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Mildred Brodt

Guest Columnist

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Mildred Brodt recently passed away. She had an incredible life and was in many respects well ahead of society in her many accomplishments. The following is a brief summary of the achievements she had during her 101 years of living.

It has been said that “Life is a big canvas, so throw all the paint on it that you can.” It would seem that Mildred Brodt, long time Martin County resident, has accomplished that through her many experiences, adventures, and travels in her journey through life since her childhood growing up on a farm near Dorchester, Nebraska.

Mildred’s education began in a one room K-8 school in Salina County Nebraska. After graduating from Dorchester High School, she continued her education at the University of Nebraska. After college, she taught in a one room rural school in Nebraska.

In 1943, Mildred en-

listed in the Women’s Army Corps (WAC). She served at sea and also in New Guinea, Japan, Manila, attending war crimes trials, climbing Mt. Fuji, as well as seeing much of the United States.

After completing her active duty in the military, she returned to the University of Nebraska to study business administration. As the only woman to attend classes in the business administration program, as well as being discouraged to continue by the dean, she was determined and proved him wrong by obtaining a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Upon graduating from the University of Nebraska with her business degree, she worked as an office manager in Lincoln, Nebraska. She later moved to New York and then to Washington, D. C. While in Washington,

she worked at the National Security Agency (NSA) and was the only woman in personnel administration. It was also while in Washington that she met her future husband, Warren Brodt. She had the opportunity while in Washington to attend President Eisenhower’s inaugural ball. Incidentally, the gown she wore for that occasion is currently on display in the Welcome Room of the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont.

In 1957, she moved to Minneapolis and worked as a training director for Norwest National Bank and later as an office manager for Knox Reeves Advertising. However, she had a desire to take on another challenge, and in 1963, she returned to Nebraska and entered the University of Nebraska Teachers College graduating with a degree in elementary education

in 1964. She later earned a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Minnesota State University Mankato (Mankato State College).

In August of 1965, Mildred married Warren Brodt. They lived on the Brodt farm in Martin County that had been in the family since 1889. Mildred continued her career in education and was named “Teacher of The Year” by the MCSEC in 1981.

It is obvious that one of Mildred’s favorite interests is travel. During her lifetime, she has traveled and seen virtually all corners of the globe. Her varied itineraries read like a travelogue. Some of her extensive journeys include London, Rome, Paris, Japan, Prague, Vienna, Switzerland, Australia, New Guinea, the Great Wall of China which she walked, and much more.

It is undeniable that during her lifetime, Mildred has not “let any grass grow under her feet.” She has been very active and progressive in her professional life in business, education, as well as volunteerism. She has served as a role model for women during an era in which she forged ahead into positions held mostly by men, both in professional endeavors and volunteer work alike. Her accomplishments are many, her philanthropic endeavors and volunteerism has proven beneficial to many local nonprofit organizations including the Martin County Historical Society, Heritage Acres, Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center, the AAUW, and many more.

As Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

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HELEN A. BELLIN and her family will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 11, 2020. She is a former longtime resident of and fan of Fairmont. She would enjoy hearing from you at her new address: 11501 Swallow St. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

The old District 9 school of Tenhassen Township was planning an all-school reunion at Cedar Park in Fairmont.

Bank Midwest was sponsoring a Cardinals Tailgate Party at Mahoney Field, prior to the Fairmont-Waseca football game.

The Photo Press had a section congratulating the Martin County 4-H State Fair winners.

Warren Nelson's "A Martin County Hornpipe" was returning to Fairmont for a benefit for the Fairmont Opera House. Nelson originally researched, wrote and produced the two hours of pictures, songs and readings about the history and future of Fairmont. It consisted of 350 slides, accompanied by a dozen original songs and narrations and included a cast of 16 people.

Park Motor was announcing the addition of Mike Johnson to its sales staff.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

SEPTEMBER 9, 1970

Fairmont car dealers had introduced sub-compact models to local buyers. The Motor Inn had the Chevrolet Vega 2300 and Park Motor showed the Ford Pinto. Both were supposed to be instant favorites with the public.

The Cardinals were to meet Worthington, hoping to keep their four-year, 31-game winning streak intact. The state record was 32, held by St. Cloud Tech high school.

Stokely-Van Camp's night workers had set a new record for continuous running of the corn pack. The pack started August 4 and never missed a night until they ran out of corn September 8 - 36 nights in a row. The old record was 28.

