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## Community Spotlight

Guest Columnist

Summer  
Bartlett



Summer Bartlett is a Veteran and a native of Fairmont. She currently lives in Barbados with her husband and two young daughters.

### From the frontline with Autumn Welcome MCW Junior High and High School Science Teacher

#### How is your school district thriving?

The community of administrators, educators and support staff that I work with (and those that educate my own children) have absolutely outshined themselves in advancing into a 21st Century world. The students should be commended as well. We, as a body of educators and students have had to step up and very quickly learn a myriad of new technological tools, some

more than others. Of course it hasn't been perfect; any administrator, teacher, paraprofessional, social worker, counselor, student or parent can attest to that. I can tell you that, without a doubt, collaboration and communication have been able to solve most problems and it is really the key to making all of this work.

Tell us more about adapting in this new environment...

My primary adaptation is obviously teaching without face-to-face interaction. I teach via recorded lessons and make them accessible to students on YouTube so they are continuously available. I

also encourage students to contact me and make myself available for questions at all times to continue to facilitate real time feedback for them. Not everyone is working on the same timeline so I go to great lengths to ensure my students continue to have access to me whenever needed. The difference is now we facilitate this entirely through email, phone calls and personal online meetings. Fortunately, I have had exposure to a variety of technologies through my own personal development. I am impressed with the adaptability and technological successes of those who have not had the same exposure! It's re-

ally amazing! As a result, I think the future of education is bright. If there is one thing everyone will take away from this year it is "21st Century Skills" which are often hard to teach in a face-to-face setting. This environment makes them real and valuable at the same time. These skills are critical in the world we live in today no matter if they are used for education or in the workforce. \*21st Century Skills: Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Reasoning, Analysis, Interpretation, Synthesizing Information.

#### How can the community help?

The hardest thing for me is knowing there are students and parents

struggling with this situation. Distance learning survey feedback ranges from everything is great to this is the worst thing ever. We are all doing the best we can with what we know today, this hour even. There have been



Autumn Welcome

several times when hindsight has been 20/20 on best practices. This all requires contemplative patience, observation and understanding for everyone involved. Ultimately,

I would ask everyone to please reach out and ask for help or offer suggestions; my overall goal is that students learn, not struggle. If struggling occurs for longer than 20 minutes, that's too long, it's time to email me! Every educator I know reflects daily on what they are doing and how to make things better. Finally, I want everyone to know that we all miss our students! Even though distance learning has offered us new things to learn, nothing can replace the relationships that are built from one-on-one time spent in the classroom.

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## Fairmont Community Gardens sign up

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seton.

Fairmont Community Gardens are private garden plots in a community space. If you would like to have a plot in 2020 or just have questions contact Rural Advantage at 238-5449 or linda.ruraladvantage@gmail.com. Leave your name, phone number and email.

Rural Advantage is a Fairmont based nonprofit working on issues focused on agriculture, environment and rural communities. This is the tenth year Rural Advantage has coordinated the Fairmont Community Gardens.

## CREST's salute to volunteers

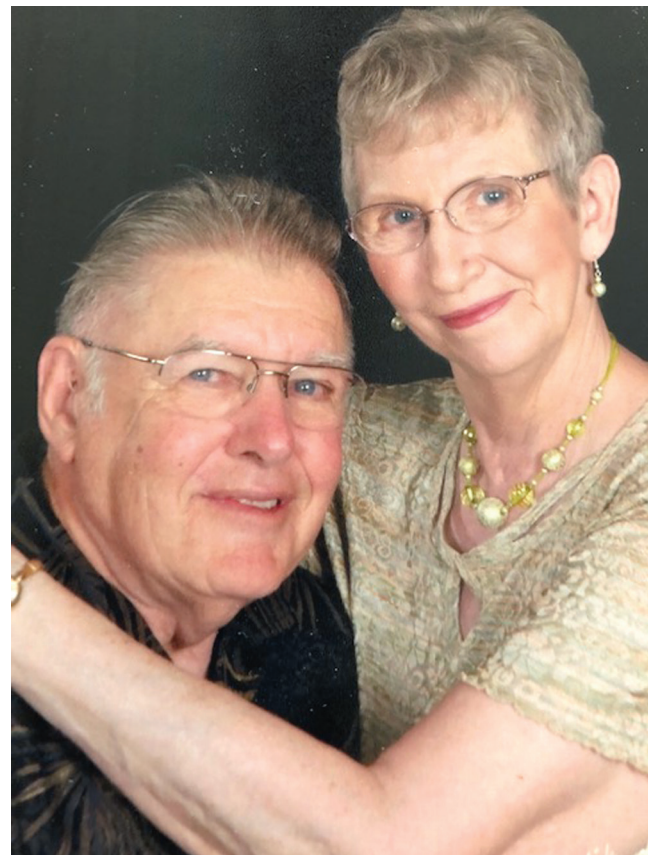
During National Volunteer Month, CREST salutes the wonderful volunteers who help make our services possible. CREST volunteers offer vital help to our aging population. The benefits have proven to be greater for the volunteer as the right match can help them find new friends and connect with their community.

Because of the COVID-19 virus, CREST is currently providing transportation services only for medically necessary doctor and medical appointments and has also set up a Telephone Assurance Call-

ing Project where volunteers are calling seniors a couple of times a week to make sure they're okay and see how things are going. This is a way to remove the barrier of social isolation and helps keep people connected.

CREST volunteers have stepped forward to make a difference in the lives of the seniors we serve. It's an opportunity for the volunteers to enliven their well-being and make a connection in their community to make it a better place. For all that CREST volunteers do for others in Martin County, we say a most heartfelt thank you!

If you would like more information on volunteering for CREST, you can call the CREST office at 235-3833.



DENNIS AND KARON JOHNSON will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on May 7th. Cards will reach them at 116 W. Christina St., Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)



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Hy-Vee provided masks to all employees over the past several weeks. Wearing a mask or other facial covering inside Hy-Vee stores is mandatory for employees to help protect both our employees and customers.

This is just one of many measures Hy-Vee has taken to ensure the health and wellbeing of its employees and customers over the past several weeks. Other efforts include temporary Plexiglas barriers installed at all

check stands and pharmacy, customer service and convenience store counters; social distancing indicators on the floor wherever lines typically form in the store; one-way directional signage for all aisles; sanitation of all carts and check stand belts between each customer use; special shopping times for those considered to most at risk for illness and much more.

In addition, to show its gratitude to employees during this time, Hy-Vee is providing another front line employee appreciation bonus to all of its part-time and full-time store employees. The employees will receive a 10% bonus on all their hours worked from April 13 through May 3. This is the second employee appreciation bonus the company is providing to its front line employees. The other 10% bonus was on all hours worked from March 16 to April 12.

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Martin Krause

## Referrals required for COVID-19 testing sites

Referrals are required for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont drive-up testing site. Those who think they have COVID-19 symptoms should call their primary care provider before presenting to the hospital whenever possible. If a COVID-19 test is warranted based on answers to screening questions, a patient will be directed to the drive-up testing site or other testing location. Those who present to testing locations without a referral will not be tested. For more information, please call Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont at (507) 238-8100.

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**50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS**

**WEEK OF APRIL 29, 1970**  
Ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted by the Fairmont Housing Authority for the \$2 million, 125-unit low rent housing project in southeast Fairmont. Leonard Sexe, local authority chairman, turned the first shovelful. Other members looking on were vice chairman Harold Striemer, secretary Roger Wulf, George Musser and John Haeckel.  
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The J.C. Penney co., under the management of William Krick, opened the first unit of the city's Fair Mall Shopping Center. The Penney building was two stories with the second story still unopened.  
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In accordance with a Vatican II decision, the Catholic Church was now allowing parishioners to attend Mass Saturday afternoons, to fulfill their traditional Sunday obligation.

