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Community Spotlight Local Businesses Give Back



(L-R) Sandra Guritz - Eye Clinic, Lisa Hunwardsen - Employee Health, Tammy Diekmann - Administration, Cassica Jobe - Pharmacy, Goldie Weigelt -Housekeeping

week, ⊿Sweet Financial Services and Peterson-Anthony Insurance partnered with Culligan of Fairmont and Graffiti Corner to provide nourishment to the Fairmont Mayo Hospital and Dulcimer Medical Centers. Together, they were able to provide approximately 300 assorted platters of food including muffins, coffee, and over 450 bottles of water to these hard-working Fairmont medical teams.

This generous effort stemmed from a conversation between Sweet and Anthony regarding the challenges healthcare workers are facing. Many among the Peterson-Anthony team have family members in the healthcare industry both here at home and around the nation. The discussion evolved into a desire

to take action and show their gratitude,

"It has always been one of our core values to give back and support our community," said Connie Anthony. So they reached out to Rich Johnson (Culligan of Fairmont) and John Kasper (Graffiti Corner), two local business owners known for their philanthropic endeavors, for support. Johnson expressed his pleasure in being approached to partner in this effort stating, "Culligan is always ready to jump on board to help the community." While Kasper said, "it was an easy and definite ves" when he was asked to join in the cause. medical community is doing so much.

We just want to do our part to bring some normalcy and order to their day."

Marsha Malo of

Sweet Financial explained, "Our overall hope is that more businesses decide to do something for the people who don't get to stay at home... what makes a strong community is when you can band together and help one another pull through. We believe that the Fairmont area and surrounding communities are exceptional and we just want to encourage others to shed a little light in each other's lives through giving back."

For more ideas on how you can help, please reach out to companies, local establishments, and businesses that have continued operations during this "Everyone in the time. If you would like to help the medical centers you can contact either of them directly to establish their current needs.





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



May is **Stroke Awareness Month**

UHD is an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital we can provide the best possible care in a stroke emergency

In a stroke, remember Don't Wait, B.E. F.A.S.T.

Balance loss. Eyesight changes. Face drooping. Arm weakness. Speech difficulty. Time to call 911. Know the warning signs because time lost is brain lost.

- In Minnesota, stroke is the 6th leading cause of death.
- One American dies from stroke every four minutes.
- If you're concerned about stroke, call 911 immediately. Your stroke care starts in the ambulance with stroke-ready EMS professionals.

To learn more about stroke awareness and stroke prevention, follow UHD on Facebook all this month.



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SAXTON 50TH - Bruce and Dale Saxton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Mother's Day, May 10th, 2020. They were married on Mother's Day, May 10th, 1970 at Fairmont United **Methodist Church in** Fairmont. Cards will reach them at 1026 So. State St. in Fair-(Submitted mont. photo)



PETERSON 50TH - Roger and Janet Peterson of Fairmont celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 3rd. They were married May 3rd, 1970. Cards and anniversary wishes will reach them at 1700 South Prairie Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031. A celebration with family will be held at a later date.

(Submitted photo)



JORGENSEN - Tom and Kathy Jorgensen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 9th. Cards will reach them at 1944 70th St., Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)



Levi Ringnell.....September 12

→Free gift when you register.



Five Lakes Centre Fairmont, Minnesota



RETIREMENT - Barba-

ra J. (Jensen) Berg and

her sisters are happy to

announce Barb's retire-

ment from Goldfinch

Memory Care. Barb

has enjoyed helping

so many residents and

their families during her

10 years at Goldfinch.

She will miss everyone

dearly and thanks ev-

eryone for their friend-

ship and kind words

throughout the years.

Greetings and well wish-

es can reach her at 2679

Albion Avenue, Fair-

KORTE-JONES

Rachel Korte and Andrew

Jones were married on

February 24, 2020 at the

Now Sapphire Resort, Riviera Maya, Mexico,

with a reception following

at the resort. Parents of

the couple are Diane and

Joel Armbrust, Fairmont, Lynn Korte, Augusta,

Georgia and Mary and Randy Johnson, Mankato

and the late David Jones. Rachel is employed as an RN for Mayo Health

Andy is employed by

Human Services in St.

Peter, Minnesota. The

couple lives in Mankato. (Submitted photo)

Department

Mankato.

Systems,

Helen M. Mosloski will celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday, May 13th. A celebration will be held at a later date. Cards and birthday wishes will reach her at 570 Southport Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031. (Submitted photo)



mont, MN 56031. Barb is not moving, only traveling more...love you sister...you are the best. (Submitted photo)



Stroke is an Emergency

- **B** Balance Loss
- E Eyesight Changes
- F Facial Drooping
- A Arm Weakness
- S Slurred Speech



United Hospital District Promotes Stroke Awareness Throughout May - Efforts Align with Minnesota Stroke Program

Ready Hospital and in alignment with the Minnesota Stroke Program, United Hospital District (UHD) is building awareness of the signs

NISTLER-

As an Acute Stroke and symptoms of stroke, which is American Stroke which include calling 911 Month. even during the current out the month of May, Continued on page 3

According to the Min-COVID-19 pandemic. nesota Department of The hospital's efforts will Health (MDH), stroke be enhanced through- occurs every 40 seconds

