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BIRTHDAY BASH

A Raising a Reader (RAR) Birthday Bash was held at the Brandon School gym March 7. The event drew a crowd for a fun night of activities and a free meal. The Brandon-Evansville RAR Family Night was sponsored by Lakes Country Services Initiative, the DC Early Childhood Initiative and the LA Amundson Ohana Foundation. The implementing teachers at B-E from ECFE, School Readiness, Head Start, Kindergarten and first grades planned all the activities. For more see page 9.

Evansville Council discusses sanitary sewer project

The Evansville City Council at its regular meeting March 11 heard an update on the city's 2024 sanitary sewer system improvements.

The city advertised for bids for the project earlier this year and received one bid for the project from C&L Excavating, Inc. of St. Joseph.

Robert Schlieman of Apex Engineering Group was at the meeting to review the bids.

The city asked for a base bid for sanitary force main replacement and three alternate bids.

The base bid involves a portion of the force main piping that conveys wastewater from the city's main wastewater lift station to the wastewater treatment facility.

There are also three alternates for which the city sought bids.

Alternate one involves making improvements to transfer structures at the wastewater treatment facility.

The second alternate involves making improvements to the concrete plank boat ramp at the wastewater treatment facility.

The third alternate is for the installation of a permanent generator at the main wastewater

lift station.

The estimated cost for the project was \$886,900 for the main bid and three alternates.

The bids received for the base and alternates from C&L Excavating totalled \$668,132. The base bid was \$287,732.

Schlieman said he would recommend the city accept bids for the base and for alternate 2.

The third alternate was deemed not necessary at this time and will not be considered for this project.

The bid cost of the generator was \$168,000. It has been determined the city can secure the needed generator at a lower cost and the city can pay for it out of its revenues.

Schlieman said the funding for the project will come in the way of a low-interest loan as there will not be any grant money available for the project.

The recommendation from Schlieman was for the city to put off awarding the bids until the April meeting to give him time to look at the funding options from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

The council agreed and the bids and funding information

will be part of the city's April meeting.

The anticipated schedule for the project, according to Schlieman, would be to award the bids in April and construction taking place starting in May and ending in October.

The council at its February meeting discussed the issue of semi trucks parking on city streets.

The council took up the issue again at the March meeting. It was observed that some trucks had recently parked in the school parking lot.

In an effort to prevent heavy trucks from parking in the school lot or using the water tower road, the council approved purchasing signs which say: "No Trucks". The signs will be posted near the school lot and near the water tower road. Trucks are also not allowed on residential streets to be driven or parked.

If more signs are needed they will be ordered and installed.

Allowing people to pay their sewer and water bills using ACH payments was brought up at the council's February meeting and on the March agenda.

An ACH payment is a type of electronic bank-to-bank payment. The ACH system is a way to transfer money between bank accounts, rather than going through card networks or using wire transfers, paper checks, or cash.

The ACH payments will be through First National Bank of Evansville and will cost the city \$25 per month.

The council decided to offer the ACH payment option which will be in addition to the payment options already in place.

The council was asked at the meeting to raise the pay for election judges from \$13 an hour to \$15 per hour. The council approved the raise, which will be in place for this year's primary and general elections.

The council was reminded of the city's clean up day which will be held May 18 in Evansville along with the cities of Brandon and Garfield and Brandon Township. Pope-Douglas Solid Waste will also be at the event.

The council's next meeting will be April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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March 6

Osakis - I-94, mile marker 112. Speed, obstructed license plates.

Osakis - I-94, mile marker 112. Person one arrested for possession of over 500 grams of methamphetamine and DUI.

Alexandria - Male has been stealing from complainant's house. Male possibly has warrant.

West Central Area South Elementary - Morning patrol Carlos - School patrol.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for driving conduct and failure to maintain lane.

Alexandria - Medical call. Owner fell in his driveway. Can't get up, not bleeding, in pain when he moves.

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use it in gathering and deliver-
ing fresh meats to his two shops.
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from Melrose las fall and has
built up a good business in the
meat line. He will superintend
the business of both shops. His

brother, Frank will remain in
the shop here.

