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Emmalyne Spitzer family to celebrate Emmalyne's Angel Day March 7th

Joy - That is the goal of Saturday, March 7th, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the East Chain Activity Center southeast of Fairmont.

Joy is also the word the Emmalyne Spitzer family has focused on throughout their recent journey. Emmalyne, daughter of Tom and Laura Spitzer, was born March 3rd, 2019



with a 1% chance of survival due to major medical complications. Despite a complicated course, she brought so much love and joy to many in her short time.

When Emmalyne was three months old, we had this vision to do something to thank everyone in our community for all they support they have given us. I reached out to now



what are considered some of Emmalyne's Angel Day Halo Sponsors, who quickly agreed to help. Things have quickly developed into more than we could have imagined with the outpouring of support that

we have received. What started with a simple "thank you" has become so much more. In September our social worker reached out to a Minnesota-based organization, Team Liam, and nominated us to them. Liam and Emmalyne traveled down a very similar course with a similar diagnosis of Noonan Syndrome. Sadly, Liam also passed away after a whole-life admittance seven years ago. Liam's family then started up this organization and their goal is to help financially

support families with critically ill children. This year's Angel Day celebration proceeds will be given to Team Liam and we will even be able to help pick the families who will receive the financial donations in Emmalyne's name. The organization helped the Spitzer family by covering enough of their bills through September 2019, that they were able to be by Emmalyne's side every day until her passing on October 18th, 2019.

Working on Emmalyne's Angel Day has brought joy back into the Spitzer family lives. Their

three young children, Carter, Kennedy and Cecilia are excited about this day and are helping with it. Their goal is to become an organization and hopefully do this day annually to do their part to help out other families in similar situations.

Saturday, March 7th is the first Emmalyne's Angel Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the East Chain Activity Center. This special day is meant to have family togetherness, for life is truly fragile.

Their goal is to thank
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Sherburn Avenue of Flags to retire 25 flags

The Sherburn Avenue of Flags committee met recently and made the decision to retire 25 World War II flags from their display at the Sherburn City Park.

The decision was made by the committee due to the fact that the park is getting full and they will have 11 new Veterans flags that will be dedicated this Memorial Day.

After the 25 flags are retired, any family member who wishes to have their Veteran's flag can pick it up at the Sherburn American Legion. The metal name plaques that are on their poles will be removed and displayed on a board at the Sherburn American Legion Club.

The 25 flags being retired this year include: Harry Geiser, Cyrus Jagerson, Gerald Jagerson, Fred Klindt, Henry Klindt, Lawrence Klindt, Walter Klindt, Burton Lund, Lenny Lund, William Luwe, Alvin Madsen, Leonard Madsen, Richard Morkin, Wallace Peters, George Pontius, William Quade, Orland Roemer, Theron Schenck, Bruce Shearer, Bernard Stello, Eldon Stoterau, Harold Tilbury, Earvy Wellcome, Marshall Wink and Robert Woods.

Previously all World War I flags have been retired and if any family members wish to have their flag, they can contact the Sherburn American Legion.



Thank you to Van DeWar (left) for being one of the 16 matching sponsors in making our Martin County Historical Society "2019 Year End Fundraiser" a success. (Submitted photo)

CREST "Lunch & Learn" to focus on recycling

We all have items around the house that either need to be thrown away or possibly recycled. The problem is: What needs to be tossed and what can be recycled?

The March "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will try to answer a lot of those questions. It will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the Sherburn Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st

Street in Sherburn.

The program this month will feature Billee Rabbe from the Prairieland Resource Recovery facility in Truman. Following the presentation, a lunch of pork sandwiches, salad, and a St. Patrick's Day cake will be served. Donations are welcome to defray costs.

Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.

Toddler Tinker Lab at the Fairmont library

The Fairmont Library will host monthly Toddler Tinker Labs on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Dates are: March 4th and April 8th. The "lab" is designed to allow toddlers to explore, grow and create with a variety of activi-

ties each month.

The best part? Leave the mess behind at the library! Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

No registration is required and this event is free and open to the public.

The Sherburn Lions Club will have their **Prime Rib Supper** on Saturday, March 28th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion Club. Advance tickets are available at Amborn Lumber, Ringnell Insurance and from any Sherburn Lions Club member.



MARTENS 60TH - Dale and Eva Martens of Fairmont will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, March 5th. They were married March 5th, 1960 in Ruth-ton, MN. They will observe their anniversary with family members later this month. Cards and notes will reach them at their Fairmont address: 1610 Lucia Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.



Youth Scavenger Hunt on Sunday in Fairmont

Merge Martin County is hosting a photo scavenger hunt for junior and senior highers!

On Sunday, March 1st at 2 p.m. at Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church, youth in grades six through twelve will be paired with a driver aged 21 or over to decipher location clues where students will take a photo of their group.

"The hunt also includes a few lifelines like phone-a-friend, where the team can get an additional clue to help figure out the location," said Liz Wheeler.

After the hunt, teams will reconvene at the church for a slideshow, prizes, an inspirational message, prizes, food, and prizes.

The Ceylon High School Reunion Committee is planning for the next **Ceylon High School All-School Reunion**, which will take place June 27th, 2020. Make sure you save the date! Do you know of any family members with address changes since the last reunion? If so, contact committee member Jim Plumhoff at 507-632-4368.



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Fairmont council hears about mini-roundabouts

Members of the Fairmont City Council and those in attendance at Monday night's council meeting heard more details on mini-roundabouts and the intersection it will affect.

Representatives of Bolton & Menk, who have been conducting studies and developing plans for the intersection of Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza in Fairmont, were on hand at the meeting and made a presentation to the council. The entire project began a couple years ago with surveys that were conducted regarding West Lake Avenue on to Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza. Based upon responses from that survey, the council, along with Bolton & Menk began coming up with studies and plans for improving the safety of the intersection of Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza and the areas on either side of that intersection.

Safety was the main part of the discussion and it involved the roadway, proposed bike trails in the area and also pedestrian safety.

This would include wider sidewalks and bicycle trails that were stressed by respondents to the original survey.

The main focus of the presentation Monday was on the intersection at Downtown Plaza. There were four options presented: current traffic signals, an all-way stop with signs, a two-way stop, and the mini roundabout option.

Costs were also discussed for the four options, with the all-stop option being the cheapest and the mini-roundabout the most costly. The current traffic light setup would not be supported by state funding, so to replace the lights would be at the cost of the city of Fairmont. The mini-roundabout option is the one supported by the State of Minnesota and funds would be available to help with the cost of that option. No action was taken by the council at the meeting.

Also, at the meeting, the council decided to move forward with presenting the local sales tax option proposal through the Minnesota State Legislature.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd at Piz-za Ranch in Fairmont.

The **Fairmont American Legion Auxiliary Unit 36** will meet Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. All interested are welcome to attend.



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A Sincere Thank You

To everyone who organized, worked, donated/purchased silent auction items, or attended Elsie Swanson's Benefit. The Sherburn Lions Club served an excellent breakfast and MCW High School was a perfect venue for the event.

The generous support of our communities has been amazing and we're truly grateful!

Please keep Elsie in your thoughts & prayers as her Neuroblastoma treatment continues.

The Family of Elsie Swanson

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the community, honor a life so dearly missed, and pay it forward by helping families financially with critically ill children. The day is free-will donation at the door and a meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will also have bounce houses, open gym, John Deere tractor, raffles, balloon artist, fire truck, cotton candy, face painting and much more.

For more details, check out Forever, Emmalyne on Facebook.



MCAF accepting grants for 2020

The Martin County Area Foundation is excited to announce the start of its 2020 competitive grant cycle.

The Foundation will be accepting applications from eligible organizations March 1st through May 31st. It also accepts inquiries year-round for emergencies or high need. Please refer to the grant guidelines and application form at <https://fairmont.org/faf/> for information.

If you have further questions or ideas, please contact the Foundation's administrative staff at 507-235-5547 or any member of our board of directors.

The Martin County Area Foundation is a community endowment founded in 1993 by a group of community residents and established by a matching grant from the Mickelson Foundation. The Martin County Area Foundation is governed by a volunteer board responsible for growing the endowment and selecting grant recipients. Per its mission, the Foundation focuses its giving in five general areas: arts and humanities, community and civic affairs, social and economic growth, environment and youth.

Mayo nurse from St. James returns home after treating Corona virus patients



Yvonne Gratz (pictured at left) with some colleagues at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield California.

A Mayo Clinic Health System nurse practitioner from St. James, Minnesota, Yvonne Gratz, has returned home from Travis Air Force

Base (AFB) in Fairfield, California, after providing medical support for individuals whom the U.S. government evacuated from Wuhan,

China, the epicenter of an ongoing outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. These returning passengers were housed on the military base while undergoing a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Gratz, who works in the Emergency Department at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and Mankato, serves as a member of the National Disaster Medical

System's (NDMS) Disaster Medical Assistance Team. NDMS is among the resources made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

During and after disasters and emergencies, professionals from NDMS may supplement the public health and medical response at the request of the state. NDMS can be called into action to provide temporary medical assistance to U.S. citizens and their dependents who have been identified by the Department of State (DoS) as having returned, or been brought from a foreign country, to the U.S. because of illness, war, threat of war, or a similar crisis.

Protecting the health and safety of HHS responders is also a priority. Gratz and any colleagues working in direct response with COVID-19 will undergo daily monitoring. Monitoring began the first day of contact with evacuees and continued for the duration of the deployment and for 14 days post-deployment.



The Ceylon Fire Department was able to purchase eight new air tanks with grants from Federated Rural Electric and Cooperator, along with other donations. Pictured are Rod Jahnke, Assistant Chief and Ellen Kling, Training Officer. (Submitted photo)

St. John Lutheran Church in Sherburn invites everyone to their **Ash Wednesday Service** this Wednesday, February 26th at 6 p.m. Following the service the St. John's youth will be serving a potato bake with all the toppings in the fellowship hall in the basement.

The Shepherd's In Soup Kitchen will serve a **free soup meal** every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Blazer Hall, 95 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. Free rides are available by calling Curt at 507-236-5362.



Thanks to Day Plumbing - Bill and Chris Krumholz for being one of the 16 matching sponsors in making our Martin County Historical Society "2019 Year End Fundraiser" a success. (Submitted photo)

City of Lakes Garden Club to meet in March

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont will meet Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at 4E Ken Rue Lane, Fairmont. Visitors and new members are always welcome, but please call ahead of time so that accommodations are adequate. Please call Leslie Walkowiak at 651-895-6578 to RSVP your attendance.

There will be a business meeting followed by a presentation on "Methods of Gardening - Adventures in Non-Traditional Gardens." We will determine a date to prepare/deliver our seed project to the 3rd Grade Class at St. John Vianney School (March/

April).

We meet the first Wednesday of each month. Next month's Garden Club meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 at 514 W. 4th Street, Welcome. A seed and plant exchange will take place at this meeting. Please bring seeds or plants to exchange with members (may be from your own garden or commercial seed).

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about the Garden Club, please call Leslie Walkowiak at 651-895-6578. Gardeners of all skill levels are always welcome.

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Setting a price for your home

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty

What is your home worth? A common real estate axiom is that your house is worth, “what someone will pay for it!” So, what would someone pay for your home? Basically, buyers expect to pay roughly what similar homes have recently sold for in the area.

There are many factors that affect pricing, the first being...you guessed it.... location!!! Although realtors themselves cannot legally recommend or avoid certain areas, most buyers do have an idea already of where they want to live. And obviously, some locations, such as waterfront or on a golf course, are worth more to people who are looking for these situations.

In addition, the style of the home, size, and condition are also important when setting a price, and features such as extra garage space, fireplaces, screened porches, and high-end fixtures, also add desirability and value.

Most realtors subscribe

to a computerized MLS (multiple listing service), which is constantly updated, listing details and descriptions of homes for sale and homes that have sold or expired. This information, coupled with a tour by in-house agents for opinions, is used for comparison with other homes that are for sale or have sold recently. Using this information, and other criteria, your realtor will then prepare a Comparative Market Analysis for a suggested price range.

It is difficult for some sellers to accept that their original purchase price, plus the cost of improvements they have made, generally don't have too much bearing when setting a home's selling price; current market trends and comparable home prices are more important. Others feel the best practice is to price their home high and plan to take less. However, this can scare off potential buyers, and you may miss out on others looking in a

slightly lower price range.

The more reasonable your price, the more buyers you could attract, and the quicker your home could sell. A high price could mean that it sits on the Multiple Listing Service for a long time, thus becoming a “stale listing” to those who check the MLS regularly – it may make people wonder if something is wrong with the home!

Most homes that are sold with a mortgage will undergo an appraisal ordered by the lender. Thus, if overpriced, the appraisal will come back with a lower value, leaving the buyer to either make up the difference, to withdraw from the sale (if they have a Financing Contingency), or to negotiate a new price with the seller.

Realtors can't tell you how much to list for, but will suggest a range of price, basing our opinion on research and experience, so pricing a home is partly an art, and partly a science!

Schmeeckle Foundation awards \$220,505 in grants

The Schmeeckle Foundation recently approved grants totaling \$220,505 for community enhancement projects in Martin County.