Due to concerns about the current COVID-19 outbreak the **City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont, MN** has decided to cancel its meeting for Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Going forward we will make decisions about whether to hold future meetings on a month-by-month basis. If you have any questions, please call Leslie Walkowiak at 651-895-6578. Please check out our Facebook page at City of Lakes Garden Club Group of Fairmont, MN for interesting and timely gardening information. *Thank you!*

**THANK YOU!**  
I am so humbled and thankful for all the beautiful birthday wishes and gifts received.  
May God bless each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness!  
Thanks Again!  
Daryl Bartz

## Community Options & Recources

Community Options & Resources (COR) is a private, non-profit organization which provides residential and in-home support services to persons with disabilities in Martin, Jackson and Watonwan Counties. The COR mission is to provide a service promoting the ability of each individual to lead a productive and enjoyable life in all environments with the support of professionally skilled staff.

Until this month, COR Connections articles have highlighted a single staff person and one, two, or three people to whom they provide support. Though it's not possible, it would only be fitting in this challenging time to highlight every single COR employee for their contributions. Our personnel care for some of the area's most vulnerable residents.

And though often overlooked, their work has always been essential for the health, well-being, and community integration of our service recipients. They continue this work and uphold our mission despite the ever-changing environment we are all living in at this

time. Their commitment to serve others is second to none.

The COR community also includes our service recipients' family members. Support has been coming in from those key people as well for which we are very grateful. For example, one of our homes received a supply of homemade face masks from Judy Post. Another home was gifted toilet paper, disinfectant, and food items by Kathy Howell. Meanwhile other community members have volunteered to sew facemasks and/or extenders to protect employees and those we serve. For that, we especially would like to thank Lori Baumgard, Sharon Knickrehm, Mary Erichsrud, and Cindy Malo. Other community members deserving of high praise include Learning Unlimited, Jeff Klinkner/Klink's Woodworking & Construction, Inc., and Gene and Carmen Scheppmann. On behalf of COR, thank you all for your thoughtful contributions!

Since 1975, COR's values have been the people we support, our staff, our homes, networking, and the future. If interested in joining the COR team as an employee or a volunteer, please visit [www.cormn.com](http://www.cormn.com) or call (507) 764-4612, ext 5.

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**Interlaken Heritag Days**  
The Interlaken Heritage Days Board & Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's festival. The committee felt it wasn't responsible to move forward and put the safety of the volunteers, vendors, bands and the community as a whole at risk. The committee would like to thank this year's sponsors and know that these sponsorships will make the 2021 festival even stronger!

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OBITUARY notices



Edward M. Powers, 62

Funeral Services for Edward M. Powers, age 62, of Fairmont, MN will be held at a later date. Edward passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 19, 2020 in Fairmont. He battled cancer twice and was surrounded by the people he loved at his passing. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ever the planner and provider, Ed prepared his own

obituary, and it is as follows:

Edward was born September 6, 1957 in Illinois, to Edward and Charlotte (Cirren-cione) Powers.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers: Mike and Shawn; and ex-wife, Eileen.

Ed is survived by his sister, Lynn Powers; wife and the love of his life, Brenda Anderson-Powers; and children: Susan (Timothy) Marker, Penny (Jeff) Atchison, Christine (Jeremy) Nelson-Riches, Wayne Powers, Joanne (Jason) Pedersen, Ethan Davide and Danica Anderson; Ed also has sev-

eral grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

Ed enjoyed working and was with AGCO as the Manager of Product Support North America. He spent 25 years with AGCO with no plans to retire. Ed was also a proud veteran, serving in the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant for 18 years.

Ed loved anything outdoors including ice fishing, golf, boating, and walking his dogs. Ed loved his children and enjoyed his time with them. He had a unique and individual relationship with

each one. They brought him much comfort, joy and love throughout his life and at the end. Ed especially loved his son-in-law, Jason “Pede”, and thought of him as a son.

Ed thought of himself as the cool grandpa whether it was boating, dancing, the cousin’s campout or junk food. Ed just wanted to have fun with them. Ed loved his wife Brenda dearly, often calling her his soul mate. Ed felt her strength and humor carried him through difficult times. Ed described his marriage to her as a “masterpiece” and even up to the end, they

laughed together every day and loved each other unconditionally and deeply.

Towards the end of life, Ed developed a strong faith in God, and felt this faith got him through many hard times. Ed wanted to use his time left on Earth to make sure the people he loved knew God and had Faith. Ed’s favorite scripture was “For I know the plans I have for you” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope”. Jeremiah 29:11.

Ed will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

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Bruce A. Willer, 72

A celebration of life service for Bruce A. Willer, 72, of Lakota, IA, will be held at a later date with full military honors recognizing Bruce’s service to his country. Bruce passed away Sunday, April 5, 2020, at the United Hospital District in Blue Earth, MN. The Lakeview

Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bruce A. Willer was born on June 17, 1947, in Minneapolis, MN. As an infant, Bruce was adopted by Hans and Hulda (Moeller) Willer. He attended country school in Fraser Township and later Fairmont High School.

On August 25, 1968, Bruce

was inducted into the United States Army where he served his country proudly during the Vietnam War. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Bruce returned to Minnesota where he received his Boiler Operator license.

Bruce worked various jobs throughout his career but loved working with his hands and took great satisfaction in a hard day’s work. He was

a wonderful carpenter and worked construction for many years.

Bruce had a passion for motorcycles and looked forward to warm sunny days spent cruising the open road on his Harley. He had a green thumb and cherished quiet time spent working in his garden with his dog by his side.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Nicholas Willer of

Fairmont, MN; sister, Carolyn (Del) Bettin; brother, Jim (Jan) Willer; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Hulda Willer.

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Evelyn M. Betts, 95

A private family Mass of Christian Burial for Evelyn M. Betts, 95, of Fairmont, MN, was held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a Memorial to the St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund.

Evelyn (Mathiowetz) Betts died on April 21, 2020. She

was born on October 16, 1924 in Eden Township, Brown County. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Gewerth) Mathiowetz. She attended the country school and graduated in 1941 from St. Mary’s High School in Sleepy Eye, MN at age 16. Evelyn was Salutatorian of her high school class.

Evelyn attended Mankato Commercial College, and then worked in the office of Queen Stove Works in Albert Lea. She later worked for nine years in the regional office of Standard

Oil in Mankato.

On January 28, 1956, she married Darrell Betts of Fairmont. They made their home in Rutland Township near Fairmont where they raised their family. Evelyn was a faithful member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and was active in the St. Gerard Circle of the Council of Catholic Women.

Evelyn’s pride and joy were her five children, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was a lov-

ing and devoted mother and grandmother. In addition, she enjoyed family genealogy, going to dances with Darrell, gardening, crossword puzzles, and playing the piano.

Evelyn was kind, patient, and generous to everyone she met, and in everything she did throughout her life. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include daughter Debra (Tim) Dolan of Winthrop, sons Kevin (Susan) of South St. Paul, David (JoEllen) of Minneapolis, Paul (Mary)

of Fairmont, and Jeff (Annie) of Minneapolis, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one sister, Loretta Mathiowetz.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell, and brothers Ray, Clarence, Leo, Harold, Joseph, Norbert and Robert Mathiowetz, and sisters Angela Hornick and Rosalia Zwaschka.

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Mabel M. Motl, 100

Private family services for Mabel M. Motl, 100, of Fairmont, MN, were held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont.

Burial will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Petersburg Township, MN. Mabel passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, MN. Memorials are preferred to the St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Petersburg Township. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mabel Marie Roggow Motl was the firstborn child of Elizabeth Werner and Herman Roggow on November 28, 1919. The Roggow homestead in Petersburg, Minnesota in the township of Jackson County was her home until marriage.

Mabel was baptized, confirmed and married in St.

