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## THE ANIMAL ESCAPADES OF INTERLAKEN PARK

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



In the early 1900s, Fairmont was the site of one of the finest resorts in the Midwest. That resort was known as Interlaken Park. It was the brainchild of Frank Wade, who in just three years transformed the land, which he purchased for \$175.00 an acre, into a recreational area that became an important feature of the local community.

Although most visited the park from southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, there were also many that came from the Minneapolis and St. Paul area, the Chicago area, and other parts of the Midwest. Admission to Interlaken Park was a mere 25 cents in those early years, and weekend crowds often were in the neighborhood of 4,000 visitors.

But, what about the animals? The Interlaken

Park Zoo featured many animals, including the escapades involving these creatures. The archives in the Pioneer Museum tell of some of the interesting events involving the animals, their escapes, and how the public at that time reacted to their antics.

One of the most notable was the "escaping seals" that first appeared in the park in 1918. The seals one day escaped from the zoo and were spotted at the Webster Street Pier swimming and sunning themselves. They became quite tame and onlookers could get as close as approximately twenty feet from them. Lenny Burton, zoo keeper, attempted to capture them as he was concerned that they would not survive winter. His attempts were futile, and the following spring, only the bull seal

survived through the winter. There was no record of what finally happened to that surviving seal.

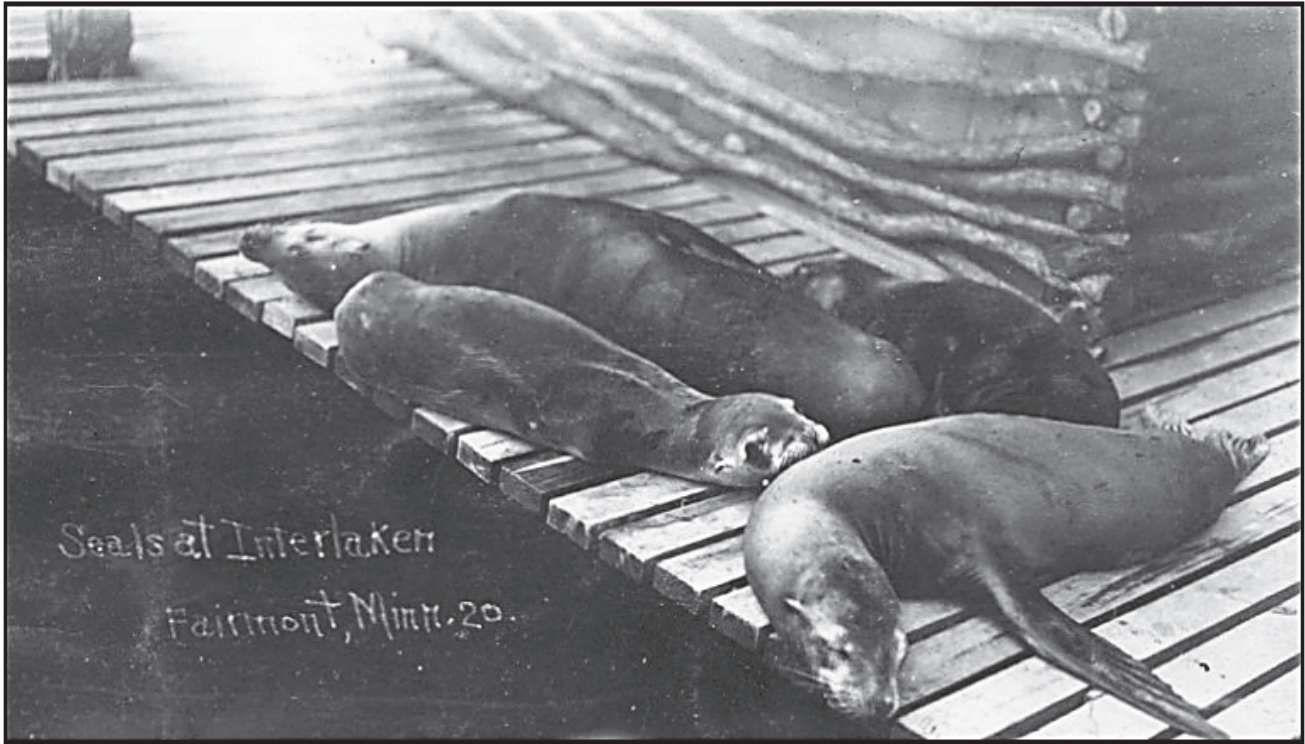
"Fierce Wild Animal

For Interlaken Zoo" read a newspaper headline from 1916. A wild boar from Texas was to be added to the Interlaken zoological

gardens. Upon being set loose in the park location housing it, the boar was said to be upset by park visitors and was "snapping its teeth, grunting

viciously, and raising the long sharp bristles on its razor back."

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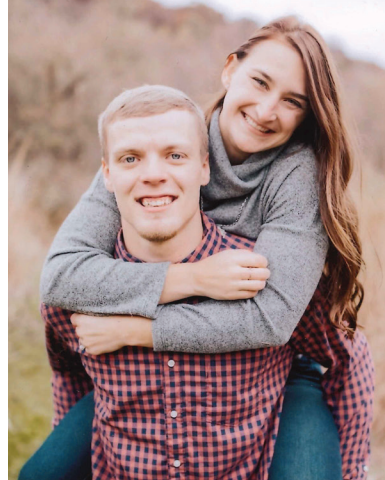
**VELMA CHRISTENSEN** will observe her 90th birthday on July 24th. Birthday wishes will reach her at Velma Christensen, 5054 Christian Ave. NE, Buffalo, MN 55313.



**SCHOMBERG-SANCHEZ** - Isabelle Schomberg and Isaac Sanchez of Duluth announce their upcoming marriage on July 14th on the shores of Lake Superior. Parents are Jesse and Spice Schomberg of Duluth and Nicole and Galicia Wilfredo of Worthington. Isabelle and Isaac are 2021 graduates of U of M Morris. On August 1st they will be in Bozeman, MT where Isaac will be going to MT State University graduate school for chemistry. Isabelle will be a para professional at Sacajawea Middle School in Bozeman, MT.

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**SHOEN-BITTING** - Kayley Shoen and Tyler Bitting of Dubuque, IA announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Don and Dawn Shoen of Truman and Eric and Colleen Dunlap of Hannibal, MO, and the late Jason Bitting. Kayley is a 2015 graduate of Martin Luther High School and a 2019 graduate of Wartburg College. She is employed as an Inventory Analyst for Klauer Manufacturing Co. in Dubuque, IA. Tyler is a 2016 graduate of Keokuk High School and a 2020 graduate of Wartburg College. He is currently pursuing his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is employed with Hormel Foods, in Dubuque, IA as a Maintenance Engineer. The couple will be married September 18, 2021 in Waverly, IA.



