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The second annual Emmalyne's Angel Day will be held Sunday, May 2nd at the East Chain Activities Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a virtual, walk or run 5K planned for 9 a.m., before the festivities begin.

The day is a free will donation at the door but will have many new items this year that will help in the fundraising. The activities include a 5K, breakfast, live entertainment, balloon artist, face painting, bounce houses, food trucks, Blessing of Trees ceremony, lunch and much more.

Emmalyne Carol Spitzer was born March 3, 2019 and was given a 10% chance of surviving first trimester and 1% chance to survive birth. Later it was found out that she had Noonan Syndrome which led to many medical complications and heart defects. She passed away on October 18, 2019.

Emmalyne's family set up a nonprofit organization to step up and help families who are going through what they went through during Emmalyne's struggles. So last year, just before the COVID 19 shut-down, the family put together a massive fundraiser to financially support families with critically ill children. Those funds were given to an organization named Team Liam. Liam and Emmalyne had a very similar story, and their parents donated thousands of dollars in Emmalyne's name to Team Liam and have been able help many families financially through helping with monthly bills so they may remain closer to their child in the hospital.

Check out Forever Emmalyne on Facebook for all the details.

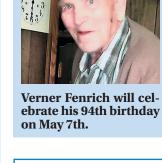


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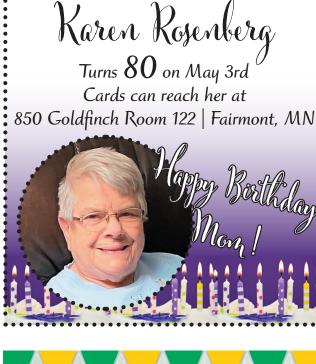
97TH BIRTHDAY -Ruth Ann Sandersfeld will celebrate her 97th birthday on May 5th. Cards can reach her at 1640 Blue Jay Blvd., Room 35, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)



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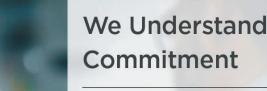




Edward Jones Ranks Highest in Investor Satisfaction,

According to J.D. Power 2021 U.S. Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study(SM)

Financial services firm Edward Jones ranks highest in investor satisfaction with full-service brokerage firms, according to the J.D. Power 2021 U.S. Full-Ser-



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The study measures overall investor satisfaction with 24 full-service investment firms based on seven factors including product offerings; problem resolution; convenience; digital experience; financial advisors; value; and trust.

The firm scored 770 in overall satisfaction, 38 points over the industry average. A deeper dive indicates that Edward Jones also scored highest in trust; convenience; and problem Edward Jones has ranked highest in investor satisfaction by J.D. Power for several years - in 2019, 2015 (tied), 2012, 2010, 2009, 2007-2005, and in a tie in 2002, when the study began.

The 2021 U.S. Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study is based on responses from 4,392 investors who make some or all investment decisions with a financial advisor. The study was fielded from December 2020 through February 2021. For more information, visit jdpower.com/awards.



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Beginning May 1,

2021, the new library

hours for the Martin

County Library in Fair-

mont will be as follows:

days, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In Memory Of:

tike, Dave and Cathy Sorenson

bie, Larry and Bonnie Baarts

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and Jean Hoppe

Mondays and Tues-

Library hours

Wednesdays, Thurs-

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Hours can also be

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Truman Historical Museum memorials

The Truman Historical Association gratefully ac-

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knowledges the following memorials received 1-1-21

through 3-31-21. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

FHS Robotics team completes 13th season

High School Robotics Megahertz Team completed recently its thirteenth season after competing in the virtual competition, The **INFINITE RECHARGE At** Home Challenge on April 8th, in a field of 29 teams.

Team members took part in CAD (computer aided design), programming and repair of last season's robot and adaptation of field elements in order to complete the competition's challenges. Much of this work was accomplished via Zoom meetings.

Eight challenges were completed by the team. The challenges consisted of a team member driving several prescribed courses, programming the robot to self-drive the same courses, and scoring as many balls as possible into a tenfoot high goal in under a minute. Videos of the robot completing these courses were submitted to the FIRST organization for scoring. (Videos can be viewed on the Fairmont Robotics Facebook page.)

Team Megahertz finished in eleventh place overall in the tournament and had the fourth highest scores in the autonomous (self-driving) category.

Minnesota teams competing were from the cities of Arden Hills, St. Paul, Chaska and Cold Spring. Other participants included teams from Holland, MI, Vail, AZ, San Diego, CA, 100 Mile House, British Columbia, Sweeny, TX, Grayson, GA, and Hollywood, FL, and as far away as Basaksehir, Istanbul, and Mazar e Sharif, Balkh. All teams

competed virtually by submitting videos of their robots performing the challenges.

Team members showed their resilience and flexibility in adapting to the new rules for this season like no other. The robotics team hopes to attend an off-season, in-person competition this summer or fall.

The team consists of Connor Artner, Gibson Berg, Ethan Grunewald, Ameya Komaragiri, SkyeLi Malo, and Parker Vetter (seniors), Hannah Botzet and Alyssa Lutz (juniors), Aiden Nelson, Aiden Thomas, and Noah Vetter (sophomores) and Alex Kasting, Matthew Malo, and Isaac Sheard (freshmen).

Megahertz team mentors are Sam Viesselman, Logan Kahler, Robert Malo, Mike Sukalski and Cindy Viesselman.



Delivering meals is a simple, rewarding way to help those in need. Make a difference in your neighbor's life by bringing a hot, nutritious meal and a friendly greeting, all within an hour.

Meals are picked up at Lakeview Healthcare Center at 10:45. There are four routes in the city of Fairmont with eight or less stops each route. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, no holidays. You will receive detailed driving and delivery directions with no preparation needed.

Delivering meals can be a fun social activity you can do by yourself or with a friend. The preference is for a group or business to sign up for delivering a week or more at one time, once a year.

To sign up your group or business or sign up as an individual to help when needed, call Karen Toupal at 507-236-8781.

CREST to host **Carlson Pillow** Cleaning

CREST will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service on Thursday, May 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church, located at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont.

Pillows will be fluffed, cleaned, deodorized and sanitized while you wait or you may come back to pick them up later in the day. You will receive new ticking for your pillows and they will be made cleaner than new for little more than the cost of the pillow. Custom made new pillows and down comforters will be available for sale as well. Because of CO-VID-19, social distancing will be practiced and masks are required. You are also asked to bring your pillows in garbage bags. Your cleaned pillows will be placed in a fresh, new bag when finished. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the CREST organization. For more information, you can call 235-3833.



Cole Wiemers 9th Hudson Artz 11th

Early Risers Kiwanis, Hy-Vee and Fairmont Jr Sr High School recognize the following Fairmont Jr Sr High School students as March Students of the Month.

WHAT'S COOKING with Kathy Lloyd Do we need a rain dance??

It seems all we have been able to get is rain sprinkles, I do hope one of these days we get a good 1-2 inch rain shower! My flowers need rain desperately. At least it is supposed to warm up so perhaps I can get my window boxes planted. I want to have my four year old great granddaughter Lydia over to help me plant. That should prove interesting, she loves to be outdoors.

I don't do as much baking as I used to but Pa Lloyd had a birthday and I had a supply of blueberries on hand so I made a blueberry coffee cake. It should have lasted the two of us much longer than it did. I am sharing the recipe with you, hope that you will like it too. It did not need any glaze or even a sprinkle of powdered sugar.

BLUEBERRIES AND CREAM COFFEE CAKE

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 13/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- Streusel filling

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Student and families recently participated in a Zoom recognition and will receive a certificate and gift card. The 7th through 12th grade honorees include Nolyn Goerndt, Ella Krahmer, Eli Winter, Madison Landin, Cole Wiemers, Nevaeh Rahm, Lincoln Becker, Joharelyz Molina Rosario, Hudson Artz, Libby Totzke, Gibson Berg, and Maddy Schwieger. Congratulations on making the school a better place.



1 tsp. cinnamon Mix together and set aside.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy, about 5 minutes, add eggs, one at a time beating well after each, beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream. Fold in blueberries. Spoon half of batter into a prepared tubed (like a Bundt pan), then sprinkle on half of the streusel mixture, then rest of cake batter, lastly the last half of the streusel mixture. Cut through the batter with a knife to swirl the brown sugar mixture. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 55-60 minutes until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes then remove from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. You can dust with powdered sugar before serving if you wish.

Have a great week and stay safe!

Obituary Notices



Bernadette J. Jeffries, 79

Mass of Christian Burial for Bernadette J. Jeffries, 79, of Woodbury, MN, formerly of Granada, MN, was held on Monday, April 26th, 2021, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial followed the service in Center Creek Cemetery near Granada, MN.

Bernadette passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Reflections Hospital in Staples, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bernadette JoAnne (Koehler) Jeffries was born on August 28, 1941, in Fairmont, MN. She was the daughter of Leo

Community Hospital in

and Leone (Beckman) Koehler. Bernadette attended kindergarten at Central Public School. She later attended St. Paul Catholic School through the 8th grade and later graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Mankato, MN, in 1959.