50 Years Ago - 1974

Evansville Booster
Ed Biederman Named Hon-
orary Chapter Farmer

Mr. Ed Biederman was select-
ed Honorary Chapter Farmer
at our Annual FFA Banquet.
The Honorary Chapter Farmer
degree is presented each year
to an individual nominated and
voted on by the local members
at a regular meeting. It goes to
a person whom the members
feel has contributed greatly to
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munity programs. The 1974
Honorary Chapter Farmer has
given freely of his time. He is
a past school board and Agri-
culture Dept Advisory Council
member, has judged the Region
III FFA and Extemporane-
ous Speaking contest and is a
continuous booster of FFA and
quality education in our school
system. He is also the Secretary-
Treasurer of the Evansville
Commercial Club, member of
the cemetery board and active
member of the Faith Lutheran
Church. Mr. Biederman is truly
deserving of this award, and
we are proud to have him as
a member of our chapter and
community. Chapter Reporter,
Larry Anderson

FFA'ers Receive Awards

The following individuals
were honored at the 18th annual
FFA banquet. Named to special
awards were as follows:

Chapter Start Farmer - Greg
Ellingson

Star Greenhand - Paul Bars-
ness

Leadership - Jeff Stewart
Scholarship - Daryl Hanson
Star Agribusiness - Jeff
Steward & Les Schroeder.

The following received
proficiency awards for skilled
development in certain areas:

Steve Perrin - Crops, General
Livestock, Beef

Greg Ellingson - Swine
Mark & John Hedrick -
Home Improvement

Jeff Stewart - Salesmanship
Terry Zicker - Wildlife
Ingvald Barsness - Dairy
Gary Ohren - Production Ag
Erick Johnson & Shane El-
mer - Poultry

Paul Christenson was award-
ed for Chapter Climatologist
Lori Johnson received the
Public Speaking Award.

Tom Juul & Steve Johnson
were given awards for first and
second in Creed Speaking.

Chapter Reporter, Larry
Anderson

25 Years Ago - 1999

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you've won your first state
game what are you going to do?

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The Brandon- Evansville
Chargers defeated Red Lake
Falls Eagles 44-39 in the state
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Concordia College in Moor-
head. Debbie Slack had over

half of B-E's points with 25.
She also collected 13 rebounds
to lead there. B-E outrebounded
the Eagles 35-22 with the
Charges ending the game with
22 defensive boards. Simpson
said what he liked about his
team's play was its rebounding,
free throw shooting and ability
to keep its composure.

Simpson, Rolf honored

For the second straight year
Brandon- Evansville girls'
basketball Head Coach Dick
Simpson was named Coach of
the Year in Section 5A. Long-
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Jim Rolf was also recognized
this year as the Section 5A As-
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Pursuit results after vehicle is stolen from Brandon business

The Douglas County Sher-
iff's Office sent out a press
release on a pursuit of a vehicle
stolen from a Brandon business:

On March 8 at 7:09 a.m.,
the Douglas County Sheriff's
Office received a report of a
vehicle that had just been stolen
while parked at Joe's Gas and
Deli in Brandon.

Prior to this vehicle being
reported stolen, Alexandria
Police Officers investigated
a stolen vehicle report from
Casey's gas station on South
Broadway in Alexandria at
6:34 a.m.

It was determined that the
stolen vehicle from Alexandria
had been abandoned in the
Joe's Gas and Deli parking lot
and the suspect then stole the
second vehicle.

Deputies were able to utilize
a phone tracking app on the vic-
tim's cell phone which was still
in the vehicle, and located the
stolen car traveling northbound
on County Road 6 near Leaf
Valley. Deputies attempted to
stop the vehicle, but the driver
fled at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle pursuit was
terminated for safety reasons,
but deputies continued to track
the vehicle's location. Ottertail
County Deputies located the
stolen vehicle near Parkers
Prairie and also pursued the
vehicle.

The stolen vehicle entered
back into Douglas County and
a Minnesota State Trooper was
able to successfully deploy a tire
deflation device, which caused
the suspect to lose control and
enter the ditch.

The suspect was taken into
custody and identified as
Christopher Shappell, 34, of
Monticello. Shappell is being
held in the Douglas County Jail
on charges for Theft of a Motor
Vehicle, Fleeing in a Motor Ve-
hicle, and several outstanding
warrants.

Assisting agencies included
the Alexandria Police Depart-
ment, Ottertail County Sheriff's
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Community Calendar

BRANDON LIONS Pancake Feed. March 17, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Brandon Auditorium.