**Marriage License Applications**

Harlie Rose Grove and Brandon Tyler Countryman  
Hilary Rae Shelgren and Nathan Scott Nordstrom  
Darcy Lynn Ackerman and Anthony Gene Andringa

**Evelyn Burmeister** will celebrate her 102nd birthday on Saturday, July 17th. Cards will reach her at: 610 Summit Drive, Room 324, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**MARYANN YANKOVICH** celebrated her 96th birthday on July 12th, 2021. Greetings will reach her Mary Ann Yankovich, 1320 Riverside Land #200, Mendota Heights, MN 55118.



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Also, in June of 1916, a pair of 300 pound ostriches arrived at the zoo. They were purchased from an Ostrich Farm in Arizona for \$125.00 each. They were said to be about six feet tall and had a strong appetite. They were kept in a special pen built for them.

Then there was the escape of the Black Bear that roamed Interlaken for a full day in 1916 causing visitors to be quite concerned. Frank Wade made every effort to convince people that the bear was relatively "harmless," but had no idea as to how it could have possibly escaped from its cage. However, after a day of freedom, the bear made its way back to its cage, the door was opened, some fresh meat was thrown into the cage, and the bear casually and unceremoniously reentered the cage to be with its mate.

"Alligator Colony Added To List Of Interlaken Sights" read a newspaper headline from June of 1917. The colony consisted of nine alligators, the largest measuring five feet long. The story said that the "management doesn't exactly know what to do with them." Apparently, they were to be placed in one end of the seal tank so the public would be protected by the high walls. One might wonder what the seals thought of that arrangement.

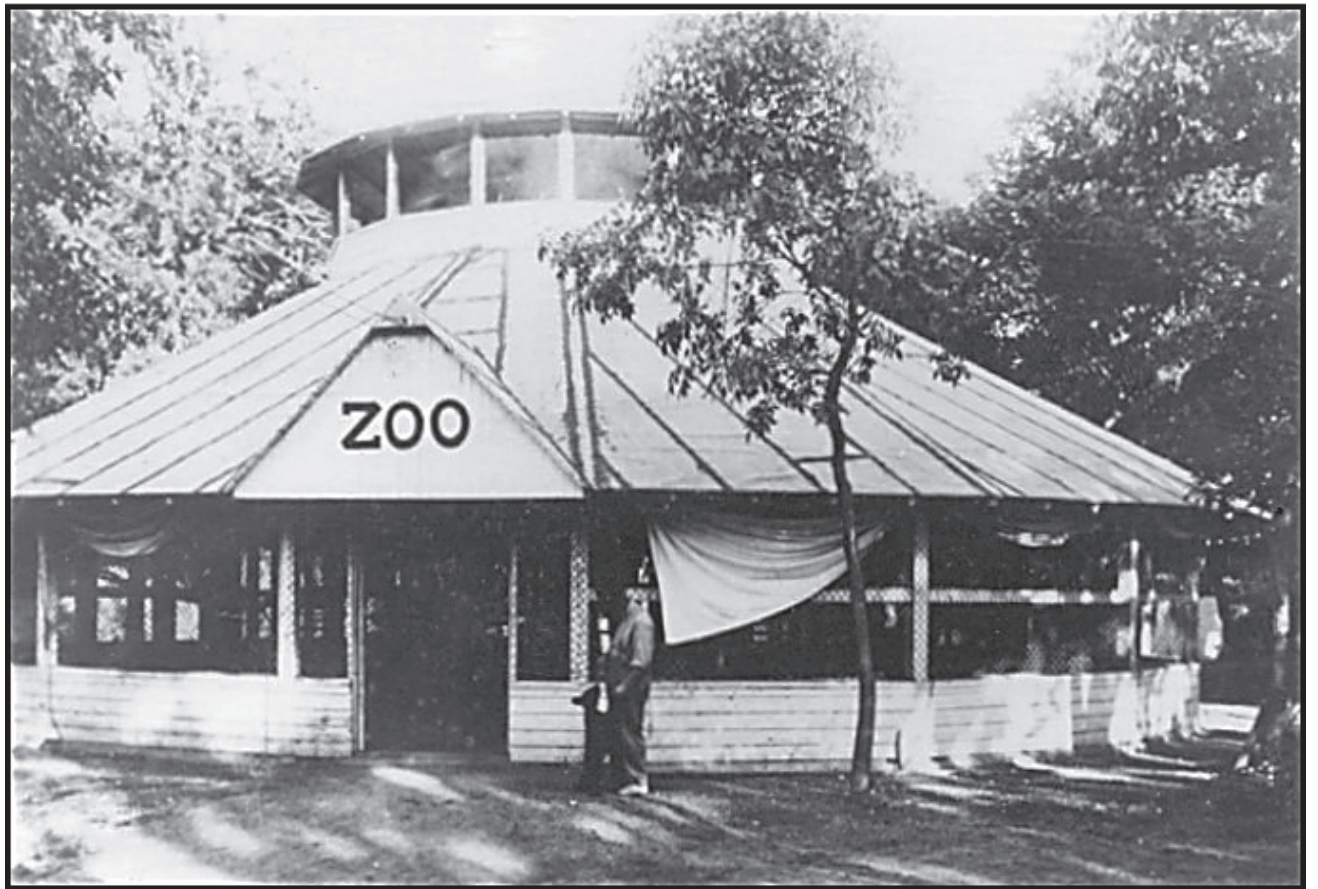
"Lion Arrives For Interlaken Zoo" read a headline from May of 1918. It went on to say "Anybody Who Wants the Job of Uncrating Him is Welcome to Apply." The lion was purchased by Frank Wade who happened to be out of town when the lion was delivered. The problem was to take the lion out of the delivery crate and place him in its cage. Harold Wade stated that his father was the animal man so it would be up to him to get that job done when he got back to town.

Then there was the story of Jackie, the lone monkey at the Interlaken Zoo. Visitors noticed that he sat on a small shelf several feet above the floor of the cage, he didn't react to visitors or peanuts thrown his way, and seemingly couldn't be made to move. Visitors thought that perhaps he was sick. However, it was discovered that his mate, at the bottom of the cage, was a skunk. Jackie probably thought "this roommate arrangement really stinks!"