John’s Lutheran Church of rural Petersburg. Upon the closure of St. John’s, she and her husband followed Pastor A.H. Fritchell to the sister congregation, Salem Lutheran of Jackson, MN.

She attended the beautiful Petersburg Consolidated School and graduated from Jackson High School. Her training for a teacher was a normal school, Mankato Teachers College and home studies from Concordia. Mabel was a teacher in rural schools of Enterprise and Belmont townships for 6 years.

Mabel was married to Francis R. Motl on September 10, 1945, after he returned from 6 years of service in Europe. They lived in Jackson area for 10 years. Mabel was a devoted mother to the chil-

dren, Daniel, Jonathan, Maribeth, Rachel, and Thomas who were loved gifts while they lived in Jackson County. In 1956, she and Francis and the five children bought a family farm on the outskirts of Granada, MN and it became the family home. Two sons, Phillip and Aaron were added to the family. Son, Thomas is making the family farm his home today.

After moving to Granada, the family joined St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop, MN. Mabel taught Sunday school, vacation bible school, and bible class.

When her children became of school age, she accepted a call to the primary grades teacher for St. James Lutheran School in Northrop. These were 9 years of blessings

to her.

Mabel retired at the Granada farm acreage and served as a volunteer worker in many ways at church, Lutz Wing, hospital coffee shop, and the Hope Ladies and their quilting project.

In 2010, she moved to Maplewood Apartments Senior Housing in Fairmont, MN and in 2019 she moved to Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.

She is survived by her beautiful, beloved children: Daniel and his wife, Ginny of Winona, MN and their two children and five grandchildren; Jonathan and his wife, Lorna of Helena, MT and their son and daughters and five grandchildren; Maribeth McMullen and her sons and two grandchildren in Port

Richey, FL; Rachel Motl and her son and daughters and four grandchildren in Florida; Tom Motl of Granada and his daughter and three grandchildren in the Twin Cities; Philip Motl and his daughter in Coeur d’Alene, ID; and Aaron and son who lives in Missoula, MT. She is also survived by one brother, Vic Roggow of Spring Park, MN and two sisters, Leona Roggow of St. Paul, MN and Goldye Stahn of Minneapolis, MN, along with many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Those preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Francis Motl; son-in-law, Daniel McMullen; sister, Alvina Potter Joos; brother, George Roggow; sisters-in-law, RuthAnn Roggow and Darlene Roggow.

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John M. Poetter, 90

John Poetter was born June 22, 1929 in Blue Earth, MN to Erwin and Leone Poetter, the youngest of three. John had two older sisters, Eleanor

and Betty. He died of natural causes and peacefully on April 21, 2020 surrounded by family in his home. John was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

John lived almost 91 years on the family farm east of Blue Earth in the original house that was built in 1868 by his great grandfather. The home was very important to John and in 1952, a major renovation was made by him adding its first bathroom. John was a great carpenter and craftsman. John made many renovations and additions with the family’s help.

He married Sylvia (Stade) Poetter in 1954 in Fairmont, MN and they adventurously honeymooned in Florida. To-

gether they had three sons, Jeff, Dan and Steve. The family would travel all over the United States and even Europe, Canada and Mexico together. Many of John’s favorite memories were traveling the country in a motorhome. The couple celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in February 2020 with all their children, grandchildren and great granddaughter.

John graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1948 and was already working as the 4th generation on the family farm which was established in 1868. This was his life’s work. John and his family also entered into a few other side businesses along the way. He most enjoyed teaching his

boys and working on the farm and in the fields with each of his sons. John semi-retired in 2001. Dan, his middle son and his grandson, Luke, carry on the operation today. As farming progressed into newer technology, John still remained semi-active and always wanted to help.

John always remained interested in the farming operation and until recently enjoyed his cart ride around the farm watching all that was going on each spring and fall.

One of the proudest parts of his later life was to watch his grandson, Luke, “the 6th generation of Poetters on the farm” continuing on the business and living on the farm. John was very proud of each of

his 3 sons, 5 years apart, who all have used his guidance and lessons taught to help them with their own success in family and in business. John always enjoyed having his grandchildren come to visit him and was very proud of their many accomplishments. He was excited to meet his very first great granddaughter, Kaia, who was born to grandson, Adam and his wife, Angie in December.

John loved his sweets, including most types of pie. Baked beans, popcorn and sweet corn were also among his favorites. He was always up for a ride in the car, loved to shop for cars and campers, and spent countless hours socializing at their lake lot

in Fairmont with family and friends. He also loved driving, camping and giving pontoon rides to those visiting the lake. John loved to visit and reminisce about the days gone by and what was to come.

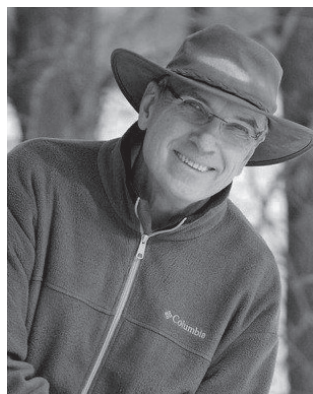
Left to miss him greatly are his wife, Sylvia; sons Jeff (Denise), Dan (Shellie), Steve (Kayla); grandchildren Adam (Angie), Jared, Luke, Lexi, Amanda, Kate and Max, and great granddaughter Kaia.

A private family graveside service was held on Friday, April 24 in Blue Earth, MN.

Patton Funeral Home of Blue Earth helped the family with arrangements.



## The day Pepe LePew nearly sprayed Tom Brokaw



The smell of spring was in the air.

It was the essence of skunk.

Odors trigger memories. A scientist tried to explain the reason to me. He used big words, but I think he said the parts of the brain that handle smells and memories are intertwined.

The fetid aroma brought a recollection of when I was hunkered down before being hunkered down became a thing. Years ago, a group of us went to the Platte River in central Nebraska on my March birthday to watch the sandhill crane migration. We were crammed into an ancient bunker near Alda waiting for the cranes to lift like smoke from the river. A community can mean many things. We were a community of crane anticipators.

It was cold. Not that cold, but close. It was darker than the inside of a pants pocket. I silently repeated, "This is the best day of my life."

I'd learned Tom Brokaw was part of our group. Yes, that Tom Brokaw — then the anchor of NBC Nightly News. He was in the company of schoolmates from Yankton (South Dakota) High School. My wife thought it was him and I was sure it wasn't. She was sure I was wrong and she was right.

We needed to be quiet so as not to disturb the cranes. The comfortable silence allowed me to hear shuffling/snuffling sounds. It didn't sound like one of Brokaw's classmates sleeping while standing, a skill that might have been learned at Yankton High. The day hadn't flipped its light switch on yet. I used my binoculars as the day brightened. I detected movement on the ground. As the day made things clearer, I saw the shuffler/snuffler was a skunk. Yosemite Sam would have called it a varmint or polecat. The skunk appeared unwilling to practice proper social distancing. It walked toward our bunker. Skunks are useful and necessary, but this skunk was neither of those things where it was. It wasn't an ideal situation. There were skunk-sized holes in the bunker that would allow the skunk to waltz right in. Our crude castle was under siege. Code Red!

As other human eyes found the skunk, a hush fell over a hushed crowd. We didn't just watch the skunk; we aggressively watched the skunk. Seeing the skunk concentrated minds. We didn't want to take a face-to-face meeting with a skunk. There are no atheists in a bunker with a skunk.

Skunks have poor eyesight, but they refuse to wear eyeglasses. They forage mostly by nose and ear. A coyote shadowing the skunk drew closer. Skunks often give warnings before spraying by stomping their feet and arching their backs. This skunk did just that. If the coyote got it, we all got it.

