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**100TH BIRTHDAY**  
- Edanelie "Eddie" Ekstrand will observe her 100th birthday on March 5th, 2022. The family is requesting a card show for her 100th birthday, as they are unable to have a party at this time. Cards can reach her at: 610 Summit Drive, Room #232, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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**Tuesday, March 15  
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Please arrive at 6:15 PM  
to turn in paperwork.

This will be the chance to meet the administration, Kindergarten teachers, elementary staff, and tour the building.

Please contact Carolyn Ficken at the Sherburn Elementary office at 507-764-4461 or email [carolynficken@mcwmavericks.org](mailto:carolynficken@mcwmavericks.org) to receive paperwork that you will turn in at Kindergarten Round-Up.



Benjamin Griffin, a student in the STRIVE Program sponsored by Fairmont Rotary Club visited Rotary to share how the program has impacted him and his education. He is pictured with his Strive mentor Brandon Edmundson. Ben plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston after high school to study ag education. STRIVE stands for "Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of their Education." Students and their mentors share lunch and listen to a guest speaker every three weeks at Fairmont Junior/Senior High School.

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**IN REMEMBRANCE OF MICHAEL, AKA "ROCK", HELMKE**

Michael M. Helmke passed away March 3, 2021 of Lewy Body Disease. He was greeted in Heaven by many friends & family. Looking around to see where more trees, Hostas, Daylilies or Purple Petunias could be planted. He grew up on a farm near Swea City, IA, where he learned all about farming, raising livestock, poultry and grain crops.

He graduated from Swea City High School in 1966, went on to ILCC in Estherville, IA and South Dakota State University, graduating in June of 1971. He earned Bachelor of Science Degrees in Animal Science and Biology. He loved math and went through many pencils, always penciling things out first. He would come home on weekends to help out with the farm work and his love of the farm took over his ambition of becoming a Pharmacist.

He married his wife, Sharon Prochniak, in 1976 and they worked together for 45 years. He was a good coach, as she was a town girl from Fairmont, MN. They put up a Farrow to Finish Hog Operation that attracted visitors from as far away as Beswick, England. He and his father went on many excursions looking for the best breeding stock, sometimes arriving as far away as Texas. They raised hogs from 1976-1993, but continued grain farming until they retired in 2015.

He enjoyed raising poultry of all kinds. He bred purbred, show quality chickens that would find homes from South Dakota to Michigan. None would ever turn into a chicken dinner. Sharon's rule.

He could never drive by a Garden Nursery without stopping, and something would always come home. He was always on the hunt for that special antique for his many collections, and the oldest cookbook for his mother. He loved all nature and life.

He will always be remembered by his wife Sharon, mother-in-law, Trudy Prochniak, sister-in-law, LuAnn Rosenfeldt, sisters, LeAnn (Lance) Krumwiede, Rhonda (Richard) Wydeven; nieces and nephews, Danielle and Chad Helmke, Vanessa Wydeven, Michelle (Nathan) Wright, their children Jackson and Emma, Mitchell Krumwiede, Ashley Rosenfeldt; cousins Greg, Patricia, Tom Gowdy, special cousin-in-law, Deanna and Doug Striener, special Grand Niece Emma Frerichs, Aunt and Uncle Darrell and Arlene Frerichs, and many special people - you know who you are!

He was preceded in death by his father, Jr, brother Douglas and his wife Sharon, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

His mother Dorothy, passed away December 9, 2021.

In his memory, plant a tree, a flower, eat a good rib-eye steak and enjoy a Grain Belt. Think of him walking or sitting on the beach in Maui, Hawaii, which he loved. He will be remembered in many ways, but the nice man with a big smile will always be missed.



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The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador Committee recently visited two businesses for ribbon cutting ceremonies. Booj Boutique's new owners Marsha and Adam Leschefske, and new location, 115 Downtown Plaza, Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Cutting the ribbon are Les Anderson, board member president and resident Judy Nielson.



Krahmer, Shaffer & Edmundson, Ltd. announces the addition of a new associate attorney, Peter A. Odgren, to our team. Pete received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, where he majored in history and political science. He graduated law school in 2008 from the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin. After law school, Pete clerked for the Hon. Douglas L. Richards in Faribault County. Pete then went on to become an Assistant Martin County Attorney from 2010 to 2021 before joining KSE. Pete's practice areas include estate planning, estate administration, real estate, income tax, business and ag law. Pete lives in Fairmont with his wife, Laura, and their two children, Henry and Violet.

Pete can be reached at [peter@krasha.com](mailto:peter@krasha.com) or 507-238-4717.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 1997

Dr. Steven Cone received his chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. He graduated magna cum laude, with high honors. Dr. Cone is the son of James and Ronda Cone. Dr. Cone and his wife Lisa planned to make their home in Normal, Illinois, where he was to be an associate.

Harlan Gorath, a teacher at Fairmont Area High School, was among a select group of 22 outstanding educators chosen to participate in the Minnesota Humanities Commission's Teacher Institute in St. Paul.

Mayor Donna Holstine was pictured signing a Daffodil Days Proclamation. Also pictured were Howard and Joan Engquist, Dorothy and Bill Krick, Phil and Alice Bachman, Teresa Lenort, Velma Blinkman, Leone Lokkesmoe and Rosemary Lammers.

Rural America Internet Access was offering local internet access to most of the county. Ten hours a month was only \$5.95, 30 hours, \$8.95 and 90 hours, \$10.95.

Weiss Milling, Inc. of Welcome was celebrating 10 years in business.

The Downtowner Bakery and Coffee Shop, 111 Downtown Plaza, was holding a grand opening celebration.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 1997

The 3M Company announced a new product, a fastener called Scotchmate, which would be manufactured exclusively in Fairmont. The fastener consisted of two pieces of fabric which, when pressed together, adhered to each other but could be peeled apart and re-fastened. Following remodeling in the plant and installing new machinery, production was expected to begin in about a year.

Fairmont-GO elected new officers: Charles Gould succeeding Ray Stougaard as president; George Hultgren as first vice; David Miller as second vice; Richard Danielson, secretary; and Don Bernstein, treasurer.

Police Chief Vic Hillmer was the third Fairmont peace officer to attend the FBI Training Course in Washington, DC. The other two were retired Chief George Cavers and Patrolman Daryl Plath, who later became Chief of Police in Hastings.