Speaking of monkeys, a headline in 1928 read "Hunt Monkey In The Heart Of Fairmont." Apparently a monkey belonging to zookeeper Lenny Burton escaped from a cage at Burton's Restaurant. It went down North Avenue with an estimated fifty boys and men in pursuit. It stopped in the vicinity of the Congregational Church and went into a hole that had been made in the foundation. A man rigged up a wire and hook and was able to attach it to the monkey's collar. However, the monkey would have no part of it and vigorously shook the man's leg scaring him enough to drop the wire with the hook attached. Consequently, it appeared to be "monkey business as usual" as the monkey remained uncaptured and was seen living off the many fruits and other foods tossed in his direction in the vain attempts to capture him.

Interlaken Park, including the Interlaken Zoo, was a popular tourist attraction in the early 1900s. Its impact on Fairmont and Martin County was significant and worthy of recognition. The Pioneer Museum in Fairmont has many pictures and documents of interest relating to Interlaken Park from that bygone era.

For more information on this topic, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at [www.fairmont.org/mchs](http://www.fairmont.org/mchs).



## Lisa Rank joins Bank Midwest



Bank Midwest Market President Kevin Pfingsten has announced that Lisa Rank is now part of the Fairmont-based mortgage lending team. Lisa brings more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry to her position, 13 of which are in real

estate lending.

Her responsibilities in her new position include making construction loans, first and second mortgage loans, and home improvement loans through the Fix-Up Fund of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA).

## Fairmont FCA Junior Sports Camp

The 2021 Fairmont FCA Junior Sports Camp will be held July 15-16 at the Fairmont High School. The camp is open to boys and girls in who will be in grades 3-8 in the fall of 2021.

The Fairmont FCA Junior Sports Camp is a day camp for young athletes who want to develop their skills in sports and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The coaching staff will include some of the best

high school and coaches around.

Athletes will pick one sport to participate in each day of camp: Thursday, boys football, coed basketball, coed soccer, coed track.

Friday, boys football, girls volleyball, coed basketball, coed soccer, coed track.

Camp fee is \$45. Scholarships and family discounts are available. Register online at [minnesotafca.org/Fairmont-jsc](http://minnesotafca.org/Fairmont-jsc).

For more information contact local FCA leader Kevin Hugoson, [kevin@hugosonpork.com](mailto:kevin@hugosonpork.com) or 507-399-9159.





# Minnesota YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXPO

The second annual Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo (MYLE) was held this past weekend in Fairmont.

Show winners were crowned in MYLE Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat and Rabbit categories with a total of 1,425 entries from over 500 youth exhibitors for the MYLE Show. Some as far from Moorhead, MN

The Swine Show will be held July 17-19 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in Jackson. Nearly 200 youth with compete with over 800 swine exhibits at

the Jackson site. Swine Showmanship is on Saturday, July 17, the Breeding Gilt and Market Gilt Shows on Sunday, July 18, and the Market Barrow Show on Monday, July 19.

Saturday, July 17  
6 am - 3 pm Check-in, 6 pm (Tentative) Showmanship  
SHOWMANSHIP ORDER

Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior  
Sunday, July 18  
8 am Gilt Show  
GILT SHOW ORDER  
Purebred Breeding Gilt (Shown by age)

Crossbred Breeding Gilt (Shown by weight)  
Market Gilt (Show by weight)

Monday, July 19  
8 am Barrow Show  
BARROW SHOW ORDER

Purebred Barrows  
Crossbred Barrows  
Questions on the MYLE Shows or regarding MYLE sponsorships and donations can be directed to MYLE Show Coordinators Steve Pomerence (507-525-0986) or Kent Thiesse (507-381-7960).



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Ruby's Pantry distribution will be in Sherburn at Regional Worship Center on Monday, July 19th. We run from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This will be drive through. We ask that all your trunks be emptied out and that you make sure

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Another way to enjoy reading more is to try a different genre than you're used to, you might find you love it! Also,

try reading a children's or young adult book for something different. There are some great titles for younger readers that are fantastically fun for adults too! By keeping a list of books you'd like to read handy, and putting reading time on your schedule, you're sure to enjoy reading more. Visit our website at [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org) to get started finding your next great read!

## SPL 2nd quarter church endowment

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## HIDING WITHIN THE GRASS

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

Like magic they begin to appear  
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A round center of a black-like brown

Is it that they do not want to be noticed  
Is this why they are hiding within the grass  
Nestled within the thick cover  
Questioning how long their beauty will last

Flowers that grow within our restored prairie  
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Offering color of natural touch

Such is the reward of having such a prairie  
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When other kinds of flowers begin to blossom  
Even the birds sing with admiring song

Written by Darwin R. Anthony

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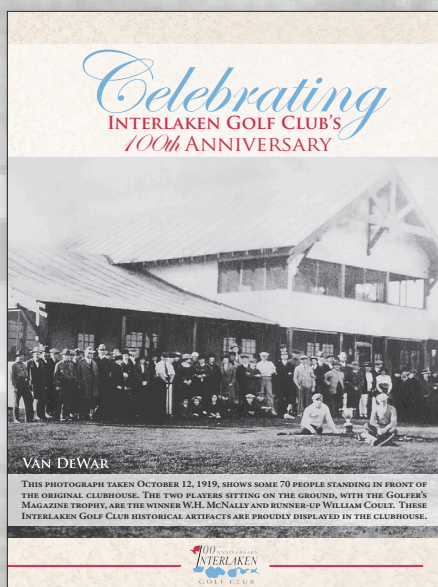
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# Ag Update:

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### JUNE 30 USDA ACREAGE REPORT SURPRISES GRAIN MARKETING ANALYSTS

The late June USDA Acreage Report is always highly anticipated, because it becomes the first “hard data” after the March USDA Plantings Intentions Report to give an indication of crop production levels for a given growing season. Many times, the June USDA Report can have a big impact on grain market trends, either upwards or downwards, and 2021 did not disappoint, with an initial highly positive market response for both corn and soybeans. Producers planted less acres of both corn and soybeans in 2021 than grain marketing analysts expected, according to the latest USDA Report on June 30. USDA surveyed more than 70,000 agricultural producers during the first two weeks of June to gather information for the June 30th USDA Report.

The biggest surprise in the June 30th USDA Acreage Report was the estimate of 92.7 million planted corn acres in the U.S. in 2021. This was an increase of over 1.5 million planted acres from the March USDA Planting Intentions Report and represented an increase of about 2 percent from the 2020 planted acres. The estimated 2021 corn acreage compares to 90.8 million acres in 2020, 89.7 million acres in 2019, 88.9 million acres in 2018, and 90.2 million acres in 2017. The 2021 acreage would be the fourth highest in the past ten years, trail-

ing only 97.3 million acres in 2012, 95.4 million acres in 2013, and 94 million acres in 2012. The USDA estimate for 2021 U.S. corn acreage was over 1 million acres lower than the pre-report average grain trade estimates, which resulted in a significant price rise for corn futures prices on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) on June 30.

