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B-E's Raising A Reader program receives award

The Minnesota Association for Family and Early Education (MNAFEE) announces an Innovative Programming Award winner. The award acknowledges MNAFEE's appreciation of contributions to children, parents, and families and the publicly funded programs that serve them.

The Raising, a Reader Early Literacy Program from the Lakes Country Service Co-operative (LCSC) Brandon-Evansville Pilot was chosen as a winner of the MNAFEE Innovative Programming Award for 2024.

Based on a national model, the program involves reading take-home book bags and school-based parent-child activities.

The Raising A Reader Early Literacy Program was recognized at the MNAFEE Annual Conference in St. Cloud on April 11. Beth Achter, LCSC ECFE regional coordinator, and Deb Berry, an LCSC early childhood teacher who was instrumental in developing the Brandon-Evansville pilot program, accepted the award.

From the beginning of the program, it was important that the mission of Raising A Reader aligned with the mission of LCSC and that it would be a program benefitting all communities. Driving the initiation of the program were statistics showing that before the pandemic, Brandon-Evansville had 64 percent of third-grade students reading at or above



The above photo was taken at the MNAFEE Awards ceremony and shows, left to right: MNAFEE Board of Directors member Betty Uehling, Deb Berry, Beth Achter and board member Nancy Wallace. The award was presented at the MNAFEE annual conference.

grade level on the Minnesota Comprehensive Achievement Test (MCAT), whereas scores dropped to 39 percent in 2021-22 and 50 percent in 2022-23.

LCSC shared its vision and the need to address the issue throughout the community. A local bank was considering investing in the program through their LA Amundson Ohana Foundation. To enhance understanding of the program, an Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class went to the bank's lobby to demonstrate first-hand the types of play and literacy activities families participate in through the program.

The Evansville Historical

Foundation and the Douglas County Early Childhood Initiative also provided financial support to allow LCSC to become an affiliate of Raising A Reader.

About the award Berry said: "I am so grateful for all the local support that we have gotten for this program the past three years. It is truly an honor to work alongside such wonderful people to better our communities together."

Teachers, administration, and school board members at Brandon-Evansville School were informed about the project's involvement, and the school became a pilot site

involving 80 students in the Early Education Department.

Raising A Reader takes a family, school, and community collaborative approach, involving children starting at birth and continuing through second grade. The official launch was in the fall of 2021, with a trial run involving a few home- and center-based childcare centers in the summer of 2021.

Currently, there are 165 students involved; factoring in other family members, it's estimated that the program impacts approximately 735 people, more than half of the local population of roughly 1,300.

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POETRY NIGHT

The Evansville Art Center on April 25 held its annual Poetry Night to celebrate National Poetry Month. Above Skippy Geithman took his turn at the microphone to share some poetry. There were several who took part in sharing poetry during the event.

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Douglas County Sheriff's Blotter

April 25

Carlos - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for driving conduct.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Bicycle. Riding down the middle of the road.

Miltona - Elementary school. Morning patrol.

Alexandria - Animal complaint. Three black labs that are friendly and a golden doodle that is more aggressive. Last seen heading to Grand Arbor apartments. Caller has had issues and calls in the past with this situation.

Alexandria - Suspicious activity. Complainant reporting last night had a female at his front door ringing the door bell and a male was seen in the background and walking

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REA holds annual meeting to elect directors, award scholarships

Runestone Electric Association held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 25, at the Alexandria Area High School Performing Arts Center. Board of Director seats were determined in Districts 2 and 5, and scholarships were awarded to 26 students.

Runestone Electric's bylaws allow for uncontested director elections to be elected by acclamation. In District 2, Barbara Johnson ran unopposed and was reelected, and in District 5, Mike Loken ran unopposed and was reelected.

Board President Andy Anderson and CEO Al Haman reported on the cooperative's activities and financial con-

dition during the business meeting. "Safety is a priority at REA. The board, management, and most importantly, our employees take safety very seriously in everything they do," said President Anderson. He also highlighted the highly successful Operation RoundUp program, the Member Advisory Council, and the Cooperative Network Builder Award recently presented to District 3 Director Audrey Hjelle.

"At year-end, the cooperative's total assets were \$103 million. That includes plant assets like the office and warehouse, lines, poles, and transformers. All our ratios exceed lending requirements. The cooperative

finished 2023 with 231 new services built," said CEO Haman. Minnesota's new carbon-free by 2040 law, MISO's responsibility for electric reliability and management of the wholesale power markets, renewable energy systems owned by REA members, and electric vehicle use in the REA service territory were also discussed in the CEO Report.

Twenty-six students whose parents or guardians are REA members received \$1,000 scholarships funded through unclaimed capital credits. Randomly drawn from each of the seven REA districts, winners include:

- Tucker McGrane, parents are Josh McGrane, Carlos and Cassie McGrane, Alexandria; Taye Mathews, parents are Chad & Carla Mathews, Carlos;
- Jalyn Halverson, parents are Jay & Angie Halverson, Carlos;
- Brayden Larson, parents are Brent & Michelle Larson, Alexandria;
- Holly Lenarz, parents are Thomas & Denise Lenarz, Sartell;
- Dakota Christopherson, parents are Timothy & Amy Christopherson, Alexandria;
- Alex Schmidt, David &

- Amanda Schmidt, Evansville;
- Callie Glawe, parents are Jeremy & Jessica Glawe, Hoffman;
- Carson Anderson, parents are Tyler & Kellie Anderson, Evansville;
- Alexa Blume, parents are Dominic & Charlene Blume, Elbow Lake;
- Taylor Suchy, parents are Patrick & Lana Suchy, Brandon;
- Gavin Engelbrecht, parents are Darren & Tara Engelbrecht, Alexandria;
- Rylee Bundermann, parents are Steven & Karen Bundermann, Alexandria;
- Kadyne Weber, parents are John & Sarah Weber, Alexandria;
- Hunter Walz, parents are Michael & Nadine Walz, Alexandria;
- Levi Johnson, parents are Adam & Jill Johnson, Garfield;
- Ashlyn Bergemann, parents are Daniel Bergemann & Lisa Anderson, Alexandria;
- Owen Draper, parents are Michael & Kelli Draper, Alexandria;
- Geneva Reemts, parents are Randy & Sara Reemts, Alexandria;
- Kyle Mages, parents are

- James & Tricia Mages, Osakis;
- Carter Reinke, parents are Keith & Angie Reinke, Osakis;
- Kerith Baker, parents are Kevin & Connie Baker, Villard;
- Ean Crossley, parents are Larry & Darla Crossley, Carlos;
- Dane Anderson, parents are Mikkel & Amanda Anderson, Kensington;
- Haley Shea, parents are Adam & Michelle Shea, Glenwood; and
- Emera Sanow, parents are Jason & Vanessa Sanow, Glenwood.

Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, the Board of Directors held a Reorganization Meeting to elect officers. Elected were Gary (Andy) Anderson (District 1), President; Mike Loken (District 5), Vice President; Matthew Mattson (District 7), Treasurer; and Dave Staples (District 4), Secretary. Other directors include Barbara Johnson (District 2), Audrey Hjelle (District 3), and Joel Seela (District 6).

Runestone Electric Association serves over 15,000 accounts in the rural areas of Douglas, Pope, Grant, Stevens, Ottertail, Stearns, and Todd counties.

Public notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 26, 2020

MORTGAGOR: Amanda K. Pohlmann and Scott Pohlmann a/k/a Scott Pohlmann.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 23, 2021 Douglas County Recorder, Document No. A427630.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. Dated October 18, 2023 Recorded October 20, 2023, as Document No. A452815.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1006037-9000773832-6

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 508 Central Avenue North, Brandon, MN 56315

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 660225000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 6, Block 2, "Meadowlane", According To The Recorded Plat on File And of Record in The Office of The County Recorder, Douglas County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Douglas

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$118,030.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$117,660.88

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Sheriff's Office, 216 Seventh Ave. W., Alexandria, MN 56308

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on January 13, 2025, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: April 24, 2024

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Scholarship recipients were recognized during the REA Annual Meeting. Students who were able to attend include: From lower left, left to right: Tucker McGrane, Taye Mathews, and Kerith Baker. Dakota Christopherson, Jalyn Halverson, and Holly Lenarz. Gavin Engelbrecht, Alexa Blume and Callie Glawe. Taylor Suchy, Carter Reinke and Alex Schmidt. Hunter Walz, Ashlyn Bergemann and Geneva Reemts. Haley Shea, Levi Johnson, and Ean Crossley.

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Now and Then

Excerpts from the Evansville Historical Foundation Archives

100 Years Ago - 1924

Evansville Enterprise
Mule to Be Dry Cleaned

Hereafter the army mule is to be dry cleaned. Calvary board of the army recommends vacuum cleaners to be used in grooming army mules, no more curry combs. The vacuum cleaner is said to be much more efficient. It speeds up the stable work, too. To curry a mule takes 24 minutes. He can be groomed with a vacuum cleaner in 14 minutes. These are telling arguments. But hasn't the calvary board overlooked one of the most important? There's the safety factor. A vacuum cleaner furnishes a nice long-distance way of grooming a mule's hind quarters - nervous always and vindictive sometimes. To use a curry comb about a mule's heels is to court adventure.

School Notes

Tuesday the girls spent a day in Fergus Falls. They are preparing for graduation.

The Evansville Baseball team won over Nelson, Friday, with a score of 2-1. The girls' team was defeated by a score of 9-10. The girls organized a baseball team last Friday. Muriel Nichols was elected captain.

The Botany class was out

picking flowers last Wednesday. Mayflowers and a few Buttercups were the only flowers that were found.

Note:

Soon the guests at the Evansville hotel will ask for a room with a radio.

50 Years Ago - 1974

Evansville Booster
Some of the Businesses Advertising in the Booster
Nelson's Store
Juul Drug
Farmers State Bank of Evansville

Evansville Clinic and Evansville Dental Office
Lake Region Veterinary Center

Ostrom Hardware
Evansville Super Market
Evansville Furniture & Decorating

Don's Lanes
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Bruns Plumbing & Heating
Hogan's Repair
Farmers Lumber & Supply Co

Glen's Midland
Anderson Electric
Johnson Radio & TV

C & R Repair
Roy's Standard Service
25 Years Ago - 1999

Craig Torgerson to perform at First Friday Concert May 3

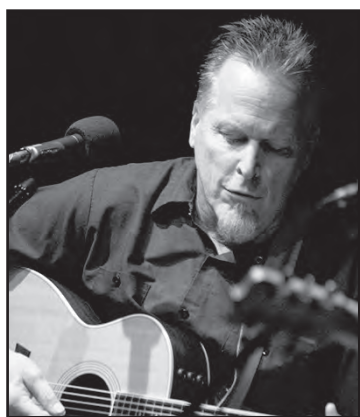
Evansville Arts Coalition is pleased to announce singer and guitarist Craig Torgerson will perform at Evansville Art Center on First Friday Concert on Friday, May 3rd.

Craig is a local musician who has been playing for over 45 years and entertaining for the past two decades. He started performing at Open Mics around the state, and has always included time for Evansville Art Center.

He has performed at numerous venues in the area, including Carlos Creek Winery, Copper Trail Brewery, Pike & Pint, The Spot, The Garden Bar, and Knotty Pine to name a few. He has also had the opportunity to perform at the Douglas County Fair, the Grant County Fair and many local town festivals and has joined with other local artists to perform as well.

Craig sets consists of Classic Country, Easy Listening, Classic Rock and also includes great songs in the Americana and Alternate Country genres. He strives to play a variety of songs at each performance and will change it up, based on the audience.

Craig's easy going nature and great tunes make for a very enjoyable evening! The performance begins at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



Craig Torgerson

There is no charge for this event. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Bring a treat to share at intermission if you wish. Beverages will be provided. Evansville Art Center is located at 111 Main Street, Evansville, Minnesota and is handicapped 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.



West Douglas County Record
Evansville 6th graders turn junk into art

Evansville 6th graders recently had the assignment to take some junk, any junk and turn it into a work of art. The students in Dennis Freese's class were instructed to display junk items either at random or in a pattern. The junk was glued to a cardboard base and then sprayed painted gold. The art was then judged on originality, uniqueness and whether or not the title fit the finished project. The "Junk Art" assignment has been a 6th grade tradition at Evansville for over twenty-five years. The top finishers in the Junk Art contest included: Beth Hanson and Suzanne Sorenson, tied for first, and Jaclynn

Sheirk and Keven Bruns tied for second.

