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Fairmont's Community Center and What We Had In The Past

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



The possibility of having a "Community Center" in Fairmont has been on the table for several years. The proponents of the Fairmont Area Community Center state that it will be a positive addition to Fairmont and the entire area. The venue will have a field-house/gymnasium, a track, and indoor aquatic center, Fairmont youth hockey, an ice arena, multi-purpose community rooms, exercise studios, and more including a YMCA. The project is supported by many yet also questioned by some. To gain perspective, it may be helpful to consider what the past reveals about some of the recreational opportunities previously available and how they might compare to the current proposal.

What about an indoor aquatic center? Fairmont at one time had an indoor swimming pool. It was located in what is today known

as the Fairmont Elementary School on Victoria Street. The school district and the city originally entered into an agreement whereby the city would provide water and electricity and the school would provide the heat. The director's salary would be shared equally by both entities. Excavation for the \$602,064.00 project, financed equally by the city and school district, began in 1970. Tim Garry was hired in 1971 to be the pool manager and swimming instructor for the school district. The plan for the pool was for the school to have use of the pool on school days until 4 p.m. and the general public after that time and on weekends and holidays. Following a \$304,000.00 renovation in 1986, the new recreation director, Susan Silker, proposed recreation/family time and discussed the therapeutic value of the pool for senior citizens and handicapped swimmers.

Fitness swimming and aquacize classes were also offered. In 1986, a task force was organized in an attempt to determine more uses for the pool facility. Eventually, the demise of the pool was apparently a result of a number of factors including the costs of maintenance and up keep in addition to some disagreement as to which entity was ultimately responsible.

A community resource that was at one time available for multi-purpose use was the old National Guard Armory located at 209 N. Main Street. It was purchased by the city for \$12,000.00 in 1974. The number of offerings provided by this facility was staggering. This venue provided countless activities including dance exercise, aerobic exercise programs, lunch hour workouts, basketball, badminton, archery, shuffle board, parent and child activities for 3 to 5 year olds,

indoor golf driving range, horseshoes, lunch hour workouts, open gym, volleyball, table tennis, roller skating, dog obedience training, and more. The old armory was demolished in 1985 when it was determined to be unsafe for the public due to a ruined roof and crumbling ceiling.

Another recreational option, designated specifically for the youth of the area, was known as the May Ward Pfiffner Recreational Youth Center. It was located at 124 E. 1st St., currently the site of a parking lot to the east of the Photo Press. It had previously been the location of the city power plant and later the American Legion Hall. The Youth Center became a reality as a result of a \$48,000.00 bequest from Harold Ward Pfiffner to the city of Fairmont for that purpose. It was named after his mother, May Ward Pfiffner. The Youth Center had a main auditorium for dancing, a stage, and a game room that included pool tables, ping pong tables, and pinball games. It also had a kitchen with all the modern equipment of the era. Of course, its "Rules of Conduct" were conspicu-

ously displayed for all to see.

What led to the demise of the Youth Center? According to the November 12, 1981, edition of the Sentinel, the city was contemplating the sale of the Youth Center and considering moving youth activities to the old armory site. Rising maintenance costs and limited Youth Center uses of the building were cited as impacting the decision to sell the building. In addition, the story mentioned vandalism and it being considered a "rough place" playing into the decision to sell. Thus, its fate was sealed and is now but a distant memory.

The needs and wants of society change over time, frequently as a result of external and unpredictable influences, such as the in-

ternet. Would the previously mentioned venues be utilized today to the extent that they were in the past? Could the proposed community center incorporate the most utilized aspects of those previously mentioned opportunities and add more into one concise facility today? If the community center becomes a reality, will it be able to cope with and evolve with an ever changing society? These are but some of the questions that need to be considered, or may well have been considered, prior to it coming to fruition.

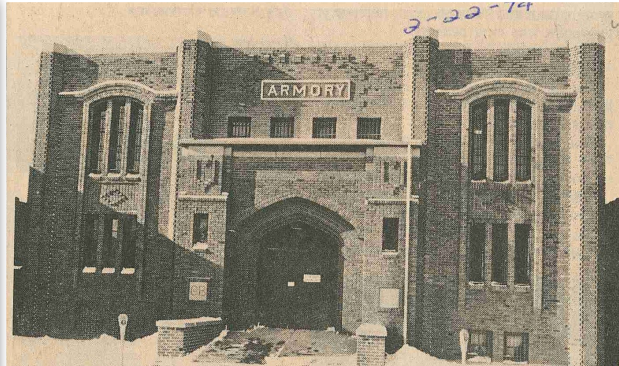
For more information on this topic, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs

Rules of Conduct

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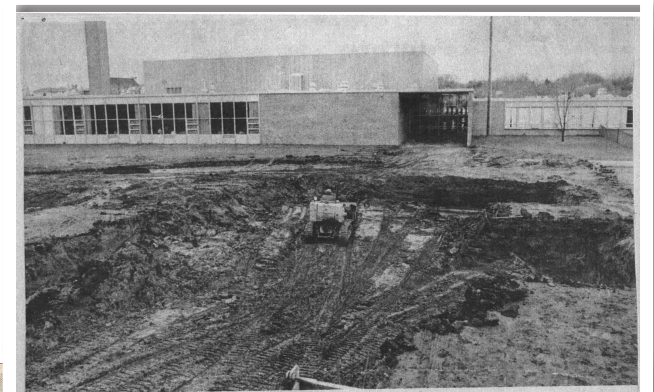
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- BOYS MUST NOT WEAR blue jeans

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7:00 to 11:00 Saturday nites.
ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CENTER.



Sold!—state accepts city offer for old armory

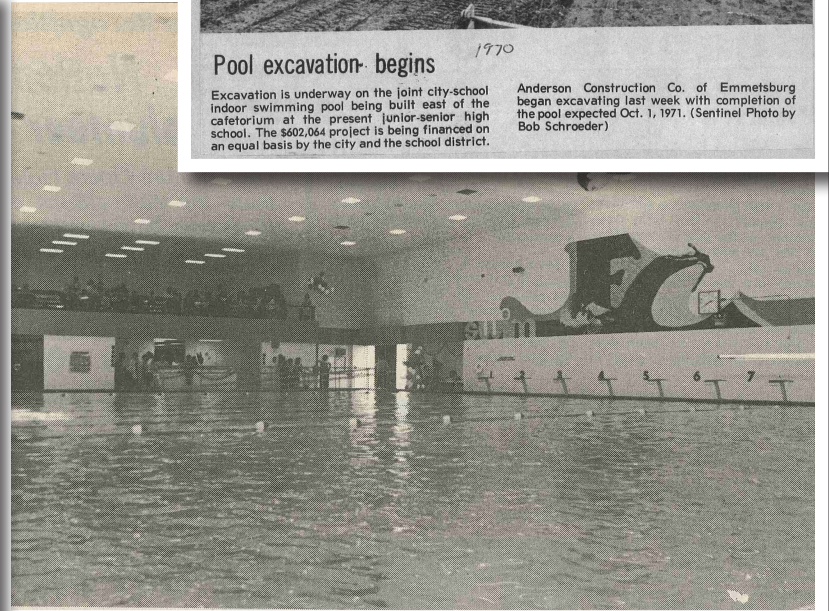
City makes school offer, armory deal goes through



Pool excavation begins

Excavation is underway on the joint city-school indoor swimming pool being built east of the cafeteria at the present junior-senior high school. The \$602,064 project is being financed on an equal basis by the city and the school district.