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EARLY RISER KIWANIS members Dennis Trushenski, Eric Johnson, Chuck Anderson, Allen Core and Char Kahler (not pictured) picked up County Road ditches as a COVID safe community service. Any organization can do this by contacting the Martin County Highway Department. (Submitted photo)



SKYING HEADER - Cardinals #18 Ellie Schultze tries for a header into the net. The Saints edged the 2-1 last Friday. Elayna Anderson got the cards goal off a Mackenzie Householder assist. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

CHAR KAHLER brings in her first of two loads of debris collected along the Hall Lake shoreline. It included many tree limbs and branches, a boat lift canopy and a towable tube. (Photo courtesy of Larry Wieg)



Members of the Pheasants Forever Club and one of their many boat loads of debris collected on Hall Lake. The Fairmont Lakes Foundation is grateful for all the help the Pheasants Forever Club furnishes during our Fairmont lakes cleanups. (Photo courtesy of Larry Wieg)



HALL LAKE CLEANUP - The Fairmont Lakes Foundation, with the help of the local Pheasants Forever Chapter, held a clean-up of Hall Lake on August 29th. Pictured are Lakes Foundation members on the A&J pontoon: Front, Bruce Scott, Marlin Wrucke behind Bruce, Jane Kollofski, next to Marlin and Kim Greischer. Back - Steve and Mari Myren. Included on this load of debris: four tires, a dock section, wooden gate, boat lift pipes and many tree limbs and branches. The total debris collected during the three hour pickup completely filled one city truck and nearly filled the second.

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The annual meeting for the Fairmont chapter of **Dollars for Scholars** will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, in the CER meeting room at Fairmont Elementary School. A copy of the organization's annual report is available upon request.

Relay for Life drive-thru

Join us for the Relay for Life of Martin County Drive Thru Event on Saturday, September 26th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Support our Survivors and Caregivers. A free will donation will be taken.

Although our traditional Relay for Life event was unable to happen in 2020 due to Covid-19, we hope you will join us for a "Drive Thru Event"

to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back against a disease that takes far too much. Our Survivors need us now more than ever, so we look forward to your support.

For more information visit: relay.org/martin-countymn and Relay for Life of Martin County on Facebook.

If a business or individual would like to make a donation or purchase a luminaria please contact Marsha Williams, 507-236-2034 or at martincorfl1@gmail.com.

Library Column

As school starts up around the county, we have TONS of great books all about school! Whether you're looking for a funny or silly school book, or something to help your child feel ready and brave to start the year, we have it! Here are a few titles available now at the library! Ask your librarian for more titles!

*Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School by Herman Parrish: It's Amelia's first day of

school and she can't wait! But knowing Amelia, things will get interesting!

*If I Built A School by Chris Van Dusen: Imaginative Jack describes the kind of school he'd build, with animals, tube transports and more!

*The Gingerbread Man and the Leprechaun Loose at School by Laura Murray: The gingerbread man sets a trap to outsmart the pesky Leprechaun!

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Garden Bounty!

I am lucky I have friends who share their fresh garden produce and that we are fortunate to have the Farmer's market! One of my favorite veggies is parsnips, not a vegetable that I grew up eating and not one I prepared for my family. It's a veggie I have discovered in my mature years!! It's a vegetable I prepare often when I have company for a meal. One of my granddaughters, Alex actually requests that I serve it when she comes and my granddaughter's husband, Justin said one time "I wasn't too sure about eating parsnips when you served them. Now when we are invited for a meal I hope they will be served". Here is my favorite way to prepare parsnips.

Fried Parsnips

6-8 parsnips (1 1/2 pounds)
1/2 tsp. salt
pepper
3 Tablespoons butter

Peel parsnips, cut in half lengthwise, then in half crosswise. Put in a kettle with water to cover, add salt. Cool until tender; drain. Melt butter in skillet, add parsnips, brown on all sides, over medium heat, turn to keep from burning, add salt and pepper to taste. I usually use half carrots and half parsnips, it pleases everyone's taste and is colorful too.

Stay safe and have a great week!

CER Adult Basic Education and GED Prep Opportunities

Adult Basic Education for ages 18 and over is continuing to happen via Distance Learning options and other study resources with Instructor telephone/email contact. Learn English, Prepare for Your GED, Improve Reading-Math-Writing Skills, Basic

Computer Skills and much more.

New adult learners are welcome to join at any time by contacting Fairmont Community Education and Recreation directly (507-235-3141.) Registration can be done over the phone and adult learners will

be enrolled in the most appropriate distance learning program as well as assigned to an ABE teacher to maintain weekly contact.

Learn English at the Park this fall! Katy Gonzalez will conduct free English Classes on Thursdays, beginning

September 17, 1:00-3:00 pm, at the Amber Lake Shelter House (weather dependent.)

Contact CER, Katy or Natanael for more information. Call or Text Katy with questions at 507-848-0955 or Contact Natanael (School Outreach) at 507.848.0626.

Lights On For Kids

Fairmont Community Education and Recreation (CER) is offering Lights On For Kids (LOFK) Afterschool Enrichment program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m., beginning September 14, for anyone in Grades K through 6.

Activities will include homework help, gym and outdoor physical activity, reading and math fun, science and STEM exploration, cooking experiences, Club Invention and more. Snacks will be included in the fee. Space is limited as per COVID 19 healthy and safety guidelines.

Pre-registration with monthly payment, in

advance, is needed to reserve your space and ensure a quality experience for your child. Fees are based on the number of school days per month in the district calendar. Limited scholarships available There is no LOFK on non-school days.

Registration is now open for September 14-29 (\$80 - 8 days) and

October 1-29 (\$120 - 12 days.) You may register with your MasterCard/VISA at www.fairmont.k12.mn.us and click under CER to get to the webstore or call 507-235-3141. Limited scholarships also available. For more information on other attendance options, on space available basis, please call the CER Office.