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On August 4, 1959, Bernadette was united in marriage to John Jeffries at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, MN. The couple resided in a small one-bedroom house on an acreage in rural Granada, MN. This union was blessed with four children, Jim, Nancy, Joseph, and Jerry. Bernadette and John shared nearly sixty year together before John passed away on July 8, 2019.

When Bernadette wasn't busy caring for her family as a homemaker, she worked at Fairmont Foods for eleven years as well as modeling for Brett's clothing store in the Fairmont Mall. In 1990, Bernadette and John, along with children Joseph and Jerry, started the Jeffries Chicken Farm in Inver Grove Heights. They continued to run the farm until John passed away.

Bernadette enjoyed being able to travel around the United States. Some of her favorite destinations included the Black Hills, especially Mount Rushmore, as well as Disney World, New Mexico, and Alaska. She also loved goWEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

siblings, Ellory Koehler of Webster City, IA, Marlys Widmark of Hopkins, MN, Carol Cazer of Greencastle, PA, and Gordon (Penny) Koehler of Ironton, MN; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Jeffries (Larry Bilek) of Osceola, WI, and Mary Beaber of Durango and Silverton, CO; brother-in-law, Bob Murphy of Guckeen, MN; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Leo and Leone Koehler, Bernadette was preceded in death by her husband, John Jeffries; son-in-law, Clark Lein; sister, Barbara Cory; sister-in-law, Margaret Murphy; and brother-in-law, Paul Beaber.

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Jean G. A. Heine, 83

Jean Grace Amanda (Clear) Heine, age 83, of Lewisville, MN, died Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020, at the Madelia



Jean was born on February 12, 1937, to Wilbur and Velva (Anderson) Clear in Fairmont MN. She attended many schools and graduated from Mechanical Arts High School in St. Paul. On February 18, 1955, she married Elmer Heine. Jean and Elmer enjoyed farming in rural South Branch - they were proud to become Century Farm owners in 1997.

Jean also worked numerous jobs - 3M in Fairmont, Lutheran Retirement Home in Truman, Watonwan County Country Club, Lewisville Café and the Lewisville Liquor Store. When Elmer's health forced them to leave the farm in 1988, they moved to Lewisville. Jean's memberships

and involvements included the Lewisville American Legion Auxiliary where she served on the local, district and state boards, the CCSI Board and the Mankato Moose Lodge. Jean spent many summers working in the refreshment stands for ball games at the South Branch school and she enjoyed camping and snowmobiling with family and friends. She also enjoyed her cats - especially Fritz who kept her company this past year. Her hobbies included sewing, cross-stitch, knitting, crocheting, reading, and watching Hallmark movies. Jean enjoyed

cooking and baking for her family - there were always homemade cookies available and a wellstocked treat drawer for her grandchildren. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren.

ing to state and county

fairs where she and John

along with children Jim and Nancy would show

even took a hot air bal-

loon ride in Stillwater,

MN, and loved country

music, especially going to George Strait concerts

More recently, Berna-

dette found enjoyment in

getting pedicures and sip-

ping white chocolate mo-

memory include her chil-

dren, Jim Jeffries of Eagan,

MN, Nancy Jeffries-Lein

of Gordon, WI, Joseph

(Chelsie) Jeffries of Wood-

bury, MN, and Jerry Jef-

fries of North Mankato,

MN; 10 grandchildren;

two great grandchildren;

Left to cherish her

chas from Starbucks.

Bernadette

chickens.

with Nancy.

Jean is survived by two sons, Steven Heine (special friend, Lori Anderson) of Sherburn and Tom (Gerri) Heine, of Blaine, Tennessee; one daughter, Cathie (Scott) Lien, of Brooklyn Park; five grandchildren Tyler (Samantha) Heine, Andrea (Eric) Charlier, Dakota Heine, Jenna Heine, and Brandon Lien; four greatgrandchildren Hannah and Lillian Charlier, Daysun and Hunter Cheeseman; and many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Elmer, three brothers, Ben, John (Lynn) and Jim Clear, sisters-in-law, Delores (Rodney) Heckman, Roma (Robert) Culbertson, Marcella Heine, Francis (Rheinhold) Christnagel and brothers-in law, Maynard (Grace) Heine and Herbert Rand.

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Joan L. Hartke, 82

A Celebration of Life Service for Joan L. Hartke, 82, of Sherburn, Minnesota will be held Friday, April 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn, Minnesota with Pastor Steven D. Wilson officiating. Burial will be in the Sherburn, Minnesota. Joan was called to her eternal rest on Friday morning, April 23, 2021 at Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn, Minnesota. A Public Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2021 at Kramer Family Funeral Home in Sherburn. Please share a memory of Ioan with her family by signing her online guestbook at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

While maintaining social distancing guidelines, we are able to gather for visitations and service. The use of face masks by attendees is required.

Joan Lois Buchan was born on November 23, 1938 on a farm near Alpha, Minnesota. She was the fifth of six children born to Ernest and Helen (Graves) Buchan. She spent her childhood years on the farm and attended District #56 in Jay Township. She attended High School in Sherburn and graduated with the class of 1955. Later she graduated from Mankato State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Upper Elementary Education. She taught school in St. Peter and Trimont, Minnesota. On July 23, 1960 she married Robert Hartke of Trimont, Minnesota. To this union were born two sons, Bradley and Douglas. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn and an associate member of Velda Rose Methodist Church in Mesa. She was a Sunday School Teacher at St. John's and ushered at Velda Rose.

Joan purchased D & J Transfer Company and she worked there until her retirement. Joan really enjoyed the trucking conventions they attended. Robert and Joan did lots of traveling and in 1978 purchased property in Mesa, AZ. Upon retirement, they spent half of their time in Mesa. Robert died in 1996. In 2003. Joan moved full-time to Mesa. In 2002, she married Earl "Bud" Jenkins in Mesa, Arizona.

After retirement, Joan started making gift bags out of wallpaper and donated them to youth groups of churches and groups like Ducks Unlim-

two different leagues.

She also loved to cook and entertained many people over the years. She also played bridge and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She finally got to meet her first great-grandchild, Haevyn, for the first time.

She is survived by her two sons, Bradley (Elizabeth) Hartke of Fairmont, Minnesota, Douglas (Lisa) Hartke of Sherburn, Minnesota; six grandchildren, twins, David and Tyler Hartke, Kevin Hartke, Jacob (Sierra) Hartke, Laura Hartke all of Fairmont, Katie Hartke of Sherburn; greatgranddaughter, Haevyn Hartke; Sisters, Beulah Erickson of Sherburn, Peggy Burgeson of Armstrong, Iowa and Cleone (Art) Syverson of Windom, Minnesota; sistersin-law. Elaine Buchan of Austin, Minnesota, Lois Hartke of Fairmont, Minnesota, brother-in-law, Merv Steen of Jackson, Minnesota, plus many nieces and nephews. She also considered people in Fountain of the Sun as her family away from Minnesota. Joan was preceded in death by her parents,

her first husband, Robert Hartke and her second husband, Earl (Bud) Jenkins; her brother, Beryl Buchan; sister, Bonnie Steen; brothers-in-law, Duane Erickson, Walter Burgeson, Lloyd and Donald Hartke; sister-inlaw, Jeannette Hartke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or personal choice.

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December 22 - Jean G. A. Heine, 83, Lewisville. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

April 18 - Bernadette J. Jeffries, 79, Woodbury (formerly of Granada). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 19 - Donna M. Zaborowski, 82, Fairmont.

In 1962, Robert and

ited and Fox Lake Conservation League. She also gave away hundreds of Angel Beanie Babies to people who were sick or in the military. Her favorite past time was reading, and she gave all her books to the libraries in Sherburn and Mesa. She loved playing golf and was luckv enough to have a hole in one prior to having two knee replacements and rotator cuff surgery. She was very active in the Fountain of the Sun Country Club serving on committees and offices of

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 23 - Marianne E. Petersen, 80, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

April 23 - Karen J. Stine, 73, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

April 25 - Velmer J. Meier, 95, Wilbert. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 25 - Patricia Hanson, 94, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

April 4 - Bruce A. Willer, 72, Lakota, Iowa. April 19 - Edward Powers, 62, Fairmont. April 19 - Norma J. Jacobsen, 87, Sherburn. April 21 - Evelyn M. Betts, 95, Fairmont. April 21 - John M. Poetter, 90, Blue Earth. April 21 - Lucille A. Schweiss, 75, Welcome. April 22 - Mabel M. Motl, 100, Fairmont. April 25 - Kevin E. Schultze, 67, Ceylon.



Velmer J. Meier, 95

Memorial services for Velmer I. Meier. 95. of Wilbert, MN, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert,

MN. Burial will be following the service in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery with full military honors by the Nassen-Detert American Legion Post #529 and Welcome American Legion Post #553. Visitation will be one hour prior to the time of service from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert.