Anderson Construction Co. of Emmetsburg began excavating last week with completion of the pool expected Oct. 1, 1971. (Sentinel Photo by Bob Schroeder)



Bloodmobile visits Sherburn

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Sherburn on Monday, November 8th. The location is at the Assembly of God Regional Worship Center Fellowship Hall, 2 Crossroad Drive. Hours are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you are an eligible

O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

To make an appointment, call Dorothy at 507-236-5764.

Streamline your donation, and save up to 15

minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Human Rights seminar

A seminar entitled: "Human Rights in Minnesota" is offered through CER. The date? Thursday evening, November 11, but you must register one week in advance, by November 4.

The seminar will be a discussion of Human Rights, beginning with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights signed on Dec. 10, 1948. Eleanor Roosevelt had a pivotal role in the creation of that Declaration.

Attendees will also examine the Minnesota Human Rights Act, passed into law in 1967, one of the strongest civil rights laws in the country. The law powerfully states, "Discrimination threatens the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of this state and menaces the institutions and foundations of democracy."

The Act's Mission is to make Minnesota discrimination free. Its' goals are to create a more equitable Minnesota; create a more inclusive culture and to identify and eliminate discrimination.

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights enforces the Minnesota Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights is the state's civil rights enforcement agency. Its purpose is to uphold the civil rights of Minnesotans in every county of the state. The Department strives to help foster a world where everyone can lead lives full of dignity and joy.

CER: Fairmont Community Education and Recreation. 115 S. Park Street. Tel: 507-235-3141

The Truman High School Class of 55 celebrated 66 years at Pizza Ranch, on October 22nd. Out of the original 43 graduates, seven attended the reunion. Front row, left to right: Larry and Elaine Armstrong, Cordelia (Tietz) Survis, Jan (Weidenbach) Becker. Back row: Lawrence Wolf, Marvin Williams, Jerome Becker. Also in attendance were Bernice Wolf, Robert Survis, a former classmate Melvin and Lola Miller. As far as the committee knows, 17 class members are deceased. Letters were received from James and DeLoris Rucks, Joye (Bettin) Weaver, Dorrene (Wilde) Klein, Maxine (Kettner) Baker, Myrna (Weiderhoef) Thomas. There were also telephone visits from Ruth (Walston) Trittlewitz, Audrey (Anderson) Poulson, and Jeanette (Sode-man) Karschnik. A tentative date for the 67th reunion is set for Friday, September 16th, 2022.



Muskies stocked in Fairmont lakes



The Minnesota DNR stocked the five Fairmont lakes with muskie fingerlings, on October 26th. The 309 muskie fingerlings ranged in size from 10" to 12½", and were stocked in George, Sis-seton, Budd, Hall and Amber Lakes, in proportion to the size of the lakes.

Muskies were previously stocked in 2016, 2018, and the stocking planned for 2020 was moved to this year, because of last year's Covid-19.

Over the years, the Fairmont Lakes Foundation has overseen the stocking of over 3,000 sunfish and blue gills, which eat carp eggs.

A 30" muskie was caught recently on one of the Fairmont lakes. "Where? By the mouth."



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My name is Sherri (Olson) Johnson. I graduated from Fairmont High School in 1987, and married Jeff, another Fairmont graduate, Class of '83. I went to work right after graduation in Mankato, managing a women's clothing department while my spouse finished college.

We moved back to Fairmont in 1990, to be closer to family, and have made our home here ever since.

I work in Supply Chain Management as a Logistics Lead at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and St. James.

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An open house bridal shower for Cassie Urban of Truman, bride-to-be of William Huper of Wells, will be held on Saturday, November 13th, 10 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. Cassie is the daughter of Connie and the late Darrell Urban. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon under Cassandra Urban.


Craft/Holiday Boutique
November 6, 2021 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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Veterans' Day dinner

The Sherburn American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a Veterans' Day dinner on Thursday, November 11th. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., supper at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.

All veterans and spouses are welcome.

Fairmont United Methodist Church plans a free drive-up meal on Wednesday, November 10th. The meal will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or until the food is gone. Please drive through from the front of the church at 119 E. 2nd St, Fairmont. The menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit and dessert.

Everyone is welcome.

Hy-Vee Veterans Day Breakfast

The Fairmont Hy-Vee store will celebrate Veterans Day by offering a free breakfast buffet to all veterans and active-duty military members as a way of thanking veterans and military members for their service. Hours are 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 11th.

The Hy-Vee chain typically serves more than 90,000 veterans and their guests each year at their in-store dining facilities or restaurants.

The annual Veterans Day program will be held at the Fairmont Area High School Performing Arts Center, starting at 2 p.m., on Thursday, November 11th.



Elle Mark, Miss Minnesota visited Fairmont Jr/Sr High School and GHEC Granada Huntley East Chain for a "Real Talk" drug and alcohol prevention program brought to you by the Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Empower Youth Group during Red Ribbon Week.

Mark visited with students during lunch and

students took many selfies with her and asked her questions about what it is like being Miss Minnesota and why she ran. She explained to them that her platform is mental health wellness because it is something she struggled with as a young person and now hopes to help take down the stigmas associated with asking for help. She was very approach-

able, and the students loved talking with her.

Marks showed her Real Talks Video to the Juniors and Seniors at Fairmont and the 6th to 12th grade students at GHEC and then held a candid discussion about the information the students learned in the video. Some of the main discussions touched on why young people choose to turn to substances and what are the consequences of those actions. Mark spoke about five steps to mental wellness and how those steps can help deal with stress and peer pressure, giving students the tools they need to say no to drugs and alcohol and to be healthy.

Fairmont Women of Today host An Enchanted Afternoon

Fairmont Women of Today are inviting children up to age 12 to an afternoon with Cinderella, Anna, Rapunzel, and Mary Poppins. The event, which takes place Saturday, November 6, will take place at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont. Showtimes are from 12-2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. The performers will engage children with singing, dancing, and storytime.

Tickets are \$40 for a child and \$20 for an adult chaperone. All children must be chaperoned by an adult. Each show time can accommodate only 80 guests. Ticket sales end November 5,

or when the tickets are sold out. No refunds are available on tickets, but they may be transferred to another guest. Tickets can be purchased via Event-brite by following the link on the Fairmont Women of Today Facebook page, or contacting Sue Bay at 507-236-0402.

Fairmont Women of Today hosted a similar event in 2017, with proceeds going to purchase a Cuddle Cot for local hospitals. This year's event will raise funds for the unique projects Fairmont Women of Today take on to give back to their community.

"We are very excited to host "An Enchanted

Evening," said Fairmont Women of Today event coordinator Sue Bay. "Four years ago tickets sold out. It is such a fun event for kids and their chaperones!"

Fairmont Women of Today is an active service organization in Martin County, focusing on serving the community, leadership development, and enriching friendships. Some of the group's previous events include Touch-a-Truck, Eve in the Orchard, the Baby Feeding Center at the Martin County Fair, and several youth and member events throughout the year.

Quilters meet Monday

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild will meet on Monday, November 8th, 2021, at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 901 Woodland Avenue, Fairmont. The Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular group meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. After a short business meeting and a fun and interesting program we will have Show and Share. The evening meeting will meet at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Greta Lintelman 507-238-4192.

The Fairmont High School class of 1962, spouses and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 11th at The Pizza Ranch.

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Drama Department will be presenting "Shoestring Theater" on Friday, November 5th at 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Opera House. The production is a hilarious, slap-stick comedy and an epic retelling of Cinderella suitable for all ages. General seating tickets are available at the door - \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com/drama-production.html

A Pie Social will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha. Drive by, dine in, or take out, on Wednesday, November 10th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Serving pork loin sandwiches, homemade potato salad or chips, and a wide variety of homemade pies with ice cream. \$10.00 is a suggested donation. Proceeds will go to fund many local charities and mission projects. Everyone is welcome.