It was frightfully familiar. I'd contributed to the delinquency of skunks before. The problem with a skunk is that it smells like a skunk. I'd been sprayed. When it comes to that experience, less is more and least is best. The experience stinks and is much worse than

having a colonoscopy.

I was a boy wizard crawling under a truck in pursuit of a skunk the first time. "Here kitty, kitty, kitty," I called out smartly. As a teen, I was sprayed while freeing a skunk from an out-house. Another collision with skunk spray occurred when helping a friend liberate one from a trap. Even wearing one of those smelly, tree-shaped air fresheners didn't help me after I'd been sprayed.

I wish the theme song of Laurel and Hardy ("The Dance of the Cuckoos") would play as a warning whenever I'm about to do something stupid. Skunks have an odor that most people consider offensive and might be why the term "P.U." was coined. Avoiding interactions with skunks hasn't become part of my belief system. My sister asked how many bad encoun-

ters I needed to have with skunks before I became wary. Twenty-eight was my guess. There's only one rule when dealing with skunks. A skunk is always right.

The coyote left and the skunk calmed, but inched nearer. Not everyone was a walking camera then, so we had time to think. Is 10 feet the distance a skunk can spray? How do you get a skunk out of a bunker?

There were no signs reading: "No U-turn." I hoped the skunk would execute one. The skunk, for reasons known only to it, did just that and waddled off. I wasn't unhappy to see it go.

Each year, I celebrate the day Pepe Le Pew didn't spray Tom Brokaw.

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The Ceylon American Legion and Auxiliary announced the Boys and Girls State and Boys and Girls County nominees. They were Barry Belknap, Mark Beckendorf, Nicole Howell and Michelle Morris.

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## What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

### A fast breakfast!

We had some left over ham after Easter so that following week I decided to make omelets for lunch. I remembered this easy recipe I used to fix when my six oldest grandchildren came to visit for a week during the summer. The children liked it because they could help make them adding the ingredients they liked. The recipe came from our Methodist cook book, submitted by Renee Poppe. A fast and easy recipe with little clean up! We enjoyed it just much now as we did those summers years ago!

#### OMELET IN A BAG

2 eggs  
2 slices ham, cubed  
1/2 cup shredded cheese  
1 Tablespoon onion, chopped  
sliced mushrooms  
1 Tablespoon chopped green pepper  
Salt and pepper to taste

Crack eggs (only two per bag) into a good quality resealable small freezer baggie. Press air and seal. Shake or squeeze to beat the eggs. Open the bag and add other ingredients of your choice. Remove air and reseal baggie: squeeze to mix ingredients. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, drop the bag into the boiling water and cook for exactly 13 minutes. Open the bag and roll out on the plate. Use a tongs to remove the bag from the water.

Pa Lloyd wanted three eggs so I cooked his an extra minute. You may cook up to 8 bags at a time.

Stay safe and have a good week!

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# Chiropractic and your immune system

Guest Columnist

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



Author's Note: The following article is another in my series in helping with guidance from a professional point of view in how to get the best health out of your body. Please do not misinterpret anything presented as saying chiropractic, nutrition, or supplements cure anything. Functional Medicine has, at its core purpose, improving function and strengthening resistance. That is where health begins.

With the springtime upon us and the potential for allergies and asthma flare-ups returning, I thought it would be wise to share some of the core ways to strengthen your immune system and improve your resistance to infection, as well as decreasing the severity of over-reactions of your immune system, including

autoimmune disease, allergies, asthma, etc.

Many patients have come in recently asking about what to take, what to do, and how to improve their immune response and resistance. I have been teaching my patients for years that when it comes to health, they are not victims of some bug or disease. Rather, the choices they have been making over their life have added to or subtracted from their potential for health, and their current state is a result of the many choices they have made (in most cases).

Let's use a few examples. Do you smoke? Then the risk of lung and heart disease are greatly increased. Very few smokers ever ask their doctor, "How did this happen?" Very few alcoholics wonder why their liver is falling

apart. And more and more, people with type two diabetes are aware that their diet is causing their condition, not just age or genetics or bad luck. In the same way, your immune system will strengthen or weaken depending on how you treat it. It starts with the nervous system, which controls and coordinates everything in the body.

Your immune system is like everything else; you take care of it and it will take care of you. What makes your immune system stronger? Zinc, vitamin C and D3, antioxidants. Fresh fruits and vegetables, sunshine, and low stress levels. As always, the quality of supplements is like the quality of food - you get what you pay for. Do you know anyone who thinks canned corn is better than fresh corn on the cob, especially

when it first comes out in the summer? And why do we pay up to \$6.00 a dozen for corn on the cob when we can get the same amount in a couple of cans for \$2.00? Because it is worth it!!

Then why does anyone think that buying cheap, low-quality supplements is a smart idea?

People have been asking recently what is the best supplement for the immune system. The average person thinks it is vitamin C. And while vitamin C is really important, nothing beats D3. Why? D3 has a metabolite called cathelicidin. Vitamin D deficiency, a very common deficiency seen in most Americans, will result in low immune response, lowered defenses and resilience, and increased risk of severe infection.

Doses of 5,000 to 10,000 IUs are typically recommended, and should include vitamin K2 to improve absorption and utilization. (I have had patients telling

me that other health care providers have said this dosage level can result in overdosing of vitamin D3. This kind of misinformed advice may be well-intended but is inaccurate at best.)

Interestingly, vitamin D deficiencies are commonly seen in autoimmune diseases and have been shown to decrease the severity of many autoimmune diseases including Hashimoto's hypothyroidism, Sjogren's, psoriatic arthritis, and MS. While this may seem counterintuitive, it makes sense when you realize that D3 increases a kind of immune cell called Treg, which regulates and slows down overactive immune responses. This can be helpful in infection over-reactions where a cytokine storm may be present as well.

So where does chiropractic come in? Multiple research studies have shown chiropractic to be an important strengthener of your immune

system. By improving neurological function, we improve immune function. Chiropractic has been shown to decrease an important inflammatory marker called IL-6. This is the same pathway used by a highly marketed and very expensive drug with lots of side effects. The only side effects of chiropractic care that we know of is less pain, improved nerve function, and a better immune response. Oh, and it makes your brain work more efficiently as well. Chiropractic also improves white blood cell response and decreases overreaction of the immune system.

So, if you want a strong immune system you probably already know what to do. Stop smoking, eat healthier, manage inflammation, see your chiropractor, and start taking high quality supplements that have been shown to support your immune system. You will feel better and be healthier! And no one is immune to that!

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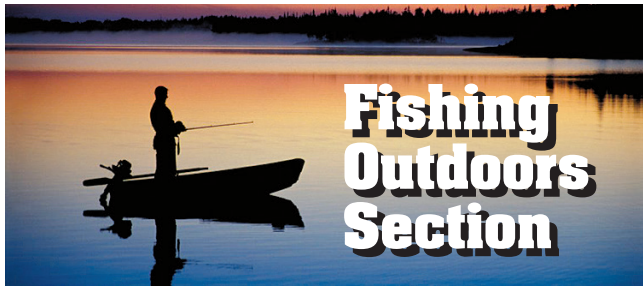
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## How to catch a walleye

There is no one way to catch walleye. In fact, there are many different ways. Popular techniques include casting a jig-and-minnow, trolling live bait, casting or trolling hard plastic lures and even fishing with a bobber. All work. The smart thing to do is experiment, and

when you find a technique you like hone that skill. Briefly, what follows is a little more detail on these techniques.

**Jig-and-minnow:** Many anglers like to fish with jigs early in the fishing season, tipping their jig with a shiner minnow or fathead chub. Basically, you'll want to fish with a jig that is heavy enough so that you can feel the bot-

tom but not overly heavy. Typically, this means a 1/8-ounce, 3/8-ounce or 1/4 -ounce jig. Try a variety of dark and bright colors. Typically, one color will perform better than others so experiment with color. Ball-style jigs work best for vertical jigging.

