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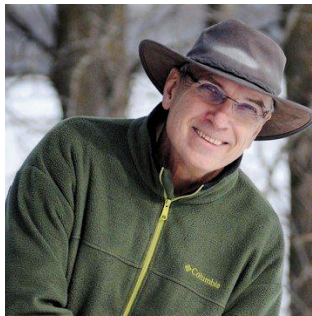
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## Naturally By Al Batt

The other side of the door sparked my curiosity. There lurked a chickadee and my lawn that thrives on benign neglect. I'm always thrilled to see a chickadee.

I heard it calling "beans." I watched a common night-hawk slice the sky above a ballpark in New Ulm and realized the bird had become an essential part of that baseball game.

### A bird bander married them

My son coached a girls' softball team. The players complained about being attacked by a bird as they warmed up before a game. It was a killdeer that first feigned injury, and when that didn't dismiss the in-

truders, it fluttered at them to protect her nest. No harm was done to girl or bird.

Keith Radel of Faribault told me this about Forest Strnad of Faribault, a late friend of ours who was a Methodist pastor and a bird bander. The bird Forest banded the most was a dark-eyed junco—over 10,000 banded. He banded 700 of Keith's bluebirds with two birds returning. A tree swallow, banded in one of Keith's nest boxes, returned seven years later to the same box in which it had hatched. Forest presided at Keith's wedding on a Friday the 13th, which was good luck.

### A money-grubbing crow

I've been involved with the American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) in Haines, Alaska, for many years. The ABEF secured a trickster crow that plucked a dollar bill from a willing visitor's fingers. Sadly, the crow developed seizures and never made it to Alaska. A raven will be trained to perform that dodge.

### Soaked, bouncing and concerned

Double-crested cormorants perch in the sun with wings spread to dry. They have less preen oil than other birds and their feathers

become soaked rather than shedding water like a duck's. That might aid hunting underwater.

The wood duck is the only North American duck that regularly produces two broods in one season. This is more common in southern latitudes due to the longer breeding season. The short interval between broods indicates a female's first one likely failed. The ducklings hatch with the ability to bounce.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has updated its list of Birds of Conservation Concern, a report mandated by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1988. The new report identifies 269 bird species, subspecies, or populations that represent high conservation priorities for FWS and deserve proactive attention. A few of the newly listed Birds of Conservation Concern that caught my attention are: yellow-billed cuckoo, chimney swift, lesser yellowlegs, belted kingfisher, bobolink, scarlet tanager and rose-breasted grosbeak.

### Q&A

"Do ticks fall from trees?" It's a myth like bug zappers are effective against mosquitoes, deer whistles rid the

roads of deer, electronic devices repel mice, and hedge apples (Osage orange fruit) or horse chestnuts discourage spiders. Ticks do climb while trying to find food (blood), but only to the height of the animal. They look close to the ground (grass) for mice and other rodents, and in bushes or tall grasses for larger mammals such as humans and deer.

"When do turtles lay their eggs?" Most of Minnesota's turtle species lay eggs in late May through June. Raccoons and skunks destroy nests by digging up the eggs. A turtle nest cage can be built to help protect them.

<https://wiatri.net/Inventory/WiTurtles/Volunteer/Images/ProtectingTurtleNests.pdf>

"Are those the same robins in my yard as last year?" There is about a 50% chance one of last year's nesting pair has returned, but only 25% of fledged robins survive until November.

"I didn't see many cardinals in Minnesota when I was a child. Was I looking in the wrong places?" Cardinals have expanded their range north into Canada taking advantage of moderate temperatures, human habitation and bird feeders.



There are OK crested flycatchers and there are good crested flycatchers, but this is a great crested flycatcher.

Photo by Al Batt

The growth of towns and suburbs across America has helped the cardinal expand its range. There is speculation the southern birds followed the railroad tracks north.

"What should I do if I find an injured bird?" Try to make the animal as comfortable as possible and call the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota at 651-486-9453. If you find an injured raptor, contact the University of Minnesota Raptor Center at 612-624-4745.

"What birds have more than one brood a year?" Here are some that commonly do: mourning dove, cardinal, robin, house spar-

row, eastern bluebird, house wren, eastern phoebe and barn swallow.

"Do deer eat milkweed?" People have told me they have had rabbits and deer eating their milkweed, but it's likely to be their favorite food. I watched a rabbit eat a leaf.

### Thanks for stopping by

"In nature, one never really sees a thing for the first time until one has seen it for the fiftieth."—Joseph Wood Krutch

"Destroying rainforests for economic gain is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal."—E.O. Wilson

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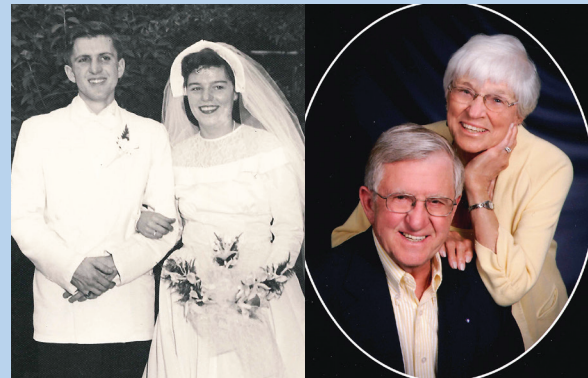
**GARRISONS' 25th** - Tyler and April Garrison of Fairmont will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on June 22nd. Cards will reach them at 520 Southwind Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**MYRTLE HEIFNER** will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 29th, 2021. Please bless Myrtle by sending a card to 118 Hornpipe Court, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**NASALROADS' 60th** - Jerry and Pat Nasalroad of Fairmont will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married June 24, 1961. Cards will reach them at 915 Lake George Place, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**GLADFELTERS' 72nd** - Paul and Cathie Gladfelter will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary on June 25th. The Gladfelters were married in Niagara Falls, New York. Cards can be mailed to 105 Eltinge Place, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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**DAVIS' 60TH** - Charles and Lois Davis will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 23rd. Cards can reach them at 1101 N North Ave Fairmont MN 56031.

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# Celebrating Culture in Martin County event, June 26th

Celebrating Culture in Martin County, in collaboration with the Red Rock Center for the Arts and COPAL Minnesota, are hosting a multicultural festival and vaccination clinic in downtown Fairmont on Saturday, June 26th from 2 p.m. to

6 p.m. The event is sponsored in part by a rural equity grant from the Blandin Foundation with support from University of Minnesota Extension and the Region Nine Development Commission. Other sponsors include El Agave Mexican Restau-

rant, Carlson Dental Office, AdMfg, and Culligan Water.

The event will include live music from Alma Andina, a Minneapolis-based group that combines traditional South American instruments with Latin rhythms, in-

cluding cumbia, salsa, and reggae styles. The event will also include \$5 food vouchers for the first 200 people who attend and activities for families.

The event organizers hope that this event will be a catalyst for more welcoming and inclu-

sive events and activities in Fairmont and Martin County. They hope that Celebrating Culture in Martin County will grow as an organization to meaningfully support all members of the community through interpretive services, connecting in-

dividuals with the right resources, and providing opportunities for historically marginalized and under represented communities to learn about and meaningfully participate in what happens in this community.

## Obituary Notices



### Eric-John Richard Niss de Jesus, 24

Erik-John Richard Niss de Jesus age 24, formerly of Mountain Lake, MN died on June 5, 2021, at Odo Beach, Okinawa Japan. Visitation will be on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 2 to 7 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mountain Lake. Funeral Service will be held at the Mountain Lake High School on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 4:30 pm. Military Honors will be provided by the US Marine Corps. Private Interment will be at the Butterfield City Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Sturm Funeral Home in Mountain Lake, MN. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.sturmfh.com](http://www.sturmfh.com).

Eric-John Richard Niss was born into this world on Wednesday November 6, 1996, at Windom Area Hospital, to Jessica Niss. His father, Marcos de Jesus, lived in Connecticut at the time of his birth. Soon after Eric was born, Marcos moved to Minnesota to help raise Eric-John. Jessica and Marcos made it their pledge to raise Eric-John as a united front, with love for him as their guide. Eric-John was baptized into Christ on Sunday December 22, 1996 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mountain Lake. His godparents Jaque, Jeremy, and Jada, stood witness along with Marcos and Jessica. Auntie Jaque, Uncle Jeremy, and Auntie Jada gave Eric-John their guidance, love, and support, all of his life.

Soon after Eric was born, Jessica married her high-school sweetheart, Jesse, and they set off to Fort Carson, Colorado, where Jesse was serving in the Army. Eric-John welcomed home three broth-

ers over the next 13 years, and he took great joy in being their older brother. Along with being Ethan, Eli, and Evan's older brother, Eric-John revered these boys as his best friends. The boys played hard and were the anchors, and life preservers, in each other's lives. They were each other's biggest fans, and also each other's biggest critics. "The Boys" will forever be their title. No names or situations need to be clarified, to know what that title stands for. "The Boys" stands on its own merit. Marcos moved back to Connecticut and married Patricia, and together they brought Fernando and Isabella into Eric's life. Eric-John's pride for these siblings was so great, and he adored having more people to love and protect. Eric-John would fly out to Connecticut and come back with wonderful stories; stories of time shared with his Connecticut family. He truly treasured the time he had with them. Marcos and Jessica both divorced their spouses and went on to remarry. Jessica married Bob Blom and, together, had Camille, and one son, Benjamin, whom was called home to heaven before his first breath. Eric shined in being a big brother to Camille, just as he had shined the day that Benjamin was born. Eric had tattooed "Long Live Benjamin" on his heart for the world to see. Eric-John taught Camille how to play the Ukulele and loved listening in on her violin lessons. Eric-John continually gave Camille encouragement and praise in the day-to-day things in life.

Bob's children Alex and Kaila, from his previous marriage, gave Eric even more siblings to pull into his protective care. Eric-John loved Alex and Kaila and checked in about them by asking me about them continually. Marcos married Jennifer and gave Eric-John a new sister, Clara. Eric loved bragging how smart Clara was and how much he loved to spoil her with attention. He adored that baby girl. Jesse had raised and loved Eric-John from the day he was born, and his love and encouragement for Eric-John never stopped. When Jesse and Carolyn met and

eventually married, Carolyn took Eric-John into her heart like he was her very own, just as she had with all of the boys. Eric always was, and always will be, the 1st child to make us adults into parents. We learned so much from him, and he was our pride and joy. Some might think Eric-John had a messy family life; the mess never stopped the love, though. Eric-John taught us that what we have is a life that has no need for dividing lines. Eric-John was the bridge and our solvent in being one big family. Eric-John enjoyed taking care of others and this planet. His love for the planet was evident in his choices from early on. He would pick up trash from the ground at a very young age, and say "mama, this will hurt mother-earth."