What's New in Medicare

Staying on top of the latest changes in the Medicare program can be difficult. Medicare beneficiaries and their family members will learn about changes in Medicare for the coming year and how it could affect their benefits. An overview of the Medicare program, benefits and plan options for the new year will be provided. This presentation is offered in the fall of each year.

Please visit: <https://bit.ly/3hSsqYl> to sign up for the class, as space is limited.

WHAT: What's New in Medicare Virtual Presentation

WHEN: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Online Virtual Presentation

More classes and events can be found at: <https://mnraaa.org/calendar/>

The Senior LinkAge Line is a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's local area agencies on aging. It is the state's federally designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). Call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or visit www.MinnesotaHelp.info to chat with a specialist during business hours.

Thank you

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and Greg & Nancy Gellert for hosting the Region 4

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Obituary Notices



Ronald "Hubba" D. Green, 61

A Celebration of Life for Ronald (Hubba) David Green, 61 of Ormand Beach, Florida, formally of Granada and Mankato will be held in Granada at the Granada Bar & Grill on Saturday, November 13th from noon to 4 pm.

Ron was called to his

eternal resting place very peacefully after a short fight against pancreatic cancer on October 16th, 2021 surrounded by family and friends at his home.

Ronald David Green was born October 23rd, 1959 in Winnebago, MN to Melvin and Darliss (Werner) Green. He went to Granada Huntley school and graduated with Class of 1978.

During his childhood he helped run milk routes and pumped gas

at the family owned gas station. He participated in all sports and loved every minute of it. Ron had various jobs throughout his life and always put everything in himself into these jobs. He loved to bicycle everywhere even managing to survive getting hit by a couple of vehicles, golf with friends and especially his kids. He loved to go up north with the guys, fishing at Nodak Lodge in Bena, MN and especially loved to make everyone laugh

with his great sense of humor. He had a big heart and would be willing to help anyone out whenever needed.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife Nina of Ormand Beach, FL; daughter, Ashley (Jade) Janke of Dickinson, ND; sons, Ryan (Aimee) Harmon of Philadelphia, PA, Brett Green of St. Paul, MN, Brandon (Fawn) Green of Minneapolis, MN; grandchildren, Henry Harmon and Witten Janke.; mother;

Darliss Green of Granada, MN.; sister; Kathy (Bob) Leet of Granada, MN.; niece, Danielle (Brian) Koehler of Nicollet, MN.; step-niece, Summer (Erik) Mueller and Gavin and Preston.; dog, Baxter and other extended family and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his dad; Melvin Green, grandparents Clyde and Edna Green, Fred and Eleanor Werner, brother, Randy Green, along with many aunts and uncles.



Joyce L. Johnson, 90

Joyce Johnson passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Odin on October 14, 2021. Services were held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Odin, MN. Burial was at at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, west

of Odin. Message of sympathy can be sent to the family at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

Joyce Loreen Leverson was born April 4, 1931, to Hazel (Olson) and F. Gordon Leverson at the Mountain Lake Hospital in Mt. Lake, MN. After her birth, the medical staff discovered that she was hemorrhaging from an unknown cause. In one of the first of its kind procedures, her father, Gordon, donated blood directly into Joyce's system to save the baby girl's life. Joyce was baptized as an infant and confirmed as a teen at Zion Lutheran in Odin. She attended school in Odin and graduated from St. James High School in

1950, attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, for one year before marrying Luane Johnson on September 7, 1951, at Zion Lutheran in Odin. Following her marriage to Luane, the couple lived in Fort Hood, Texas, for a short time, while Luane was in the service, before returning to Odin.

Joyce and Luane owned and operated Leversons furniture store in Odin, beginning in 1960, after Joyce's father, Gordon, retired and sold the business to them. Her out-going personality made her a life-long and endearing friend to a wide circle of people. Joyce excelled at decorating many homes for customers and selling

furniture, appliances, carpeting and giftware while working with Luane at Leversons.

In 1973 she endured a parent's worst nightmare when her only daughter Lori was killed in a bicycling accident. Joyce became an example of strength to so many because she truly knew what mattered in life. On February 14, 1998, the love of her life, her husband Luane, passed away after an illness. She handled losing Luane on Valentine's Day with her usual goodness, grace, and positivity.

During her life, Joyce was an avid community member and world traveler. She was the first woman elected to the

Butterfield Odin School Board, where she served for many years, also participating in county and local extension clubs and the ARC program. She hosted many trips and took tours world-wide to places like Israel, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Australia, Turkey, Russia, China, the Panama Canal, Brazil, and others. She enjoyed spending many winters in her home in Mesa, AZ, hosting her snowbird friends and family members who made the trip to see her. She will also be remembered for her cooking and baking talents, kumla and kringla being favorites of many.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, and husband. She is survived by her sons Greg Johnson and special friend Dr. Shirley Kittleson of Sherburn, MN, and Mike Johnson and his wife Dawn of Odin. She is also survived by two granddaughters and one great-grandson, Codi Johnson and special friend Chance Hanson of Odin, and Hayley Johnson of Sioux Falls, SD, and her special friend Tucker Kerkhove of Brookings, SD. She is survived by her great-grandson, Heston Hanson of Odin, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

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Transgenerational Healthcare

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center



Chances are by now you have heard of a lot of different kinds of healthcare — cutting edge healthcare, wellness care, preventative healthcare, but have you heard of "transgenerational" healthcare? What would that even mean? It is a term you will hopefully start hearing more and more of, especially if the health of your children and your children's children is important to you. Transgenerational healthcare is, in a nutshell, healthcare that goes beyond the individual and considers the individual and their family as well, including children, grandchildren, and even parents that you may have a part in caring for.

Most of us think of health in terms of how we feel, less of us think in terms of how our bodies are actually functioning. Let's be honest, most of us seek out "health" care when we have symptoms. We take better care of our cars and pets than we do of our bod-

ies. Few of us go in for testing to make sure we are healthy. And to be clear, while colonoscopies, mammograms, and other types of screenings are an important part of prevention, how many of you, after getting a good report, have ever been told how to keep things healthy? Typically, they just keep testing you until you are too old for the tests to be helpful or until they find something.

The first step in understanding transgen-

eration health care is to understand your own health. Health is not the absence of symptoms. You can have osteoporosis and never "feel" it until you break a bone. You can have cancer and never "feel" a thing. How you feel is a very poor indicator of your health. True health is both feeling your best and being your best. When your energy is good, you're healthy. When you sleep well and wake up refreshed, you're sleeping

healthy. When you feel good after a meal and not sluggish and tired, you're eating healthy. When your brain functions good no matter your age, your nervous system is healthy. We are designed by God to be very healthy, and because we have a lot of built-in reserve capacity, we rarely know when we start to lose health until it is quite far along.

Part of what I do through functional medicine is incorporating all these things to help you not only feel better but to actually be better. When your blood test and chiropractic analysis show improvements, you can know for sure you are indeed healthy. I recently

had a patient come in for a follow up on his blood labs and he told me that this is the best he has felt in years. His test results confirmed it. He had referred his mother and they both already noticed a difference in her energy as well — and she is 80 years old!