Obituary Notices



John E. Sherman, 81

A Celebration of Life Service for John E. Sherman, 81, of Truman, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Martin County Arena on the Martin County Fairgrounds. Private Family Burial was on Wednesday at Waverly Lutheran Cemetery, rural Trimont.

Messages of Sympathy may be sent to the family online at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

What a guy...husband, father, grandfather, great

grandfather and friend!

John Earl Sherman was the second child born to Earl and Mildred (Rahm) Sherman on February 11, 1939 on the family farm in Waverly Township. John grew up with his siblings, Shirley and Jim on the farm in rural Truman, Minnesota. John was baptized and confirmed at Waverly Lutheran Church. John attended country school in District #124 and later graduated from Truman High School with the class of 1957.

On July 18, 1959, John and Joanne (Johnson) were married and settled with in a mile of the "home place" where they raised four children, Bradley, Deborah, Scott and Stephanie. John was a grain and cattle farmer with his brother, Jim. He was very active in his church, served on numerous community boards in a variety of capacities

and volunteered for many causes he was passionate about. November 16, 1991, was a life altering day when his son, Scott passed away due to a farm accident. John continued to farm with his brother, Jim and son, Brad. He eventually retired, but never officially and continued to help on the farm even after moving into Truman.

John and Joanne enjoyed sixty-one years of marriage. John enjoyed traveling, wintering in Texas, and working with stained glass. John was a life long learner, a mediocre golfer (at best), and always won at playing cards if he was keeping score! Anyone that knew him became his friend. John will be remembered for his infectious laugh, larger than life personality, and the kindness and compassion he freely gave others.

At his home in Truman, Minnesota, on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 4:50 a.m., John received his key to the Pearly Gates.

John is survived by his

loving wife, Joanne Sherman; son, Brad and his wife, Laurie and their children, Bobbi (Austin Witt) and Catie (Cole) Lightfoot; daughter, Deb and her children, Jacob Melson, Aline (Caleb) Wilking, daughter-in-law, Angie Brantley; Scott's son, Alex; daughter, Stephanie and spouse, Robin DiPietro; great grandchildren, Aiden Lightfoot, Scarlet, Nova and Sun Green Wilking, brother, Jim and his wife, MaryLou Sherman and their family; sister-in-law, Dolly Bessler and their family; brother-in-law, Jim Johnson and his wife, Deb and their family; and other relatives.

John was preceded in death by his parents, son, Scott Sherman; sister, Shirley Karau; brother-in-laws, Murten Karau and Jerry Bessler, as well as extended family and friends.

Our husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend John will be forever loved and missed!

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Viola Brennan, 86

Private family services celebrating the life of Viola Brennan, 86, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at a later date. Viola passed away Wednesday afternoon, September 2, 2020, at Season's Health Care Center in Trimont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fair-

mont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Viola (Benton) Brennan was born on September 23, 1933, as an American citizen, in Hamburg, Germany, the daughter of Frederik and Emma (Möller) Benton. As a young girl, the family moved to the United States where Viola attended school and graduated from Washington Irving High School in New York, NY.

On October 18, 1959, Viola was united in marriage to Vincent Edward Brennan in New York, NY. Together the couple would make their home in Astoria, Queens and Southampton, NY. They were blessed with three daughters, Victoria, Paula, and Jean.

Viola worked as a full charge bookkeeper for

many years. Her attention to detail and work ethic landed her jobs with many various interesting people, including Mike Nichols. In addition to her bookkeeping duties, Viola enjoyed tending to the many jobs around the house and tending to the needs of her family. In the early 80's, Viola moved to Southampton, NY for the next 15 years. She then made Fairmont, MN her permanent home in 1996.

Viola was an avid reader and loved to sit and watch classic movies. She was always up for the next great adventure and in 2001, took a 3-month cruise around the world where she experienced many new sights and sounds. She saw the pyramids in Egypt, the Taj Mahal in India, Hong

Kong, and many other countries across the globe.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Victoria (Ben) Brennan, Jean (David) Koller, and Paula (Garrett) Kelly; grandchildren, Charles Brennan, Catherine Brennan, Katelin (Sam) Hull, Douglas Koller, Andrew Koller, Natalie Koller, Garrett (Teddy) Kelly, Susan Kelly, Clint Kelly and Karen Kelly; great-granddaughter, Lauren Kelly, as well as many other extended family and friends.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents, Frederik and Emma Benton; husband, Vincent Brennan; sister, Rosemarie Heins; and brother, Rolf Benton.

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Mildred H. Brodt, 101

Funeral Service for Mildred Helen Brodt, of rural Fairmont, MN, were held on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont with military honors provided by the Lee C. Pren-

tice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222.

Mildred passed away at home on the Brodt farm August 31, 2020 at the age of 101. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mildred was born October 7, 1918 and grew up with three sisters and a brother on her parents' farm (Stephen and Albina Zajicek Freeouf) near Dorchester, NE. She attended country grade school, graduated from Dorchester High School, attended the University of Nebraska and served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II.