Eric-John lived in many States and traveled to different parts of the world, all under the age of 10. He was fascinated with meeting new people, and letting others know that they were important. Eric didn't fit into any mold; he just loved people. Period. Eric never seemed hurried, or made you feel rushed, when he was talking and spending time with you. Eric-John was fully present and was intently careful of giving you his full and undivided attention. He made you feel like you were the only person that mattered, and that he had all the time in the world to devote to you. Eric-John was confirmed in his faith on Sunday May 10, 2009. His statement of Faith spoke about loving others, like Christ loves us. Eric-John walked that walk, in all of his days.

Eric-John was inducted into the National Honor Society on November 14, 2014. His dear teacher, Mrs. Syverson, spoke of Eric-John's dedication to excellence in how he studied, and the respect that he showed to his elders and to his peers. This honor was the first of many distin-

guished moments that Eric was recognized as being someone that held others in high regard. Eric-John decided to add 'de Jesus' to his name before he graduated from High School. His wish was to bring honor to his dad and his de Jesus family, by taking their name. Eric-John wanted their name on every important accomplishment of his life. He was setting off on his own, in the world soon, and he was hoping to do great things. He wanted his dad to be connected to those moments, in name and in pride. During his years at Mountain Lake High School, Eric-John enjoyed playing xylophone, and loved the challenges that the FFA (Future Farmers Association) gave him. Eric-John was part of a team of four classmates, that made it to The National FFA Convention, 2 years in a row. They SHINED at the convention and brought honor to Mountain Lake High School. Eric-John lettered in varsity football. Eric-John was a self-proclaimed "non-star athlete", but he gave his team all he had. He loved being part of that brotherhood. Eric-John joined his brothers Ethan and Eli, in the One-Act play titled "Blues". He was in the background, dealing with sound. He revealed in being a part of something that highlighted his brothers' on-stage talents. Eric-John was chosen to take part in a Music Listening contest. He would study classical music and then he, and a few other chosen students along with Mr. Jahnke, took their knowledge of classical music and competed against other schools. Only a few can truly comprehend the brain power that must have taken. Eric-John was greatly challenged, and challenges were his fuel for life.

Eric-John expressed his goal, when he was a freshman, to work hard so that he would be ac-

cepted into the University of Minnesota. A dear family friend, Rod Hamilton, took Eric-John on a tour of the campus. Eric-John applied to many schools, to see just how high he could go. Eric-John's pride soured when Yale sent him an acceptance letter, along with a sizable scholarship. The University of Minnesota, also, sent Eric-John an acceptance letter along with a scholarship. Eric-John graduated, with High Honors, from Mountain Lake High School on May 15, 2015. Eric went on to study at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. He had earned acceptance into the Honors Program. Along with his college courses, he used his passions and time to serve at the Animal Humane Society St. Paul, and the Minnesota Zoo. He also worked as a security detail for the U of M campus. His job as a security detail was one that had him accompanying anyone to their dorm building, to help them feel safe and secure.

His love for conservation and all things that lived - people, plants and animals alike - was evident in the lack of sleep he would endure between his college studies and the shifts he worked. He would call and sound so tired. He explained his tiredness was caused by the 1-2 hours of sleep he had gotten, but he was pushed to make it known how important these places were to him. He showed dedication to his studies and his jobs by always "showing up" no matter the physical or mental strain. Eric-John was given the opportunity to study abroad while he attended the U. He traveled to Japan for 3 weeks and studied art. He expressed how lovely Japan's culture and surroundings were, and he hoped to go back one day. Eric-John graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota in December 2018. Some

might remember that Eric-John walked in the 2018 Spring Commencement, on May 11, 2018. The program that was handed out to everyone in attendance of that Commencement stated "Eric-John R. Niss de Jesus: Graduating with Distinction, B.S in Animal Science." This was printed before he had even completed his thesis or his internship; it was printed 7 months before he actually fulfilled all of his graduation requirements. The graduation board knew Eric-John well enough to trust, without any doubt, that he was going to finish the job. His work ethic, and dedication to excellence, earned him the trust of his professors and U of M administration. As Eric-John's grandpa Jerry would say, "the proof is in the pudding."

Eric-John dedicated himself to the United States Marine Corps and set off for boot-camp on February 24, 2019. He had only given himself a few moments between completing college, to putting his feet on the yellow footprints at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, for the most intense physical and mental test of his life. In his own words, he wanted to "test his metal." One of Eric-John's greatest emotional hurdles, before leaving, was saying goodbye to Macy, our Golden Lab. Eric-John took great care of Macy and entrusted her to us when he left for college. In college, he was close enough to visit any time he wanted, and the thought of not having that freedom was wearing heavily on him, as he was approaching boot camp. In his own words, "I just don't want anything to happen to her while I'm gone. I want her to live a long happy life." Eric-John's greatest joy was FaceTiming and watching Macy fetch her ball and

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play. He would comment on how white her coat was getting. He was nervous that she wouldn't make it until he got home to have a game of fetch with him. Macy loved hearing his voice over the phone; she would cock her head to one side trying to understand why she could hear him, but not see him. Macy loved our boy and our boy loved her.

Throughout Eric-John's time in the Marine Corps, he had moments of sheer brilliance. Eric-John was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate from MP school, along with receiving a Certificate of Commendation from Colonel Rizzo. The most recent accolade was when Eric-John received a NAM award, recognizing his efforts to save another Marine's life. Here is what Eric-John wrote on his Facebook page after receiving his NAM award, "Was honored enough to receive a Nam today. I'm blessed enough to have a career that I find honorable and meaningful. I am able to render aid and assist and serve those around me, which is what I wanted out

of the Corps. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a job where the fruits of their labor can be reaped so visibly. This award is bitter-sweet, but the event has formed me into the MP and Marine I am today. A lesson I plan to take with me as I continue my time in the Gun Club. Yut."

Eric-John shared a letter that he had received from Brigadier General W. J. Bowers, which read: "Corporal Niss de Jesus, Congratulations on your well-deserved selection into the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Program! Selection for the Marine Corp Enlisted Commissioning Program is rigorous and exceptionally competitive; you can be justifiably proud in the knowledge that only the best are selected. You are a proven leader of Marines, and the quality of your dedication to our core values is matched only by your work ethic, both of which directly led to the major career milestone. Congratulations once again...we send my very best wishes for your continued career success." Semper Fi~ W. J. Bowe Brigadier General. U. S. Marine Corps Commanding General Marine Corps

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The shining moments that stand out the most, though, were in the last moments of Eric-John's life. Saturday, June 5, 2021, Odo Beach, Okinawa Japan. Eric-John and a few of his Marine buddies had the weekend off, so they set out to spend as much time on the beach and in the water, as possible. They had visited Mermaids Grotto the day before and looked forward to letting loose in the water again on Saturday. In the words of his buddies, "Eric-John was swimming around, pointing out different kinds of coral and fish. He kept popping up out of the water saying, Did you see that?!" They described his mood as "giddy". Eric-John was truly soaking in all that the waters had to offer. His fascination and knowledge of everything made it all the more exciting for everyone else. His fever for life was a true force of why he was so easy to love. Eric-John's fellow Marine buddies shared the moments right before he was lost to the fierce force of the great waters. They expressed what a strong leader he was, and that his concern for their safety was evident in his encouraging words

and his expressed determination that they needed to keep fighting. As Eric-John was fighting for his own life, he kept checking in with them and encouraging them to fight hard to survive. In his last moments, it was evident that their safety was of his utmost concern. Eric-John left this world taking his charge as the big brother, quite seriously, looking after everyone around him. Eric-John was called to his heavenly home too soon, in respect to the 24 years he was here on Earth. But, to God, Eric-John's work here was done. Eric-John rose to the call, and left us with a legacy of kindness, generosity, and unconditional love towards all people and all things of this planet. Eric-John entered into peace, living a life well-lived. It is sure fact, that for those of us here on earth, we will feel the void of Eric-John's presence; heavy and sure.

So, until we meet again, Eric-John's legacy will live on in our hearts, and the bar he set so very high will be our new bar to reach, in everything we do.

Eric-John is preceded in death by his baby brother Benjamin Robert, and many beloved

Great-Grandparents. Eric-John is survived by: \*Great-Grandparents: Marie Milne (d. Richard Milne), Don and Carolyn Reitz.\*\*Grandparents: Manuel and Blanca de Jesus, Jerome and Kim (Reitz) Niss, Glen and Barbara (Milne/Niss/Kabe) Miller, Russ and Nance (Meade) Kunkel, Dean and Jennifer (Olson/Ennenga) Karschnik, Char (Hoffert) Karschnik, Lyle and Andrea (Norell) Blom, and Bob and Audrey Wornson.\*\*\*Parents: Bob and Jessica (Niss/Karschnik) Blom, Marcos and Jennifer (Pfitscher) de Jesus, and Jesse (Kunkel) and Carolyn (Wornson) Karschnik. Siblings: Ethan (fiancée Anna Miels), Fernando, Eli, Isabella, Alex, Kaila, Evan, Camille, and Clara. Aunts and Uncles: Jon and Heather (Kunkel/Karschnik) Gerdes, Pete and Sandy (de Jesus) Dolan, Jeremy and Jennifer (Holmstadt) Niss, Tony and Anne (Kunkel) Christianson, Korey and Jaquelynne (Niss) Radtke, Clint and Jenna (Kabe) Marcy, Erika de Jesus (partner Herman Detwiler), Kin-dra (Miller) Moudry, Kari Karschnik, Dustin (Miller) Lynch, Tim Wornson, Brad and Kari (Wornson) Peter-

son, Dan and Jasmin (Ennenga) Seppanen, Gary and Amanda (Paulson) Blom, Tom Wornson, Eric and Abby (Ennenga) Ahmann, Randy and Shawna (Wornson) Vancura, Georgi Wornson (partner Thad Diedrich)Special Friend: Renee Garza, Eric-John has many, many cousins that looked up to him as a friend and a role-model. He has several Great-Aunts and Great-Uncles, in the US, Bolivia, and Portugal, who cheered Eric-John on and loved seeing where he was challenging himself and how he was enjoying life.