Therein lies the "transgenerational" aspect I am talking about. I want to encourage you to start thinking about health as including the health of your family. If

you're healthy but your kids are always sick, it affects you. If you are always worrying about your parents as they age, it affects your health as well. If your spouse is unhealthy, it affects your relationship, your health, your life. With the exception of your young children, I understand you can't make anyone else make good choices. You can

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DEATH notices



October 14 - Joyce L. Johnson, 90, Odin. Kramer Family Funeral Home

October 16 - Ronald "Hubba" D. Green, 61, Ormand Beach, FL. (Formerly of Granada)

October 28 - Darwin R. Cook, 82, Fairmont. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

October 28 - Jeffrey D. Tonne, 78, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 28 - Julie A. Speckman, 61, Fairmont. Kramer Family Funeral Home

October 29 - Darlene R. Roebbeke, 84, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Home

October 30 - Shirley V. Greve, 93, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 30 - Bruce E. Behne, 88, Fairmont. Kramer Family Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

October 21 - Timothy A. Plath, 48, Ceylon.

October 28 - Gerald W. Blakeslee, 78, Fairmont.

October 30 - Grant M. Boatman, 86, Fairmont.

October 31 - Vern P. Bass, 61, Truman (formerly of Fairmont).



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Thank you for sending in all your photos!

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surely encourage them, and sometimes the best thing you can do is be a good example. When people see you in a state of optimal health, they notice. They start to say things like "I want what you've got." When you come from a place of high energy and vitality, people will listen to you.

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can "leave your children at home so they can develop the same problems you have." A little harsh, but very accurate.

I want to teach you one more word, and that is the word "epigenetics." I first heard this word in 1995, and now almost 30 years later it is coming into common use. It refers to the fact that we can control the expression of our genes. You may have the genetics for obesity, but by doing some extra work with your diet, supplement, and exercises, you don't have to express those genes. Certain supple-

ments can even affect the expression of good and bad genes. Even more fascinating is the science that shows that your nutrition can affect the next three generations of children you have. And not just mothers when they are pregnant — although that is the biggest effect — but also the dads before conception. That is powerful! If that is the only thing you get from this article, remember that! The choices you make today can affect your great grandkids for the better... or the worse.

So how do you start? First recognize that

your health is largely a matter of your choices. Then recognize that your choices can influence those around you for the better or worse. So eat healthy, buy quality vitamins and supplements, see your Doctor of Chiropractic — and not just for pain — then watch how you being healthy affects those around you, which in turn decreases your stress and makes you even healthier. Finally, look forward to someday holding your great-grandchildren, and knowing that your choices 50 or 60 years ago are making them healthy and happy.

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What to know about refinancing a mortgage

Historically low interest rates have made now a good time to be a homeowner. According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, also known as Freddie Mac, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in mid-September 2021 was 2.86. Just ten years earlier, the average rate was 4.09. That's a significant dip, and one that's saving today's homeowners tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their mortgages.

Interest rates dipped during the pandemic and have remained low ever since. That's unlikely to last forever, which has given many homeowners a sense of urgency regarding refinancing. Refinancing can be financially advantageous, but there are some things homeowners should know prior to contacting their lenders.

Refinancing does not always save money over the long haul.

It's hard to blame homeowners who jump at the chance to refinance their mortgages. Refinancing is often associated with significantly lower monthly payments, and such savings can be used to finance home improvements, pay for tuition or build retirement nest eggs. However, homeowners won't necessarily save money over the long haul if they're refinancing an existing 30-year mortgage with another 30-year mortgage.

The mortgage experts at Mortgage Calcula-

tor note that a Change Terms mortgage refinance is characterized by a shift to a loan charging a lower interest rate. The initial savings with such a refinance are undeniable, but changing from one 30-year to another 30-year restarts the mortgage clock, which can add years to the time homeowners will be repaying their debt. As a result, homeowners may end up paying more interest over time than they might have had they just kept their initial mortgage. Homeowners interested in a Change Terms refinance may want to look into switching from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage. A shorter term mortgage will increase the monthly payment, but the loan will reach maturity much faster, greatly reducing the amount of interest homeowners will pay over the life of the mortgage.

Refinancing can be costly.

Lower monthly payments might be the number that catches homeowners' eyes as they look to refinance, but it's important that home-

owners recognize that refinancing is not free. In fact, the personal finance experts at Kiplinger note that refinancing incurs many of the same costs that homeowners had to pay when they signed their initial mortgage papers. That includes fees, taxes and appraisal costs. These costs are sometimes paid up front, but they also might be rolled into the loan balance. In the latter instance, homeowners could be paying interest on their refinancing costs. Homeowners who are refinancing solely because of lower interest rates should know that some lenders raise interest rates to compensate for refinancing costs. That can negate the savings and end up costing homeowners more money than the original mortgage.

Refinancing is an option for homeowners who want to save money. Homeowners can speak with a financial advisor to determine if this is the best way to save money over the long haul or if refinancing will ultimately cost them more over the life of the mortgage.

Responsible building decisions deserve benefits, too

(MS) — Beauty, spaciousness and interior design are all important when building a personal dream home. Today, however, with the reality of energy and environmental concerns, homeowners also insist their forever home must be as eco-responsible as possible. And it turns out many decisions initially based on being environmentally friendly can deliver unexpected aesthetic results, too.

"Sometimes the least glamorous decisions can be the ones that give your lifestyle far more quality and value — and a good case in point is the use of concrete to build the walls, instead of traditional wood framing," says Natalie Rodgers of Nudura, a leading name in this field.

"Our technology has advanced the development of the insulated concrete form, a system that interlocks like Lego to erect a building. For the occupants, the ben-

efits of improved comfort, energy efficiency, safety and interior air quality are delivered immediately with ICF construction. For the homeowner-investor, all those benefits assure top resale value."

In addition, an ICF structure can be finished on the exterior just like traditional wood frame structures. Stone, stucco, brick or whatever material is envisioned can be used with the insulated concrete forms.

Building the walls with concrete needs to be decided early in the planning, Rodgers explains. The method discards wood framing in favor of pre-assembled, interlocking concrete forms filled with concrete. Take a look at a few more of the benefits of concrete:

Fuel savings. Compared to wooden walls, solid concrete walls vastly reduce air infiltration, optimizing energy performance and reducing the carbon foot-

print.

Comfort. Outside cold easily travels through wood-framed walls, causing thermal bridging and creating uncomfortable chilly spots inside your home. Walls with a solid concrete core address and prevent thermal bridging to deliver even temperatures throughout the house.

Quiet. Solid concrete is an effective sound barrier. It dampens sound vibrations from outside noise such as traffic, trains and neighborhood parties.

Safety. ICF has a fire protection rating of up to four hours. If high wind in your community is a concern, data shows that Nudura homes demonstrate impact resistance up to 250 miles per hour.

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East Chain 4-H report

President Jazlyn Geerdes called the September 12, 2021 East Chain 4-H club meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the East Chain Activity Center. Pledges were led by Emily Findley and roll call was taken by answering the question "Name a School Supply that starts with the same letter as your name?" There were 13 members present, 0 visitors and 6 new members.

Emily Findley made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Gavin Sukalski seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Brooke Ruppert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Morgan Ruppert seconded that motion. Motion passed. There were no bills. A Thank You from Kaylean Thingstead was the only correspondence. There was one addition to the agenda to discuss activities during National 4-H week. Avery Kurt made a motion to approve the agenda and Emily Findley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The 12 club members who attended the County Fair and the 5 club members who attended State

Fair talked about their experiences. Everyone was asked to bring banner ideas to the next meeting. There was no old business discussed. Ideas for National 4-H Week, Megan will make flyers for schools, we decorate Indulge window on Saturday, October 2nd, and October 3rd Halloween Party.