**A slip-sinker rig:** A slip-sinker rig - sometimes called a Lindy rig - is a common mid-summer fishing technique that

prey fish are popular in autumn when walleye return to the shallows and are fairly spread out. Trolling is an efficient way to cover large areas in short time. Still, trolling speeds should be slow - in the one mile per hour range - or just fast enough to get the lure's action to work.

**Bobber fishing:** Effective year-round, hovering a leech, night crawler or minnow just above a rocky



puts a minnow, night crawler or leech in front of a walleye at the bottom of the lake. When a fish bites - and often it is a very light bite or tap, tap, tap - you allow line to come freely off your reel for several seconds, slowly reel-in until you feel tension and then set the hook.

**Hard plastic baits:** Trolling or casting small hard plastic baits that look like perch and other small

reef, hump or other form is structure is another good and easy way to fish. This is best accomplished with a slip bobber, which allows you to cast even when the bait's depth is set to 20 feet or more.



Justin Sommers, Sommers Outdoors of Fairmont, reminds everyone to check the Minnesota Fishing Regulations Guide on border lakes and Northern fishing before heading out for the opener. Sommers Outdoors will be open Friday May 8th til 7 p.m. and open again Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. Besides selling licenses, bait and tackle, Sommers says that they also will be a rental stop for the city's kayaks and the mini golf course located near the aquatic park.



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## Practice social distancing on the water

As boaters across Minnesota prepare to hit the water, they need to keep in mind tips for being safe on cold water as well as their responsibility for staying close to home and practicing socially distancing under Gov. Tim Walz's "Stay at Home" executive order.

"As Minnesotans, we have a natural urge to get outside this time of

year - and for many of us, that's especially true this spring," said Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division director. "We constantly remind people about ways they can stay safe while they're on the water. In light of COVID-19, we also ask this year that you take additional steps to protect yourself, your family, and the people around you."

### Cold-water safety

No matter when the ice went out, there's one common theme: The water this time of year is dangerously cold. Falls into the water can quickly turn tragic. With water temperatures not much above freezing, a fall in likely will trigger cold-water shock. Numbness will set in quickly, and swimming or calling for help will be difficult. You'll probably gasp un-

controllably and draw water into your lungs. Even strong swimmers may drown within minutes.

"The best way to prevent that from happening is to wear a life jacket - actually wear it, not just have it along," said Lisa Dugan, DNR Enforcement recreation safety outreach coordinator. "It's the easiest and most effective way to prevent an unfortunate situation from turning into a tragedy."

The cold-water season isn't the time to boat alone, either. This year, people should head out only with members of their immediate household and let others on shore know where they're going and when they plan to return. Keep the floor of the boat free of clutter to avoid tripping and falling into the water, and ensure the boat has safety equipment such as life jackets, communication and noise-making devices, and a first-aid kit.



"Woody" the wood duck watching Bunny Peters take a trip around the lake on a pontoon ride. Bunny said it had been awhile since she has went around the lake on the water. Photo taken by Bruce Peters.



Bomgaars manager Mike says besides fishing equipment and accessories they have a good selection of marine batteries. He also added that they have live bait, worms, grub worms and soon will be getting in leeches.



This called a Prairie Skink. They are not very common this far north. This picture was taken by Dan Harley on their farm south of Windom. Dan is son of Jim and Kathy Harley, Fairmont.

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State law requires children under 10 years old to wear a properly fitted life jacket while a boat is underway. Underway means not securely fastened to a permanent mooring or tied to a dock.

A readily accessible and wearable life jacket is required for each person onboard a boat, this includes canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, paddleboats and waterfowl boats.

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## Boating during COVID-19

When hitting the water, know the DNR's COVID-19 outdoor recreation guidelines and practice the following to protect yourselves and others:

Maintain social distance of at least 6 feet. This includes places such as fuel stations and community docks, and means no beaching or tying up to other boats.

Boat only with people in your immediate household.

Boat close to home. Travel to and from the access site without making other stops.

When fueling, wash your hands as you would when fueling a car. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Cover



all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

When launching and loading your boat, give people ahead of you plenty of time and space to finish launching or loading before you approach.

Keep in mind water-access site conditions may be different than in previous years. DNR-managed accesses are open, but spring maintenance is not completed.

If you have been diag-

nosed with, or are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (including fever, cough, or difficulty breathing), stay home. This self-isolation period should extend for at least seven days after the illness begins and include 72 hours of being fever-free without using fever-reducing medications and resolution of other symptoms.

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to April of 1970.

Some of their missions involved dropping Special Forces in Cambodia. In one instance, they took Green Berets to Cambo-

dia where they parachuted in at night. However, that mission was compromised as the enemy could see the parachutes. Consequently, they had to go back in and pick the

Green Berets up in their helicopter. In another mission, special forces captured an NVA (North Vietnamese Army) Sergeant and they helicoptered him and the special

forces back to the base. This was a very important mission as the captured NVA Sergeant could, and did, provide very useful information as U. S. forces were closely monitoring Cambodia at the time.

As one might expect, a helicopter on missions in Vietnam would frequently be the target of enemy fire. Such was the case with the helicopter that Kahler was assigned to during his tour of duty. In one instance when the helicopter was under fire one of the rounds, including some shrapnel, hit Kahler in the leg. He was taken to a hospital in Pleiku, Vietnam, and then sent to Japan for surgery. He spent three weeks in a hospital in Japan prior to being honorably discharged in June of 1970 as

the recipient of a Purple Heart.

Although wartime ser-



vice is both challenging and dangerous, Kahler feels positive about his time in the military. Although being young at the time, he stated that it was an experience that provided him the opportunity to meet many different people and see parts

of the world he would not have seen had it not been for being in the military.

Kahler also feels that having the helicopter displayed at the Martin County Veterans' Memorial Site is a very positive symbol in commemorating the experiences of Martin County veterans in the Vietnam War.

Following his military service, Kahler returned to Fairmont working at Kahler Electric Company and continues to work there today.

The Bell Rotary Wing Attack Helicopter will be dedicated on August 1, 2020, at the Martin County Veterans' Memorial Site on Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont. Watch the local media for exact time of the event and other activities planned for that day.

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## CITY OF FAIRMONT

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Fairmont will hold a public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2020-06.

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRMONT CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, AND CHAPTER 10 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

THE CITY OF FAIRMONT DOES ORDAIN (new material is underlined; deleted material is lined out; sections which are not proposed to be amended are omitted; sections which are only proposed to be re-numbered are only set forth below as to their number and title):

SECTION 1. Fairmont Code, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV. - Departments and Divisions, Division 5. - Public Safety Division, Sec. 2-161. - Departments, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-161. - Departments.

The public safety division shall consist of the following departments:

(1) Police.

(2) Civil defense.

(3) Fire.

SECTION 2. Fairmont Code, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV. - Departments and Divisions, Division 5. - Public Safety Division, is hereby amended to add a new Section 2-163 as follows:

Sec. 2-162. - Fire chief. Subject to city charter, section 2.11, and city code, section 2-57:

(a) The fire chief shall provide administration, coordination and overall direction of the fire prevention and protection services and functions of the city. The fire chief shall supervise the employees and volunteers of the fire department. The fire chief shall direct and control the training of employees and volunteers of the fire department and all activities of employees and volunteers of the department and other individuals engaged in fire prevention and protection services and functions. The fire chief shall be subordinate to and report to the city administrator.

Secs. 2-163—2-180. - Reserved.

SECTION 3. Fairmont Code, Chapter 10 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II. - Fire Department, Section 10-16, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-16. - Generally.