## Welcome Historical Society memorials

The Welcome Historical Society acknowledges all memorials received from 7/1/2021 thru 12/31/2021

Evelyn Burmeister: Joyce Sathoff, Joe and Ida Roessler;

Clarena Rode: Jim and Carol Kluver;

Floyd Rosenberg: Larry and Gayle Schuett, Marsha Williams, Wendell and Helen Rode, Lois and Ione Nelson, Curt and Peggy Godden, Jim and Carol Kluver, Merle and Bev Brinkmann, Ronnie and Shirley Nelson

Curt Godden: Wayne

and Cathy Minick, Wendell and Helen Rode, Ron and Jean Schock, Chuck and Pat Schultz, Joe and Ida Roessler, Jim and Carol Kluver, Clair and JoAnn Schmidt, Ronnie and Shirley Nelson

Brad Williams: Joe and Ida Roessler, Wendell and Helen Rode, Wayne and Cathy Minick, Gene and Marsha DeBus, Ronnie and Shirley Nelson

Julie Speckman: Joe and Ida Roessler, Clair and JoAnn Schmidt, Ronnie and Shirley Nelson

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Aldean and Barb Speckman: Clair and JoAnn Schmidt

Ed Abel: Clair and JoAnn Schmidt

Nathan Whitehead: Joe and Ida Roessler

James Roberts: Joe and Ida Roessler

Velma Walters: Joe and Ida Roessler

Nicole Scheff: Ronnie and Shirley Nelson

Mary Olson: Ronnie and Shirley Nelson

**The Martin County Humane Society** will hold a bake sale on Saturday, February 26th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fleet & Farm Supply, 1300 North State Street, Fairmont. All proceeds will help with expenses for the animals at the shelter. Everyone is welcome.

## Ruby's Pantry postponed

Ruby's Pantry/Sherburn distribution has been rescheduled to Monday, February 28th, postponed from February 21st. We are located at 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn. We are drive through distribution from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please have room in your car for the number of bundles you will be receiving. The cost is \$22 per bundle. Let us help you stretch your grocery budget. \$22 gets you an abundance of groceries.

Ruby's Pantry is open to everyone. No income guidelines or residential guidelines. All are welcome.

We will have a lady at the beginning of the line collecting money. She will guide you to where to go next and the volunteers will load your car. There is no need for you to get out of your car. You get to stay in the car and be nice and warm.

We post a list of food on our facebook page the weekend before the distribution. Check us out on facebook: Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.

**Fairmont High School CLASS OF 1960**, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch on Tuesday, March 1st at 11:00 a.m. at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont. Join us.

## CREST "Lunch & Learn" event in Sherburn

Does your computer or cellphone frustrate you at times because it won't work or doesn't cooperate with you? CREST will be having a "Lunch & Learn" event on Wednesday, March 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

The program for this month will be simple technology for seniors that will offer practical tips on technology issues that you may encounter. A meal of soups and cheese bread, plus a piece of cake for dessert will be served following the program. This event is open to anyone in Martin County and free-will donations are always welcome.

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**Tuesday, March 1**  
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**Martes, 1 de marzo de 2022**  
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## Obituary Notices



### Judy K. Bryan, 69

A time of sharing memories and celebrating the life of Judy K. Bryan, 69, of Fairmont, MN, will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 26th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home.

A private family burial will be held at a later date. Judy passed away Saturday, February 19th, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Judy Kay (Reinesch) Bryan was born on August 30th, 1952, in Mitchell, SD, the daughter of Carl and Susan (Ries) Reinesch. She grew up in White Lake, SD where she attended school and graduated from White Lake High School. Following her graduation, Judy went on to further her education attending

SDSU in Brookings, SD, where she earned a degree in Journalism.

After earning her degree, Judy moved to the East coast and later married Dale Bryan. To this union one daughter was born, Carla. The family would relocate to Fairmont and the couple later divorced. Judy and Sheldon Thom were united in marriage and the couple celebrated the birth of a daughter, Virginia "Ginny". A few years later, the couple divorced.

On July 28th, 2001, Judy was united in marriage to Arnie Beckendorf in Fairmont, MN. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were enjoying their retirement years together.

Judy had a passion for journalism and left her mark in the places

that she worked. While in Fairmont, she worked for the Fairmont Sentinel two different times spanning over 20 years of service. Judy also worked as a bartender at Shenanigans and was a waitress at Green Mill in Fairmont. On December 18th, 2020, Judy retired from her career at the Sentinel but continued her passion for journalism by taking up freelance writing for the Photo Press. Judy cared deeply for the Fairmont community and took great pride in reporting on its happenings. She was excited to see improvements such as the new inclusive park equipment at Gomsrud Park and was interested in the continued work of groups like Project 1590, the Fairmont Area Community Center, as well as many other groups and

their quest in making Fairmont a better place to live.

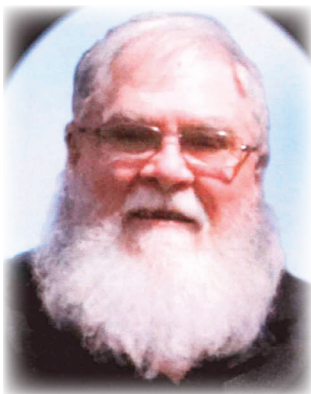
Judy loved politics and enjoyed reading and playing games on the computer. She treasured spending time with her grandchildren and enjoyed sharing stories and photos of them with her many friends. Judy looked forward to her yearly vacation to Mexico and escaping the cold and dreary Minnesota winters. Judy was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Arnie Beckendorf of Fairmont, MN; daughters, Carla Knudson of Crystal, MN, and Ginny Abernathy and her husband, Nathan of Gallipolis Ferry, WV; grandchildren, Joe Knudson, James Knudson, Holden Abernathy and Luella

Abernathy; two sisters, Jane Knippling and her husband, Don and Lois Weber and her husband, Gerry; brother, Dave Reinesch and his wife, Cheryl; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Val (Clay) Wagner, Carl (Sherry) Beckendorf, Jim (Sally) Beckendorf, Dave (Eileen) Beckendorf, Tom (Rita) Beckendorf, Kathy (Don) Ellerton, John "E.J. Jr" (Shirley) Beckendorf and Sandy Beckendorf; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Sue Reinesch; father-in-law and mother-in-law, E.J. and Luella Beckendorf; brother-in-law, William Beckendorf and sister-in-law, Phyllis Normand.