There were demonstrations by the Sukalskis about their puppy and Holsteins. Brayden Geerdes made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brooke Ruppert seconded that motion.

Respectfully submitted by,
Avery Kurt

Real estate financing options

The decision to buy a home is significant. Real estate is the biggest investment the average person will make in his or her lifetime, which underscores just how significant the home buying decision, can be.

The real estate experts at Zillow recently reported that the national median price of a home in the United States is \$272,446. However, since the National Association of Realtors reported a record low housing inventory late in 2020, the average house price has been rising rapidly nationwide. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis estimates the median home sales price at \$374,900, and certain states have much higher prices. WOWA, a real estate and finance technology company, says the average sale price of a home in Canada was \$679,051 in July 2021.

Most people do not have \$300,000 to \$600,000 in savings on hand to purchase a home in cash. That means they'll need to rely on financing to pay for their dream homes.

Conventional lending

Conventional lending refers to when a bank or another financial institution loans a home buyer money to buy a home. This is one of the most common ways to fund a home purchase. Personal credit score as well as credit history help determine eligibility and interest rates for conventional loans. Availability of assets as well as income level are some additional determining factors. Conventional loans are traditionally 10-, 15- or 30-year notes and will require a certain percentage as the down payment to secure the loan. The bank will determine the down

payment requirement, which is typically somewhere between 3 and 20 percent.

FHA loan

A Federal Housing Administration loan is issued by an FHA-approved lender. These loans are designed for low-to-moderate-income borrowers, according to the financial guide Investopedia. FHA loans require lower minimum down payments and lower credit scores than many conventional loans. FHA loans also require mortgage insurance up front, plus annually for 11 years or the life of the loan depending on the length of the loan.

HELOC

A Home Equity Line of Credit, commonly called a HELOC loan, borrows against the available equity in your home to create a line of credit, much like a credit card. These funds can be used for large expenses or to consolidate higher-interest rate debt on other loans, according to Bank of America. It may be possible to use a HELOC to secure funding to make improvements to a home for those who want to flip it as an investment property.

Private money lenders

Individuals investing

in real estate who do not intend to use a property as a primary residence may turn to private money lenders. These investors can tap into capital from personal connections and lend at specified interest rates and payback periods, according to Fortune Builders, a real estate investing resource. Keep in mind the interest rate will likely be higher with a private lender than through a conventional lender. The repayment term also will be shorter.

VA-backed loan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has a program for acquiring loans through conventional lenders that will be partially guaranteed against loss through the VA. This enables a lender to give better loan terms, such as the option to pay no down payment. Interested parties need to qualify for a Certificate of Eligibility and then work with qualified lenders.

People have several options to finance the purchase of a home. These loans can help make the dream of home ownership a reality. Potential buyers are urged to speak with mortgage professionals or financial planners to consider their options.

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Storage solutions for pet supplies

Pet owners soon learn that having a pet means carving out a portion of home real estate for all of the supplies necessary for keeping companion animals healthy and comfortable. From food to toys to bedding, many pets require a laundry list of items.

Developing a storage strategy means keeping items within reach but potentially out of sight. These suggestions can help individuals calm pet-related clutter.

Food storage

Many dry pet foods are sold in bulk, which can be convenient for pet parents. Buying in quantity not only reduces the number of shopping trips, it also can help keep per-unit costs down.

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration notes that proper storage of pet food and treats helps maintain the products' nutritional value and prevents spoilage. It also can keep pets from getting into their food and eating too much. Purchase a food grade and BPA-free plastic storage container that can accommodate the volume of food and has an airtight lid to maintain freshness. If you are pouring the food directly into the container, save the product UPC code, brand name, lot

number, and "best by" date from the packaging in case you need to file a complaint about the food.

Small containers can be used for treats or other edible items. Store all food in a cool, dry place.

Toys and more

Investing in some similarly sized clear storage containers makes it easy to wrangle all of the accessories that come with pet ownership. Label the containers and fill them with the items you need, such as rubber balls, pet waste bags, coiled leashes or collars, squeaking toys, grooming brushes and combs, extra bird cuttlebones, fish nets, warming stones, or whatever other supplies are needed for pets large and small. Devote a shelf or shelves in a storage closet for these items so they're always readily available.

Medications

Store medications separately from products used for children and adults in the house. Keep medications in the original packages so labels can be referred to as needed. Place them in a sealed container so they're not easily opened by children or pets.

Toys in use

Many dogs and cats (or other small animals allowed to roam the house) will want access to their favorite toys. An easy solution is a ground-level basket that is slipped under a side table in the living room or den. It's easily accessible but kept out of sight. Clean-up means a quick sweep of toys that quickly can be tossed in the basket.

Bedding

Depending on the animal, bedding may mean a cozy stuffed fabric bed or a pile of shaved cedar. Both can be bulky. A designated spot for storage helps keep the home organized, and dog and cat beds can be coordinated to the color scheme of the house so they blend in.

Pets require many different supplies that, when properly stored, will not seem like they're intruding on pet owners' space.

Choose the greenest builder available

(MS) — As building codes enforce tightened minimum standards for eco-responsibility, the more progressive builders are illustrating their own accountability by using and producing materials that are even more efficient than mandates demand. This is great news if you are currently designing, planning or simply getting ready to buy a new home — your investment will likely deliver greater environmental conservation, lower occupant costs and increased property value.

Building code revisions worldwide are ushering a whole new generation of structures that are between 35 and 40 percent more environmentally responsible. The improved practices in construction are showcasing advancements in wall building, windows, insulation and air-infiltration.

"Switching from wood-framing to concrete walls, for example, has so many spin-off benefits," explains Natalie Rodgers of Nudura, the manufacturer of an advanced building method called the insulated concrete form (ICF). "Solid, air-tight concrete walls would initially lower your energy bills. You'll live in a stronger, more comfortable home while the investment grows in resale value. As importantly, your home would create far lower demand on natural resources."

Designed like Lego, the interlocking Nudura forms are designed with monolithic concrete sandwiched between two continuous layers of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam.

"The foam material isolates the concrete and

significantly reduces the flow of heat through the wall," says Rodgers. "It stabilizes the internal temperature from day to night fluctuations and provides a largely self-regulating environment. This faster method of construction creates one solid concrete wall."

As a result, you will need less energy for mechanical heating and cooling, delivering cost savings throughout the

year. A home built with this concrete system is stronger, provides greater safety, offers greater sound and fire resistance, and would be far less prone to mold, cold spots and drafts.

"Benefits are plentiful to builders, too," says Rodgers. "The patented hinged web allows the forms to fold flat, requiring smaller shipping space and less manpower than other methods."



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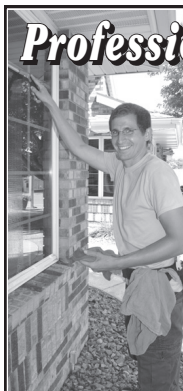
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Factors to consider when planning year-round outdoor dining spaces

Al fresco dining is popular in spring and summer, and that popularity reached new heights in the summer of 2020. With much of the world still grappling with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and government officials fearing rising case numbers if indoor gatherings were allowed, many restaurants were limited to offering only outdoor dining to patrons. Such restrictions reintroduced many people to the pleasure of outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining may be synonymous with summer, but there's no reason why good meals can't be enjoyed outside year-round. That's especially true when homeowners and hosts take stock

of certain factors when planning outdoor dining spaces they intend to use all year long.