The June 30th USDA Report estimated that 87.6 million acres of soybean acres will be planted in 2021 across the U.S., which is exactly the same as the March 1st USDA acreage estimate. The 2021 U.S. soybean acreage projection does represent an increase of 5 percent or 4.5 million acres from the 2020 planted acres. The estimated 2021 U.S. soybean acreage compares to 83.1 million acres in 2020, 76.1 million acres in 2019, 89.2 million acres in 2018, and 90.2 million acres in 2017, which was a record for U.S. soybean acreage. The USDA projection was below the average pre-report grain trade estimate by 1 million acres and was lower than even the lowest projection by grain marketing experts. Soybean prices on the CBOT were up nearly 90 cents per bushel on June 30, immediately after the USDA Report was released.

Based on the June 30th Report, 2021 corn acreage is expected to increase in 15 of the 41 reporting States, to decline in 17 States, and stay the same in 6 States, as compared to 2020 acreage. The biggest percentage increases in 2021 corn acreage from

last year in the upper Midwest were increases of 85 percent in North Dakota, 21 percent in South Dakota, and 6 percent in Minnesota. The combined 2021 corn acreage for North and South Dakota is estimated at 9.6 million acres, which is only surpassed by Iowa at 13.1 million acres, Illinois at 11.2 million acres, and Nebraska at 9.7 million acres. The three largest corn acreage States are all expected to have lower acreage in 2021 than 2020, with a decline of 5 percent in Nebraska, 4 percent in Iowa, and 1 percent in Illinois. Corn acreage in Minnesota is projected at 8.5 million acres, with Wisconsin projected at 3.9 million acres.

The 2020 soybean acreage is expected to increase or remain steady in 25 of the 26 major soybean producing States, as compared to 2020 acreage levels, with only Kansas showing a 3 percent year-to-year decline in soybean acreage. The biggest increases in the estimated 2021 soybean acreage compared to 2020 acres are increases in Georgia at 30 percent, Texas at 29 percent and South Carolina at 26 percent; however, these States combined only account for 675,000 soybean acres. North Dakota is estimated to have 7.2 million soybean acres in 2021, which represents an increase of 25 percent above the 2020 acreage. North Dakota now ranks fourth in total soybean acreage, trailing only Illinois at 10.7 million acres, Iowa at 9.9 million acres, and Minnesota at 7.7 million acres. Other 2021 soybean acreage

estimates are Indiana at 5.7 million acres, South Dakota at 5.5 million acres, Nebraska at 5.4 million acres, Ohio at 4.9 million acres, and Wisconsin at 2.2 million acres.

The June 30th USDA Report pegged total 2021 U.S. wheat acreage at 46.7 million acres, which includes 11.6 million acres of hard red Spring wheat. The projected 2021 wheat acres would be an increase of 2.4 million acres over the 2020 total, which was the lowest total U.S. wheat acreage since USDA began tracking national crop acreage in 1919. Kansas is projected to have the highest 2021 wheat acreage at 7.3 million acres, followed by North Dakota at 6.8 million acres, Texas at 5.6 million acres, and Oklahoma at 4.3 million acres. Minnesota is projected to have 1.2 million wheat acres in 2021, which is a decline of 15 percent from the 2020 acreage, while South Dakota is estimated at 1.5 million acres in 2021, an increase of 3 percent in wheat acreage.

### JUNE 30th QUARTERLY GRAIN STOCKS SUMMARY

The USDA Quarterly Grain Stocks Report released on June 30th indicated a total U.S. corn inventory of just over 4.1 billion bushels on June 1, 2021, which represented a decline of about 18 percent from the corn inventory of near 5 billion bushels a year ago. Approximately 42 percent, or 1.74 billion bushels, of the total U.S. corn inventory was in on-farm storage on June 1. On-farm corn inventories on June 1st included 340 million bushels in Iowa, 300 million bushels in Minnesota, 210 million bushels in Nebraska, 195 million bushels in Illinois, and 110 million bushels in South Dakota, all of which are well

below comparable on-farm inventories a year ago. The Grain Stocks Report showed a total of only 220 million bushels of soybeans stored on farms on June 1, 2021, which is down 65 percent from the 633 million bushels of soybeans in on-farm inventories on June 1, 2020. This included only 29 million bushels of soybeans in on-farm storage in Minnesota, 39 million bushels in Iowa, 38 million bushels in Illinois, and 19 million bushels in Indiana. These levels of on-farm soybean stocks on June 1st are at some of the lowest levels in many years.

### GRAIN PRICE IM-PACTS

Futures prices on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) for both corn and soybeans increased substantially following the release of the USDA Crop Acreage and Quarterly Grain Stocks Reports on June 30. Both nearby and “new crop” CBOT corn futures rose the 40-cent daily trading limit following the release of the USDA Reports, while CBOT soybean futures increased by close to 90 cents per bushel. after the USDA reports were released. July CBOT corn futures closed at \$5.99 per bushel on June 30, while December futures closed at \$5.88 per bushel. July CBOT soybean futures closed at \$14.30 per bushel and November soybean futures at \$13.99 per bushel on June 30.

The increase in cash corn and soybean prices has given farm operators that still have 2020 grain in storage another opportunity to sell remaining grain inventories at higher prices than they anticipated earlier in the year. Cash corn prices at many locations in the Upper Midwest were \$6.00 to \$6.50 per bushel or higher, with cash soybean prices near \$14.00 per bushel or higher on

June 30. This compares to local cash prices in the Upper Midwest of just over \$3.00 per bushel for corn and near \$8.25 per bushel for soybeans on June 30, 2020. Many locations in the Upper Midwest have had a “positive basis” for corn in recent weeks, meaning that the local cash corn price is higher than the corresponding nearby CBOT futures price. There has not been an extended period of this situation for many years, which is likely the result of the extremely tight “on-farm” corn stocks that exists in many areas.

The rise in “new crop” CBOT futures and local cash forward contract prices following the June 30th report is also providing some opportunities for farmers to forward price some of the expected 2021 corn and soybean production. The volatility in grain prices from day-to-day, along with drought concerns in many areas, has made grain pricing decisions difficult in recent weeks. Locking in a price on some the 2021 production can be a very good risk management strategy during these uncertain times. Current local new crop price bids in the Upper Midwest have been \$5.00 to \$5.50 per bushel for corn and \$12.00 to \$13.00 per bushel for soybeans in many instances. This offers some of the best “new crop” price bids that we have seen in several years in early July.

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To: The Photo Press  
From: The City Band Board  
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238-2892

To the Editor,

The Fairmont City Band would like to thank the Schmeeckle Foundation for their grant award that enabled us to purchase new music stands. Our old stands were at least 60 years old and did not move as the new music stands do so the addition of adjustable stands was much appreciated by the band members. We'd also like to thank the Martin County Preserva-tion Society and The Red Rock Center for acting as our fiscal agent for the grant application process.

