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**NEW CTE AREA**  
Above is the new career and technical education (CTE) area at the Brandon School. Work is nearing completion on the additions to the school. For more see page 8.

## B-E School Board hears financial report for January

The Brandon-Evansville School Board at its Feb. 12 meeting received a report on the district's finances for January. The report showed the district on Jan. 1 had a beginning balance of \$4,941,969.50. Receipts for the district totaled \$1,783,079.94. The largest amount was from the Minnesota Trust in the amount of \$1,031,058.11. This money is being used for the district's building project. The district received \$604,475.99 from state and federal resources and \$99,461.36 from local sources. Other receipts included \$26,985.96 from Douglas County and \$21,098.52 in interest. Disbursements for the district totaled \$3,678,176.48. January wire transfers were the largest disbursement at \$1,646,937.46. End of January checks

amounted to \$1,061,864.30. The district's net payroll disbursement for January was \$247,658.95 with January checks amounting to \$89,705.27. The other disbursement for the district was \$706.50 for bank charges. The report showed the breakdown of each fund's cash balance for the district. The general fund had a balance of \$3,405,968.24. The community service fund balance was \$175,713.27. The district's debt service fund was \$163,663.49 with the student activities fund showing a balance of \$87,775.98. The food service fund had a deficit balance of \$114,062.46 while the building construction fund had a deficit of \$40,881.56. The bank account balances for the district include \$132,299.13 at First Security Bank, Evansville with \$1,881,764.35 at

Bremer Bank, Brandon. The district also has \$145,883.16 in a money market account at First Security Bank and \$1,518,230.32 in the Minnesota Trust. The district's ending balance for the month was \$3,678,176.96 with the prior year's balance at \$3,428,741.32. The district also received several donations for the month. The City of Brandon will be holding a public hearing on property tax abatement as part of its March 4 meeting. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. The abatements will be on parcels in the city. An abatement allows the city to use the taxes from the property to a designated project. The process does not change the amount of taxes on the parcels or how the parcels are taxed. By using the abatements the

The donations included \$1,100 from the Christina Lake Longbeards; \$2,625 from the United Way; two donations from the Urbank Lions totaling \$2,800; \$500 from the Millerville Fire Department and \$100 from Hiepler. The next meeting of the board will be March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Evansville band room.

### Brandon to hold hearing on abatement

city will be allowed to use up to \$1,610,000 to use for the city's 2024 street improvement project. The project will include street and utility improvements. The money from the abatements will be used for general obligation bonds to finance the improvements. The money will be collected over 20 years. A copy of the abatement resolution is available for public review at city hall.

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### Douglas County Sheriff's Blotter

**Feb. 21**  
Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 95. Out with state patrol. Male walking on interstate, name wouldn't return and male stated he dealt with Alex PD earlier in the day. State patrol handled call.  
Garfield - School event. I Love to Read Month. Read books to each classroom.  
Alexandria - Accident. Ford SUV and Dodge SUV. Call for tow and have person move vehicle out of roadway.  
Kensington - Parking complaint. Complainant states there is a silver Ford truck parking in front of his house for the past five days. Complainant believes that is person one driving it and that he is going  
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# Growing Green with Extension Educator Robin Trott



## Save the Date -Let's Get Growing Returns to Alexandria!

Join Douglas County Master Gardeners for the revamped Let's Get Growing event! Experience the new half-day format on Saturday, April 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Discovery Middle School (510 McKay Ave N, Alexandria). Meet specialists, explore educational displays by University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners, and browse vendor booths. Whether you're a be-

ginner or an expert gardener, there's something for everyone. Attend three sessions to stay updated on the latest trends and techniques in gardening.

The Foodscape: Celebrating the Beauty of Food by Julie Weisenhorn, Extension Educator, University of Minnesota Foodscaping aims to demonstrate edible plants are not only consumable, but also aesthetically pleasing, and provide a way to increase food security, availability, and accessibility. Designed and installed by Ex-

## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 21-CV-24-15  
SUMMONS

Quiet Title Action  
Kocur Cabin LLC, Plaintiff,  
-vs-

Estate of Andrew Erickson, William Kocur and Bernice C. Kocur, State of Minnesota; Richard J. Duncan and Julie K. Duncan, Jon Emmerich, Alison Lindstrom, David W. Kocur and Nancy L. Kocur, Paul E. Kocur and Mary T. Kocur, Eileen A. Meulners and Ronald P. Meulners, Jane E. Heath and Sean W. Heath, Katherine M. Gillard and Gregory Gillard and all such other unknown heirs of all of said Defendants and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein,  
Defendants.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiffs Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court, and there may be no Court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons at 16 First Street SE, Glenwood, MN 56334.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs Complaint. In your Answer, you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiffs should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiffs everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A Default Judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternate means of resolving this dispute.

7. REAL ESTATE. This lawsuit may affect or bring into question title to real property located in Douglas County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: See Exhibit A attached hereto.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

MINNESOTA STATUTE §543.22 REQUIRES US TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A STATEMENT CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES AS SET FORTH IN MINNESOTA GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE (MGRP). PARTIES TO A CIVIL ACTION ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEMPT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA LAW. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INCLUDES MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND OTHER PROCESSES AS SET FORTH IN THE DISTRICT COURT RULES. YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA. IF YOU CANNOT PAY FOR MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, IN SOME COUNTIES, ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH A NONPROFIT PROVIDER OR A COURT PROGRAM.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.

ZUBER LAW

/s/ Brianna Zuber Beckwith #0389190  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
16 First Street SE Glenwood, Minnesota 56334 Phone (320) 634-4584  
brianna@zuberlawmn.com  
EXHIBIT "A"

That part of Lot A& B of AUSLAND'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 OF SEC. 7. OF T 127 N. R. 39 W., according to the recorded plat thereof, and that part of Government Lot 2, and that part of the meandered land falling northwest of Government Lot 2, all being within Section 7, Township 127 North, Range 39 West, Douglas County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Lot B;  
thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 38 seconds West, assumed bearing along the east line of said Lot B, a

tension horticulture educator Julie Weisenhorn at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, the Foodscape is a landscape that celebrates the beauty of food and showcases diverse plants and growing techniques, as well as sustainable landscape techniques that gardeners of all kinds can use to incorporate food plants into their own yards and gardens.