A reception for all current and former grant recipients will be held March 19th, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. at the Truman High School, Truman. This event is open to the public.

These grants support the Schmeeckle Foundation's three core focus areas: early childhood care and education, serving the disabled and elderly, and promoting the arts. The Schmeeckle Foundation is a private family foundation serving Martin County, whose mission is to carry on the legacy of long-time Martin County resident, Juanita Ellen (Teubner) Schmeeckle, providing grants for the betterment of Martin County.

“The Schmeeckle Foundation Grants are

- \$20,435 to Martin County Pheasants Forever for No Child Left Indoors Mobile Education & Shooting Skills Trailer.
- \$5,000 to The Arc Minnesota – Southwest Region for Healthy Relationships and Sexuality Workshops in Martin County.
- \$3,070 to Truman Public School District for Beginning Strings & Sound System.
- \$150,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Martin and Faribault Counties for Students Building Homes and Hope project.

Applications for the next granting period are due April 30th, 2020.

Watch our website for further information. For details on applying for a Schmeeckle Foundation Grant, or to learn about our trustees and advisory committee, please visit our website at schmeecklefoundation.org.

- \$4,500 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for a Conservation Education Program for children in Martin County.
- \$13,000 to Fairmont Area Schools for Prairie Restoration and Forestry Reclamation.
- \$24,500 to Fairmont Opera House for Programming Improvements/Outreach Programming.



A Fairmont parent group, along with PEO and Thrivent Financial paid it forward recently to two local food shelves, providing food and much-needed items totaling \$500. (Submitted photos)

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, February 26th they will serve soup and chili. On March 4th it will be hot dish. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. For a free will donation.

There will be a **FREE Community Meal** Wednesday, February 26th from 5:30 p.m. until gone at First Congregational UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. They will serve barbecues, corn casserole, strawberry salad and bars. All are welcome.

Martin Luther High School invites you to **5th and 6th Grade Step Up Day**, Friday, February 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the school in Northrop. There will be learning activities and a free Subway lunch and special feature is MLHS's "Got Talent" Variety Show by MLHS Students.

The **Prairie Star Quilt Guild** will meet on Monday March 9th, 2020, 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. After a short business meeting we will have Show and Share. Our program will feature Susan Wilken-son from the Madelia Prairie Quilt Shop presenting a demo on quilt collages. The evening meeting will meet at 5:30 p.m. The Prairie Star Quilt Guild meets on the second Monday of each month. For more information contact Carolyn Seidel at 507-848-0481.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A healthy recipe!

I do try to eat a fairly healthy diet most of the time, I have decided I probably need to concentrate on portion control! With just the two of us to cook for there is always plenty for second helpings, I'm going to try to stop that!

It was our 56th wedding anniversary this weekend, where does the time go? Cherry pie is Pa Lloyd's favorite pie and my least favorite so I usually make him one for either Valentine's day or our anniversary. This year I made it for him on our anniversary. He will eat the whole thing and it won't bother me a bit!

Today I am sharing a healthy recipe with you, it comes from a Paula Deen's magazine and I liked it, so did my partner!

Broccoli Slaw:

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 1 Tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 Tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1(12 oz.) bag broccoli slaw
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans

In a large bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, orange juice, vinegar, sugar, parsley, salt and pepper until well combined. Stir in broccoli slaw, broccoli florets, cranberries and pecans until coated. Cover and refrigerate up to 1 hour before serving.

Have a great week!

Sherburn Avenue of Flags needs your help

The Sherburn Avenue of Flags committee needs Sherburn area members to help with the ongoing project of the Avenue of Flags.

You do not need to be a member of the American Legion or the VFW - just join the committee and help them to continue the wonderful project of remembering our Veterans.

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

at the Sherburn American Legion. Contact either Steve Runge, Marlene Kuntz or Marsha Sickler if you would like more information on the committee or would like to help out with this project.

This year the Avenue of Flags display will be put up Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00 a.m. and the flags will be taken down Monday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Masons spaghetti supper slated for March 3

The Martin County Area Chain Lake Lodge #64 Masons will hold a fundraiser to raise scholarship funding for Martin County graduating senior students next week.

The 26th Annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper will take place Tuesday, March 3rd from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 300 S. Grant Street in Fairmont.

This event is open to the public and tickets are \$8 for adults, children age 7 and under are free. You can call for tickets at 507-236-0024.

Proceeds from the event will go towards scholarships for Martin County graduating seniors.

Please use the west entrance and parking lot at Grace Lutheran when attending this fundraiser.

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For a complete listing of animals available for adoption, visit:
www.pawprints.petfinder.com.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 1, 1995

In celebration of Lutheran Schools Week, Denise Shieler was scheduled to sing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. Denise was born with a congenital disability and without several of her limbs. She

brings a message of hope and encouragement for people of all ages.

The Photo Press had a special tax section that included a number of articles on prepping for tax filing.

The A Cappella Choir of Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, was to present a concert

of sacred music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. A handbell choir and a brass ensemble were to be included in the program.

Fleet and Farm Supply of Fairmont had a full front page ad touting their grand opening at their new location at 1300 North State Street. Attendees could get free coffee, pop and cookies and were able to register for 100s of door prizes.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 1, 1970

Preliminary basketball games had begun, with Fairmont having finished with a 10-8 record. Sherburn had been seeded number one in the district tournament ratings, with Fairmont rated number three.

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Have you given e-books a try? They're another great option when you love to read! Here are some of the best things about e-books:

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Dr. Charles Nolop, Fairmont dentist, was named president of the Fairmont United Fund for 1970. Also elected was John Cashin, first vice president and Richard Norman, second vice president. Bernard Schons and Robert Burkhardt were new directors.

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Dennis S. Larson of Northrop was commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

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E-books are growing in popularity all of the time, give it a try and see what you think!

2020 U.S. Census

As with every year ending in zero, the United States Census Bureau performs the decennial census. The 2020 Census is going to be a little different. Minimal mailings will take place, and most information will be collected digitally (online). In March, individuals will receive up to three invitations by mail. If a response is not received, the Census Bureau will have papers dropped off at the person's home. Census takers will not be door knocking, just dropping off information and encouraging individuals to complete the census online.

One of the most challenging groups of people to count are older adults who live in rural communities. Here are a few helpful hints to ensure everyone is counted.

Do you know someone needing assistance filling out the 2020 Census online? Direct them to their nearest Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC). Many QACs are located at

libraries and other community facilities.

Avoid being scammed. Every census official will have an identification badge which any individual can ask to see. Census takers will also not ask for the following information:

- Social Security Numbers
- Bank Information
- Political Affiliation
- Donations

Finally, the census not only relates to how many representatives we can have in the United States Congress, but it is also tied to funding. Roughly \$2,800 per person per year is tied to funding for programs within our state. Every person we do not count equates to a loss of \$28,000 in ten years. The census is critical to state and federally-funded services.

Shape your future; make sure you are counted. More information can be found at www.2020census.gov.

Jason W. Swanson, HSE Executive Director

Farm Bureau and FFA together

The Martin County and Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFB) salutes FFA during National FFA Week, February 22nd-29th. This week is a great reminder of the many reasons why Farm Bureau maintains such strong support for the FFA program.

Farm Bureau invests in FFA throughout the year because Farm Bureau sees future farmers, future agricultural leaders and future Farm Bureau members involved in this organization.

Below are some of the ways Farm Bureau partners with FFA throughout the year.

- MFB Young Farmers &

Ranchers and MFB Foundation sponsor the Minnesota FFA Discussion Meet contest.

- MFB Foundation sponsors the extemporaneous speaking state contest and serves as a general sponsor of the Minnesota FFA Convention.

- MFB recognizes an FFA Advisor of the Year and sponsors the Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Young Member award.

- MFB has a representative on the Minnesota FFA Foundation executive sponsors board and board of trustees.

- MFB provides assis-

tance to regional and state FFA contests.

- Minnesota FFA state and regional officers serve as timekeepers at the MFB Young Farmers & Ranchers state Discussion Meet contest.

- MFB is a sponsor of the Minnesota FFA Foundation Golf Outing.

- MFB is a sponsor of the Minnesota FFA Foundation Saints baseball event.

- MFB assists with leadership development of the Minnesota FFA officers and national convention delegates.

- Many Farm Bureau members serve as volunteers and leaders for their local FFA chapters.

County Farm Bureaus and Farm Bureau leaders also support FFA programs by sponsoring local FFA activities or individuals, jointly hosting events such as safety camps, FFA Day at the Martin County Fair and serve as a driving force to maintain FFA programs in local school districts.

Farm Bureau congratulates FFA in Minnesota and all of the youth and leaders who make FFA such an impressive organization. Farm Bureau is proud to be a strong supporter of FFA.

Rochelle Krusemark,
Martin County Farm Bureau-president

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OBITUARY
notices

Dean R. Thate, 67



Services for Dean R. Thate, 67, of Dunnell, were held Monday, February 24th, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn. Burial will be held in Lake Belt Township Cemetery in Ceylon. Dean passed away Saturday afternoon, February 15th, 2020, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems-St. Mary's Campus in Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Dean Robert Thate was born January 29th, 1953, in Fairmont, the son of Robert and Shirley

(Hoppe) Thate. He began his education in Northrop and later attended school in Ceylon graduating from Ceylon High School with the class of 1971. Following his graduation, Dean attended one year of college before returning home and beginning his career as a farmer.

On December 29th, 1984, Dean was united in marriage to Linda Engle at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lytton, IA. Farming wasn't easy in the early 80's, so Dean and Linda made the difficult choice of living apart during the week where Dean worked on the farm

and Linda worked in Des Moines, IA. After three years, they finally made their home together on the family farm near Dunnell, where they raised their three children, Darren, Jenna and Ethan.

Dean loved life on the farm and took great pride in working the land for over 46 years. His favorite job on the farm was tillage work. In his spare time, Dean enjoyed afternoons spent in the local hangout playing cards and drinking coffee with his buddies. He cherished spending time with family and traveling to visit relatives. Dean loved statistics and

had a passion for baseball where he often could rattle off stats and stories of some of baseball's greatest players. He had a trap for a memory making sure to never forget a birthday of those he cared about.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Linda Thate; children, Darren (Brenna) Thate, Jenna (Mike) Flaherty, and Ethan (Renae) Thate; grandchildren, Dustin Thate, Londyn Thate, Madison Thate, Natalie Flaherty, and Evelyn Thate; siblings, Dorie Lewis, Lynn (Mary) Thate, Darcy Jones, and Tracey

(Dan) Schley; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lois (Dennis) Nelson, Joan (Steve) Amos, Jim (Marlys) Engle, and Wayne Hermann; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Shirley Thate; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Ethel Engle; two sisters, Faye Wenzel and Connie Hermann; and a brother-in-law Scott Jones.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Dale A. Schmidtke, 72



his eternal rest Monday evening February 17th, 2020 at South View Acres Health Care Center in St. Paul.

Dale requested no public funeral service. A private family burial service will be held at a later date.

Dale was born August 9th, 1947 to E.W.(Shorty) and Wilma (Diekmann) Schmidtke in Fairmont. Dale was baptized and confirmed at St. John's UCC of Ceylon. He attended school in Fairmont, graduating in 1965. He worked for Culligan Water

of Fairmont. On May 9th, 1970 he married Patricia Deinhart. They made their home in Lake Elmo, MN. Dale worked at Conveyor Specialties in St. Paul. They were blessed with one daughter, Lisa, in 1972. In 1974 Dale moved back to Fairmont. He worked for Northland Beverages of Fairmont and then for Jerry's Well Service of Armstrong, Iowa. In 1985 he moved back to St. Paul. He worked painting, wallpapering, and maintenance. On August 22nd, 1999 his very special granddaugh-

ter, Malena was born. She gave him much joy and along with Lisa, a reason for being. He was a special brother, uncle and great uncle also. His visits to Fairmont excited his great nieces and nephews.

Dale was active in FFA during high school. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his good friend Ron. He enjoyed going to the Ordway Theatre in St. Paul, but also enjoyed coming back to Fairmont and seeing shows at the Fairmont Opera House. He enjoyed his visits to Fairmont to be

with family.

Dale is survived by his daughter Lisa Schmidtke, (her friend Roy) and granddaughter Malena Schmidtke, all of Inver Grove Heights, MN; sisters: Debra (Rick) DeBoer of Fairmont, Dawn (Neal) Potthoff of Dunnell, and one brother Dan (Pat) Schmidtke of Fairmont; nieces and nephews: Justin (Angela) DeBoer, Travis (Angie) DeBoer, Emily (Bryan) Hansen, Blake (Megan) Potthoff, Bryan, Lucas, Logan Potthoff, Ryan (Kristin) Schmidtke,

Sarah (Bart) Musser, Nathan (Devin) Schmidtke; great nieces and nephews: Paige, Ty, Trace, Clay, Lane, Gracin, Elayna, Griffin, Carson, Jady, Brendan, and Cameron.

Dale is also survived by a special friend of many years, Ron Mueller and his wife, Lisa of St. Paul.