The fire department shall be subordinate to and under the supervision and control of the ~~council~~ city administrator. The size, composition (including, but not limited to, a determination as to the number of employees and volunteers permanent and volunteer members), and remuneration, shall all be established approved by the council, which may be changed from time to time. The ~~council~~ fire chief, with the approval of the city administrator, shall also establish written rules and regulations of the fire department, a copy of which shall be distributed to each of its ~~member~~ employees and volunteers. ~~Members~~ Employees and volunteers of the fire department shall fulfill all job requirements adopted by the council.

SECTION 4. Fairmont Code, Chapter 10 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II. - Fire Department, Section 10-18, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-18. - Fire Chief.

(a) The chief of the fire department shall have general superintendence of the fire department and the custody of all property used and maintained for the purposes of said department. He ~~The fire chief~~ shall see that the same are kept in proper order and that all rules and regulations and all provisions of the laws of the state and ordinances of the city relative to a fire department and to the prevention and extinguishment of fires are duly observed. He ~~The fire chief~~ shall superintend the preservation of all property endangered by fire and shall have control and direction of all persons engaged in preserving such property.

(b) In case of the absence or disability of the fire chief for any cause, the assistant fire chief shall exercise all the powers, perform all the duties, and be subject to all the responsibilities of the fire chief. It is the duty of the fire chief of the fire department on or before July 1 of each year to file a detailed inventory with the city administrator of all property used and maintained for said department, together with its projected needs for the ensuing fiscal year. It is also the duty of the fire chief of the fire department, on or before the date of the first regular council meeting in each month, to file with the city clerk a report as to all fires occurring during the previous month stating the probable cause thereof and estimated damages. Such reports shall also state the other activities of the department. The fire chief of the fire department shall also make and file such other reports as may be requested by the city administrator or council.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication.

You are further notified said hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, Minnesota on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT

/s/ Patricia J. Monsen

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk

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COVID-19 concerns for agriculture continue to increase

Guest Columnist

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Farm Management Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank

As the health concerns due to the coronavirus outbreak continue to increase, so do the economic concerns for families and businesses of all sizes across the United States. Rural communities and the agriculture industry have not been spared from

the economic hardships that are being caused by ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

The recent closing of meat processing plants and necessary dumping of milk have heightened the national awareness of the vulnerability of the U.S. food sector and the serious economic challenges being faced by farm operators. These disruptions in the U.S. food chain may also impact the supplies and prices at the retail lev-

el in the coming months for certain meat and dairy products, as well as for fresh produce.

The closing of the Smithfield pork processing plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, due to a rapid COVID-19 outbreak among plant employees heightened awareness of the serious situation in the meat processing industry. The Smithfield plant employs 3,700 people and processes nearly 19,000 market hogs per day,

which represents 4-5 percent of the U.S. total.

As of April 20, several other pork and beef processing plants across the U.S. had suspended production, with more plants that could potentially be forced to temporarily halt production due to positive coronavirus cases. In addition, some meat processing plants have been losing employees over concerns with the virus, which has forced them to cut their production output below capacity levels.

The closure of the Smithfield plant, as well as a Tyson Foods pork plant in Iowa and other potential closings of processing plants in the Upper Midwest, has put pork pro-

ducers in Southern Minnesota, Western Iowa, and Eastern South Dakota in a dire situation. Producers have tens of thousands of hogs ready to be marketed and no processing plant that will take the hogs. Even if the hogs were contracted for delivery to a packing plant, it is null and void when that plant is forced to suspend operations due to COVID-19 or as a result of an inadequate labor supply. Now, some producers face grim prospect having to euthanize healthy hogs rather than having them enter the food chain at a time when the added pork will be needed in the U.S. food supply.

In addition to the loss

pork processing capacity, pork producers are facing their worst financial situation in over two decades. A recent study by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) indicated that the impacts COVID-19 will cost U.S. pork producers over \$5 billion in 2020, which calculates out to a loss of \$37 per head for every hog produced. The lean hog market price has declined from over \$80 per hundredweight (cwt.) in early February to near \$45 per cwt. by mid-April, which is well-below the cost of production for all hog producers.

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Martin County will receive sealed bids for 2020 Facility Improvements until 2:00 p.m. local time on May 14, 2020 at the Martin County Courthouse Board Room (Room #103), 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota 56301, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A non-mandatory pre-bid walk-through will be held on May 4, 2020:  
9:00 am at the Vehicle Storage Facility; meet at Vehicle Storage Facility Parking Lot.  
10:00 am at the Human Services Building; meet at Human Services Building South Entrance / Parking Lot.  
11:30 am at the Martin County Courthouse; meet at the Courthouse Board Room (Room #103).

The Human Service Building and County Courthouse walk-throughs will be limited to five (5) persons each at one time; multiple walk-throughs will be organized where more than five persons are in attendance.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications, will be on file at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center; Reed Construction; iSqFt Plan Room (St. Paul, MN); The Blue Book Building and Construction Network; Albert Lea Builders Exchange; Austin Builders Exchange; Mankato Builders Exchange; Mid Minnesota Builders Exchange (Willmar, MN); Builders Exchange of Rochester; Southwest Builders Exchange (Marshall, MN); Sioux Falls Builders Exchange and from PlanWell at [https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL\\_PrivateList.aspx?PrjType=pub](https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL_PrivateList.aspx?PrjType=pub)

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Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Martin County in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the project on or before October 23, 2020.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2020

By Order of the  
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**COMPLETION OF WORK:** All work under the Contract must be complete by September 17, 2021.

**PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION:** The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at [www.bolton-menk.com](http://www.bolton-menk.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com).

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Dated: April 27, 2020 /s/ Mark Sievert  
Interim City Administrator

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they will be able to get the hogs processed when they are ready to be marketed.

Beef cattle producers in the U.S. have also faced substantial losses in the past couple of months. Fed cattle prices declined from near \$120 per cwt. in late January to below \$80 per cwt. in mid-April. A study by the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA) indicated that the coronavirus crisis will result in a loss of \$13.6 billion to the U.S. cattle industry. This estimated loss in 2020 includes over \$205 per head in the cattle feeding sector and over \$110 per mature breeding animal in beef cow/calf operations. Due to cattle processing plants being closed or having reduced capacity due to COVID-19, the number of cattle processed in the U.S. for the week ended on April 11 was 16 percent lower than a year earlier, at a time when cattle numbers are up.

USDA has prepared a "COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide," which lists coronavirus resources available through USDA and other Federal government agencies. To access COVID-19 related information from USDA and other agencies, please go to the following website: [www.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usda.gov/coronavirus)

**Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Details**

On April 17 USDA announced initial details of

the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will authorize a total of \$19 billion to partially help offset the financial impacts that U.S. farmers and ranchers have incurred as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The aid package will include \$16 billion in direct payments to producers and \$3 billion to purchase ag products. The funding for CFAP will be derived from the \$9.5 billion agriculture emergency funds in the recently passed \$2.2 trillion CARES Act and \$6.5 billion that is currently available through Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds.

Following is a breakdown of the \$16 billion in direct assistance that has been allocated to producers:

- \$9.6 billion for the livestock industry.
- \$5.1 billion for cattle.
- \$2.9 billion for dairy.
- \$1.6 billion for hogs.
- \$3.9 billion for row crop producers.
- \$2.1 billion for specialty crop producers.

- \$500 million for other crops.

The payments that producers receive will be determined using the following two calculations:

- An 85 percent compensation rate for commodity price losses that occurred for eligible commodities from January 1 through April 15, 2020.
- An additional 30 percent compensation rate of the expected price losses for eligible commodities from April 15 through the next two quarters will also be included.

Most likely producers will need to verify their level of production or inventory during that time frame to determine payment amounts. It should be noted that qualifying commodities must have experienced at least a 5 percent decrease in prices from January 1 to April 15 in order for producers to be eligible for CFAP payments.