EASTER PARTY March 23 at the Brandon Auditorium. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Easter Bunny, cookie decorating, kids' games, face painting, bake sale. Put on by Brandon Community Club.

KC's PANCAKE SAUSAGE and Scrambled egg breakfast Sunday, March 24 at Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Millerville. Serving 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free-will offering, take out orders available. Proceeds for pro-life.

BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE at Christina Lake Lutheran Church, 4 miles north of Evansville on C.R. 1, March 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 hzabroski@yahoo.com.

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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.

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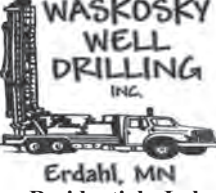
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THE EVANSVILLE LIONS CLUB MEETINGS are the third Wednesdays of the month at the Soderholm Insurance, 7 p.m. New members welcome.

THE EVANSVILLE AREA SPORTSMEN CLUB meets at the Evansville City Hall in Evansville the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

LUND TOWNSHIP meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lund Townhall in Melby. THE EVANSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Evansville City Hall at 7 p.m. January, February, March, April and December; at 8 p.m. all other months

THE BRANDON TOWNSHIP holds its monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Township Hall at 106 Mallard Lane, Brandon. The exceptions are that in January and February, the monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday due to legal holidays.

THE URNESS TOWNBOARD meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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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Alexandria - Complainant states there are a couple of lawn chairs in the lane of traffic. South bound on Hwy. 29.

Alexandria - Truck issues, has help coming. Not a hazard.

Alexandria - Group of males fighting in the street. One had a large knife. A green Tahoe headed west. Dark gray Chrysler 300 left southbound. Attempted to locate vehicles.

Holmes City - Complainant believes she may be having a heart attack. Bad chest pain and pain in her jaw. 58-year-old female. History of heart issues.

Carlos - Complainant is asking for a deputy to be present while he picks up property.

Carlos - Complainant's 14-year-old daughter took her grandmother's phone and having inappropriate conversations with a male party over Instagram.

Alexandria - Suspicious activity. Person one stated she is fully moved out of residence and left her house key on the table of the house. Person two can now go back to the house now and he needs to be notified. Spoke to person two and advised that person one is no longer living there. I did advise person two that the order still technically stated he is prohibited to go to address. Advised to contact attorney or court administration for clarification.

Alexandria - Complainant's two young children keep calling her screaming. Complainant believes their father is intoxicated. Both kids are located in one of the rooms. 17-year-old male has a previous brain injury and was thrown against the wall. Weapons in the house.

Alexandria - Complainant's mom and dad are arguing and she is concerned. More of a

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peace of mind check that they are okay. Complainant isn't there but stated mom called her and stated that the situation is getting heated. No history of physical abuse, father is intoxicated, there are weapons in the house but they are locked up, daughter is concerned for their safety towards each other, potentially.

March 7

Nelson - Owner just loading a vehicle up.

Miltona - School patrol.

Alexandria - Found property. Found cell phone.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for driving conduct.

Alexandria - Person one was at court. Arrested on Pope County warrant.

Alexandria - Complainant has questions about brothers' fish house. Answered questions complainant had.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for driving conduct.

Alexandria - Male party sitting at the pump next to complainant. Looks very high and keeps falling asleep. Has a pipe in his hand that he keeps holding to his mouth. Silver Honda.

Alexandria - Complainant states that there is a resident, person three, at the group home who had family members, persons one and two, arrive at the home who began bullying him in regards to a vehicle. Complainant states they refused to leave until she called 911.

Alexandria - Complainant states that neighbor's dog is barking nonstop for the last couple of hours, ongoing issue.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Stop over white line, failure to maintain lane.

Glenwood - Medical call. Mother has Parkinson's, needs to go to the hospital, very confused, conscious and breathing.

Nelson - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Citation issued for unreasonable acceleration and failure to transfer ownership.

Alexandria - Medical call. Female party fell out of bed and possible shoulder injury.

March 8

Alexandria - Large amount of trash in the road. On C.R. 34 between Pilgrim Point and Sugar Sand Lane. Trash can and debris is in the ditch, not a hazard. Trash can is not near a driveway to determine where it belongs. Will notify company.

Carlos - Monitored morning school activity.

Alexandria - Medical call.

