, 112 E. 1st St. Fairmont MN 56031 or call 507-238-9456 to set up an interview appointment with Sandy. 2-tfn-7.

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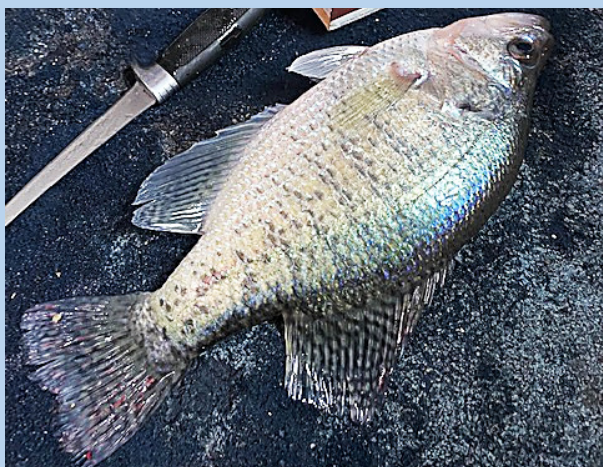
CER Adult Co-Ed volleyball

The Adult Co-Ed Winter Volleyball League play sponsored through Fairmont Community Education and Recreation will begin on Thursday, January 21st through March 25th, with games beginning at 7 p.m. in the Little Cardinal Gym at the Fairmont Elementary School. Please enter Door 21. Team registration and fee of \$150 are due by Monday, January 18th at the CER Office.

District and State Health protocol will be followed

with all persons mandated to wear masks including during game play. Interested individuals and teams should contact CER at 507-235-3141 for more information.

Adult Open Volleyball Gym will be on Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Maximum of 25 players. District and State Health protocol will be followed with all persons mandated to wear masks upon entry to building and during game play. Tentative beginning date is January 19th - call CER (235-3141) to confirm before you plan to attend.



15 INCH CRAPPIE - Bob Seidel of Fairmont caught this 15 inch crappie on Hall Lake on January 7th. (Submitted photo)

General ice thickness guidelines

*Ice thickness guidelines
For new, clear ice only*

UNDER 4" - STAY OFF
4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" - 7" - Snowmobile or ATV
8" - 12" - Car or small pickup
12" - 15" - Medium truck

Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice

White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

Ice is never 100% safe

The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes.

Your safety is your responsibility. Check ice thickness at least every 150 feet.

Checking ice thickness- Before heading out on ice:

Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a

single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away. Check the ice at least every 150 feet.

For more information on ice safety visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html

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NEW PRIVATE LISTING-Approx. 2 Acre Buildable Lake Lot for Sale on East side of Temperance Lake located at 21 Schafer Shore Drive, Sherburn, MN. Please contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc

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