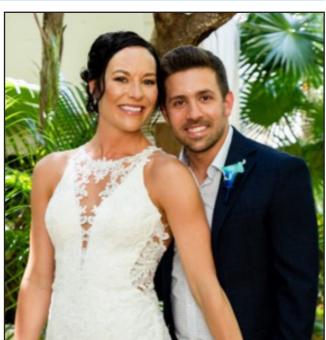


ARMBRUST Alexandra Nistler and Benjamin Armbrust were married September 28th, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND with a dinner and dance reception following at the Holiday Inn. Parents of the couple are Roberta and Paul Nistler of Fargo, ND and Kim and Cody Fisher, Fergus Falls, MN and Dianne and Joel Armbrust, Fairmont. (Photo by Abby Anderson Photo,



ONLY GOOD NEWS! Many thanks for everyone who made my 85th birthday special last Wednesday, April 29th. Thanks to my co-workers at the Photo Press and to our friends who organized a drive-by parade at our house later that day. Thanks for all the cards and birthday wishes including those on Facebook. And thanks to Muriel for putting up with me for almost 65 years.

Sherman Kumba



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MLHS National **Honor Society Holds Blood Drive**

The Red Cross Blood Drive held by the Na-Honor Society tional of Martin Luther High School, Northrop on April 27 was met with an overwhelming response by donors. The appointment schedule was filled well in advance with several donors giving "double red." The Red Cross implemented extra safety measures and social distancing. The drive goal was surpassed by seven units. A big thank you goes out to the community for their support and to the Red Cross for their efforts.



Student volunteers Tyson Kube and Josie Clow checked in donors



Donors and workers wore masks and observed social distance guidelines







Smith Greenhouse and CER **Fairy** Gardens

A special donation of fairy garden materials from Smith's Greenhouse of Fairmont provided an opportunity for youth to create their own Fairy Garden. Linda Smith also suggested that any donations received be used for the Youth Activity Scholarship Fund.

The District Emergency Child Care youth enjoyed a wonderful afternoon creating their own Fairy Gardens on Monday, April 20.

CER Afterschool Enrichment youth were also given the opportunity to take kits home for additional enrichment during school closure.

Special thanks to Smith's

Greenhouse for their generosity to our community youth! Kits are still available - please call CER for more information (235-





What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A fast and easy recipe!

Another easy and few ingredient recipe! The other day I wanted to share a treat with my little Great Grand daughter, but her Mother is gluten free so its always a challenge! I was looking through my Methodist church cook book and I found a three ingredient cookie recipe submitted by Kathy Kloeckner not using flour, I had noticed that recipe before but just didn't think it could possibly work but it did. It makes about 24 cookies so not so many which I also liked I am thinking I may try adding milk chocolate chips next time, then they would taste like Reeces peanut butter cups. If you like peanut butter you will like these!!

Peanut butter cookies

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Blend sugar and peanut butter, add egg and vanilla. Roll into balls and roll in sugar. Bake 9 minutes at 350 degrees.

Trust me these will be a hit! Have a great day and keep safe!!

Libraries to **Remain Closed**

All Martin County Library locations remain closed to the public until further notice. However, no-contact pickup is available at each library. Visit our website at www. martincountylibrary. org and fill out an online request or give us a call at 238-4207. If you don't have a library card and would like one, you can fill out the form on our

website and we will mail you a library card. You may return your library items in our book drops. No fines or fees will be assessed for late returns. WiFi is on and available 24-7 at all of our locations. E-books and other digital offerings are available via our website, or by downloading the Hoopla Digital Library app and/or the Libby for Overdrive app.

Other questions? Give us a call at 238-4207.

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cause of death in the United States. In Minnesota, stroke ranks as the sixth largest leading cause of death. UHD is hoping their educational efforts will improve outcomes for stroke patients and additionally reduce the economic impact of stroke on families and the national healthcare system. A 2019 study released by the American Heart Association tracked over \$45 billion in annual stroke-related medical costs, including procedures, hospitalizations, rehabilitation, and lost productivity due to mortality in 2014 and 2015.1

Stroke awareness focuses on the simple acronym B.E. F.A.S.T., which stands for Balance loss, Eyesight changes, Facial droop/numbness, Arm weakness, Speech diffi-culty, and Time to call 9-1-1. The 911 component is especially important because stroke care starts in the ambulance with trained Emergency Medical Services professionals, who take important steps to increase the

speed at which stroke treatment can begin. MDH recommends ambulance services take stroke patients to the nearest stroke-designated hospital.

As certified stroke-designated hospital, UHD utilizes telestroke services to immediately connect patients arriving with stroke signs or symptoms to a neurologist in the Twin Cities via partnership with Abbott Northwestern Hospital. UHD is then able to start a plan of care or transfer the patient, if needed or desired, based on the Abbott neurologist's recommendations. UHD plans a series of radio and print ads, plus social media posts to promote the B.E. F.A.S.T. message and improve stroke awareness.

UHD, located in Blue Earth, MN, is a system of care comprised of a 25bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and home health/ hospice care, all supported by a 20-plus multi-specialty provider group with four clinic locations across two counties.

MARTIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY The Carl Nettifee Memorial Animal Shelter 522 E. MARGARET ST. • FAIRMONT, MN • 238-1885 pawprints.petfinder.com

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A FEW OF OUR ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION: BLITZ: is a black lab mix who's been with us a very long time and deserving

of finally finding a forever home. He loves his humans, loves attention, and loves to play! Blitz has big time energy, so he'll need an owner who can provide lots of exercise and lots of long walks.

RUDY: is a senior black lab, at 11 years old. You'd never know it by watching him, though! He trots right along on his walks, and likes activity.

KALI: is a beautiful dilute calico kitty, very loving and very friendly. She's a bit picky about her feline friends, so she'd do best in a one cat home.

MOOSE is our big black and white resident cat who is also very loving and friendly. He's longer haired, and he gets along well with his feline roommates, and likes belly scratches.

PLEASE NOTE: Our annual spring plant sale has been cancelled due to

** Volunteers wanted and needed! Stop by the shelter during our open hours to find out how YOU can help the animals! For a complete listing of animals available for adoption, visit: www.pawprints.petfinder.com.





Kevin E. Schultze, 67

Private family services for Kevin E. Schultze, 67, of Ceylon, MN, were held Saturday, May 2, 2020, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, MN. Burial followed the service in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wilbert. Kevin passed away Saturday, April 25, 2020,

at Mayo Clinic Health Systems- St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kevin Edwin Schultze was born on July 20, 1952, in Fairmont, MN, the son of Edwin and Delores (Allison) Schultze. He began his education attending parochial school at St. Paul's Lutheran Church School in Wilbert through the 8th grade. He then attended Ceylon High School graduating with the class of 1970. Kevin would go on to further his education attending Jackson Vo-Tech College focusing his studies on telephone communication. Upon completion of his degree, Kevin took a job with Automatic Electric in Lincoln, NE, in the fall

On July 22, 1972, Kev-

in was united in marriage to Kave Schmidt, together the couple made their home in Lincoln, NE, until the spring of 1977, when they returned to the family farm near Ceylon to farm. Kevin's passion for farming started at an early age and he began raising livestock when he purchased his first cattle at the age of 16. In his youth, he helped his dad raise grain and do field work and helped with the never-ending job of milking cows. In addition to helping on the farm, Kevin also worked at Stokely's in high school to earn enough money to buy a car. He took pride in a hard day's work and continued his life's work on the farm in addition to working for the telephone company until his health prevented him from doing so, retiring on July 20, 2018.

Kevin loved his family found and great joy in

spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. No matter how busy the day or how much work there was to be done, he made sure they all came first. When his kids were young, Kevin would race home from work, make sure chores were done, clean up and then could be found rebounding the basketball or pitching baseball's and softball's to Brent Heather and before heading off to a schoolboard meeting. He was proud of the accomplishments of his children and enjoyed attending and watching them at the many activates they were involved in. Grandpa Kevin as he came to be known when his grandchildren started to arrive cherished spending time with his grandchildren when they were young. As they became active in extracurricular events, Kevin made sure

he was at as many events as possible, attending basketball games, soccer games, gymnastics, hockey games, football games, baseball games, and track meets, and many others often in the same day even if it meant driving for hours to different locations.

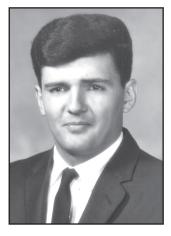
ferent locations. Kevin was active in the community, serving on the Ceylon School Board for many years and volunteering as a coach where he created special bonds with many of the athletes, many of whom still called him "Coach!" Kevin's competitive spirit was evident as he battled medical issues throughout his entire life, keeping a positive attitude and never complaining though in pain most days. His motto was, "It could always be worse!" You have truly earned your wings, our handsome husband, father and grandpa. Fly high!!

Je t'aime!

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Kaye Schultze of Ceylon, MN; children, Heather (Jason) Meade of Fairmont, MN, and Brent (Season) Schultze of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Brielle Meade, Emma Schultze, Evan Meade, Ellie Schultze, Nolan Schultze, and Jase Meade; siblings, Roger Schultze, Karen Erickson, Terry (Myranda) Schultze, Kris (John) Peterson, and Dennis (Gayle) Schultze; three sisters-in-law, as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Delores Schultze; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Melvin and Babe Schmidt; as well as other family.

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Merlin Christensen, 78

A private graveside service for Merlin Christensen, 78, of East Chain, MN, was held in Lakeside Cemetery. Merlin passed away Wednesday evening, March 18, 2020, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Merlin Nels Carl Christensen was born on August 22, 1941, in Fairmont, MN, the son of Otto S. and Radena C. (Hallstrom) Christensen. Merlin attended school in East Chain and graduated from East Chain High School with the class of 1959. He would go on to

further his education attending college at Mankato State College earning his degree in 1966 in Business Administration and Political Science. After working in Minneapolis, Merlin returned to farm with his father.

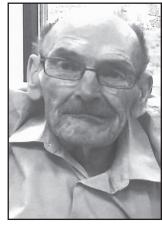
Merlin served his country proudly in the United States Army Reserve and received his honorable discharge.

Merlin loved life on

the farm and a hard day's work. He looked forward to the change of the seasons and the farm work that came with it. In his spare time, Merlin enjoyed nature, wildlife and the outdoors. He was concerned for the environment and preserving habitat for wildlife. He was a hunter and a member of Pheasants Forever and other conservation organizations.