Building Soil Health by Joe Storlien, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, St. Benedict, and St. John's University Soils serve as the foundation in our gardens and landscapes. Building soil health should be a goal of many gardeners. Improved garden yields, healthy plants, and creating resilient ecosystems are some of the

distance of 320.41 feet to a point on the southeasterly right-of-way line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7, according to the recorded plat thereof, said point also being on a 2366.83-foot radius curve in which center of circle bears North 30 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West from said point;

thence southwesterly along said southeasterly right-of-way line of MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7, and along said 2366.83-foot radius curve, central angle 00 degrees 20 minutes 06 seconds, 13.84 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described;

thence continuing along said southeasterly right-of-way line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7, and along said 2366.83-foot radius curve, central angle 16 degrees 13 minutes 48 seconds, 670.45 feet to point B24 as per said MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7;

thence southwesterly along said southeasterly right-of-way line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7 to point B25 as per said MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7, said southeasterly right-of-way line also being a circular curve very near 75 feet southeasterly and very nearly parallel with the, Euler spiral curve right-of-way acquisition line of Trunk Highway No. 27, said spiral curve having a central angle of 05 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and a spiral length of 400.00 feet, said circular curve, and said southeasterly right-of-way line having a chord bearing of South 79 degrees 09 minutes 52 seconds West and a chord length of 406.40 feet;

thence South 80 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds West along said southeasterly right-of-way line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-7, a distance of 86 feet more or less to the waterline of Lake Oscar;

thence southeasterly, southwesterly, southeasterly and northeasterly along said waterline, 1826 feet more or less to aforesaid east line of Lot B; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 38 seconds East along said east line of Lot B, a distance of 921 feet more or less to a line bearing South 30 degrees 37 minutes 42 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence North 30 degrees 37 minutes 42 seconds West, 23.22 feet to the point of beginning.

The tract contains 18.3 acres more or less subject to easements, reservations or restrictions of record, if any. Publish Feb. 22, 29; March 7, 2024

many benefits of a healthy soil environment. We will explore the various management practices gardeners can perform each year to boost the health of the soils in their backyard.

A-Z of Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits by Courtney Tchida, MN SEED Project, Executive Director .This presentation will cover arugula to zucchini of vegetables, herbs, and fruits you can grow in Minnesota. Using a cold climate, permaculture context, we will talk about both the easiest and the hardest crops to grow with tips for every crop along the way. We will also touch on pest and weed control strategies for the beginning grower. This class will help get you started in planning for spring.

Explore a variety of educational topics at our booths, including backyard bird feeding, growing sweet potatoes, soil blocks for seed starting, protected growing, children's gardening books, and an opportunity to ask a master gardener. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with refreshments and displays available until 8:30 a.m. Admission is \$20 per person (cash or

check only) at the door, payable to Regents of the University of Minnesota. For questions or brochure requests, please contact the Douglas County Extension office at (320) 762-3890 or email mnext-douglas@umn.edu. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date: Join Robin Trott and local growers for the Blooms and Beyond Flower Farmer Stories webinar series Wednesdays, March 20-April 24. (FKA Blooms and beyond flower farmer forum). For more information and to register visit: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/blooms-and-beyond-flower-farmer-stories>.  
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The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. – Alfred Austin  
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## Now and Then

Excerpts from the Evansville  
Historical Foundation Archives

### 100 Years Ago - 1924

Evansville Enterprise  
Tennis Club Formed

At a meeting held at the A. J. Ostrom home, a number of the young men of the city organized a tennis association. It is their plan to secure grounds on which to build courts and if the membership can be secured at least two courts will be built. It is also the plan of the organization to extend their activities into other lines of athletics if the demand warrants it. Only a temporary organization was affected but at their next meeting a constitution and by-laws will be presented and the work of getting the courts into shape will be taken up. A small membership fee will be charged to help defray the cost of building the courts and to get the necessary equipment.

Firm Changes Hands

Firm of Johnson-Ostlund Remains the Same but Takes in New Partner.

A deal was consummated recently whereby Hans Johnson of Melby, who has been the partner of V. Ostlund of this place in the implement business, sold his interest to Oscar E. Johnson from east of town.

They have discontinued their branch at Melby and hereafter all their business will be conducted from Evansville. They will carry a larger stock than heretofore and repairs for all International machinery will be easier to get. They have recently moved all their stock down from Melby and are now busy getting it stored. The firm of Johnson-Ostlund has been established only a few years but have enjoyed good business all the time.

The new member of the firm needs no introduction in this part of the country, having grown up on his father's farm east of town. He has been active in road matters the past two or three years and is a booster for Evansville.

### 50 Years Ago - 1974

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### 25 Years Ago - 1999

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Evansville Students take part in Honors Band and Choir

Four students from Evansville High School participated in the Moorhead State University Honor Band and Choir Festival. Honor Choir members included Greta Arnquist, Johnna Anderson and Lauren May while Rachel Shea participated in the Honor Band. The music festival differs from others because the participants had to actually audition for their spots in the group.

Crestview Royalty

The Crestview Valentine's Day Royalty crowned Feb 13 are Queen Valerie and King Sanferd Helgeson.

Open House for New Faces at Clinic.

Open house at Come for Coffee for Dr. Farhan Shams, MD and Marlene Wood, CSFNP, the two new staff members at the Evansville Clinic.

Evansville Historical Foundation

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## DNR classifies 13 high-risk invasive species

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has classified 13 high-risk invasive aquatic plants, fish and invertebrates as prohibited invasive species.

The DNR classifies invasive species as prohibited to prevent their introduction and spread in Minnesota and to protect the state's environment, economy, natural resources and outdoor recreation. It is unlawful to possess, import, purchase, transport or introduce prohibited invasive species, except under a DNR-issued permit for disposal, decontamination, control, research or education.

The prohibition on 12 of the 13 species is effective immediately, with publication of the new listings in today's State Register. Jumping worms will be prohibited invasive species effective July 1, to provide additional time for outreach to businesses and others who may be impacted by the rule change.

The new species and the reasons for listing the species are summarized below. More information on these species can be found on the Invasive Species Rulemaking webpage.

- Jumping worms have negative impacts on plants and soils. Jumping worms have been confirmed in some Minnesota urban areas but not in most of Minnesota. Listing jumping worms as prohibited invasive species will reduce their spread in Minnesota by making sales of jumping worms illegal. This measure also strengthens

regulations so that legally sold worms are not contaminated with any jumping worm species.

- Non-native common reed reduces biological diversity by crowding out native plant and animal species. The rule does not apply to Minnesota's native subspecies of common reed.

- Mitten crabs, Nile perch, snakehead fish, and walking catfish are now classified as prohibited invasive species in Minnesota due to their environmental impacts and for consistency with the federal injurious wildlife species list.

- Yellow floating heart (an aquatic plant), tench (a fish), golden mussel, and marbled crayfish are all identified as "least wanted" species by the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force. Adding these regional priority species to Minnesota's prohibited invasive species list will help to prevent their introduction and spread.

- Golden clams can block water intake pipes and interfere with substrate needed by native species. Populations of golden clams have been found in some Minnesota waters. Classifying this species as prohibited will help prevent further spread in the state.

