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Clarissa's Annual Shamrock 5K

The Clarissa Shamrock 5K returned this year and was held on Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. in Clarissa. Runners and walkers of all ages showed up for the event that started and ended at the Clarissa Liquor Store parking lot. This is one of several fundraisers to help offset the cost of putting on the Summerfest celebration.

Energy and Environment plan moves toward selecting final projects



The Energy and Environment participants: Council Member Alex Weego, Mayor Miles Wiirre, Council Member Gloriann Bartels, Jim Walker and Jim Opelia reviewed the project options and ranked them by criteria.

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The third of four meetings to review the Energy and Environment plan was held at the Hewitt City Hall on Monday, February 28. Council Members Gloriann Bartels and Alex Weego, Mayor Miles Wiirre, Jim Opelia and Jim Walker were in attendance.

Region Five Planner Erica Bjeland, Mn GreenCorps Member Brendan Lee-Gilligan and BJ Allen Principal PMP, JBJ World Industries LLC., presented an update from the survey. Hewitt is one of

four cities they are working with to obtain a \$5000 grant from Sourcewell and \$5000 from USDA for an energy and environment project. If they can come up with another \$5000, Sourcewell will match it.

The first meeting was held in December of 2021 and they planned what to include in the community survey. A the second meeting the group reviewed the survey and drafted goals and set criteria.

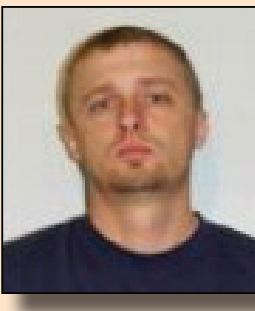
The survey was sent out and the results reviewed at the January 24,

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McMann arrested after fatal accident

On March 15, at approximately 3:25 p.m., the Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of County Road 14 and County Road 5. A Buick Lacrosse traveling west on County Road 14, driven by Matthew Peter, 41, of Little Falls was struck by a Chevrolet Trax traveling north on County 5, driven by Markus McMann, 27, of Motley. As a result of the crash, Matthew Peter, was pronounced deceased at the scene. A juvenile passenger in Peter's vehicle sustained minor injuries and was transported by CentraCare Ambulance to CentraCare Hospital. The juvenile passenger was later released. McMann and his passenger, Dulce Garcia Orozco, were checked for injuries at the scene and were released. McMann is being held at the Todd County Detention Center pending formal charges from the Todd County Attorney's Office. According to the inmate roster, McMann is being charged with: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Under Influence Combination Alcohol/Controlled Substance, DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol and Obstruct Legal Process. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Browerville Fire and Rescue, Clarissa Fire and Rescue, MN State Patrol, Life Link Air Ambulance and CentraCare Ambulance.



Markus Carl McMann

Riewer celebrates 25 years



Bertha-Hewitt sixth grade teacher Cathy Riewer was recognized by the Long Lake Conservation Center for her 25th year of bringing students to the center for a three day experience. They made her a commemorative wood cookie (name tag) that was hand painted with the 25 year club, and it also had a wood burning on the back.

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A trip to the Long Lake Conservation Center is a big event the Bertha-Hewitt sixth graders look forward to every year.

Long time sixth grade teacher Cathy Riewer has taken students to Long Lake since 1994. Along the back wall of her classroom 25 handkerchiefs hang, each one signed by students from that year. She also proudly displays all of her wood cookies on a yardstick.

Riewer took over the reins when she was hired at the school. Bertha-Hewitt has been attending Long Lake since the 1970s, when it was only for boys.

While times have progressed, and now boys and girls can attend, she never tires of going.

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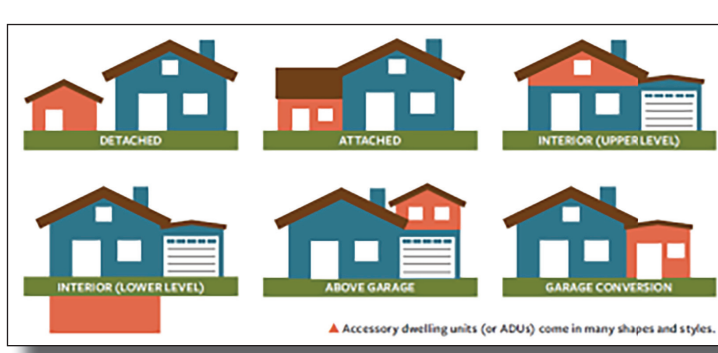
Accessory Dwelling Units could help seniors live close to family and remain independent

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Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) could be housing for adult children, aging parents, even giving renters a place to live right on your property while giving them their own space.

AARP and the Central Minnesota Council on Aging held a webinar about ADUs and how they can help with the need for housing.

Samar Jha, senior legislative representative, AARP government affairs, explained what peo-



ple over 50 think: 49 percent believe they will move to allow them to age independently; 55 percent would consider leaving their community

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