Dale was preceded to his eternal home by his parents and one brother, Dean Schmidtke.

Martin Luther High School memorials list

It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize these Memorial donations given to Martin Luther High School from December 1st, 2019 to January 31st, 2020.

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BILL VOGT: Keith and Mary Jo Hartmann

LOREN WESSEL: Woody and Peggy Boesch

VERONA WILDE: Joel and Cheryl Oberdieck

DEATH
notices

February 21 - Roger E. Hoppe, 77, Welcome
Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 22 - Betty A. Postolka, 87, St. James
Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 23 - Wayne W. Bloomquist, 88, rural Trimont
Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memorium
One Year Ago This Week

February 16 - Terry L. Leimer, 70, Lewisville

February 18 - Valeen E. Altenburg, 89, Lewisville

February 20 - Scott H. Jones, 56, Fairmont

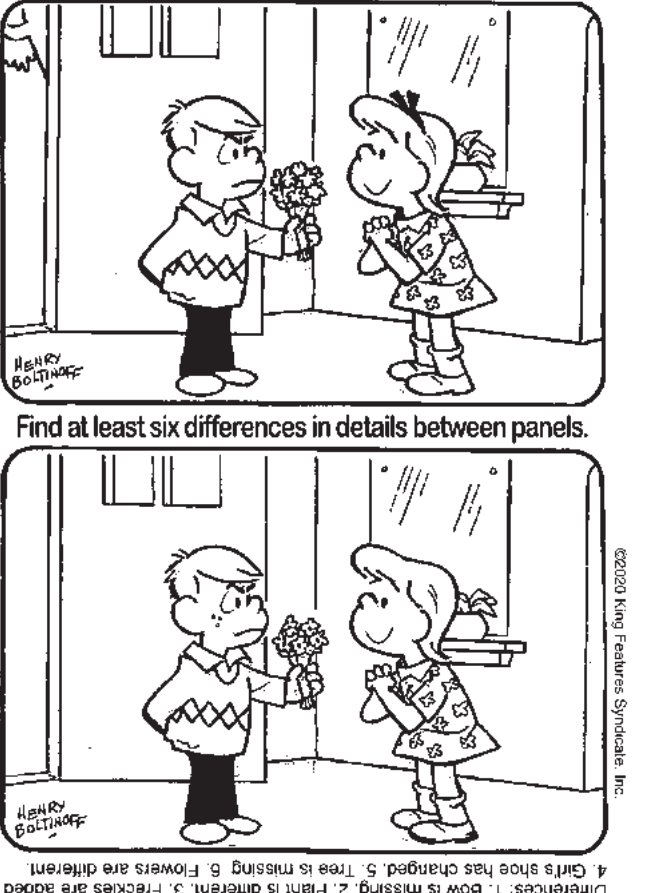
February 23 - Duane W. Flohrs, 89, Ormsby

February 23 - Douglas J. Bettin, 59, rural Truman

February 24 - Steven R. Rittenhouse, 63, Sherburn

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Tree is missing. 3. Freckles are added. 4. Girl's shoe has changed. 5. Flowers are different. 6. Plant is missing. 7. Tree is missing. 8. Freckles are added.

Financial Focus



Provided by:

Paul Schellpeper, Drew Schellpeper, Wyman Fischer, Dan Hamlet, Mandi Kosbab

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Can You Improve Your Relationship with Money?

In your life, you will have all sorts of relationships – with your family, your friends, your co-workers, and even with civic groups and charitable organizations you support. But have you ever considered another key relationship – the one you have with money?

Of course, this type of relationship has several aspects, such as saving, spending and investing. And your fellow Americans clearly face some challenges in these areas. For example, in a recent survey by financial services firm Edward Jones, only 21% of respondents reported that they feel happy when thinking about saving money, while 92% said they see room for improvement in their financial health. Yet only one in four plan to improve their spending habits. Furthermore, just 26% said retirement was a top savings priority.

If you share some of these concerns, what should you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify your money-related emotions. Try to recognize the emotions you feel in connection with saving and investing. Do you get nervous about spending? Does putting away money for the fu-

ture give you satisfaction or not? Do you worry that you don't know how much you should be investing, or whether you're investing in the right way? Clearly, these types of questions can cause some anxiety – and, even more importantly, they may lead you to make poor decisions. Emotions are obviously closely tied to money – but they really should not play a big role in your spending, saving and investing choices.

- Develop a financial strategy. By developing a sound financial strategy, you can reduce money-related stress and help yourself feel empowered as you look to the future. A comprehensive strategy can help you identify your goals – a down payment on a new home, college for your children, a comfortable retirement, and so on – and identify a path toward reaching them. Your financial strategy should incorporate a variety of factors, including your age, risk tolerance, income level, family situation and more. Here's the key point: By creating a long-term strategy and sticking to it, you'll be far less likely to overreact to events such as market downturns and less inclined to give in to impulses such as "spur of

the moment" costly purchases. And without such a strategy, you will almost certainly have less chance of achieving your important goals.

- Get an "accountability partner." Your relationship with money doesn't have to be monogamous – you can get help from an "accountability partner." Too many people keep their financial concerns and plans to themselves, not even sharing them with their partners or other family members. But by being open about your finances to your loved ones, you can not only avoid misplaced expectations but also enlist the help of someone who may be able to help keep you on track toward your short- and long-term goals. But you may also benefit from the help of a financial professional – someone with the perspective, experience and skills necessary to help you make the right moves.

Like all successful relationships, the one you have with money requires work. But you'll find it's worth the effort.

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

Hagedorn visits United Hospital District



Front row (L to R): UHD Clinic Manager Sue Hassing, RN and Chief Nursing Officer Melissa Storbeck, RN. Back row: UHD CFO Patrick Justin, Congressman Hagedorn, UHD Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Aaron Johnson and CEO Rick Ash.

United States Representative Jim Hagedorn (MN-01) visited United Hospital District (UHD) earlier this week in his hometown of Blue Earth.

The congressman enjoyed a tour of UHD's newly renovated Emergency Department and Blue Earth Clinic, then hosted a roundtable discussion regarding rural healthcare issues in Minnesota.

Mr. Hagedorn, who was born at UHD, was among the first to see UHD's new Emergency Department. Renova-

tion improvements include additional and larger exam rooms, new space for specialized services, more privacy and security for patients and staff alike, and numerous IT upgrades. UHD senior administrators leading the tour included Chief Executive Officer Rick Ash, Chief Financial Officer Patrick Justin, Chief Nursing Officer Melissa Storbeck, RN, Chief of Medical Staff Aaron Johnson, MD and Clinic Manager Sue Hassing, RN.

A conversation about rural healthcare followed the tour, with Mr.

Hagedorn agreeing to the importance of keeping local healthcare in rural communities. Several obstacles were identified and discussed, including hospital reimbursements, difficulties with physician recruitment and prior authorization regulations.

Representative Hagedorn's visit took place in advance of UHD's official celebration of the project's completion. A public Open House event will take place on Saturday, February 29th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Bank Midwest supported "Random Acts of Kindness" last week. Nate Amborn's (second from left) group took \$30 of snacks and \$70 Hy-Vee gift cards to the Lutz Cancer Center at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. Those snacks will be given to cancer patients while having treatments. (Submitted photo)

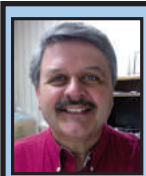


A big thanks to Bank Midwest for a \$200 donation to Fairmont Area Schools' Angel Fund lunch account. These dollars are much appreciated and will be very helpful to our students. Pictured L-R: Michael Edman, school board member; Alanna Healey, Bank Midwest; Joseph Brown, superintendent; Bethany Bremer, Karen Jepsen, and Shannon Reichel, Bank Midwest. (Submitted photo)



Early Risers Kiwanis and Fairmont Area Jr/Sr High School recognize the above students as January Students of the Month. Students recognized included: (left photo) Eli Broomfield, Laura Thompson, Sabrina Segar, Emma Hoffmann, (right photo) Jacob Petrowiak, Emma Hilgendorf, Andrew Haefner, and Paige Linse. Not pictured: Kathryn Ogden, Landen Meyerdirk, Isaias Reyes Santiago and Luis Reyes Santiago. (Submitted photos)





Jeff's Jottings

This column is my second-to-last one as manager of the Fairmont Photo Press. I have been at the helm for a little over 7 1/2 years and it's hard to believe that I have been able to bring you "news from my world" for most of those seven-plus years. Next week I will dedicate my column to those who I have come in contact with and those who have helped make the Photo Press what it is today. Along that same line, I want to thank everyone who wished me a happy birthday last week (on the 16th). I turned "the legal speed limit" and was happily surprised by the number of good wishes from readers and friends. I had the opportunity to spend the day before my birthday helping out with the Fairmont Kids Against Hunger food pack. I always enjoy being able to help out with that

great program and working with kids and adults for such a great cause. My wife Karis and I celebrated Valentine's Day and my birthday Saturday night at El Agave Mexican Restaurant in Fairmont and had a great meal. Thank you for a great weekend!

"What is it?"

Our "What is it?" item from last week had one correct response, which came from Brad Hady of Fairmont. Brad correctly identified it as a tool used as a bullet mold. So, there you have it. This week we have an item that was emailed to me from a reader a few weeks ago - I saved the picture, but forgot to save who it came from - I apologize! She said that it was hanging on a wall at a Cracker Barrel Restaurant and she thought it would be a good one for the "What is it?" column. As you can see, it is made of cast steel and



even though I don't have measurements, it is a more sizeable piece and is heavy. This is one that the "old-timers" probably will know right away. So what is it? If you know the answer or want to



guess what it is, email me at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or call us at 507-238-9456 with your answer.

Lions Club Prime Rib coming soon!

One of the things that Karis and I enjoy most is being able to help the Sherburn Lions Club serve during their prime rib suppers held twice a year. It is amazing how many people turn out for the meal, which has drawn diners from quite a drive away. I first started working on the prime rib suppers back in the 1990s, when I was commander of the Sherburn VFW. I can remember Mary Mulso and her crew of people working in the kitchen preparing the meal that was served there. Now 25-plus years later her daughter Becky Mulso is still using the closely guarded recipe for the prime rib that is served at the Sherburn American Legion Hall by the

Lions and people are still loving the recipe. The next Sherburn Lions Club prime rib supper will be Saturday, March 28th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion. Advance tickets are available at Amborn Lumber and Ringnell Insurance in Sherburn, or you can purchase it from any Sherburn Lions Club member. Tickets will also be available at the door (if they are not sold out in advance). If you have never experienced the Sherburn Lions Club prime rib, don't miss your chance in March or you'll have to wait until November!

A free meal, soup and spaghetti

Here are a brief list of some of the events happening in the coming week: • Wednesday, February 26th is the open door and community meals at both Grace Lutheran Church and Fairmont United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Grace holds the meals from 4:45 to 6 p.m. and the Fairmont United Methodist Church holds their meal from 5 to 6 p.m. Check out this week's

Photo Press for details on the meals. • Also Wednesday, February 26th is the Free community Meal at First Congregational UCC on Downtown Plaza in Fairmont from 5:30 p.m. until gone. • Thursday, February 27th Shepherd's In will be serving free hot soup at the Blazer Bar Hall on Downtown Plaza in Fairmont from 5 to 7 p.m. • Monday, March 2nd is the pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at Regional Worship Center in Sherburn from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, March 3rd the Chain Lakes Masonic Lodge #64 in Fairmont will have their annual Scholarship Spaghetti Supper from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Funds raised from this supper go towards scholarships for Martin County area seniors. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat, play, shop local - support your local organizations!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



A Grand Time with the Grand D's

There was no school Thursday or Friday and I was going to stay with my granddaughters in Iowa. I called my daughter, Sydney, telling her I wouldn't get there until around seven and she should go ahead and feed the girls. "They want to wait until Papa gets here to eat." She advised. I said okay and kicked the cruise control up a few miles per hour.

After a full day at work, with household chores still left to be done, Sydney leaned against the kitchen counter, looking beat. "This pasta dish doesn't take long to make, but I'm just so tired." She said, "I wish we could just go get a pizza or something instead of cooking tonight."

"I'm in the mood for pizza." I offered, "Where do you want to go? My treat." We went to a place called Your Pie, for individual pizzas baked in a brick oven. Before going to dinner,

I gave each of the girls a cookie from a big bag of ginger cracks I made and brought from home. There were about four dozen cookies in the clear plastic bag with a white twist tie. Sydney packed a dozen or so, to take to her co-workers the next day. I told her she could freeze most of them to keep for later.

In the morning, Sydney called downstairs, "Dad? I'm leaving for work. Evelyn is up, Addison is still sleeping. I'll see you tonight." I didn't get to bed until late, but pulled my tired self out from under the warm blankets and trudged my way up the stairs. Evelyn, almost three-years-old, was sitting at the table with a bowl of Cap'n Crunch, Crunch Berries and a partially eaten cookie in each hand. She spoke with a soft voice, "Papa can you get me some milk?" I closed the bag of cookies, setting them back on the counter,

poured milk on her cereal and sat down to have breakfast with her. It wasn't long before Addison joined us.