Velmer passed away Sunday, April 25, 2021, at his home near Wilbert. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Velmer J. Meier was

born February 23, 1926 ington. He was assigned to the 800th Military Poon the family farm in Township, Tenhassen lice Battalion to serve Martin County, MN, the son of William and Clara

(Leiding) Meier. In 1929

the family moved to a

farm near Wilbert that he

called home for the rest of

his life. Velmer attended

parochial school at St.

Paul's Lutheran School

in Wilbert. He was bap-

tized March 14, 1926 and

confirmed April 2, 1939.

Velmer helped on the

farm until entering mili-

Army on March 29, 1945,

training in Camp Liv-

ingston, LA and shipped

overseas October 16, 1945

from Ft. Lawton, Wash-

Velmer entered the U.S

tary service.

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in the Asiatic Pacific occupation of Japan. He returned to the United States October 21, 1946 and was discharged December 8, 1946. Velmer was a life member of the Nassen-Detert American Legion Post #529.

After his discharge, Velmer worked for several organizations and companies including a Railway Ballast Conditioning Corporation. He then worked at W. Hodgman & Sons Construction. Next, he worked at Fairmont Railway Motors which later became Harsco Corporation from which he

retired in 2001.

Velmer was a life-long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, MN, where he held various offices including being an Elder and Trustee. He was also a member of the Lutheran Layman's League. He and his brother, John helped with the church cemetery and prepared graves for many years. Velmer helped his brother, brother-in-law, then nephews on the farm all his life. He was an avid Twins fan and fisherman, making several trips to Mille Lacs Lake to ice fish.

Velmer will be remembered for his sense of humor and his ability to tease not only his young nieces and nephews but adults as well. He was affectionately known to his great nieces and great nephews as "the tickly man".

In addition to his parents, William and Clara Meier; Velmer was also preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur Meier and John Meier and his wife, Doris (Sager) Meier; and one sister. Lorene (Meier) Bremer and her husband, Alwin.

Left to cherish his memory are many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family, neighbors, and friends.

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YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

April 24, 1996

Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post and Auxiliary announced the Boys State and Girls State and Boys County and Girls County candidates from the FHS junior class: Justin Zoch, Eric Feeley, Greg Schmitz for Boys State and Nathan Beckendorf, Eric Anderson, Boys County. Betsy Lucas, alternate, and Sarah Jepson, Girls County, Stephanie Wedel, Girls State.

Mayor Donna Holstine was pictured signing at St. Luke's in Sherburn a proclamation declaring May 1st as Loyalty Days in Fairmont.

Pictured were Sharon Pierce, VFW Auxiliary President; Antoinette said he was retiring to a (Toni) Pierce, Poppy Queen and Jim Wetzler, VFW Commander, prior to the annual Poppy Sales on May 17th and 18th.

Underwriters planned a the direction of Al Zinter, computer recycling day to benefit disabled people who need computer equipment. Old computers would be recycled for the benefit of disabled and disadvantaged people in Fairmont, singing church the Fairmont area.

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

April 24, 1971 Herb Gunther, president of Fair Lakes, Inc., announced the sale of the Gilbert Hotel in Fairmont to Irving and Natalie Lifson of Willmar. The local landmark, built by the late Albert Ward as an orphanage, stood idle for some years before being remodeled as a hotel by Harry Gilbert, a Fairmont builder.

Father George Foffel, who served as parish priest for many years took leave in 1962 to serve churches in Adrian and Lismore, returned to Sherburn to assist Pastor Richard Loomis. He recently acquired home in Nevis, MN where he planned to occupy his time hunting and fishing.

"Tomorrow's Answer," The Fairmont Area local coral group under performed Ralph Carmichael's folk musical at the Fairmont High School gymnasium. Personnel consisted of 29 students and young adults from music in folk music style.



Are you wondering how to get your kids or grandkids to read more? How to help them LOVE reading? Here are a few time-tested tips:

*Let them choose what they read: Kids are more likely to love reading if they get to pick out the books. If they can find a topic or characters that intrigue them, that's a great start!

*Find fabulous reading places: Whether you have a cozy nook in your house or a hammock in your back yard, having a cozy place to read will appeal to kids.

*Try audio: Both reading aloud with your kids

(even when they can read themselves) or letting them listen to an audiobook brings stories alive in a new and interesting way!

*Visit the library: Make your library visit an adventure and let kids roam for their own books.

*Model reading: If you read with your kids and they also see you reading, it's likely to become a habit that they pick up too!

LWML Sherburn Zone Spring Rally

The Sherburn Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will host its spring rally on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sherburn, MN.

Registration will be at 9:00 a.m., with rally starting at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be a representative from Camp Omega. Gifts from the Heart will be money donations for Camp Omega to purchase a mini van.

Martin County Area Foundation Grant Cycle Ends May 31

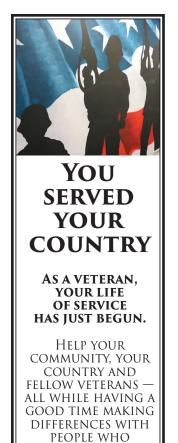
The Martin County Area Foundation is currently accepting applications through May 31 from eligible organizations for its 2021 competitive grant cycle. Please refer to the grant guidelines and application form at www. mcareafoundation.org for information. If you have further questions or ideas, please contact the Foundation's administrative staff at 507-235-5547 or any member of our board of directors.

The Martin County Area Foundation is a community endowment founded in 1993 by a group of community residents and established by a matching grant from the Mickelson Foundation. The

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Martin County Area Foundation is governed by a volunteer board responsible for growing the endowment and selecting grant recipients. Per its mission, the Foundation focuses its giving in five general areas: arts and humanities, community and civic affairs, social and economic growth, environment, and youth.





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My Visit with the Vice **Président Guest Columnist**

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

native and former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, I think back to how fortunate I was to have had the opportunity to have interviewed him at his office

With the passing of at the Dorsey & Whitney Martin County Law Offices in Minneapolis in 2008. The interview can be viewed on the MCHS website at www. fairmont.org/mchs under videos and on YouTube https://www.youtube.

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com/watch?v=dB3aDZ4 NEHg&list=PL7BtZNh7s NPCD-23Z4Z118OMF7-1kv7r5&index=11 . The following is an account of that interview.

In adding to the archives of the Pioneer Museum, I had thought it would be of interest to include an interview with a well known Martin County native that became Vice President of the United States. That was, of course, Walter F. Mondale, who was born in Ceylon. Consequently, I e-mailed him in late February of 2008 asking if he would agree to an interview. To my surprise, I received a response the very next day stating that he would. The following is a summary of that interview.

It was an early morning in late March; a light winter snowfall didn't materialize to the extent predicted. My wife, Carol, and I left at 7:00 a.m. allowing extra time due to the weather conditions. We stopped at Gemini Music to pick up Shelly Abitz, who was going to do the videotaping, and we made one more stop in Blue Earth to pick up my niece, Lorrie. Incidentally, she was once the owner of the former Mondale home in Elmore.

We arrived at the Dorsey & Whitney law firm in downtown Minneapolis at 9:30 a.m. as the roads were in good driving condition. We were early, as my appointment with Mr. Mondale was at 11:15 a.m. I drove up to the third level, pressed the keypad and was asked who I was going to see. I said I had an appointment with Mr. Mondale, told them my name, and immediately the gate lifted so we could drive in to the client parking. If we didn't know better, this could have made us feel quite important. I then called his secretary to let her know that we had arrived. She asked me to hold momentarily, and then asked me to come up to meet her in the conference room on the 20th floor and get the video equipment ready as

early. As we were getting prepared in the conference room, Mr. Mondale's secretary provided us with enough coffee and bottled water for a small army. The hospitality shown to us was most impressive. She also provided two large pictures of Mr. Mondale. one in his army uniform and another, as a very young child, with his older brother in a little wagon. After getting set up for the interview, we informed his secretary that we were ready. She said she would

Mr. Mondale would see us

As I waited in anticipation, I wondered what to expect. I wondered what he would be like: this individual of humble beginnings born in Ceylon who became the vice president of the most powerful nation on the face of the earth. Someone said they saw his secretary walking down the hallway, and thinking he would be coming from that direction, we were all taken by surprise as he came through the opposite doorway.

When he entered the room, any preconceived impressions or uncertainties that I may have had immediately vanished as this smiling gentleman with the warm, welcoming handshake and jovial remarks greeted us. He immediately made us feel most welcome and at ease. He asked how things were in Fairmont, Ceylon, and Martin County as I thanked him for taking time for an interview and began showing him our book, Chain of Lakes Country - An Illustrated History of Martin County, our 2008 calendar, and our latest MCHS Newsletter. He was obviously intrigued by the book and immediately picked out the house in Ceylon where he had lived nearly 80 years ago, as he paged through commenting on other pictures as well.

