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THE DREAM OF OWNING SUCH A HORSE

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



One of my many COVID Essays spoke of how I was so surprised when my father bought a Welsh pony from a livestock dealer in our small town. I was standing near the pony when my father came out of the livestock buying station carrying a bridle. He said that he had bought it and that I could ride it the three miles home. I remember how I wished that someone I knew would pass by so that they could see me riding such a beautiful animal. It was like a dream coming true.

I developed a special relationship with this pony I called Jippy. She was small but a pony of quality. Caring for such an animal was a privilege as THE DREAM OF OWNING SUCH A HORSE had come true. I felt a new kind of freedom when I bridled her. She seemed to un-

derstand that we both needed the freedom of the farm.

I went into her stall one morning to a surprise. She had a newborn colt. It was the color of a penny coin so, I named the colt Penny. Again, THE DREAM OF OWNING SUCH A HORSE had come true. I had visions of what she would become. Would she grow up to be a horse that could run in the Kentucky Derby? Would she develop into a horse that could be shown at fairs? Would she someday produce a champion horse of such a dream?

If so, what would such a horse look like? It would have to have eyes that were, what my father called, soft, alert, and watchful. Its ears would have to be small in size, but pointed and standing up, as though listening for me. It would have to have

large flaring nostrils that told of excitement. The shape of its head would have to show both character and quality. However, one of the most important qualities would be something that many might not notice. It would be the long and parted, foretop of hair. The length of the foretop would show its age and would be so long that it would hang down past the eyes. However, its natural direction accented the beauty of the eyes.

I have a vision of such a horse in my mind. I questioned if I had the drawing skill to capture such a dream on paper. Somehow THE DREAM OF OWNING SUCH A HORSE made it happen!

April 10, 2021
Written by Darwin R. Anthony



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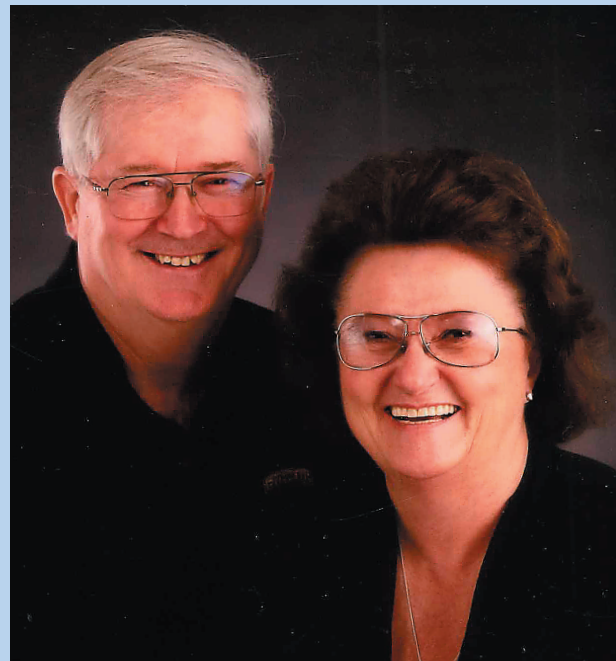
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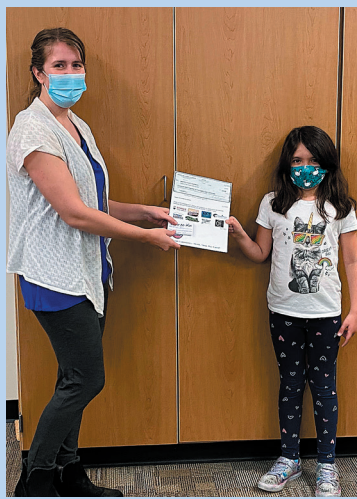
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TOMLINSONS' 50th - Tom and Mary Tomlinson, 2528 220th St., Truman, MN 56088 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 17th, 2021. Another celebration is planned for later this summer. (Submitted photo)



Katy Gonzalez of the World Tour Committee presents the first Grand Prize of \$100 in Chamber of Commerce Bucks to Citlala Olson, Grade 2. The second grand prize winner, Rose Sodersten, age 3, was not available for the presentation on Thursday, April 8. (Submitted photo)



APRIL 2021 CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT - Students in grades 1-8 at St. James Lutheran School in Northrop are the featured exhibitors for the Children's Art Exhibit at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont during the month of April. The art exhibit recognizes the creativity of area youth, brightens the children's play area located in the clinic and enhances an environment of healing and well-being.

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Update on Local COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

Contact: Tim Langer 507-238-4757; tim.langer@fmchs.com

Weekly Update: 4/11/21

Vaccination work as of 4/9/21:

- Faribault County: 5,059 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 37% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Faribault County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 81% and the population of those eligible for vaccine (age 16+) vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine is 46%.
- Martin County: 7,556 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 38% of the population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Martin County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 78% and the population of those eligible for vaccine (age 16+) vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine is 47%.
- Community Health & Human Services received 300 doses of vaccine last week and provided to individuals meeting priority vaccine eligibility. 30 doses remain unclaimed from the weeks offering and will be offered this week in combination with 2nd dose clinic.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 348 1st doses last week and distributed all by 04/09/2021.
- United Hospital District received 102 1st doses last week and distributed all by 04/09/2021.
- Dulcimer Medical Center received 100 1st dose allocation last week.