- Tubenose gobies are non-native to North America and have the potential for negative impacts. The western tubenose goby is already listed as a prohibited invasive species in

Minnesota, and several other species in the genus are difficult to distinguish from one another. Listing the genus will help prevent the introduction and spread of other tubenose goby species.

- Eastern mosquitofish. Eastern mosquitofish have been stocked for mosquito control in other states in the U.S. and have become invasive in places they were introduced. Eastern mosquitofish are not known to be in Minnesota. Adding eastern mosquitofish to the prohibited invasive species list will reduce the risk that this species would be introduced to the state.

The DNR has authority to protect Minnesota's environment, economy and natural resources from potential harm from non-native species of wild animals and aquatic plants. These classification changes are part of the DNR's ongoing work to assess the risk of non-native species. These additions to the prohibited species list follow a public review and input process as part of formal rulemaking.

Other prohibited invasive species in Minnesota include zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil and silver carp. A complete list is available on the DNR invasive species laws website.

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## Community Calendar

THE MILLERVILLE TOWN-SHIP meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. November-April, 3 p.m.; May-Oct., 6 p.m. at Millerville Fire Hall.

Brandon American Legion will meet at 7 pm the Fourth Tuesday of each month, March through October, at the Brandon Hall. New Members Welcome. For questions, please call 320-304-5333 or email carl196545@hotmail.com

Brandon American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7 pm the Fourth Tuesday of each month, March, April, May, June and October, at the Brandon Hall. New Members Welcome. For questions, please call 320-304-0809 or email hz-abroski@yahoo.com.

A REMINDER TO ALL EVANSVILLE City Residents: Sump Pumps cannot discharge into the sanitary sewer. Please make sure your sump pump is discharging outside!!

TO EVANSVILLE RESIDENTS: If you would like to be added to the email event listing please email your name and email address to evansvil@gctel.com and ask to be added.

THE BRANDON LIONS MEETINGS are the first Wednesday of the month at the Brandon Community Center (fall, winter, spring) and at Lion's Park (summer months), 7 pm. New members welcome.

THE CITY OF BRANDON has received numerous complaints of dogs running loose. Please keep your pets on your property and under your direct control. City ordinance prohibits dogs running at large.

THE EVANSVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS meet each month on the third Wednesday for a potluck noon meal at the Senior Center.

THE BRANDON FIN & FEATHER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB will be meeting monthly at 7 PM on the third Wednesday on the month at the Brandon Community Center. New members welcome!

THE GARFIELD LIONS CLUB MEETINGS are the second Monday of the month at the Garfield City Hall, 7 p.m. New Members are welcome.

MILLERVILLE SPORTSMEN Club meets at the Millerville Fire Hall the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

There shall be no burning of any sorts in the City limits of Evansville except a recreational fire as defined in the definitions.

Reminder to all Evansville City residents to NOT blow your grass clippings into the streets. They will plug the storm sewer.

Reminder to all Evansville City residents that dogs cannot be running at large and must be on a leash.

THE RECORD has a drop box at Hiway Amoco in Evansville. It is located next to the free Records. If you leave something in the box please try to call us to let us know at (320)834-4924 or e-mail to: wdrecord@gctel.com.

THE EVANSVILLE LIONS CLUB MEETINGS are the third

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AREA MEETINGS: Evansville City Council, second Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon City Council, first Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon-Evansville School Board, third Monday at Evansville Senior Center, at 7 p.m.

## BLOTTER

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to his ex's house that lives right by him. Spoke to complainant. Will advise if they see him.

Garfield - Complainant states that person one is at her house and in a bad mental state and needs to be brought in. Person one arrested for warrants.

Alexandria - Apple Watch crash alert. Could hear a machine running in the background. Owner called back and everything is okay.

Carlos - Trailer with 3-4 scrap cars inside on fire. Six crushed scrap vehicles, front top car caught fire.

Millerville - Grass fire getting close to large woods.

Miltona - Reporting party stating vehicle picked up kids and they had four unrestrained kids in the car. Verbally reported incident to social services. Will complete report.

Alexandria - Complainant states person is passed out in vehicle. Directly in front door, tried to knock on the window and no response.

Osakis - Driving complaint. Silver Ford SUV all over the road.

Garfield - Complainant states her neighbor fell and can't get up, not hurt, she is in the bedroom.

Osakis - Females actively fighting.

Miltona - Lights on inside school. Foot patrol around building. All doors were secure and no signs of forced entry.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Complainant stated car was swerving a lot on C.R. 82 on County 17 very slow, complainant is no longer following. All deputies out of position. Registered owner has address nearby. Attempted to call complainant but no answer.

Farwell - Complainant's wife

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has pacemaker and is having chest pain. 67-year-old female. Pain has been coming and going for a day.

Alexandria - Complainant states that the neighbor's chimney smells not normal, starting to bother her, is using an air purifier and can smell it, very strong smell, not sure what to do. Advised complainant law enforcement could only act if odor was being caused by burning of prohibited materials. Gave option of other departments to call.

Parkers Prairie - Traffic stop. Headlight

Milona - Male walking. Gray shirt and camo pants. Consensual contact. Male walking two blocks after getting pizza from main street.

### Feb. 22

Kensington - Dark colored SUV pulling a trailer on the side of the road with flashers on. Blown driver, front tire. Complainant knocked on the window to see if the person needed help. Person appeared to be sleeping, looked at them, and refused to open their window or door. Person one arrested for DUI.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 97. Complainant states a white sprinter van, west bound on I-94 was all over the road with varying speeds.

Milona Elementary School - Morning patrol.

Alexandria - Male party with swollen throat and having trouble breathing.

Milona - Called in by Milona school. Two boys did not show up for school today and they cannot get a hold of parents. Caller would like them checked on. Kids having a sick day. School notified.

Evansville - Traffic stop. Citation for expired registration, warning for insurance.

Alexandria - Male party is on scene, causing problems because he walked in on his girlfriend with another man.

Garfield - Dad very weak and has stuff all over himself and the house, needs to go to the ER. He is not able to walk very well.

Milona - Complainant is being blackmailed. Person is telling them they will share explicit images of them unless they pay them money.

Carlos - Three semi-trailers and quonset, truck sitting outside. Complainant is out of town. Persons one and two were in vehicle one. Stated they were

testing out some new subs for vehicle one. No burglary tools inside vehicle on visible and no forced entry to property. Advised of compost site rules and sent them on their way.

Alexandria - Complainant states there is a man in her house that isn't her husband. Person one suffers from dementia and thought person two was not her husband. Nothing violent and an appointment is scheduled for tomorrow.

### Feb. 23

Evansville - I-94, mile marker 82. Driving complaint. Vehicle all over the road. Stopped by state patrol.