Throughout her long and active life, Mildred embraced career oppor-

tunities that led to adventure, satisfaction and success. She proudly served her country in the Pacific War Zone (New Guinea) and following her discharge in the Philippines was employed with the first group of women civilians who served with the Occupational Forces in Tokyo, Japan. Fond memories of this time were lasting friendships, the exhilaration of climbing Mt. Fuji, and attending the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal.

Taking advantage of the GI Bill, Mildred graduated with a business degree from the University of Nebraska in 1951 which led to a position with the newly formed National Security Administration in Washington DC and later with the Norwest Bank in Minneapolis.

In 1965, Mildred married Warren Brodt in Lincoln, NE. They made their home on the Brodt farm in Fraser Township, Martin County, Minnesota and were active members of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Mildred embraced her new role as a loving farm wife, dedicated teacher, and community volunteer. She and Warren enjoyed traveling and entertaining, the Martin County and Minnesota State Fair, sharing their garden harvest and participating in community events.

With an education endorsement from the University of Nebraska and a Master's degree from the University of Minnesota, Mildred was a trailblazer teaching children with

disabilities in Fairmont and Sherburn School districts for 13 years. She was honored to be selected as Teacher of the Year in 1980. Mildred was an avid volunteer, often in leadership positions, with STEP, ARC, AAUW, Sunshine Club, Martin County Historical Society, Heritage Acres, Fairmont Medical Center-Mayo Health System Auxiliary, and Fairmont Opera House.

She cheered on the Vikings, enjoyed reading and was an accomplished seamstress. After Warren's death in 2001, Mildred traveled to China, Egypt, Japan, Australia, New Guinea, Europe and throughout the U.S. Her long anticipated 100th birthday was a wonderful milestone celebrated by a host of loving family and

friends. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, husband Warren, three sisters, brother, and two nephews. Treasuring the memories of wonderful times shared with Mildred are her seven nieces, nephew, many great-nieces and great-nephews and friends.

Memorials can be sent to UHD Hospice, 99 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN 56031; First Congregational Church, 319 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN 56031; or the charity of your choice. Any correspondence may be directed to: Angie Nelson, 2901 So. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

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Cynthia F. Krenz, 72

Funeral Service for Cynthia "Cindy" Faye Krenz, age 72, of Fairmont, MN, formerly of Truman, MN, was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at St. Paul Lutheran Church

in Fairmont. Interment will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Truman.

Cindy won her battle with cancer September 4, 2020, at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to Lutheran K-12 Schools in Fairmont, Northrop, Truman, Lakefield, or Marshall.

Cynthia Faye (Krog) Krenz was born on March 23, 1948, in Heron Lake, MN. She was the daughter of Johannes and Elvira (Gunther) Krog. She was baptized on April 18, 1948, at Grace Lutheran Church

in Jackson County, MN, and later was confirmed on April 28, 1963, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman, MN. Cindy attended elementary school in Lakefield, MN, before attending Truman High School. The family moved back to Lakefield her senior year where she graduated with the class of 1966.

On March 11, 1967, Cindy was united in marriage to Larry Krenz at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield, MN. The couple resided on the Krenz family farm west of Truman for 40 years and were blessed with three children, Wade, Stacie, and

Aaron. Along with helping Larry on the farm and doing the farm bookwork, Cindy took care of her family as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Cindy and Larry later moved to Fairmont in 2007 where they shared the rest of their fifty-three years together.

Cindy worked for over eleven years as the secretary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman where she was a long-time member. She was also a member of the Ruth Circle, LWML, and volunteered with the Orphan Grain Train. After moving to Fairmont, she became a member of St.

Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

During her free time, Cindy enjoyed playing cards with her card club and grandchildren, reading, bowling with other couples, baking, and tending to her garden. She also did embroidery and made dish towels for all of her children and grandchildren. Cindy most loved the time she was able to spend with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory include her husband, Larry Krenz; children, Wade (DeLaine) Krenz, Truman, MN,

Stacie (Mark) Soleta, Lakefield, MN, and Aaron (Susan) Krenz, Marshall, MN; 16 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; sister, Sherilyn (Pat) Murphy, sister-in-law, Arlette Krog; brothers, Greg (Virginia) Krog, James (Teresa) Krog, Joey (Carol) Krog, and Tom (Lisa) Krog; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Johannes and Elvira Krog, Cindy was preceded in death by her step-father, Melvin Hallfors; brother, Jon Krog; and sister, Judy Krog.

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Richard H. Kast, 79

A Celebration of Life Service for Richard "Dick" H. Kast, 79, of Fairmont, MN, was held on Monday, September 7, 2020, at the Christian Church of Fairmont. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Dick passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, September 1, 2020, at the Mayo Clinic Health

Systems in Mankato with family by his side. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Richard "Dick" Harlan Kast was born on January 12, 1941, on a family farm near Elmore, MN, the son of William and Mildred (Boettcher) Kast. Dick lived with his family on a farm near Blue Earth and began his education attending school in Blue Earth. The family then moved closer to Elmore where he graduated from Elmore High School with the class of 1959.