Plan for week of 4/11:

- Community Health & Human Services is scheduled to receive no new 1st doses of vaccine this week. The agency still has 30 doses available from last week's allocation and will taking appointments. Individuals who meet criteria and are interested in receiving a vaccine from Community Health should contact covid.clinic@fmchs.com to inquire about any remaining appointments or be placed on a wait list for any cancellations. Individuals without access to the internet can call 507-238-4757 to schedule their appointment.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 306 1st doses of Pfizer vaccine (16+). MCHS-Fairmont is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. Patients who are eligible per the MDH guidelines will be contacted via their portal account or can call the Mayo Clinic Health System vaccination line at 507-594-2100 to schedule an appointment.
- United Hospital District is not scheduled to receive any vaccine this week.
- Dulcimer Medical Center is not scheduled to receive any vaccine this week.

Additional opportunities for vaccine exist at the following locations:

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Wal-Mart Fairmont Pharmacy
507-235-2517
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Sterling Drug- Fairmont
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Thrifty White Drug - Wells
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<https://www.thriftywhite.com/covid19vaccine>

State of Minnesota Vaccine Connector is another resource for finding vaccination appointments:
[COVID-19 Vaccination Registration \(mn.gov\)](https://covid-19.vaccine.mn.gov)

Please be patient as demand for vaccine is higher than current vaccine supply.

Vaccine is available at no cost from any provider. Some providers may ask for insurance information.

Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold its April meeting of the 2020-2021 year this Monday, April 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. Masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.

After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell of all the projects finished since last we met! We will have a report on the My Small World quilt-along and announcements of quilting events in the area.

The Blue Earth Quilt EXPO will be August 13-15, 2021. The remainder of the meeting will be matching volunteers with the variety of things that need to be done to create a successful event.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a time to talk with other quilters.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are welcome. Dues for the 2019-2020 year again are \$5. Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Jan Shaffer at 526-3979.

Federated REA's Kilen Woods clean-up day

Federated Rural Electric in Jackson, your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative, will sponsor a Covid-safe clean-up day at Kilen Woods State Park, north of Lakefield.

A tentative spring clean-up day is set for Saturday, May 1, when electric cooperative employees, customers and the general public are invited to Kilen Woods State Park, northeast of Lakefield from 9 a.m. to noon. Plenty of room exists to socially distance; families will work in pods together. A Subway \$10 gift card will be given to each volunteer at noon, instead of a group lunch.

Volunteers will:

- Paint amphitheater seats and sign posts
- Pick up litter on hiking trails and trim branches.
- Clean picnic shelter and office building
- Scoop out campfire pits
- Pick up fallen branches
- Rake tent sites and campground area
- Scrape and paint picnic tables

GreenTouch Day, and the sponsorship of Minnesota State Parks and Trails, fit well with the Touchstone Energy commitment. During the past 20 years, Minnesota's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have organized 10,000 volunteers to donate more than 37,000 hours and provided funds to help publish the Guide to Minnesota State Parks and Trails.

You do not need to be a Federated member to volunteer. Volunteers need to RSVP by noon April 30 so enough Subway cards are ordered. Call or e-mail Federated at 847-3520, 1-800-321-3520 (press extension 2224 for Andrea) or info@federatedrea.coop. GreenTouch volunteers receive free access to the park on this day.

Virtual World Tour results

The Annual Family Fun Fair and Youth Activity Expo Committee announces the winners of the grand prize drawings held at the April 6 conclusion of the virtual World Tour event for our youth and families. Over 110 Grab N Go World Tour kits were given away with various hands-on activities and information from 24 exhibitors. 127 youth registered for the drawings during this virtual event.

Citlali Olson, Grade 2, and Rose Sodersten, age 3, each received \$100 in chamber bucks for Martin County businesses donated by the Healthy Youth Coalition and Fairmont ECCE Parent Advisory Board.

This free event offered youth and families an opportunity to learn about numerous educational, recreational, social services, arts, and outdoor organizations in our community, which provide positive growth opportunities to help youth find their "Spark" of interest.

Exhibitors included Fairmont Early Childhood Family Education, Healthy Youth, Community Education and Recreation, Martin County 4-H, Martin County Teen Court, Kids Just Want To Have Fun, St. Paul's Lutheran School Truman, St. James Lutheran School Northrop, Martin County Know-How, Fairmont Baseball Association, Twin Valley Council Boy Scouts of America, Fairmont Christian School, Cardinal Power Fastpitch, Fairmont Soccer Association, Immanuel Lutheran Church Fairmont, Grace Lutheran Church Fairmont, Shepherd of the Lakes Evangelical Lutheran Church Fairmont, Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts, MERGE Martin County, Help Me Grow, Fairmont Early Childhood Initiative/Martin County Early Childhood Dental Network, Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention/Youth Coalition, Minuteman Press, Fairmont Area Schools Orchestra and Elementary Band.

This event is jointly sponsored by Fairmont Healthy Youth, Early Childhood Family Education Parent Advisory Board and Community Education & Recreation. Special thanks to the volunteers and exhibitors for making this innovative virtual event possible.

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Obituary Notices



Vernon E. Nelson, 90

A memorial service for Vernon E. Nelson of Apache Junction AZ, formerly of Fairmont, will be held on Friday, May 7th, 2021 in Apache Junction. Vernon passed away on Thurs-

day, April 1st, 2021 at his home.

Vernon Eugene Nelson was born on June 18th, 1930 in Truman MN to Olaf and Lydia Nelson. He grew up on the family farm, attended District 121 country school and graduated from Truman High School in 1948. He was united in marriage to Patricia Lee Anderson on June 18th, 1950. Vern

and Pat raised their five children and made their home in Fairmont where Vern was employed at Railway Motors for 40 years.

In 1993 the couple moved to Apache Junction AZ where they resided together until Pat's death in 2011. Vern was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved playing cards and was a master bridge player.