The payment limit for the CFAP payments will be \$125,000 per commodity, with an overall payment limit of \$250,000 per indi-

vidual or entity. Based on 85% of the NPPC 2020 loss estimate of \$37 per hog, it would take less than 4,000 hogs to reach the \$125,000 payment limit. Using 85 percent of the NCBA loss estimate of \$205 per head for cattle feeding, it would take less than 725 head to reach the payment limit. These are relatively small livestock operations by today's industry standards. The CFAP payment limit for livestock has drawn criticism from many livestock industry groups, as being far short of what is needed to stabilize the industry.

USDA has not yet announced specific details for the CFAP crop and livestock payments. USDA is expediting the rule making process for the direct payments, hoping to begin sign-up for the program

by early May and to have payments out to producers by late May or early June. USDA has left open the possibility for additional direct aid to agriculture producers later this year, as more CCC funds become available. Many experts expect the economic hardships in the agriculture industry resulting from coronavirus to continue in the coming months.

Details on the \$3 billion that is allocated for purchases of agricultural products:

The \$3 billion will be used to purchase meat products, dairy products, and fresh produce to support producers and to provide those products to people in need. CFAP authorizes the purchase of \$100 million per month each for purchases of

specified meat products, dairy products, and fresh fruits and vegetables in the coming months. USDA will work with local and regional food distributors to deliver the food products to local food banks and other community organizations that provide food to those in need.

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Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Senior Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal, MN. (Phone --- (507) 381-7960);

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 00100 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Lake Avenue Improvements 2020-A  
S.A.P. 123-111-010  
City of Fairmont  
Fairmont, MN

**RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2020, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read at the office of the Interim City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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

Remove Pavement	16,500	SQ YD	4" Perf PE Pipe Drain	4,200	LIN FT
Common Excavation (EV) (P)	14,100	CU YD	12"-42" RCP Storm Sewer	1,387	LIN FT
Select Granular Borrow	8,900	TON	8" - 15" PVC Pipe Sewer	1,333	LIN FT
Aggregate Base Class 5	11,000	TON	4"-12" Watermain	2,450	LIN FT
Bituminous Pavement	5,200	TON	Construct Drainage Structure	160	LIN FT
8" Concrete Pavement	1,200	SQ YD	Concrete Curb & Gutter Design B618	5,700	LIN FT
4" & 6" Concrete Sidewalk	35,000	SQ FT	Traffic Striping	16,000	LIN FT

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, Truck Rentals, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals, Targeted Group Business Program Goals, and Veteran-Owned Small Business, Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions, and Responsible Contractor Certification.

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Dated: April 13, 2020 /s/ Mark Sievert  
Interim City Administrator

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## MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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 Kathy Smith, Richard Koons, Steve Flohrs, and Elliot Belgard. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, 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 Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the agenda for the March 17, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following: Add under 5.1 Consider Closure of the Martin County Library and Branches in response to COVID-19 pandemic, Consider County Response and Recommended Proposal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, 9.12 Consider Watonwan River Watershed Implementation Structure, Change 10.2 from an Information Item to an Action Item; and Delete 9.5 Consider the Recruitment of Assistant Victim Witness Position, 9.6 Consider Rewrite of the County's Anti-Harassment Policy, 10.2 March 17, 2020 - Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. - Hamilton Hall in Blue Earth, MN for Proposed Repair on JD #2 M&F, and 10.3 March 17, 2020 - Public Hearing at 3:00 p.m. - Hamilton Hall in Blue Earth, MN for Repair on JD #7. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve closure of the Martin County Library and all branches effective at noon today - Tuesday - March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve Martin County's Recommendation Proposal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the CY2020 Wellness Budget in the amount of \$10,000. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve resolution for the issuance of tobacco license for Town Center Inc., d/b/a Town Center SuperValu located at 500 Hwy 4 South in Trimont, MN, effective April 3, 2020 through April 2, 2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to ratify Martin County Library Elevator Modernization with MEI Total Elevator Solutions in the amount of \$64,510.00 and DeVar Electric in the amount of \$7,890.00; and that costs of the Martin County Library Elevator Modernization will be shared 50% with the City of Fairmont. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and authorize the Implementation Process for the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) to be the fiscal and administrative host of funds for the Watonwan River Watershed One Watershed One Plan. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution for the Blizzard Snowmobile Club to apply for maintenance funding for the existing GIA Trail System. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the quote bid and proceed to purchase the proposed Ascentis Human Resources Information System and Payroll System in the annual amount of \$37,906.00 plus one-time System Implementation cost of \$8,852.00. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, approve Change Order No. 2 - Tile Reroute with a net increase of this Change Order in the amount of \$21,383.75 for the JD #314 M&F Repair Project. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, approve Change Order No. 3 - Contract Completion Extension - Extend completion time to June 30, 2020 for the JD #314 M&F Repair Project. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the proposed Martin County Single and Multi-Family Housing Tax Abatement Policy and includes a \$250 application fee, effective March 17, 2020 through March 17, 2025. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to set a public hearing date on April 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Martin County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, in consideration for Proposed \$250 Tax Abatement Application Fee for new construction of Single and Multi-Family Housing; and to review and revise Martin County's Liquor License Fees. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to terminate Katie Poppe's employment with Martin County, effective March 17, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on March 17, 2020 and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to cancel Martin County Student Government Day that was scheduled for April 7, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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MARTIN COUNTY COORDINATOR

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“Just the other day”

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



Tags

It was about four years ago, after aunt Di painted her bedroom, that I installed new bi-fold doors on her closet. A couple days later I stopped by to help move her mattresses back into the bedroom. We also moved some dressers and such, reassembled the bed, then put the bedroom door back on its hinges.

When we were done, Di began pulling the tag off her mattress. “What are you thinking?” I asked. “If you remove that tag, I’m going to have to call 9-1-1. The police will come to take you away and you’ll spend the next 20 years to life in the Lake County Pokey! Removing a mattress tag! What’s the matter with you?”

She left the tag on the mattress and we adjourned to the

dining room where we enjoyed conversation over a cup of coffee and some fresh baked chocolate fudge brownies with walnuts.

It was about that same period of time when I bought a new pair of blue jeans at Old Navy in Duluth. I still wear them today. They’re very comfortable jeans but they do have an issue - the tag. Well, I don’t have an issue with the tag, but my wife sure does! She’s been fighting that tag for over four years!

Admittedly, the design of the tag is rather odd. Most jeans, shirts and other apparel have a tag measuring about one-inch square. The tag tells the size and gives some simple, yet valuable information - like how to wash and dry the article of clothing.

Cleaning instructions are

very important - especially for men who historically/stereotypically have trouble with the laundry process. I suppose such difficulties could be the reason Old Navy decided these jeans should have a tag that measures one and a quarter inches wide by two and a half inches long. But a tag that big also causes trouble. The tag is stitched into the waistband of the jeans, which is one and a half inches tall.

When you consider the manner in which a man puts on his jeans (one leg at a time, then pulls them upward) you would think the tag would naturally slide down inside his britches. But not this tag. It magically works its way up, protruding above the waistband. Countless times we’ve been at a public event or visiting friends when Melissa whispers in my ear, “Your tag is out.” It’s almost as embarrassing as being told, “Your barn door is open.” I nonchalantly tuck it back into my pants...only to

have it work its way back out again.

My wife is a wonderful photographer. I can’t even tell you how many times she takes a photo where everyone is looking forward and no one is blinking - even the dog and the cat cooperated for the photo. Then she reviews the photo on

that little screen on her camera; “Tom! Your tag is sticking out!” Of course, it usually happens when I am wearing a dark colored shirt, so the shiny white, silk tag that reflects light, really stands out.

She’s told me over and over again, “Just cut the tag off!” But I’ll be darned if I’m going to jail

for illegal tag removal just so she can get a great...

...taking matters into my own hands...a battering ram... going to jail...vouching for her story...