In 1973, Dick was united in marriage to Sue Anderson at the Salem United Methodist Church in Blue Earth, MN. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and in 1985 move d to the farm. Dick and Sue were

blessed with a son, Chris, his pride and joy.

Dick loved growing up in the 50's and 60's and found a passion for the muscle cars. He loved turning wrenches and could often be found with greasy hands and his head under the hood of one of his favorite Chevy's or fighting with a dirty diesel engine. Dick worked at Marlin Chevrolet, Blachowske Trucking, and International Harvester, until venturing out on his own where he owned and operated his own service station and continued working on vehicles of all types until his health recently prevented him from doing so. He was an excellent fabricator, often making his own tools and equipment. Dick believed in building before buying and enjoyed helping people fix

whatever needed fixing. He loved the cars of the 50's and 60's and had a special place in his heart in collecting memorabilia from that era. Dick laughed while reminiscing with friends and family about days past and memories of nights filled racing his 409's. Dick lived life to the fullest and found great joy in cruising the open road on his motorcycle with Sue and their friends. He loved his family beyond measure. Dick also loved his pets and will be especially missed by Harley and Toes. He enjoyed life on the farm and sawing and splitting wood with Sue. Dick could also be found on one of his many John Deere tractors mowing lawn or moving snow. He was a member of the Christian Church of Fairmont. Dick will be greatly missed by those that loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Sue Kast of Fairmont, MN; son, Chris (Paula) Kast of Kasson, MN; grandchildren, Colton Peterson, Alex Peterson, and Elise Peterson all of Kasson, MN; sister, Bev-

erly (Gwen) Krosch of Elmore, MN; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ken (Helga) Anderson of Fairmont, MN, Linda Anderson of Fairmont, MN, and Lois Anderson of Winnebago, MN; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mildred Kast; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Melvin and LaZetta Anderson and a brother-in-law, Ray Anderson.

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DEATH notices

- August 31 - Gary C. Raddatz, 80, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service
- August 31 - Mildred H. Brodt, 101, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
- September 1 - Richard H. Kast, 79, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
- September 2 - Viola Brennan, 86, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
- September 4 - Cynthia F. Krenz, 72, Fairmont (formerly of Truman) Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
- September 5 - John E. Sherman, 81, Truman. Kramer Funeral Home
- September 5 - Mary R. Blik, 87, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

IN MEMORIAM ONE YEAR AGO

- August 29 - Charles "Bud" Potts, 90, Trimont
- August 31 - Joan L. Krenz, 88, Renville, MN (formerly of Truman)
- September 2 - Patricia L. Kosbab, 83, Northrop
- September 5 - Walter J. Bettin, 87, Trimont

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5 smart strategies for cleaning and refreshing your home

With more of us spending time at home over the last few months, you're probably noticing every

bit of dust, pet hair and dirt accumulating on the floor and in nooks and crannies. And it's harder than ever to keep up with regular cleaning while the whole family is together inside. What are the best ways to focus your cleaning efforts, and how can you tackle tidying tasks with everyone underfoot? Here are some tools and

tips to keep your house - and home office, and home school - looking and feeling great. 1. Set regular cleaning times. Review everyone's schedules and block out times for cleaning chores each week that are predictable. Enlist older kids to help out, or arrange for teens or your partner to involve younger kids in a backyard activity while you get to work indoors. Make sure to leave enough time to get your tasks completed so you don't feel rushed. 2. Find easy-to-use tools that get the job done. For a quick and easy deep clean of floors, plus removal of pet hair and dust from chairs, sofas and even mattress-

es, check out the new LG CordZero Cordless Stick Vacuum with Kompressor. It delivers powerful suction that's easy to maneuver - plus it compresses the collected dirt, dust and pet hair in the bin so you don't need to empty it as often. You can also empty the bin with less scattered dust, and its five-step HEPA filtration system helps reduce allergens in your home. Turn on and change settings easily with a single touch (unlike other vacuums that require you to hold down the on button) and the adjustable wand length reduces strain for a more comfortable clean. Plus, LG's CordZero vacuum's portable charging stand lets you store and charge anywhere, with-

out drilling holes into your wall. The vacuum has two quick-release batteries for up to 120 minutes of run time. 3. Look out to cleaner pastures. Nothing makes your outlook brighter than sparkling clean windows. For a fresh and natural approach, try a blend of equal amounts distilled vinegar and hot water to wash the windows, using a squeegee to dry with no streaking. For hard-to-reach exterior windows, consider hiring out. You'll be amazed at the difference it makes when you have clean windows both inside and out. 4. Consider rearranging the furniture. Sometimes your furniture is arranged the way it is because, well, hasn't it always been that way? Clearing out bulky,

little-used furniture or finding a better arrangement can really breathe new life into any room. Before beginning the hard work of moving furniture around, however, first make a plan. Talk with family members to gather their input. Sketch out the room on paper or use an online room-arranging template to explore alternatives. This is the fun part that kids may enjoy. Let everyone brainstorm and don't dismiss any ideas out of hand - they might actually work! Consider the flow of traffic in and out of the room, if you have a focal point (like a picture window, TV or piano) and how you actually want to use the room. Get rid of pieces that serve no purpose and don't look good in the room. Sometimes less really is more. 5. Launder or deep clean fabrics. If it's been a while since you've done a deep clean, launder fabrics that are machine washable (like sofa covers or lightweight curtains) and use a steam cleaner for carpet and upholstery. Steam cleaning equipment can be rented if necessary. Refreshing your home regularly not only helps improve your health by reducing allergens, but can also really lift your mood and outlook. Spending more time at home will be much more pleasant and enjoyable when you know your whole environment is fresh and clean. For more tools to make your home life even better, check out www.lg.com.