All of his Marine family, which is too vast to count in numbers, will continue to keep Eric-John's memory alive, through their dedication to service and work ethic. The Marines are an elite family that will always consider Eric-John as a fellow Marine, forever and a day. In a nut shell, Eric-John will be dearly missed by all those who love him. To know him, was to love him.....In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley or <<https://thefallenoutdoors.com/minnesota/>>



Thomas J. Rippentrop, 80

Funeral services for Thomas J. Rippentrop, age 80, of Fairmont, MN, were held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont with military hon-

ors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Blue Earth, MN.

Tom passed away on Wednesday morning, June 16, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Thomas James Rippentrop was born on October 9, 1940, in Delavan, MN. He was the son of Benard "Ben" and Alice (Ites) Rippentrop. Tom graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1960. On

September 23, 1960, Tom enlisted in the Army. He earned his honorable discharge on September 20, 1963, after achieving the rank of SP5.

On November 26, 1961, Tom was united in marriage to LaVon Ahrens at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blue Earth, MN. This union was blessed with two children, Terry and Troy. The couple resided in San Francisco, CA, while Tom was in the service. After his discharge, Tom and LaVon moved to Blue Earth where Tom worked at Kuyper Implement before moving to Fairmont where he began working at Case Power and Equipment in parts and sales. In 1969, Tom

was promoted to Store Manager of the Marshall, MN, location where he remained for seven years. He later worked as the manager of Minnesota Valley Ford Tractor in Mankato until the store was sold, at which time he and LaVon moved to Fairmont where he operated Rippentrop Implement. Tom returned to Case Power and Equipment in Fairmont which later merged and became Case I.H. Tom ended up working for Case for over thirty-six years before his retirement.

Tom was a long-time member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont as well as the Lee C. Prentice American Le-

gion Post 36. During his free time, Tom enjoyed tending to his garden, attending races at the Fairmont track on a regular basis while his sons still lived in town, as well as having a love for carpentry including building a 3-season porch on the house. Tom was known as an "ace" mechanic and could fix just about anything. Most recently, Tom enjoyed keeping a watch on farm commodities and markets and most loved spending time with his family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, LaVon Rippentrop of Fairmont, MN; sons, Terry Rippentrop of Ellendale, MN, and

Troy Rippentrop and his wife, Amy Anderson, of Roberts, WI; grandchildren, Matthew Rippentrop, Elise Rippentrop, and Hattie Jo Rippentrop; brother, Bob Rippentrop of Granite Bay, CA; sister, Ida Haugen of Lake Mills, IA; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Along with his parents, Ben and Alice Rippentrop, Tom was preceded in death by his brothers, Ray Rippentrop, and Alvie Rippentrop; and sisters, Gen Davis, Iona Willner, Dorothy Willner, and Ruthie Rippentrop.

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Darla Mae Grefe, 91

Funeral Service for Darla Mae Grefe, age 91, of Fairmont, MN was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Those wishing to view a

live stream of the service may do so at [www.splfairmont.org](http://www.splfairmont.org) Burial followed the service at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Truman, MN. Darla Mae was called to her heavenly Home on Friday, June 18 at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Memorials are preferred to the H&D Grefe Scholarship Fund at St. Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont, Martin Luther High School, the Martin County Historical Society or Heritage Acres. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Darla Mae was born February 19, 1930 to Albert and Lydia (Cook)

Wohlrabe, at their farm near Amboy, Minnesota. She was baptized on March 16, 1930, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Amboy. She attended Pleasant View School District #80, located across the road from her home. Her family moved to Truman during summer 1943. She was confirmed April 30, 1944 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. She graduated from Truman High School May 1948. Darla Mae studied at the College of Medical Technology, Minneapolis, to become a Medical Technician. After receiving her diploma in 1949, she worked for Drs. Thayer, Wandke and Kraemer in

Fairmont. She married Herman Grefe on June 9, 1951 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. They settled in Fairmont, becoming members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where she sang in choir, was involved in her children's school activities and belonged to the Charity Club. She was active in the Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary, American Red Cross Bloodmobile and American Heart Association. She loved to garden, sew, travel with her husband and spend time with her family.

Darla Mae is survived by children Juleen (Neal) Breitbarth of Truman, Laurel (Lee) Engquist of

Northfield and Thomas (Mary) Grefe of Nicollet; grandchildren Adam (Lisa) Breitbarth, Michael Breitbarth, Rebekah (Noah) Rogness, Andrew (Christa) Engquist, Katie (Joe) Henefield, Seth Grefe, Ethan (Becky) Grefe, Joshua Grefe, Caleb Grefe and Jacob (Alexa) Grefe and great-grandchildren, Lydia, Samson, Jonah and Gabriel Rogness, Noelle Engquist, Emerson and Adeline Henefield and Isaac and Noah Grefe, with 2 more due this year, sisters-in-law, Martha (Grefe) Broscheit and Sharon Grefe, plus cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Herman, in 2008, parents, Albert and Lydia Wohlrabe, great-grandson, Mitchell Breitbarth, brothers, Lawrence (Roberta), Elmer (Helen), sisters, Alberta (Harold) Rademacher and Alice Wohlrabe, Grefe brothers-in-law, Paul (Esther & Wilma), Erhardt (Bonnie), Fred (Susie), Bill, Raymond (Joan) and sisters-in-law, Lucia (Elmer Boesch & Craig Colston), Marie (Albert) Nolting and Clarine (Gary) Hendrickson.

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## MARTIN COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB INC. CONSERVATION UPDATE

The Covid 19 mandates and restrictions caused the cancellation of our 2021 annual banquet usually held in late February. In its place we held a Members Raffle in conjunction with our annual membership drive. Three or four very nice guns were given away along with many other valuable prizes. Our net profit was surprisingly good, just shy of what we usually did with banquets in the past. Proceeds from this raffle and previous banquets are used for donations to charitable conservation related organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, local high school trap teams, MN DNR, Martin County Soil and Water, Let's Go Fishing, Dollars for Scholars scholarship, Fairmont Lakes Foundation and others. Thanks to all of our Sponsors, Donors and members who make our

charitable fundraising the success it's been.

Our two Conservation Partners Legacy grants expire on June 30, 2021 with the finishing project at Center Creek WMA being completed. It is a gated crossing at the railroad tracks allowing only the DNR and the local farmer to cross by vehicle. Pedestrian traffic is allowed around the ends.

The T and J Maday family donated a used (very good condition) purple martin house to the MCCCCI this spring and it was moved and installed at Amber Lake Park by club volunteers and the Park Department. It was immediately occupied by several martins. (See picture). We now have donated four T-14 martin houses to the city of Fairmont and the martins appear to be increasing their

populations at those locations which is our goal.

The exciting project this spring was the purchase of ~15 acres of mixed uplands and a wet meadow from Bruce and Linda Thiesse. This parcel is directly west of our 45 acres known as "Peters Prairie" on the north side of N. Silver Lake and will be developed for wildlife habitat.

Memberships to the MCCCCI are available at Sommer Outdoors and at meetings which are the second Tuesday of the month at our park on the south shore of N. Silver Lake.

The 2022 annual banquet is planned for February 26, 2022 at Martin Luther School in Northrop. Hope to see you there.



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## Ag Update:

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#### JUNE 10 WASDE REPORT CONFIRMS TIGHT CORN SUPPLY

The USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) Report released on June 10 lowered corn ending stocks and increased soybean carryout numbers from the May estimates. The number of 2020 planted corn and soybean acres, the national average yields, and the estimated total 2021 production of both crops were unchanged from the May estimates. The downward adjustment in the corn ending stocks was greater than was expected by most grain marketing analysts and the increase in soybean supplies surpassed the expectations of most grain traders.

Most grain marketing analysts generally viewed the June WASDE Report as somewhat "bullish" for the corn market and generally "bearish" for soybeans; however, there is a high degree of uncertainty for both crops. The price projections in the WASDE Report are for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 marketing years. The marketing year for 2020-21 began on September 1, 2020, and ends on August 31, 2021, and the 2020-21 marketing year ends begins on

September 1, 2021, and ends on August 31, 2022. In the first few days since the June WASDE Report, Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) soybean futures have been down sharply and corn futures have been mixed.

#### Following are some highlights of the June 10th USDA WASDE Report:

##### CORN

USDA decreased the corn ending stocks by 150 million bushels for the current 2020-21 marketing year, which ends on August 31, 2021. This decrease was based on a projected increase of 75 million bushels each in corn used for ethanol production and in 2020-21 corn export levels, primarily being driven by strong export demand for U.S. corn by China.

The projected corn ending stocks for 2020-21 are estimated at 1.107 billion bushels, which would be at the lowest level since 2012-13. The 2020-21 corn ending stocks estimate compares to 1.92 billion bushels in 2019-20, 2.19 bushels in 2018-19, and 2.14 billion bushels in 2017-18. The projected tight corn supply for the balance of the 2020-21 marketing year is likely to maintain strong support for "old crop"

corn prices. Farmers with some of last year's corn still in storage will want watch for rallies in local cash corn bids in the coming weeks to take advantage of the very favorable cash corn prices.

USDA kept the projected total estimated 2021 U.S. corn production at 14.99 billion bushels, which was the same as the May WASDE Report. The 2021 estimate compares to 14.18 billion bushels in 2020, 13.6 billion bushels in 2019, and 14.4 billion bushels in 2018. The current record U.S. corn production of 15.15 billion bushels in 2016.

The projected U.S. corn yield in the June Report for 2021 is a record yield of 179.5 bushels per acre, which is the same as the May estimate. The 2021 yield projection compares to other recent national average corn yields of 172 bushels per acre in 2020, 167.4 bushels per acre in 2019, 176.4 bushels per acre in 2018, and the previous record yield of 176.6 bushels per acre in 2017.

The WASDE Report projects 2021 planted corn acres in the U.S. at 91.1 million acres and harvested acres at 83.5 million acres, which compares to harvested acres of 82.5 million acres in 2020 and 81.3 million in 2019. Based on the increase in U.S. corn acreage and the expected record national average

corn yield, USDA is projecting a slight increase in the corn ending stocks by the end of the 2021-22 marketing year on August 31, 2022, as compared to 2020-21 carryout levels. The 2021-21 carryover is estimated at 1.357 billion bushels which was a decrease of 150 million bushels from the May estimate and is quite tight compared to June estimates in recent years.

Many analysts anticipate that the total 2021 U.S. corn acreage and harvested acreage will be adjusted upward in the June 30 USDA Crop Acreage Report, which could increase future corn supply estimates and put downward pressure on "new crop" corn prices. Of course, the other "wild card" on the corn production side is the worsening drought conditions in many portions of the Northern Corn Belt, which could strengthen corn prices.