Complainant requesting ambulance for his wife. Unable to walk due to severe arthritis. Complainant unable to move her. Sitting comfortably.

Alexandria - Complainant has questions about fingerprinting. Answered questions.

Alexandria - Shooting complaint. Complainant states he heard shots yesterday night coming from the field to the west of his home. Complainant believes there could be poaching occurring. Checked the area and left voicemail or complainant.

Alexandria - Complainant would like an officer at a meeting she has with a business partner. They have a contract dissolving the partnership and the partner is not complying with the contract. Civil matter.

Alexandria - Vehicle in ditch. Garbage truck in the ditch with someone trying to pull it out. Garbage truck backed into ditch and got hung up. No damage to property and driver reports no damage to vehicle.

Alexandria - Complainant has a CDL and is wondering if he can ride across state lines with another party who has a CDL permit. Was unable to answer questions specific to CDL. Directed to DMV.

Alexandria - Medical call. Wife unable to walk. No feeling in right leg and weakness in left leg.

Alexandria - Public assist. Questions about whether she could be arrested if she goes somewhere.

Alexandria - Getting harassing text messages. Number in log. Complainant thinks it's person one he has an HRO on.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Gray SUV driving through neighborhood at high rate of speed. Patrolled area and did not come across vehicle matching description. Spoke with complainant who stated after calling has not seen vehicle.

Alexandria - Complainant states he and his wife have 50-50 custody and she is supposed to bring the kids to school and is not, he has questions about what he can do. Complainant wanted to know if it was okay to pick his kids up for school on her days. Advised yes and to work with the school and DCSS to resolve the issue.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 109. Traffic stop. Silver Mercedes-Benz. Failure to display plates. Canadian vehicle with temp tag on front windshield.

March 9

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Garfield - Medical call. Male with flu. Wife is unable to move him. Throwing up, dehydrated.

Evansville - Traffic hazard. Just south of the intersection there is a recliner in the south-bound lane.

Lowry - Vehicle one is stalled on the side of the road. Complainant will be back in the morning to get it moved, not a hazard, passed onto state patrol.

Alexandria - Three males on the property and won't leave. Complainant said he was about to put person one on the ground. Complainant gave a false name and then hung up. Assisted by speaking to complainant until Alex PD arrived.

Parkers Prairie - Checking on fire burning near address. Grass fire. Unknown origin.

Alexandria - 80-year-old male party fell, not injured, inside the residence. Assisted party to vehicle for transport to ER.

Alexandria - Burning complaint. Complainant states the neighbor has a fire burning on the property line. No active burn permits on the map.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 99. Failure to move over for emergency vehicle with lights activated.

March 10

Alexandria - Box found in the roadway and brought in the DCS lobby. Owner has not been contacted due to being late at night. Called owner and left message. Friend will try to make contact.

Alexandria - Suspicious person. Male walking in the middle of the road. Highly intoxicated male stumbling into traffic. Ran from deputy as tried to talk to him. Pointed toward a house and

he went into the house.

Garfield - Checking on large fire. Owner was unaware his brush pile was on fire. Owner contained it with a skidloader.

Carlos - Complainant was called by a friend that said he'd fallen off a ladder and needed help. Subject called direct asking for help with no other info. Found him sitting in his garage. Appeared to have fallen off a ladder. Refused ambulance and a ride to ER. Gave him a ride anyway.

Brandon - I-94, mile marker Westbound. One-vehicle rollover. Unknown injuries. Assisted state patrol. Stood by with lights.

Alexandria - 30-ish male party wearing black pants, tan jacket, standing in the middle of Broadway. Male stated he was walking on side of road because there were no sidewalks.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed and no plates.

Carlos - Patrol activity. Lot of smoke coming from property.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for failure to maintain lane.

Garfield - I-94, mile marker 92. Speed, following too close.

Carlos - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for side and windshield tint and stop sign violation.

Kensington - Fire. First place on the right. Caller said he can see black smoke and flames. Gentleman was having a bonfire.

Brandon - I-94, mile marker 90. Traffic stop. Westbound off ramp. Red Chevy Trailblazer, no plates. Incorrect placement of temp tag.

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B-E boys down Ashby in first round of playoffs, fall to B-B-E

The Brandon-Evansville boys basketball team opened the Section 6A South Sub-Section playoffs March 7 at home against Ashby.