A-E golf teams open the season

The Ashby-Evansville varsity and junior varsity boys' teams opened the season at a triangular meet at Tipsinah Mounds. The A-E varsity squad was second at 162 to West Central's 158. Battle Lake was third at 177. The A-E junior varsity squad was first in its competition with a score of 171. West Central was second at 189 followed by Battle Lake at 198. A-E varsity individual scores included Brett Anderson, 38, runner up; Kelly Walvatne and Rob Mounts both at 40; Tom Thormodson, 44; Tyler Andeson, 49 and Loren Klimek, 52. The junior varsity scores for A-E golfers include

Tim Balgaard, 42; Ben Johnson, Kyle Meissner and Craig Nelson, all at 43; Adam Week 48 and Alex Franck, 60.

The varsity squad was victorious at the Quad County Meet in Osakis. The Ashby-Evansville squad won with a score of 168 to beat out Osakis with a score of 169. Underwood had a 184 followed by Henning at 189, Browerville at 196 and Eagle Valley at 204. A-E golfers and their scores at the meet included: Brett Anderson, 41; Kelly Walvatne, 42; Rob Mounts, 48; Kyle Meissner, 42; Tim Balgaard, 43; Craif Nelson, 50; and Ben Johnson, 54.

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| Sofa, couch, per item | \$15.00 |

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A permit is required for disposal. Permits are available from the:

• **Evansville City Office** from April 25-May 17 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

• **Brandon City Office** from April 25-May 16 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• **Garfield City Office** from April 25- May 16 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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**Community
Calendar**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brandon, will be having a Rummage Sale May 18 from 8 a.m.-noon. Free-will offering.

THE MILLERVILLE TOWNSHIP meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 3 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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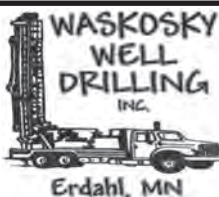
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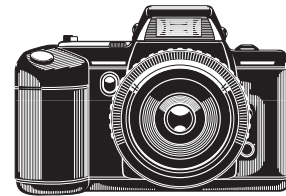
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around.

Alexandria - Trespassing complaint. Complainant was informed that there are several people squatting at this location and would like the department to meet him out there to check the location. Complainant will meet department at gas station just down the road in a blue Chevy truck. Person one arrested for criminal damage, trespassing and failure to leave hotel. Person two arrested for trespassing, false name, failure to leave hotel, forgery, identity theft, theft by swindle and criminal damage.

Alexandria - Neighbor dispute. Complainant states that her neighbor is threatening to shut her well off if they don't pay a large amount of money. Complainant states there are several neighbors that are in an agreement with the previous land owner and they are being threatened also. Civil, working with attorney. Advised to contact if shuts off water without notice.

Osakis - Caller wants to talk to a deputy about people coming onto his property. The neighbors have a bed and breakfast next door.

Parkers Prairie - 67-year-old male party with chest pain, heart issues.

Parkers Prairie - Broadway Medical. 94-year-old female, unknown medical, unresponsive.

Kensington - Parking complaint. Pull-behind trailer parked there on the street for several days.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Trespassing complaint. Ar-

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rested on possession of burglary tools and fourth degree burglary.

Osakis - Complainant called in concerned about her nephew with drug use and would like to speak with a deputy regarding the matter. Called three times and goes to voicemail.

Holmes City - Across from store, some sort of fire, lots of smoke.

Alexandria - Public assist. Property dropped off for person one to pick up.

Alexandria - Water complaint. Paddle boat washed up on the complainant's shore. Came from inn. Complainant states it was frozen in the ice over winter. Left voicemail to inn to pick up the paddle boat if it belongs to them.

Alexandria - Complainant has questions on how to get their cat out from under the foundation of their house.

Garfield - Large fire south of interstate. A few hundred feet from closest building. Multiple football fields in size. Fire extinguished by Garfield Fire Department.

Alexandria - Complainant would like to speak with law enforcement about someone who is selling drugs.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for equipment.

Garfield - Patrol activity. Saw person one in driveway and ran after he saw me drive by.

Garfield - Male in a shed. Male is owner, just checking to make sure it wasn't a burglary in progress.

Alexandria - Arrested for fourth-degree DWI. Verbal warning for expired registration and failure to maintain lane.

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

April 26

Nelson - Complainant says their 10-year-old son has been acting out. He won't give them the phone. Stays up all night playing video games and is not listening.

Alexandria - Traffic hazard. Removed debris from road.

Alexandria - Suspicious activity. Vulnerable adult report received. Possible theft from account by person one.

Alexandria - 69-year-old. Male seizure-like activity.

Alexandria - Drug related activity. Complainant would like to speak with a deputy about his neighbors.

Glenwood - Theft of money. Unknown suspect. \$800 in re-

serve Etab and pull-tab money taken.

Carlos - Campers need to be removed from the park. Did not vacate their site by 4 p.m.

Carlos - Caller is mom of person one. States her daughter texted her wanting a women's shelter phone number stating she is scared.

Alexandria - Medical call. 71-year-old female, back and side pain. Unable to stand and throwing up from the pain.

Osakis - Vehicle roll over.

Carlos - Driving complaint. Three vehicles doing burnouts, three pickup trucks. White Chevy truck, gray or black Tahoe and a white older Ford 1-ton pickup, extended cab. Last known direction heading towards Carlos. No plate info provided.

April 27

Nelson - Vehicle in ditch. F-150 and blue Dodge truck in the ditch. Dodged a deer and went into the ditch. Tow got them out.

Alexandria - Public assist. Needs assistance getting vehicle from impound lot. Caller said he was speaking to deputy.

Alexandria - Complainant stated his wife left Fargo at 3 a.m. Her car prompts at location. He called front desk and they confirmed she did check in this morning. She was not acting herself and will not return calls. He states she is possibly not taking her anti-depressants. Also takes gummies to relieve stress and when they talked last night he thought she might be taking them. She drives a black 2022 Honda Palisade, North Dakota plates. Complainant states no marital issues and no history of suicidal threats. Spoke to person one, she is fine. No more welfare checks unless urgent. Advised family to stop chasing her around parking lot.