Merlin will be remembered by many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Radena Christensen. He is survived by his cousins' children.

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Alvin B. Stubbe, 86

Alvin Bernie Stubbe, son of Ben and Anna (Schwartman) Stubbe, was born on December 16, 1933 on a farm near Canistota, South Dakota. Alvin was baptized and confirmed at the First Reformed Church in Monroe, South Dakota. The family moved to a farm place near Monroe, where Alvin attended Monroe Country School until the 8th grade. He then helped his father Ben on the farm.

Alvin was united in marriage to Elaine Mc-Martin on January 23, 1953 in Canistota. They lived on various farms in the South Dakota area, before moving to Jackson in 1969, farming for Charlie Johnson. Alvin was blessed with eight children. He worked at

Glasstite in Dunnell for 12 years, a VFW volunteer at the Jackson Speedway for 5 years and was the manager/caretaker at Riverside Cemetery in Jackson for 20 years.

Alvin was also very involved in the local AA, where he attended regular meetings, was a sponsor and a spokesperson. Alvin was admitted into the Good Samaritan Society in Jackson in February, where he passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020 at the age of 86 years, 4 months and 8 days. A private memorial service was held on April 30th with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Jackson. A

celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family online at OFH.Care.

Alvin was a hardworking, caring, and outgoing gentleman. He enjoyed attending the chuckwagon races at the Jackson and Spencer fairs, along with sprint car races at Jackson, Knoxville and the Nationals. Alvin's fondest memory at the Jackson races was bringing a driver back to the pits after going through the barn roof.

Alvin was fisherman and pheasant hunter. He took the occasional road trip to different casinos. In his down time, you would find Alvin sitting in his easy chair watching westerns, especially John Wayne. Alvin thrived on spending time with his family and friends at picnics and during the holidays. He cherished each and every moment he spent with his grandchildren. Family and friends of Alvin will have memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Alvin is survived by his sons: Bernie (Jan) Stubbe of Jackson, Ron Stubbe of Walnut Grove and David (Laura) Stubbe of Jackson; his daughters: Donna (Doug) Peters of Sherburn, Alice (Jim) Casper

of Orlando, Deb (John) Cornell of Canby and Diann (Gregg) Johnson of Plymoth; sisters: Ione Haddican of Marion and Arlene Helgager of Marion; 25 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; special friend Nina and her family.

Alvin is preceded in death by his parents Ben and Anna; daughter Denise; brothers Marvin and Vern; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Blessed be the memories of Alvin Bernie Stubbe.



Jan C. Donnelly, 65, Jan C. Donnelly of Al-

exandria, left this earth to join her Savior in heaven on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Alexandria Covenant Church in Alexandria for immediate family only. The service will live streamed on the Alexandria Covenant Church You Tube Channel or on their website. The service will also be broadcast for those in attendance in the parking lot by tuning into 105.3 FM

Private family interment will take place at

exandria, left this earth to Swedish Mission Cemjoin her Savior in heaven etery in Buffalo. western Bible College in moving to Alexandria in (Danica) Donnelly of Col-Roseville before attending 2019. Jan loved decorat- orado Springs, Colorado

A public visitation will be 3-6 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2020, at Alexandria Covenant Church and will continue one hour prior to the service, honoring social distancing.

Jan Carol was born on November 7, 1954, in Minneapolis and was blessed to be adopted as an infant by her loving parents, Kermit and Bernice (Wilkins) Holmquist. She grew up in Buffalo where she graduated from Buffalo High School in 1973. She furthered her education at North-

Roseville before attending cosmetology school. Following her education, she worked as a hairdresser at Dayton's in Southdale for many years. Jan was united in marriage to Gregg Donnelly on January 15, 1983, at the Buffalo Covenant Church. Following their marriage, she became a pastor's wife and served alongside her husband in Fairmont, where she also worked as a hairdresser. They moved to Fridley in 1987, Delano in 1998, and were at Maple Plain Community Church from January of 2000 until moving to Alexandria in 2019. Jan loved decorating and attended Dunwoody Institute to pursue a Degree in Interior Design. She enjoyed baking, cooking, working, and being near water especially swimming and kayaking. Jan was always actively involved in many activities in the churches they served.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Terry Holmquist and David Holmquist.

Jan is survived by her husband of 37 years, Gregg; two sons, David (Danica) Donnelly of Colorado Springs, Colorado and John (Kate) Donnelly of Minneapolis; daughter, Natalie (Peter) Gess of Maplewood; sister, Robin Martie of Arizona; five grandchildren, Oliver, Amelia, Skyler, Eliana and Owen; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Jan's name are preferred to Glenwood State Bank, 2221 S. Broadway St., Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

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DEATHS

April 26 - Jeffry P. Ross, 68, Sherburn. Kramer Fam- ily Funeral Home

April 29 - Connie J. Powers, 71, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Home

April 29 - Jan C. Donnelly, 65, Alexandria, MN (formerly of Fairmont). Lind Family Funeral and Cremation Service. www.lindfamilyfh.com April 30 - Dennis R. Marquardt, 76, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home