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### John Haglund, 74

John Haglund, 74, of Mitchell, SD, died Monday, December 27, 2021, at his home in Mitchell. A memorial service

will be at 2:30 PM Saturday, February 26, at the Christian Church of Fairmont Minnesota with visitation an hour prior to the service. The memorial service will be live streamed on the Christian Church of Fairmont Facebook Page.

John Paul Haglund was born September 16th, 1947, to Wesley Clayton Haglund and Margaret Ella (Poley) Haglund of La Grange, Illinois. John was raised and attended school at Westmont, Illinois; where he graduated in 1966. After High School, John attended a radio

broadcasting college in Texas. After graduation, John returned to Illinois where he met and married Arlene Marie Droessler in Danville, Illinois on April 7th, 1969. John and family moved to Fairmont Minnesota in the spring of 1971 where John started working for KSUM radio for many years. During a break in employment, John received more advanced training from Brown Institute of Broadcasting and Electronics, graduating with high honors. After graduation, John followed his dream of being on the air

to Mitchell, South Dakota; where he'd gained employment with KORN radio. John served as news director at KORN, and loved to assist with play by play announcements of the local area's sports teams. After several years of service at KORN, John switched to local radio competitor KMIT; where he continued to work on air part-time well into his retirement.

John's alter ego was Santa Claus. John first started dressing for the part and entertaining families and children in the winter of 1972. Be-

sides private parties for families and businesses, John played Santa Claus for the FairMall in Fairmont for a number of years. In the weeks before his passing, John was happily reporting his full schedule of upcoming Christmas parties. To those of whom he was not able to entertain for Christmas 2021, we know he was sorry to disappoint.

John is survived by his wife, Arlene of Fairmont, MN; daughter, Yolanda of La Salle, MN; sons, Clayton (Sara) of Mankato, MN and Kevin (Lori) of Shakopee, MN; as well

as grandchildren, Alyssa, Dillon, Ethan, Brandon, Justin; and great-grandson, Jeremy. Also, left to cherish his memory are his sisters, Betty, Marcia (Walt); brother, David; many nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, and mother-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Mitchell Animal Rescue League in Mitchell, SD or Martin County Humane Society in Fairmont, MN.



### Nancy A. Milbrandt, 86

Private family services for Nancy A. "Nan" Milbrandt will be held at a later date with burial held in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Nancy passed away Friday, February 18, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Nancy Ann "Nan" (Thieman) Milbrandt was born on June 11, 1935, in Fairmont, MN, the daughter of G. Leslie "Sparky" and Esther "Pete" (Kruger) Thieman. She received her education attending school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1953.

On June 21, 1953, Nan was united in marriage to

Ronald Duane Milbrandt in Fairmont, MN. To this union one son was born, Steven.

Nan was an incredibly hard worker and was one who was always on the move. Nan was an owner and operator of the Feed Bag Drive Inn and also Milbrandt TV and Appliance. Nan also worked at 3M and the Sirlin House in addition to working for the Martin County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher from 1980 until her retirement on June 15, 2000.

Nan had a passion for helping others and found great joy in lending a hand to those in need. She looked forward to warm summer days spent

tending to her flower gardens and cherished the companionship from her Dobermans. Nan had an eye for treasures and enjoyed weekends attending various rummage sales and collected many different items throughout the years.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Steven Milbrandt of Fairmont, MN, as well as many cousins, extended family and friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, G. Leslie and Esther (Kruger) Thieman; brother, Kenneth Thieman; and grandparents.

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### Gregory C. Style, 71

Style, Gregory C, age 71, of Lakeville, passed away on February 12th, 2022. Gregory was a Vietnam Navy Veteran and a retired Lakeville Police Lieutenant. He enjoyed spending time with his family and

friends at their cottage on Spooner Lake. He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Style.

Gregory will be deeply missed by his wife, Jane Style; mother, Delores Style; daughter, Natasha Titkos (Laszlo Titkos); step-sons, Derek Meyer, and Michael Meyer; brother, Gary

Style; Natasha's mother, Deby Style; grandchildren Teddy, Lanny, and Lily; and numerous other loving relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held on Sunday, April 10th, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Bracketts Crossing Country Club, 17976 Judicial Rd, Lakeville, MN 55044.

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February 19 - Judy K. Bryan, 69, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
Charlotte J. Kost, 87, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
February 20 - Lynn R. Cottew, 73, Mankato (formerly of Fairmont) Kramer Family Funeral Service  
February 21 - Mary L. Bolster, 89, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service  
**IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO**  
February 14 - Donald D. Adams, 89, Sherburn.  
February 14 - Orville J. White, 83, Truman.  
February 17 - Darvin F. Roebbeke, 90, Sherburn.  
February 17 - Ron D. Crawley, 64, Sherburn.  
February 18 - Lucille K. Neusch, 100, Fairmont.  
February 18 - Margarete Maschoff, 96, Fairmont.  
February 18 - Corey R. Sathoff, 34, Truman.  
February 18 - Dorothy M. Schultz, 99, Fairmont  
February 19 - Jerome J. Determan, 89, Fairmont.  
February 21 - Diane R. Miles, 81, Fairmont.



**JOHN ASK**  
John Ask passed away on January 20th, 2022 at his home in Oakdale, MN. Visitation will be on Saturday, March 5th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with

the service at 3 p.m., at the Echo Ridge Apartment Complex, 1033 Gershwin Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128  
Burial will be at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery, Fairmont, at a later date.

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# 2022 Youth Ice Fishing Contest

The Martin County Pheasants Forever Chapter #49 (MCPF) hosted a Youth Ice Fishing Contest on February 5th at Gomsrud Park in Fairmont. It was a very cold and blustery morning with the windchills at -20. Set-up began at 6 a.m. with trailers rolling in, and heat being set-up in the shelter house. Registration was from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. with a short briefing at 8:45 a.m. to explain rules and Pheasants Forever's mission, followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Rolls, hot chocolate and coffee were served in the morning to all participants.

There were 67 participants in this event ranging from 2 years old up to 17 years of age. Nine volunteers came out and helped for the day with all the various tasks involved with running an event. MCPF also invited Martin Soil and Water to discuss water quality with the kids. They had also offered several free gifts including fishing towels, lanyards and waterproof phone protectors for the participants. MCPF also invit-

ed local conservation officer, Eric Shettler to come and answer any questions that might come up. Deb Foster, Fairmont's mayor, also visited with the volunteers and sounded her, and the City Fairmont's support for this organization in its effort to get kids outdoors.