Alexandria - Male has not been heard from in 20 hours. Is missing work and this is strange behavior. Girlfriend's vehicle is at Walgreens in Lakeview. Unoccupied. Is driving a black Dodge Ram. He may have a firearm. Vehicle being pinged by caller and is now headed towards the cities on I-94 and outside of county. Sent to state patrol.

Alexandria - Medical call. 73-year-old female fell and hit her head, now bleeding.

Parkers Prairie - Complainant is not home and got a call from her 22-year-old daughter who heard a couple of shot gun shots

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with a huge ball of gray smoke and explosion that shook their house to follow. Made contact with home owner, they were shooting tannerite.

Alexandria - Small child, 2-3 years old. Not in a seat. On female's lap. Person one warned about child restraint laws. Proper seatbelt was in but the child was having a meltdown. Ensured she was back in before deputy left.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed, maintaining lane, suspended object.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Chevy square body, old army colored pickup, blue, possibly Corvette, drag racing up and down the road. Also doing burnouts.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed and expire registration.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Person two arrested for second degree DWI.

Nelson - Driving complaint. Complainant's mother is driving drunk. Ford Fusion, red in color. Last seen driving on road towards Osakis.

Nelson - Complainant states that person one grabbed them by the throat, pushed them into a garage door and then threw them to the ground.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for driving on the wrong side of the road.

April 28

Garfield - Suspicious person. Female acting strange. Possibly intoxicated or on drugs. Black hoodie, jeans, dark hair. Transported person one to Otter

Tail County.

Alexandria - Complainant's roommates are not giving them back their keys.

Farwell - Animal complaint. Black cows and brown cows on the road. New fence but small and flimsy. Person one is owner of cows. Person two is owner of land. Land owner will call their son, who owns the cows and if he doesn't answer they will take care of them.

Alexandria - Medical call. 47-year-old female client, possibly pneumonia.

Alexandria - Family has not been able to get a hold of their mom since Wednesday. She recently moved back here but was in an abusive relationship before leaving. They are concerned that she may be at the same house and unable to call.

Alexandria - Complainant would like a welfare check on her sister. Her and her boyfriend got into a physical domestic last night. She had left but went back this morning and they can't get a hold of her. Booked for domestic assault, strangulation, domestic assault, obstruction. Person two arrested.

Nelson - Verbal warning for speed and failure to maintain lane.

Osakis - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed, expired registration.

Carlos - Child protection issue. Complainant got her kids back from ex-husband tonight and states that he was sharing inappropriate photos with one of the kids. Report to county attorney and social services.

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Charger baseball team takes double header from Hillcrest

The Brandon-Evansville baseball team took on Hillcrest in Evansville April 23 in a double header.

In the first contest the Chargers prevailed 13-1 in a four-inning contest.

B-E put up two runs in the bottom of the first adding one in the second, eight in the third and two in the fourth.

Carter White earned the win on the mound for B-E going three innings with four strikeouts. Colton Breitreutz finished the contest with five strikeouts. Nate Bermel took the loss for Hillcrest.

White had two hits, three runs, a walk and a double for B-E. Riley Perleberg also had two hits with two runs and a walk while Landon Sullivan finished with two hits and one run.

Lucas Fuller finished the game with two hits for B-E and two runs. Seth Thoennes and Hunter Grothen also collected hits for B-E.

"A lot of guys were putting the ball in play and we were able to get some key hits when we needed them. Carter White and Colton Breitreutz both pitched well and their defense

made plays which is always what you hope for," said B-E Coach Brian Perleberg.

B-E 14, Hillcrest 3

In the second game of the day B-E was the visiting team.

In the first inning Perleberg put the Chargers on the board with a sacrifice fly. B-E added six runs in the second to break the game open.

The Chargers added one run in the third and six in the fourth.

The Comets put one run on the board in the third adding single runs in the fourth and fifth as B-E won the game 14-3.

"The bottom of the order

helped Brandon-Evansville capture a 14-3 victory over Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in the second game of their double header on Tuesday in Evansville," said the coach.

Sullivan picked up the win for the Chargers with four strikeouts. He also had two hits, a run and a walk. Joe Torgeson took the loss.

Perleberg had two hits, one run and a sacrifice fly in the contest.

Kaden Englund two hits, a double and three runs while Fuller had one hit and two runs and Breitreutz had two hits,

two runs and a walk.

"We hadn't been swinging the bats very well in the first few games, so it was great to see things start to click offensively. We still have a lot of work to do, but it was a step in the right direction. We also were able to get several pitchers on the mound to gain some valuable early season experience and we were very happy with the defensive effort today," said the coach.

The next contests for the team is scheduled for May 2 in Evansville in a double header with Rothsay at 4 p.m.

Brandon-Evansville softball team falls to Swanville and Upsala

The Brandon-Evansville softball team travelled to Swanville for two games April 24.

The Chargers began the day by playing Swanville.

The Bulldogs took a 5-0 lead after three innings.

B-E got on the board with one run in the fourth inning but Swanville added three in the bottom of the frame for a 8-0 lead.

Swanville put one on the board in the fifth and added two in the sixth to end the game with an 11-1 win.

The Chargers had four hits

in the contest. Hallie Richter, Claire Boesl, Kylee Dingwall and Tahira Schaffran each had one hit for B-E.

Boesl started on the mound for B-E going 2 1/3 innings with four strikeouts. Mia Elmer finished the game with two strikeouts.

Swanville 11, B-E 1

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| B-E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Swanville | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | x | 11 | 7 | 2 |

| | AB | R | H | RBISB | |
|------------------|----|---|---|-------|---|
| Hallie Richter | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Claire Boesl | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kylee Dingwall | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Madeline Stich | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tahira Schaffran | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mia Elmer | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ava Santjer | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jadyn Deschene | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drea Fernholz | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Pitching

| | IP | H | R | ER | SO |
|--------------|-----|---|---|----|----|
| Claire Boesl | 2.1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Mia Elmer | 3.1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 |

Upsala 12, B-E 2

In the second game of the day the Chargers took on Upsala.

The Cardinals scored two in the first, two in the second, three in the third, one in the fourth and four in the sixth.

The Chargers scored two runs in the sixth as Upsala won the six-inning contest 12-2.

"We faced two really tough

teams today. In both games we gave them too many free bases and made mistakes that they took advantage of. Offensively we did a better job putting the ball in play against Upsala, but in both games we struggled to string hits together and bring runners in," said B-E Coach Kasi Sieling.