Thanks also to the Fairmont Masonic Lodge who donated their used chairs and although they are not new, they are much nicer than the old, wobbly and mismatched chairs we previously had.

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# The Border and the Hare

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



I was on the phone, telling Melissa, "You should have seen June, this morning. She walked out the front door and saw a rabbit in the yard. June bolted down the steps and went after the rabbit..."

Melissa interrupted

me, "I don't want her killing bunnies."

"She's not killing bunnies, I called her off." I said, "Anyway, the rabbit was cutting and turning, the way they will, and our little girl was staying right with it. The rabbit ran around the birch

tree and behind the lilac bushes, then into the bottom of the bushes. It came out of the other side and just that quick, June ran around the bush and was right back on the rabbit's tail.

"I was yelling at her, 'June stop! Leave it.' I'm

telling you June wasn't even six inches off that rabbit's tail when she let up. If I wouldn't have called her off, she clearly would have caught it..."

Melissa interrupted again, "She doesn't need to be chasing bunnies and scaring them."

"She's a dog, and a herding dog at that. The rabbit was in her space. It's June's natural instinct to herd and protect. But you're missing the point. She's eleven years old!

June was keeping up with that rabbit like she did when she was two. I was so impressed with her!"

"Maybe the rabbit was eleven, too"

Sigh... We said goodbye and got off the phone.

I gave June a rub on the head, "I was proud of you June Bug - you stayed right with that critter, but apparently your mom was on the rabbit's side."

June and I went to the

kitchen for breakfast. She had a bowl of Iams Mini Chunks, I had oatmeal with strawberries. June asked, "Dad, do rabbits even live to be eleven?"

I looked it up, "It says here, 'Some rabbits may live 4 or 5 years; the average life expectancy for rabbits that survive to leave the nest is only about 11 months.'" I shook my head, muttering, "An eleven-year-old rabbit. Good grief!"

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## Martin County Pheasants Forever is Back in Action!!

Like everyone else on the planet, COVID-19 created challenges in conservation circles as well. The forced cancellation of our April 2020 banquet created quite the "kick in the pants" for all our plans, as all activities and fundraisers were put on hold. We responded with a new program to bring in monies for our projects by creating the Martin County Pheasants Forever Habitat Group. We finished our first year by completing prescribed burns on 235 acres of wildlife habitat. We already have nearly 200 acres on next year's waiting list. Additional services beyond prescribed burns include tree removal, food plot preparations, and pollinator plantings. We also have a limited supply of free seed corn for the 2022 season courtesy of Wyffel Hybrids. Contact Bryan Gregor at 507-236-2639 or any committee member for more information.

Plans are being made to hold our next annual banquet on August 28th at the Martin County Arena. Earlier in the day we anticipate a large

number of representatives from other Pheasant Forever Chapters in Minnesota joining us for a celebration and dedication of a recent Pheasants Forever land acquisition here in Martin County. The 142-acre Prairie Alliance Tract will eventually become part of the Caron Wildlife Management Area northwest of Sherburne. This parcel was purchased by Pheasants Forever in 2019 after being held by the Fox Lake Conservation League. All 73 chapters in Minnesota supported this purchase as an effort to create "Conservation without Borders" and set an example for other states to consider the same.

Our previously planned participation in the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener this fall will not take place as the Corona virus pandemic kept the Governor's office from providing details necessary to prepare planning for such a large undertaking. Hopefully Fairmont will be considered again sometime in the future. Once again, we will be holding a youth pheasant hunt this fall,

and possibly a recognition hunt for servicemen and other similar public servants. An announcement will be made as the time approaches.

Work is being completed on our newly acquired "Mobile Education and Shooting Sports Trailer". As a part of Pheasants Forever "No Child Left Indoors" initiative this trailer received monies from the Schmeckle Foundation, as well as major support from local individuals and other Pheasant Forever chapters. Once completed it will be made available for use in the county and throughout the state to support the mission of public awareness and education of both youth and adults regarding conservation work. Watch for it in upcoming summer parades!

Please consider joining us on August 28th for our banquet and a chance to renew old acquaintances with like-minded friends supporting the outdoors.

Submitted by,  
Bryan Gregor, Habitat & Public Relations Chair  
Martin County Pheasants Forever #0049

## Financial Focus

Provided by:



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Here's something to think about: You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. To meet your income needs for all those years, you'll generally need a sizable amount of retirement assets. How will Social Security fit into the picture?

For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement. Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do whatever you can to maximize them.

Your first move is to determine when you should start taking Social Security. You can begin collecting benefits when you reach 62 - but should you? If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71% of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. ("Full retirement age" varies, depending on when you were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.) Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase. If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% each year, until you're 70, when they "max out." Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you. But if you have sufficient income from other sources, you're in good health and

you have longevity in your family, or you're still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50% of your spouse's full retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits.

Survivor benefits are another important consideration. When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100% of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit for your surviving spouse.

An additional issue to think about, when planning for how Social Security fits into your retirement, is your earned income. If you're younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1

for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960. During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you'll have in managing your Social Security benefits. So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

A roast for former Fairmont boys basketball coach Ron Hested was to be held at the Fairmont VFW. Guest speakers included Minnesota House minority leader Steve Sviggum, Luther College coach Paul Solberg, New Ulm attorney Bill Moeller, New Ulm mentor Jim Senske, former player Doug Dittenberger, Fairmont football coach Tom Mahoney, former Sentinel sports editor Jim Tate and Jerry Clark, MGA representative and former Fairmont coach.

Local VFW Auxiliary President Sharon Pierce received the Outstanding President Award at the Department's convention.

Dr. Robert Zemke, family practice specialist at Fairmont Clinic-Mayo Health System, recently returned from a three-month medical mission to Lithuania. The trip was Zemke's sixth to Lithuania.

Keith Peterson,

the son of Roger and Janet Peterson of Fairmont, was heading to the 1996 Sumer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Peterson worked for Daktronics, Inc. of Brookings, SD. The firm built all the displays seen in scoreboards and message centers at the Olympics. He was responsible for the scoreboards for several of the Olympic events. He also recently competed in the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. (Fairmont High School has two Daktronics units. One is the football-track scoreboard at the east end of Mahoney Field, and one for the softball fields.)

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

The Montgomery Ward Browse-A-Bit summer fishing contest for June produced two winners from Fairmont. Jill Unze caught a 2-pound 7-ounce wall-eye in Hall Lake and Todd Monsen caught a 2-pound 5-ounce large mouth bass

in George Lake. The largest fish entered weighed 14 pounds 8 ounces, a northern caught by Don Maday in Fox Lake near Sherburne.