Vernon is survived by his children Scott (Kathy) Nelson of Fairmont, Debra Nelson of Mesa, AZ, Kurt Nelson of Reno, NV and Kerry Nelson of Minneapolis, MN, two grandchildren Amy (Jeff) Garrigan of Sioux City, IA and Andrew (Jamie) Nelson of Fairmont, four great-grandchildren: Brok

Garrigan, Sydney Garrigan, Noah Nelson and Grace Nelson, sister Mary Ann Potter of Trimont' MN and brother Gary Nelson of Las Vegas' NV. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Patricia, daughter Cynthia, infant son Keith, brother Owen Nelson and brother-in-law Jack Potter.



Steven R. Craig, 73

A Public Celebration of Life Visitation for

Steven R. Crag, 73 of Welcome, Minnesota will be held from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Old Northrop American Legion Hall in Northrop, Minnesota.

Steven was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday afternoon, January 6, 2021 at Banner Casa Grande Medical Center in Casa Grande, Arizona. Services were entrusted to the care of the Kramer Family Funeral Home. Messages of Sympa-

thy may be sent online to the family at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

Steven Roy Craig was born on September 18, 1947 to James and Esther (Rosenberg) Craig in Fairmont, Minnesota. He attended Welcome Schools and graduated with the class of 1965. Steve attended Jackson Vocational for Carpentry. On August 19, 1967 he was united in marriage to Linda Cronk. They made their home in Fairmont where they raised their two sons, Shane and Trent. Steve had his construction business for many years. Upon moving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, he was the construction manager for Habitat for Humanity. After his retirement he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed many "road

trips" with his friends! He always enjoyed his family and friends. His time wintering in Arizona with his wife was a highlight.

He is survived by his wife, Linda of 53 years of Welcome, Minnesota; son, Shane (Erin) Craig of Trimont, Minnesota; grandchildren, Emily Ann (Josh) Morneau of Enterprise, KS, Andrew Craig of Trimont, Minnesota, 6-great-grandchildren and a new baby in February; sisters, Susan (Palmer) Welcome of New Prague, Minnesota, Rosemary Brekke of Mankato, Minnesota and Dawn Flohre (Curt Stanton) of Mankato, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Pam Cronk of Fairmont, Minnesota; many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his son, Trent Craig, parents, James and Esther Craig; father and mother-in-law, Burton and Mildred Cronk; brother and sisters-in-law, Richard, Marilyn Anderson, Eldon and Roberta Soper and William Cronk and other relatives.

DEATH notices



January 6 - Steven R. Craig, 73, Welcome, MN. Kramer Family Funeral Home

April 1 - Vernon E. Nelson, 91, Apache Junction, AZ (formerly of Fairmont)

April 5 - Michael V. Nelson, 63, Champlin, MN (formerly of Dunnell). Kramer Family Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

April 5 - Carron J. Klukow, 81, Sherburn

April 6 - George H. Fowler, 89, Fairmont

April 7 - Janice M. Jensen, 82, Granada

April 8 - Carolyn A. Nordstrom, 93, Fairmont

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April 10, 1996

Area quilters were invited to an old fashioned quilting bee at the Fairmont Community Hospital. Monthly bees would be held to prepare quilts for the 1996 FCH Foundation Quilt Auction fundraiser.

The Reform Party was to gather signatures in Ceylon during Community Days to help get the Party on the ballot. "If you are disenchanting with the Republicans or Democrats, there is another choice," said leaders of the party.

Thompson-Haugen Jewelers was to open this weekend at the Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont. Owners were Chuck and Peggy Haugen and Russ and Mindy Thompson.

MAR-DON Builders owner Don Coombs completed the 1996 Product and Service Seminars presented by Sukup Manufacturing Co. in Sheffield, Iowa.

Harley Williams, 7, of Sherburn won "The World's Biggest Easter Basket" given by Happy Chef of Fairmont.

The Coast to Coast store in downtown Fairmont used the front page of the Photo Press for its Spring Spruce-Up Paint sale. The store was owned by Duane and Bonnie Walser.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

April 10, 1971

Easter was approaching in 1971, with Good Friday this week, and merchants expounding

their many spring bargains.

The Band Boosters were sponsoring a dance at Interlaken Ballroom to raise money for the high school's concert band trip to Disneyland in June. The Boosters had been assisting in financing, taking a trip every third year starting in 1962, when the band had been invited to Seattle and Portland where they would lead the parade for the Portland Rose Festival. In 1965 they were featured at the New York World's Fair and in 1968 San Antonio and Houston, Texas. Richard Scherer was band director for all those trips, becoming quite adept in handling the musicians and chaperones.

Ruby's Pantry returns to Sherburn

Ruby's Pantry will be in Sherburn on Monday, April 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our distribution at Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn, across from the Kum and Go convenience store.

Ruby's Pantry is for

anyone who is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. For a \$20 per bundle donation, you will receive an abundance of groceries. This is a drive through distribution. Please have your trunks cleared out and please make sure you have room for the number of bundles

you will be getting.

Any questions you can call the Regional Worship Center at 507-764-7491. You can also find us on Facebook. We will post the food items on the Friday or Saturday before on our Facebook page, Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.

The Rewards of Volunteering

By Rob Stauter, CREST Executive Director

We all at some point in our lives want to make a difference in some way, shape, or form. Whether it's making a difference in our community, in our neighborhood, at work, a local organization, or our house of worship, donating your time for the betterment of someone or something else is one of the selfless things a person can do.

Those who volunteer in general experience a long list of benefits throughout their volunteering career. The immediate benefit and effect on life as a volunteer is the overall rewarding experience to know you've helped someone or something in your community. In general, volunteering also helps to ease stress and anxiety, as you are putting

your own thoughts and stressors in the back of your mind as you volunteer. Oftentimes, volunteer experience can help put your own worries into a different perspective, which can also help ease stress and anxieties surrounding the situation.