In Memoriam - One Year Ago

April 27 - LuAnn Pugsley Armitage, 63, Tracy, MN (formerly of Fairmont)

April 30 - Albert F. Gerhardt, 84, Fairmont May 2 - Gordon L. Johnson, 83, Fairmont

May 2 - Elaine H. (Cyphers) Cottew, 92, Fairmont May 3 - Rick A. Johnson, 58, Kensett, IA (formerly of Fairmont)

May 5 - Evelyn (Dolly) Poppe, 90, Trimont

The Photo Press reserves the right to edit (as necessary) any obituary that is submitted for placement. All obituaries must be submitted by noon Monday of the week it is to be placed. Any photos submitted must be in high resolution. Questions on the obit policy can be directed to Sherman Kumba at 238-9456 or editor@fairmontphotopress.com

IHD festival cancelled

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:

City of Fairmont, Olson Rentals, Fairmont Ford, Valero Renewables, Waste Management, Bolton & Menk, Kahler Automation, Dan's Appliance, Rosen's Inc, The Marina Lodge, Optimal Health & Chiropractic, Hometown Sanitation, Jake's Pizza, Investors Commodity Services-Roger Bloomgren, Fairmont Family Dentistry, P.A., Bank Midwest, Birch Street Den-Shear Radiance, Lund Chiropractic Clinic, Wireless World

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 Mayor Foster

How is the City of Fairmont thriving?

Our city is doing the best we can to meet the needs of our community. All city facilities have been closed to public access for quite some time. Many of our city hall employees have been working remotely and some have been in the building everyday. All city staff have been checking emails and listening to voice messages throughout the day. Our police department, water treatment plant, waste water treatment plant, electrical plant have been maintained 24/7 with no interrupted service to the community. Our parks and streets dept has continued to meet the needs of our community through the Stay at Home Executive Order.

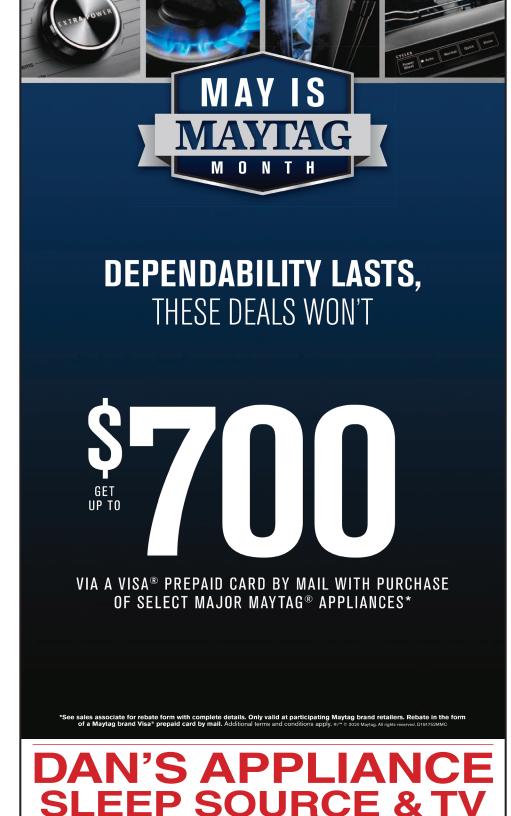
live. Our last 2 council meetings, council membeen remotely with audio and video connection but still televised live. It is important for the city council to lead by example and comply to the social distancing requirements, get city business done and continue to be transparour community. Technol-How has the city ogy has allowed businessand friends to stay con-

> How can the community help?

Can Your Mower

bers but was still televised the heartwarming acts of kindness, generosity and paying it forward to our bers and city staff have neighbors. Continue to support our small businesses that were deemed essential and able to offer limited services to their customers. We are all highly anticipating the day when our small businesses that were forced to close their doors are given ent and accountable to permission to open them once again. These small businesses are what make es, governments, families our community strong. Please continue to find every way possible to support these businesses and each other. We need everyone back and stronger Please continue with than before COVID-19.





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I wish I'd have hugged my mother more



wish I'd have hugged **⊥**my mother more.

I'm a hugger, but I didn't grow up in a family prone to hugging. Hugging was saved for visitations and funerals. If I saw family members hugging, I'd ask, "Who died?"

I'm not much for saying, "I wish I had." It's human nature to say, "I wish I'd gone to Bemidji State" or "I wish I'd have bought that 40 acres." It's wishing in vain. It's historical worrying. There's nothing we can do about the past other than learn from it. But I wish I'd have hugged my mother

I was proud when someone identified or introduced me as "Lucille's little boy Allen," even when they did so when I was 25 years old. Mom was a wonderful mother. I could put my heart on the table and know that she'd never step on it. be set aside from all other stories.

I remember when my father reached the point where pills had become a constant in his life. Dad had a weekly pill organizer that corralled his pills for each day of the week. Mom bought two of those because they were on sale. She didn't take any pills, so she put M&M's in hers.

My mother bragged about me. She'd say things like this about her most recent child: "Allen has always been smart. He was just a toddler when he grabbed an electric fence. No one had to tell him to let go."

Mom said things she apparently learned in Mom School. "Don't sit there like a bump on a log. Make vourself useful."

Mom took me to town (population 300) in the hopes of giving me an expanded world view. She'd tell me, "Take a jacket." I'd protest that it was 91°. She assured me weather changes. It had done so before.