The June 10 WASDE Report left the projected average U.S. "on-farm" corn price for the 2021-22 marketing year at \$5.70 per bushel, which is unchanged from the May estimate. USDA also left the 2020-21 corn price unchanged from the May estimate at \$4.35 per bushel. The most recent USDA corn price projections are considerably higher than the final national average corn prices of \$3.56 per bushel for 2019-20, \$3.61 per bushel in 2018-19, and \$3.36 per bushel for 2017-18.

The current expected corn prices for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 marketing years would result in no estimated PLC payments in either year for the FSA farm program on corn base acres. Produc-

ers in counties that had reduced corn yields in 2020 could potentially see a small 2020 corn ARC-CO payment. Corn price movements have been mixed since the June 10 report. Local cash corn prices in Southern Minnesota remain near \$6.50 per bushel at many locations, with "new crop" corn bids near \$5.50 per bushel.

##### SOYBEANS

Based on the June 10 WASDE Report, the projected soybean ending stocks for 2020-21 were increased by 15 million bushels. The updated 2020-21 estimated soybean carryout level of 135 million bushels is still well below the carryover levels of 525 million bushels in 2019-20, nearly 1 billion bushels in 2018-19, and 438 million bushels in 2017-18. USDA unexpectedly decreased the soybean crush level for the current year by 15 billion bushels in the June estimates; however, soybean exports remained unchanged for 2020-21.

The soybean ending stocks for 2021-22 are now estimated at 155 million bushels, which is also an increase of 15 million bushels from the May estimate; however, it should be noted that the 2021-22 ending stocks figure includes a decrease of 205 million bushels in soybean exports from the current 2020-21 export levels. The U.S. soybean export levels have largely been driven by significant soybean sales to China, which have not shown any signs of slowing down at this point.

One "wild card" in the WASDE soybean estimates for 2021-22 may be the 2021 U.S. soybean production level. USDA left the 2021 planted soybean acres at 87.6 million acres and projected U.S. average soybean yield at 50.8 bushels per acre, which are the same as the May estimates. Some experts feel that U.S. soybean acreage could be increased significantly in the June 30 USDA Crop Acreage Report and that the national average soybean yield may be adjusted upward in future months, if there

are favorable growing conditions this Summer in many portions of the Midwest. Of course, further development of drought conditions over a large area of the region could also reduce the anticipated 2021 total U.S. soybean production and potentially strengthen "new crop" soybean prices in the coming months.

The June 11 WASDE Report estimated the average U.S. "on-farm" soybean price for the 2021-22 marketing year at \$13.85 per bushel, which the same as the May estimate. USDA is now estimating the average soybean price for the 2020-21 marketing year, which ends on August 31, 2020, at \$11.25 per bushel, which is also the same as the May estimate. The latest USDA soybean price projections are considerably higher than recent national average soybean prices of \$8.57 per bushel for 2019-20, \$8.48 per bushel for 2018-19, and \$9.33 per bushel for 2017-18.

Soybean prices have been sharply lower since the June 10 WASDE Report was released. Nearby CBOT soybean futures were trading \$14.80 per bushel on the morning of June 14, which was about \$.80 per bushel lower than a week earlier. November "new crop" soybean futures were trading at just above \$14.00 per bushel. Cash soybean prices at local grain markets also declined by nearly \$.80 per bushel from June 7 to June 14; however, "old crop" prices are still above \$14 per bushel at many locations.

New crop soybean prices in Southern Minnesota were generally \$13.00 to \$13.50 per bushel on June 14, as compared to near \$8.15 per bushel in mid-June of 2020.

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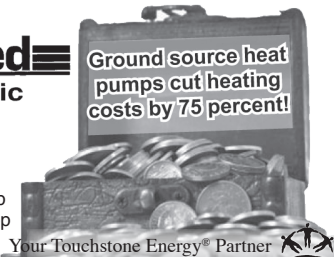
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# HELP PROTECT MN WATERS FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Did you know; MN law requires docks and boat lifts to be out of the water for at least 21 days before putting them in another body of water. When removing boats, docks, lifts, or other water related equipment from lakes and rivers, carefully inspect everything to make sure there are no aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, or any aquatic vegetation attached.

Look on the posts, wheels, and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons, and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. In newly infested waters, adult zebra mussels

may not be abundant and you might notice only a few mussels on your equipment.

Aquatic Invasive Species can easily hitch a ride attached to equipment or in water, within the framework of the equipment. These areas are not easily seen or drained. Young zebra mussels, called veligers, are not visible with the naked eye. They can be easily transported in water not noticed.

If you hire a business to install or remove your boat, dock, or lift, or other water related equipment, make sure they have completed AIS training and are on the DNR's list of Permitted Service Providers. Lake service providers that have completed DNR training and obtained their service provider

permit will have a permit sticker in the lower driver's side corner of their vehicle windshield. They have attended training on AIS laws and many have experience identifying invasive species.

If you plan to move a dock, lift or other water equipment from one lake or river to another, all visible zebra mussels, faucet snails, and aquatic plants must be removed whether they are dead or alive. You may not transport equipment with prohibited invasive species or aquatic plants attached. The equipment must be out of the water for 21 days before it can be placed in another waterbody.

Early detection and responding quickly to new AIS infestations are critical to help slow the



**Photo: Zebra mussels attached to underwater support bars from a boat lift. The lake in which this boat lift was removed from is not known. Not from Martin County.**

spread into other waterbodies. If you think you have discovered an invasive species that has not already been confirmed in your lake, note the exact

location, take a photo and contact Martin Soil and Water Conservation District or the area MN DNR aquatic invasive species specialist. Many different

invasive plants and animals harm MN waters. Learn how to identify aquatic invasive species.

## USDA Announces Increase to Certain Incentive Payments for Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is increasing incentive payments for practices installed on land enrolled in the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is upping the Practice Incentive Payment for installing practices, from 5 percent to 20 percent. Additionally, producers will receive a 10 percent incentive payment for water quality practices on land enrolled in CRP's continuous signup. FSA administers CRP on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Under continuous CRP, producers can enroll environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices with sign-up available at any time. FSA automatically accepts offers provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels

do not exceed the number of acres FSA is allowed to enroll in CRP, which was set by the 2018 Farm Bill.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended primarily to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marks its 35-year anniversary this month. Program successes include:

- Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;
- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95% and 85%, respectively;

- Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;
- Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times; and

- Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds.

The successes of CRP contribute to USDA's Agriculture Innovation Agenda and its goal of reducing the environmental footprint of U.S. agriculture by half by

2050. Earlier this year, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the Department-wide initiative to align resources, programs, and research to position American agricul-

ture to better meet future global demands.

For more information on CRP, visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov), or contact your local FSA county office.

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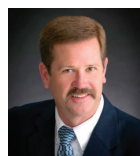
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# WELL SEALING

## Something of beauty to a farmer

Guest Columnist



Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



Sealing an abandoned well is one of the most effective ways of protecting our groundwater. If left unsealed, the old well acts as a direct channel to the groundwater. Most rural acreages rely on groundwater for their drinking water. When a well needs to be replaced, a new one is drilled and the old well needs to be sealed up. Acreages that have been abandoned also have old wells that are no longer in use. If you have an old well that needs to be sealed, the Martin SWCD has cost-sharing for that. Cost-share will pay 50% of the cost of sealing the old well up to a \$1,000 maximum. As an example, if it costs \$500 to seal a well, cost-share will reimburse the landowner \$250. Likewise, if it costs \$3,000 to seal a well, a landowner will be reimbursed the maximum cost-share allowable of \$1,000. Contracts need to be approved prior to sealing a well. If you have questions, or want to apply for cost-share, contact the Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680 ext 4.

I met a Canadian farmer in a gym when on a winter vacation in Arizona several years ago. The meeting grew into a friendship that has grown even stronger during this COVID pandemic. Both of us have been practicing on-the-farm isolation, he and his wife on the plains of Saskatchewan and us in Minnesota. However, even with the pandemic the farming year goes on. That has been the helpful connection.

We send text pictures and notes back and forth and update each other as to what is happening in the farming operations at this time. What makes it so interesting is the way they farm is completely different. Is operation involves thousands of acres on which they raise durum wheat, lintel beans and canola.

They practice a "one pass" system of planting wherein a giant tractor pulls a massive drill onto which a seed tender, fertilizer unit, and a sprayer are pulled in unison. They plant directly into the last year stubble and do no tillage.

Every farmer that I know would enjoy learning about such farming. That is the reason that the pictures of his operation, including his many giant combines during harvest, are so meaningful. I return pictures of our operations and crops.

I thought of this friend twice with the last few days. It is a beautiful time of year with the growing crops changing the look of the countryside almost daily. The first was when viewing the far-reaching dark green corn field which seemed endless as it disappeared

into the distance. A summer sky, with some scattered clouds, seemed to be looking down in approval. I thought of him again this morning when driving up our farm lane. Rows of soybeans appeared like evenly cut hedges. The bright morning sun accented their color which was in contrast to the dark soil of the prairie that still contains some weathered residue of last year's crop.

This Canadian friend has concerns about moisture, hail, and crop flattening wind like the farmers of this area. However, like us, this friend recognizes SOMETHING OF BEAUTY TO A FARMER and how such beauty is something to be shared.

June 4, 2021  
Written by Darwin R. Anthony



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July 5-	Offices are closed in observance of Independence Day
July 15-	Deadline for annual certification of spring-seeded crop acreage, hemp, and CRP
July 15-	Agricultural Risk Coverage- Individual Coverage (ARC-IC) annual yield reporting deadline.
July 16-	Soil Health and Income Protection Program signup deadline
Sept. 1-	Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Minnesota closing deadlines for aquaculture, Christmas trees, rye, floriculture, mushrooms, ginseng, and sod.
Ongoing-	Continuous and General Conservation Reserve Program Signup

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# Policy Updates for Acreage Reporting

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) recently made several policy updates for acreage reporting for cover crops, revising intended use, late-filed provisions, grazing allotments as well as updated the definitions of “idle” and “fallow.”

**Reporting Cover Crops:**

Cover crop types can be chosen from the following four categories:

- Cereals and other grasses
- Legumes
- Brassicas and other broadleaves
- Mixtures

If the cover crop is harvested for any use other than forage or grazing and is not terminated according to policy guidelines, then that crop will no longer be considered a cover crop and the acreage report must be revised to reflect the actual crop.