"What would you like for breakfast?" I asked the sleepy child who seemed disinterested in the variety of cold cereals. Addie looked at Evelyn, then at me and said she wanted cookies. How could I say no since her sister was already eating some? "You can have one after you eat your cereal."

Addie reasoned, "Ev is eating cookies and she didn't finish her cereal yet..."

...I couldn't find them...Squeak, squeak, squeak...I was down for the count...It was her idea...

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



The Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassadors paid a visit to the Fairmont Photo Press recently for a ribbon-cutting introducing the new manager and graphic artist. Sandy Gethmann (center in black) has joined the Fairmont Photo Press as their new manager effective March 4th. She replaces outgoing manager Jeff Hagen. Gethmann has over 30 years of newspaper experience, all at the Faribault County Register in Blue Earth and is looking forward to taking over the helm at the Photo Press. Another new employee is Emily Grandgenett (at right of Gethmann) of Bancroft, Iowa, who is a graphic designer and will manage the commercial print side of the Photo Press. Other Photo Press employees pictured are, Morgan Larson (left of Gethmann) - Graphic Designer for the newspaper, Sherman Kumba (second from right) - circulation. Not pictured: Randy Chirpich - Sales, Larry Day, Press Operator.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



IRA? Don't wait to contribute.



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Fairmont High School was honored by a visit from three special guests on February 20th, including Former Justice Alan Page (far right), Neel Kashkari, President of the Federal Reserve (at left), and Alene Tchourumoff, Federal Reserve Vice President (not pictured). Their visit included a delicious lunch prepared by high school students in the ProStart culinary arts program, with guidance from Cup & Saucer of Sherburn, a tour the vocational wing, and a public forum to discuss a proposed amendment to the MN constitution relating to public schools. (Submitted photo)

top ten

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Feeding monarchs

The monarch caterpillar (the larvae stage of the monarch butterfly) feeds only on the leaves of milkweed plants. From these it gains all the nutrition needed to change into the adult form. The adult monarch consumes nectar from flowers, minerals from mud puddles and liquids from fruits. To attract them to your backyard, leave out slices of banana, oranges or watermelon, and plant a variety of flowering plants. — B. Weaver

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What to wear? Prom timeline

In order to find that dream dress that perfectly fits your bod and budget, time is your best friend. As you narrow down your options keep this time line

are certain styles you should avoid before you spend your money.

3 months before Prom: Time to Shop!
Check out dress



in mind to help guide you on your way!

5 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping

Start looking in magazines and online.

Save your faves.

4 months before Prom: Information Gathering

Check your saved favorites for trends that suit you. Are they all short? Are they all green? If yes, then you are most likely looking for a short, green dress. Knowing this in advance will save you tons of time at the stores.

If you're still unsure about what you're looking for, check with a bestie for advice or input.

Check your school's dress code to see if there

boutiques, department stores, second-hand shops and the internet.

Try it on. Not only will you get an indication of your size, but you may find green is not your color after all, or your legs look frightful in a short dress. Remember, it is easier to alter a dress that is too big, than one that is too small.

If you've found a dress that fits your budget and makes you feel beautiful and confident, buy it!

2 months before Prom: Alterations vs. Returns

If your dress is too big in some areas, but fits perfectly in others, you may want to consider alterations. Most dress stores offer this service or you may prefer a tailor.

If your dress is too small or way too big, you'll probably want to return it for a different size.

Hair, Makeup, Nails Time Line Guide

Now that you've picked out your dress, you can start putting together the rest of your look.

Whether you decide to invest in the salon option or gather your supplies and your girls, make sure to figure it into your budget.

Other Beauty Services
Cosmetology

4 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping

Start looking through magazine and online.

Save your faves.

3 months before Prom: Book It

Call a few salons for pricing and services. You may want to get your hair, makeup and nails done at the same place.

Schedule a practice appointment for your hair and makeup. Bring pictures of your favorite styles.

If you're happy with your practice appointment, book an appointment for the day of Prom.

2 months before Prom: DIY Shop & Play

If you are going to do your own hair, makeup and nails, start shopping for materials and practice. It might help to enlist the help of a friend.

2 weeks before Prom: Confirm

Purchase what you need to do your hair, makeup and nails.

Tanning

Try a spray tan or self tanner. Practice before the big night.

If you use a tanning bed or the sun, start 6 months before Prom and be sure to use sunscreen.

Waxing

If you choose to wax facial hair, schedule your appointment for a day or two before to avoid redness or swelling on Prom night.

The Top Ten Trends for the 2020 Prom Dresses

1. This year it's all about the beautiful glitter fabric. From Bardot mermaid styles in electric silver, gold and pink by Sherri Hill to dramatic plunge front scuba jerseys in ivory and silver by Jovani, we'll be sparkling our way into 2020. The sparkly glitter fabric is perfect for someone who wants to stand out and make a statement!

2. It's all about the rose gold. You've seen it dominate jewellery, makeup and even hair trends in recent years, but make room for rose gold on the catwalk this Spring summer. Think divine jewelled and frothy net creations in prettiest and softest tone of rose gold. Sherri Hill have concocted the perfect combination, a bit of pink, a bit of gold. What's not to like?

3. It's all about the one shoulder at Sherri Hill 2020. For the first time in recent years the one shoulder is taking centre stage! So ladies, start working on toning those shoulders for this very striking and flattering silhouette. This year the one shoulder is featured in ball gowns, mermaids and satins so make your way down to

your nearest Dress2party store and take your pick!

4. It's all about Satin and Lycra. A huge favourite for the last two years satin is still going strong. The much coveted lace up back in ruby and royal will be making a comeback for the third season in a row. So if you missed your chance this year we will be restocking these popular styles shortly! Hot of the press and new in for 2019 is the amazing Lycra fabric which looks amazing in a one shoulder mermaid and other tight fitting super flattering styles.

5. It's all about red, red and more red. Was it ever not? We can always count on a classic red dress as our go to style. This year, think bright Scarlett and ruby in satin, lycra and jersey. Following hot on the heels of red this year is shades of yellow and lilac. Neither are easy colours to wear, but paired with the perfect accessories and light mist of a spray tan this look is destined to be a winner.

6. It's all about the ball gowns yet again this year and we can't wait! Last year saw the rebirth of the

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35 Promposal Ideas

By Michelle Stansbury

The magic of your high school prom starts long before the actual dance. Of course, there's the excitement of obsessing over your oh-so-glam dress and putting together the perfect limo playlist of absolutely fire tracks, but before all that is the big ask, AKA the promposal.

What, you thought you could get away with a casual text message invite in the age of Instagram? Nawww, man. The

And sure, the most important thing to consider when it comes to your date is who you'll have the most fun with, not who will manage to pull off the most over-the-top promposal... but isn't it kinda fun to think about all the creative options out there?

Whether you are going with your SO, your best friend, or your squad, a promposal can set the tone for your entire experience. It's such



pressure is on for whoever may be asking—whether it's you or your date—to come up with a big, viral-moment-worthy idea.

Look, people are out here recreating scenes from Up or dressing up in costume. (Some people are even inviting celebrities to prom—successfully!—but that's a whole other story.)

a great opportunity to make the person you're asking feel really, really special. And let's be honest, if there is one time in your high school career you can totally take it from extra to next-level Extra with a capital "E," it's prom.

Whether you decide to opt for a corny pun, a romantic gesture, or a

friendly prank, we've got 35 promposal ideas to ensure you lock in that "yes."

- Inside a box of a dozen donuts, include a note that says, "I donut want to go to prom with anyone but you."

- Get custom cookies made with your promposal (and their answer options!) spelled out in sweets.

- Use a Sharpie to write on a couple of bananas: "I'm bananas for you. Go to prom with me?"

- Grab a bag of chocolate kisses and scatter the chocolate on their floor. When they walk in, ask them, "Now that I've kissed the ground you walk on, will you go to Prom with me?"

- Chocolate covered strawberries are even more romantic with a card that says, "I'd be berry happy if you went to prom with me."

- Set the stage at their favorite sushi spot with chopsticks spelling out: "Will you roll with me to prom?"

- Get the conversation started with some tacos and then request, "Let's taco 'bout prom."

- For a first-timer, buy them some chicken wings and then confide, "I've never asked anyone to prom before, so I'm just going to wing it! Will you go with me?"

- West Coasters can complete the big ask with burgers. Buy some In-N-Out burgers and write on the napkin, "Are you 'In' to go 'Out' to prom with me?"

- Have a pizza delivered to them, and write inside the box, "I know this is cheesy, but will you go to prom with

me?"

- For your health-conscious dream date, get them their favorite juice blend and let them know, "I'd be juiced to go to prom with you."

- Instead of having the barista write their name on the cup, scribble "Prom?" onto their favorite coffee drink and tell them, "This is hard to espresso, but I'll take a shot. Go to prom with me?"

- Use post-it notes to spell out "prom" and then ask, "Will you stick with me at prom?"

- Give them a pack of highlighters and a colorful note that reads, "It would be the highlight of my year to go to prom with you."

- They might be confused when you give them a broom, but then thrilled when you tell them, "I want to sweep you off your feet and take you to prom!"

- Use classic red solo cups to spell out the word "prom" on the ground, then ask them, "Don't let me go solo to prom. Be my date?"

- Rip out all but two matches in a matchbook and write, "I think we're the perfect match. Will you go to prom with me?"

- A baseball fan would love a ball that has written on it: "I might strike out, but will you go to prom with me?"

- Rock climbing is so romantic when you use it to ask someone to prom!

- Throw a football their way with a note that reads, "Glad you caught me. Prom?"

- Get your tribe in on the promposal, either with shirts that spell out "Be my prom date," or a

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ballgowns and it proved to be such a popular style amongst our customers. This year the ballgowns are set to be HUGE! Think glitter fabrics and cute diamanté pockets in various shades of red , navy, blush and floral prints!

7. This spring summer It's all about the lace up back. It doesn't matter if you want fitted or floaty, once the new collection drops you will want a lace up back. Featured in everything from ballgowns to chiffon's and bardot jerseys , the lace up back is another highlight of the 2019 collection.

8. It's all about metallic lace. Following on from last years shiny shades of silver and gold, metallic lace is the one to watch. Now made inn navy, burgundy and a particularly striking shade of rose gold, this popular fabric comes in

mermaid styles and ballgowns. We adore.

9. It's all about the high low. Following on from one of our most popular styles of SS18 the high low is back and better than ever! This years versions of the high lows comes in a ballgown shape and gorgeous warm satin pastel tones and a striking shade of ruby. The ideal style for those who can't decide if they want to go long or short. Think Lily James at the Mamma Mia 2 premiere (as pictured below)

10. It's all about the florals. Floral styles have been on our radar for a couple of seasons now and it looks like they aren't going anywhere! Still a hot contender for 2020 the floral print dresses will be a main feature of our SS19 collection. From pretty pastel yellow , to striking black and red , the versatile Sherri Hill 2020 Collection has something for everyone!

choreographed dance to their favorite song.

- Tape a note to their fish bowl that says, "Out of all the fish in the sea, will you go to prom with me?"

- Send them on a scavenger hunt, going from clue to clue until they find you with flowers and a "Will you go to prom with me?" sign.

- It's impossible to say no to puppy dog eyes, so enlist your furry friend to run over to them with a note that reads, "Prom would be ruff without you."

- Decorate their car with streamers and washable window paint that reads "Will you be my date to prom?"

- Make them feel extra special with a gift of a tiara and a card that reads "Will you be my Prom Queen?"

- Disney lovers will go crazy for a cute poem that rhymes, "Mickey needs Minnie. Tigger needs Pooh. And I need to go to

prom with you!"

- Present your sign with a cute shoe pun.

- Buy a stuffed lion (or dress up as one!) and let them know, "I'd be lion if I said I didn't want to go to prom with you."

- Give them pig balloons and joke, "Your dad said I could go to prom with you when pigs fly. Well...?"

- Get them a teddy bear and have them hold a note from you that reads, "I'd be bear-y happy to go to prom with you."

- For a patriotic promposal, ask them "On a scale of 1 to America... how free are you to go to prom with me?"

- Dress up as your favorite superhero and tell them, "It would be super if you went to prom with me."

- "Pop" the question with a promposal note written inside a balloon.

- Make your promposal electric with a light-up poster.

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State Wrestling Tournament Preview

The team competition of the Wrestling State Tournament is scheduled for February 27 at the Xcel Energy Center in downtown St. Paul. Here is a look at the tournament: **FAST FACTS** - The schedule: Thursday, February 27, Session 1, 9 a.m. - All quarterfinals, consolation semifinals, and championship semifinals Thursday, February 27, Session 2, 5 p.m. - All consolation finals, third-place, and championship matches. Awards will follow the matches

Class AA - #2 Seed Martin County Red Bulls (18-2) vs. Orono (9-12), 11 a.m. - The Martin County Red Bulls are making their second overall appearance with 10 ranked wrestlers. They placed second in 2019 defeated by Kasson-Mantorville 49-9. The Red Bulls defeated last year's Section 3 champion Marshall 41-25. Nine Red Bulls will also take part in the individual state meet. The Orono Spartans are making their debut appearance. They defeated Totino-Grace 42-33 in the Section 5 championship match. The Spartans have two ranked wrestlers - #1-ranked 220 Danny Striggow, and #9-ranked 195 David Wilfert.