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With people across the country spending more time at home than ever before, home improvement projects are increasingly becoming top of mind for homeowners. Despite the financial difficulties brought on by the pandemic, 77% of homeowners say their home renovation budget for 2020 is the same or greater than last year, according to a survey by the National Association of Realtors® (NAR). Whether it's finally having time to make their dream home improvements a reality or preparing their homes to sell, homeowners are optimistic about completing renovations this

year. NAR's survey found the top 3 home renovations that homeowners hope to complete within their budgets in 2020 are: * A new bathroom (28%); * A new kitchen (23%); and * Fencing in their yards (21%). "In an ever-changing world,

homeownership provides sanctuary, safety and financial security," said NAR President Vince Malta, broker at Malta & Co., Inc., in San Francisco, Calif. "As we celebrate Homeownership Month, we recognize that buying a home is one of the most rewarding transactions people will make in their lifetimes. Making your home your dream home through remodeling projects takes time and patience, but Realtors® and homeowners alike recognize the feelings of accomplishment, satisfaction and potentially higher home values that come with it." The survey also revealed homeowners are attuned to how

the pandemic may influence prospective buyers' preferences. A fenced-in yard, for example, the third most popular project for 2020, didn't even make the top 10 Realtor®-recommended projects in NAR's 2019 Remodeling Impact Report, which examined a variety of remodeling projects and

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Continued from page 8 a home office, gym or other space will offer one of the greatest returns on investment - another project that Realtors® would not have recommended as a top priority based on 2019 data. "Homeownership looks different now than it did years or even months ago - our homes have become offices, gyms and studios, so we're seeing a shift in priority of the types of features that homeowners and potential buyers want," Malta said. "Homeowners must keep in mind that some projects that sound appealing during a pandemic have not historically provided as much value when selling a home." Still, some renovation priorities remain unchanged: Kitchen and bathroom upgrades and remodels were highly recommended by Realtors® in 2019, and continue to top most homeowners' lists now. "Not only will improvements like updated kitchens for a better cooking experience be of interest to potential home buyers, but renovations such as adding space for a home office or gym will increasingly be in higher demand as we follow social distancing guidelines." Realtors® can help homeowners understand their local real estate markets as well as determine which home renovations improve quality of life and provide a greater return on investment during this 'new normal' of homeownership.

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Garage doors take up a lot of visual real estate on the exterior of a home, meaning they dramatically boost curb appeal. Because you never get a second chance to make a first impression, bland designs, old styles and damaged doors detract from a home's appearance and overall value. Updating a garage door has a midrange cost but an impressive ROI. According to Remodeling Magazine's 2020 Cost vs. Value report, the average national job cost of a garage door replacement is \$3,695, with an impressive 94.5% cost recouped at resale.

When choosing a garage door, select one you like that matches the home's design. For example, carriage-house

garage doors have a rustic look that work well with American Craftsman style homes. Contemporary garage doors with clean lines work well with mid-century modern homes. Raised panel garage doors are popular and work with many types of homes.

Project 2: Add a bathroom

Wish you could add a bathroom where no conventional plumbing exists in your home? Basements, attics, garages and unfinished spaces are tricky, but there is one way to add a bathroom without busting through concrete or sacrificing the structural integrity of a home: above-floor plumbing such as macerating toilets and drain pumps from Saniflo.

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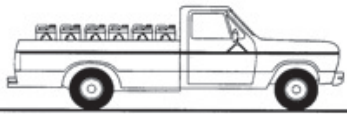
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Don't like the style of

ceiling you have? Many homeowners are opting to replace popcorn texture ceilings with flat or knock-down styles. While a ceiling is a personal preference, updating it to a more modern option may command a higher price at resale. If the ceiling has never been painted, you may be able to remove the popcorn texture yourself; otherwise, hiring a professional should get the job done quickly. Keep in mind, popcorn textures and other ceilings applied before 1979 may have asbestos, so you'll want to get

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Enhance the value and enjoy the results

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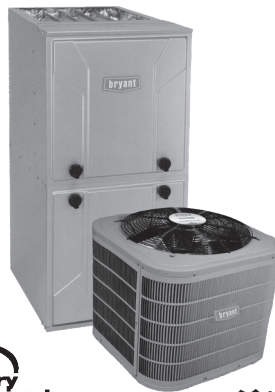


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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Martin County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment will be conducting a public hearing on September 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Martin County Commissioners Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue – Fairmont, MN. The following items will be on the agenda:

Variance Request from Karen McConnell within Section 6 of Manvaska Township. The McConnells are proposing to build a deck onto an existing house encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the centerline of the public right-of-way in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a 200 foot setback from the centerline of any public right-of-way for a new building site effective February 17, 2004 and one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way for existing building sites constructed before February 17, 2004. Existing building sites cannot further encroach closer than the nearest present building from the centerline of the road provided greater than 130 feet from the centerline in an "A" Agricultural District.