**Permitted Revision of Intended use After Acreage Reporting Date:**

New operators or owners who pick up a farm after the acreage reporting deadline has passed and the crop has already been reported on the farm, have 30 calendar days from the date when the new operator or owner acquired the lease on land, control of the land or ownership and new producer crop share interest in the previously reported crop acreage. Under this policy, appropriate documentation must be provided to the County Committee’s satisfaction to determine that a legitimate operator or ownership and producer crop share interest change occurred to permit the revision.

**Acreage Reports:**

In order to maintain program eligibility and benefits, you must timely file acreage reports. Failure to file an acreage report by the crop acreage reporting deadline may result in ineligibility for future program benefits. FSA will not accept acreage reports provided more than a year after the acreage reporting deadline.

**Reporting Grazing Allotments:**

FSA offices can now accept acreage reports for grazing allotments. You will use form “FSA-578” to report grazing allotments as animal unit months (AUMs) us-

ing the “Reporting Unit” field. Your local FSA office will need the grazing period start and end date and the percent of public land.

**Definitions of Terms**

FSA defines “idle” as cropland or a balance of cropland within a Common Land Unit (CLU) (field/sub-field) which is not planted or considered not planted

and does not meet the definition of fallow or skip row.

Fallow is considered unplanted cropland acres which are part of a crop/fallow rotation where cultivated land that is normally planted is purposely kept out of production during a regular growing season.

For more information, contact your Martin County USDA Service Center at 507-235-6661 or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).



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# Zebra mussels found in aquarium moss balls.

Aquatic Invasive Species find a variety of pathways to hitchhike from one waterbody to another. Besides riding on boats, docks, lifts, and all water related equipment, they have managed to hide within a product sold in stores or bought online. Within the last year, the invasive Zebra Mussel has been found in Moss balls sold in Minnesota and many other states.

The moss balls found to be contaminated with zebra mussels are known as Marimo moss balls and are not composed of moss, but a green algae that is formed into a ball and is 2 to 5 inches in diameter. Moss balls are used in home aquariums, terrariums, and water gardens. Before the discovery of the zebra mussel contamination, these moss balls could be purchased in every state through retail and online marketplaces. These moss balls came

from Ukraine, which is a native habitat for zebra mussels.

Zebra mussels are one of the most devastating aquatic invasive species in North America. They are a fingernail sized mollusk native to Eastern Europe. Zebra mussels can reach extremely high densities and quickly take over a waterbody once they become established, causing significant environmental and economic damage. Impacts may include disrupting the food chain, smothering native mussels, clogging water intake structures, littering beaches with sharp shells, and changing the water chemistry, which can cause more blue green algae outbreaks.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has coordinated with other partners to stop the importation of zebra mussel contaminated moss ball products into the U.S. They are recom-



Photo: Marimo Moss ball containing zebra mussels.

mending properly disposing of contaminated moss ball products already in

the U.S. supply chain, retail stores, online commerce, and home aquariums and water gardens.

It is illegal to own, sell or distribute live zebra mussels in the

U.S. To destroy, it is recommended to freeze the moss ball for at least 24 hours or boil for one full minute, before placing in a bag and then throwing in the trash. The concern

is that live mussels carried by the moss balls may escape or be released into a storm drain or flushed into the sewer, and then making its way into a waterway.

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### Actions Required by MN Law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- ✓ **Clean** aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving the water access.
- ✓ **Drain** water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access – and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. **Keep drain plugs out** while transporting boats.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



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# Funding Available for Waterways & Sediment Control Basins

Funding has been made available for erosion control of surface water runoff by grant funding for much of Martin County. This grant can be used for waterways and water and sediment control basins. Waterways have been in use for many years in our County as they help convey concentrated flow of water in heavy rain events to a settling area. Grassed waterways are constructed to eliminate gully erosion usually found between hills or upland areas, where water can quickly run off and form

gullies. Waterways are shaped as shallow ditches, typically 1-2 feet in depth and 8 feet wide with sloping sides. The length of the waterway can vary depending on how far it takes for reasonable disbursement of water. In some cases, the reasonable disbursement of water is not achievable due to closeness of a dredge ditch or a stream. This is where a water and sediment control basin can be used. A water and sediment control basin is a small berm built with a control structure, typically a culvert

or a standpipe that slows the water down prior to entering a drainage system. In some cases where the concentrated flow is greater due to a more lengthy slope, a second control basin can be used. Again, this all depends on the site. This funding provides 75% cost-share to the landowner for construction of the project. If you have areas of gully erosion, contact the Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680 ext 4, and we can look at the site.





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# Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



## What is CREP?

CREP is a combination of the Federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the State Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) programs. CREP pays landowners to permanently retire marginal farmland for the benefit of water quality, wildlife habitat, groundwater infiltration and flood mitigation. This is done by planting the retired farmland to native prairie vegetation

and restoring wetlands when feasible. CREP is a permanent conservation easement, meaning you still own the land but will follow the terms of the easement for land enrolled.

## How much does this program pay

Typically, Martin County payments range from \$7,890 - \$8,782 per acre. Each township is assigned a payment rate within that range. Payments are split between

the CRP and RIM programs. CRP will pay their portion over 15 years and RIM will pay their portion as a lump sum in the form of a check. Costs to restore prairie and wetlands is reimbursed at 100%. For more specific payment information please contact Martin SWCD.

## Ecosystem Benefits

Prairie - The prairie restorations are high quality, diverse habitats that are an oasis for wildlife and pollinators. Native prairie

is North America's most endangered ecosystem, through CREP we have already restored over 1,300 acres of native prairie in Martin County. Prairies are critical nesting habitat for ground nesting birds such as turkey, pheasant, partridge, ducks, meadowlark, nighthawk, woodcock, burrowing owl and many more. The prairie also serves as a nursery to raise young for many mammals including deer, fox, coyote, badger, rabbit

and many more. The native flowers in the prairie restorations provide year-round food for pollinators including the Monarch, Painted Lady and Swallowtail Butterflies, the endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and many more.

## What is eligible to be enrolled?

Cropland that is adjacent to a waterbody and meets the criteria to be considered a filter strip is eligible to apply. Cropland that is adjacent to a waterbody and serves as a floodplain for the waterbody is eligible to apply. Finally, cropland

that has hydric soil that holds moisture and land depressions that allow for ponded water is eligible to apply. If you are unsure if your cropland is eligible to apply for CREP, please contact us at the SWCD. CREP applications are scored and ranked against all other application throughout the State.

## When and how can I sign up?

There is a limited time for the CREP signup so make sure you contact the Martin SWCD for more information at 507-235-6680 Ext. 4



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## Maps for Acreage Reporting are Available

Maps are now available at the Martin County FSA Office for acreage reporting purposes. If you wish to pick up your maps at the office or receive them by e-mail, please call our office at 507-235-6661 or email mnfairmont-fsa@usda.gov.

Please see the following acreage reporting deadlines for Martin County:

- July 15, 2021, spring seeded crop acreage, hemp and CRP

In order to maintain program eligibility and benefits, you must file timely acreage reports. Failure to file an acreage report by the crop acreage reporting deadline may cause ineligibility for future program benefits. FSA will not accept acreage reports provided more than a year after the acreage reporting deadline.

Producers are encouraged to file their acreage reports as soon as planting is completed.

## — Septic Maintenance —

Summer is in full swing in the Martin County Planning & Zoning office. One thing that often gets overlooked is your septic system. Proper operation and maintenance of your septic system can have a huge impact on how well the system works and how long it will last.

Why maintain your system? The cost of replacing your septic system continues to rise and can be very expensive to replace. The MPCA recommends that you pump your septic tank once every three years. This helps with the accumulation of solids in your tank and keeps the solids from getting into and plugging up your drainfield.

Some other things to remember if you have a septic system treating your wastewater is to be careful on the amount of chemicals that you use. Too many chemicals in your system can kill off

the good bacteria that work to decompose the solids in the tank. Another thing to caution is the advertised septic additives. Whether the additive is biological or chemical most experts will agree that they are unnecessary and possibly harmful. There currently is not a product on the market that will help your septic system.

Finally, don't forget the overall reason to keep your septic system working properly, to protect the economic health of the community. A failed septic system can contribute to the pollution of local rivers, lakes and groundwater. Any contact with untreated human waste can pose significant health risks.

For more information about septic systems contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 238-3242.

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# Clean Water Fund

The mission of Martin SWCD is to assist land users of Martin County in efficiently utilizing the soil and water resources in our county. This is accomplished in large part due to our partnerships with Federal, State, and Local agencies, as well as with local Conservation Organizations.

One source of funding we receive for projects is from Minnesota's Clean Water Fund. On November 4, 2008, Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment to the constitution to:

- protect drinking water sources;
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- preserve arts and cultural heritage;
- support parks and trails;
- and protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

The Amendment increases the sales and use tax rate by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales, starting July 1, 2009, continuing through 2034. Those dollars are dedicated to four funds: Outdoor Heritage Fund, Clean Water Fund, Parks and Trails Fund, and Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Right now, Martin SWCD has funds from the Clean Water Fund to offset the cost of planting cover crops, installing grass waterways to reduce erosion, and implementing innovative conservation practices like saturated buffers and woodchip bioreactors. If you are interested in learning more about a conservation program or would like Martin SWCD to look at a potential conservation project, please call us at 507-235-6680 ext 4.



# USDA Expands and Renews Conservation Reserve Program in Effort to Boost Enrollment and Address Climate Change

USDA will open enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) with higher payment rates, new incentives, and a more targeted focus on the program's role in climate change mitigation. Additionally, USDA is announcing investments in partnerships to increase climate-smart agriculture, including \$330 million in 85 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects and \$25 million for On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials.

## Conservation Reserve Program

USDA's goal is to enroll up to 4 million new acres in CRP by raising rental payment rates and expanding the number of incentivized environmental practices allowed under the program. CRP is one of the world's largest voluntary conservation programs with a long track record of preserving topsoil, sequestering carbon, and reducing nitrogen runoff, as well providing healthy habitat for wildlife.

CRP is a powerful tool when it comes to climate mitigation, and acres currently enrolled in the program mitigate more than 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e). If USDA reaches its goal of enrolling an additional 4 million acres into the program, it will mitigate an additional 3 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent and prevent 90 million pounds of nitrogen and 33 million tons of sediment from running into our waterways each year.

## New Climate-Smart Practice Incentive

To target the program on climate change mitigation, FSA is introducing a new Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for CRP general and continuous signups that aims to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Climate-Smart CRP practices include establishment of trees and permanent grasses, development of wildlife habitat, and wetland restoration. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is annual, and the amount is based on the benefits of each practice type.