Volunteering also allows individuals to connect with others. Sometimes, especially retired older adults, feel lonely or isolated after leaving their careers. Volunteering in our community is one of the best ways to make new friends. Committing to a shared activity together can really kick start any new relationships or strengthen already existing relationships and volunteering lets you do just that. It also allows you to connect with those of different age groups, ethnicities, or social groups.

Volunteering also

ends loneliness and increases socializing. Loneliness and social isolation are two of the most severe epidemics in the world today. The benefits of consistent socializing includes better brain function and a lower risk for depression and anxiety as well as improving your immune system. It also develops self-esteem, confidence, and feelings of self-worth.

Volunteering and freely giving your time, energy, and resources to people and causes can create change, plus it's just plain fun. It's incredible to think that one person's efforts can change the life of someone else.

April is National Volunteer Month and CREST is saluting all of their volunteers who enhance the lives of others through their volunteer service.

WHAT'S COOKING

with Kathy Lloyd

Soups on!

It looks like we have another week of cool weather so a soup recipe will still hit the spot! Even though it has been cool and cloudy the birds in our neighborhood have been very vocal in the morning, singing their little hearts out! We have a chickadee busy building a nest in our outdoor old fashioned water pump. They have done this other years and then fuss at us when we sit outdoors, too close for their comfort!

Asparagus says spring to me. I had some last week that tasted so good. My favorite way to fix it is to roast it but we like this soup too!

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

- 2 # asparagus
- 6 Tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 6 Tablespoons flour
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 2 cups half and half
- 1 Tablespoon dill weed
- salt and pepper

Break off asparagus bottoms and discard, cut off tips into 2 inch pieces. Melt butter , add cut up asparagus and onion . Cook 8-10 minutes, reserve tips of asparagus. Add flour. Blend and cook 1 minute, add broth, cook 10 minutes. Puree in small batches in blender , return to pan, add half and half, dill weed, salt and pepper, reheat gently then add the asparagus tips. Serve hot or cold.

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develop a better root system, which makes the lawn less vulnerable to stressors like drought, mowing, foot traffic, and heat, according to the Scotts® company. Fertilize

There is no magic formula governing when to fertilize a lawn. The type of grass and how well-established a lawn is must be considered. Experts suggest having the soil tested to determine its pH levels and if any nutrients are lacking. A fertilizing schedule can then be developed after testing.

Keep in mind that over-feeding a lawn will not make it grow any better and actually can damage the

turf. Several small applications of fertilizer during the lawn's most active growing period may be helpful, advises the home improvement resource Tools Around the House. An annual application (late spring for warm-season grass or fall for cool-season grass) may be all that's needed.

Certain fertilizers need to be applied and watered in. Others may be combined with weed-control products

and must be set on top of damp grass. Read packaging to determine the right application.

Water

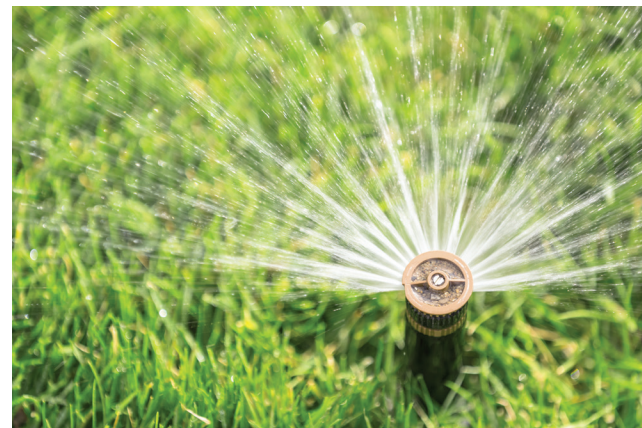
The right watering schedule and techniques can help a lawn thrive. Scotts® says adjusting for climate and nature can help grass to grow strongly. A lawn that has a grayish cast or appears dull green is telling an owner that it needs water. Another test is to step on the lawn. If footprints disappear quickly, the grass blades have enough moisture to spring back.

Water the lawn in the morning before 10 a.m. when it's cooler and the winds tend to be calm so that the water can soak in. For those who must water at night, do so in early evening so that the water can dry before nightfall and will not contribute to disease.

Scotts® says to water an established lawn until the top six to eight inches of soil is wet. Most lawns need one to 1.5 inches of water per week from rain or a hose to soak the soil that deeply.

Newly established lawns may require more water to keep the soil moist but not soggy.

Visit a lawn care center for more information on watering the type of lawn for your area or visit www.scotts.com for additional tips.



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How to respond to pesticide poisoning



Tending to a lawn and garden can be a great way to spend time in the great outdoors. It's also an enjoyable way to improve a home's curb appeal.

Though many homeowners prefer a wholly organic approach to lawn care and gardening, sometimes pests and other problems force people to apply pesticides around their properties. The application of pesticides can make homeowners, and anyone who spends time on their properties, including children, vulnerable to pesticide poisoning.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, people exposed to pesticides may exhibit a host of symptoms. External irritants that come into contact with the skin

can cause redness, itching or pimples, and such substances also may contribute to allergic reactions marked by redness, swelling or blistering. Stinging and swelling in the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, mouth, and throat also may occur after being exposed to pesticides.

Pesticides also can cause internal injuries to a person's organs, potentially leading to significant issues. The EPA notes that the lungs, stomach and nervous system all can be affected when pesticides are swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. People experiencing lung injuries after exposure to pesticides may experience shortness of breath, heavy salivation (drooling) or rapid breathing. Injuries

to the stomach may lead to symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, or diarrhea. If the nervous system is affected by pesticide exposure, people may experience excessive fatigue, sleepiness, headache, muscle twitching, and numbness.