When the two teams met a week earlier in Ashby the Arrows got the best of the contest overcoming a large Charger lead and winning in overtime.

This time around the Chargers managed to again build a lead and were up 25-16 at halftime.

In the second period the Arrows outscored the Chargers by one but B-E was able to hit its free throws down the stretch for a 50-42 win.

Riley Perleberg scored 11 points to lead the Chargers while Micah Fuller had 10.

Perleberg also led the team in rebounds with nine while Tanner Riedel had eight and Micah Fuller seven.

Kellen Dahlen led all scorers in the contest with 13 points for the Arrows while Richie Johnson had 10 points for Ashby.

In other first-round games it was B-B-E over Benson; Border West over Hancock; and WCA over Breckenridge.

B-E 50, Ashby 42				
	1	2	T	
Ashby	16	26	42	
B-E	25	25	50	
Player	Pts.	Rbs.	Stls.	Asts.
Micah Fuller	10	7	1	2
Riley Perleberg	11	9	2	3
Tanner Riedel	4	8	0	1
Gracin Klimek	6	2	0	0
Carter White	3	0	0	1
Jaxon Gackle	2	2	0	0
Lucas Fuller	5	3	1	0
Colton Breitkreutz	2	4	0	1
Dustin Gillespie	7	5	0	2

B-B-E 80, Chargers 68
The win over Ashby moved the Chargers to the sub-section semifinals against B-B-E March 9.

“I want to start out by saying thank you to our five amazing senior leaders. Carter, Cohen, Gracin, Lucas, and Riley, we are so thankful for the leadership and mentorship you’ve provided to our players, coaches, and school throughout your careers,” said B-E Coach Trent Hintermeister.

The Jaguars led 35-24 at halftime and added to it in the second half for a 80-68 win.

“On Saturday afternoon we played a competitive game with a talented B-B-E team. We were able to keep it close for most of the game, but were never able to get the lead. With about 4 minutes left in the game we were down 7 and had a couple good opportunities to hit some open shots, they just didn’t fall,” added the coach.

Micah Fuller led all scorers in the contest with 26 points while Riedel had 17 and Perleberg 12. Riedel led the team in rebounds with 10 while Perleberg had seven.

Hayden Sobiech led the Jaguars in scoring with 19 points while Josh Walstrom had 18.

“Credit to B-B-E for making things difficult for us throughout the game. I wish them luck



B-E’s Lucas Fuller sank this free throw late in the contest with Ashby in the first round of the Section 6A South Sub-Section contest March 7.

as they continue their season in the sub-section championship game,” added the coach.

B-E ended its season at 13-15.

In the other semifinal game it was WCA over Border West.

B-B-E and WCA played for the sub-section title March 13

In the North semifinals it was Henning over Park Christian and Ada-Borup West over Hillcrest. Henning and Ada-Borup West played for the

sub-section title March 13.

The overall section title game will be March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Fergus Falls Roosevelt gym.

B-B-E 80, Chargers 68				
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Chargers	24	44	68	
B-B-E	35	45	80	
Player	Pts.	Rbs.	Stls.	Asts.

Micah Fuller	26	4	0	4
Riley Perleberg	12	7	0	5
Bryce Froemming	1	0	0	1
Tanner Riedel	17	10	1	2
Gracin Klimek	0	1	0	0
Carter White	6	1	1	2
Jaxon Gackle	2	0	0	0
Lucas Fuller	0	3	0	0
Colton Breitkreutz	0	1	0	0
Dustin Gillespie	4	1	0	1

2023 deer harvest lower than in other years

Hunters harvested 158,678 deer during the 2023 hunting season, a lower total harvest than in recent years. Harvest was down 8 percent compared to the 2022 season and 14 percent less than the five-year average.

The greatest decreases were in the northern part of the state, where deer harvest compared to 2022 was 21 percent lower in the northeast region and 8 percent lower in the northwest region. Other regions saw smaller decreases in harvest, with 3 percent lower in central and southeast Minnesota, and 4 percent lower in southern Minnesota.

“In recent years, deer populations have been lower in northern Minnesota, particularly following the severe winters of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023,” said Todd Froberg, big game program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “Several factors can drive these declines, resulting in fewer deer on the landscape during subsequent hunting seasons.”