After visiting for what seemed like about fifteen minutes, we sat down at the large conference table for the interview I had asked from him. I had planned that we would discuss his life from his birth in Ceylon, Martin County, through his youth growing up in small towns in Southern Minnesota, to his college experience, his political career, and what he is involved with at the

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present time. It was more than obvious as our discussion unfolded that he was genuinely sincere in providing me with both a very interesting and a very informative interview involving a man that came from small town America, yet rose to great heights in serving his fellow man in many capacities. As we talked, our discussion involved his parents and family as well as what life was like in Ceylon, Heron Lake, and later Elmore while he was growing up in these small Southern Minnesota communities.

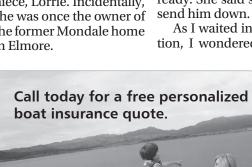
As a high school student in Elmore, it was obvious from his 1946 senior vearbook that he was a leader in every respect. He was a standout in athletics, with the nickname "crazy legs" for his ability as a running back in football. In addition, he served as captain of both the football and basketball teams his senior year. He also participated in many extra-curricular other activities offered, as well as being class president his junior year. Yet when I asked about his leadership roles and athletic ability as a student, he was very modest in stating that in a small school like Elmore if you were a warm body, you just participated in those activities.

We went on to discuss college and law school. As an undergraduate, he majored in political science. He said that he went into the army after graduating from college so that he could then afford to attend law school on the G. I. Bill after being discharged.

I asked how he became involved in politics. He

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Ag Update: FARM CUSTOM RATES LIKELY TO REMAIN STEADY FOR 2021 Guest Columnist

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Due to the high cost of investment in farm machinery, an ever-increasing number of farm operators are hiring other farm operators to provide some or all of their machinery resources for their farm operation. This is especially true with new and younger farm operators, as well as with children that decide to start farming with their parents. In addition, some land investors are choosing to operate a farm themselves rather than cash renting the land another farm operator, thus hiring a farm operator under a custom farming agreement.

Custom farming agreements usually include tillage, planting, some weed control, harvesting, and delivering grain to a specified location. Some farm operators also hire custom work for specific farm operations with another farm operator, such as planting, combining, or hay baling. Many farm operators negotiate these types of custom rate and custom farming arrangements in the Spring of the year, while others wait until harvest is completed.

One of the best resources for average custom rates is the annual "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" that is coordinated and analyzed by Iowa State University. Earlier this year, 559 custom operators and farm managers were sampled regarding expected 2021 custom farm rates to be for various farm operations. The survey summary lists the average custom rate, as well as a range, for various tillage, planting, fertilizer and chemical application, grain harvesting, and forage harvesting functions on the farm. The survey also includes many miscellaneous farming practices, average per hour farm labor rates, and includes a formula for calculating rental rates. The survey lists the average custom farming rates for corn, soybeans, and small grain. The average custom rates for farm operations in most other areas of the Upper Midwest tend to be very close to the average Iowa custom rates.

Average 2021 farm custom rates for some typical tillage, planting, and harvesting practices, as well as custom farming rates, are listed in the adjoining Table. The complete 2021 "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" for all farming practices is available online at the following Iowa State University web site:

https://www.extension. iastate.edu/agdm/crops/ html/a3-10.html

Based on the Iowa State data, average custom rates for tillage, planting, and harvest operations in 2021 are expected to decrease by about 3 percent, compared to the rates for similar operations in 2020. The custom farming rates for corn and soybean production are expected to decrease

by about 1 percent compared to a year earlier. The cost for new and used machinery has increased rapidly in the early months of 2021, which together with increasing fuel costs and higher labor charges, may impact final 2021 custom rates. These factors may result in custom operators trying to more fully cover their increasing expenses for custom operations later in 2021, resulting in steady to slightly higher final average custom rates by yearend.

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All listed custom rates in the Iowa Survey results include fuel, labor, repairs, depreciation, insurance, and interest, unless listed as rental rates or otherwise specified. The average price for diesel fuel was assumed to be \$2.71 per gallon. A fuel price increase of \$.50 per gallon would cause most custom rates to increase by approximately

five percent. These average rates are only meant to be a guide for custom rates, as actual custom rates charged may vary depending on continued increase in fuel costs, availability of custom operators, timeliness, field size, etc. and could be adjusted later in the year due to changes in economic factors.

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FARM CUSTOM RATES

Following are the median (adjusted average) custom rates for some common farming practices for 2021, based on the "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey". Custom Farming Rates (Includes tillage, planting and harvesting costs):

•Corn - \$130 per acre (Range = \$75 - \$240) •Soybeans - \$115 per

acre (Řange = \$70 - \$220) •Small Grain - \$110 per acre (Range = \$80 - \$122)

Tillage:

•Moldboard Plow -\$19.40 per acre

•Chisel Plow - \$18.00 per acre

•Disk/Chisel - \$20.00

•V-Ripper (deep tillage)- \$22.00 per acre

•Field Cultivator - \$15.50

•Tandem Disk - \$15.25

•Chopping Cornstalks -

\$12.00 per acre

Planting and Spraying:

•Planter With Attachments - \$23.80 per acre (Ex

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HOME INSPECTIONS

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty

Buying a home? We recommend a home inspection!

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What IS a home inspection? Does someone come round with a white glove and check that you've dusted properly and cleaned all your counters?

No! Actually, it s a very in-depth examination by a professional inspector, from the foundation to the roof (inside and out), all systems in-between!

The opportunity for an inspection occurs after the buyer and seller have signed the purchase agreement. It is then the buyers' choice whether they would like to order this service, but as realtors we always suggest it. If the buyers decide to have one, an inspection contingency is added to the purchase agreement. If major problems are discovered and the seller refuses to negotiate, the buyer has the choice of cancelling the agreement. In this situation, the earnest money would be refunded to the buyer, but only if the inspection and results fall within the time specified in the purchase agreement. If it does not, the seller would need to agree to the refund. If the contract falls through because the parties could not come to an agreement, the seller is obliged to disclose the defect to any other buyers.

The inspector looks for "material defects." The president of the American Society of Home Inspectors, says "We look for things that are significantly deficient, unsafe, near the end of the service life, or not functioning properly." It is not about "cosmetic issues," unless there could be an underlying problem what is causing peeling wallpaper, for example. Understanding that even newly built houses may have a few minor issues, the inspection report will

small in a "used house! The major things that inspectors look for are

- problems with: Plumbing
- Heating and cooling (HVAC)
 - Roof condition Structural integrity Water damage Electrics Mold Pests

In addition to these, there are a couple of special inspections that sometimes are requested. In homes built before 1978, lead based paint could be present, and the buyer is entitled to have extra time for an inspection for this.

Radon can also be an issue, and a test to read the level can be performed by a licensed radon inspector at the buyers' expense. The EPA suggests that if the

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tra charges for GPS,

•Planter Without At-

•No-Till Planter - \$22.50

•Soybean Drill - \$20.00

•Grain Drill - \$18.00 per

seed shutoffs, etc.)

test results are higher than 4 pCi/L, the homeowner should consider a radon mitigation system to reduce the level.

The buyer may wish to be present during the regular inspection (which normally takes 3-4 hours), in order to ask questions as they go through the process. The inspection report is issued either the same day or shortly thereafter, and becomes the property of the buyer.

Payment is due upon completion of the inspection, but the \$300-\$400 spent for this service could save much bigger expenses should the inspector find serious problems.

If there are no major issues, the buyer can relax knowing the home is in good condition and the fee was money well spent.

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propelled sprayer) Harvesting Grain: •Corn Combine - \$36.00 per acre (\$40.00 with

Chopper Head) (\$52.50 per acre with



Grain Cart and Truck)

Soybean

with Draper Head)

Field) - \$5.40 per acre •Hauling Grain (5 mi. or

less) - \$0.10 per bushel •Hauling Grain (5-25

mi.) - \$0.16 per bushel •Grain Auger Use (On

Farm) - \$0.06 per bushel Harvesting Forages:

•Windrowing Hay \$15.00 per acre

•Hay Baling (Small Square Bales) - \$0.60 per bale

•Hay Baling (Large Square Bales) - \$8.50 per bale

•Hay Baling (Large Round Bales) - \$10.50 per bale (\$13.00 per bale with wrap)

•Corn Stalk Baling (Large Bales) - \$12.00 per bale (\$13.75 per bale with wrap)

•Silage Chopping \$6.78 per ton (or \$64 per hour per head row)

Farm Labor Rates:

•General Farm Labor \$17.00 per hour (\$18.40 per hour for harvesting and spraying)

Table prepared by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst



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talked about working for Hubert Humphrey's senatorial campaign, being appointed Attorney General at a young age, his work in the Senate, and eventually be-ing elected the 42nd Vice President of the United States. I asked him to elaborate on how, as vice president, he was instrumental in expanding the role of the vice president's office from one of being merely a figure head, to a functional position that for the first time served as a true presidential advisor, a model that has been followed by subsequent vice presidents. He also discussed his work with Jimmy Carter during Carter's presidency, and the fact that they still keep in contact with each other.