Weigh-in started at noon, but with the colder weather some participants turned in early to register fish. Fishing was good due to the abundance of Yellow Bass in our lake system, which seemed to be the predominate fish coming in to be weighed. There were also other species of fish being registered including Walleye, Crappie, Bluegill and Perch. After participants finished weigh-in they were welcomed to a free lunch consisting of hotdogs, chips, and hot chocolate. After weigh-in MCPF awarded its prizes for the nine biggest fish and the most weight of yellow bass (see winners below). MCPF would like to thank all the participants who came out to make this a great event.

Name Type	Weight Prize	Yellow Bass ger and Drill	Au-
Eastyn Anderson Walleye .22 LR	2.84 Henry	Cavan Carlson Yellow Bass Buddy Tip-Up	0.48 Big
Billy Arnold Walleye Bomgaars Gift Card	2.44 \$120	Gareden Lore Most Yellow Bass Winchester SXP 12 ga.	31.58 Win-
Finnian Bonin Crappie min Fish Finder	0.61 Gar-	Event Totals: Type	Lbs
Gavin Schoen Yellow Bass kimo Hub	0.56 Es-	Yellow Bass Walleye	74.92 5.28
Aiden Thomas Yellow Bass Reel Combo	0.53 Rod/	Crappie Bluegill	1.41 1.00
Logan Shelstad Bluegill Sommers GC Parker Olsen Yellow Bass Reel Combo Wiley Stevens	0.52 \$100 0.51 Rod/ 0.50	Perch	0.72
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Event information - Date Saturday, February 26, 2022, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Central time  
Location- Ridgewater College Agriculture Building, 2101 15th Ave NW, Willmar, MN  
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**9:30 a.m.** History of Jackson: What You May Not Know Dr. Mark Titus

**10:15 a.m.** 10 "Rules of the Road" for Investing and Retirement with Q&A - Wyman and Rebecca Fischer from Edward Jones

**10:45 a.m.** Informational CBD Presentation Adam and Julia Weets from Alpha's Alternatives

**11:30 a.m.** City of Jackson and Economic Development Q&A - Matt Skaret and Dave Schmidt

**12:00 p.m.** "Using Ice vs. Heat and All About Feet: Back Talk with Dr. Kerri Henderson from Optimal Health Chiropractic & Acupuncture of Jackson and Fairmont

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## Buying animals for meat processing

Having a variety of meat cuts on hand whenever you want them is a great convenience. And buying meat in bulk can help you save money over time if you and your family regularly eat meat.

Many people will go in on a larger quantity of meat with family and friends to lower and spread the cost. Buying a whole animal and dividing it by two or more people is an economical way to go. But remember, there are only so many steaks, chops and roasts to go around. So make sure you know what you're getting.

There are several things to think about before you commit to buying a quarter, half, or whole animal for your freezer.

### Finding a local farmer or processor

You can work directly with a local butcher and, often, with a local farmer to find an animal ready for processing.

Minnesota Grown lists local farms that sell whole and partial animals to consumers. Use their keyword search with terms such as "whole beef" or "whole lamb" to find sources near you. Many of these producers can be found at local farmers markets.

Your butcher will let you know how many cuts to expect from the live weight of the animal. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture lists custom exempt plants that may process meat and poultry for the owner of the animal.

Commercial and wholesale producers may find helpful the MDA's Minnesota State "equal to" plants and resources for meat,

poultry and egg inspections.

The following charts can help you make sense of the bulk meat buying process.

Infographic of how to buy a quarter of beef. The details of the text on this graphic are in the text box with the image. Details are also in the description of the PDF.

Download the beef chart

### Buying a quarter of beef

A typical quarter of beef from a cow with a live weight of 1300 pounds should provide you with about 142 pounds of meat.

Typical cuts from 1/4 cow

7 ribeye steaks  
6 T-bone steaks  
3 sirloin steaks  
3 sirloin tip steaks  
3 round steaks  
6 roasts  
35 to 60 pounds of ground beef

Freezer space  
You'll need at least 4.5 cubic feet of space in a chest freezer or 5.5 cubic feet of space in an upright freezer for 142 pounds of beef.

### Cost

For a quarter of beef, the cost of the whole animal is divided by 4. Each buyer is responsible for their share of the cost of processing.

Infographic of how to buy a half of a hog. The details of the text on this graphic are in the text box with the image. Details are also in the description of the PDF.

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### Buying half a hog

A typical half a hog with a live weight of 250 to 270 pounds should give you 60 to 70 pounds of pork.

Typical cuts from 1/2 hog  
12 to 14 pounds of pork chops

3 4-pound shoulder roasts  
3 pounds of spare ribs  
8-10 pounds of bacon  
15-18 pounds of ham  
2 hocks  
6 to 10 pounds of ground pork or sausage

Additional products: heart, liver, tongue, fat and lard

Freezer space  
50 pounds of pork can fit in an empty, average-size home freezer with 2.25 cubic feet of space.

### Cost

The cost of the whole animal is divided by 2. Each buyer is responsible for their share of the cost of processing.

Diagram showing the meat sections of a lamb with some of the different cuts listed that would make up a typical quantity of meat to expect from a whole lamb with a live weight of 140 pounds. Cuts and quantities of meat depend on the animal and processor. The details of the text on this graphic are in the text box with the image. Details are also in the description of the PDF.

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### Buying a whole lamb

A typical market lamb with a live weight of 140 pounds should give you 47 pounds of meat.

### Typical cuts from a whole lamb

8 8-ounce shoulder chops  
16 4-ounce rib chops or 2 2-pound crown roasts  
14 6-ounce loin chops  
4 1-pound shanks  
2 2-pound sides of ribs  
10 to 12 pounds of ground lamb  
15 pounds of boneless leg for kebabs, stew meat, roast or ground lamb

Freezer space  
47 pounds of lamb needs 2.25 cubic feet of space in an average-size home freezer.

### Cost

The cost of the whole animal plus the cost of processing.

Graphic of goat and cuts of meat, required freezer space and how to estimate the cost of buying a whole goat for consumption. The details of the text on this graphic are in the text box with the image. Details are also in the description of the PDF.

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### Buying a whole goat

A typical market lamb with a live weight of 80 pounds should give you 33 to 38 pounds of meat.

### Typical cuts from a whole goat

6 to 7 pounds neck and shoulder  
6 to 7 pounds foreleg  
7 to 8 pounds rack and

loin  
4 pounds of ribs  
10 to 12 pounds hindleg  
Freezer space  
33 to 38 pounds of bone-in meat or 20 to 22 pounds of boneless meat needs 2 cubic feet of space in an average-size home freezer.