"We may not have much money, but we wear clean underwear."

"Try not to get any blood on your good shirt."

'Where is the good scissors?" Nothing on earth had the ability to hide like the good scissors.

"If you fall out of that tree and break a leg, don't come running to me.'

"If nothing else works,

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many visitors to the farm. Mom said helpful things like, "She's my third cousin twice removed and she's my friend too."

Houdini claimed he was going to return from the dead. My mother said, "If I ever come back, it'll be in the daytime so I won't frighten you."

A mother can tell you all about yourself. I fell into the Le Sueur River frequently. It seemed nice, but it had a dark (and wet) side. My mother blamed my propensity for dropping into the creek on my Baptist genes. I was baptizing my-

I thought I saw a UFO. I couldn't even spell UFO. Who knows what it was? Maybe it was a prototype for a much-needed flying toaster. I reckoned it had traveled at 10,243 mph. My mother pretended to be-

gave her a painted rock and dandelions for Mother's Day. I think it was because I gave her a painted rock and dandelions for Mother's

Mother was Uber before there was Uber. She'd pick me up anywhere and drive me anyplace. She did Uber one better. She didn't charge me a cent.

Mom could fold a road map only one way - the wrong way. It would cause my father to sputter. Mother obtained a riding lawn mower. She didn't need a road map as she mowed the lawn as if it were a race track. Trees trembled at the mower's approach.

To Mom, a party was two people laughing at the same time. She called uncontrollable laughter finding a teehee's nest with a haha's egg in it. She never hosted a Tupperware party because TupperShe maintained there is a trace of everyone on every face. Everyone looked like someone else. "Doesn't he remind you of Ernie Borman?" she'd ask. I had to agree with her. I'd no idea who Ernie Borman was. Mom said, "I'm fine," even when she wasn't.

Teddy Roosevelt said,

"Comparison is the thief of joy." Mom agreed with that and thought happiness could be found in what we have.

My mother gave the world her smile. It's still there in my memory.

I should have hugged my mother more.

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We are feeling sad that we can't paint together, but that doesn't mean you can't paint at home. **Red Rock Center for the Arts** will be distributing 45 Mother's Day craft kits through curbside pickup beginning at 4 p.m. this Thursday, May 7th, until gone. Red Rock is located at 222 Blue Earth Ave. in

Fairmont. Each kit will contain everything needed to make mom a special gift for Mother's Day. All we ask is you share a picture of your completed project on Red Rock Center for the Arts Facebook page. Kits are free of charge, however a free will donation will be taken if you so choose.

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Smart Moves for Women Business Owners

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Of course, motherhood itself presents a major challenge. As a society, we have not achieved gender equity yet, in terms of family responsibilities, so mothers – even busy business owners - still face time constraints and interruptions from work to care

other's Day is just children, either - the Mupon us. If you're vast majority of caregiva mother, you'll enjoy the ers for elderly relatives recognition you get from are women, according to your family on this day. a study from Northwest-And given the health ern University. So, many concerns caused by the women business owncoronavirus, your ap- ers may be coping with preciation of family may multi-generational fam-

You can't change the have a difficult job. And demographic pressures many mothers also run you may face, but, as a business owner, you can another demanding task take some steps to help made even more difficult improve your financial outcomes. Here are a few ideas:

•Seek networking opportunities. You can find useful, and empathetic, allies in other women business owners, who may be able to direct you to valuable resources. To illustrate: Women's businesses often lack financial support to a greater degree than men's, and it is unfortunately not uncommon for women to for children. And it's not be denied loans because of gender and cultural biases. But if you be-

up in your business, you tions like a pension. may need to be extra diligent. You're already volatility.

for yourself? About one-

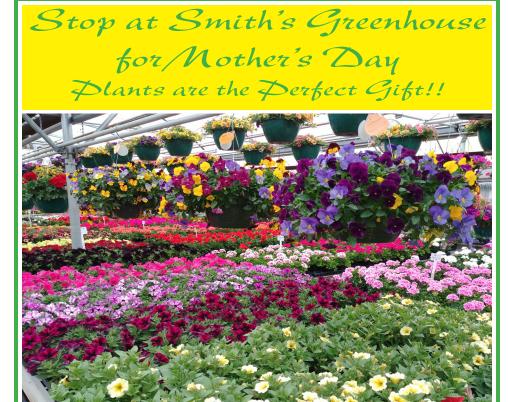
come active in a network third of business owners of women business own- haven't, and 40 percent ers, you could find some are not confident they leads to financial institu- can retire before 65, actions that have showed cording to data compiled themselves to be free of by SCORE, a nonprofit gender-based prejudic- organization that works with small businesses. Fortunately, you have •Be extra aware of in- several good retirement vestment risks. Everyone plan options, including should always be aware an "owner-only" 401(k), of investment risk, of a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA course, but if you have or even a solo defined most of your assets tied benefit plan, which func-

•Create a succession taking a fair amount of plan. You may need a risk by just having a busi-strategy for transferring ness, so you may need to or selling your business. balance this risk in your Do you want to keep the investment portfolio by business in the family? choosing the mix of in- If so, who do you want vestments that can help to take it over? Or would you move toward your you prefer to simply sell goals without subjecting it to someone else? Your you to excessive market decisions, whatever they are, will affect your financial picture and possibly •Establish a retire- that of your family, so you ment plan for yourself. will want to consult with Have you established a your tax, legal and finanretirement savings plan cial advisors to arrive at a plan that works best for your needs.