If pesticide poisoning is suspected, it's imperative that someone, be it the person who was poisoned, the parent of a child who may have been exposed or a

medical professional treating the affected person, identify the type of poisoning that has occurred. That's because the EPA notes that the appropriate treatment will depend on the kind of poisoning that has occurred.

- **Chemical burn on skin:** If treating a chemical burn on the skin, the EPA advises drenching the skin with water for at least 15 minutes. All contaminated clothing should be removed and then skin and hair should be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water.

- **Inhaled poison:** The response to an inhaled poison will depend on where the person is at the time of exposure. If outside, move the person away from any area recently treated with pesticide. If inside, move the person to fresh air immediately (doors and windows should ultimately be opened to reduce the risk of others being exposed). Contact the local fire department if you think you need a respirator prior to helping the victim. If the victim is wearing tight clothing, loosen that cloth-

ing. Give artificial respiration to a victim whose skin is blue or if the victim has stopped breathing.

- **Substance in the eye:** If a poison has entered the eye, wash the eye quickly and gently with cool running water for 15 minutes or more. Use only water and do not use eye drops, chemicals or drugs. It's imperative that people act quickly if a substance has gotten into the eye, as membranes in the eyes act faster than in any other external part of the body, and eye damage can occur within minutes of exposure.

- **Substance on the skin:** Drench the skin with water for at least 15 minutes

and then wash skin and hair thoroughly. Discard contaminated clothing or thoroughly wash it separately from other laundry.

- **Swallowed pesticide:** If a pesticide has been swallowed and the victim is still conscious, he or she should drink a small amount of water to dilute the pesticide. Only induce vomiting on the advice of a poison control center or physician.

Pesticide exposure can be very dangerous. It's imperative that people who plan to apply pesticides in their lawns and gardens learn how to respond if they or someone on their property is exposed to pesticides.

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Top 5 *hottest* home building trends

These days, home trends are about more than good design and aesthetics — they're about creating spaces that reflect our values and are

more comfortable and enjoyable to live in. From net-zero and net-positive construction to tiny minimalist homes, trends are all about your family's life-

style.

Whether you're shopping for a new home, renovating your own or creating a new build from scratch, here are some of the biggest trends you need to know for inspiration.

Sustainable design: This one has been popular for a long time, but green design has evolved to be about much more than energy-efficient appliances and LED light bulbs. Now, it's all about making sure everything in your home reduces your carbon footprint and min-

imizes any impact on the environment.

To try the trend yourself, think big and get creative — install solar panels on your roof, choose building materials that don't require deforestation and upcycle old furniture for decorative elements instead of buying new.

Disaster resiliency: Climate change affects us in so many negative ways, and one of the top concerns is the increase in natural disasters. From wildfires that last for months to major floods that affect entire cities, we now need to prepare for the worst when building our homes.

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Outdoor living: Many of us are now choosing to



forgo getting a cottage or summer home and recreate the experience in our own backyards. This trend helps you make the most of your existing space and take full advantage of your yard or patio during the summer months.

You can design a full living space outside, complete with an outdoor television and comfy couches, as well as a kitchen and refrigerator for entertaining. Consider adding a fireplace or firepit to keep warm during cool summer nights and enjoy the outdoors through spring, fall and even winter if you're brave.

Home automation: This is another longstanding trend that shows no signs of slowing down. It has also evolved to en-

compass more of the home to make life even more comfortable and convenient. From an oven that can be turned on remotely to preheat, to skylights that can open and close automatically to create the perfect ambient temperature, there are more ways than ever to integrate smart home technology into your living space.

You can start small with voice assistant and smart light bulbs and work your way up to a total smart home system that includes home security, temperature controls and all your electronic devices.

Customization: You don't have to settle for what mass manufacturers decide to build, or what works for everyone else. Creating a home that's as unique as you are is the latest trend, with custom-built storage and personalized architectural features to make your space stand out.

You can even go as far as building a custom home that's suited to your family. Older home demolitions and purchasing land-only properties is becoming more common, allowing you to work with an architect to create exactly what you want with a new build.

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Stay safe when working in the yard this spring and summer

A day spent working in the yard is an ideal way to pass the time on spring and summer afternoons. A pristine landscape can add value to a property and instill pride in homeowners who put a lot of thought and effort into their lawns and gardens.

A sun-soaked day can make it easy to overlook potential threats when working in a lawn or garden. But safety precautions are of the utmost necessity when working in the yard, where the risk for serious injury is considerable. For example, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

reports that, in 2016, more than 90,000 patients, including nearly 5,000 children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower-related injuries.

Lawn- and garden-related injuries can be prevented without going to great lengths.

- Know your terrain before mowing. Knowing the terrain in your own yard can reduce the risk for accident or injury. This can be especially important when mowing the lawn with a riding mower. Adhere to manufacturers' recommendations regarding inclines to reduce

tip-over accidents that can pin riders beneath the mower. Study hilly areas of the yard prior to mowing so you know which areas are safe to mow with a riding mower and which areas are best mowed with a walk-behind mower. For greater control when using a walk-behind mower on an incline, mow parallel to the slope.

- Apply and reapply sunscreen. Sunburns may not require trips to the emergency room, but they can still be serious. In fact, the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that sunburn is a leading cause in the majority of

cases of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer. The SCF recommends applying sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside to allow the sunscreen to bond to your

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Ag Update: CORN PLANTING READY TO BEGIN

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Like the start of a big race or the beginning of a Championship game, many farmers in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa are ready to begin full-scale field work as soon as field conditions are fit for planting. Most farm operators across the region reported almost ideal soil conditions; however, rainfall and cooler weather from April 7-12 in most areas delayed the initiation of major fieldwork being initiated. It appears that the 2021 planting season may be similar to last year in much of the Upper Midwest, with fairly favorable corn planting condi-

tions in the last half of April. This has been a welcome relief from the difficult Spring planting conditions that existed in both 2018 and 2019 across much of the region.