#3 Seed Foley (39-1) vs. Hutchinson/Bufalo Lake-Hector-Stewart (19-3), 11 a.m. - Section 2 Hutchinson/Bufalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Tigers are making their first tournament appearance. Section 7 Foley, which lost in the consolation semifinals last year, returns for its 13th consecutive appearance. The Falcons are making their

27th appearance overall and won previous championships in 1989, 1993, and 1994.

#1 Seed Simley, Inver Grove Heights (19-0) vs. South St. Paul (21-4), 11 a.m. - The Section 4 Packers of South St. Paul return after a one-year absence to make their second appearance overall. The defending champions from Section 1 Simley are looking for their 13th title. In addition to last year, they also won in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2015. The Spartans are making their 25th appearance overall.

#4 Seed Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield (18-2) vs. #5 Seed Detroit Lakes (23-6), 11 a.m. - Section 8 champ Detroit Lakes is making its third appearance, but first since 2005. Section 6 Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield is making its first appearance.

Last Year: Class A - Simley earned its 12th championship after beating Marshall, which included students from Lakeview and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, 60-7. Simley came in as the #2 seed and Marshall was the #4 seed. Perham settled for third place after beating Waconia 27-24. Mora rebounded to claim consolation honors. The Mustangs defeated Totino-Grace of Fridley 40-30.

Webcast: School Space Media will livestream every match. There is no charge for viewing. Find it at www.prepspotlight.tv. Results: Posted on legacy.mshsl.org. Social media: Follow the tournament on the League's Facebook page and on Twitter at @MSHSL and @MSHSLJohn.



OPEN NETTER - Cardinals Carson Kuhl scored on an open net shot despite Willmar's Avery Loso and #21 Jack Michelson attempt to stop Kuhl. Kuhl had 2 goals in the #8-seeded Cards 4-1 section playoff win last Tuesday. #1-seed Hutchinson defeated the Cards 10-0 Thursday ending their season with a 6-20 record. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*

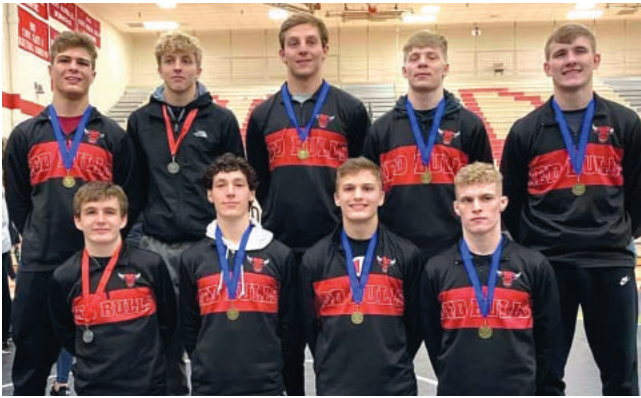


STATE GYMNAST - Martin County Magics Sabrina Segar placed 16th on the vault (9.425) and 36th in the floor competition (8.925) at Class A State Meet held last weekend in St. Paul.



DRIVE TO THE HOOP - The Fairmont youth squads provided half-time entertainment during the Cards vs Windom boys basketball game. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*

Nine Red Bulls to State



GRAPPLING STATESMEN - Martin County Red Bulls wrestlers who qualified for the state individual meet include: Front left to right, Jesse Potts, Blake Jagodzinske, Connor Simmonds and Jaxson Rohman. Back: Nathan Simmonds, Cale Steuber, Jacob Rahn, Miles Fitzgerald and Payton Anderson. *Submitted photo*

Nine Red Bulls wrestlers punched their ticket to the state tournament last Saturday at the Section 3AA Individual meet in Marshall. Capturing first were Class AA #2-ranked Jaxson Rohman, #7-ranked Blake Jagodzinske, #2-ranked Connor Simmonds, #2-ranked Payton Anderson, #6-ranked Miles Fitzgerald, #7-ranked Nathan Simmonds and #6-ranked Jacob Rahn. Also qualifying with second place finishes were #5-ranked Jesse Potts and Cale Steuber. Other section results: Max Olson 3rd, #7-ranked Kain Sanders 5th, Everardo Hernandez 6th and Shayne Steinbrink 8th. Red Bulls head coach Adam Williamson was named section head coach of the year. Assistant coach Dusty Fabor was named section assistant coach of the year. The state individual competition is scheduled for Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29 at the Xcel Energy Center in downtown St. Paul.

State Individual Meet Preview

First round individual state wrestling matches: 106 - #5-ranked Jesse Potts, So. 14-4 vs. #1-ranked Tyler Wells, Princeton, Fr., 43-0. 126 - #2-ranked Jaxson Rohman, Jr., 45-0 vs. #8-ranked Cade Jackson, Detroit Lakes, Fr., 28-15. 132 - #7-ranked Blake Jagodzinske, Jr., 18-4 vs. #10-ranked Cody Weinen, Thief River Falls, So., 36-12. 138 - #2-ranked Connor Simmonds, Jr., vs. #8-ranked Brady Kasprick, Thief River Falls, So., 36-6. 145 - Cale Steuber, Sr., 29-8 vs. #7-ranked Joe Gardas, Zimmerman, So., 37-4. 152

- #2-ranked Payton Anderson, Sr., 38-1 vs. #8-ranked Isaiah Fitch, Foley, Sr., 40-9. 160 - #6-ranked Miles Fitzgerald, Sr., 38-3 vs. Noah Halonen, Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield, Sr., 29-9. 170 - #7-ranked Nathan Simmonds, Sr., 40-9 vs. Adam Neuman, Annandale/Maple Lake, Jr., 33-4. 195 - #6-ranked Jacob Rahn, Sr., 37-5 vs. Sullivan Lucy, St. Paul Como Park, Jr., 21-13.

Section 3AA Indv Meet Results:

106 - 1st Place Match Luke Knudsen (New London-Spicer) 45-3, 8th. over Jesse Potts 14-4, So. (Dec 8-6). 113 - 5th Place Match Kain Sanders 35-14, So. over Zander Clausen (Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle-Montevideo United) 24-14, Fr. (Dec 9-2). 126 - 1st Place Match Jaxson Rohman 45-0, Jr. over Davin Rose (MAHACA) 33-6, Fr. (MD 24-10). 132 - 1st Place Match Blake Jagodzinske 18-4, Jr. over Connor Roth (Marshall) 33-10, Sr. (Fall 1:59). 138 - 1st Place Match Connor Simmonds 42-2, Jr. over Blake Vagle (New London-Spicer) 41-6, Sr. (Fall 2:37). 145 - 1st Place Match Trevon Johnson (Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle-Montevideo United) 30-4, Jr. over Cale Steuber 29-8, Sr. (Dec 4-1). 2nd Place Wrestleback Cale Steuber 29-8, Sr. over Jaxon Lang (Redwood Valley) 18-13, Jr. (NC). 152 - 1st Place Match Payton Anderson 38-1, Sr. over Noah Jensen (Marshall) 26-11, Sr. (Fall 3:31). 160 - 1st Place Match Miles Fitzgerald 38-3, Sr. over Grant Louwagie (Marshall) 27-10, Jr. (MD 12-1). 170 - 1st Place Match Nathan Simmonds 40-9, Sr. over Cole Ranwei-

ler (New Ulm Area) 38-7, Jr. (Fall 5:39). 182 - 2nd Place Wrestleback Spencer Wambeke (Marshall) 23-4, Jr. over Max Olson 23-13, Fr. (Dec 10-5). 3rd Place Match Max Olson 23-13, Fr. over Andy Fischer (Redwood Valley) 19-18, Sr. (Fall 5:02). 195 - 1st Place Match

Jacob Rahn 37-5, Sr. over Cole Felcyn (Marshall) 18-11, Jr. (Fall 1:18). 220 - 8th Place - Shayne Steinbrink. 285 - 5th Place Match Trey Teichert (Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle-Montevideo United) 21-18, Jr. over Everardo Hernandez 11-22, Jr. (Dec 5-2).



RISING UP - Cards Blake Buntjer shoots over Windom's Sam Doorenbos. The Cards downed the Eagles 71-42 last Friday night. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



EASY LAYUP - Jaguars Carter Spear goes for two past the Saints #4 Derrick Halvorson and Hayden Jones. St. James downed Truman/Martin Luther/Granada-Huntley-East Chain 69-56 last Thursday night. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*

Fairmont Baseball Registration:

The Baseball season is right around the corner! The Fairmont Baseball Association would like to remind families that registration for our 2020 season is now available online at www.fairmontbaseball.com for our summer I-90 league (Minor, Junior, and Pony Leagues), Jr. Martins Traveling Baseball (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U), along with our VFW and Legion Baseball. Please complete registration by March 13th. Registrations received after this date will be assessed a late entry fee. We look forward to another great summer of baseball.

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Answer

2019 NASS yields assist final farm program decisions

Guest Columnist



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The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the 2019 estimated average county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops on February 20. Farm operators were more interested in the NASS yields this year than in other years, due to the potential impacts on the 2019 and 2020 farm program decisions. Eligible producers have until March 16th to finalize their farm program choice for the 2019 and 2020 program year at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. The 2019 county yields for all crops in Minnesota, Iowa, and all other States are available on the NASS web site at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Producers need to make a farm program choice for all eligible crops on FSA farm unit numbers by March 16th. If either the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) or county-yield based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) program is chosen, farm operators may choose between PLC or ARC-CO for each crop on a FSA farm unit, and can vary the choice on different FSA farm units. Producers that had FSA farm units that were totally prevent plant acres in 2019, or had very low yields, may want to consider the farm-yield based ARC-IC program for 2019 and 2020 (see more details on ARC-IC later in this column).

Any potential 2019 ARC-CO program payments for corn and soybeans will be based on the final 12-month national market year average (MYA) price from September 1st, 2019 through August 31st, 2020, as well as the final 2019 county average yields. The final county yields will be based on the 2019 average RMA (crop insurance) reported yields in that county. The 2019 county average RMA yields are not expected to be announced until later this year (well after the March 16th farm program sign-up deadline). The recently released NASS County-level yields are not "official" for farm program calculations; however, the 2019 NASS corn and soybean yields do provide data to make estimates for 2019 ARC-CO payment potential.

Impacts on 2019 and 2020 Farm Program Decisions:

The price estimates in the February 11th WASDE report will likely be the last USDA market year average (MYA) price estimates that farm operators get before finalizing their farm program decisions for the 2019 and 2020 crop years. The MYA price estimates in the latest WASDE report were \$3.85 per bushel for corn and \$8.75 per bushel for soybeans. The final 2019 MYA price for corn and soybeans is based on the monthly average MYA prices

from September 1st, 2019 through August 31st, 2020, which are then "weighted" by the volume of bushels sold each month, before being finalized by September 30th. Following is a summary of the impact on farm program decisions of the recently released 2019 estimated NASS county yields for corn and soybeans at the current 2019 MYA price estimates:

- Corn: At an estimated MYA price of \$3.85 per bushel, final 2019 county average corn yields will need to be about 18 percent below the county benchmark yield in order to earn any 2019 farm program payments through the ARC-CO farm program choice. Based on the recently released NASS yields, it appears that only a few counties in Minnesota will likely earn corn ARC-CO payments for 2019. The following Southwest Minnesota counties are likely to earn significant ARC-CO payments (\$30 per base acre or higher) for 2019 Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock. Other Minnesota counties likely to earn smaller levels of 2019 corn ARC-CO payments include Hennepin, Lincoln, and Traverse. The corn PLC reference price for 2019 and 2020 will be \$3.70 per bushel, so the final corn MYA price needs to be below \$3.70 per bushel to earn any PLC pay-

ments in either 2019 or 2020. Even though 2019 PLC payments do not look likely at this point, many producers see the PLC program for corn as a good risk management tool to protect against significant declines in the 2020 MYA corn prices below \$3.70 per bushel from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

- Soybeans: At the current USDA estimated MYA price of \$8.75 per bushel, final 2019 county average soybean yields will only need to decline by about 2-4 bushels per acre (depending on the county) below the county benchmark yield in order to earn a 2019 ARC-CO payment. A decline of about 8-10 bushels per acre or more below the county benchmark yield will likely result in close to the maximum 2019 soybean ARC-CO payment. Based on the recently released NASS yield estimates, it appears that several counties in Minnesota may earn a 2019 soybean ARC-CO payment, with some counties in Southwest and South Central Minnesota likely to earn near the maximum ARC-CO payment. The soybean PLC reference price for 2019 and 2020 will be \$8.40 per bushel, so the final soybean MYA price needs to be below that level to earn any PLC payments in either 2019 or 2020. It does not appear that there will be a soybean PLC payment for 2019, and at this point prospects do not look very good for 2020 soybean PLC payments.