> You've got some twists and turns ahead of you on the road to financial security. But planning ahead, considering various possibilities and seizing your opportunities can help you smooth out the journey.

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Grant Boatman, Joyce Boatman, Michael J. Boatman, Brenda J. Ingvoldstad to Grant Boatman, Michael J. Boatman, Brenda J. Ingvoldstad, Subd. of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 4, Maple Grove Extension to Wards Central Addn.

Kathleen Leet, Robert Leet to Kathleen Leet, Robert Leet, Pt. Govt. Lot 1, NE¼, Pt. S½NE¼, Pt. N½NW¼, all 6-102-29; Pt. N½SE¼, 36-103-30, Pt. AP#30, SE¼, 30-

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

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

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2020 FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

MARTIN COUNTY

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

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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

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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

Martin County Board of Commissioners

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pictured was Grace Ho-LRH in May of 1970 and home.

Martin County Hospice honored its 31 volunteers, who had served over 4,000 hours over the short two year history of the local hospice.

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Martin County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment will be conducting a public hearing on May 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Martin County Commissioners Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue - Fairmont, MN. The following items will be on the agenda:

Variance Request from Elmer & Shirley Juhl within Section 31 of Fox Lake Township. The Juhls are proposing to build a three-stall garage to be attached onto an existing structure encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the East sideyard setback in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District on Fox Lake. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 30 feet from a sideyard setback in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recre-

Variance Request from Jeremiah & Alycia Johnson within Section 13 of Center Creek Township. The Johnsons are proposing to build a garage to be attached onto an existing house encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the centerline of the public right-of-way in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a 200 foot setback from the centerline of any public right-ofway for a new building site effective February 17, 2004 and one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way for existing building sites constructed before February 17, 2004. Existing building sites cannot further encroach closer than the nearest present building from the centerline of the road provided greater than 130 feet from the centerline in an "A" Agricultural District.

Variance Request (After-the-Fact) from Todd Thedens within Section 28 of East Chain Township. Mr. Thedens constructed a grain bin which is encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the centerline of the public right-of-way in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a 200 foot setback from the centerline of any public right-of-way for a new building site effective February 17, 2004 and one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way for existing building sites constructed before February 17, 2004. Existing building sites cannot further encroach closer than the nearest present building from the centerline of the road provided greater than 130 feet from the centerline in an "A" Agricultural District.

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Variance Request from Dianne Bettin within Section 5 of Waverly Township. Ms. Bettin is proposing to construct an addition onto an existing house encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the centerline of the public right-of-way in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a 200 foot setback from the centerline of any public right-of-way for a new building site effective February 17, 2004 and one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way for existing building sites constructed before February 17, 2004. Existing building sites cannot further encroach closer than the nearest present building from the centerline of the road provided greater than 130 feet from the centerline in an "A" Agricultural District.

Variance Request from Kevin Brockmann within Section 30 of Center Creek Township. Mr. Brockmann is proposing to build a hoop shed encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the Ordinary High Water Level from Center Creek in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 200 feet from a lake/protected water in an "SL-1" Shoreland Special Protection District.

Variance Request from Richard & Betty Wiederhoeft within Section 34 of Fox Lake Township. The Wiederhoefts are proposing to build a shed encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the South sideyard setback in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District on Fox Lake. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 30 feet from a sideyard setback in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District.

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

Pamela A. Flitter Martin County Zoning Administrator

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ife goes on in real ⊿estate as an essential service. It is not business as usual, but business is continuing. Everyone's focus is health and safety from the REALTOR®, to the buyers and sellers. We have all adjusted, while meeting the essential needs of the buyers and sellers.

Our REALTOR® Association recommends the following: pre-approval letters before showing properties to eliminate the 'just looking" buyers. Sellers are asked to leave all doors ajar and lights all on before a showing, eliminating the need for the REALTOR®, or the buyers, to touch the light switches while showing the property. Buyers and REAL-TORS° are using gloves/ hand sanitizer and masks/ scarves while looking at the home, and to be extra safe, the

REALTOR® should be the only one who touches anything. Also, kids nor extended family aren't recommended to be in the listed properties right now, only the decision makers.

In the middle of this COVID-19 pandemic, many sellers have been hesitant to put their home on the market. As a result, new listings have been scarce this spring, so it is a seller's market right now. There are many more buyers than available properties, so sellers are getting top dollar for their homes. We have also seen some properties with multiple offers.

If you've been thinking about listing your property, I hope the safety tips I have mentioned will give you some reassurance that the REALTORS® in our market are all doing their due diligence to keep everyone safe.

10 Tips for Selling **Your Home**

As a REALTOR®, I love being asked to walk through a home and give the seller tips for selling faster. It may require the seller to do some work, but in the end, they will reap the benefits. Here are some tips I would recommend:

Minimize 1) pack. Clear off surfaces like countertops, end tables, coffee tables, and your walls. Pack your collectibles, family heirlooms and knick knacks. Remember, you are moving and will need to pack them anyway so might as well start now before you list your home. Buyers get very distracted by your personal belongings, so it is best to keep things very minimal around the home. Ask the kids help you pack their toys. Put all toys in one central bin, or basket, to make it easier to pick up before a showing.