Some areas of the Upper Midwest received some much-needed rainfall from April 7-9. Portions of Southwest and West Central Minnesota receiving 1-2 inches of precipitation, with even higher amounts in localized areas of Central Minnesota. The Southern portions of Minnesota and Northern Iowa had lower rainfall amounts. The Western half of Minnesota has become quite dry in recent

months, along with North and South Dakota and Western Iowa. The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor on April 8 listed 94 percent of North Dakota in a severe or extreme drought. The percentage of topsoil moisture that was listed as "short" or "very short" for various States included: 95% in North Dakota, 76% in Montana, 68% in South Dakota, 43% in Minnesota, 33% in Iowa, and 24% in Nebraska. These are historically very high levels of dryness for early in the growing season.

Even though it may seem like crop producers are starting the planting season fairly early compared to recent years, farmers are well within the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) guidelines to maintain full crop insurance coverage for the 2021 corn and soybean crop. The earliest corn planting date allowed by RMA to maintain full crop insurance protection in most of Minnesota and Iowa is April 11, while April 21 is the earliest planting date allowed for soybean planting for full insurance coverage.

Soil conditions prior to recent rains were described as "almost ideal for Spring planting" by farm operators and agronomists in many areas of the Upper Midwest. If we can avoid any further significant amounts of precipitation in the next week or so, most crop producers in the region should be able to begin full-scale corn planting once soil conditions

are fit. Following the completion of corn planting, many farmers will be moving directly into planting their soybean crop, provided that field conditions remain favorable.

Soil temperatures should not be a concern this Spring in many areas of the Upper Midwest, as the soil temperatures warmed up nicely during early April. At the University of Minnesota Research and Outreach Center near Waseca, the average 24-hour average soil temperature on April 7 and 8 was near 60 degrees Fahrenheit at the 2-4 inch level and above 50 degrees F at the 8-inch level. This level of soil temperatures in Southern Minnesota usually does not occur until mid-to-late May. Soil temperatures in this range are almost ideal for quality corn planting conditions and are actually favorable for quality soybean planting as well. Soil temperatures have declined since April 8 with some cooler air temperatures; however, they should warm back up quite quickly once some favorable weather conditions return.

Research shows that 50 percent corn emergence will occur in 20 days at an average soil temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit, which is reduced to only 10 days with an average soil temperature of 60 degrees F. The recent soil temperatures certainly provide optimism to have favorable conditions for corn germination and seedling growth. The warmer soil temperatures are also favorable for the initiation of soybean planting, which usually does not occur until mid-May in many areas. Every year is different, and agronomists encourage producers to adjust to soil conditions and weather forecasts when making corn and soybean planting decisions.

Even though very dry soil conditions persist in many portions of North and South Dakota, as well as Western Iowa and Minnesota, many areas of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa were near normal for stored soil moisture as we head into the 2021 growing season. As a result, any heavy rainfall events this Spring could result in very wet field conditions and potentially some planting delays, especially in poorly drained fields. Having adequate soil moisture should not be a problem for corn germination and emergence in most of this region; however, if very warm temperatures and some strong winds occur, such as in early April, the topsoil in the seed zone can dry out quite rapidly. As a result, periodic moderate rainfalls during planting season, such as occurred in some areas this past week, can be beneficial for good seed germination and early season plant growth.

Unless conditions turn very wet in the few weeks, a large majority of corn in Minnesota should be planted before the end of April this year. Corn planting delays can significantly impact final corn yields. In both 2018 and 2019 a majority of the corn was planted from mid-May to early June. According to the USDA Weekly Planting Progress Report, only 2 percent of the corn in Minnesota had been planted at the end of April in 2019, which was about 15 days behind normal. In portions on Southwest and South Central Minnesota, conditions stayed wet until June, resulting in thousands of prevented plant acres and some of the lowest average corn yields in decades. Minnesota's corn yield declined from record yield levels in 2015, 2016 and 2017 to 182 bushels per acre in 2018 and only 174 bushels per acre in 2019.

Historically, early planting of corn usually leads to higher than normal State average corn yields in Minnesota and other Upper Midwest States. In six of the nine years that 50 percent or more of the corn acres in Minnesota have been planted in April, the State has set a record corn yield. In 2015, corn planting in Minnesota was 83 percent com-

pleted by May 3, resulting in a record yield of 188 bushels per acre, which was followed with 89 percent of the corn planted by May 8 in 2016, again resulting in another record statewide corn yield of 193 bushels per acre. One exception was in 2017, when most of the Minnesota's corn was planted in the first two weeks of May. Very favorable growing conditions throughout the year in most areas resulted in statewide record corn yield in 2017.

The Minnesota average corn yield in 2020, when 76 percent of the corn was planted by May 3, was 192 bushels per acre, just short of the statewide record corn yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017. Minnesota probably would have had a record corn yield in 2020 had it not turned very dry in August and September in Southwest Minnesota. The common denominator in the exceptional corn yield years in Minnesota has been that a large majority of the State's corn crop was planted by the end of April or in very early May.

Once farmers have completed planting their corn acres, most farm operators are moving to soybean planting. A majority of soybean producers in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa strive to plant soybeans in early-to-mid-May; however, the ideal window to plant soybeans and still achieve optimum yields is much wider than with corn. The ideal soybean planting timeframe in most areas extends from late April until about May 20 or slightly beyond, so there will be plenty of time to get the 2020 soybean crop planted. However, similar as with earlier corn planting dates, research does show that with favorable growing conditions, there is a yield advantage to planting soybeans in late April or early May, as opposed to late May.