### Cost

The cost of the whole animal plus the cost of processing.

Diagram showing the sections of meat on a broiler chicken with different cuts listed that would make up a typical quantity of meat to expect from a whole chicken with a live weight of 6 pounds. Cuts: neck, breast, wing, thigh, leg. The details of the text on this graphic are in the text box with the image. Details are also in the description of the linked PDF.

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### Buying whole chickens

A typical broiler chicken

with a live weight of 6 pounds should give you 4.5 to 5 pounds of meat.

### Typical cuts from a whole chicken

Neck; roast or use for stock  
2 wings; white meat  
2 breasts; white meat  
2 thighs; dark meat  
2 legs; dark meat  
2 feet; roast or use for stock

Giblets: heart, gizzard and liver often included with whole birds

Freezer space  
2 whole chickens averaging 4.5 to 5 pounds of meat per carcass need 1 cubic foot of space in an average-size home freezer.

30 whole chickens at the same above weight can fill about 15 cubic feet of freezer space.

### Cost

The cost of the whole chicken plus the cost of processing. Processing costs may be included in the price of birds sold custom or retail.

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# Impact of agricultural drainage in Minnesota

Glacial processes in the Upper Midwest created an abundance of highly productive but poorly drained soils (Figure 1). While it's improved agricultural production, drainage also affects hydrology, water quality and wetland habitats.

## Improved agricultural production

Poorly drained soils increase risks to agricultural production from excess water and high water tables. Proper soil drainage

improves agricultural production by:

Ensuring timely planting and field operations.

Minimizing soil compaction and salt buildup.

Promoting conditions for good seedbed establishment and germination.

Minimizing high water table stresses to growing crops.

Outyielding poorly drained

soils. Offering less year-to-year yield variability.

Improving the opportunity to employ other conservation practices such as minimum tillage.

## Other effects

Both artificial drainage and land-use change (prairie to agriculture) affect hydrology, water quality and habitat. It's difficult to separate the individual effects of drainage and land-use

change.

## Hydrology

Surface and subsurface drainage have very different hydrologic impacts.

**Surface drainage:** Speeds flow from landscape and increases peak flows.

**Tile drainage:** Promotes more infiltration, slowing water delivery from the landscape (compared to surface drainage). However, studies indicate the

potential for overall water yield increases from 5 to 10 percent.

Local hydrologic effects are dampened at larger watershed scales.

## Water quality

Surface and subsurface drainage affect water quality differently:

**Surface drainage:** May increase losses from surface runoff (primarily sediment and phosphorus).

**Tile drainage:** May reduce

surface runoff pollutants, but may increase dissolved nutrients such as nitrate.

## Wetland reductions

Drainage activities have reduced the number and extent of wetlands. In some areas, they've reduced by as much as 90 percent.

However, wetlands are now protected by federal and state laws. In some areas, wetlands are actually being restored, usually on land that once was cultivated.

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We will meet virtually weekly starting February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Join us each week to learn about a new type of poultry that you can raise and show! Whether you are interested in

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#### TIME TO FINALIZE 2022 CROP INSURANCE DECISIONS

The deadline to purchase crop insurance for corn and soybeans for the 2022 crop year is March 15. The crop insurance decision in 2022 is a bit more complicated than in recent years. Due to much higher crop input costs for fertilizer, chemicals, seed, repairs, labor, etc., as well as increased cash rental rates in many areas, the cost of production for corn and soybeans is significantly higher than in recent years. This means that crop producers may need to increase their crop insurance coverage to adequately cover the increased cost of production in 2022. Fortunately, the 2022 Spring prices for corn and soybeans will be near the highest levels ever, which should allow ample opportunities for a solid risk management program through Federal Crop Insurance. However, adequate insurance coverage in 2022 will likely require increased insurance premium costs compared to recent years.

The crop insurance Spring base prices for 2022 revenue protection (RP) and yield protection (YP) insurance policies for corn and soybeans will be finalized on March 1. The estimated base prices (as of 2-21-22) were \$5.85 per bushel for corn and \$14.23 per bushel for soybeans. At current estimated levels, the 2022 base price for corn would be an increase of \$1.27 per bushel above the 2021 base price of \$4.58 per bushel and \$1.97 per bushel above the \$3.88 per bushel Spring price in 2020. The 2022 estimated soybean base price is a large increase of \$2.36 per bushel above the 2021 Spring price of \$11.87 per bushel and is 55 percent above the 2020 Spring price of \$9.17 per bushel. The 2022 Spring price for corn would be at the highest level since the highest-ever Spring price of \$6.01 per bushel in 2011. If the current soybean base price holds, it would be the highest Spring price ever in modern times, surpassing \$13.49 per bushel in 2011.

Choosing crop insurance coverage is one of the more important risk management decisions that producers make each year. Following are

some key items to consider when making 2022 crop insurance decisions:

- There are a wide variety of crop insurance policies and coverage levels available.

Make sure you are comparing “apples to apples” when comparing crop insurance premium costs for various options or types of crop insurance policies, as well as recognizing the limitations and the differences of the various insurance products. 2022 crop insurance premiums for most coverage levels of corn and soybeans in the Midwest will be higher than comparable 2021 premium levels, due to the higher crop insurance guarantees available for 2022 and the higher volatility levels.

- View crop insurance decisions from a risk management perspective.

Given the potentially higher profit margins for crop production in 2022, there may be a tendency to reduce their crop insurance coverage. However, a producer must first decide: “How much potential profit margin do I want to risk if there are greatly reduced crop yields due to potential weather problems in 2022, and/or lower than expected crop prices?”

- Take a good look at the 80% or 85% coverage levels, especially when using “enterprise units”.

In many cases, the 85% coverage level offers considerably more protection, with a modest increase in premium costs. At the current Spring base price estimates, many producers will be able to guarantee from \$800 to over \$1,000 per acre for corn, and from \$550 to over \$750 per acre for soybeans, at the 85% coverage level for 2022, depending on the APH yields on the individual farm units.

- Use caution when considering RPE insurance policies to reduce premium costs.

If the “harvest price” (average CBOT price in Oct.) for corn or soybeans is lower than the “base price” (average CBOT price in Feb.), the RP and RPE payment calculations function similarly, and RPE premium costs are slightly less than RP premiums.

However, there is considerable added risk in utilizing a RPE policy when

the final “harvest price” exceeds the “base price”, which has occurred in recent years.