ARC-IC Farm Program Consideration for 2019 and 2020:

Any FSA farm unit num-

bers that are enrolled in the ARC-IC program for 2019 and 2020 must include all program crops that are raised on that farm unit for a given year. All FSA farm units in the same State that are enrolled in ARC-IC are calculated together. Calculations for ARC-IC benchmark revenues are based on national MYA prices and farm-level average yields for 2013-2017. The actual revenue for 2019 will be based on the final 2019 MYA price (described earlier) and the 2019 crop insurance yields on that FSA farm unit.

If an entire FSA farm unit was prevent planted in 2019, it will likely earn the maximum ARC-IC payment for the year. However, if any crop acres were planted on that farm unit, only the planted acres are used for 2019 ARC-IC calculations. FSA farm units with very low 2019 corn and soybean yields could also qualify for significant 2019 ARC-IC payments. Farm operators in Minnesota, North and South Dakota are encouraged to use the North Dakota State University ARC-IC farm program calculator, located on the NDSU website (referenced below) to make ARC-IC payment estimates.

Summary Thoughts on Farm Program Decisions:

Now that the 2019 NASS county yield estimates have been released, farm operators are encouraged to enroll on the 2019 and 2020 farm program at local FSA offices as soon as they have reached their final farm program decision (March 16 is the final deadline). Failure to enroll in the farm program for 2019 and to make a farm program

choice for 2019 and 2020 will result in no payment eligibility for the 2019 crop year. The initial farm program choice is only for the 2019 and 2020 crop years. Beginning in 2021, farm operators will be able to make their farm program choices on an annual basis.

Please send an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com, to receive a free copy of information sheets on 2019-20 farm program decisions prepared by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, including estimated 2019 ARC-CO payments based on the recently released 2019 NASS county corn and soybean yield estimates. For more information on farm program enrollment, farm operators should contact their local FSA office, or go to the USDA Farm Bill website at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcpic>

Following are some good web-based farm program decision tools and calculators to assist producers:

- North Dakota State University --- <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/farm-bill>

- Kansas State University --- <http://www.agmanager.info/ag-policy/2018-farm-bill>

- Texas A & M Calculator --- <https://www.afpc.tamu.edu/tools/farm/farm-bill/2018/>

- U of Illinois FarmDoc website --- <https://farmdoc-daily.illinois.edu/>

- Iowa State University --- <https://www.extension.ia-state.edu/agdm/info/farm-bill.html>

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Ask A Trooper: Calling 911

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

Question: If I see someone texting and they are driving in an unsafe manner (crossing in and out of their lane or going onto shoulder) should I call 911?

Answer: Always call 911 if you see unsafe driving conduct that could result in a crash.

When calling 911, be sure your phone complies with the new hands-free cell phone law. You must use voice command, one touch operation, or have a passenger make the call. Another option would be to pull off the road to a convenience store or gas station, for example, to make the call.

The dispatcher will ask routine questions, includ-

- ing:
- What is your location and direction of travel?
 - What is the vehicle and driver description including the license plate information, make, model and color of the vehicle?

If you are following the vehicle as part of traffic, the dispatcher might keep you on the line to provide real time location updates that will help law enforcement stop the correct vehicle in a timely manner.

During the first five months of Minnesota's hands-free law, 9,727 drivers were cited for violating the law. For those who have not gone hands-free or have slipped into old

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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

City of Fairmont

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Fairmont, MN will meet in the council chambers located at 100 Downtown Plaza on the 9th day of March 2020 at 5:30pm, to consider potential improvements to the existing lime pond system. Planning for improvement to close and cap-in-place the existing lime pond system. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvements will be heard at this meeting.

A complete copy of the Lime Pond Closure Facility Plan may be viewed at the City Engineer's office.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT

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

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 00 1113

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

MARTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE DOME COPPER ROOF REPLACEMENT

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

ISG NO. 19-22326

Sealed Prime General Contract bids for Martin County Courthouse Dome Copper Roof Replacement will be received by Scott Higgins at the Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota by mail or personal delivery until Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at which date and time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

A prebid conference will be held Friday, February 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the location of the Work.

Project Scope: Selective demolition and construction restoration and copper roof replacement of the Courthouse Dome and other Work indicated in the drawings and specifications.

MARTIN COUNTY expects to award this project to the best valued Respondent ("Contractor") based on the requirements in this solicitation. The Respondent selected for award will be the Respondent whose proposal is responsive, responsible, and is the most advantageous to MARTIN COUNTY, as determined by MARTIN COUNTY in its sole discretion. The awarded Respondent is expected to complete this project without any delays or cost increases, and meet the quality expectations of MARTIN COUNTY. Proposal shall be filled in clearly and correctly with ink or other permanent format. Proposal shall be signed in ink by the individual, members of the partnership, or by one or more officers of the corporation making the proposal.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of ISG at 115 East Hickory Street, Suite 300, Mankato, Minnesota 56001 for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 each. For Documents that must be mailed, the total plan fee will be \$115.00 each, shipping and handling included. When requesting mailed documents, please include your address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. Make checks payable to ISG.

Drawings, specifications, and other Bidding Documents may also be obtained online at www.questcdn.com. If you do not already have a free membership, you may sign up for one to gain access to the documents. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 6670889. There will be a \$25.00 non-refundable downloading fee to access a pdf copy of the documents online.

Documents are viewable at both www.questcdn.com and www.is-grp.com free of charge.

All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope upon which shall be plainly marked "BID ON MARTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE DOME RESKIN - FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA" and the name of the bidder. If a bid is to be mailed, the bid envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. FAX and E-mail Bids will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to hold and consider the bids for 30 days after the date of the bid opening. Bids shall be accompanied by a cashiers check, bidder's bond, or certified check payable to MARTIN COUNTY for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid including add-alternates. A bidder's bond shall include certified copy of the power of attorney.

The right to waive any informality in any bid and reject any or all bids is reserved to the Owner.

Dated the 20th day of February, 2020.

By Order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners
Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator

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Martin County Public Notice 2018 Financial Statement

MARTIN COUNTY

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2018

Martin County, Fairmont, Minnesota
Organization December 31, 2018

The purpose of this Report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Martin County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Jessica Korte, Auditor/Treasurer (507) 238-3211.

A copy of the full report can be found also on the County's website at <https://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/financial>.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING (507) 238-3211, OR BY WRITING TO THE MARTIN COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER, 201 LAKE AVE #201, FAIRMONT, MN 56001

Key Indicator	2018	2017	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Estimate Population	19,785	19,865	(0.00)
Total Tax Capacity	\$ 40,647,237	\$ 39,387,470	3.20
Percent of Property Taxes Collected	101.51%	102.21%	(0.68)
Total General Revenues	\$ 18,271,714	\$ 16,924,751	7.96
Total Program Revenues	\$ 13,371,717	\$ 17,865,007	(25.15)
Total Expenses Government Activities	\$ 26,295,560	\$ 27,887,153	(5.71)
Capital Assets Governmental Activities	\$ 117,893,367	\$ 110,968,877	6.24
Total Outstanding Net Bonded Debt of County General Obligation	\$ 14,989,000	\$ 15,828,000	(5.30)
Other Debt	\$ 11,030.00	\$ 32,766.00	(66.34)
Bond Rating on Most Recent General Obligation Bond Issue	AA	AA	
Total Government-Wide Net Position Governmental Activities	\$ 95,370,529	\$ 91,197,529	4.58
Total Number of Full-Time Employees	108	105	2.86

A USER'S GUIDE TO MARTIN COUNTY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Basic Financial Statements

Martin County's basic financial statements consist of three parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis and certain budgetary comparison schedules are required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, are included as required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements display information about the county's financial reporting entity as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements should present separate information for the governmental activities of the county (primary government).

www display separate financial information for the county's governmental and fiduciary funds. Information for governmental and enterprise proprietary funds is presented separately for major funds and the aggregate total for non-major funds. Fiduciary fund information is presented in aggregate by fund type.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information and disclosure for information in the financial statements.

Governmental activities are generally activities of the county financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. These activities are usually reported in governmental funds and internal service funds.

Financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (county), organizations for which the county is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The nucleus of a county's financial reporting entity is the primary government, the county.

Primary government is a term used in connection with defining the financial reporting entity. The primary government is the focus of the financial reporting entity. For the county, the primary government represents the financial activities, funds, or accounts directly under the control of the county board.

Component unit describes a legally separate organization for which the county board is financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Character Classification of County Expenditures

The county's governmental expenditures are classified by character or the periods expenditures are presumed to benefit. The county has the following character classifications:

Current operating expenditures are presumed to benefit the current fiscal period.

Debt Services are presumed to benefit prior fiscal periods as well as current and future periods and includes amount expended for the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with debt.

Capital outlays are presumed to benefit current and future fiscal periods and include amounts expended for the construction or acquisition of county capital assets.

Intergovernmental represents resources transferred by the county to other governments.

Classification of County Functions

Functions are a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the county is responsible. The county has the following classifications:

The **General Government** function include expenditures for general county activities such as the county commissioners, county administration, county attorney's office, county auditor/treasurer's office, county assessor's office, the planning and zoning office, the county transit system, the county court administrator's office, the drainage administrator's office, the county recorder's office, the veteran's service office, and other county general service office.

Public Safety relates to the objective of protection of persons and property and includes expenditures for corrections activities, operations of the sheriff's department, the county jail, civil defense, victim witness, and emergency services.

Highway and Streets includes expenditures relating to the construction and maintenance of county highways and streets.

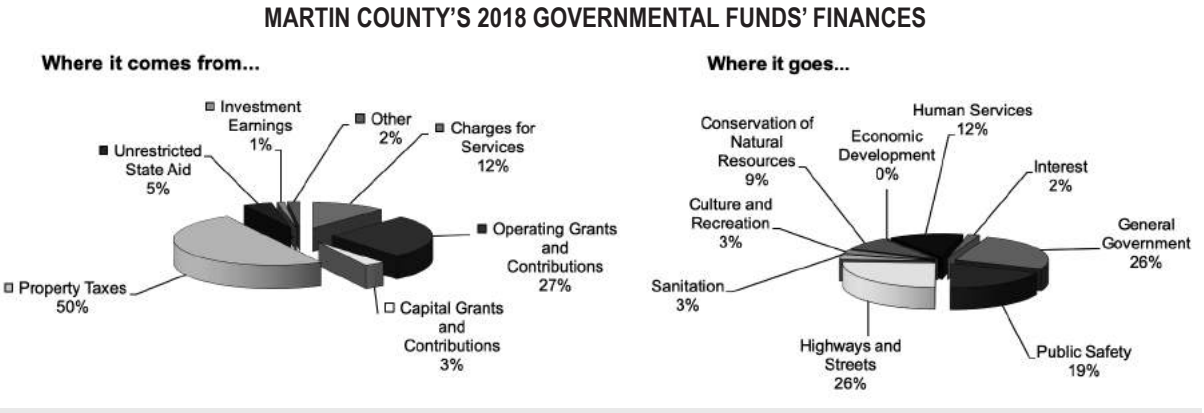
Sanitation involves expenditures for the removal and disposal of waste and includes county solid waste collection and disposal, and recycling.

Human Services represents activities designated to provide public assistance and institutional care for individuals unable to provide essential needs for themselves. These programs include child support collection, child welfare, chemical dependency, medical assistance, and others.

Culture and Recreation involves cultural and recreational activities maintained for the benefit of county residents and visitors. These activities include county libraries, parks, and other recreation programs.

Conservation of Natural Resources involves activities designed to conserve and develop such natural resources as water, soil, and forest and includes such programs as soil and water conservation, county extension, and other.

Economic Development activities are directed toward economically developing the area encompassed by the county and providing assistance to, and opportunity for, economically disadvantaged persons or businesses.