He spoke of the importance of the values he learned as a youngster from his family, his father being a Methodist minister and his mother a teacher, and the values he acquired in growing up in small towns in Minnesota and how they influenced his life. I asked him what

advice he would give a many things, including young person that had an interest in entering politics. His comments were relative to public service in any capacity. I interpreted this to mean doing something worthy, being of service to your fellow man in whatever endeavor you choose. This might certainly involve politics, but it could also include many other forms of public service. We discussed so many things, as the interview went on for over 40 minutes.

In closing the interview, I had planned to ask him about the many interviews he'd had in his lifetime, as well as which ones were most notable, and in turn I had planned to make a joking reference to where this interview rated compared to the others. However, before I could finish my question, he said none were as good as this one. This was a compliment that I didn't deserve; however, it served to reflect the character of the person I came to know in that short span of approximately sixty to ninety minutes.

After the interview, we continued to visit about

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politics, as my wife was taking pictures and as he was signing autographs. He was in no hurry to rush off, but rather took plenty of time to talk, reminisce, joke, and make certain we had what we wanted in our interview. It seemed important to him too, as he asked if he could also have a copy of the interview.

As I think back at that visit with the former Vice President of the United States, I remember a truly kind gentleman, a person of integrity and honesty, a sincere individual that hasn't forgotten his roots and someone who considers all the citizens of Minnesota and our great nation as being important. However, I especially remember a person who was so genuine and pleasant to visit with, a person that had a wonderful sense of humor, and a person that exhibited such a warm and caring personality that he immediately made me feel comfortable and welcome. It was truly an honor to have been able to interview and visit with such a beloved public servant!



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Legion, Auxiliary award \$36,000 in scholarships

American Legion Lee C Prentice Post 36 and Auxiliary are awarding \$36,000 in scholarships to Martin County area high school seniors, who are military veteran descendants. The following seniors will receive \$1,000 each to continue their higher education:

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Granada -**Riley Benton** Dezirae Blekestad Matthew Heckman Cael Jaskulke **Kiana** Preston Jordan Slater **Emily Stauter** Amber Steen Martin County West High School-Sherburn -Annie Schafer Martin Luther High School-Northrop -**Joshua Bergt** Emma Bolen Michaelah Petrowiak Caleb Schultz Fairmont Area High School-Fairmont -Madysen Allen Eden Becker Seth Becker Mckayla Byers Karalyn Closs **Emily Hagen** Dakota Hoefker Audrianna Lewison Rebecca Lunn Skyeli Malo Bryn Miller Janessa Nelson Noah Nelson Hannah Neusch Faith Olson Abbigail Peterson Jacalyn Reischl William Saari Maddy Schwieger Kaitlyn Scott Tabitha Thatcher Annika Wheeler Ty Wintheiser

Fairmont High School Trap Team results

Fairmont High School is partici pating in the High School League Shooting Trap league this spring. We have 49 Stu dents signed up for our team. Wednesdav evening, we completed our Reserve week shooting. These scores are held and are used only if we need to miss a regular shooting week due to weather. These are the tor 20 shooters from Wednesday eve ning, April 14th.

We will be shooting competition for the next 5 weeks. We shoot at our home club so there is no travel. We compete virtually through the league and are part of a conference with teams that are of similar size as ours.

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Genesis Academy third quarter honor roll **HEADMASTER'S LIST**

3rd grade: Makenna Krause

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5th grade: Cecilia Holland, Avery Krause, Molly Murphey, Emily Stensland, Liberty Walker

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9th grade: Wesley Meyer **A HONOR ROLL** 4th grade: Ryley Petersen 6th grade: Ariel Sahr 8th grade: Emma Lawrence, Abigail Murphrey 9th grade: Carter Gunzenhauser, Levi James **BHONOR ROLL** 4th grade: Josiah Slater 5th grade: Tanner Ertman, Andrew Hebert 7th grade: Logan Tungland 8th grade: Aiden Mur-

phey, Lindsey Rose 9th grade: Makhenna

Hill, Elijah Slater

FHS Robotics team completes 13th season

High School Robotics courses, programming Team Megahertz recently completed its thirteenth season after competing in the virtual competition, The **INFINITE RECHARGE At** Home Challenge on April 8th, in a field of 29 teams.

Team members took part in CAD (computer aided design), programming and repair of last season's robot and adaptation of field elements in order to complete the competition's challenges. Much of this work was accomplished via Zoom meetings.

Eight challenges were completed by the team. The challenges consisted of a team member driving several prescribed the robot to self-drive the same courses, and scoring as many balls as possible into a ten-foot high goal in under a minute. Videos of the robot completing these courses were submitted to the FIRST organization for scoring. (Videos can be viewed on the Fairmont Robotics Facebook page.)

Team Megahertz finished in eleventh place overall in the tournament and had the fourth highest scores in the autonomous (self-driving) category.

Minnesota teams competing were from the cities of Arden Hills, St. Paul, Chaska participants included teams from Holland, MI, Vail, AZ, San Diego, CA, 100 Mile House, British Columbia, Sweeny, TX, Grayson, GA, and Hollywood, FL, and as far away as Basaksehir, Istanbul, and Mazar e Sharif, Balkh. All teams competed virtually by submitting videos of their robots performing the challenges.

Team members showed their resilience and flexibility in adapting to the new rules for this season like no other. The robotics team hopes

and Cold Spring. Other to attend an off-season, in-person competition this summer or fall.

> The team consists of Connor Artner, Gibson Berg, Ethan Grunewald, Ameya Komaragiri, Skye-Li Malo, and Parker Vetter (seniors), Hannah Botzet and Alyssa Lutz (juniors), Aiden Nelson, Aiden Thomas, and Noah Vetter (sophomores) and Alex Kasting, Matthew Malo, and Isaac Sheard (freshmen).

Megahertz team mentors are Sam Viesselman, Logan Kahler, Robert Malo, Mike Sukalski and Cindy Viesselman.





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Be Conscious of Your Investment Environment

n April 22, we Oobserve Earth Day, an occasion that has inspired millions of people over the decades to take steps to clean up our world. Of course, your physical surroundings are important, but you also operate in other "ecosystems" - social, cultural and political. And you'll need to consider your investment environment, too. How can you improve it?

Here are a few suggestions:

•Avoid "toxic" instrategies. vestment The dangers of pollution helped drive the As an investor, you also need to watch out for "toxins" – particularly in the form of unhealthy investment techniques. example, chas-For ing after "hot" stocks can burn you. In the first place, by the time you've heard of them, they may already be cooling off. Second, and probably more important, these hot stocks just may be wrong for the investment mix that's appropriate for vour needs. Another toxic investment strategy: trying to "time" the market by "buying low and selling high." No one can really predict when market highs and lows will occur, and if you're always jumping

creation of Earth Day. in and out of the investwaste time and effort not to mention money. Instead of looking for today's hottest stocks market is heading, try of the environmento create and follow a tal movement. At first, long-term investment though, you might not strategy based on your think the concept of regoals, risk tolerance and cycling could apply to time horizon.

> •Reduce From an environmen- may receive dividends, tal standpoint, the less and, like many people, waste and garbage we you may choose to auproduce, the better it tomatically is for our planet. As an those dividends back investor, can you find into the stocks or funds. "wasteful" elements in So, in a sense, you are your portfolio? It's pos- indeed "recycling" your sible that you own some dividend investments that may to boost your ownerbe redundant - that is, ship stakes - without they are virtually indis- expending additional

tinguishable from others you may have. Also, some investments, due to their risk profile or performance. no longer may be suitable for your needs. In either case redundancy or unsuitability - you might be better off selling the investments and using the ment world, you'll likely proceeds to purchase others that can be more helpful

•Recycle wisely. Reor guessing where the cycling is a major part investing. But consider this: If you own stocks waste. or mutual funds, you reinvest payments

resources. And, in fact, this can be quite an effective and efficient way to increase your wealth over time.

•Plant some "trees." Planting trees has always been a key activity among boosters of the environment – with the recognition that their efforts will take years, or even decades, to reach fruition. When you invest, you must sometimes start small. By purchasing a limited amount of an investment and nurturing it over the years by adding more shares, you may one day have achieved

significant growth. (Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees - variable investments such as stocks can lose principal.)

By making these and other moves, you can create a healthy investment environment one that can help you achieve your long-term goals.

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From Where I Sit Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

I was trying to write a story, but it wasn't coming easy – I just wasn't into it and didn't feel like finishing this story this week. I pulled up another story I had already started. I had a good idea what it should be, but again, the words just weren't there, and to force

the storvline would do it no justice. There was too much tension and turmoil inside of me, and I couldn't focus. I wanted to go for a drive to clear my head, but my story has to be submitted on Monday to the newspapers that print it.

My van is set up for writ- would have something in

ing when I travel, so I decided to take off in it for a while. Maybe something would come to me on the road. I drove about twenty miles and pulled off Highway 61 into a familiar wayside that

overlooks Lake Superior. I opened my laptop and began writing yet a third story for today. So many thoughts were running through my mind - I couldn't focus. I got a text from one of the publishers, "Do you have an ETA for your column?" I told him I

thirty minutes - but what? I looked out the window over Lake Superior and thought:

From where I sit, I can see the lake. Her water changes colors daily, sometimes multiple times. The lake is a dreary shade of grey today. At the horizon, it blends into a similar grey, the overcast sky. The water is choppy with whitecaps. Waves are coming in, breaking a substantial distance from the shore. "She's a little rough today."