Alexandria - Medical call. 85-year-old female, Life Alert. Hurt her neck. Unknown how it happened.

Alexandria - Complainant would like an officer to check on person one to see if he needs to be transported to ER. Possibly COVID positive. Subject wants to go to ER on his own. Complainant will be notified.

Osakis - OFP violation. Another violation of OFP over social media.

Milona - School patrol. Morning patrol.

Brandon - School patrol. Morning patrol.

Alexandria - Two vehicle accident with injuries.

Alexandria - Female has fallen. Needs a lift. Not injured.

Alexandria - Couple helped elderly female get home but are concerned she is not okay. Due to her age and possibly health.

Osakis - Someone outside of complainant's house banging on the door or the siding of the house. Complainant did not see anyone or vehicles leave the scene. All the doors are locked. Complainant wants law enforcement to check the area.

Checked the area and all seemed okay. Will follow up with complainant.

Milona - School patrol. Evening patrol.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Wireless device use.

Alexandria - Complainant states person one needs transport to ER. Non-emergency. She has COPD and a possible UTI.

Alexandria - Need escort to get items from house. Advised complainant that this is a civil issue regarding property. No orders in place, complainant had been storing items at this property and owner is getting upset when she shows up. Did speak with person one who

stated complainant is allowed to come get her property now. Parties advised to be respectful and call and or separate when at residence if they start to disagree about it. Both parties agreed and started it should be fine.

Alexandria - Taking person one to ER for medical. two corrections officers will be with him.

Alexandria - Medical all. 74-year-old male. Possible heart attack. Seizure activity.

Osakis - Traffic stop. Tint, license plate illumination.

Kensington - Traffic stop. No license plates.

### Feb. 24

Farwell - Push vehicle one out of lane of traffic. Provided lights.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 103. Traffic stop. Citation to person one for open container of marijuana.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Person one arrested for fourth-degree DWI.

Alexandria - Medical call. 85-year-old male experiencing stroke-like symptoms. Has had a stroke before.

Hoffman - Info of a physical domestic was given to Grant County. They then found the address by phone number and it matched the area of location that it prompted. Grant County has one deputy and suspect is wanted by department of corrections and is known for assault and fleeing.

Garfield - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for lights on trailer not working.

Garfield - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for incomplete stop at stop sign.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Expired registration and no proof of insurance.

Osakis - Theft. Complainant would like to report some fishing equipment was stolen.

Nelson - Person one and father who owns car dealership in Nelson just bought car and were driving it to lot. Vehicle had no plates.

Alexandria - Jail requesting a couple of officers ASAP but not code 3 for a jail medical but they do not need an ambulance at this time.

Kensington - Patrol activity. Looking for person one. Person one arrested for warrants.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Expired registration, brake light and turn signal out.

Carlos - Traffic stop. Verbal

warning for headlight out and expired registration.

Alexandria - Tire went flat. Requested tow to come to the scene to change it for them.

Alexandria - Complainant states there is a male party who appears to be intoxicated trying to drive. Persons one and two were giving a drunk friend a ride home. Male was laughing due to the females intoxication. No issues.

Carlos - Suspicious activity. One person attempting to break in. Complainant and two children at home.

### Feb. 25

Carlos - Yelling and threats. Deputies attempted to contact at apartment. All quiet, no answer. Male subject from previous call was in the area yelling. Guessing it was him.

Alexandria - Complainant states she saw a girl crawling on the sidewalk and stumbling around. Dressed in all black. Complainant believes she may be highly intoxicated.

Kensington - Speed, improper placement of temp tag and no proof.

Alexandria - Dogs been barking nonstop last night and this morning. Sat in the area for several minutes. Dog barked twice. Owner notified.

Alexandria - Brother chased him out of camper with baseball bat.

Garfield - Brush fire out of control, east of residence.

Alexandria - Vehicle on the side of the road moving slowly on shoulder. Vehicle overheated. Friend arrived to assist.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 103. Approximately 10 minutes ago a black 4-door Chevy pickup was passing milemarker 103 heading westbound. It had an unrestrained child sitting on the front passenger's lap.

Carlos - Vehicle with flashers on waving down squad car.

Osakis - Teenagers on dirt bikes. Advised on dirt bikes.

Alexandria - Shooting complaint. Complainant has a neighbor shooting a high-powered rifle in complainant's backyard. Neighbor is shooting on his own property and in a safe direction. Advised complainant that he is okay to do so.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Vehicle all over the road.

Alexandria - Male and female arguing, stay away from me. Checked on two people walking in the area and they said they were fine.



# Four Knight wrestlers earn berths at state tournament

Four members of the West Central Area-Ashby-Brandon-Evansville wrestling team earned spots in the state tournament by winning their weight classes.

Going to the state tournament March 1 at the ExCel Energy Center are Owen Gruchow, 127 pounds; Adam Lohse, 145; Jeremy Blaszyk, 189; and Will Rustan, 285.

Individual results are as follows:

**107** - Nathan Brethorst, 22-23, placed 5th. Champ. Round 1 - Brethorst 22-23 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Blake Fischer, Osakis, 35-14 won by decision over Brethorst 22-23, Dec 8-6; Cons. Round 2 - Brethorst 22-23 received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Brethorst 22-23 won by fall over Houston Schwartz, OTC, 2-18, Fall 1:51; Cons. Semi - Brodie Pachan, LPGE-Browerville, 33-9 won by decision over Brethorst 22-23, Dec 4-2; 5th Place Match - Brethorst 22-23 won by fall over Logan Seelhammer, Wadena-Deer Creek, 8-18, Fall 2:41.

**114** - Evan Dingwall, 30-16, placed 3rd. Champ. Round 1 - Dingwall 30-16 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Ashton Pastian, Osakis, 32-16 won by decision over Dingwall 30-16, Dec 11-5; Cons. Round 2 - Dingwall 30-16 received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Dingwall 30-16 won by major decision over Carlyle Tumberg, NYM, 8-22, MD 10-0; Cons. Semi - Dingwall 30-16 won by major decision over Brock Martig, Border West, 20-19, MD 14-1; 3rd Place Match - Dingwall 30-16 won by fall over Ashton Pastian, Osakis, 32-16, Fall 5:14; 2nd Place Match - Hunter Katterhagen, LPGE-Browerville, 35-7 won by decision over Dingwall 30-16, Dec 9-3.

**121** - Brock Brunkow, 0-2, placed 7th. Champ. Round 1 - Brunkow 0-2 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Evan Flan, LPGE-Browerville, 24-17 won by fall over Brunkow 0-2, Fall 1:18; Cons. Round 2 - Brunkow 0-2 received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Peter Newark, OTC, 5-22 won by fall over Brunkow 0-2, Fall 1:38; 7th Place Match - Brunkow 0-2 received a bye.