## Higher Rental Rates and New Incentives

In 2021, CRP is capped at 25 million acres, and currently 20.8 million acres are enrolled. Furthermore, the cap will gradually increase to 27 million acres by 2023. To help increase producer interest and enrollment, FSA is:

- Adjusting soil rental rates. This enables additional flexibility for rate adjustments, including a possible increase in rates where appropriate.
- Increasing payments for Practice Incentives from 20% to 50%. This incentive for continuous CRP practices is based on the cost of establishment and is in addition to cost share payments.
- Increasing payments for water quality practices. Rates are increasing from 10% to 20% for certain water quality benefiting practices available through the CRP continuous signup, such as grassed waterways, riparian buffers, and filter strips.
- Establishing a CRP Grassland minimum rental rate. This benefits more than 1,300 counties with rates currently below the minimum.

To learn more about updates to CRP, contact your Martin County USDA Service Center at 507-235-6661

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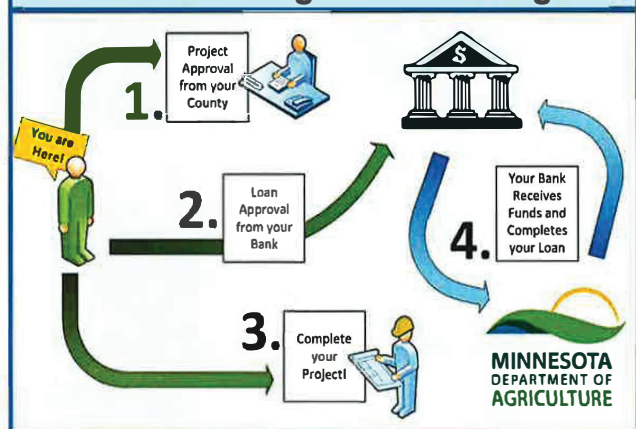
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Box and OneSpan are both optional services for customers interested in improved efficiency in signing and sharing documents with USDA, and they do not replace existing systems using eAuthentication for digital signature. Instead, these tools provide additional digital options for producers to use when conducting business with FSA or NRCS.

USDA Service Center staff are available to help producers get started with Box and OneSpan through a few simple steps. Please visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator) to find your local office and let Service Center staff know you're interested in signing and sharing documents through these new features. In most cases, one quick phone call will be all that is needed to initiate the process.

Visit [farmers.gov/mydocs](http://farmers.gov/mydocs) to learn more about Box and OneSpan, steps for getting started, and additional resources for conducting business with USDA online.

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This has been an annual event for the Lions Club since the early 1970s. Last year’s fly-in was cancelled due to COVID.

We are hoping for a good turn out this year so we can continue to support Lions’ programs; U of Minn Eye Bank, Hearing Center, Diabetes Center, Leader Dog and several local charities.

Sgt. Will Murray of the Fairmont Police Department will have a fully equipped squad car on display starting at 9:30 a.m. Airplane rides will be available starting around 9 a.m.




29th Annual Pork Masters Golf Outing

The Martin County Pork Producers and the Agri-Business and Ambassador committees of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce have joined together to host the 29th annual Minnesota State Pork Masters Golf Outing on Monday, July 26th at Interlaken Golf Club.

Martin County is Minnesota’s leading pork producing county. This event recognizes the importance of the pork industry to Martin county and the state of Minnesota while raising funds for ag scholarships and ag awareness.

Lunch and dinner are provided for the participants at Interlaken Golf Club. This event is designed for all golf enthusiasts regardless of their level of ability. Golf registration is limited to sponsors and pork producers only. There will be games and prizes featured at every hole. 260 golfers are expected to participate.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI  
DISTRICT COURT  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

CASE TYPE:  
ADOPTION - STEPPARENT

IN RE THE PETITION OF:  
JENNIFER ANN CARLSON, PETITIONER/PARENT  
AND  
SHAY TYLER CARLSON,  
PETITIONER/ STEPPARENT TO ADOPT:  
ARIANA LEE JOPP (CHILD'S CURRENT NAME)

PETITION FOR STEPPARENT ADOPTION

Petitioners' upon their oaths or affirmations, and to the best of their information and belief, represent to the Court the following:

PETITIONERS

1. Petitioners' full names are Jennifer Ann Carlson (parent's name) {hereinafter "parent"} and Shay Tyler Carlson (stepparent's name) {hereinafter "stepparent"}.

2. Petitioners' respective dates of birth are March 1, 1986 (parent's date of birth) and September 17, 1987 (stepparent's date of birth).

3. Petitioners were married on October 6, 2018 (date of marriage) in the City of Atwater (city), County of Kandiyohi (county), State of Minnesota (state).

4. Petitioners presently reside at 208 East Road S (street address) in the City of Atwater (city), County of Kandiyohi, State of Minnesota.

5. Petitioners have resided in Minnesota since birth (date began residing in Minnesota), which has been for at least one year as required under Minnesota Statutes § 259.22.

CHILD TO BE ADOPTED

6. Stepparent desires to adopt the following child: Ariana Lee Jopp (Child's Current Full Name), 11 years 11-09-2009 (Child's Current Age and Date of Birth), USA, MN (Child's County and State of Birth), Jennifer Ann Carlson (Full Name of Child's Birth Mother), Patrick Michael Creech (Full Name of Child's Birth Father).

7. The above-named child owns no real estate, savings or bank accounts, bonds, securities or personal property other than clothing and personal effects of inconsequential market value, except as shown on attached list.

8. Included with this petition is a certified copy of each child's birth certificate.

9. The child is not an Indian child (an Indian child is a child who is either a member of an Indian tribe or eligible for membership in an Indian tribe) and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) does not apply.

10. The Stepparent of the above-named child obtained physical custody of said child at the time of Petitioners' marriage.

11. The child has lived in the Petitioners' home since the date 2017 and with the petitioner mother her entire life.

CONSENT

12. Each child to be adopted is age 14 or older, if any, has consented to be adopted by her Stepparent. The written consent is included with the Petition for Stepparent Adoption and was executed before two competent witnesses and acknowledged by the child before a notary public.

13. Patrick Michael Creech (nonpetitioning parent's name), the nonpetitioning parent of the children, has not consented to the adoption of the child but he has abandoned the child and has had no contact with the child whether by phone, writing or in person since Father's Day of 2014. Pursuant to Minn. Stat 25.24 sub 1(2) his consent is not required.

RESULTS OF SEARCH OF FATHERS' ADOPTION REGISTRY

14. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 259.52, the Fathers Adoption Registry has been searched pursuant to a request of the county social services agency and certification that the registry has been searched, and the results of that search, have been filed with the Court.

PARTIES TO ADOPT PROCEEDING

15. Pursuant to Adoption Rule 35.05, subd. 2(k), following are the names and addresses of the parties to this Stepparent Adoption proceeding: Jennifer Ann Carlson (Parent), 208 E. Road S. Atwater, MN (Address), Shay Tyler Carlson (Stepparent), 208 E. Road S. Atwater, MN (Address), Ariana Lee Jopp (Child older than age 10), 208 E. Road S. Atwater, MN (Address).

ADOPTION HOME STUDY AND POST-PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

16. Petitioners understand that, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 259.41, subd. 1(b), an adoption home study is not required in this stepparent adoption because the adoption is with an individual who is related to the child.

17. Petitioners understand that Minnesota Statutes § 259.53 requires a post-placement assessment in stepparent adoption, but that assessment may be waived upon request to the court. Petitioners ask the Court to waive the post-placement assessment as requested in the Motion, Affidavit, and Proposed Order included with this Petition for Stepparent Adoption. Petitioners understand that even if the Court waives the post-placement assessment, the Court cannot waive the required background study and fingerprint check which must be conducted on every adult in the home age 18 and older.

COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT AGREEMENT

18. Petitioners understand that Minnesota Statutes § 259.58 allows them to enter into a communication or contact agreement with the nonpetitioning parent.. Petitioners do not wish to enter into a communication or contact agreement with the nonpetitioning parent.

REQUEST FOR ADOPTION

19. Petitioners desire that the relationship of parent and child be established between the above-named child and Stepparent.

20. Petitioners freely undertake the obligation fully to support and care for the above-named child until the child's maturity.

21. It is in the best interest of the above-named child that the child be adopted by Stepparent.

22. WHEREFORE, Petitioners request that this Court issue a decree of adoption of the above-named child by stepparent, and for a change of the child's name(s) as follows: From Ariana Lee Jopp (child's current name) to Ariana Lee Carlson (child's desired name).

23. Included with this Petition for Stepparent Adoption, or otherwise filed in the Court file, are the following properly executed documents: Results of Search of Fathers Adoption Registry, A certified copy of the birth certificate of each child to be adopted, Ex Parte Motion, Affidavit, and Proposed Order Waiving Post-Placement Assessment.

DATED: 4-19-2021  
/S/ Jennifer Ann Carlson  
(PETITIONER/PARENT)

DATED: 4-19-2021  
/S/ Shay Tyler Carlson  
(PETITIONER/STEPPARENT)

VERIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA }SS.  
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI

The above-named Petitioner/Parent, Jennifer Ann Carlson (parent), being first duly sworn on oath states that Petitioner has read the foregoing Petition for Stepparent Adoption subscribed by her, that Petitioner knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to Petitioner's best information and belief.

/S/ Jennifer Ann Carlson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 2021  
/S/ Brandon M. Zumwalt  
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF MINNESOTA }SS.  
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI

The above-named Petitioner/Stepparent, Shay Tyler Carlson (stepparent), being first duly sworn on oath states that Petitioner for Stepparent Adoption subscribed by him, that The Petitioner has read the foregoing Petition for Stepparent Adoption subscribed by him, that Petitioner knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to Petitioner's best information and belief.

/s/ Shay Tyler Carlson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of April, 2021  
/S/ Brandon M. Zumwalt  
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CONTINUED DRAWDOWN NOTICE  
CONCERNING PIERCE LAKE IN MARTIN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that water levels will remain lowered on Pierce Lake (I.D. #46007600) in Martin County for the purpose of enhancing wildlife habitat and improving water quality. The goal of this temporary water level drawdown is to improve water clarity, promote the growth of aquatic vegetation, and reduce rough fish populations in the basin. Pierce Lake is a designated wildlife lake (Minnesota Statute 97A.101) that is being managed under an approved management plan. A stop-log water control structure was constructed at the outlet of Pierce Lake in 1999. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources began lowering water levels during the fall of 2020 until the target drawdown elevation was reached in spring of 2021. Water levels will be held low on Pierce Lake through the summer and into the fall or winter of 2021, depending on climatic conditions. Periods of low water are natural and help encourage aquatic plant germination, consolidate bottom sediments, and control undesirable fish. The existing drought conditions present a great opportunity for a continued water level drawdown to enhance habitat conditions in Pierce Lake.