Lighting:

If you plan to keep outdoor dining going after summer, then some extra lighting may be necessary. The sun sets in late afternoon/early evening in fall and winter, so you won't be able to rely on natural light to keep the dinner table aglow. Lighting also can make outdoor dining in summer more enjoyable. Outdoor string lights can add a relaxing vibe to a deck or patio. If you intend to string the lights up year-round, make sure poles are sturdy enough to withstand winter winds.



Weather:

Table cloths can add a touch of class to outdoor dining tables. But those table cloths are only effective if they remain on the table. Summer breezes might not prove too great a challenge in that regard,

but fall, winter and spring weather might make it hard to keep table cloths on the table where they belong. A simple set of table cloth clips can ensure the wind doesn't blow table cloths around while people are eating or com-

pletely off the table when everyone is inside. Hurricane candle holders also can make it easy to maintain the ambiance candles provide without having to worry about the wind extinguishing the candles in one strong gust.

and serve holiday meals outside this year.

Grill:

Charcoal grill devotees may find it frustrating to keep coals lit long enough to get hot so they can keep enjoying grilled meals after summer and throughout fall, winter and spring. A hybrid charcoal/grill smoker that does not expose the fire to the elements as much as a traditional charcoal grill can do the trick, and such a grill also gives cooks the chance to slow cook and smoke foods all year long. For those with no special devotion to charcoal grills, a propane grill can light up in a matter of seconds regardless of the weather. Outdoor dining can be enjoyed year-round, especially when hosts take steps to prepare their outdoor spaces for four seasons' worth of gatherings.

Seating:

Guests might have no problem dining on traditional summer barbecue fare like burgers and hot dogs while sitting in camping chairs. But hosts who want to serve meals that require the use of a knife and fork will need to make sure all guests have a seat at the table. A foldable picnic-style table that can be easily stored in a garage or shed can do the trick. In addition, some deck and patio tables are expandable, making them ideal options for hosts who may want to work around social distancing guidelines

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Brenda McEwing

U.S. Army, 1983-2007

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



Brenda McEwing said, “The military changed my life.” “The first thing the military taught me was teamwork,” Ms. McEwing stated. “The military taught me how important it was to understand different cultures and to respect your teammate’s unique experiences.”

She feels very strongly that every veteran contributes in some manner and is to be appreciated. The following account of her military experiences exemplify the positive aspects of having served in the military not only during active duty, but during subsequent civilian life.

Brenda McEwing, who grew up in Sherburn, Minnesota, enlisted in the Army on November 8, 1983. Her basic training was at Fort McClellan in Anniston, Alabama. Additional training involved Primary Leadership Courses, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Courses, and Advanced Leadership Courses.

During the course of her military career she

served in numerous locations in the United States, including the following: Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia; Dobbins AFB, Georgia; Fort Riley, Kansas; and more. In addition, she served overseas in Korea, Germany, and in Iraq in 1991 during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and in 2005-2007 during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Her primary duties involved communications that included a large pickup and trailer, much like a camper. Her unit would set up four or more times per day, each set up completed within eleven minutes. She said, “There always must be communications regardless of what you were doing so we were able to always provide that. You can always talk about us, but you can’t talk without us.” Their unit was mobile, meaning that they were always on the move. That’s why they set up their communications four or more times daily. They were following the front lines and advancing

as the troops advanced.

McEwing attributes her military experience contributing to who she has become today. The experience helped her “grow up,” taught her attention to detail, helped her develop organizational skills, taught her to pay attention to her surroundings which is very important in the military, and gave her confidence in trusting and cooperating with her fellow service members in accomplishing their tasks and missions. It’s not surprising that she had many awarded pins/ribbons, leadership courses, and certificates of higher accomplishments.

While serving in Korea, she was the only female in her platoon. She was once asked to wait outside while the platoon leaders were discussing to which team she would be assigned. While waiting, she overheard their discussion and it became obvious that no one wanted her on their team, with the exception of one sergeant. Consequently, from that time forward, her mission was

to prove that she could do just as good of a job as a man. She strongly felt that she had to prove herself. She said, “This experience made me a stronger person and I developed a stronger character.” Finally, after thirty-five years, she made contact with that sergeant that agreed to allow her to be in his platoon.

Another experience she explained involved a soldier on her team that was not doing his job. He seemed to lack ambition and had lost his purpose as if he had no desire to be in the military. He had been given bad reports from everyone that had been in contact with him. She was asked to work with him to see if anything could be done. She gave him a fresh start and didn’t base her opinion on what others had stated. She gave him the choice to either get out of the military, or to stay in and she would do everything she could to help him advance in rank. With her guidance, he went from private to sergeant and then reenlisted. She had a positive impact his life.

Some of her experiences included being caught in a cross-fire, seeing burning oil fields, observing tanks on fire, and witnessing enemy casualties while being deployed

during Desert Storm. She also saw a Blackhawk Helicopter crash and a fuel tanker accident in which it started on fire, both of which could have been disastrous.

McEwing said she felt very fortunate in that coming from a small rural community she was given the opportunity to see a different way of life, experience different cultures, help people, and serve her country. That was all a result of her service in the military.

The following is from the Official Blog of the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs: “Brenda McEwing, CEO of First Nations Women Warriors and an Army Veteran, said her military service helped her embrace other cultures while not forgetting her own.”

“Everyone should take that first step in acknowledging that every Veteran contributes something,” Ms. McEwing said. “It’s important to understand history in order to appreciate it. My father, a World War II prisoner of war, taught me that many military qualities were transferable, like character and honor.”

Since her retirement, she works with her husband’s law practice as his law office manager. She also travels throughout the United States in a Native American Women Veteran Color Guard. They are involved with Pow Wow Ceremonies, the NYC Veterans Day Parade, annual fundraisers, and more.

She currently resides in Canton, Georgia, a suburb north of Atlanta.



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Perry E. Berhow, Val L. Berhow to Matthew D. Weber, Lot 3, Block 1, Cedar Creek 2nd Addn.

Grupe of Fairmont, Inc. to Zierke Real Estate LLC, Pt. SE¼NW¼, 4-102-30

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Hitomi Arimori, Hitomi Gilman, James Hatch, Joel Hatch, John Hatch, Stuart L. Hath, Carol Kuykendal to Vaughn Kuehl, S½SW¼, N½SW¼, S½NW¼, 13-104-32

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Habitat for Humanity of Martin-Faribault Counties to Jennifer Lingl, E.100' Lot 7, Block 4, Taylor & Johnsons 3rd Addn.

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Chad Kelly to Ryan Kelly, Pt. Lot 5, Block 4, Wollastons Addn. & Ext.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT

**PROBATE DIVISION Court
File No. 46-PR-21-955**

Estate of Norma Jean
Groshens, a/k/a Norma J.
Groshens, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE & PETITION FOR ORDER APPROVING SALE OF PROPERTY TO PETITIONER AND PERSON RELATED TO PETITIONER, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 29, 2021, at 8:30 (a.m.) a hearing will be held in this Court at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated September 23, 2019, under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Michelle Eckert, whose address is 81553 590th Avenue, Alpha, MN 56111 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration, and for an order approving sale of property to Petitioner and a person related to Petitioner..

The hearing will be held remotely by Zoom. Contact Court Administration for instructions on how to attend.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

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

BY THE COURT

Bentz, Darci (Judge)
Judge of District Court
Dated: October 19, 2021
10:35 a.m.

Cathy Celander
Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 1996

The Martin County Republicans' front page ad in the Photo Press encouraged voters to support "Minnesota's Real Reform Party" candidates:

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50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 1971

Fairmont Public School scheduled an open house at the senior and junior high schools in observance of American Education Week.