**127** - Owen Gruchow, 40-6, placed 1st. Champ. Round 1 - Gruchow 40-6 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Gruchow 40-6 won by fall over Finn Wallgren, NYM, 0-13, Fall 5:06; Semi-final - Gruchow 40-6 won by fall over Logan Thom, LPGE-Browerville, 26-19, Fall 3:58; 1st Place Match - Gruchow 40-6 won in sudden victory - 1 over Orran Hart, Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie, 32-10, SV-1 9-7.

**133** - Cristian Ponce, 1-9, placed 8th. Champ. Round 1 - Ponce 1-9 received a bye;

Quarterfinal - Justin Olson, Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie, 29-12 won by fall over Ponce 1-9, Fall 5:28; Cons. Round 2 - Ponce 1-9 received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Cayden Dittberner, OTC, 7-13 won by major decision over Ponce 1-9, MD 11-1.

**139** - Carter Lohse, 9-25, placed 6th. Champ. Round 1 - Lohse 9-25 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Mason Brauch, Wadena-Deer Creek, 19-14 won by fall over Lohse 9-25, Fall 1:49; Cons. Round 2 - Lohse 9-25 received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Lohse 9-25 won by fall over Brock Resch, OTC, 3-14, Fall 1:44; Cons. Semi - Jacob Hidalgo, LPGE-Browerville, 17-19 won by fall over Lohse 9-25, Fall 1:28; 5th Place Match - Kevin Casper, Border West, 17-21 won by fall over Lohse 9-25, Fall 3:55.

**145** - Adam Lohse, 26-12, placed 1st. Champ. Round 1 - Adam 26-12 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Adam 26-12 won by tech fall over Calvin Norton, Pelican Rapids, 17-22, TF-1.5 3:29, 17-2; Semi-final - Adam 26-12 won by tech fall over Preston Captain, Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie, 13-18, TF-1.5 4:10, 19-4; 1st Place Match - Adam 26-12 won by decision over Jude Olson, Border West, 29-4, Dec 7-2.

**152** - Sam Olson, 12-14, placed 6th. Champ. Round 1 - Olson 12-14 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Olson 12-14 won by decision over Tanner Schulte, Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie, 16-31, Dec 10-5; Semifinal - Tucker Zigan, LPGE-Browerville, 41-2 won by decision over Olson 12-14, Dec 9-2; Cons. Semi - Tayden Soma, OTC, 5-12 won by decision over Olson 12-14, Dec 10-9; 5th Place Match - Tucker Hagen, Osakis, 28-23 won by decision over Olson 12-14, Dec 4-3.

**160** - Solomon Wales, 37-8, placed 3rd. Champ. Round 1 - Wales 37-8 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Wales 37-8 won by decision over Eli Benning, Wadena-Deer Creek, 15-19, Dec 6-0; Semifinal - Gaven Cimbura, Osakis, 37-14 won by decision over Wales 37-8, Dec 8-6; Cons. Semi - Wales 37-8 won by injury default over Levi Evavold, OTC, 12-13, Inj. 0:00; 3rd Place Match - Wales 37-8 won by fall over Ben Peterson, Border West, 26-21, Fall 0:37; 2nd Place Match - Gaven Cimbura, Osakis, 37-14 won by no contest over Wales 37-8, NC.

**172** - Ezekiel Sieckert, 36-6, placed 3rd. Champ. Round 1 - Sieckert 36-6 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Sieckert 36-6 won by fall over Joe Mann, NYM, 15-28, Fall 5:19; Semi-final - Brody Nachbor, Border

See **KNIGHTS**, page 7.



## MILESTONE

The boys basketball contest between Hancock and Brandon-Evansville had to be stopped in the first half after junior Micah Fuller sank a free throw because that gave him his 1,000th point in his career. Fuller is the first junior boy and the eighth boy to reach the milestone in Charger program history. "Micah has put so much time into his craft and deserves this recognition," said B-E Coach Trent Hintermeister. Micah is shown above with his parents, Shelly and Troy, Sr.

# Charger boys fall to LEC foe Hancock

The Brandon-Evansville boys basketball team took on Hancock Feb. 20 in Evansville

The Chargers started out well hitting 3-pointers and taking a lead.

The Owls then answered with their own 3-point barrage to build a lead. "Hancock was unconscious from the 3 point line and used their size to their advantage extremely well. We needed to do a better job of communicating defensively and we didn't do that for the whole game and it cost us," said B-E Coach Trent Hintermeister.

Riley Perleberg and Tanner Riedel led the Chargers in scoring with 15 points each. Micah Fuller finished with 14 points while Carter White had six and Dustin Gillespie two for B-E.

The Chargers travelled to take on B-B-E Feb. 22 losing 69-53. On Feb. 23 the team played Benson at home falling 75-59.

The team's next contest is

# B-E girls finish regular season with two victories

The Brandon-Evansville girls basketball team travelled to take on Bertha-Hewitt Feb. 20 for the team's penultimate regular season game.

The Chargers managed to hold a 43-33 halftime lead and ended the game with a 80-65 win.

"The offense showed up in a big way with Haddy Baune hitting shot after shot in the first half and Kylee Dingwall doing the same in the second half. The defense put a lot of pressure in the full court but struggled to contain Bertha-Hewitt in the



B-E's Dustin Gillespie drove the ball on this possession during the team's game with Hancock.

Feb. 29 at Ashby at 7:30 p.m.

The first round of playoffs

will be March 6 at the site of the higher seeds.

post and on the glass and this allowed them to hang around nearly the whole game," said B-E Coach Stephen Schreiber.

Baune led the team with 25 points while Dingwall had 23 and Mia Elmer 10.

## B-E 77, Benson 43

The Chargers ended the regular season on the road at Benson.

The Braves shot well to start the game earning a 18-3 lead thanks to the Chargers struggling to get shots to fall.

After a time out the Chargers regrouped and found scoring

success ending the half on a 31-8 run. In the second half the Chargers outscored Benson 43-17 for a 77-43 win.

"This was a special team this year. It's rare to see a team improve by ten wins from the previous season. The leadership by seniors Kylee Dingwall, Skylar Bitzan and Madison Anderson was phenomenal. The amount of effort this group put in is a testament to how well the season went. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to lead and I'm sad

See **CHARGERS**, page 9.



# B-E girls basketball team seeded No. 4 for Section 6A South tourney

The Brandon-Evansville girls basketball team was seeded No. 4 for the South Sub-Section tournament. The team will take on No. 5 W-H-N in Evansville Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. The rest of the seedings are as follows: 1. Hancock, 2. Breckenridge, 3. WCA, 6. C-G-B, 7.