Deer numbers can suffer during prolonged severe winters, especially in areas with deep snow or insufficient winter habitat. In these conditions, deer must expend more energy

to acquire food, making them more vulnerable to predators. Wolves play a large role as a predator of deer, especially in winter, but there is little evidence to suggest that northern Minnesota’s low deer numbers are directly due to wolf predation. The influence that wolves play in influencing deer populations likely change over time and space, and can be exacerbated in response to other changing conditions, like poor quality wintering habitat.

Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, also hit hard by severe winter, saw similar declines in deer harvests in 2023.

“This year’s extremely mild conditions do bode well for deer in northern Minnesota, but deer populations in the far north will need several mild winters to start to recover,” Froberg said.

Crossbows were allowed for all deer hunters for the first time in 2023. Archery harvest totaled 24,088 deer which was a similar total compared to 2022. In 2023, crossbows accounted for 43 percent of the total archery harvest.

“During this first year of crossbows being legal for all hunters, we sold 6 percent more archery licenses and youth

licenses made up most of that increase,” Froberg said. “Lots of kids who weren’t archery hunting in the past were able to use crossbows and go hunting during the archery season.”

Analysis of the 2023 deer harvest is available in a final deer harvest report. This report and past season harvest reports are available on the Minnesota DNR website.

The Minnesota DNR sets hunting seasons with projected harvest levels designed to move deer populations closer to established goals for each deer permit

area throughout the state. These goals are reached through goal setting processes informed by public input and guided by Minnesota’s deer plan. Many of the permit areas in the northern part of the state have conservative regulations to support increases in deer populations. A midpoint review of the white-tailed deer management plan, with a variety of opportunities for public engagement including questionnaires, webinars and meetings, is planned for this summer.

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Commissioners approve AIS plan, reject roundabout on C.R. 82

By Julie Anderson

Douglas County Commissioners approved the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention plan for 2024, including a plan to respond to invasive Signal Crayfish. They also voted against building a roundabout on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 82 and McKay Avenue which is on the east side of the city of Alexandria. Those were just two of the many decisions from the March 5 board meeting.

AIS Prevention

Twelve lakes will be surveyed in 2024 to search for curly leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, and starry stonewort. They are Aaron, Chippewa, Devils, Le Homme Dieu, Little Chippewa, Maple, Moses, Smith, Stowe, Turtle, Victoria, and Whiskey. Commissioners approved a contract with Blue Water Science which has surveyed 42 lakes in the county over the last three years. The focus now is determining if these lakes are changing and if new invasive species are now in them.

Land and Resource Management Director Dave Rush answered questions on the proposal to respond to the discovery of Signal Crayfish in Lake Winona. The plan is to work with the DNR to hire a commercial harvester to do additional trapping in southern Lake Winona, and potentially new trapping in the northern parts the lake, and downstream to Lakes Agnes and Henry. The \$45,000 cost would come from state AIS Prevention Aid.

Commissioner Jerry Rapp suggested draining Lake Winona to see exactly what's in there. One issue, he acknowledged, is the cost to move the ALASD outlet that flows into Lake Winona. The board approved the plan to trap the Signal Crayfish with Commissioner Rapp voting no.

AIS Prevention Coordinator Justin Swart also reviewed with commissioners the work done in 2023 which included education and outreach, monitoring projects that found two new lakes with zebra mussel infestation. Those lakes are Moon and Long. The AIS funds also went for treatment of Flowering Rush on Grants Lake, Eurasian watermilfoil treatment in Indian Lake and \$71,500 in grants to lake associations for various AIS projects.

Public Works

Commissioners voted against constructing a roundabout in 2024 at McKay Avenue and CSAH 82. County Engineer and Public Works Director Tim Erickson had offered several suggestions to make a roundabout possible at that location but, on a 3 to 1 vote, that proposal was defeated. Commissioner

Charlie Meyer made a motion to deny the plan for a roundabout. Commissioner Tim Kalina voted no on the motion and Commissioner Shane Schmidt was not present in person to vote. He was listening in to the entire board meeting remotely.

Erickson asked for final payment to Midwest Contracting out of Marshall, MN for work on CSAH 24 in the northwest part of the county. Erickson said they did a great job and he'd absolutely hire them again. Commissioners also gave approval for Erickson to go out for bids for grading work on CSAH 4 and CSAH 8 and the overall 2024 paving projects.