- “Supplemental Crop Option” (SCO) insurance is a possibility with the PLC farm program choice.

Producers that choose the “price loss coverage” (PLC) farm program option for 2022 have the option to purchase additional county-level SCO crop insurance coverage up to a maximum of 86 percent coverage. The SCO coverage fills the gap up to the 86% coverage level from the coverage level chosen by the producer (75%, 80%, 85%, etc.) for Yield Protection (YP) or Revenue Protection (RP) insurance coverage. For example, a producer that purchases an 80% RP policy could purchase an additional 6% SCO coverage at fairly low premium costs. SCO calculations utilize the same base and harvest prices as traditional crop insurance policies; however, SCO utilizes county average yields rather than farm-level yields.

- The “Enhanced Coverage Option” (ECO) is another insurance option to increase coverage levels.

ECO provides area-based insurance coverage from 86 percent up to 95 percent coverage, allowing producers to choose either 90 or 95 percent coverage. Similar to SCO coverage, ECO utilizes county-level yields; however, unlike SCO, the purchase of ECO coverage is available with selection of either the PLC or ARC-CO farm program choice. Producers can utilize both ECO and SCO together, in addition to their underlying RP or YP insurance policy. For example, a producer could have an 80 percent RP policy, carry SCO coverage from 80 to 86%, and carry ECO coverage from 86 to either 90 or 95 percent. Approximately half of the premium cost is subsidized. It is possible for a producer to collect on an individual RP policy, but not collect on a SCO or ECO policy, or vice versa. Interested producers should check with their crop insurance agent for details on SCO and ECO coverage.

- Evaluate other “buy-up” crop insurance options.

In addition to the government subsidized SCO and ECO county-based

insurance products that allow insurance coverage up to 95 percent coverage, there are also “buy-up” private policies using farm-level yields up to 95 percent coverage. Private companies also offer separate wind and hail insurance endorsements. Of course, any of the “buy-up” or “add-on” insurance options add to the total premium cost. Producers need to ask: “What mix of crop insurance products gives me the best risk protection for the premium amount that I am willing to spend for protecting my 2022 crop investment?”

- Analyze the value of “Optional” versus “Enterprise” crop insurance units.

Many times, producers automatically opt for “enterprise units” due to the lower premium cost per acre for similar coverage. They may not totally understand the difference in coverage between “enterprise units” and “optional units”. It is important to analyze the yield risk on each individual farm unit, when determining if the extra premium for insurance coverage with “optional units” makes sense. If a producer has farm units that are more spread out geographically, with more variation in soil types and drainage, and has greater concerns with yield variability, they may want to consider “optional units” for 2022.

- Where to get more information on 2022 crop insurance alternatives.

A reputable crop insurance agent is the best resource to find out more details of the various coverage plans and to more information regarding 2022 crop insurance decisions. Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, has written an information sheet titled: “2022 Crop Insurance Decisions”. To receive a free copy of the information sheet, please forward an e-mail to: [kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com](mailto:kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com).

Following are some very good web sites with crop insurance information: USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA): <http://www.rma.usda.gov> University of Illinois FarmDoc: <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/cropins>

Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Sr. Vice President,

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investment over 2019. Weaknesses in the agricultural and food supply chain revealed during the pandemic undoubtedly drove some of that investment. Widespread recognition of a need for improvements within the agricultural sector so it can meet the demands of a global population that the United Nations estimates will increase by two billion people by 2050 also likely contributed to the considerable rise in VC investment in AgTech startups. (Source: *Metro, February 2022*)

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**SHOT BLOCKER** – Cardinals David Maakestad goes up to block Henry Erickson's shot. The Cards got by the Windom Eagles 70-65 last Friday night. The Cards (10-11) played Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (19-5) on Tuesday night and will end the regular season at Belle Plaine (11-11) on Thursday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

# Hoops for the Heart



**HOOPS FOR THE HEART** – A memorial event was held for former MCW Mavericks basketball player Karson Janssen, who had passed away in November due to an undetected myxomatous degeneration of the heart. The event raised money for the Karson Janssen Memorial Scholarship Fund and Heart Awareness/Education in the Martin County West and U of M Communities. Hoops for the Heart was held last Friday during the MCW boys' basketball game vs Hayfield and the girls' game vs Sleepy Eye St. Mary's. *Pictures courtesy Mandy Kosbab*



**OVERTIME CELEBRATION** – Cardinals #10 Hudson Artz and #21 Thomas Claes leap on the pile congratulating Hank Artz who scored the winning goal in the Cards 8-7 overtime victory over Waseca last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**ABOVE: SLAP SHOT** – The Cards Hank Artz blasts a shot while teammate Nate Raknes watches the play. Waseca's Brayden Hesch-Priem defends the play. Artz had two goals in the victory including the game winner in overtime. Hudson Artz had a "Hat Trick" in the victory including two goals in the third period. The first coming with a pulled goalie and 38 seconds left and the game-tying goal with 6 seconds left in regulation. The #8-seeded Cards (8-16-0) took on #9-seeded Minnesota River (5-19-1) Tuesday night in the opening round of the section playoffs. The winner will play #1-seeded New Ulm (19-6-0) Thursday in New Ulm. The Cards defeated Minnesota River twice this year 6-5 on the road and 3-2 at the Martin County Arena. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**HOCKEY HONOREES** – Ernie Nuss, left, and Fred Carlson were honored with the Fairmont Hockey Association's inaugural Heroes of Hockey Award. Nuss and Carlson have been dedicated and longtime supporters of the hockey program. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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# Red Bulls Wrestlers Stomp to State

The South Section 3AA #1-seeded Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls defeated North Section #1-seed Hutchinson/Bufalo Lake-Hector-Stewart 32-25 in the Section 3AA Championship match last Saturday in Fairmont. Class AA #8-ranked Red Bulls topped North Section #3-seeded Morris Area/Hancock Area/Chokio-Alberta 41-24 in the semifinals before the Hutchinson match. The Red Bulls (26-1) will await the MSHSL state brackets to see whom they are matched up against Thursday, March 3 at the Xcel Energy Center.

The top five teams are seeded and seeds #1, #2 and #3 will face a random draw while #4 will face #5. Other state qualifying teams include: #1-ranked Simley (24-0), #2 Kasson-Mantorville (26-1), #3 Becker (18-0), #7 Watertown Mayer/Mayer Lutheran (22-3), #9 Thief River Falls (20-5), Mora (24-6) and Totino-Grace (15-3).