Game and Fish Director Milow Casey announced that Minnesota would have a 32-day season for pheasant hunting this year, after holding a 16-day season last year.

There will be no 25 years ago column for the next two weeks, as the Photo Press crew took off for their summer vacation at that time. The next column will appear July 31, and we suspect the column will sparkle with news.

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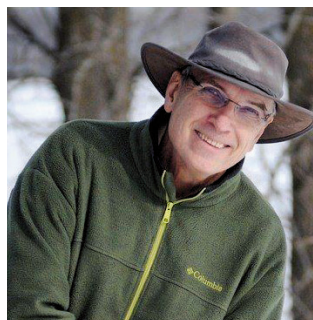
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# How many seeds can you get in your gular pouch?



## Naturally By Al Batt

The cardinals fed at dawn. They avoid crowds. A chickadee is the epitome of a feeder bird—cute, tiny and perky.

The jumbled song of house finches was beautiful music to my ears. I bit a couple of mosquitoes back.

Stephanie Seymour wrote and sang, “Blue jay you made my day And you didn’t even try But if you wonder why It’s because of all the beauty that I see When you’re in front of me.” A blue jay has a gizzard

and a throat sac (called a gular pouch). It fills the pouch (observers have counted 70-100 black oil sunflower seeds) and hack up the seeds for consumption or caching later. Reports say its gular pouch can hold up to five acorns.

I saw a Cooper’s hawk in a city. This accipiter mainly eats birds. Studies have found that small birds are safer around Cooper’s hawks than are medium-sized birds like European starlings, mourning doves, rock pigeons, robins, jays, northern flickers, quail, pheasants, grouse and chickens, which are common targets. The female hawk is larger (about 1/3) than the male, a condition called sexual dimorphism, and because of this the female hunts larger birds than does the male.

I don’t see white-tailed jackrabbits around my place anymore. I grew up with cattle dogs. They were smart but in-

sisted on chasing the big hares that leaped 10 feet and ran 40 mph. I saw jackrabbits eat clover, alfalfa, dandelion and grasses.

### Q&A

“What do rabbits eat?” I’ve heard eastern cottontail rabbits described as artful dodgers. In winter, they feed on seeds, twigs, bark and tree seedlings. They also practice coprophagy, eating their own vitamin-rich droppings. I can tell where a rabbit had been eating, as the plant had suffered a 45-degree-angle cut. Deer tear away at plants. Rabbits love the tender shoots of various plants—crabgrass, sow thistle, dock, plantain, red clover, white clover and dandelion. Whether you consider them pretty, pesty or perky, dandelion plants can live 5-10 years. Dandelions have wide-spreading roots that loosen hard-packed soil, aerate the earth and help reduce erosion. Deep taproots pull nutrients from deep in the soil and make them available to other plants. They’re used by pollinators. Goldfinches,

song and chipping sparrows, indigo buntings, towhees eat the seeds. Rabbits, porcupines, ground squirrels, mice and prairie dogs eat the seeds, foliage and root, while deer browse on dandelions.

“Are bug zappers effective?” A zapper participates in an indiscriminate slaughter of insects, many of them beneficial. A University of Delaware study found that 0.22% of the kills were biting insects. Research showed your chances of being bitten by a mosquito increase when you are near a bug zapper. The light is attractive and so are you.

“What birds eat cicadas?” There are many—chickadees, robins, bluebirds, eastern kingbirds, yellow-billed cuckoos, black-billed cuckoos, house sparrows, red-bellied woodpeckers, red-headed woodpeckers, grackles, red-winged blackbirds, mallards, cardinals, wild turkeys and others.

“Does the male bluebird incubate eggs?” Only the female incubates as male bluebirds

don’t develop a brood patch.

“How long is a snapping turtle’s neck?” Common snapping turtles have long necks that reach up to two-thirds the length of their shells, making handling them dangerous. They’re capable of inflicting a painful bite, but a human’s bite is stronger.

“How long will raccoons remain with their mother?” One man’s garbage is a raccoon’s treasure. The kits are weaned in 2-3 months and remain with their mother for up to a year. “Ain’t no thing like me except me!” said Rocket Raccoon in “Guardians of the Galaxy.”

“What’s one good thing about having wolves around?” In a short time after wolves had colonized an area, deer-vehicle collisions dropped 24% according to Dominic Parker, a natural resources economist at the University of Wisconsin in a study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Thinning of the deer population by wolves and behavior changes in fearful deer are factors in

the decline. “Wolves use linear features of a landscape as travel corridors, like roads, pipelines and stream beds. Deer learn this and adapt by staying away,” said Parker.

Annie Mattson of Albert Lea asked how long eagles are in a nest. Incubation for bald eagles is about 35 days. Eggs hatch in the order they were laid. Eaglets fledge in 10-14 weeks.

### Customer comments

I wrote, “I watched a common nighthawk slice the sky above a ballpark in New Ulm and realized the bird had become the baseball game.” Thomas Schenk of St. Paul wrote, “Al, if you had watched a bat chasing a fly, it would have been a kind of reverse baseball game.”

### Thanks for stopping by

“Every generation revolts against its fathers and makes friends with its grandfathers.”—Lewis Mumford

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## Women Forward

**Guest Columnists:** Brittany Anderson, Lynne Burgraff, Amber Knips, Tina Coquyt, Marsha Malo, Miranda Tulowetzke, Myah Lytle and Kaitlin Bell  
Women Forward Leaders, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. at Sweet Financial Services

### Which Education Expenses Are Considered Qualified?

529 plans are valuable education savings tools – they allow you to invest after-tax dollars in an account that will grow tax-deferred and can be distributed tax-free for qualified expenses. However, it's important to understand which expenses are qualified and which ones aren't.

#### Which expenses are qualified?

In association with an eligible institution (any college, university, vocational school or other post-secondary educational institution that qualifies for federal financial aid), the following expenses are considered qualified:

- Tuition and fees
- Books, supplies, computers and peripheral equipment

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- Room and board (if attending school more than half-time)

- For special needs beneficiaries, expenses for special needs services incurred in connection with enrollment or attendance

Expenses beyond the books: Room and board, off-campus housing and

food costs

529 plans can be used for room and board, off-campus housing and food expenses as long as the student is enrolled at least half-time as defined by the school.

#### Student loans

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**Kabe:** Thank you so much to my family, relatives and friends for all the beautiful cards, phone calls and gifts I received for my 90th birthday making it so special! God Bless each one of you. Joyce Kabe. 28-1tp-1

**Grefe:** The family of Darla Mae Grefe thanks everyone who lovingly cared for her the last years of her life, especially when we weren't able to be with her. We appreciate the many cards and memories shared with us. Now we await our Heavenly reunion. Family of Darla Mae Grefe. 28-1tp-1.