Veterans' Service Office

The Douglas County Veteran Services Office now has a joint powers agreement with the city of Alexandria for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of Veterans Memorial Park. It outlines roles and responsibilities. For example, the county will obtain and track veterans' names to be engraved on monoliths and verify veteran service records for each application.

VSO Jake Turner also asked the board to accept a \$500 donation from the Alexandria VFW Auxiliary to be used for veterans in need and he gave his annual update to commissioners on the positive impact of his office. He shared how he and his staff interact with veterans and the reasons why. He showed data that revealed office visits remain popular, along with phone calls, email, and outreach events.

Social Services

Douglas County is the fiscal host for the Douglas County Children's Mental Health Collaborative and Director Laurie Bonds offered for approval three grants for 2024-2025. They are:

- \$10,000 over two years to Kalon Prep Academy in Alexandria for its Social Emotional Learning program
- \$40,000 to Solutions Behav-

ioral Healthcare Professionals for Kalon Prep's Strong Teens program

- \$30,000 to Safe Families for Children West Central MN

Other Business

Nicole Fernholz, director of the Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission, asked the board for a Letter of Support for the city of Alexandria as it applies for a Childcare Economic Development grant. She told the board \$3.1 million in state funds is available in rural Minnesota to increase childcare opportunities. Fernholz said the plan for the grant money is the creation of twin homes that would be individual childcare businesses. The project would involve the Alexandria Technical and Community College's carpentry and early childhood program. Commissioners approved the Letter of Support.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, March 19 at 9 a.m. at 821 Cedar Street Alexandria.

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STUDENTS

The Students of the Month for the Brandon-Evansville Elementary School are, left to right: Eve Roers, grade 2; Kylie Kratovil, grade 3; Maci Ohren-Shores, grade 4; and Allice Pikkaraine, grade 5.

Irrigators Clinic will be March 28

Douglas SWCD is co-hosting the Irrigators Clinic on Thursday, March 28 in Alexandria. This event will be of interest to anyone who is actively engaged in irrigation on agricultural lands and interested in soil health, irrigation technology advances, cover crops, water appropriation permitting and research.

A great line-up of speakers has committed to participating in the event representing: University of Minnesota; Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Department of Natural Resources; R.D. Offutt Farms; Centra Sota Coop and Prairie Farm Company.

Topics to be addressed during the day include: Improving Profitability and Environmental Stewardship with Nitrogen Best Management Practices for Irrigated Corn; DNR Water Appropriation Permitting; Enhancing Environmental Sustainability. See CLINIC, page 9.

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ACTIVITIES

There were several activities during the Brandon-Evansville Raising A Reader Big Birthday Bash March 7 in the Brandon gym. Above attendants were asked to write comments about the posters depicting different things.



VISITING

The Cat in the Hat paid a visit to the Birthday Bash. Above Kendra Jaenisch visited with the Cat, also known as Kaleb Fuglseth.



CATCH AND MATCH

At the Catch and Match activity Lincoln Wagner shared a laugh with Roberta Butler, a Reading Corps tutor who was helping with the activity.

EAC hosting open house on March 16

The Evansville Photo Club is hosting a Meet and Greet Open House on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Evansville Art Center, featuring their annual spring exhibit which runs through April 27th. Once again, this exhibit is proving to be one of colorful diversity, and a true feast for the eyes!

This exhibit include photos taken by 15 Photo Club members and area photographers along with 40 student photographers.

Photo Club members have once again worked with Ms. Bosma's and Mr. Perleberg's 4th grade students in the Brandon-Evansville School District, instructing them on aspects of photography. The students were then given use of a camera donated to the school by Photo Club (provided by a grant) and sent to take pictures. The "Best of" from each student have been selected and displayed for the pleasure of all.

Everyone is invited to bring family and friends on March 16th to view this kick-off exhibit in the EAC Gallery, chat with the photographers, visit with neighbors and enjoy some refreshments.

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

This activity is 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.