Variance Request (After-the-fact) from Larry Schultz within Section 34 of Fox Lake Township. The Schultzes constructed a yard shed which is encroaching closer than the minimum required setback for the east side yard setback and from the ordinary high water level on Fox Lake in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 30 feet from the sideyard and 100 feet from the ordinary high water level in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District.

Variance Request from Doug & Diana Kahler within Section 35 of Rutland Township. The Kahlers are proposing to build a structure to include living quarters encroaching closer than the minimum required setback to the ordinary high water level for protected water in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 200 feet from the ordinary high water level in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District.

Variance Request (After-the-Fact) from Gordon & Karen Toupal within Section 6 of East Chain Township. The Toupals constructed a structure which is encroaching closer than the minimum required setback for the north side yard setback in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 40 feet from the sideyard in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District.

Variance Request from John & Kristine Peterson within Section 6 of Manvaska Township. The Petersons are proposing to build a workshop encroaching closer than the minimum required setback to the west side yard setback and from the ordinary high water level on Fox Lake in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 30 feet from the sideyard and 100 feet from the ordinary high water level in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District.

Any persons interested in this public hearing are urged to attend the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting.

Pamela A. Flitter
Martin County Zoning Administrator
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Seaplanes and Ice Cream

I spent some time recalling the Labor Day weekend from a few years ago. I got to do some flying Friday night, which allowed me to see something I'd not seen before.

From the air, with the sun setting to the west over Duluth, I watched a large ship enter Superior Harbor. We've watched lots of ships come in through the canal and under the lift bridge at Duluth, but I had never seen one actually entering Superior. It was pretty neat.

Saturday, I spent a full day flying skydivers. I haven't done this for eight or nine years and it was really a blast. I stepped right back into it without missing a beat. My flying was good, the jump runs were into the wind and my altitudes were right where

they were supposed to be. I felt very comfortable with the door opening at 10,000 feet above the ground, watching people climb out on the wheel and strut. The lead jumper nods his head, giving a three count, then they fall away from the airplane, tumbling through the air rapidly toward the ground below me. I love that sight!

Sunday, after mass, I went to the Superior airport again, to get checked out in a Cessna 172 at Superior Flying Service. This is an easy plane to fly. The checkout is a standard procedure flight required when a pilot, new to the area, wants to rent airplanes.

Three times round the patch, three landings, one with a simulated "engine out" and my instructor said, "You're good to go!" Cool. Now I have another place I can rent airplanes

to take people for rides and maybe get Melissa up to do some aerial photography of the Northwoods.

After checking out in the 172, I drove all the way around the Twin Ports harbor, then out to Park Point where Sky Harbor airport is located. I got to meet John. He owns an impressive Dehaviland Beaver - the most classic icon of all float planes.

I had heard him making several radio-calls the day before when I was flying skydivers, so I came here to find and talk to him. He was having a dish of homemade ice cream a vendor was selling just outside the flying service.

I asked if he gave instruction, that I would like to get my seaplane rating. He said he didn't, but took me into an office area and gave me the name and phone number of a man who does.

We chatted for a few minutes, then he saw two of his passengers coming and he had to go. As a young couple approached, he extended his hand. "I'm John, the pilot and we'll be going up right after I finish my ice cream. You can go out, look, and take pictures, but please don't board the airplane until I am there."

A happy pilot is a good pilot and honestly, everyone is happy after finishing a dish of homemade ice cream. These young people were in for an extra good time - I could tell!

Outside, I stood at the water's edge watching the plane tied off to the end of the dock. A couple was standing there, each eating a dish of ice cream while watching the Beaver with great interest. "Are you two going for a ride in the seaplane?" I asked.

They answered simultaneously, "I'd sure like to." She said, while he said, "No, not today."

The wife asked me, "Are you going for a ride in it?"

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Marta Knick to Paul Basil, Stacey Basil, Lot 7, Block 4, Lake George Addn.