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West, 30-11 won by decision over Sieckert 36-6, Dec 7-5; Cons. Semi - Sieckert 36-6 won by fall over Seth Stroeing, Wadena-Deer Creek, 25-14, Fall 5:02; 3rd Place Match - Sieckert 36-6 won by decision over Mark Kapenga, Pelican Rapids, 31-15, Dec 16-10; 2nd Place Match - Brody Nachbor, Border West, 30-11 won by no contest over Sieckert 36-6, NC. **189** - Jeremy Blascyk, 35-10, placed 1st. Champ. Round 1 - Blascyk 35-10 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Blascyk 35-10 won by decision over Elias Valdovines, Pelican Rapids,

Parkers Prairie, 8. Benson, 9. Ortonville, 10. Ashby. Other quarterfinal games have Benson at Hancock; Parkers Prairie at Breckenridge; and C-G-B at WCA. The sub-section semifinals are March 2 at Minnewaska with the final at Minnewaska

March 6. The North seedings are as follows: 1. Park Christian, 2. Underwood, 3. Hillcrest, 4. Ada-Borup, 5. New York Mills, 6. Rothsay, 7. NCE/UH, 8. Henning, 9. Lake Park-Audubon, 10. Battle Lake. North first round games have

LP-A at Park Christian; NYM at Ada-Borup; Battle Lake at Underwood; and Rothsay at Hillcrest.

The overall section championship game will be played March 8 at 7 p.m. at Fergus Falls Roosevelt gym.

### Girls Section 6A South Sub-Section

<b>No. 1 Hancock</b> at Hancock Feb. 29	<b>1 p.m.</b> <b>Minnewaska</b> <b>March 2</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b> <b>Minnewaska</b> <b>March 6</b>
<b>No. 8 Benson</b>		
<b>No. 4 B-E</b> at B-E Feb. 29		
<b>No. 5 W-H-N</b>		
<b>No. 2 Brecken.</b> at Breck. Feb. 29	<b>2:45 p.m.</b> <b>Minnewaska</b> <b>March 2</b>	
<b>No. 7. Parkers Pr.</b>		
<b>No. 3 WCA</b> at WCA Feb. 29		
<b>No. 6 C-G-B</b>		

The South Sub-Section champion will play the North Sub-Section champion March 8 at 7 p.m. at Fergus Falls Roosevelt gym..

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**CONCESSION STAND**  
Above is the concession stand at the new gym area at the Brandon School.



**NEW OFFICE SPACE**  
This is part of the new office space at the Brandon School. There are several offices down the hall way.

## DNR determines no cormorant control needed on Pelican Lake

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has determined that cormorant population control is not currently warranted at Pelican Lake in Grant County. The decision follows data showing walleye numbers in Pelican Lake improved in 2022 and 2023.

“When the Pelican Lake walleye population declined sharply in 2021, the DNR looked at the cormorant population as a potential factor,” DNR Fisheries Northwest Regional Manager Marc Bacigalupi said. “The good news is that the 2022 and 2023 walleye year-classes appear to be strong. The DNR will survey cormorants and fish in Pelican Lake again in 2024. We have an ongoing commitment to manage these fish and cormorant populations.”

Bacigalupi also thanked everyone who participated in

a 2023 public input process on fish and cormorant population management alternatives at Pelican Lake.

The 2023 gillnet catch rate in Pelican Lake rebounded to 7.5 walleyes per net, just below the management plan goal of eight walleyes per net, from 5.3 walleyes per net in 2021.

Cormorants on Egret Island in Pelican Lake were counted in 2022 and 2023. Nest counts are lower than previous counts from 2015 and 2020.

The DNR will be developing an adaptive monitoring and management plan for the Pelican Lake fishery and Egret Island cormorant colony. An adaptive management plan is a process that identifies when management may be warranted, along with an approach to monitor the outcomes of any management.



# Brandon-Evansville High School

## First Quarter Honor Roll

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Olivia Topel	Meshach Mountjoy	Aunnaka Pieschke
Wyatt Bitzan	Justin Ledermann	Addison Daniels
Amelia Evjen	<b>Grade 12</b>	Elliana Bahls
Abednego Mountjoy	Riley Perleberg	Claire Boesl
Ellie Olsen	Naomi Fournier	Lily Luthi
Sawyer Chlian	Kyler Sletto	Destiney Jones
Maxwell Barlow	Josephine Walberg	Natalie Meichsner
Samuel Seifert	Stephen Hamilton	Samantha Puchalski
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>B Honor Roll</b>	Taylor Dingwall
Emmalyn Gaalswyk	<b>Grade 9</b>	Jordan Buchholz
Grace Herfindahl	Chloe Henrichs	August Bredberg
Liliana Topel	Shelby Jeppesen	Courtney Brethorst
Jaiden Anderson	Jadyn Woida	Donell Lee
Hannah Korkowski	Alexis Stelzer	Dylan Gezo
Landon Stich	Ryder Baune	Bowden Larson
Serenity Peterson	Londyn Ohren-Shores	Gavin Nicholas
Bryce Froemming	Evan Allen	Tanner Riedel
Ella Koep	Sarah Wagner	<b>Grade 12</b>
Zachary Crane	Ruby Quinn	Isaac Martin
Raychelle Blowers	Aubree Hiepler	Skylar Bitzan
Kolby Bitzan	Nathaneal Wagner	Logan Haburn
Jadyn Deschene	Harrison Simonson	Sarah Bitzan
Kira Quinn	<b>Grade 10</b>	Kiatta Korkowski
Colton Breitreutz	Kaden Englund	Jenna Sturges
<b>Grade 11</b>	Justin Thoennes	Benjamin Seifert
Kaitlyn Evjen	Ian Bitzan	Lucas Fuller
Micah Fuller	Landon Sullivan	Solomon Wales
Darius Grussing	Bryce Kramer	Cole Henneman
	David Stroeing	Taylor Suchy
	Bennett Schaefer	Lucea Wales