For the rest of this story, please visit out website at ([www.fairmontphotopress.com](http://www.fairmontphotopress.com))

MARTIN COUNTY  
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order via WebX (video conference due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic). Commissioners present via WebX 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, Leigha Hauglid, Human Resources Manager, Abigail Nesbit, Emergency Management Director, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff.

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

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the April 7, 2020 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Mahoney, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Proclamation declaring April 2020 as National County Government month; and approve hosting a cookout luncheon for the employees in May 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Mahoney, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize the renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club, or 3.2% License effective April 6, 2020 through April 5, 2021; and renewal of the Consumption and Display Permit effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Mahoney, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion Carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the purchase of a budgeted 2020 John Deere Model 644L Wheel Loader in the amount of \$244,523.00 less trade in of Unit #41 for 55,000.00 for a net price of \$189,523.00 from RDO Equipment Co. in North Mankato, MN. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the purchase of a 2020 John Deere 1550 Terrain Cut Commercial Side Discharge Mower Deck and 4-Post Rollover Protective Structure Conversion Kit and Canopy in the amount of \$20,500.00 less trade in of 2012 John Deere 1435 for \$4,500.00 for a net price of \$16,000.00 from C&B Operations in Truman, MN. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Mahoney, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence by Chris Mielke for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective April 13, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Belgard, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the hire of Adam Wells as a full time Deputy Sheriff for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective April 13, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize the hire of Trenton Rossow as full time Corrections Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective April 13, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, Mahoney, Smith, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the recruitment of a Seasonal Water Patrol Officer for the purposes of patrolling, education and enforcement for the control of Aquatic Invasive Species in the lakes throughout Martin County. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Mahoney, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and make the following corrections to the effective start dates for: Max Rainville - March 19, 2020; Mercedes Johnson - March 26, 2020; and Linsey Weber - March 29, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Mahoney, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the revised job description and classification of the Victim Witness Assistant at Grade 12 as recommended by the County's Compensation and Classification Consultant DDA. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize recruitment for a Victim Witness Assistant Position for the Martin County Victim Services Office. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Mahoney, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the revised Account Technician I job description, and authorize the recruitment for an Account Technician I Position for the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve resolution for Conveyance of Certain Parcels of Tax Forfeited Nonconservation Land Located in East Chain Township, MN to East Chain Township. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the revised South Central WorkForce Council Joint Powers Agreement which reflects changes to the previous references to the "WorkForce" Center and partners to "CareerForce"; and to change the dates under Sections 8.2 and 8.3. The Agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize going out for bid quotes for the removal of asbestos in the Courthouse Dome. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Mahoney, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the increased architectural fees as presented by Wold Architects and Engineers for the Human Resource Building Boiler Replacement Project in the amount of \$6,375 in fees; and for the Recorder's Office Service Counter Project in the amount of \$3,000 in fees. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Mahoney, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to amend the resolution Approving the Payment of Employees Impacted by the MN Emergency Executive Order 20-20 dated March 26, 2020, that if the Governor of Minnesota expands the time duration of the Stay at Home Order as established by the Governor's Executive Order 20-20, that the aforementioned resolution will be amended accordingly to reflect the new time duration for the Stay at Home provision. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on April 7, 2020 and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to revise the Public Hearing Date from April 21, 2020 to May 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin County Commissioners Room in consideration of proposed fee changes to the Martin County Fee Schedule for Liquor Licenses and Tax Abatement Application Fee. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Mahoney, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the proposed changes to County parking design as presented by Bolton and Menk, Inc. located at the intersection of Lake Avenue, Main Street and First Street (County owned parking lot). Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize County Engineer to proceed working with the City of Fairmont and Bolton and Menk, Inc. on removal of County owned parking lot block wall including slope and seeding. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, Mahoney, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 @ 3:30 P.M.

The special meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Flohrs. Commissioners present were Richard Koons, Steve Flohrs, Elliot Belgard, and Kathy Smith. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Leigha Hauglid, Human Resources Manager, and Terry Viesselman, County Attorney.

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

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the March 18, 2020 Special Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution declaring a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the COVID-19 event of 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve the following closures and/or restrictions for public access to the Martin County Courthouse until further notice as follows: That the public will not be able to access County administrative services on a walk-in basis for County Offices. County Administrative services and operations will be continued to be provided, as deemed necessary, by telephone, email or special appointment; and to encourage the public to conduct their business using the aforementioned methods; and that the Martin County Courthouse doors will be open for courts as well as County meetings by appointment; and that restrictions of public access to County Offices becomes effective at 8:00 a.m. on March 19, 2020 until further notice, and that signage will be placed at main entrances to County buildings that highlight office contact information. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and adopt the new Emergency Remote Work Policy. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.

The Martin County Board of Commissioners Special Emergency Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Flohrs via teleconference at 10:00 a.m. Those Board members present in the Board Room were Commissioner Flohrs and Commissioner Richard Koons. The following Board members were present via teleconference: Commissioner Elliot Belgard and Commissioner Kathy Smith. Absent Commissioner Tom Mahoney. Staff present in the Board Room was Scott Higgins, County Coordinator and Leigha Hauglid, HR Manager, along with Jason Sorensen, Fairmont Sentinel and Rod Halvorsen, Lakes 106.5 FM. Others present via teleconference were Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Sheriff Jeff Markquart, Abigail Nesbit, Emergency Management Director.

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

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to approve and adopt the Martin County Interim Policy 2020-3: Covid-19 Program for Employees as presented, effective March 26, 2020. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution Approving the Payment of Employees Impacted by the MN Emergency Executive Order 20-20. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Smith, Koons, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the continued closure of the Martin County Library System beyond the original date of March 31, 2020 until further notice. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Commissioner Mahoney was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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MARTIN COUNTY COORDINATOR

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# One Veteran's Story – Doug Kahler

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## One Veteran's Story – Doug Kahler

Martin County's Veterans' Memorial Site will have a Bell Cobra Rotary Wing Attack Helicopter on display. This helicopter was a stalwart of the U. S. Army's attack aviation serving in both Vietnam and Laos from 1968-1971, often saving the lives of many American soldiers. There are many Martin County veterans that have experienced helicopter service as well. The following is the account of the experiences of one Martin County veteran, Doug Kahler.

"Vietnam has long been known as the "Helicopter War." The distinctive "thump-thump" of UH-1 Huey choppers is seared deeply into the memories of Vietnam veterans, and even many

Americans who only heard it on the evening news or recall it from Apocalypse Now. It was



where the Army rolled out its notion of "air mobility"—skies full of helicopters rushing troops to the front, plucking them from trouble, rescuing the

wounded, and bringing home the dead."

Fairmont native Doug Kahler enlisted in the Army on May 15, 1968, serving until he was honorably discharged on June 17, 1970. His basic training was at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Since he had an electrician's license, he was sent to Fort Rucker, Alabama, to be involved with construction. However, that area closed and he was subsequently trained to fight fires. As a result, he then volunteered to be on a crash and rescue helicopter primarily in the Fort Rucker area.

He wasn't particularly satisfied with his assignment at that time and, consequently, in May of 1969, he volunteered to

go to Vietnam. He was assigned to an aviation company in Vietnam, however, they didn't need a firefighter. Therefore, he had the choice of being a mechanic or a door gunner on a heli-

copter. He chose being a door gunner.

Kahler served as a door gunner on a Huey Helicopter with an M-60 machine gun. The Huey had a crew of four, two pilots and two door gunners. They would

fly approximately four to five missions weekly with much of their work being in the central highlands of Vietnam. He served in this capacity from June of 1969

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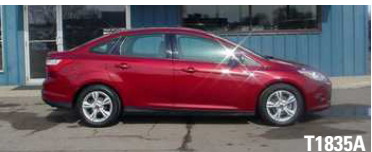
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