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Event registration begins at 9:00 AM, with the program commencing at 9:15 AM and concluding at 3:00 PM. This is a free event and lunch is provided. Pre-registration is required by March 14 and can be completed online at: rb.gy/zmh33s

The event location is at the Admin Building, 821 Cedar

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The event is sponsored by: Grand Irrigation, Inc; West Central Irrigation, Inc; Nutrien Ag Solutions; NutraDrip Irrigation Systems; EarthScout; Pro-Ag Farmers Cooperative; Bonanza Valley State Bank; Klimek Bros Well Drilling, Inc; Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company; Modern Farm Equipment; Traut Companies; Eagle Bank; Glenwood State Bank; and Belgrade Cooperative Association.

The event is organized by Douglas, Stearns, Pope, Swift, and Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. For more information contact Jessica Albertsen – Douglas SWCD 320-763-3191 x3

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The petition represents that the Decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
[PROBATE DIVISION]
Court File No.: 21-PR-24-266
In Re: Estate of
Nicholas Joseph Montague,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 8 , 2024 at 4:00 pm o'clock, a hearing will be held in this Court at the Douglas County Courthouse, 305 Eighth Ave W, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Katherine Montague, whose address is 1610 Jasmine Drive, Alexandria, MN 56308, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

This is an administrative hearing and your appearance is not required.

BY THE COURT

Dated: 2/28/24

/s/Timothy Churchwell

Judge of District Court

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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CERTIFICATE OF
ASSUMED NAME

ASSUMED NAME:

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APPLICANT(S):

Hilltop Lumber of Glenwood, Inc.,

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By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Brian Klimek

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Operation Roundup provides funds for local projects

Small Change Adds Up with REA's Operation Round Up® Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$11,000 to assist local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

REA's Operation Round Up Trust Board, a voluntary board of seven REA members, reviewed and considered 26 grant applications and distributed funds to 23 projects and programs. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003. On average, participating REA members contribute \$7.07 for the year 2023. Proof that small change adds up. Best of all, 96 percent of all funds collected are distributed as grants.

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State's moose population remains stable

Minnesota's moose population has remained relatively stable for nearly a decade. The most recent population estimate is approximately 3,470 animals, according to the results of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' 2024 population survey.

Results continue to suggest that after a steep decline from a population estimate of approximately 8,000 in 2009,

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Front row, left to right: Sandy Susag, Saturday Art Market; Jessica Albertsen, Kid's Groundwater Festival; Dana Lauer and Phil Aslagson, Caring & Sharing Room; and Jerry Haggemiller, Kid's Groundwater Festival. Middle row: Echo Schaefer and Tabitha Van Horn, MN 4-H Stevens County; Joan Thompson, First Lutheran Mission Quilters; Shelli-Kae Foster, Alexandria Senior Center; Scarlet Bergstrom, MN 4-H Stevens County; and Rich Moen, Operation Round Up Trust Board Member. Back row: Kalin Hacker, Carlos Fire Department; Chuck Wencil, Red Willow Arts Coalition; Tamie Luncford, Someplace Safe Douglas County; Bill Glade, Saturday Art Market; Rich Duncan, Operation Round Up Trust Board Member and Troy Fuller, Brandon-Evansville Post Prom.

YoungLife - camp scholarships (\$600); Minnesota 4-H (Stevens County) - 4-H citizen conference (\$500).

Community: Grant County Humane Society - spay or neuter clinic (\$500); First Lutheran Mission Quilters - quilting material (\$300); Alexandria Rotary

- Summer Sounds by Brophy (\$750); Saturday Art Market - advertising & musicians fees (\$300); Red Willow Arts Coalition - July 4th Concert (\$500); The Caring & Sharing Room - bedding for those in need (\$1,000); Wendell Legion & Auxiliary Post 426 - community event (\$300); Hoffman Harvest

Festival - (\$250); Pope County Humane Society - Neonatal Incubator (\$500); Brandon History Center - Printer/Copier (\$500) and Someplace Safe Douglas Advocacy Office - Empowerment Group (\$1,000).

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Minnesota's moose population appears to have stabilized and has fluctuated around 3,700 animals in recent years.

While estimates suggest continued stability in the population and reproductive success, Minnesota DNR researchers point out that Minnesota moose remain at risk given the long-term trends. Presently, the long-term survey trends indicate the moose population has declined approximately 60 percent since the mid-2000s. Climate change, parasites, and predator impacts on calf survival all play a part in the long-term survival of the moose population.

Both the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the 1854 Treaty Authority contributed funding and personnel for the 2024 annual survey. The survey is available on the Minnesota DNR's moose management webpage.

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