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## FEDA, HRA, council learn about TIF, tax abatement

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

A joint work session for the Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Economic Development Authority (FEDA) and Fairmont Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) on Monday, July 12, focused on tax increment financing (TIF) and tax abatement and how those tools can be used to spur development in the community.

Jessica Green of Northland Public Finance, the city's financial advisor, told the members of the three groups that there are no current requests to the city for TIF or tax abatement but that developers may be "kicking the tires" to see what assistance could be available.

Minnesota approved the use of TIF districts more than 40 years ago. Since then, Fairmont has created 27 of these districts to support various projects, but only six remain active.

Green went on to explain the two economic development tools and the type of projects for which they can be used.

Any of the three governmental entities present at the work session can create a TIF district, but the city is responsible for its approval.

Tax increment financing is used to offset certain costs involved in development, redevelopment and housing projects, such as land acquisition or site preparation.

The local government will continue to collect property

taxes at the pre-development level for a specified time period. This does not mean that local government loses money, but rather foregoes new taxes to incentivize a project that would not have happened otherwise, a project that might create new jobs, remedy a housing shortage or clean up a blighted area.

The time period is capped out at 9 years for economic development and 25 years for redevelopment and housing.

Tax abatement, which has been offered in the state for about 25 years, is more flexible than TIF, Green said. Only cities, towns, school districts and counties can offer tax abatement incentives.

With tax abatement, taxes are not eliminated or reduced. All taxes continue to be paid by the property owner including on the increased value from the development.

The difference in pre-development taxes and those of the completed project are "captured" by the governmental entity and given back to the developer, less a fee of up to 10 percent to cover administrative costs.

Fairmont City Council work sessions and special meetings can be viewed on the city's website, [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org), under the "Citizens" tab or on Fairmont Cable Channel 13 at 2, 7 and 10 a.m. and p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### WARRANTY DEEDS

News Associates LLP to H&C Properties LLC, Pt. S½SW¼, 4-102-30  
Denise B. Lieferman, Gregg A. Lieferman to Derek Edman, Megan Ripplinger, AP#33, SE¼, 9-104-30  
Dawn D. Willner, Douglas A. Willner to Kristie A. Barke, E.50' Lots 6 and 7, Block 5, 1st Ext. Wards Central Addn.  
Ned Adams, Beth Armstead, Rodney Armstead, Boni Worthley, David Worthley to Marcia Kaweck, Walter J. Kaweck, Lot 20, W½ Lot 21, Block 2, Highland Addn.  
Kurt Daniel Erickson, Sarah Elizabeth Erickson to Salvador Salazar Garcia, Rebecca J. Hansen, Salvador Salazar-Garcia, Pt. Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Edwards Subd. L1 B4 Ext. to Woll.  
Kory T. Hines, Shari L. Hines to Alanna Healey, Dustin Healey, Pt. SW¼NW¼, 8-102-29  
Geri Sue Lidke, Steven L. Lidke to Geri Sue Lidke, Trustee, Steven L. Lidke, Trustee, Steven L. Lidke and Geri Sue Lidke Trust, Und. 12.5% Int. S½SE¼, Und. 12.5% NE¼SE¼, 13-103-30  
DRDA Properties LLC to Z&E Properties LLC, Pt. Govt. Lot 13, SW¼, 6-102-30

## Fairmont council tables city-owned campground

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

Development of a city-owned campground in Fairmont is dead in the water after the Fairmont City Council took no action on the matter at its meeting on Monday, July 12. A motion to proceed on a contract for design and a motion to table the matter both died for lack of a second.

City Administrator Cathy Reynolds said a city-owned campground has been a council priority for many years, with a previous council putting \$35,000 in the budget to cover the design phase. She recently posted a request for qualifications for firms interested in designing the campground. Three responses were received, and Bolton & Menk were selected based on their qualifications.

The issue before the current council was to enter into a contract with Bolton & Menk to develop a concept design which would include a layout for the campground, a timeline and cost estimate.

Council members weighed in on the proposal. Randy Lubenow said he was neither for nor against a city-owned campground but thought moving ahead at this time was premature. A private group is considering a campground on George Lake, and there's been no in-depth discussion about developing the Day Farm, the possible site of the city-owned campground, he said.

Lubenow's motion to table the matter until more information is available died for lack of a second.

Bruce Peters then made a motion to approve the contract for a campground design, but it too died for lack of a second.

Britney Kaweck, who had expressed opposition to a city-owned campground competing with the private sector facilities, wanted to offer a motion not to go forward with the project, but the city attorney, Mark Rahrlick of Owatonna, explained that the two previous failed motions already had killed the issue for the time being.

Wayne Hasek commented that a small campground with about 20 sites probably wouldn't have a big impact, and Peters agreed that starting small with minimal upgrades or services would make sense. Peters noted that the private group's proposed campground has not yet come to fruition.

During open discussion at the start of the meeting, several residents spoke against a campground on the Day Farm/Heritage Acres, citing the trails and the natural serenity and beauty of the area.

Turning to another matter, by a 4-1 vote, the council approved the formation of Community Center Advisory Board, a temporary panel that would exist through the design and construction phases of the project before disbanding and the Park Board then serving in an advisory capacity.

The five-member board is comprised of Brandon Edmundson and Michael Edman, members of the Community Center Committee;

Kyle Gustafson and Mike Anderson, members of the Fairmont Youth Hockey Association; and Mat Mahoney, representing the Fairmont Area School District. Randy Lubenow and Michele Miller will be city council liaisons, and Reynolds will be city staff liaison to the advisory group.

Hasek cast the dissenting vote on the formation of the board but joined the other council members to unanimously approve the board appointments.

The council had two other 4-1 split votes, one concerning the annual review of urban and service districts and the other over a memorandum of understanding with Martin County about the new Justice Center.

Parcels in the two service districts, which are taxed at different rates due to a lower demand of municipal services, are reviewed and updated annually. No public comment was received at a June 14 public hearing.

However, Kaweck wanted to delay the vote, claiming that the list should be re-evaluated because she felt some parcels were benefiting from city electric, water and sewer.

Reynolds said she completed a review of all the parcels on the list and did not see any that did not qualify for the lower tax rate. She asked Kaweck if there were a particular parcel that was an issue, but Kaweck was unable to designate one.

The council approved this year's updated list by a 4-1 vote, with Kaweck dissenting.