For questions, please contact the Windom Area DNR Office at (507) 832-6025, Windom Shallow Lakes Specialist at (507) 832-6016, or the Madelia Shallow Lakes Specialist at (507) 578-8891.



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
SCOPE OF WORK

Introduction

The City of Fairmont seeks qualifications for professional services related to potential development of a City-owned campground located on the west side of Lake Sisseton in Fairmont, Minnesota. This phase of the project will include:

- 1) Route of access from Lake Avenue
- 2) 30-40 campsites
- 3) Water and electric hook-ups
- 4) Wastewater dump station
- 5) Restroom and shower facilities
- 6) Trash enclosure
- 7) Trail development to Sisseton Lake
- 8) Compliance with applicable building and accessibility codes, laws, and regulations

Background Information

The Fairmont City Council has requested an analysis of a potential campground to be located within the City limits. The City currently owns over 40 acres of land west of Lake Sisseton. The Council has been interested in finding out if a campground is feasible. A campground study was completed in 2019 and is available for review. This study identified a need for additional recreational campsites in the immediate area. The Council is looking for planning and preliminary design information to evaluate for the 2022 budget.

The City anticipates a collaborative design process involving the public. Proposers should anticipate regular meetings with a project management team and at least one public meeting, followed by presentations to the Park Board and City Council. The selected firm/team will be responsible for applications and presentations to all necessary review boards and permitting authorities, with assistance by the City.

Throughout the entire development of the project documents, the City shall have the right to review, amend, comment, require modifications, and make modifications to achieve the desired goals with respect to overall design.

Project Deliverables

The final deliverables will be the following:

- 1) Concept Design:
  - a. Conceptual level layout of overall site; including access road, camp sites, utilities, above grade facilities, and lake access (includes at least 3 different layouts)
  - b. Conceptual level layout of restroom/shower facility with floor plan
  - c. Initial project timeline and cost estimates for each layout
- 2) 60% Design Development:
  - a. Topographic survey and geotechnical evaluation
  - b. Civil and architectural plans developed to the 60% design level
  - c. Updated project timeline
  - d. Updated construction cost estimate (including final design and bidding costs)

Statement of Qualification Contents

The Statement of Qualifications should include:

- 1) A brief history of the firm and campground planning/design/construction experience.
- 2) A statement of the project understanding and the project tasks to demonstrate the responder's view of the project and how the firm would approach the plan development.
- 3) Team members of the firm, their experience and education.
- 4) A listing of at least three (3) recent campground or similar type projects with references.
- 5) Entire document should be limited to no more than 15 pages.

Evaluation

All Statement of Qualifications received by the deadline will be evaluated by representatives of the City. Factors upon which Statement of Qualifications will be judged include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Expressed understanding of the project (30%)
- 2) Qualifications of both company and personnel. Experience of project personnel will be given greater weight than that of the firm (70%)

Selection

Selection of a consultant for this project will be based on the criteria noted above. Upon initial selection of the consultant, the City will enter negotiations with the selected consultant to finalize the work plan including budget hours. Should the City and the selected consultant fail to satisfactorily reach agreement as to the work plan including budget, the City may enter negotiations with the respondent judged second in the evaluation process, or the City may re-advertise for proposals.

Submittals

Statement of Qualifications can be emailed to Darcy Jones at [djones@fairmont.org](mailto:djones@fairmont.org). All emails must be received prior to the submittal deadline.

Project Timelines

Statement of Qualifications DUE:  
Evaluation, selection, and contract negotiation completed by:  
Authorization to proceed granted by the City Council:  
Concept Design (Deliverable 1) due:  
60% Design Development (Deliverable 2) due:

NOON on July 2, 2021  
July 9, 2021  
July 12, 2021  
August 13th, 2021  
November 5th, 2021

Questions regarding this RFQ should be directed to:

Troy Nemmers, PE  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
[tnemmers@fairmont.org](mailto:tnemmers@fairmont.org)  
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Notice for Sealed Bids

The City of Granada is taking Sealed Bids for the following:

1. 1991 International Water Truck, 1800 gallon Stainless steel tank, Model 4700, mileage 24,143  
Minimum Bid at \$2,500.00

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Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Bids can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall,  
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF CITY OF CEYLON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 9, TAXING  
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SERVICE AND URBAN SERVICE DISTRICTS

The City Council of the City of Ceylon has adopted Ordinance 2021-01 on the 8th day of June 2021.

This ordinance establishes separate taxing districts for the purpose of all municipal taxes, except those levied for the payment of bonds and judgments, and interest thereon. Separate districts shall be known as the "Rural Service District" and "Urban Service District". Properties designated as Rural Service District properties are identified in this ordinance and the ratio of benefits to land within the Rural Service District compared to land of like market value situated within the Urban Service District shall be 25 percent.

A full copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular business hours at the office of the City Clerk for the City of Ceylon.

Mary M Muller - City Clerk, City of Ceylon

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CITY OF FAIRMONT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fairmont Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at the City Council Chambers, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 to conduct a Public Hearing to review the following item:

James Tate  
2559 Stella St (Parcel ID 23.237.0250)  
Variance from corner yard setback requirements,  
12 feet in lieu of 25 feet

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment may attend in person or call 1-224-501-3412 and enter the access code 203-977-653 at the time of the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Patricia Monsen  
City Clerk

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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 3:30 PM**-Howard Rasmussen Living Trust-Owner. Sale to include: Tractors: JD 4630, JD 8430, JD 4630, JD 5065 E, JD H; Many Vehicles, Collector Cars & Trucks; Recreational & JD Gator, Cargo & Car Trailers; Machinery, Tools & Parts, Antiques & Collectibles & Much More! Sale to be held at 19865 478th Ave, Madelia, MN. Kahlers, Hartung & Associates

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**- Soleta Family- Bare Farmland Auction of 202.61 Acres +/- in Alba Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Heron Lake Community Center at 312 10th St, Heron Lake, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**-Lucille H. Ferguson Estate- Bare Farmland Auction of 202.10 Acres +/- in La Crosse Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Heron Lake Community Center at 312 10th St, Heron Lake, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.**-ROGER & JANET MEYER-House, Pickup, Tools & Household Auction. House & Sale Location at 611 Lake Street S, Sherburn, MN. HARTUNG & KAHLERS

**Week of August 2nd, 2021-ONLINE ONLY!** Three Retirement Machinery Lines with online bidding available at [www.auctioneerallylive.com](http://www.auctioneerallylive.com). Contact Dar Hall 507-327-0535 for details.

**Thursday, August 12, 2021 @ 6:30 PM**-HATCH FAMILY-320 Acres +/- of Farmland, Pasture & Building Site located in Section 13 & 24 of Galena Twp., Martin Co., MN. Auction to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fairmont, MN. More details coming soon! Hartung, Kahlers & Wedel

**NEW! PRIVATE LISTING!** For sale by private treaty: 53 Acres +/- of bare farmland located in Section 30 of Elm Creek Twp., Martin Co., MN. Contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for more information.



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**WARRANTY DEEDS**  
Jaron D. Finkbeiner, Meghan C. Finkbeiner to Joshua Olson, Lot 2, Block 3, 2nd ext. Wards Central Addn.  
Kari Malo, Todd M. Malo, Jessica R. Stensland to Gregory B. Murphy Revocable Trust, SW¼ Exc. 2 tracts, 30-102-29  
Dana Lee Scholl, Jeffrey Scholl to Eric Wenner, Pt. SW¼, 5-104-

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Emily N. Hudson, Emily N. Werner, Josh Werner, Joshua Werner to Jorge N. Mercado, W.35' Lot 2, E½ Lot 3, Block 18, Original Plat Truman

Peter Oanes, Lorraine Starsky to Peter Oanes, Trustee, Peter Oanes and Lorraine Starsky Asset Protection Trust, Lorraine Starsky, Trustee, Und. 1/4 Int. N½NW¼, 8-104-32

Bradley K. Williams, Connie Williams to Andrea Jean Fiebelkorn, George Anthony Fiebelkorn, Pt. E½NW¼ w/esmt. 25-104-32

Dean A. Thom, Stacey L. Thom to Luke Nielsen, Pt. 2 tracts, Lot 24, Block 3, Meyers Addn.

Jane M. thate, John W. Thate to Gayle Dahlke, Scott Dahlke, Pt. Lot 18, Block 2, Oak Beach Addn.

Cindy S. Jurgens, David W. Jurgens to Dean Thom, Stacey Thom, Lot 11, Block 1, 3rd Ext. Wards Central Addn.

Hildegard S. Bunge, Marion H. Bunge to Ryan Anderson, Lots 3 and 4, Block 11, Original Plat Welcome

Bruce W. Thiesse, Linda A. Thiesse to Martin County Conservation Club, Pt. Govt. Lot 13, SW¼, Ex. Pt. Subj. to easement, 18-101-30

Darryl Sanden, Heidi L. W. Sanden to Darryl Sanden and Heidi Sanden Trust, Darryl Sanden, Trustee, Heidi Sanden, Trustee, Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Legion Subd., Northrop

**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**  
Joshua William Lowe, Stephanie Ann Lowe to Schafer Shores LLC, Pt. S½NW¼, 7-102-32

Ingrid Margarita Garcia, Ingrid Margarita Garcia Guandique, Ingrid Margarita Garcia Guandique to Orsy Jeovanny Lopez Aleman, Orsy Jeovanny Lopez Aleman, Pt. Lots 1, 2, 15, 16, Block 9, Wards Central Addn.

Charles Emmil Wenzel, Lillian Mae Wenzel to Charles Emmil Wenzel, Lillian Mae Wenzel, Lot 2, Block 5, Wards Addn.

Jon R. Janzen, La Nette Janzen to Jon R. Janzen, La Nette Janzen, Pt. Govt. Lot 3, SW¼, Pt. NW¼SE¼, 20-102-30

Scott A. Vaubel, Teresa Vaubel to Double Trouble Treats LLC, N.11.16' Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Burtons Subd.