The Junior and Senior High orchestras took a two-day tour, playing at Mankato State, Gustavus Adolphus College and Minnetonka High School. The group also toured a musical instrument museum in St. Paul before coming home.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attention all exercise walkers and bicyclists: before winter grips our area, be sure to check out the newest addition to Fairmont's trail network. Starting near the skate park and the new city shop under construction on Margaret Street, the paved trail travels north with a bridge over Center Creek and ends at the businesses clustered around the I-90 interchange. This trail extension connects northside Fairmont to the interchange area for walkers and riders.

Thanks to city engineer Troy Nemmers and the city staff for the years of planning, acquisition of grant money and construction management. Also special thanks to landowner John Thate for cooperating with the city to make this project possible. While on the trail, enjoy the beauty of the surrounding pastures and the grazing longhorn cattle (thanks again, John Thate!)

This project is one more piece in the puzzle of making Fairmont and Martin County a healthy and exciting community for our citizens. Amenities such as this are what will bring new residents to our community and retain our younger families.

While you are out walking or pedaling, consider patronizing the businesses at the I-90/Highway 15 interchange. You'll get a great new perspective on our city!

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A complete copy of the ordinance may be viewed on the City of Fairmont's website or at the City Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT

/s/ Patricia J. Monsen
Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk

Published in the Fairmont Photo Press on November 03, 2021

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.- EDNA HANSEN FAMILY- 311.99 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Amboy & Dale Twps., Cottonwood Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Jeffers Community Center at 108 E Whited St, Jeffers, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

Saturday, November 6, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.- RICHARD BOCKMAN FARMS, INC. Farm Equipment Auction including Case Backhoe & Drainage Equip, Arctic Cat 700 EFI Prowler, Trucks & Trailers & More. Sale to be held at 2018 320th Ave, Terrill, IA. Christopher, Hartung & Associates

Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.- GENTZ REVOCABLE TRUST- 161.93 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Heron Lake Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at Lakefield American Legion Hall at 413 Main St, Lakefield, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.- REBELEIN JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST- Approx. 72.56 Acres +/- in Section 22 of Kiester Twp., Faribault Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Kiester Community Center 106 S 1st Street, Kiester, MN. Hartung, Kahlers & Associates

Thursday, November 11, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.- WELLMAN FAMILY- 111.98 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 16 of St. James Township, Watonwan County, MN. Sale to be held at the American Legion at 620 First Avenue S, St. James, MN. HARTUNG, KAHLERS & ASSOCIATES

Friday, November 12, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.- KOROLEWSKI & STEENHARD- 155.99 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 32 of Tenhassen Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall 920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN. Hartung, Kahlers, Wedel & Associates

Friday, November 19, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.- MAURICE & GJETRUD JOHNSON ESTATE- 120 Acres +/- of Farmland in Section 29 of Kimball Township, Jackson County, MN. Sale to be held at the Windom Community Center at 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr, Windom, MN. Hartung, Kahlers & Associates

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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2022 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2021.

What is a qualifying relative?

For unoccupied agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse. For occupied agricultural or residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

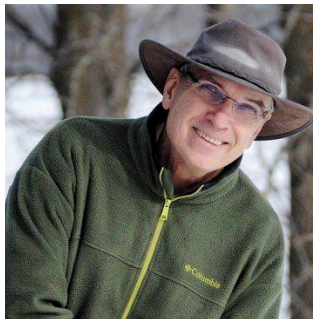
When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2021. Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2021 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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Naturally By Al Batt

It's always time to listen to the birds

Roadkill goes unmourned in the crisp, autumn air, unlike someone's dented car.

The warblers have left. The tiny birds live lives of perpetual spring and summer. Birds of passage and winter residents arrive more subtly than those in the spring.

Juncos, with pink bills and white outer tail feathers, are apt to feed on the ground. The earliest arrivals tend to rank higher in the pecking order than those arriving on later flights.

I strolled along the Mississippi River at Winona. Parts of 31 states plus two Canadian provinces drain into the Mississippi River. I walked in awe.

I'm cuckoo for this timepiece

My father-in-law, Gene Nelson, gave me a bird clock in 1997. It's a field guide, featuring images of birds and authentic recordings from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. A different songbird gives voice to the top of each hour. The bird singing at

noon is a house finch, an American robin sings at 1, northern mockingbird at 2, blue jay at 3, house wren at 4, tufted titmouse at 5, Baltimore oriole at 6, mourning dove at 7, black-capped chickadee at 8, northern cardinal at 9, a white-throated sparrow whistles at 10 and a white-breasted nuthatch heralds 11 o'clock. Darkness deactivates the sounds, allowing ears to sleep. I know when I hear the house finch, it's either time to eat or to go to bed. When I hear the Baltimore oriole, it's time to eat or to think about getting out of bed. When I hear the chickadee, it's time to smile. The clock was a change from the cuckoo clocks I'd heard here and there in my youth. We weren't fancy people, but an aunt gave us a used discount cuckoo clock that took a few hours off each day to rest up so it could utter a sound as if it were choking on a peanut butter on Wonder Bread sandwich. I'd miss the sounds of those birds if the clock my father-in-law gave me wasn't hanging on a wall of my home. I miss my late father-in-law. It helps to listen to his birds.

Q&A

Mary Guggisberg of Freeborn asked where the nesting trumpeter swans near her spend the winter. Most Minnesota swans remain here through the winter months. They are short-distance migrants to sites where there is open water and an abundant food supply. Some, fueled by wanderlust, have been documented wintering as far south as Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Okla-

homa and Texas.

"Do hummingbirds migrate by riding on the backs of Canada geese?" No, it's a myth. Other persistent myths include: Parent birds abandon a nestling touched by humans. Purple martins regularly eat 2,000 mosquitoes a day. An owl can spin its head completely around. The fruit of an Osage orange tree repels spiders. I've visited Osage orange trees in my travels and have seen spiders on the fruits (called Osage oranges, hedge apple, monkey ball, horse apple, hedge ball, mock orange or spider ball). I detected no panic in any of the arachnids. I suspect this misbelief began because spiders are in natural decline at the time of the year when the softball-sized hedge apples fall to the ground in September and October. Be careful around the fruit as its juice could irritate the skin. I have a pen made from hedge apple wood. It makes a great pen, but it doesn't repel spiders either. The Osage orange tree, also known as bow-wood, bodark, prairie hedge, yellow-wood, naranjo chino, boduck and bois d'arc, is a durable hardwood used for many things including fence posts, archery bows, cutting boards and musical instruments. It was once used for railroad ties, wagon wheels and natural fencing.

"What are crows eating in the harvested fields?" What aren't the opportunistic omnivores eating? They eat insects, spiders, snails, worms, frogs, snakes, carrion, garbage, seeds, grain, berries and

fruit.

Jodi Bolinger of Osage saw bald eagles in a farm field near what looked like a pile of gravel and wondered what they were doing there. Lime (limestone) put on fields lowers the acidity of the soil and the eagles are likely feasting on a carcass—deer, opossum, etc. Birds of prey don't need grit for the digestion of their food, but some falcons ingest and later regurgitate small stones for unknown or speculative reasons.

Thanks for stopping by

"That soft, autumnal time. The year's last, loveliest smile. Thou com'st to fill with hope the human heart, and strengthen it to bear the storms awhile, till winter's frowns depart."—John Howard Bryant, often credited incorrectly to his brother William Cullen Bryant.

"Falsehood flies, and truth comes limping after it, so that when men come to be undeceived, it is too late; the jest is over, and the tale hath had its effect."—Jonathan Swift.