From where I sit, I could see Split Rock Light House.

Her tan bricks didn't show their usual bright luster against the background.

I could see a faint silhouette of an iron ore boat far out on the lake. I wondered if the Captain and crew felt the rough waters the same way a smaller vessel would. A fishing boat or a pleasure boat would certainly get tossed and bounced about in those waves. I suppose that's why there were no other boats on the lake today. Of course, the ship had to be there despite the rough sea - it's their job.

It's just a dismal day - not even the pine trees seemed excited about this day. The ravens and seagulls weren't out flying. I sat and listened to the rain falling on the tin roof of my van. That sound is always soothing. I closed my eyes and saw a vision of another time.

From where I sit, I could imagine...

...blue waters...sunny skies...excited children...

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

FLUORESCENT LAMP AND BALLAST YCLIN

Thursday, May 6 • Thursday, October 7, 2021 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - In Tractor Supply Parking Lot 1215 N. State St. Fairmont

• It is against the law to dispose of fluorescent bulbs and ballasts with regular garbage. • This recycling event is for businesses and residents of Martin County or Faribault County

• NO PREREGISTRATION IS NEEDED!

• There is a charge for disposal of bubls and ballasts.

Charges must be paid the day of event. No billing.

• Fluorescent lamps contain mercury and are considered a hazardous waste product.

• When transporting the lamps, be careful not to break them.

Prices:

Straight	Fluorescent	Lamps
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4' and under	\$.50 each
Over 4'	\$.90 each
High Intensity Discharge Lamps (HID)	\$5 each
For specific price information call Retrofit Recyc	

Notice: Fairmont Public Utilities Customers are eligible for total reimbursement for bulb recycling costs. When dropping bulbs off for recycling, ask for a rebate coupon, keep your receipt and turn both in to Fairmont Public Utilities for reimbursement of recycling costs.

This event is being sponsored by Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, Prairieland Solid Waste Management, Fairmont Public Utilities and Martin County Solid Waste Funds. Questions: Billeye Rabbe, Martin & Faribault County Solid Waste Coordinator, 776-3232

Federated's Operation Round Up recipients

The Federated Rural Electric Trust, Jackson, recognized local organizations receiving \$35,437 through Operation Round Up. These donations occur due to monthly contributions by participating Federated members. Twenty-nine groups received money in this 53rd round of funding including the following in our circulation area:

ORGANIZATION, **AMOUNT, PURPOSE**

Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont \$400: Replace two mannequins to display historical clothing

Heritage Acres, Fairmont \$600: Hire blacksmith for August threshing and October harvest events

Minnesota West, Jack-\$700: Scholarson ship for Jackson or Martin County lineman or electrician student

\$800: Funds toward Adopt-A-Lamb program to increase participation for those who cannot afford it

Northrop Volunteer Fire Dept. \$1,000: Toward new firefighter boots for whole department

Alpha Fire Department \$1,200: Buy water softener to extend life of washer extractor and turnout gear

Martin County West Educa-Community tion, Sherburn \$1,552: Buy catcher/umpire gear, batting helmets w/face masks and bats

Trimont Fire Relief \$2,500: Toward self-contained breathing apparatus and turnout gear

Fairmont High School Robotics \$2,500: 3D printer, laptop, 2 electric drills, plate shear and hand tools The Trust Board re-

Martin County 4-H ceived 29 applications totaling \$40,947 in this 53rd round of funding. The Trust Board will meet again in the fall to determine the next round of funding. The deadline for submitting applications is September 17. About 78 percent of

Federated Rural Electric members participate in Operation Round Up. They allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, a bill of \$55.75 is rounded up to \$56. The extra cents go to a special trust fund, which is administered by an independent trust board that consists of seven Federated members. Since the first round of funding in 1995. more than \$810.000 has been awarded to local organizations and as high school scholarships. "Operation Round Up

MARK YOUR CALENDSARS Fairmont's Spring City Wide Sales

Thursday, May 6th • Friday, May 7th • Saturday, May 8th

If you would like to advertise your sale in the Photo Press please submit your information by Friday at 12pm

Email: frontdesk@fairmontphotopress.com

1338 HOLLAND:

Thursday 6pm-8pm, Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-2pm. Name brand clothing, purses, shoes, toys, games, DVD/CD/vinyl's. 5-in-1 crib and mattress, household items.

805 HOME ST, FAIRMONT.

Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 9am-4pm. Home décor, "kitchen items", tv stand, baby girl clothes 6 months-3T, baby-toddler toys, outdoor chairs and table, misc.

2123 KNOLLWOOD-KRUMHOLZ'S.

Friday only 10am-6pm. Clothes, shoes, coats, household, exercise bike, leather couch, snow blower, lawn mower, bikes, books, lawn mower cart, chainsaw.

908 LAKE AVE.

STOP OUT. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 8am-5pm. Harley jackets, couch, 2 high top table & chairs, Halo bassinet, chandelier, Farmhouse décor, clothing: infant to adult. stroller and much more.

402 NORTH VALLEY VIEW COURT -COLE'S.

Thursday, 2pm-6pm, Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-noon. Antiques, cabin household, crafts, oak shelves, pictures, linens, purses, jewelry, womens.

180 W. BELLE VUE.

Thursday 4pm-7pm, Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 8am-11am. Girls sizes 6-14, teen and women's clothing, UA, Justice, Maurices: all in new condition. Scentsy, Thirty-One, American Girl Doll, jewelry and more. Saturday everything is 1/2 off.



HELP

CER Co-Ed Sand Volleyball, Softball Leagues

The Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Co-Ed Summer Sand Volleyball League will begin play on Thursday, June 10. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday evening through mid-August. Team registration fee is \$159. Teams should register at the CER Office by May 17th to avoid late fee. If you have any concerns or questions or would like a copy of the rules, please contact the CER Office directly at 507-235-3141.

Team registrations may be made online with Mastercard/VISA www.fairmont.k12. at mn.us. Choose CER webstore and the Activity Registration. Registrations may also be mailed to Fairmont CER, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 or brought in to the CER Office located in the Fairmont Elementary School (enter through Door 15A located on the south side of the school) or by phone (507-235-3141.)

Summer Co-Ed **Softball League Begins May 12**

The Summer Adult Co-Ed Softball League is being organized to begin play on Wednesday, May 12, at Winnebago Avenue Sports Complex in Fairmont.. Team Registration Fee is \$425. Teams should register at the CER Office by May 7 to avoid late fee. Team registrations may be made online with Mastercard/ VISA at www.fairmont. k12.mn.us. Choose CER webstore and the Activity Registration. Registrations may also be mailed to Fairmont CER, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 or brought in to the CER Office located in the Fairmont Elementary School (enter through Door 15A located on the south side of the school) or by phone (507-235-3141.)

PhotoPress Classifieds

7 Help Wanted

Need good quality, dependable cleaning help. at my home. Call Gail at 507-235-6818.17-tfn-7

10 Apartments For Rent

KRUEGER REALTY: one or two bedrooms, some with heat provided. Garbage, water, onsite laundry. EHO. Call Krueger Realty at 507-235-9060. 17-tfn-10

12 Other Rentals

For Rent or custom feed available September 1: Three - 1,000 head wean to finish hog barns north of Fairmont, next to a blacktop a mile north of I-90. Cell: 507-848-1765 Ask for Glen 17-3tfn-12

28 Rummage & **Garage Sales**

In Welcome: 5 Party **Rummage Sale on Circle** Dr. Follow the signs. April 30th and May 1st. 9 am til whenever. 17-1tfn-28.

28 Rummage & **Garage Sales**

Multi Party sale. 1225 N. Orient. Friday & Saturday 10am-3pm. Women & teen clothing, double portable ice shack, decor & more. Priced to sell!! 17-1tf-28

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2007 Harley Davidson Road King. Black, 96 CI. 6 Spd, cruise control, 4,296 miles. All original,





Registered Nurse (RN)

Windom Area Health is seeking a RN (.7 FTE), who will provide patient care in our inpatient, OB, and ER departments. May occasionally provide support to outpatients as well. Experience preferred, but will train qualified applicants. Upcoming graduates welcome to apply. Position includes working 12-hour shifts every third weekend and holiday, as well as 8-hour day, evening and night rotating shifts. Candidates can expect a wage of \$33.75 or higher, based on experience.

> Applications are available at the front desk of the hospital or online at: www.windomareahealth.org



Human Resources Windom Area Health P.O. Box 339 • Windom, MN 56101 employment@windomareahealth.org

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UPCOMING AUCTION

Friday, April 16th, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.-FRANCIS & LAVONNE FETT ESTATE-80 Acres of Farmland & Building Site in Section 8 of Christiana Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at bldg site at 50914 920th Street, Windom, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.-PEGGY SILKER-Bare Farmland Auction Acres +/- in Sec 7 of Fairmont Twp., Martin Co., MN & 162.64 Acres +/- in Sec 35 of Westford Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fairmont. Hartung, Kahlers & Wedel



!!New Restaurant in Blue Earth!!