Bradley H. Krusemark, Rochelle A. Krusemark to Bradley H. Krusemark Revocable Living Trust, Bradley H. Krusemark, Trustee, Rochelle A. Krusemark, Trustee, Rochelle A. Krusemark Revocable Living Trust, Pt. S½SW¼, 26-104-32

**TRUSTEE DEEDS**  
Scott Monroe Whitehead, Sherry Kay Whitehead Revocable Living Trust, Sherry Kay Whitehead Trust to Lisa Kay Buchanan, Andrew Keith Whitehead, Scott Monroe Whitehead, E½SE¼, 21-102-31

Marilyn J. Hardt, Lisa A. Rank, Frank P. Nowak Trust to Lisa A. Rank, E.56' Lots 6 and 7, Block 12, Original Plat of Fairmont

Daniel Hendrickson, Winnie Hendrickson, Bonnie Oborn, Charles Hendrickson Revocable Trust, Winnie Hendrickson Revocable Trust to Scott A. Vaubel, N.115.16' Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Burtons Sub.

**PERSONAL REP. DEEDS**  
Luanne E. Matthies Coyle, Personal Rep., Luann E. Matthies-Coyle, Personal Rep., Estate of Colleen R. Matthies to Marietta G. Larson, Lot 1, Block 14, Original Plat of Dunnell

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CARD RECORD BREAKER – Cardinal’s Laura Thompson set two FHS distance records at the Class A State Meet in St. Michael Albertville. Thursday Thompson broke her own 3200m record finishing second with a time of 10:54.40 just behind Jade Rypkema’s of Nevis time of 10:54.32. Thompson’s second record breaker came on Friday where she finished third with a personal best in the 1600m race with a time of 5:04.65. Canby/ Minneota’s Grace Drietz won with a time of 5:00.45. Photo courtesy David Schiltz

Fairmont Tracksters Medal at Class A State Meet

State A Track Meet – St. Michael Albertville  
Girls Team Results: (top 10) – 1) Rockford 46, 2) Annandale 42, 3) Grand Meadow/LeRoy-Ost/Kin 39, 4) Concordia Academy-Roseville 38, 5) Blake School 34, 5) Luverne 34, 7) Stewartville 31, 7) Cards 31, 9) Minnewaska 28, 10) Belle Plaine 25  
Boys Team Results: (top 5) - 1) Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 42, 2) Plainview-Elgin-Millville 38, 3) Perham 35, 4) Annandale 34, 5) Spectrum 33, 5) Mora 33, 39) Cards 9

State A Individuals  
Girls Results: Laura Thompson - 2nd 3200m FHS record - 10:54.40, 3rd 1600m FHS record - 5:04.65. Ellie Hernes - 7th 100m hurdles 15.73, 2nd triple jump FHS record 38-0.25, 11th long jump 16-5.25, 12th 300m hurdles 48.71, 4x100 – DQed (Karalyn Closs, Brooklyn Meyer, Ellie Schultze and Sabrina Segar).  
Boys Results: Hudson Artz - 3rd 400m - 50.04, 9th 100m 11:24, 13th 200m - 23.31, 4x200 13th 1:35.35 – (James Johnson, Trey Tumbleson, Kainen Craig and Isaiah Lockwood), Hank Artz - 13th shot put 47-8 3/4.



STATE HURDLER – Fairmont's Ellie Hernes finished 7th in the 100m hurdles with a time of 15.73 at the Class A State Meet last Friday in St. Michael Albertville. She also set a FHS record in the triple jump at 38-0.25 placing second. Hernes finished 11th in the long jump, 16-5.25 and 12th in the 300m hurdles at 48.71. The Girls team finished 7th with a team score of 31 ahead of section champion foe Belle Plaine’s 25. Photo courtesy David Schiltz



STATE NECKWARE – Cards Hudson Artz, pictured father Kelly, picked up a couple of medals at the Class A State Meet last Friday in St. Michael Albertville. Artz finished 3rd in the 400m race - 50.04, 9th in the 100m dash 11:24 and 13th in the 200m dash - 23.31. The 4x200 relay team placed 13th 1:35.35 and brother Hank Artz also place 13th in the shot put with a throw of 47-8.75. Photo courtesy Kelly Artz



STATE GOLF – The Cards Girls golf team finished seventh at the State Class AA Meet last Wednesday at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan. Lake City won the meet with a team score of 673. The Cards totaled 763. Maggy Totzke led the team with a two-day total of 182. Cards Brock Lutterman finished 53rd with a two day total of 164 at the boys state meet.  
State 2AA Meet Team Results: Lake City 673; 2. Providence Academy 717; 3. Fergus Falls 727; 4. Minnewaska Area 732; 5. Pequot Lakes 734; 6. St. Croix Luth 737; 7. Cards 763; 8. Hermantown 808.  
State 2AA Meet Individuals Results: 33rd Maggy Totzke 182; T42nd. Anika Haugen 186; T45th. Solveig Senf 187; 76th. Brynn Gustafson 212; 77th. Lauren Davis 215; 78th. Bailey Martinson 216. Photos courtesy of Sarah Totzke



SINGING AT THE TWINS GAME - At the Minnesota Twins game on Monday evening, June 21st, Betty Ann Egan of Fairmont, Biny Lou Claussen of Sherburn, Billye Jane Kruse of Ormsby, and BonnieSue Bennett of Coon Rapids (R to L) performed “The Star Spangled Banner” on center field with their names in lights on the J u m b o - tron! These four sisters have been singing together for over 50 years. Their voices proudly represented The Relay for Life, singing for a cure. They were excited and honored for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

COED SLO-PITCH	W	L	GB	PCT	STR
Legends II	7	0	-	1.000	7W
Exit Realty	5	0	-	1.000	5W
Ghost Town Tavern	6	2	2	.750	2W
Tamis Flying Angels	3	2	2	.600	1L
Contemporary Styles	3	3	3	.500	1L
Royalty Rides	3	4	4	.429	2W
A-1 Concrete	2	4	4	.333	1L
Blue Earth Legion	2	4	4	.333	2L
B&D Minions	2	5	5	.285	2L
Anderson Tiling	0	7	7	.000	7L

Contemporary Styles 19, B & D Minions 7, LFG!!  
A-1 Concrete 20, Blue Earth Legion 13  
Royalty Rides 17, A-1 Concrete 11, Dahmon slid and got a Boo Boo  
Ghost Town Tavern 28, Blue Earth Legion 1  
Legends II 29, Anderson Tiling 9, Catcher's got a weak arm!  
Ghost Town Tavern 24, B & D Minions 12  
Legends II 24, Contemporary Styles 11

Mens Softball	W	L	GB	PCT	STR
Boekett/Rookies	4	0	-	1.000	4W
Live Fit/Remax	4	2	1	.667	1W
Edies Restaurant	2	2	1	.500	1L
T & F Trucking	1	3	4	.250	1L
Staline Co-op	1	5	4	.167	1W
Fairmont Martins	0	0	0	.000	-

Edie's Restaurant 19, Live Fit/Remax 12. Good teamwork all around!  
T & F Trucking 13, Staline Co-op 10  
Live Fit/Remax 19 T & F Trucking 17  
Staline Co-op 23, Edie's Restaurant 22

“Racin’ For The Bacon”

The Fairmont Triathlon “Racin’ for the Bacon” event was held this past Saturday at Gomsrud Park in Fairmont. A total of 220 registrants signed up for the event. Youth division 113, Sprint 39, Sprint team 7, 5K 31, Olympic 24, Olympic team 6. The Youth division was held Friday night starting at the Aquatic Park. For complete results go to: [https://www.mtecresults.com/event/show/3838/2021\\_Fairmont\\_Triathlon%252F5K](https://www.mtecresults.com/event/show/3838/2021_Fairmont_Triathlon%252F5K)  
5K: (top 10) - Sam Wensink, Sioux Center IA 15:43; Brad Lanoue, Vernon Center 19:50; Gavin Artner, Fairmont 19:52; Jamie Mosel, Minneapolis 20:07;



Will Niestrath, Fairmont 20:28; Jake Mitchell, Fairmont 21:41; Logan Kahler, Fairmont 23:45; Talon Ebeling, Sherburn 23:59; Crystal Hanson, Granada 18 25:49; Tiph-anie Izen, Fairmont 26:04.  
Sprint: 1/4 Mile Swim - 20K Bike - 5K Run (top 10) - Noah Billings, Rochester 58:42; Kevin Mitchell, Sioux Falls 59:30; Mario Minelli, Kasson 1:00:41; Michael Karau, Rochester 1:02:26; Lance Bergeson, Hartford SD 1:05:47; Brandon Nordstrom, Fairmont 1:09:08; Grace Busch, Mankato 1:09:35; John Soucheray, Rochester 1:11:26; Teresa Van Hyfte, Hartford SD 1:11:37; Bret Borth, Chanhassen 1:13:49.  
Sprint Team: - 3 Little Pigs 1:16:06 - Derek Wels, Kevin Hugoson, Josh Sunblad; Hamlet-Deyle 1:23:48 - Lavinia Deyle , Thomas Hamlet , Eleanor Hamlet; Bovy 1:27:31 - Alyssa Bovy, Tyler Bovy,

Lisa Bovy; Super Sonics 1:28:59 - Paige Paquette , Leslie Olson , Keeley Masterson.  
Olympic: 1.5K Swim - 40K Bike - 10K Run (top 10) - Timothy Bontrager, Minneapolis 1:57:49; Andrew Kershaw, Minneapolis 2:01:13; Michael Tate, Eden Prairie 2:04:34; Darin Napton, Rochester 2:20:24; Brian Lynch, Rochester 2:21:32; Sarah Wensink, Sioux Center IA 2:21:38; Brian Williams, Sioux Falls SD 2:24:45; Matthew Busch, Mankato 2:26:00; Julie Busch, Mankato 2:32:04; Jason Weber, Holmen WI 2:32:39.  
Olympic Team: 1.5K Swim - 40K Bike - 10K Run - Fairmont Three Amigos, 2:40:36; Jonathan Haas, Jeff Stoeber, Patrick Moore. Triple Threat, 3:03:24; Chantill Kahler-Roye, Dean Droegemuel-ler, Kate Mowry.





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### 1 Cards of Thanks

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125 South Main St, Granada. Thursday 2 pm - 7 pm, Friday noon - 7 pm, Saturday 11 am - 6 pm. Multi family. Clothing, household, toys, games, books, miscellaneous. 25-1tp-28.

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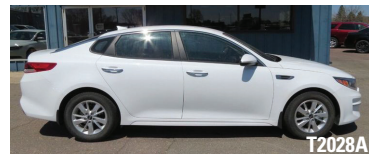
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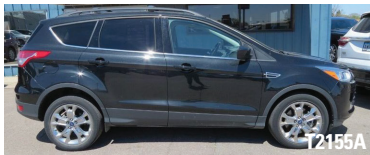
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