Do good.

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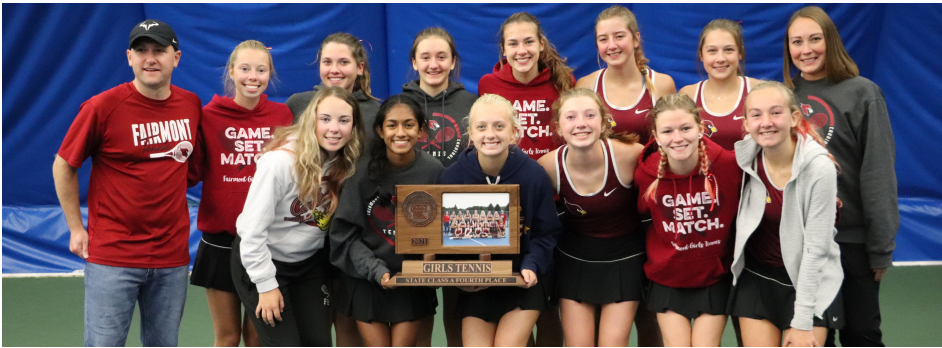
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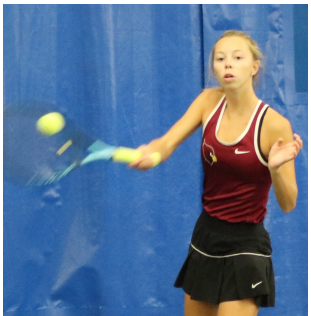
TOURNAMENT HARDWARE - The Cardinal tennis team captured fourth place at the Class A State Tournament last Wednesday at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis. Providence Academy edged the Cards 4-3 in the third place match. The Section 2A champions opened with a 7-0 win over Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta/West Central Area. Eventual champion top-ranked Breck downed the Cards 7-0 in the semifinals. Pictured front l to r: Maggy Totzke, Briana Joseph, Claire Nemmers, Abi Peyman, Rachel O'Connor and Lily Laven. Back: Assistant coach Tim Slama, Libby Totzke, Johanna Petschke, Hope Klanderud, Ellie Hernes, Anika Haugen, Lauren Davis and coach Laura Olsen. *Photo courtesy Sarah Gallagher Totzke*



DOUBLES - MINT TWINS - Cards Maggy Totzke, above, and Libby Totzke, right, lost to New London-Spicer's Izzy Schmiesing and Delaney

Hanson 6-4, 6-4 in the Class A state individual doubles bracket's consolation semifinal at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis last Friday. The New London-Spicer pair won the bracket with a win over Rochester Lourdes. Crookston's Hayden Winjum and Halle Winjum defeated the Totzkes in the first round on Thursday. The Totzkes then won their consolation quarterfinal over Eveleth-Gilbert Area's Katelyn Torrel and Anna Beaudette. Card doubles teammates Ellie Hernes and Lauren Davis lost in

the first round to Virginia's Ava Fink and Ella Lamppa and their consolation quarterfinal to Lourdes' Caroline Daly and Erin Witter. *Photos courtesy Sarah Gallagher Totzke*



Girls 6th/Boys 9th at Section 2A Meet

The Cardinal Girls cross country team finished 6th at the Section 2AA meet last Tuesday at Gale Woods Farms, Minnetrista, MN. Cardinals Laura Thompson and Macy Hanson qualified for the state meet placing second and third respectively. Thompson, Class AA #5-ranked, placed second with a time of 18:41.95. Hanson, Class AA #7-ranked, placed third with a time of 18:43.54.

Thompson and Hanson will compete in the Class AA state meet, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, November 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Marshall took first with a team score of 49. The Card Boys finished ninth with Selvin Forsythe the top runner placing 42nd with a time of 18:41.55.

Girls 5k Team Scores

1. Marshall 49, 2. Mankato East 86, 3. Mankato West 118, 4. Belle Plaine 122, 5. New Prague 144, 6. Cards 147, 7. Jordan 149, 8. Hutchinson 198, 9. GLS 222, 10. St. Peter 289, 11. Worthington 294, 12. Tri City United 301

FHS Individual results

1. Isabelle Schmitz (Hutchinson) 18:14.81; 2. Laura Thompson 18:41.95; 3. Macy Hanson, 18:43.54; 43. Carys Gudahl 22:21.37;



STATE TRIP - Cards Macy Hanson, center back row, and Laura Thompson to Hanson's right, both qualified for the Class AA State cross-country meet this Saturday in Northfield. Class AA #1-ranked Isabelle Schmitz of Hutchinson, back row right, won the meet. *Submitted photo*

48. Eleanor Hamlet 22:46.94; 51. Audrina Suckow 23:16.81; 57. Emma Gudahl 23:39.15; 65. Lily Higgins 24:35.04

Boys 5k Team Scores

1. Worthington 51, 2. Mankato East 61, 3. Belle Plaine 90, 4. New Prague 119, 5. Marshall 125, 6. Jordan 151, 7. Mankato West 170, 8. Hutchinson 231, 9. Cards 261, 10. TCU 285, 11. GSL 316, 12. St. Peter 33

FHS Individual results

1. Emmett Gerres (Belle Plaine) 16:20.6; 42. Selvin Forsythe 18:41.55; 48. Gavin Arther 19:11.12; 52. Will Niestrath 19:21.75; 59. Ben Moeller 19:35.04; 60. Cooper Gudahl 19:43.9; 65. Landon Weber 20:24.85; 68. Isaac Stone 20:52.26



SIDELINE DANCE - Cards Eli Anderson tiptoes down the sidelines for a 55-yard touchdown past Luverne defender Gannon Ahrendt. The Section 3AAA #1-seeded Cards defeated #4-seeded Luverne 40-6 in their opening Section 3AAA semifinal game last Saturday night at Mahoney Field. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



GETTING DEFENSIVE - Cards #5 Dustin Olson and #72 Hank Artz bring down Luverne's Ashton Sandbulte. The Cards defeated Luverne for the second time this season, downing Luverne 28-12 in Luverne. The Cards led 21-0 at the half. Zach Jorgenson tossed TDs to Eli Anderson (2), Hudson Artz and Gavin Rodning added a 21-yard TD run. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



FAST FORWARD - Cards Rayah Quiring races past Holy Family Catholic's goalie Olivia Paidosh and Kenzie Pavelkato trying to catch up to a teammate's pass. Quiring scored the un-seeded Cards goal in the #1-ranked Fire's 4-1 Class A state soccer quarterfinal win last Wednesday in Waconia. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



JET SPEED - Cards James Johnson eludes Luverne's #50 Micah Anderson on his way to a 79-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The Class AAA #8-ranked and #1-seeded section 3AAA Cards take on #10-ranked and #2-seeded Waseca this Saturday for the Section 3AAA championship at 1 p.m. in Janesville. The Cards defeated the Bluejays 28-15 at home during the regular season. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



GOAL CELEBRATION - #21 Rayah Quiring is mobbed by Cardinal teammates #9 Anna Utermarck, #2 Alexis Newville and Selma Bleess after her first half goal. Maeve Kelly put the Fire up 2-1 at the half and had a "Hat Trick." Gabby Legg scored Holy Family Catholic's other goal. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



CONTROLLING MIDFIELD - Cards Ellie Schultze heads up field past Holy Family Catholic's Maggie Dowling. The Section 2A Champion Cardinals ended their season with their first ever appearance in the State soccer tournament. The Cards finished with a 13-5-2 record. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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