PAT AND THE LATE CURTIS JONES SATURDAY MAY 8TH, 10:00 A.M. 43637 ST. HWY 15, TRUMAN MN

PICKUP, CARS, TRACTOR, MOWERS, JET SKI, AND LARGE ITEMS: '97 Chevrolet 2500 (6.5L diesel, 93,683 miles, 4x4, Regular Cab); '05 Chevy Equinox (133,366 miles), '92 Pontiac Firebird (Yellow), John Deere 4110 w/ 410 Loader (822 hours, 60" deck, Hydro); Fron-tier Three Point Back Biade (60'); John Deere 997 Zero Turn Mower (Diesel, 843 Hours, 72" deck), John Deere 425 (607 hours, 60" deck, gas); John Deere 112 (with Tiller), Snapper Riding Lawn Mower; John Deere 48" Snowblower (for lawn tractor); JD MC 519 Bagger Cart; '10 Yamaha VX Cruiser (137 hours, 4 stroke), Polaris Sport Snowmobile; Harley Davidson Golf Carte (Carte Concerner) Carbon Deere Participation Deere Participation Carbon Deere Participation Participation Carbon Deere Participation Carbon Deere Participation (Carts (Several Gas, One Running): Craftsman Snowblower (linke new, 9HP, 28"), Eroca Pon-toon (Johnson Outboard); Larson Fiberglass Boat; Bob Sled Gear; Wooden Wheel Running

Gear, Hydraulic Log Splitter; more.... GARAGE, SHOP, OUTDOOR, AND ACREAGE ITEMS: Torch and Tanks on Cart; Crafts-

IT Support Technician

Windom Area Health is seeking a full-time IT Support Technician. Responsibilities include computer and hardware set-up and maintenance, software updates troubleshooting, addressing staff inquiries and submitting access requests. Will perform basic network functions, as well as configuring and maintaining phone server and devices. High school diploma required. Computer and networking skills required. Additional training/education in an IT field highly preferred. Experience in healthcare IT highly desirable.

> Applications are available at the front desk of the hospital or online at:

www.windomareahealth.org



Human Resources Windom Area Health P.O. Box 339 Windom, MN 56101 employment@ windomareahealth.org

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man Stacking Toolbox; Hoor Jack; Parts Washer; Metal Carts; Assorted Step and Extension Ladders; Shop Vac; Simpson Pressure Washer; Roll Around Air Compressor; Milwaukee Saw-zall; Lincoln Electric Greaser; Bench Grinder; Jacks; Come-a-long; Drill Press; Clamps Pallet Jacks; Workbench; Wheelbarrow; Generator; DeWalt and Stihl Weedeaters; DeWalt Chain Saw; Remington Pole Saw; Lawn Ornaments; Garden Tools; Push Sickle Mower; Lawn Cart; CB Radios (New Cobras); Peterbilt Passenger Seat; Lenses and Other Semi Parts; Hitches; Chicken Eeders: Lawn Chairs; Source Carts; Pound Bale Eeder; Pub. Chicken Feeders; Lawn Chairs; Squirrel Cage Fans; Barrel Carts; Round Bale Feeder; Rub-bermaid Tank; Saddles (Hereford and Others); more....

ANTIQUES AND COLLECITABLES: Large Antique Trunk; Log Cabin Dollhouse; Coca Cola Mirror; Goat Cart; Leaded Glass Windows; Carromboard; Typewriter; Old School house desks; Apple Picker; Rug Beater; Wooden Boxes; Five Gallon Redwing Jug; Galvanized Mop Bucket; Pool Table (needs work); Military Helmet (WWI?); Corn Dryers; Enamel Bed Pans; Bird Cages; 8mm Camera; Spice Tins; Koch's Barber Chair; Toys; Tobaoggan; Sleds; Water Cans; Dr. Pepper and Pepsi Chest Coolers; Coke Machine; Window Weights; Single Horse Harness; Egg Baskets; Barn Sashes; Old Local Maps; Cupello; Several Old Bikes; Cream Separator; nce; Nevco Scoreboard (Old Truman Auditorium); Cream Cans; Wash Tubs; Longaberge

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Frigidaire Upright Freezer; Modern Leather Couch; Leather Chair; Leather Ottoman; Potato Bin; Dining Room Table and Chairs; Rocking Chairs (Some Gliders) Contracts, Social Contract, Social Contracts, Social Contracts, Social Chairs, Social Chairs, Social Contracts, Contracts more

NOTE: Pat is moving to town and needs to downsize. Most of the furnishings are nice and modern There is a fairly large number of antiques. This is a partial listing for a large auction. There will be online bidding on the Large and Major Items.

TERMS FOR ONSITE BIDDERS: Cash, Good Check, or Credit Card (3.5% fee), day of auction. All items sold As IsWhere Is Without warranty expressed or Implied. Announcements Day of Sale and on website take precedence over printed material.

Thursday, August 12, 2021 @ 6:30 PM-HATCH FAMILY-320 Acres +/- of Farmland, Pasture & Building Site located in Section 13 & 24 of Galena Twp., Martin Co., MN. Auction to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fairmont, MN. More details coming soon! Hartung, Kahlers & Wedel





WARRANTY DEEDS

Brian A. Lindh, Kelsey Lindh to Deanna L. Woodring, Jack W. Woodring, Lot 1, Block 1, Westwoods Addn. Deborah Ferry, Randle G. Ferry to Tyler Corbin Harder, Bobbi

Jo Sandberg, Lot 7, Block 1, Woodland Avenue Subd. Cody R. Olson to Clark W. Diel, Lot 2, Block 4, North Side

Addn. Kirk S. Vogt, Mylakay Vogt to Robert Toomer, Tonia Toomer,

Lot 7, Block 2, Hamlet Addn. Brian Arthur Kiehl, Teresa Ann Kiehl to Marin Mack Gipson,

Fairmont council sells senior building, improvement bonds

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

At its regular meeting on repayment. Monday, April 26, the Fairmont City Council moved ahead with the sale of the Senior Citizens Building and bond sales to finance a new Public Works Building and this year's street improvement program. The council also heard a positive first quarter report on community development.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of the Senior Citizens Building at 414 Downtown Plaza to Joseph Reimann for the intended use of a brewery was approved by unanimous vote. The purchase agreement indicated that the sale price was \$20,000.

With the senior building no longer available, beginning May 3, the Senior Place will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in Room 127 in the SMEC building. Located in the northeast corner of the building, the Senior Place will offer a site for senior citizens to socialize, have coffee, play cards or board games and enjoy other activities throughout the day.

Jessica Green of Northland Securities told the council about what she called "two very successful" bond sales held earlier that day. Piper of Minneapolis won both bids, and Green said Piper was very aggres-

Linsey Preuss, city economic development coordinator, gave the council a community development report for the first quarter of the year. This is a new approach to publicize the improvements within the community, and Preuss plans to update the council in each subsequent quarter

of the year. The city issued 68 residential building permits during the first three months of this year, compared to 36 during the same period in 2020. Commercial building permits totaled \$1.3 million, which was down from 2020 when \$3.1 million in permits was registered.

Preuss reported that she has been contacted by 22 new entrepreneurs so far this year as well as numerous existing businesses. This is well above pre-COV-ID numbers.

City Administrator Cathy Reynolds introduced a table of restructured licensing fees charged by the city, the first time the fees had been changed since 1991, 30 years ago. Adjusting the fees brought the city to a comparable level with similar sized communities but still kept fees at the lower end.

Intoxicating liquor licenses increased from \$2,250 to \$2,500, but Sunday liquor and club licenses remained unchanged at \$200 and \$300, respectively. The biggest increases were on-sale 3.2 percent beer licenses, from \$137.50 to \$200, off-sale 3.2 beer licenses, from \$37.50 to \$100, consumption and display (set up) licenses from \$37.50 to \$100, and tobacco licenses from \$25 to \$150. Reynolds noted that none of the increases would go into effect until the 2022 licensing period. During staff reports, Troy Nemmers, city engineer/ public works director, said

that utility work on Fairlakes Avenue has begun, and Woodland Avenue would be closing in the next couple of weeks as work continues southward toward the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center.

Nemmers also noted that work on the new Public Works Building should be starting this week, and a groundbreaking for the project will be scheduled at a later date.

Preparation is underway to open the city's parks for the season, and a few should be open by this weekend.

The Fairmont Aquatic Park will open for the season on June 4, according to Paul Hoye, city finance director. Currently, 48 lifeguards have been hired, but about twice that many are needed so people are encouraged to apply.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a taxi license for Crystal Gruber of 1000 E. First St., pending a satisfactory background check. Gruber plans to operate one vehicle as a taxi with a \$5 flat rate for a one-way ride in the city. She also will offer out-of-town rates.