MARTIN COUNTY FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES
Cash and Pooled Investments \$ 29,887,230	Deferred Pension Outflows \$ 2,577,789	Deferred Property Tax Inflows 71,270
Petty Cash and Change Funds 1,087	Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits Outflows 148,545	Deferred Pension Inflows 3,779,520
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent 169,598	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources 2,726,334	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources 3,850,790
Special Assessments Receivable - Delinquent 61,151		
Special Assessments Receivable - Unavailable 9,512,354	LIABILITIES	NET POSITION
Accounts Receivable 2,076	Accounts Payable 357,839	Net Investment in Capital Assets 73,103,659
Accrued Interest Receivable 70,976	Salaries Payable 210,301	Restricted for
Due from Other Governments 5,379,805	Contracts Payable 525,257	General Government 543,956
Loans Receivable 279,207	Due to Other Governments 325,617	Public Safety 713,717
Inventories 1,020,689	Accrued Interest Payable 56,045	Debt Service 631,114
Capital Assets - Non Depreciable 1,190,311	Unearned Revenue 576,434	Culture and Recreation 476,840
Land and Right of Way 549,510	Compensated Absences Payable - Due Within One Year 1,010,000	Economic Development 223,819
Construction in Progress 3,863,908	General Obligation Bonds Payable - Due Within One Year 91,297	Highways and Streets 4,579,358
Depreciable Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation 2,195,481	Loans Payable - Due Within One Year 14,294,829	Conservation 1,974,801
Buildings and Improvements 34,569	Compensated Absences Payable - Due in More Than One Year 4,987,513	Sanitation 1,806,406
Land Improvements 66,505,504	General Obligation Bonds Payable - Due in More Than One Year 1,658,253	Unrestricted 11,316,859
Machinery, Vehicles, Furniture and Equipment 120,724,456	Other Postemployment Benefits Liability 24,229,471	Total Net Position \$ 95,370,529
Infrastructure		
Total Assets		

MARTIN COUNTY FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

COMBING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ALL AGENCY FUNDS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

STATE AGENCY	Balance January 1	Additions	Deductions	Balance December 31
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$ 5,203	\$ 385,906	\$ 381,523	\$ 9,586
LIABILITIES				
Due to Other Governments	\$ 5,203	\$ 385,906	\$ 381,523	\$ 9,586
MORTGAGE REGISTRY TAX				
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$ 9,242	\$ 284,479	\$ 279,884	\$ 13,837
LIABILITIES				
Due to Other Governments	\$ 9,242	\$ 284,479	\$ 279,884	\$ 13,837
DEED TAX				
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$ 37,479	\$ 381,634	\$ 395,016	\$ 24,097
LIABILITIES				
Due to Other Governments	\$ 37,479	\$ 381,634	\$ 395,016	\$ 24,097
TAXES AND PENALTIES				
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$ 597,858	\$ 40,794,925	\$ 41,038,308	\$ 354,475
LIABILITIES				
Due to Other Governments	\$ 597,858	\$ 40,794,925	\$ 41,038,308	\$ 354,475
TOTAL ALL AGENCY FUNDS				
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$ 649,782	\$ 41,846,944	\$ 42,094,731	\$ 401,995
LIABILITIES				
Due to Other Governments	\$ 649,782	\$ 41,846,944	\$ 42,094,731	\$ 401,995

MARTIN COUNTY FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Expenses	Fees, Charges, Fines, and Other	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS					
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
General Government	\$ 6,737,176	\$ 999,808	\$ 737,705	\$ 64,220	\$ (4,935,443)
Public Safety	5,103,053	180,835	494,996	-	(4,427,222)
Highways and Streets	6,917,858	544,830	7,154,691	1,000,000	1,781,663
Sanitation	737,027	742,140	-	-	5,113
Culture and Recreation	896,571	121,313	9,056	-	(766,202)
Conservation of Natural Resources	2,346,235	1,202,163	92,896	-	(1,051,176)
Economic Development	73,856	18,680	-	-	(55,176)
Human Services	3,084,480	-	8,384	-	(3,076,096)
Interest	399,304	-	-	-	(399,304)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 26,295,560	\$ 3,809,769	\$ 8,497,728	\$ 1,064,220	(12,923,843)
GENERAL REVENUES					
Property Taxes					15,821,285
Mortgage Registry and Deed Tax					15,978
Wind Power Production Tax					331,147
Wheelage Tax					226,432
Grants and Contributions not Restricted for a Particular Purpose					1,455,498
Investment Earnings					396,567
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets					24,807
Total General Revenues					18,271,714
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					5,347,871
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as restated (Note 1.E)					90,022,658
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR					\$ 95,370,529

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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while continuing to elevate our customers' experience.

To follow are some key updates:

- We are strengthening our training and succession planning within the Store Management career path. Starting this week, some of our Store Directors will now be known as District Store Directors and will oversee several stores as well as mentor Store Managers. With this change, some Store Directors will become Store Managers. The Store Manager position will help better prepare those who want to become Store Directors/District Store Directors in the future. The Store

Manager will also have oversight of the day-to-day operations at his/her store. This is part of our effort to remain the best place to build a career in retail and ensure all Store Directors have the training they need before being selected for the role.

- The decision to no longer remain open 24 hours a day and move our business hours to align with consumer shopping trends created an opportunity to reorganize both our overnight and daytime stocking procedures. This will make a difference to our customers as the majority of our stocking will be done during times when customers are not shopping, helping to keep our aisles clear of clutter so customers can have a more pleasant

shopping experience in our stores. This move also allowed us to reevaluate how we operate our stores so that we can become more efficient. Because of this, Store Directors will be making staffing changes over the upcoming weeks – which could include promotions, re-allocations or reductions – to reflect the needs of their individual store.

- To strengthen our nationally recognized dietitian program, 30 of our in-store dietitians will join the corporate team to support our health and wellness programs across the company. We will still allow our store directors to implement their dietetic programs locally.

We value our employees and customers, and want to be the best place to work and shop. Our industry is continually evolving, which is why it's imperative that we evolve with it.

Such change is good

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



The older I get the more I notice change. It is everywhere in my life, from having no telephone in our farm home until I was in college to now having one that I carry around in my pocket with the ability to call all over the world, from going into a country doctor's office with a cold and getting a shot of penicillin compared to the many tests and questions that I face for any treatment today. My wife had a cataract

removed yesterday and we were allowed to go home shortly after the operation compared to the long period of staying in bed and being completely still for many days of only a few years ago. A new mother used to have to stay in the hospital for five to seven days after a new baby was born and can now go home the second day after the delivery. A surgeon recently threaded a stent into the right carotid artery

of my neck by inserting the stent up through my groin. SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

Change is everywhere in business. I have watched banking change from hand posting of things like the general ledger to the current time of core software which handles such services as accounting, internet banking, mobile banking, document imaging,

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MARTIN COUNTY
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve Flohrs. Commissioners present were Tom Mahoney, Steve Flohrs, Elliot Belgard, Kathy Smith, and Richard Koons. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

On Motions duly made and adopted the following actions were taken:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020, special Board meeting with Martin Soil and Water Conservation District. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to grant an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Ghost Town Tavern, LLC, integrated with their present On-Sale Liquor License fee schedule (\$575); and that any new fee will be readdressed at license renewal. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution authorizing tobacco licenses for: Casey's Retail Company General Store #3003 located at 10 Broadway Street in Trimont, MN; and Casey's Retail Company General Store #3005 located at 112 2nd Street in Welcome, MN effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Mahoney, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit received from Mike Bettin within Section 32 of Rutland Township. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit received from Darin and Val Pesta within Section 3 of Nashville Township. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to table consideration of Martin County Revolving Loan Forgiveness in the amount of \$12,752.00 until additional information is received. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and name the Parks Caretaker Position as Highway Maintenance Specialist/Parks Coordinator and rate this job at a Grade 11 on the County's new pay plan; and approve job description with supervisory and confidential job duties for Martin County's Jail Administrator Position and rate this job at a Grade 16 on the County's new pay plan. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution authorizing execution of the FY2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$21,633.00, effective January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, Mahoney, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to set the meeting date of June 16, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the County Board of Equalization to be held at the Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN, First Floor – Commissioners Meeting Room, with the County Board of Commissioners serving as the Board of Equalization, along with the appointment of Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to receive and file the 2018 Clerical Error Abatement Audit Report. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the contract for Tyler Technologies iasWorld TAX/CAMA and Tyler Cashiering Software. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize proceeding with Priority #1 Building Improvement Items in an estimated amount of \$191,700.00 as recommended by Wold Architects and Engineers. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize proceeding with add-on design and spec with ISG for accent lighting to the courthouse dome in the amount of \$5,000.00. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize shared cost with the City of Fairmont for promotion of the 2020 Census in an amount not to exceed \$3,750. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and ratify the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Grant Contract in the amount of \$291,000.00 for FY20-21 between DEED and the Martin County Economic Development Authority on behalf of the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the Board Chair, Auditor/Treasurer, and Coordinator to sign the Letter of Understanding of Services Agreement for audit services by the State of Minnesota Office of the State Auditor for the year ending December 31, 2019. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and appoint Commissioner Mahoney and Commissioner Smith to serve on and work with the Fairmont HRA on housing needs in Martin County; and approve and authorize per diems and expenses to attend the meetings. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to set the date of February 25, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. to tour the LeSueur County Justice Center in LeCenter, Minnesota. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on February 4, 2020, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

THE COMPLETE MINUTES OF THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY COORDINATOR'S OFFICE, 201 LAKE AVENUE, ROOM 100, FAIRMONT, MN AND MAY ALSO BE VIEWED ON THE MARTIN COUNTY WEBSITE AT: www.co.martin.mn.us

SCOTT HIGGINS
MARTIN COUNTY COORDINATOR

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MARTIN COUNTY
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
COLD INPLACE RECYCLING & BITUMINOUS OVERLAYS
SP 046-652-011 Minn. Proj. STPF 4620 (153)
CLOSING DATE: April 3, 2020

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the County Engineer of Martin County on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners until 10:00 a.m., April 3, 2020, at the County Engineer's Office, 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont, MN. Any bid(s) received after said hour will be returned to the bidder unopened. Any bid(s) received without a certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder without being read or considered. Bids will be opened and read aloud by the County Engineer in the presence of the County Auditor immediately after the time set for receiving bids for the following. The lowest responsible bidder will be awarded the contract at a Board of Commissioners meeting to follow the April 21, 2020 bid opening.

SP 046-652-011
The major quantities are as follows: Salvaged Aggregate (C.V.) 2,900 Cubic Yards, Aggregate Surfacing Class 5 7,465 Tons, Mill Bituminous Surface (2.0") 133,827 Square Yards, Mill Rumble Strips 82,102 L.F., Bituminous Material for Fog Seal 16,510 Gal., Bituminous Material for Tack 31,112 Gal., Type SP 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture (3,C) 32,510 Tons, Type SP 12.5 Nonwearing Course Mixture (3,B) 39,650 Tons, CIR Bituminous 127,027 Square Yards, Traffic Control Supervisor 1 Lump Sum, Traffic Control 1 Lump Sum, Soil Bed Preparation 17.5 Acres, Common Topsoil Borrow (L.V.) 13,800 Cubic Yards, Seeding 17.5 Acres, Hydraulic Mulch Matrix 43,750 Pounds, 6" Solid Line Paint 100,244 L.F., 6" Broken Line Paint 9,545 L.F.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS PROJECT

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Status, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, part 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of 3.70 % Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Suppliers may obtain an abbreviated Proposal and Plan Set from our County Website as mentioned below at no cost.

Plans and specifications, proposal forms, and all contract documents may be examined at the office of the County Engineer (11" x 17" plan size). Copies may be secured at the counter of the Martin County Highway Department at a cost of \$80.00. If mailed, a cost of \$100.00. Prices are non-refundable and include sales tax. You may also order a bid packet via email to jill.redenius@co.martin.mn.us or by calling 507-235-3347.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check, or bid bond, payable to the Martin County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the bid.

The County Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, portions, thereof, and to waive informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the bids in the best interest of the County.

The planholders' list and bid results will be available for viewing at:

<http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>

Kevin Peyman, P.E.
County Engineer

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bill paying and person-to-person banking. The systems are in need of constant change as more services are added. SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

The insurance industry has followed the same path. I remember when the crop hail adjusters would have long forms that they had to fill out when adjusting crop damages. They were done in the heat of the summer in the car. Time is important to a busy farmer and I could feel their sense of urgency in getting back to work. An adjuster now carries a portable computer that contains all of the locations and crop information so the loss can be finished within a few minutes. Our double-screened computers allow work in progress to be maintained as someone in the agency works on other needed information with a customer. SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

Agriculture is also a leader in change. It continues to exchange the need for manual labor for the developments of technology. I have seen corn planted with a two-row corn planter that

was pulled by two horses with rows forty inches between as that was the needed space for a horse to walk, to a twenty-four row planter with rows that are twenty-two inches apart. I have seen corn harvested by pulling a one-row corn picker with a small tractor to harvesting twelve rows at a time with a fast moving combine. I have seen the average yield of corn go from under one hundred bushels to two hundred and forty bushels per acre. SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

Hogs were fed slop out of a barrel in which ground feed was mixed with what was then wasted skim milk and some water poured in a tough with a pail. The results were that the larger hogs got most of the feed. Now hogs are raised in a comfortable confinement setting where they all get the correct mixture of ground feed. They are now fed from clean indoor feeders where the feed is delivered through tubes to self feeders in each confinement pen. The feeders are always clean and can be adjusted to eliminate waste. Hogs are now

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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

“How are you doing?” I ask.

“Everything is nearly copacetic. I’ll remember your birthday this year because it falls on garbage day. I even went to the Dollar Dump to see if I could find you a birthday present. They had circus peanuts only six years old. I know you don’t like them, so I got you two bags.”



Naturally

I went outside to turn over a few rocks. Not literally. As a boy, I’d turn over real rocks. It was amazing what I found under them. Now I think of seeing nature’s marvels as turning over rocks.

The house sparrows chirped like 76 trombones. They could see spring from where they were perched. I welcomed the change of sounds. Mary Oliver wrote, “In winter all the singing is in the tops of the trees.”

Q&A

“Do pheasants and chickens cross?” Different species of pheasants are known to mate, and there are instances of pheasants and chickens reproducing. About 10%

of the 10,000 known bird species have mated with another species.

“What is a cactus buck?” A cactus buck is a deer with an unbalanced testosterone level, which results in velvet persisting on antlers and growing throughout the year.