# Brandon-Evansville Middle School

## First Quarter Honor Roll

<b>A Honor Roll</b>		
<b>Grade 6</b>		
Landen Gezo	Kendall Elmer	Blake Bricker
Kinley Henneman	Nina Evavold	Morgan Nicholas
Owen Slack	Emma Olsen	Kenna Richter
Miranda Bitzan-Anderson	Simon Quinn	Olivia Chlian
Aidyn Meissner	Lauren Thoennes	Tyler Breitreutz
William Bitzan	<b>B Honor Roll</b>	Maycee Gezo
Makenna Thoennes	<b>Grade 6</b>	Brynklely Brethorst
Lucas Carlson	Olivia Anderson	Maddex Wagner
Calvin Evjen	Peyton Klimek	Peyton Fiala
Carter Swiontek	Mariah Bitzan	Reegan Olson
<b>Grade 7</b>	Hunter Bonds	Alden Eddy
Kopel Haack	Faith Vowinkel	Myles Boesl
Lillian Kelly	Ashlyn Elmer	Brock Haseman
Joy Ledermann	Landon Janke	Paige Schaffran
Claire Roers	Jacob Wagner	Brooklyn Martin
Haley Herr	Jorja White	Nikolas Perrin
Emilie Scott	Siri Johnson	<b>Grade 8</b>
Brody Bitzan	Roman Wagner	Ilsa Wales
Hadley Nelson	Noah McFarlane	Jackson Vanderweyst
<b>Grade 8</b>	Kieronna Biegler	Nathan Brethorst
Hailey Thoennes	Chase Sullivan	Gunnar Sletto
Drea Fernholz	Ethan Herr	Lily Volk
Eli Jeppesen	Jameson Rustanbd	Evan Dingwall
Lauren Meichsner	Abby Knutson	Tayten Nelson
Greta Fuglseth	Ayla Winarske	Emma Anderson
Addison Stepan	Marissa Sturges	Alexis Bitzan
Anna Luthi	Ava Boesl	Merick Elmer
Brock Bahls	Addison Berneking	Colton Johnson
Sadie Stepan	<b>Grade 7</b>	Parker Buchholz
	Tatum Johnson	Nolan Anderson

### CHARGERS

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that the regular season had to end. We’re ready for playoffs though. The girls are hungry and want more. Hopes are high that we can make a solid run over the next couple weeks,” added the coach.

### Input on Green Fertilizer wanted by MDA

Dingwall had 24 points to lead the team while Ava Santjer had 12 and Drea Fernholz 10. Baune and Bitzan added seven each.

Through a request for information (RFI), the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) invites eligible cooperatives and other interested stakeholders in providing input to help the agency in designing a new Green Fertilizer Grant Program and in assessing business readiness of the green fertilizer industry in Minnesota.

The Chargers were seeded No 4 for the sub-section tournament and will play W-H-N at 7 p.m. Feb. 29 in Evansville.

The Green Fertilizer Grant Program is a financial tool that can be combined with federal funds like the Inflation Reduction Act Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit or Department of Energy loan programs to de-risk and incentivize development of the local green fertilizer industry.

During the 2023 session, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$7 million to the MDA for a Green Fertilizer Grant Program. The program is intended to provide financial support to Minnesota agricultural and rural electric cooperatives investing in green fertilizer production facilities, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the use of renewable energy in the

For this program, green fertilizer is defined as any nitrogen-based fertilizer that contains hydrogen produced via electrolysis powered by renewable energy.

The full RFI can be viewed on the MDA’s Green Fertilizer Program web page. Responses are due by 5 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, March 14, 2024, via Microsoft Forms.

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Brandon Township, Douglas County will hold its annual township meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Township Garage at 106 Mallard Ln, Brandon, MN. The agenda will include presentation of annual reports, setting the 2025 tax levy, consideration of funding requests from the Brandon Fire Department and Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission, and discussing any resident concerns. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to Thursday, March 14, 2024, same time and place. Mike Cleary, Clerk



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## Public notice

### Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to residents of Evansville Township, County of Douglas, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until March 19th @ 7:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Evansville City Hall 106 State Street Evansville, MN Mary Wright Evansville Township Clerk

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# City organizations want more funding for infrastructure, EMS systems

By Ava Kian  
MinnPost

Two organizations that represent Minnesota cities outside the Twin Cities region hope the Legislature will address several challenges facing their member cities, including stress on Emergency Medical Systems and infrastructure needs.

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and the League of Minnesota Cities, whose requests often overlap, are asking that funding for those two areas be included in this year's bonding bill.

## Funding for EMS

One of those requests is for around \$120 million to help EMS programs function.

"Over the last two years, our communities have been literally ringing alarm bells about the fragility of the system," Bradley Peterson, CGMC's executive director, said during a Zoom call about the organization's legislative priorities. "Reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid and private insurance are simply not keeping up with the services provided. The fee-

for-service model is, frankly, in many of our communities, not sustainable."

Also on the call was the mayor of Virginia, a city where demand for EMS services is high. The Iron Range town has 38 full-time fire EMS employees that cover around 640 square miles in northeastern Minnesota, mayor Larry Cuffe Jr. said.

A total of \$3.8 million from the city's budget goes toward EMS, though last year the city only recovered around \$1 million from Medicare reimbursements. For the last seven years, Cuffe said the city's EMS program has run at a deficit.

He said the support the state offers to essential services don't apply to EMS systems. And while the state allows the city to increase taxes on residents for those services, there isn't overwhelming support for that idea.

"The citizens of Virginia are bearing the cost of the entire coverage," Cuffe said. "It is imperative that the state acts now because if this is a crisis, that will have life-threatening long-term consequences for our children, for our families and for our communities at large."

Other cities are experiencing that same stress. In other areas of the state, EMS systems face staffing shortages, with many people leaving the profession, Bradley said.

"The challenges to the sustainability of our EMS services are mounting. This already fragile system is at a breaking point. EMS closures and consolidations have been on the rise throughout the state since 2001, and without state invest-

ment the future will continue to look bleak," Rick Schultz, the mayor of St. Joseph, said during the CGMC press conference earlier this month.

The coalition has asked for \$120 million for EMS systems. Several other associations, like the League of Minnesota Cities, have backed their proposal.

"We're hearing about services in Greater Minnesota that are contemplating shutting down. In the metro area, we have a lot of frustration around accountability for response times and other issues," said Anne Finn, the intergovernmental relations director for LMC. "I think the most pressing need here is the need for funding."

There's currently an EMS task force in the Legislature. Last week, the task force met and discussed challenges with reimbursement rates. Grant Hauschild, DFL-Hermantown, said at the task force meeting that the problem is uniquely affecting rural areas because in areas that don't have private EMS systems, the responsibility of paying for licensing falls on cities.

"I do think that this is a distinctly rural challenge ... from a financial perspective it feels like the weight is on our rural communities," he said. "There is certainly a short-term crisis that we need to figure out - my hope is this session - at least for some of those most targeted areas where this is a big crisis."

## Infrastructure and pollution control

Both CGMC and LMC are asking for the bonding bill to support the infrastructure needs of the cities, putting funds aside for municipal water and wastewater infrastructure, roads, bridges, and other projects.

The coalition has asked that the Legislature focus on pollutant mitigation - improving the wastewater systems to prevent pollution. It asked for \$299 million to go toward water and wastewater programs.

"It's a big number, but it's a big need," Peterson said.

One potential project that could benefit from that funding is a wastewater treatment plant in Albert Lea. Its city administrator said the aging plant needs around \$80 million for upgrades - and wastewater infrastructure grants and loans would help offset the cost.