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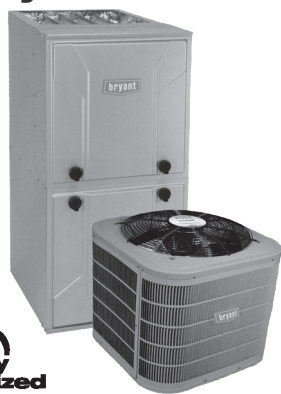


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- Employ the buddy system. Use the buddy system when pruning tall trees or performing any

tasks that require a ladder. The Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania reports that more than 164,000 people are injured each year falling off a ladder. Ask a significant other or neighbor to hold the ladder in place while you climb up to reduce your risk of falling. If cutting large branches, cut them piecemeal to reduce the risk of being injured by heavy falling branches.

- Inspect the property for insect hives. The OIP notes that the most common insect stings in spring come from bees, wasps and hornets. Homeowners who are not careful can inadvertently come across hives when doing spring cleanup,

making them vulnerable to bites and stings. That can be very dangerous for anyone, and especially so for people with a history of allergic reactions to insect bites or stings. Inspect areas where you'll be working to make sure insects haven't put down roots in your property. If you discover any hives and are hesitant to re-

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Robert A. Buchanan to Castle Investments LLC, Lot 9, Block 2, Highland Addn.

Hall Lake Cabins and Rentals LLC to Susan Mier, Lot 5, Block 4, Maple Grove Ext. Wards Central

Darcy L. Graif, Patrick J. Graif to Brian Lindh, Kelsey Lindh, Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ ¼, 26-103-29

Jeffery J. Timmerman, Roxanne Timmerman to Douglas Eisenmenger, Kristine Eisenmenger, Sherry Eisenmenger, Trevor Eisenmenger, Amy Winter, Travis Winter, Lot 16, Block 1, Fox Lake North Shore Subd.

Cary and April Detloff LLC to B&M Property Mgmt. LLC, Pt. Lots 6 and 7 w/esmt., Block 27, Original Plat of Fairmont

Debora Wilson, Samuel J. Wilson, Wanda L. Wilson to Ashley Ruth, Daniel G. Ruth, Lot 6, Block 1, Hechts Addn., Truman

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Arnold Lester Rosenberg, Joyce Rae Rosenberg to Arnold Lester Rosenberg, Lot 4, Block 2, Webers Addn.

Gary Helmers to Sri Lanka Properties LLC, Lots 7, 8, 9,

10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Block 17, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Mark J. Flohrs, Flohrs Revocable Trust Agreement to Danika Campbell, Ryan Campbell, Und. 1/2 Int. Lot 11, Block 1, Stroschein Subd. #2, Ormsby

Mark J. Flohrs, Marian W. Flohrs Revocable Trust to Danika Campbell, Ryan Campbell, Und. 1/2 Int. Lot 11, Block 1, Stroschein Subd. #2, Ormsby

John Hatch, Lynn W. Hatch Trust to James Hatch, Joel Hatch, John Hatch, Stuart Hatch, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 13-104-32, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 24-104-32, Und. 1/2 Int. N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 13-104-32, Und. 1/2 Int. S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 13-104-32

Vanessa A. Kettner, Vanessa A. Kettner Revocable Living Trust to Ashley Ruth, Daniel G. Ruth, Lot 6, Block 1, Hechts Addn., Truman

CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Vicki R. Howell, Trustee, Vicki R. Howell Revocable Trust to Michael Laue, Tyler Laue, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 12-101-31

Joanne M. Maday, Richard Maday to Rachel E. Maday, Sean L. Maday, Pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 22-102-29

Fairmont Council talks Day Farm land sale

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

The sale and development of Heritage Acres/Day Farm land continued to be a topic of discussion for the Fairmont City Council at its meeting on Monday, April 12.

The council declined to accept a letter of intent from Carlson Walters Group LLC to buy 55 acres of lakeshore property at the site to develop a campground with the capacity to hold 250 campers.

The letter required that the city sell the land for \$1 and be responsible for extending Fairlakes Avenue, including water, sewer and electric service, to the north edge of the 55-acre parcel. In addition, the letter prohibited the city from soliciting, encouraging or discussing a similar transaction with any other party.

Linsey Preuss, city economic development coordinator, recommended the council deny the letter of intent citing incomplete information such as no site plan analysis, market analysis or financial plan. Lack of this information made the staff unable to do its due diligence on the viability of the proposal and to guarantee the developers could fulfill their obligation.

Council members weighed in on the proposal. Bruce Peters, who quipped that he had someone offer double the \$1 bid, said he has long pushed for a campground within the city but a smaller one.

Britney Kawecky supported the letter of intent as simply a way to bring a proposal before the council for discussion.

Randy Lubenow supported the possible development of Day Farm property but claimed there was lack of communication to the council about the project.

City Administrator Cathy Reynolds said the letter of intent was premature but hoped the developers would continue to work with city staff to see where common agreements were. She also advised the council to do long-term planning and analysis of the Day Farm and accept public input on

possible future use for the property.

Garth Carlson of Winnebago and Jon Walters of Sherburn, representing Carlson Walters Group LLC, told the council that working with the city had not been a good experience. They claimed they have not been given a chance to negotiate on the development.

Reynolds said the city asked for the design and intent in October, but the information was not received until March.

After being assured that negotiations could continue no matter the outcome of the vote, the council voted 4-1 to decline the letter of intent with Kawecky casting the dissenting ballot.