The Chargers had six hits in the contest. Boesl and Ava Santjer had two hits each while Dingwall had a double with Madeline Stich getting the other B-E hit.

Dingwall took the loss going

the distance with 11 strikeouts.

The next scheduled games for the team will be held May 6 in a double header with Hancock in Brandon at 4 p.m.

Upsala 12, B-E 2

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| B-E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | x | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| Upsala | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | x | 12 | 11 | 0 |

| | AB | R | H | RBISB | |
|------------------|----|---|---|-------|---|
| Claire Boesl | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Kylee Dingwall | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Madeline Stich | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tahira Schaffran | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mia Elmer | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ava Santjer | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

Pitching

| | IP | H | R | ER | SO |
|----------------|-----|----|----|----|----|
| Kylee Dingwall | 5.2 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 11 |

Moms can fish free opening weekend

Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge Saturday, May 11, through Sunday, May 12, during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend, when all Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is partnering with the Student Angler Organization and Women Anglers of Minnesota to host the challenge.

To participate in the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge, moms simply need to join the Facebook group called "Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge 2024" and post one photo of each fish they catch.

All participants who submit one or more fish photos will have their name entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student An-

gler Organization and their partners, including gift cards for SCHEELS and Lund. Additionally, participants are invited to tune in for a pre-challenge virtual Fishing 101 class, hosted by Women Anglers of Minnesota in the challenge Facebook group opens in a new browser tab on May 7.

Challenge details are available on the Minnesota DNR website. All fish species and sizes are welcome in the challenge. Participants can snap a photo and let their fish go or keep it if it's in season.

"This year's event follows the successful inaugural Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge in 2023. Last year, more than 2,400 moms joined the challenge," said Cara Hanson, DNR marketing coordinator. "This year, we hope even more people will join in the fun!"

The Minnesota State Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day. This year, the weekend also coincides with the fishing opener — seasons begin Saturday, May 11, for walleye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes. To celebrate the fishing season, the Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener event is taking place May 10-12 in Lake City.

Fishing season dates and regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR fishing webpage. Find out how and where to fish, learn about fishing equipment, read about ways to catch different kinds of fish, and get acquainted with fishing ethics and being stewards of Minnesota's natural resources, on the Minnesota DNR learn to fish webpage.

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Bolts track takes part in Barnesville meet

The Ashby-Brandon-Evansville track and field team took part in a meet April 23 at Barnesville.

"We ran in Barnesville tonight, and though a little windy, it was a gorgeous night for a meet. We were missing some athletes for various reasons, but those who competed had a good night with a lot of PRs" said A-B-E Coach Robert Bosma.

Lucea Wales finished first in the 100-meter hurdles for the Bolts adding a second-place finish in the 300 hurdles.

Lauren Thoennes was sixth in the 1600-meter run while

Taylor Dingwall was fifth in the 100 hurdles and sixth in the high jump.

Stephen Hamilton was fifth in the shot put.

"Now that we are getting into the middle of the season, we are really emphasizing our best is what we need to do at every meet. Every day, we work hard to get better, recover, and learn and tonight was another testament to that attitude," said the coach.

The next meet for the team will be May 2 at Pelican Rapids at 4 p.m.

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WCA-A-B-E wrestling team recognizes great season

The WCAABE Knights varsity wrestling team put together a great season. They earned a total of 375 wins, 2,295 team points, 207 falls, 8 tech falls, 24 major decisions, a 64 percent bonus point rate, a 55 percent fall rate, and compiled a team record of 19-9. As a team they placed 3rd at the GCT, 3rd at the Monticello Invite, 35th at the Rumble on the Red, and 2nd in the WCC/CMC Conference Tournament.

The team made the semi-finals in the Section 6A tournament however they lost by a minimal margin to the eventual section champs BHV-PP.

The Knights also do well in the classroom earning the MWCA Silver Award and accumulating an average team GPA of 3.463!

Varsity Letter Winners

1st Year- Brody Brunkow, Jasmine Ulrich, Logan Schmall, Cristian Ponce, Shayla Reynolds, Weston Ulrich, Nathan Brethorst, Cody Krafthefer, Payton Schmidt, Logan Haburn, Freddi Munoz, Keiran Gehrke, Layla Long, Rae-Anna Gruchow, Nia Olson.
2nd Year- Keyenna Gehrke, Kyra McGrath, Natalea Olson, Ilsa Wales, Gavin Flint, Skylar LaRue, Evan Dingwall, Tucker McGee, Logon Long.
3rd Year- Owen Gruchow.
4th Year- Terina Blascyk, Sam Olson, Ezekiel Sieckert, Carter Lohse, Jeremy Blascyk, Will Rustan.
5th Year Adam Lohse, Lucea Wales (2 years wrestling and 3 years as a manager), Hunter Gruchow.
6th Year- Solomon Wales, Annika Brunkow

Spotlight on Scholarship Award Winner (maintaining a 3.0 or higher during the season): Evan Dingwall, Nathan Brethorst, Lucea Wales, Solomon Wales, Ilsa Wales, Tucker Johnson, Skylar LaRue, Natalea Olson, Kyra McGrath, Keyenna Gehrke, Owen Gruchow, Kyle Klaahsen, William Rustan, Carter Lohse, Adam Lohse, Annika Brunkow, Terina Blascyk, Tucker McGee,



Award winners, front row, left to right: Solomon Wales, Will Rustan, Logon Long, Owen Gruchow and Nathan Brethorst. Back row: Adam Lohse, Logan Haburn, Jeremy Blascyk, Terina Blascyk, Terina Blascyk and Freddi Munoz. Not Pictured: Brock Brunkow, Cristian Ponce Espinoza and Brandi Gruchow.



This year's seniors and coaches include, front row, left to right: Coach Daniel Wales, Terina Blascyk, Annika Brunkow, Lucea Wales, Will Rustan, Adam Lohse, Logan Haburn, Solomon Wales, Carter Lohse, and Coach Jake Richter. Back row, Coach Jordan Lohse, Coach Brandon Gruchow, Coach Troy Lohse, and Coach Gage Wevley.