Shane P. Nagel, Stella A. Nagel to Emily Roloff, E½ Lots 4 and 5, Block 13, Original Plat of Fairmont

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Rain on Hit Parade

What a Labor Day weekend! After perfect Saturday-Sunday baseball weather the Fairmont Martins pounded out 17 hits in a light steady drizzle Monday in the Minnesota Class 'C' State Amateur Baseball Championship game vs the St. Patrick Irish. The Martins 12-0 seven-inning victory was the team's third title with the last one coming in 1959. With tournament MVP Luke Becker, 11-21 10 runs scored - 3 hits in this game, the Martins hit attack scored runs in the first 5 innings and ended the game early by the 10-run rule at Riverside Park in Springfield. The top of the order, Jack Waletich &

the all-tournament team besides Luke were - Waletich, Shoen and Traetow. The Martins (27-2) defeated #5-ranked Waconia, #1 Jordan, #4 Buffalo, Cold Spring and #9 St. Patrick in their run to the title. The game moved up to beat the weather saw the rain stopped for the fun pile-on celebration after the last out. The awards passed out and pictures taken with the home town faithful that made the trip, asked if it was what he expected, "It's really cool" said a new "reigning" state champ Luke Becker. "It's always fun when you win." Coach Dave Hurn said it was especially neat with coach-

RBI single in the fifth. The Martins outfield dazzled the crowd with diving catches from left fielder Levi Becker and right fielder Adam Schmidt topped by Waletich's "Wilky Mays" over the shoulder diving grab reminiscent of his Fairmont Cardinal high school state tournament catch against St. Cloud Cathedral. It probably would have been a run-scoring triple to the 452' deep center field, if not an inside the park home run. The Martins blew it open in the eighth and made it 8-1. Waletich added a two-run, two-out single for insurance. He finished 3-for-5 with four RBI. Luke Becker added three hits followed by two for Shoen, Jon Traetow, Ethan Hurn and Tyler Tennyson.



2020 CLASS "C" STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONS - Fairmont Martins. Team Members include - kneeling l to r: Ethan Hurn, Matt Lytle, Blake Crawmer, Lance Becker, Dalen Keltgen, Eli Anderson. Back row: Ben Heichel (Milroy draftee), Levi Becker, Adam Schmidt, Luke Becker, Christian Petschke, Jack Waletich, Derek Shoen, Jon Traetow, Ross Ackerman (Windom draftee), Tyler Tennyson, Collin Lovell (Windom draftee), coach Dave Hurn. Missing: Spencer Chirpich, Jack Hested, Josh Smith, Sam Schwieger, Jordan Wolter, Mitchell Prafke, Carter Bell, Paxton Gravlin. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



CATCH CELEBRATION - Martins centerfielder Jack Waletich celebrates his ESPN highlight diving grab vs Cold Spring with teammate #10 Jon Traetow. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Derek Shoen had 2 RBIs each while Jon Traetow and Tyler Tennyson delivered run scoring hits. Levi Becker added a 2-run triple. Ethan Hurn and Blake Crawmer added singles. The defense set the tone for the game turning a first inning ending double play and the outfield tracking down fly balls between the raindrops.

Adam Schmidt, the only member left playing from the 2nd place 2012 team, closed out the game in the seventh striking out the last two batters. Starter, Windom draftee Ross Ackerman picked up the win throwing six shutout innings allowing three hits, walked none and struck out four. Named to

ing "son Ethan and some of these guys at Martin Luther High School." Player/manager Levi Becker confirmed the Springfield coach's statement after a Covid-19 game in Bancroft, Iowa, "We'll be seeing ya at our ball park during the state tournament." They saw 'em a lot - outstanding pitching, superb defense and torrid bats.

Sunday night's semi-finals game - Martins 10, Cold Spring 3. Matt Lytle threw a complete game gem allowing two earned runs, four hits, one walk while striking out two. Jack Waletich did it all in this game, tied up the game in the third with a two out double, and gave the Martins lead with a

Sunday quarterfinal game - Martins 5, Buffalo 1. Winning pitcher Tyler Tennyson went the distance for the Martins allowing three hits, one walk, four HBP and struck out three. Luke Becker drilled a two-run triple to deep left center and Derek Shoen collected an RBI on a fielder's choice ground-



SMOOTH DELIVERY - Tyler Tennyson delivers to the plate. Tennyson gave up just 3 hits in their win over Buffalo. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

out in the second inning. Jon Traetow deposited a two-run home run that eluded the right fielder's glove. Blake Crawmer went 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Saturday's game - Martins 7, Jordan 5. Windom draftee Colin Lovell, after downing Waconia 2-1 in the first game of the tournament, picked up his second win going eight innings allowing two earned runs on 11 hits with two walks and seven strikeouts to upend the defending champs. Lovell worked around multiple run scoring situations with a big strike out or flawless Martins double play defense. Jon Traetow got the Martins on the board with a first inning 2-run single. Jack Waletich tacked on RBI singles in the third and the fifth. Derek Shoen's RBI sacrifice fly made it 5-1. A run scoring fly ball error on the leftfielder and Shoen's double led to two insurance runs in the

8th. Shoen relief pitching the ninth walked his first three batters. Adam Schmidt replaced Shoen and allowed a RBI single, got a strikeout with run-

ners on the corners. Jordan scored on a wild pitch to make it 7-5. Schmidt picked up the save after fly out and a game ending a strikeout. - chirp



BIG STRETCH - Martins Jon Traetow keeps his foot on the bag catching a throw from the catcher after a dropped third strike. The Martins upended the defending champs Jordan 7-5. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



STOLEN BASE - Martins Luke Becker swipes second base vs St. Patrick. Becker was named to the Minnesota Class 'C' State Amateur Baseball all-tourney team and collected the Tournament MVP plaque. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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