Rylan Cutler, Class AA #3-ranked Jesse Potts, Taylor Austin, Aden Welcome and Carver Rohman, each picked up two victories on the day. Pins by Potts, Rohman and Alec Thompson, whose pin started a state berth celebration, led the Red Bulls over Hutchinson. Cutler, Welcome and Class AA #4-ranked Max Olson had pins against

MAHACA. The Red Bulls will participate in the Section 3AA Individual Meet this Saturday at Redwood Valley. The State Individual Meet is Friday and Saturday, March 3-4 at the Xcel Energy Center.

## Red Bulls 32 Hutchinson/BL-HS 25.

106 Logan Schwanz over Torrey Paplow, Red Bulls (Fall); 113 Raydon Bipes over Berent Kosbab, Red Bulls (MD 11-2); 120 Rylan Cutler, Red Bulls over Max Martin (MD 10-4); 126 Jesse Potts, Red Bulls over Cody Tews (Fall); 132 Treyton Card over Cooper Steuber, Red Bulls (5-2); 138 Taylor Austin, Red Bulls over Andrew Soderlund (MD 11-0); 145 Kain Sanders, Red Bulls over Luke Hoag (9-7); 152 Aden Welcome, Red Bulls over Jay Rickertsen (12-6); 160 Carver Rohman, Red Bulls over Michael Hahn (Fall); 170 Camden Kron over Gage Cyphers, Red Bulls (11-5); 182 Brady Anderson over Wyatt Williamson, Red Bulls (4-2); 195 Riley Gill over Riley Allen, Red Bulls (4-2); 220 Alec Thompson, Red Bulls over Evan Pierce (Fall); 285 Hayden VanderVoort over Max Olson, Red Bulls (Dec 9-2).

## Red Bulls 41 MAHACA 24.

106 Tyce Anderson over Torrey Paplow, Red Bulls (MD 17-5); 113 Grayson Gibson over Berent Kosbab, Red Bulls (MD 19-7); 120 Rylan Cut-



ler, Red Bulls over Alex Sperr (Fall); 126 Jesse Potts, Red Bulls over Dallas Walton (Dec 3-2); 132 Ethan Lebrija over Cooper Steuber, Red Bulls (MD 12-4); 138 Taylor Austin, Red Bulls over Andrew Marty (Fall 5:38); 145 Davin Rose over Kain Sanders, Red Bulls (SV-1 5-3); 152 Aden Welcome, Red Bulls over Caden Rose (Fall); 160 Carver Rohman, Red Bulls over Hunter Massner (TF 25-10); 170 Gage Cyphers, Red Bulls over Dain Schroeder (TF 15-0); 182 Wyatt Williamson, Red Bulls over Noah Amundson (MD 17-6); 195 Hunter Gibson over Riley Allen, Red Bulls (Fall); 220 Max Olson, Red Bulls over Brock Marty (Fall); 285 Levi Kellenberger over Alec Thompson, Red Bulls (Dec 7-4).



**PINNING CELEBRATION** – Red Bulls head coach Adam Williamson, left, and his Red Bulls team celebrate Alec Thompson's state berth winning pin. The Red Bulls will make their second consecutive trip to the state tournament. Seedings and pairings are yet to be determined. The Class AA State tournament will be Thursday, March 3 at the Xcel Energy Center. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**TAKE DOWN** – Red Bulls Taylor Austin takes down Hutchinson/Bufalo Lake-Hector-Stewart's Treyton Card. Austin major decisioned Card 11-0. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

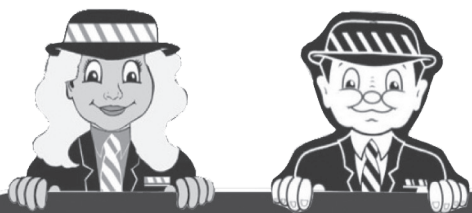


**ROHMAN PIN** – Red Bulls Carver Rohman pinned Hutchinson/Bufalo Lake-Hector-Stewart's Camden Kron. Rohman's pin was one of three in the Red Bulls victory. Jesse Potts and Alec Thompson each had a pin also. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



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Mid American Properties LLC, S 1/2 Lots 38, 39, 40, E 1/2 Lot 37, W. 12.7" Lot 41, Block 8, Ramsdales Addn. Elaine Woodring to Joan Cook-Fairchild, Grant Fairchild, Joan Cook

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Mark Crissinger to Chad Hard-

Fairchild, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SE 1/4, 7-102-30  
Charlotte A. Whitman, Keith J. Whitman, Kenneth P. Whitman to Lukus Malo, Maggie Malo, S 1/2 NE 1/4, Pt. SE, 30-102-29  
Janee Wagenman, Terry W. Wagenman to Altair Faris, Jr., Pt. SW 1/4 NW 1/4, 36-102-33

er, Todd Harder, Troy Harder, Pt. SW 1/4 SW 1/4, 5-102-29, Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 4, Cardona, now Imogene  
David Carman, Patricia A. Carman, Diana K. Evans, Wayne L. Evans, Beverly J. Paskewitz, Gary Paskewitz, Dennis Wright Wanda J. Wright to Evans Family Farm LLP, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, 26-104-31  
Peter W. Hartwig, Atty-in-fact, Russell Hartwig to Peter D. Hartwig, Pt. SE 1/4, 13-101-32  
Sharon K. Cordes to Christal Lyn Schoer, Lots 4, 5, 6, E 1/2 Lot 7, Block 16, Original Plat of Dunnell  
Lynda Balcom Stauter, Lynda Balcom Stauter,