Hunter Gruchow, Gavin Flint, Jeremy Blascyk, Jasmine Ulrich, Ezekiel Sieckert, Brody

Brunkow, Logan Haburn, Alden Eddy, Charley McGee, Cristian Ponce, Dainen Nibbe, Eli Domeier, Gauge Eide, Jackson Kapphahn, Jayce McNamara, Keiran Gehrke, Kyler Kastner, Mason Schmidt, Maxwell Barlow, Payton Schmidt, Shayla Reynolds, Cody Krafthefer, Layla Long, RaeAnna Gruchow, and Nia Olson

West Central All-Conference Wrestlers

Owen Gruchow, 127 lbs.; Solomon Wales, 160 lbs.; Ezekiel Sieckert, 172 lbs.; Jeremy Blascyk, 189 lbs.; Freddi Munoz, 215 lbs.; Will Rustan, 285 lbs.

5 State Qualifiers

Lucea Wales 124lbs (1st girl in school history to make it to state)

Owen Gruchow 127lbs.
 Adam Lohse 145
 Jeremy Blascyk 189
 Will Rustan 285

3 All-State Wrestlers

Lucea Wales, 6th, 124 lbs.
 Owen Gruchow, 6th, 127 lbs.
 Will Rustan, 2nd, 285 lbs.

Team awards

Manager of the Year: Terina Blascyk
 JV Hardest Worker: Logan Haburn
 JV Most Improved Wrestler: Brock Brunkow
 JV Most Valuable Wrestler: Logon Long
 Rookie Wrestler of the Year: Cristian Ponce Espinoza
 Team Spirit Award: Jeremy Blascyk
 Most Exciting Wrestler: Owen Gruchow

Varsity Hardest Worker:

Solomon Wales
 Varsity Most Improved Wrestler: Nathan Brethorst
 Varsity Most Valuable Wrestler: Will Rustan
 Perfect Attendance: Owen Gruchow
 Perfect Attendance: Adam Lohse
 Perfect Attendance: Will Rustan
 Perfect Practice Attendance: Freddi Munoz
 Perfect Practice Attendance: Jeremy Blascyk
 Wrestling Fan of the Year: Brandi Gruchow

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Understanding Fairy Rings in Your Lawn

Have you noticed circular patches of greener grass in your lawn? It's not uneven fertilizer but fungi feeding on decomposing matter like old tree stumps, leaves, or roots, releasing nitrogen. This phenomenon is called

a fairy ring. Fairy rings are circular areas of abnormal turf growth, commonly found in lawns with elevated organic matter or after tree removal. Their mysterious, circular appearance has fascinated people since ancient



Type 1 Fairy Ring



Type 2 Fairy Ring



Type 3 Fairy Ring

times, with medieval lore linking them to dancing fairies.

What do fairy rings look like? They're grass rings up to 15 feet in diameter with a distinctly different color or texture compared to the surrounding grass. Partial ring patterns can also occur, and in wet weather, rings of mushrooms may form at the edge of the discolored grass.

Where do fairy rings come from? Certain fungi feed on decaying organic matter buried in the soil, growing outward in a circular pattern. Three types exist, depending on soil type, the specific fungus, and environmental conditions:

- Type 1: Common on golf course putting greens, these rings cause grass to brown and die due to reduced water absorption.

- Type 2: Efficiently decays organic matter, releasing nitrogen that promotes lush grass growth.

- Type 3: Features rings of mushrooms, especially during wet periods like fall.

What should you do with fairy rings in your lawn? The good news is that fairy rings do not kill lawns and are mainly cosmetic. They often disappear naturally. Waiting is usually the simplest management option. For preemptive measures, consider routine core aeration to reduce thatch buildup. For Type 2 rings, apply nitrogen fertilizer to match grass colors. For Type 3, carefully remove mushrooms (wearing gloves) and dispose of them; Do not eat them as they may be poisonous. Avoid using fungicides as they're typically ineffective against fairy rings.

For more information on lawn care, visit the turfgrass science page at <https://turf.umn.edu/> and subscribe to the lawn care newsletter.

Until Next Time, Happy Gardening!

2023 report on DNR volunteers released

More than 14,400 volunteers helped the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources do everything from monitoring rainfall levels to clearing trails, according to the new 2023 annual DNR volunteer report. The report was released as part of the celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 21-27) when organizations across the country honor volunteers and recognize the impact of their time and talents.

"Minnesotans are known for their giving spirits and commitment to our natural resources, and Minnesota DNR sees that reflected in the immense contributions of our volunteers each year," DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said. "I can't overstate how grateful we are for their service and the valuable contributions they make to conservation and outdoor recreation across the state."

The DNR's volunteer program is one of the largest among

Minnesota state agencies and, according to the report (PDF), the estimated value of volunteer services in 2023 totaled \$8.3 million. Volunteers help the DNR with a wide variety of activities, including teaching firearms safety, improving wildlife habitat, hosting state park campgrounds, planting trees, tagging fish, assisting at outdoor candlelight hike events, and monitoring precipitation. For the fifth consecutive year, Minnesota led the nation in the number of volunteers recruited for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network to measure and gather data about precipitation across the state.

The DNR established a department-wide volunteer program in 1988. Over the past 35 years, Minnesotans have contributed more than 12.9 million hours of volunteer service to help manage our state's natural resources. The value of

this service is estimated at more than \$252 million.

One shining example of a DNR volunteer is Bruce Gravelle. Gravelle recycles candles from the many candlelight events the DNR holds each year by melting down the used candles, then reshaping the wax into new candles to be used again. He provides as many as 1,000 to 1,500 candles each year. If people see a colored ice luminary on DNR managed trails or lands, Gravelle most likely made it. Candlelight events are one of many opportunities made possible by volunteer assistance that enable the public to access unique outdoor recreational experiences on public lands.

Read about some of the DNR's other outstanding volunteers on the Meet Our Volunteers webpage. To become a volunteer or for more information, visit the volunteer webpage of the DNR website.

Thank You

THANK YOU to all who helped with spring cleanup recently at the Mound Grove Cemetery. Special thanks to Coach Perleberg and the following members of the B-E Charger Baseball Team: Colton and Tyler Breitreutz, Bryce Froemming, Riley Perleberg, and Seth Thoennes
Mound Grove Cemetery Association

Gardonville, Millerville Creamery Annual Meetings May 3

The combined Annual Meeting of Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association and Millerville Cooperative Creamery Association will be held at the Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association shop at 800 Central Avenue North in Brandon, MN, on Friday, May 3rd, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Members from both cooperatives are invited to attend.