2) Open blocked pathways. If you have furniture blocking a pathway in your home, move your furniture around so they can walk freely through the home. Remember, there are usually 2-3 adults all walking together throughout your home. They need room to move.

Moving furniture around, or even minimizing the furniture, will help show how big the room is.

Open window blinds, curtains and drapes. Buyers want to see the condition of the windows, so do what you can to assist them. Plus, the natural light in the home always helps brighten the home and make it feel more inviting.

4) Replace burnt out light bulbs. If you have a bank of windows, or a ceiling fixture with the same bulbs, make sure they all work and match.

While you're replacing things, go ahead and replace batteries. Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, thermostats all need batteries. Buyers will test the to make sure they are good. Get them done now to give your buyer piece of mind.

If you have had water damage to ceilings and you fixed them a long time ago but never repainted, now is the time to do so. Water stains on ceilings are a major alarm for a buyer. Absolutely disclose the issue you fixed, but re-paint so that spot is not an eyesore.

7) Did you start a home improvement project but never finished? Now is the time to complete it. Most buyers today are looking for finished homes. Maybe you never got the trim around the windows or doors donemake sure that is done before you list your home. Also, make sure all electric outlets, light switches have plates. Secure or cap off any electric wires that

you're not using. Make sure to close out any old work permits with local officials as well so that they do not come up or create an issue during the closing process.

8) Clean, organize, then clean and organize again. A clean and organized home gives a great first impression to buyers inside your home. Top to bottom, clean to the best of your ability before pictures and then maintain that cleanliness for showings. Countertops, appliances (yes, buyers want to look in fridges and ovens), windows and mirrors, closets, every nook and cranny. Wash rugs and curtains. Dust mini blinds. Organize the basement and garage. Your goal is to make your home look like it has been maintained and loved. Oh! And put down your toilet lid for pictures and showings.

Detract the animals. I'm a major animal lover, but not everyone is. Whether it's the dog/cat dishes sitting around, the litter box that hasn't been cleaned, or the overall smell of animals in the house, animals (dogs, cats, birds, fish and reptiles) can be a major deterrent for buyers. Whatever you do, though, don't light a bunch of different scented candles to try and mask the smell. Try shampooing carpets, washing dog bedding, and cleaning the cat litter box. One or two candles of the same scent work best.

10) Add to your curb appeal. Clean out gutters, power wash the sidings and concrete, trim shrubs and trees, rake, put up new house numbers if they are faded or broken, new outdoor light fixtures, fresh mulch or landscape rock, a new welcome mat and some flowers will all give buyers a great first impression.

Now that you have all your chores done to prepare to sell, call your RE-ALTOR° to get listed now while buyers are shopping!

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The Diablo Sandwich

I'm not one to watch a lot of television but when I do get into a show, I really get into it. Maybe I avoid watching because I become addicted, or I am too easily influenced by the shows.

of the TV show, M*A*S*H see on the screen. when it originally aired for Just the oth

show. I would rush home to watch it at 5:30 on WOI-TV, channel 5. If I still had work to do at the office, I would go back. They ran two more episodes backto-back at 10:30, after the news and I seldom missed

My kids swear they grew up falling asleep to the sound of an incoming helicopter and the theme song for M*A*S*H. When the TV station changed their programming and stopped airing the show, I bought the VHS tapes, then the box set of all the episodes when it became available on DVD. Yes, I was and still am hooked on For example, I never the show. There's no doubt watched a single episode I am influenced by what I

Just the other day, eleven years. I didn't start I watched the episode watching until it became where the 4077th gets a a syndicated series of re- can of tomato juice by misruns in the mid 80's and take. When Colonel Potter I became hooked on the sees Radar with a glass of the deep red juice, he reminisces; saying he hadn't had tomato juice for years. Radar gave him the juice. The colonel drinks it and smiles, "Delisch. That really hit the spot, Radar."

Wanting to please his commander, Radar started weaving a web of deals to assure the colonel would get tomato juice every morning. When Radar presented the tomato juice to the colonel, Potter pushed it aside, "No thanks Radar. I like it, but it doesn't like me." The juice gave him a

After watching that episode, I went to the store and bought a big can of tomato juice as I hadn't had it for years. The first glass was mighty tasty, but now I have bunch left in the refrigerator.

TV shows aren't the only form of entertainment that can have an influence on me.

I was teenager on my motorcycle, racing down the alley alongside the Green Street parking lot, behind the movie theaters in downtown Ottumwa. I was speeding - going way too fast. A cop on Second street saw me, turned on his lights and came after me in his Dodge Diplomat police car. I was going to take off to ditch him, but then thought it would be better if I stopped.

Ron Tolle, an Ottumwa police sergeant, stood next to me, sitting on my bike. The badge pinned to the front of his dark blue hat with the rigid, shiny plastic bill reflected the

street light. He looked ten feet tall. "What's your hurry, Mr. Palen?" How did he know my name?

...I was scared...it doesn't really exist...I felt abandoned...

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