By a 4-1 vote, with Lubenow dissenting, the council also approved a memorandum of understanding with Martin County, summarizing an agreement that the county would include space for the Fairmont Police Department in the proposed Justice Center. Officers also share programs and software systems with county law enforcement.

The county commissioners approved the memorandum on July 6.

The city's new civilian community service officer, Brad Buhmann, was introduced to the council by Police Chief Mike Hunter. Buhmann, who retired after 27 years on the Fairmont Police Department, concentrates on ordinance enforcement and education, reporting that about 80 percent of code violations are being brought into compliance without going through the court system. He also will serve as animal control officer.

Hunter added that the previous animal control officer, Dustin Schwabke, has been promoted to patrol officer, and Officer Jason Christenson has assumed the new investigator position, working with child protection, vulnerable adult abuse and domestic violence victims.

Linsey Preuss, Fairmont economic development coordinator, presented the quarterly community development report which compared the first half of this year with the same time period in 2020.

Brian Wille, Callie Wille to Jessica Walz, Lot 5, Block 2, First Ext. Cedar Creek Addn.

Robin Tokheim, Steve Tokheim to Brian Wille, Callie Wille, Lot 17, Block 1, Valley View Addn.

Tammy Joleen Lippert, Timothy Dean Lippert, Tammy J. Steuber to Robin K. Tokheim, Steven P. Tokheim, Lots 15, 16, Pt. Lot 17, Block 1, Shoreacres Addn.

Harry D. Pritts, Jacqueline Pritts, Richard L. Pritts, Atty.-in-fact to Harlon Luhmann, Pt. Lot 4, Block 1, Taylor & Johnsons 2nd Addn.

**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**  
Minnesota Motor Bus Inc. to Pantera, LLP, Pt. SW¼, Pt. SE¼, 9-103-30  
**PERSONAL REP. DEEDS**

Daniel Kneeland, Personal Rep., Estate of Patricia M. Kneeland to Timothy Smick, Tonja Smick, Lot 4, Block 4, Maple Gove Ext. Wards Central

**TRUSTEE DEEDS**  
Alice M. Malliet, Ronald H. Strom, Ron Strom and Alice Malliet Revocable Living Trust, to Douglas A. Willner, E.50' Lots 6 and 7, Block 5, 1st Ext. Wards Central Addn.

assessor records, Lynda Tungland is listed as the owner of the property.

Recognized city employees for their years of service to the community: Ricky Pierce, street department, 35 years; Wade Williams, line department, 20 years; Bryan Boltjes, police department, 20 years; Luke Schultz, parks department, 15 years; Lily Paine, police department, 5 years; and Cole Stangler, engineering department, 5 years.

Approved an event permit for Michael and Kimberly Newville to block a portion of 13th Street from noon to 10 p.m. July 24 for a private wedding celebration.

Approved an event permit for the Martin County Humane Society to hold its Walk With Animals from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 12 at Cedar Creek Park. The next council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 26.

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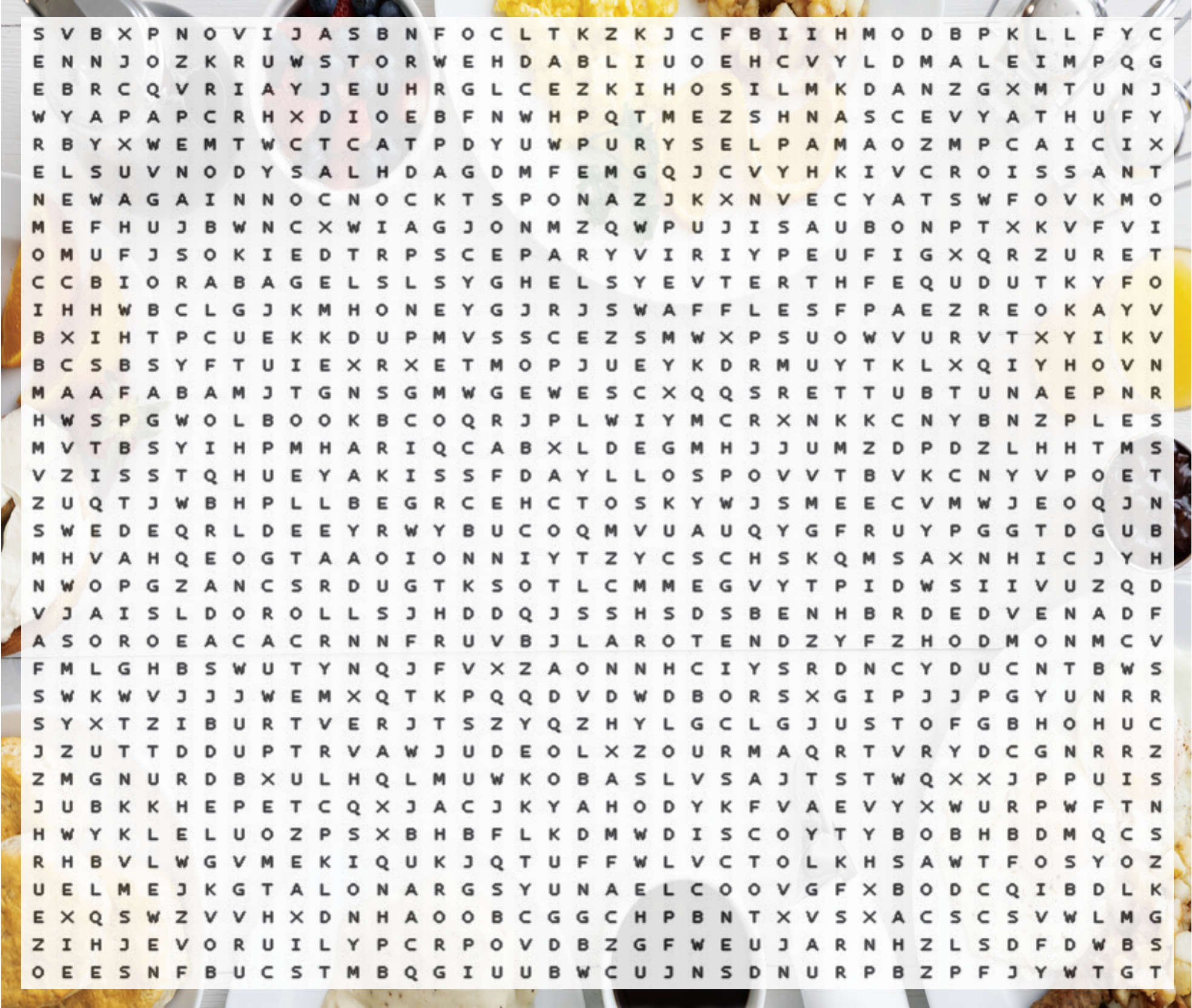
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