The 81st Annual Meeting of Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association will be held for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the board of directors for a period of four (4) years, to vote upon proposed changes to the bylaws, to present the 80th Annual Meeting Minutes, to present the 2023 Financial Report and to transact any other business which may come before said meeting. — Debra Plaster, GCTEL Secretary

The 95th Annual Meeting of Millerville Cooperative Creamery Association will be held for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the board of directors for a term of three (3) years, to vote upon proposed changes to the bylaws, to present the 94th Annual Meeting Minutes, to present the 2023 Financial Report and to transact any other business which may come before said meeting. — Joe Wagner, MCCA Secretary/Treasurer

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May reveals second and third brightest stars in the night sky

By Deane Morrison

In May the evening sky ushers out the bright winter stars and nudges Leo, the lion—the most prominent spring constellation—toward the western exit. Nightfall comes late, but when it does it reveals the second and third brightest stars in our night sky.

High in the southeast blazes Arcturus, the brightest star in the northern hemisphere of sky. Only marginally dimmer, brilliant Vega shines lower in the northeast to east. Both stars climb throughout the month, along with their constellations. At 37 light-years distant, Arcturus anchors kite-shaped Bootes, the herdsman, while Vega, at 25 light-years, dominates the small constellation

Lyra, the lyre.

In the second half of May, Spica—the only bright star in Virgo, the maiden—will be almost due south at nightfall, below and slightly west of Arcturus. Spica contains two stars, both larger than the sun, separated by just 11 million miles, or 12 percent of Earth's distance from the sun. These stars orbit their common center of mass in just four days. It's thought that their intense mutual gravity deforms both stars into an egg-like shape.

The moon begins the month in the morning sky. Just before dawn on the 3rd, it appears close above the eastern horizon, to the right of Saturn. After beginning a new cycle on the 7th, it visits the Gemini twin stars on the 12th; Regulus, in Leo, on the 15th; and Spica on the 19th. The night of the 22nd to 23rd, May's full moon traces a low arc across the sky.

The waning moon appears in the middle of the Teapot

of Sagittarius in the predawn hours of the 26th. On the 31st it shines below Saturn, which

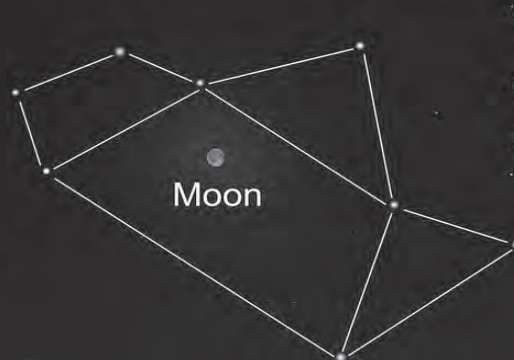
is rapidly moving up and westward through the morning sky. Far to the lower left of the ringed

planet, a barely visible Mars is slowly climbing as Earth gains on it in the orbital race.

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Johnny T. Johnson

Johnny T. Johnson, a hard-working and loving father, husband, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on April 20, 2024. He was outside doing work he enjoyed, and was immediately ushered into the presence of the Lord he trusted and believed in. Johnny T. received a truly rapid response, and kind, respectful care from all those on the scene. His family will be forever grateful – he loved the communities here so much.

John Thomas Johnson was born on March 27, 1977 in Alexandria, Minnesota on a sunny spring Sunday. He completed the family of Gerald and Cheryl (Torgusen) Johnson and their two older children, Christopher, and Terri. Johnny was baptized at Chippewa Lutheran Church on May 8, 1977, with his parents and sponsors, Janice and Willis Gudmundson, all of whom affirmed that Johnny would be raised in the Lutheran faith. He confirmed his baptism at Chippewa on May 5, 1991, and graduated from Evansville High School in 1995.

Johnny T. was named after his great-grandfather, Johnnie T. Johnson. All the boys in that family had the middle initial “T” – which stood for Tollef, their father, though they didn’t actually have the middle name of Tollef. These Johnson ancestors were referred to as the “T Johnsons” to differentiate them from the other Johnson families in the area.

Johnny immersed himself in nature as a tiny tot. Evening swims after chores at Red Rock Lake were a family tradition, and the neighborhood folks would gasp when they saw this tiny 2-year-old swimming with the minnows. When he was just 6 years old, Johnny fell in love with skiing at Andes Tower Hills, which was not far from the family homestead. His ef-



Mark Weiss

fortless grace on the mountain and in the air mirrored his natural comfort in the water—he truly was at home on land, in the water, and in the air.

Farming was Johnny’s true passion, and he started farming before he graduated high school, taking on his Grandpa Orvin’s farm after Orvin died in 1994. For over a decade Johnny worked on farms in the region, doing some of his own work, and doing some work for area farmers. His dream was to someday own his own little farm, and he has passed his love of farms, farm animals, and even farm machinery on to his own children.

Johnny met Brittany Peterson during the winter of 2006 while making snow at Andes Tower Hills. They traveled all over the western U.S. on ski trips and Johnny faithfully joined Brittany as she traveled around Minnesota attending snowboard competitions. Johnny joined Brittany mowing lawns at Peterson Lawn Service in the summer of 2010. He quickly became the face and driving force behind the business. The couple worked together side by side for 14 years.

On August 23, 2014 the couple were united in marriage at St. Petri Lutheran Church. Their first child, Elsie Mae, was born on January 7, 2019. Clayton Gerald followed a few short years later on September 10, 2021. Johnny was a dedicated

father, spending his time working and playing with his kids.

Johnny was preceded in death by his grandparents Orvin and Nadine Johnson, Shirley and Ervin Cichy, and Francis Haabala; sister-in-law Lynnette Marie (Fuchs) Johnson; Aunt Sheila Torgusen; and Uncle Roy Torgusen. He is survived by his wife Brittany; his beautiful children Elsie and Clayton; his parents Gerald and Cheryl Johnson; his mother-in-

law Luanne Peterson; his sister Terri Johnson; his brother and sister-in-law Christopher and Denise (Marquette) Johnson; his sisters- and brothers-in-law Stephanie and Paul Faris and Kristin Peterson and JC Salscheider two great aunts, four aunts, three uncles, seven nieces, seven nephews, six great-nieces, three great-nephews, a plethora of cousins, and many, many good friends.