- Set an Arbor Day program for 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Richard S. Bradley Park, formerly known as Memory Park, between Shoreacres Drive and the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. The program is open to the public.

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Lot 5, Block 1, Wollastons Addn. & Ext. Bonnie J. Walser to Nita Borchardt, Eric Ludacer, Pt. Lot 9, Block 19, Original Plat of Fairmont

Aurelia Macias Martinez, Elias Martinez to Karina Yega Ramirez, Karina Yega Ramirez, E.75' Lots 9 and 10, Block 23, Original Plat of Fairmont

Donna Marie Kuehl, Ronald W. Kuehl to David J. Nelson, Pt. SW1/4SW1/4, 23-104-32

Erika Chirpich, Scott Chirpich to Oksana Schrunk, Robert Schrunk III, Pt. Lot 13, Block 1, Amber Heights Addn.

Clayton Mitchell to Traci M. Dalton, Traci M. Mitchell, Pt. Lot 10, Block 2, Gambles Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Brenda L. Fellersen, Michael J. Fellersen to Brenda L. Fellersen, Lot 1, Block 2, Struss Addn.

City of Fairmont to Sarah L. Wayman, Lot 4, Block 9, Ext. to Gambles Addn.

City of Fairmont to Nicholas J. Harris, Lot 10, Block 10, Lake George Addn.

City of Fairmont to James P. Andringa, Laurie A. Andringa, Lot 13, block 1, Stokes Addn.

City of Fairmont to Carol J. Sukalski, Gregory A. Sukalski, Lot 2, Block 3, Wards Addn.

City of Fairmont to Nicholas J. Harris, Pt. NW1/4, 8-102-30

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Christopher P. Kruschke, Eric J. Kruschke, Hans N. Jorgensen and Audra V. Jorgensen Irrevocable Trust to Christopher P. Kruschke, Eric J. Kruschke, E½SE¼ 7-101-31, Pt. Govt. Lots 4 and 5, SW1/4, 8-101-31

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF MARTIN** DISTRICT COURT **FIFTH JUDICIAL** DISTRICT **COURT FILE NO.:** 46-PR-21-196

AMENDED NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Russell L. Mileham, Decedent

Due to Supreme Court Order ADM20-8001, It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 25th, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., the above matter will come before this Court, located at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, for administrative review, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Debra K. Koep, whose address is 2207 State Highway 29 North, Alexandria, MN, 56308, and Timothy C. Mileham, whose address is 2661 200th Street, Granada, MN, 56039, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. The hearing will be held remotely via Zoom. Contact Court Administration for instructions on how 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, in-cluding 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 bluffs. that, subject to Minn. Stat. § DO NOT: 524.3-801, all creditors hav- Clear-cut (remove all) trees. Ridding the area of all trees reing claims against the decedent's estate are required to n properties present the claims to the sonal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or runoff and further erode the bluff or bank. the claims will be barred. Dated: 04/23/2021 the lake. By the Court absorption, gravel is especially vulnerable to erosion. Michael D. Trushenski Judge of District Court Sunde, Olson, Kircher & Zender Zachary R. Strom or loss of your shoreline, or even your neighbors'. MN# 0396136 108 Armstrong Blvd. South PO Box 506, St. James, MN 56081 Telephone: 507-375-3352 questions Facsimilie: 507-375-4483 email:zstrom@sundeolson.com Tyler Cowing, Engineering office – 507-238-3948 Published in the Fairmont Photo Press April 28 and May 05, 2021

MARTIN COUNTY, MN **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS** Martin County Human Resource Building Roof Řeplacement Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Martin County, MN is accepting bids for the Martin County Human Resource Building Roof Replacement project. Bids shall be submitted upon the form provided at the mandatory pre-bid meeting held May 13th, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Martin County Human Resource Building, 115 West 1st Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope no later than 1:00 P.M., May 27th, 2021. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

Bids shall be delivered via mail or in person to:

Martin County Courthouse County Coordinator's Office Room #100 201 Lake Avenue Fairmont, MN 56031

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check from a solvent bank in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security that if awarded the work, the bidder will sign a contract.

All Contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference to inspect the job site and to ensure comprehension of the specifications. Specifications shall be distributed at the time of the pre-bid meeting. Contractors who do not attend the pre-bid conference shall be disqualified from bidding. Please contact Brian Murrell at (651) 666-0901 to reserve a copy of the specifications.

Martin County, MN reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities or irregularities and enter into such contract or contracts as deemed in the best interests of Martin County.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2021

By Order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners

By /s/ Scott Higgins County Coordinator Martin County, Minnesota

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Protect your lakeshore and keep it legal Seek appropriate permits before taking action to prevent or correct bluff and bank erosion

Fairmont-area lakeshore owners are reminded to follow Fairmont's Shoreland Ordinance and city permitting processes before taking action on bluff stabilization.

"Bluff and bank erosion have been a problem for many owners that have steep lakeshore property," said Fairmont City Engineer Troy Nemmers. "However, the best of intentions can still harm the lake and the wildlife that lives in and around it, and that's why we're urging lakeshore owners to respect the City of Fairmont's permitting process.

Shoreline stabilization projects such as riprap or sand may not be appropriate in all instances and can negatively impact water quality, populations of fish and wildlife and in some cases, exacerbate bluff erosion

"Keeping the shoreline in a natural state is ideal for the resource," said DNR area hydrologist Dan Girolamo. "It can protect shorelines from wave action and improve water absorption instead of running off and causing erosion.

While direct aid or assistance is not available from the DNR, Girolamo has some tips to help maintain lake shorelines and

moves soil-stabilizing root systems and important water ab-· Landscape the yard right up to the edge, which can promote • Irrigate the lawn near the edge. Saturated soils prevent further rainfall absorption, become heavy and can slough or fall into · Install landscaping rock or gravel to stabilize. Without rainfall "We realize that shoreline owners may be looking to take advantage of spring weather and this year's lower lake levels," said Nemmers. "However, it's important to protect our lakes and prevent creating any problems, whether it's a fine, damage Shoreline owners with questions or looking to perform work on their shorelines are urged to contact the City of Fairmont with Peter Bode, Planning and Zoning office - 507-238-3940 Published in the Fairmont Photo Press on April 21 and 28, 2021

sive in their bidding.

One bond sale for about \$3.3 million will be used for the 2021 street improvement program. These bonds will be repaid through property taxes and special assessments on abutting property owners.

The second bond sale for \$6.9 million is earmarked for construction of the new Public Works Building on Margaret Street. Two years ago, the city raised the levy to start setting aside funds for the building. With the low interest rate on the 30year bonds, this existing levy should be sufficient for

The next council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 10 and will be aired live on Fairmont Cable Channel 13.

Fairmont City Council meetings also can be viewed on the city's website, www.fairmont.org, under the "Citizens" tab or on Fairmont Cable Channel 13 at 2 and 10 a.m. and p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at 7 a.m. and p.m. on Wednesdays.

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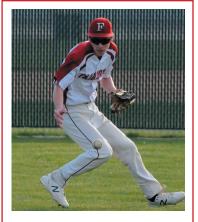


SWIPEN BASES – Waseca's Carson Helget steals second as Lincoln Becker awaits the throw while Card teammate Nate Soelter backs up the play. The Bluejays won game one 12-2 in the second game of a double header Monday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Fairmont's Speech State Class A Results

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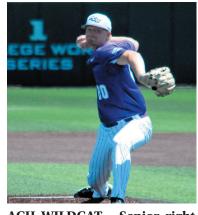
PLAY'N THE HOP – Card outfielder Landen Meyerdirk tracks down a Waseca base hit. The Cards lost to the Bluejays 15-3 in the first game of a double header Monday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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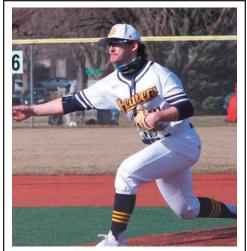
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ACU WILDCAT - Senior righthander Spencer Chirpich, former FHS alum, put together his best home start of the season Sunday afternoon at Crutch Field as the Abilene Christian University baseball team clinched a 4-game series win over the University of Incarnate Word with an 8-4 victory. Chirpich tossed 7 innings of three-run ball six-hit ball, recording seven strikeouts in the process. The seven punch-outs are a season-high as well, and the second highest of his career. Chirpich has a 4-3 record for the 22-17 Wildcats. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



PLAYER OF THE WEEK - Tyler Tennyson was named American Rivers **Conference Position Player of the** Week. Tennyson, former FHS alum, was the winning pitcher in the Buena Vista University's (11-16) game one 8-2 win vs #1-ranked Washington University-St. Louis last Saturday. Tennyson (5-2) went 7.1 innings, allowing 2 runs on 6 hits, and striking out 2. At the plate, he went 4-for-5 with a double and 3 RBI. In BVU's game two 3-2 win, Tennyson had 2 more hits (both doubles), a sacrifice bunt and 1 RBI. (Twitter photo)