On March 8, the council took no action on a proposal from Community Asset Development Group to buy 4 acres of the Day Farm for \$140,000 to develop multi-family housing of up to 48 units.

In another matter, the first reading and public hearing on the sale of the Senior Citizen Building at 414 Downtown Plaza drew no public comments in support or opposition. Joe Reimann plans to buy the building to open a brewery. The council will vote on the

sale at its next meeting on April 26. No purchase price was listed in the council agenda.

During the staff and council reports, Troy Nemmers, city engineer/public works director, reported that the pedestrian bridge across Center Creek on the I-90 trail was installed on April 12, with the project set for completion in June.

Nemmers anticipated construction on the new Public Works Building on Margaret Street will begin in about two weeks.

He also noted that city crews are unable to do any pothole repairs until hot mix becomes available in May.

Reynolds encouraged citizens to go to the city website, www.fairmont.org, or the city's Facebook page and take the survey on the community's parks and recreational opportunities. The first four days the survey was available, about 350 responses were received.

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DATED: March 24, 2021 /S/ Cathy Reynolds
City Administrator

Published: Fairmont Photo Press: March 31, 2021, April 7, 2021, April 14, 2021

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

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

Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.-PEGGY SILKER-Bare Farmland Auction of 125.60 Acres +/- in Sec 7 of Fairmont Twp., Martin Co., MN & 162.64 Acres +/- in Sec 35 of Westford Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fairmont. Hartung, Kahlers & Wedel

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SPECIAL DELIVERY – Cards Nate Soelter fires a strike to a St. Peter batter. The Cardinals travel to Worthington Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

FLY CATCHER – Short-stop Zach Jorgensen hauls in an infield pop up as Cardinal teammate Jack Kosbab looks on. The cards lost their season opener to St. Peter 8-1 last Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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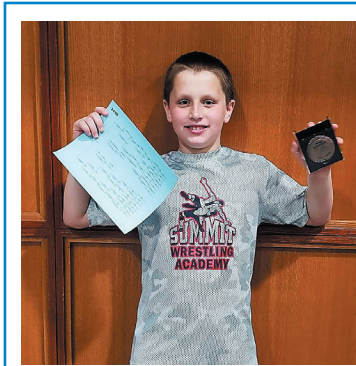
Tri-Valley Opportunity Winnebago Head Start Center is seeking job applicants to work in the Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Program.

The Winnebago Head Start Center is looking for positive individuals that enjoy spending time with children. We are looking for professional, hardworking team-players who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

Available positions include: Teachers, Classroom Assistants, Bus Monitors, Bus Drivers, Assistant Cook, Custodian, Data Processor, Recruiter & Family Advocate. Check the TVOC website for a full list of positions, the job descriptions, and list of minimum requirements for the position at: www.tvoc.org/careers

Migrant & Seasonal Head Start positions are open until filled. For questions about any of the positions at the Winnebago Head Start center, contact Randi Rieffer at 800-569-1379 or randi.rieffertvoc.org.

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



On April 2-3 Aaron Becker competed in the Northland Youth Wrestling Association state tournament in Sioux Falls, SD and earned 3rd place. He had a 5-1 record on the 2 day event. Aaron is the son of Seth and Amy Becker.

BSC All-Conference teams



Zach Jorgensen



Bryn Miller



Madysen Allen



Cadee Becker

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1 Cards of Thanks

Klima- Thank you for all the cards and gifts given to me on my 80th birthday. Jim Klima. 15-1tp-1

Ricard- A big thank you to everyone who remembered our 25th anniversary with so many beautiful cards and gifts. They are all greatly appreciated. The Ricards, Gary & Connie 15-1tp-1

7 Help Wanted

PHOTO PRESS- Part time Graphic Designer position open. Indesign program knowledge is a must. Flexible hours, multi tasking skills, customer service and team skills . Send resume to PO Box 973, 112 E. 1st St. Fairmont MN 56031 or call 507-238-9456 to set up an interview appointment with Sandy. 15-tfn-7

Office secretary/ clerical position at local psychologist's office. 3 days per week. Submit resume in person to Dr. Joseph Switras, 208 W. 2nd St. Suite 116, Fairmont. 15-1tp-7

9 Wanted to Buy

BUYING AND SELLING any gold and silver items, collector coins, diamonds, gold jewelry, paying \$25-\$30 for silver dollars, rare currency. No collection too big. Kuehl's Coins, Fairmont, Minnesota, 507-235-3886, 507-399-9982.. Open 10:30 am-5:30 pm. 15-3tp-9

10 Apartments For Rent

KRUEGER REALTY: one or two bedrooms, some with heat provided. Garbage, water, on-site laundry. EHO. Call Krueger Realty at 507-235-9060. 15-tfn-10

28 Rummage & Garage Sales

Trimont City Wide Garage Sales: Thursday. April 15th through Saturday April 17th. Listings at Casey's & Town Center. 15-2tp-28

Moving Sale- 1167 70th Ave Sherburn- Friday 3pm-7pm, Saturday 8am-4pm. Antiques, collectables, household decor, furniture, misc. Cash preferred. 15-1tp-28

!!New Restaurant in Blue Earth!! KITCHEN MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum 4 years experience. Degree not required.
1st shift required, weekend/evening rotations.
Must be a self starter & perform mgmt/training to line cooks.
Creativity for collaboration on menu items.
You must enjoy sarcasm and being busy!

JOB BENEFITS:

Starting pay based on experience. Minimum \$16/hr.
Full time benefits include 3% retirement plan match & PTO.

APPLY BY APRIL 25TH!

Call 507-525-3363 or stop in at BS Studio at 110 N. Main St. Blue Earth



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Full/Part time - Limited positions available.
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IT Support Technician

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

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

www.windomareahhealth.org

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