Robert E. Stauter to Lynda Balcom Stauter, Lynda Balcom Stauter, Robert E. Stauter, Und. 1/4 Int., Lot 1, Block 1, Banke Addn.  
Brian Sokoloski, Rebecca Sokoloski, to Brian Sokoloski, Rebecca Sokoloski, Pt. Lot 6, Block 1, McKisson Addn.  
Bradford Seifert, Shae Seifert to Shae Seifert, Lot 8, Block 1, Eastside First Addn.  
Justin Bocky Borchardt, Nathan Chukuske, Samanatha Chukuske, Samantha Isder to Nathan Chukuske, Samantha Chukuske, Pt. Tract E, OL Addn., Camp Welcome  
Bonita Baarts, Larry E. Baarts

to Lynn Pettit, W 1/2 SW 1/4, 36-104-30  
**STATE DEEDS**  
State of Minnesota to Marvin C. Burrows, E. 50' Lot 9 and 10, E 1/2 Lot 8, Block 2, Youngs Addn.  
State of Minnesota to City of Truman, Lots 3 and 4, Block 19, Original Plat Truman  
State of Minnesota to City of Fairmont, E. 50' Lots 1 and 2, Pt. Lot 3, Block 10, Goulds Addn.  
State of Minnesota to City of Fairmont, Pt. 2 tracts, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, 8-102-30  
State of Minnesota to City of Trimont, Lot 11, Pt. Lot 12, Block 2, Original Plat Triumph  
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to City of Sherburn, Lots 5 and 6, Block 18, Ext. to Sherburn, Blks. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19  
State of Minnesota to City of Sherburn, Lots 4 and 5, Block 11, Morgan's Addn., Sherburn  
State of Minnesota to City of Sherburn, Lots 16 and 17, Block 17, Morgans Addn., Sherburn  
State of Minnesota to Joan L. Lohse, Roger J. Lohse, Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Original Plat Welcome  
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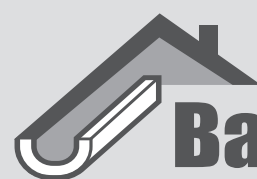
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### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

#### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENT TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF THE MARTIN COUNTY RECORDER APPOINTED AND PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

WHEREAS, the laws of Minnesota 2019, chapter 10, article 1, Sections 17-22 amended Minnesota Statutes 2018, Section 375.08; Section 375.10 and Section 375A.12 and adopted Minnesota Statute 375A.1205 to allow under certain circumstances each County Board of the State of Minnesota to fill the office of the elected office of County Recorder by appointment; and

WHEREAS, notice is hereby given that the Martin County Board of Commissioners are considering the appointment of the elected County Recorder due to incumbent not seeking reelection; and

WHEREAS, the County Board must notify the public of its intent to make certain offices appointed by publishing a resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county; and

WHEREAS, within 30 days following the completion of the public hearing and adoption of the resolution making the office of the County Recorder appointed a petition requesting a referendum signed by at least ten (10) percent of registered voters in the county, may be filed with the County Auditor/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the public has the ability to initiate a reverse referendum to return the office back to an elected position any time after three (3) years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the required notice be published in the official newspaper of Martin County the weeks of February 23, 2022 and March 2, 2022 in the Martin County Star; and Fairmont Photo Press, Truman Tribune, and Fairmont Sentinel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that public comment will be heard on the intent to appoint the County Recorder at the Martin County Board of Commissioners meeting on March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located in the Martin County Courthouse at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN; and after the public comment opportunity, may consider a resolution that provides for the appointment of the Office of the Martin County Recorder.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COURT FILE NO. 46-PR- 22-125

Estate of Donald Leroy Swanson aka Donald L. Swanson, Decedent.

#### NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 21, 2022, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated September 28, 1976, and for the appointment of Marilyn Swanson, whose address is 850 40th Avenue, Sherburn, Minnesota 56171, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. The hearing will be held remotely by Zoom. Contact Court Administration for instructions to attend the hearing.

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.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

BY THE COURT  
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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO.: 46-PR-22-95

#### NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Craig S. Cain,  
Decedent.

Due to Supreme Court Order ADM20-8001, It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 10, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., the above matter will come before this Court, located at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031, for administrative review, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated July 1, 2019, and for the appointment of Michelle Anderson, whose address is PO Box 245, Sherburn, MN 56171, as Personal Representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration. The hearing will be held remotely by Zoom. Contact Court Administration for instructions to attend.

Any objections to the petition must be mailed, e-mailed or filed on the Court's electronic filing system, together with the filing fee, prior to the above date. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 02/03/2022  
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House Paint and Rainbows

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Our house in Winona, Minnesota, sat on the corner of Baker and Broadway streets. The house was brown with darker brown trim. Unfortunately, the houses on either side and several more places nearby were also the same color. So boring! There must have been a sale on brown house paint when all this happened.

The old brown paint was faded, chipping and peeling. We planned to give the house a whole new look that would stand out in the neighborhood. When people drove past, they would say, "Now that's a beautiful home." But, unfortunately, before repainting, we decided to sell the house.

Brenda, our realtor, raved about the home's interior; its soft, warm colors and beautiful hardwood floors were inviting to all who entered. "What are you going to do with the outside of the house," she asked?

It was almost Septem-

ber nearing the end of the house buying season, and my schedule was full. I didn't see where I would find time to paint the house. So I told Brenda, "We'll give the buyers a five-thousand-dollar painting allowance; they can have it painted whatever color they'd like."

"That's not a good idea," Brenda said, then explained, "The interior of the house is beautiful, but I can't sell the house if I can't get prospective buyers inside."

"We'll leave the curtains open," I replied in jest. But, having just met Brenda, she wasn't sure how to take my sense of humor.

"First impressions and curb appeal are everything," Brenda said. "The exterior paint will drive potential buyers away. People want a house where everything's finished and ready to move in." I tried to reason that the interior was ready to move in, but my wife sided with the realtor.

Brenda and Melissa started talking about colors. Meanwhile, I started trying to figure out how I would make time to paint the house in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, I couldn't find a professional house painter on such short notice, but I still made a few calls.

A day later, I got a call from a painting company. He had a job cancellation and could start our house on Saturday. Unfortunately, we'd be out of town that day. "No problem," he assured, "Just pick your colors, and we'll take it from there. Perfect! We gave him a deposit and shook hands.

We chose a soft, buttery shade of yellow at the paint store. With white trim, it would look great, and it'd be the only yellow house in the neighborhood. So with that decision made, we loaded the car and headed out for the weekend.

While we were driving home Sunday, Brenda

called. "I just drove by your house," she said. "Please tell me you're not painting your house that color." Melissa and I were taken aback by her comment. We thought it was a pretty color. We told Brenda we'd get back to her.

It was nearing sunset when we turned north onto Baker Street. As we got closer to home, we were nearly blinded by the extremely

bright sun in front of us. "Wait a minute; we're going north; the sun sets in the west." I was confused.

Melissa, also blinded by the same intense phenomenon before us, blurted out, "Good Lord! That's our house!" We were shocked. "They must have got the wrong color paint!"

Before us was an obnoxiously bright, neon yellow

house, like lemon-twist yellow, but worse! The sight of it made my mouth puckered up as if I'd been sucking on a lemon slice.

...an old hippy...red flags...rainbows...a big difference...

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