“Do weasels dance?” There was this kid in junior high who was a definite weasel and he put John Travolta to shame on the dance floor. But I’ll bet you’re asking about a four-footed animal. Weasels perform a war

U.K. concluded some rabbits had died of fright after being subjected to the dance. Occasionally, a weasel dances without prey as an audience. Perhaps it’s practicing.

“How did the myth of hummingbirds migrating on the backs of geese start?” People have hinted that John James Audubon believed that. I didn’t know the man, so I can’t say if that’s true. It’s difficult to understand how such a myth started and why it endures. I’ve never talked to a single water-



American goldfinches are beginning to show more yellow in their feathers. Photo by Al Batt

dance when they’ve cornered prey. They bob and hop in a dance possibly meant to intimidate prey. One theory is the weasel’s twisting and darting about distracts, confuses and/or hypnotizes prey. A research study in the

fowl hunter who found a hummingbird hitchhiking on a goose. If I were a hummingbird, I’d want a free ride, but it wouldn’t work as hummingbirds and geese don’t migrate at the same time or to the same places. And geese

don’t serve meals on their flights. There isn’t an overwhelming amount of data about the migration of hummingbirds. I suspect it was because people couldn’t get their mind around the fact that such a tiny bird was able to fly such long distances on its own power.

“How do scientists weigh a whale?” At a whale-way station, of course. It’s a combination of math, experience and estimation (a good guess). They can use boat slings for live or freshly deceased whales. I walked a beach on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. My walk took me near a beached whale that had a death smell strong enough to gag an entire county. I wouldn’t be willing to even guess its weight. Drones are used to photograph the length and width of a whale to determine its volume, which is converted to weight. The blue whale is the largest animal ever known. This marine mammal is up to 100 feet long and weighs as much as 200 tons. Its tongue can weigh as much as an elephant and its heart as much as an automobile.

From the mailbag

Bill Brummond of Truman sent a 1924 Fairmont newspaper clipping stating the Weiderhoft Brothers of Truman had grown an ear of corn with 1514 kernels suitable for seed. Bill added all normal ears have an even number of rows.

Thanks for stopping by

“Go outside. Don’t tell anyone and don’t bring your phone. Start walking and keep walking until you no longer know the road like the palm of your hand, because we walk the same roads day in and day out, to the bus and back home and we cease to see. We walk in our sleep and teach our muscles to work without thinking and I dare you to walk where you have not yet walked and I dare you to notice. Don’t try to get anything out of it, because you won’t. Don’t try to make use of it, because you can’t. And that’s the point. Just walk, see, sit down if you like. And be. Just be, whatever you are with whatever you have, and realize that that is enough to be happy. There’s a whole world out there, right outside your window. You’d be a fool to miss it.” - Charlotte Eriksen

“I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this.” — Emo Phillips

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
City of Fairmont

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WARD PARK PARKING LOT - RESURFACING
City Project No. 2020-B
City of Fairmont
Fairmont, MN

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received at the Office of the Interim City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 until 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2020 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

3100	S.Y.	MILL BITUMINOUS PAVING	90	TON	AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5
56	C.Y.	COMMON EXCAVATION	650	TON	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT
1100	L.F.	4" PERFORATED PE PIPE DRAIN	300	L.F.	CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER
500	S.F.	CONCRETE SIDEWALK	600	L.F.	FLOATATION SILT CURTAIN

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by June 26, 2020.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.fairmont.org or www.questcdn.com. Any addendums may also be distributed by mail, fax or email.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.fairmont.org or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #6833231 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$30.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$50.00 per set, which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check payable to City of Fairmont and send it to 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031, (507) 238-9461, fax (507) 238-9044.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Fairmont shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

Dated: 2/25/2020 / Mark Sievert
s/ Interim City Administrator

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MARTIN COUNTY
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
COUNTY PROJECT
CLOSING DATE: April 3, 2020

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the following projects will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 3, 2020, at the office of the Martin County Engineer located at 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont, Minnesota, at which time they will be read out loud. The contract will be awarded at the April 21, 2020 Martin County Commissioner meeting.

SAP 046-652-012 C.S.A.H. 52
Bituminous Wear, NonWear, Cold Inplace Recycling and Aggregate Surfacing

Major quantities for SAP 046-652-012 are:

Salvage Aggregate (C.V.)	600	C.Y.
Aggregate Surfacing, Class 5	3,500	Ton
Mill Bituminous Surface (1.5")	25,645	S.Y.
Mill Bituminous Surface (2.0")	10,900	S.Y.
Milled Rumble Strips	8,240	L.F.
Bituminous Material for Fog Seal	3,200	Gallons
Bituminous Material for Tack Coat	15,250	Gallons
Type SP 9.5, Wear Course Mixture 3,C	5,400	Ton
Type SP 12.5 NonWear Course Mixture 3,B	6,554	Ton
Cold Inplace Recycling-Bituminous	10,986	S.Y.
Traffic Control	1	L.S.
Common Topsoil Borrow (L.V.)	3,500	C.Y.
Hydraulic Mulch Matrix	120,000	Pounds
6" Broken Line Paint	1,200	L.F.
6" Solid Line Paint	2,400	L.F.

Proposals and specifications may be reviewed or obtained at the Martin County Highway Department, 1200 Marcus Street; Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Price of the plan and proposal is \$40.00 picked up or \$50.00 mailed (11" x 17" plan size). Prices include sales tax. No refunds. You may also email your request for the plans and proposal to jill.redenius@co.martin.mn.us

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond made payable to the Treasurer of Martin County for at least five (5) percent of the amount bid.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive informalities therein.

Planholder's list and bid results for this project will be available for viewing at:
<http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>
then click on "Link to eGram-Construction Data"

Kevin Peyman, P.E.
County Engineer

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This Week's Martin County REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Michael D. Droegemueller, Nancy L. Droegemueller to Michael D. Droegemueller, Nancy L. Droegemueller, N½ of NW¼, 20-103-30 and PT NE¼, 19-103-30 and PT 1.187AC of NE¼NE¼, 1-102-31 and UND ½ INT in NW¼NW¼, 8-104-30 and E½ UND ½ INT in NW¼NW¼, 8-104-30

Kirsten Kay Bressler, Ronald Bressler, Kirsten Kay May to Zachary Dale Brummond, Lot 9, Block 15 and W½ of Lot 10, Block 15, Original Plat Truman

Jacob T. Evans to Angel Rosario Torres, Lot 5, Block 1, Keslers Hillside Addition

Wells Fargo Bank NA to Timothy Keith McConnell, E50' of W100' of Lots 9 and 10, Block 16, Original Plat of Fairmont

Paul B. Hargan, Tanya Y. Hargan to Karmen Bartholomew, Kimberly Bartholomew, Lots 12 and 13, Block 4, Ramsdales Addition

Dean Earl Greimann, Ruthie Fay Greimann to Jeremy Brandt, Stephanie Brandt, Lot 16, Block 1, Gemmills Subdivision Sherburn

Lonnie E. Kalbfleisch, Stephanie Kalbfleisch to Abbie J. Johnson, Lot 8, Block 2, 2nd Ext. Wards Central Addition

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Assembly of God of Sherburn MN to Jeremy Brandt,

Stephanie Brandt, Lot 16, Block 1, Gemmills Subdivision Sherburn

Darvin Bishop, Nancy Bishop to Darvin Bishop, Nancy Bishop, PT Lying E. of RR in NE¼, and PT Lying E. of RR in NW¼, 32-104-32

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watered through a nipple style waterer where the hog clamps its mouth onto the short pipe and gets water by pushing up on a small lever with the tongue. The clean water then goes directly into its mouth. SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

Now we know the history of each of our own breeding heifers. This history is logged into a computer. Such things as birth date and history of their parents is traced along with genetic traits such as calving ease, butter fat, and amount of milk production. We purchase

young heifers from a herd that has production records of milk production on each cow that is from 26,000 to 29,000 pounds of milk per cow per year. They have performance bred since 1999, so that they are large in size, strong in body, and produce milk with good butter fat and weight. SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

I often question what can be next. The list goes on and on in this age of rapid technical development. They have revolutionized almost everything in our lives in a relatively short time. However, SUCH CHANGE IS GOOD!

House & Workshop FOR SALE



Located: 429 Sparks Dr.- Granada MN

Selling: Ranch Style house w/ 2+ bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, full basement w/ 276 sq. ft. finished, large 24' x 24' living room, new furnace in 2018, has central air, double attached garage, appliances stay w/ house, unattached 32' x 55' steel building w 15' x 30' heated workshop w/. radiant heat, Very nice property.

Call for more information

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Larry Howell - Broker

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Mark Howell

712-260-9690

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605-695-5427

2 DAY AUCTION

COIN, TOY TRACTOR,
ANTIQUES,
COLLECTIBLES, WESTERN
THEME COLLECTIBLES &
LARGE COLLECTOR
MACHINERY

Saturday March 21st 2020 Starting at 9:30 am

Coins, Toy Tractors, Collectibles & Household

Auction Site: 116 N 4th Street - Estherville Iowa

(One block North of Ace Hardware)

Starting with coins, then approximately 12:30 pm selling toy tractors followed by antiques.

Coin & Toy Tractor list and FULL SALE BILL
www.howellrealestateandauction.com

Saturday March 28th, 2020 Starting at 9:30 am

Antiques, Collectibles, Large Collector Tractors & Machinery

Auction Site: 1950 410th Avenue, Estherville Iowa

(one mile east on Hwy 9 to Hwy 32 (410th Avenue) then 2 ½ miles South of Estherville.)

Janet McGregor - Owner

Power of Attorney: Michael McGregor

For questions on equipment call Howell Real Estate and Auction
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April 18th 84th Annual Ceylon Community Day Auction

Starting at 8:00 am

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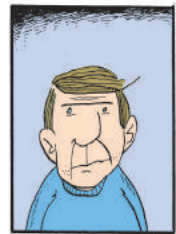
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Area College Student News

Riverland Community College is pleased to announce the students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2019 Fall president's and dean's lists. Riverland congratulates these individuals for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

President's List

To be eligible for the president's list students must have completed 12 credits per semester with letter grades and have earned a grade-point average of 4.00 on a 4.00 scale.

Dean's List

To be eligible for the dean's list students must have completed 12 credits per semester with letter grades and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.99 on a 4.00 scale.

Fairmont:

• Tanner DeWar, Dean's List

• Maxwell Seifried, Dean's List

• Danelle Simmons, President's List

Truman:

• Chloe Hartman, Dean's List

* Valerie Newhouse, President of Iowa Lakes Community College, has released the fall honors list of full-time students who have demonstrated academic excellence by earning at least a grade point average of 3.25 (based on a 4.00) or higher. Fall semester students who have achieved a 3.25 grade point average or better are recognized by inclusion on the Dean's list. Those with a 4.00 (A) average are on the President's list. Area students who are included on the list are:	* Armstrong, IA: • Bret Glatz • Logan Nicoson Dolliver, IA: • Makayla Secrist Fairmont, MN: • Brett Chester-Mitchell* • Katie Cochran • Sarah Harstad* • Trevor Iverson • Brian Meade* Granada, MN: • Kierra Preston Swea City, IA: • Hailey Arndorfer • Lane Evenson Welcome, MN: • Hans Kellam • Dawson Weber	* College of Biological Sciences • Steven P Bulfer, Senior, College of Sci and Engineering • Jaxen O Garlick, Sophomore, Col of Food, Agr & Nat Res Sci • Sydney M Hainy, Sophomore, College of Design • Molly E Hawkins, Senior, College of Liberal Arts Trimont, MN: • Lindsey Bettin, Junior, Col of Food, Agr & Nat Res Sci
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The following students have been named to the 2019 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average:

Fairmont, MN:

• Leyton Becker, Senior, Col of Food, Agr & Nat Res Sci

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Jesse Potts	106	So.	14-4	#5
Kain Sanders	113	So.	35-14	#7
Lucas Jagodzinske	120	Jr.	36-1	#3
Jaxson Rohman	126	Jr.	45-0	#2
Blake Jagodzinske	132	Jr.	18-4	7th
Connor Simmonds	138	Jr.	42-2	2nd
Cale Steuber	145	Sr.	29-8	
Payton Anderson	152	Sr.	38-1	2nd
Miles Fitzgerald	160	Sr.	38-3	6th
Nathan Simmonds	170	Sr.	40-9	7th
Max Olson	182	Fr.	29-13	
Jacob Rahn	195	Sr.	38-5	6th
Shayne Steinbrink	220	Jr.	5-11	
Everardo Hernandez	285	Jr.	11-22	

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#2 RED BULLS (18-2)
vs Orono (9-12)
THUR, FEB 27 - 11 AM

#3 FOLEY (39-1)
vs HUTCHINSON (19-3)
THUR, FEB 27 - 11 AM

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Feb 27 - 5 PM

#1 SIMLEY (19-0)
vs S. ST. PAUL (21-4)
THUR, FEB 27 - 11 AM

#4 DASSEL-CO/LITCHFIELD (18-2)
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