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The governor's proposed capital investment plan - which was presented to the capital investment committee last week - sets aside \$109 million for water infrastructure loans and grants, with \$18 million for new grants to address contaminants in drinking water.

Finn said the LMC advocates for large pots of funding for

infrastructure that cities can spend how they choose.

"The bonding bill this year, we understand that there is limited debt capacity for the state so we have to be realistic about how large or not large the bonding bill's going to be," she said.

The LMC has 12 legislative priorities this session. Housing is one of the other top ones. The league wants to work on policies that allow cities to address their specific housing needs with more resources, and they want to prevent policies that may create overly broad statewide mandates related to housing.

## Focus on the basics

Peterson said the CGMC is urging the Legislature to focus on the issues of infrastructure and EMS delivery issues as

the cities are still working on implementing the bigger policies that passed last year.

He asked that issues of development, zoning and housing wait until 2025 - and that local leaders be given some time to fix what they find to be pressing in their communities.

"From our perspective, for 2024, what the Legislature needs to do is pump the brakes on significant new policy and focus on the basics: pass a bonding bill that invests in core infrastructure around the state to shore up our EMS system and do very little else that's going to impact cities or city operations," Peterson said.

Ava Kian is MinnPost's Greater Minnesota reporter. Follow her on Twitter @kian\_ava or email her at [akian@minnpost.com](mailto:akian@minnpost.com).

## OBITUARY

### Mavis Hendrickson

Mavis Hendrickson, 89 of Evansville died Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at the Evansville Care Center.

Mavis Darlene Hendrickson was born on December 6, 1934, in Alexandria, Minnesota the daughter of Edwin and Anna (Walberg) Lund. She was baptized April 21, 1935 and confirmed May 9, 1948 at the Calvary Covenant Church. Mavis attended country school and continued her education at the Evansville High School, graduating in 1952.

Mavis and Ardell Hendrickson were married on July 17, 1954, at the Calvary Covenant Church in Evansville. She was employed at Crestview Manor Nursing Home which became the Evansville Care Center, from September 5, 1973 as a CNA. She worked her way to be a TMA before finally moving into Dietary where she retired January 27, 2014. Mavis loved being outside "playing in the dirt." Every year her flower gardens grew and were admired by many. Mavis's hobbies evolved as her boys grew, from ceramics when they were younger to sewing and patching clothes as they got older. She progressed on to quilting with the Covenant Church ladies and finally embroidery as a resident of the Care Center. Mavis was very active at the Care Center doing puzzles, playing bingo and embroidering anything she could iron a pattern on, usually flour sack dishtowels. Nothing made Mavis happier than spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Which often involved going to some form of "ball game" to watch them play. Mavis and Ardell also enjoyed their rides around town in the Gator checking out all the activities and events. They especially enjoyed anything involving music.



Mavis was a member of Calvary Covenant Church and the Ladies Aid, and also had been a member of the local garden club. She was a kind and loving woman who found the good in everything and everyone. Mavis will be missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by five sons; Steve (Kathy) Hendrickson of Evansville, Stuart (Kelly D.) Hendrickson of Albert Lea, Stacey (Melissa) Hendrickson of Somerset, WI, Scott (Kelly A.) Hendrickson of Big Lake and Shane (Kristine) Hendrickson of Lakeville; eleven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; Sister-in-law Mary Jane (Carmen) Paulson; and by numerous relatives and friends. Mavis was preceded in death by her husband, Ardell on August 28, 2023; parents, Edwin and Anna Lund; and brother Edwin Stanley Lund.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday March 8, 2024, at Calvary Covenant Church in Evansville with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be at Mound Grove Cemetery in Evansville.

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#### March Activities at EAC

Photo Club Photography Exhibit opens in the 2024 Gallery season on Friday, March 8 and runs through April 27 during regular Gallery hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The exhibit consists of diverse and colorful photographs from Photo Club members, area photographers and Brandon-Evansville 4th grade students in Ms. Bosma and Mr. Perleberg's classes. There will be a special Meet and Greet opportunity on March 16 during regular gallery hours.

Art Journaling with Lyssa Lovejoy. Lyssa is teaching a free one-session, hands-on class on Art Journaling on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Art journaling often combines different techniques: drawing, painting, writing, doodling, collaging and sketching. You do not need to be an artist to attend. This class is for 10 participants. Preregistration is required. Contact Lyssa directly at [lovejoy@lovejoyfinearts.com](mailto:lovejoy@lovejoyfinearts.com).

Open Mic/ Gospel Sing-Along with Keyes Burgess on Saturday evening March 9, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Keyes grew up in West Douglas County and started playing guitar and

bass seriously as a young adult. He has played in Nashville and been recorded as a background singer and instrumentalist. He has a love of old Country and Gospel Classics. There is no charge for this event. Free will donations are gratefully accepted. Feel free to bring a treat to share at intermission if you wish, beverages will be provided.

Open Mic Night will be held on Thursday, March 21 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. All musicians, singers, and those who enjoy music are welcome to attend. EAC offers an excellent sound system and a full keyboard Yamaha piano. Please feel free to bring a treat to share at intermission if you wish. Beverages will be provided. There is no charge for this event, free will donations gratefully accepted.

Evansville Art Center is located at 111 Main Street, Evansville, Minnesota 56326 and is handicap accessible.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund and in part through a Minnesota State Legislative general fund appropriation.

#### Fish house removal date is March 4

Most fish house owners in the southern two-thirds of Minnesota already have removed their fish houses from the lakes, given poor ice conditions and forecasted warm weather. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds anyone who still has a fish house on the ice to start planning for its removal.

The statutory shelter removal deadline for the southern two-thirds of the state is 11:59 p.m. on March 4. In some areas, lakes are almost totally open. Others are difficult to access due to ice already pulling away from the shoreline, while on others the ice is degrading rapidly.

"Safety is the top priority, and we are pleased that many bodies of water already are clear of ice shelters," said Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division director. "However, there are still fish houses on some lakes affected by this first removal deadline, and we encourage people to pay attention to the forecast as they make their removal plans."

If shelters aren't removed by the deadline, they may be confiscated and removed, or destroyed by a conservation officer. Shelters may not be left at public accesses, and no trash or other materials – including wooden blocking materials – may be left on the ice.

As they venture out, anglers

always should keep in mind that ice conditions vary widely, that ice is never 100% safe, and that they should check the ice thickness for themselves.

The removal deadline for shelters in the northern one-third of the state is 11:59 p.m. on March 18, though the DNR urges people to monitor ice conditions and consider removing shelters in advance of the deadline. Exceptions to the removal deadlines are Minnesota-Canada border waters (March 31), Minnesota-South Dakota and North Dakota border waters (March 5), Minnesota-Wisconsin border waters (March 1) and Minnesota-Iowa border waters (Feb. 20).

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