A visitation will be held at

Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria from 4:30 to 7:30 PM on Friday April 26th. Funeral services will be held on Saturday April 27th at 11 AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Evansville with an additional visitation one hour prior to service. Burial will immediately follow the service at St. Petri Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pastor Dwayne Frykman will officiate.

Judy Stierlen

Judy Carol (Berg) Stierlen was born on January 4th, 1955, in Fergus Falls to Orville C. and Opal J. (Hanson) Berg of Breckenridge, MN. She was baptized at Breckenridge Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, and later confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashby, MN. She grew up and graduated from the Ashby High School in 1973. Ashby remained her lifelong home, except for a short trial run in Fargo, where she quickly learned that she was meant for the smalltown life. Judy furthered her education by attending Alexandria Technical School to be a Medical Secretary and later, following her deepest instinct to take care of others, she continued her education at Fergus Falls Community and Technical College to become an LPN and then onto an RN. While Judy wore many hats in the healthcare industry, she would most often be found as a charge nurse in a local nursing home.

On March 31st, 1999, Judy and Wayne Stierlen filled the Historical Pioneer Church in Evansville, MN, as they joined together in marriage. The couple just celebrated their 25th anniversary this year. This was not only a day of celebration for their unity in marriage, but Judy also gaining four stepdaughters. She would surely never complain about an ever-growing family, as there was nothing she loved more than family. Judy was the one to ensure that those who passed before us were kept alive and not forgotten by sharing memories and photos, driving through the countryside sharing stories of different places and people, and always maintaining our family members’ final places of rest.

Judy spent a great amount of time crocheting afghans and making blankets for various members of the family, but especially each new arrival. The best way to feel the true magic of a holiday was to attend a



celebration at Judy and Wayne’s home. Whether it be Easter, the 4th of July, Halloween, Christmas, or any in between, you could not miss the love that was put into preparing and hosting. Everywhere you’d look, there were decorations for the occasion—nobody was forgotten, everybody was welcome, there was enough food to feed an army, and even more love.

For family to be present was to fill Judy’s cup. A perfect day for Judy was to have her family visiting, enjoying beautiful weather on Eagle Lake, being in the cabin playing Whist, Pinochle, or Cribbage (if anyone was up to the challenge), with the fresh air and noises of the kids laughing, running, and swimming flowing in through the windows, while also ensuring that everyone ate enough of her potato salad and other dishes that they would surely soon burst. She was a member of The American Legion Auxiliary at Post# 357 in Ashby for 46 years. She truly enjoyed her work here, as she continued to work part-time until she recently became too ill to do so.

For the last two years, Judy happily took on a full-time role as a Bonus Grandma to her great-nephew, William Kimball. There were countless smiles and giggles by both, but their favorite thing to do together was to fall asleep while watching M*A*S*H for nap time.

Judy spent several years bravely fighting complex health issues, but she did not allow them to stop her from enjoying as much time with her family as possible and being grateful for every moment. In a note she wrote, “Getting older! But at least getting there!!” She was the matriarch of our family, another mom and grandma to many, a teacher, mentor, care-

giver and so much more. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

On Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, Judy passed away in her lifelong home in Ashby, MN, at the age of 69. Judy was surrounded by many of her loved ones, including her “Puppy.”

To attempt to summarize a person who was so much to so many in just a few sentences is simply impossible, but if you knew Judy, you know how much more there is to tell, so please, never stop sharing.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne; stepdaughters, Tonya (Kevin) Onstad of Bemidji, MN; Sarah (Dylan) Goudge of Clearbrook MN; Amy (Jeremiah) Gaertner of Dassel MN; Megan (Nick) Olson of Ashby MN; grandchildren, Jon and Victoria Onstad; Benjamin, Trey, and Miles Goudge; Jonas, Jeremiah, Velouria and Samantha Swat of Sarasota FL; Henry and Abraham Olson; sister, Faith Keep of Foxhome, MN; sister-in-law, Sue Berg of Fargo, ND; nieces and nephews (Bonus Kids), Kristi (Rick) Donovan, Derek (Jessica) Berg, Matthew Jacobson, Apryll (Curt) Berg, Jodie (Steve) Berg, Elisha (Douglas) Berg, Joshua (Amanda) Benson, Billie (Loran) Kimball, Conner Keep, Parker Keep, and Tanner (Emma) Keep; great-nieces and nephews, Alex, Tyler, Tiffany, Peter, Opal, Ruby, Nicole, Owen, Liam, Jillian, Gavin, Abel, Levi, Carter, Lauren, Ella, Jackson, Brayson, and William; five great-grandchildren; and the hearts of many others.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Opal (Hanson) Berg; siblings, Marie Ann Berg, Wayne Harris Berg, O. Dale Berg; and a nephew and niece, Chad and Dawn Berg.

Blessed be the Memory of Judy Carol (Berg) Stierlen.

Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 with a prayer service and sharing at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Ashby. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Ashby. Clergy was Pastor Paul Snyder. Burial was at Skibvedt Cemetery, rural Battle Lake. Funeral home in charge of arrangements was Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Ashby. Condolences to: www.glendenilson.com.

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READERS
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“I would like to recognize all the amazing teachers that are implementing this program in Brandon-Evansville in the Early Childhood Family Education program, Pre-K and first grades. Also, the support from the B-E administration has been excellent,” Berry added.

Surveys of families show that they are establishing reading routines within their homes. All the families involved say they now share books three times a week, and the duration of family-shared reading of at least sixty minutes weekly has increased from 50 percent to 92 percent. Use of at least four dialogic behaviors, such as asking their child questions about the text, has risen from 47 percent to 74 percent. Connecting to local libraries is integral to maintaining shared reading, which has increased from 34 percent to 63 percent.

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The community and partners feel like they are making a difference by contributing to

the success of the youngest community members and their families. Parents are especially thankful that books are being brought into their homes. They are also excited to learn with their children how to stop and ask questions while reading to their children.

The research clearly shows that strong, engaged families significantly impact children’s educational and life outcomes. When families read together, they share more than stories. Reading together strengthens bonds between children and the caring adults in their lives.

Communities desire to be filled with healthy, strong families fluent in literacy and communication. The partners of this project and LCSC are to be commended for recognizing this and working to make it happen in North-Central Minnesota.

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