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Brandon Council approves chicken ordinance

The Brandon City Council has been discussing an ordinance to allow residents to keep and raise chickens for the past few meetings. At the council's May 6 meeting it finally gave approval to such an ordinance. It will be finalized and go into effect once notice it is published in The Record newspaper. This could happen as early as May 16. Dave Ahlquist has been working on the ordinance and presented a draft of it to the council at the May meeting. The ordinance spells out that it is unlawful to own chickens on any premises other than in an agricultural district unless

the city issues a permit to do so. The ordinance defines a chicken as a female chicken or hen. The ordinance specifically prohibits the keeping of male chickens or roosters and states the chickens must be kept on premises which is the property owner's primary residential dwelling. Other definitions in the ordinance include:
 • Brooding period: The stage of life between hatch and adulthood. Usually lasts the first 10 weeks of life.
 • Chicken Run: An enclosed outside yard for keeping chickens.

• Premises: Any platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcels or tracts of land and is located within the city.
 • At Large: A chicken out of its chicken coop or chicken run, off the premises or not under the custody and control of the owner. The ordinance states the maximum number of adult chickens allowed will be no more than five for a lot size of 7,551 square feet or less and no more than 10 for lots of 7,551 square feet or more. Henhouses, coops and chicken runs shall only be located in rear yards if a primary residence exists on the property. For properties where no rear yard exists, the facilities shall not be located any closer to a public street than the primary residence. Coops or runs are not allowed to be located in any part of a home. A chicken coop will not be considered an accessory building when they are used exclusively for sheltering chickens. The maximum number of chickens will be enforced after the brooding period. There is no restriction on chicken species. A permit will be required for keeping any domesticated chickens. The permit is personal to the permittee and may not be assigned. The fee for an annual permit is \$5. The fee for renewal of an annual permit is \$5. In applying for a permit a person must demonstrate compliance with the criteria and standards of the ordinance. An application can be obtained from the city clerk's office. The application is to be submitted to the city clerk or another designee. In order to secure a permit, the

completed application must include a scaled diagram showing the location of any chicken coop or run and the approximate distance from adjoining structures and property lines, the number and species of chickens to be maintained on the premises and a statement that the applicant/permittee will at all times keep the chickens in accordance with this ordinance, or any modifications. Failure to obey such conditions will constitute a violation of the provisions of this section and grounds for cancellation of the permit. Permits will expire on Feb. 28. No permit will be issued for a rental premises. The city retains the right to refuse to grant or renew a permit for failure to comply with the provisions of the ordinance. If conditions of the ordinance are not met, if a nuisance condition is created or if public health and safety would be unreasonably endangered, a permit may be refused or not renewed. The ordinance allows for permit revocation if there is a misrepresentation on an application; violations of the provisions of the ordinance; and where there is a risk to public



SPONGEBOB VISITS
 SpongeBob paid a visit to the Gardonville Co-op/Millerville Creamery Co-op meetings May 3 in Brandon. Visiting with him were, left to right: Beatrice, Chloe and Aubree Runnigen. The meeting was preceded by a pork chop supper.



RAIN BUT NO DELAY
 The Brandon-Evansville baseball team took on Rothsay in a double-header May 2 in Brandon. There was a light rain during the contests with fans having to use their umbrellas to keep dry.

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Memorial Day programs wanted

Memorial Day programs are wanted for The Record. The details will be printed in the May 23 issue. The deadline for inclusion is May 20 at 1 p.m. You can e-mail to wdrecord@gctel.com or call (320)834-4924.

Douglas County Sheriff's Blotter

May 1
 Alexandria - Traffic stop. Pulled into business parking lot. Verbal warning for failed to yield.
 Alexandria - Male party with a sword wearing jeans and a cut off T-shirt.
 Farwell - Third party caller stating 90-year-old female left home this morning enroute to hospital after a fall. Complaint-
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Evansville Council to meet May 13

The Evansville City Council will hold its regular meeting May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items include East Side Phase 2 lots as well as a generator for the lift station. Another agenda item will concern billing for assessment searches while another will be a discussion about community flowers. Other agenda items include reports concerning: fire department, school, office, maintenance supervisor and Evansville Community Developers. If any building permits have come into the city office since the last meeting they will be taken up by the council. There will also be time for any guest concerns or comments. The agenda also includes correspondence, old or other business and approval of May bills and authorizing payment. The agenda items were scheduled as of May 6 and are subject to change.

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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: February 23, 2023
MORTGAGOR: Franklin J Gonzalez, unmarried man.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Equity Prime Mortgage LLC its successors and assigns.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 23, 2023 Douglas County Recorder, Document No. A448124.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Equity Prime Mortgage LLC. Dated April 24, 2024 Recorded April 26, 2024, as Document No. A456252.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1007077-0000446919-2
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Equity Prime Mortgage LLC
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Servbank, SB
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 20256 Tower Hill Road Southwest, Brandon, MN 56315
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 600360000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
That part of the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 128 North, Range 40 West, DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Section 34;
thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the North line of said Section, 466.37 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described, said north line also being the centerline of a public highway;
thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minute 46 seconds West, along said north line, 495.61 feet;
thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 14 seconds West 878.92 feet to Point "A";
thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds East 495.61 feet;
thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 14 seconds East 878.92 feet to the point of beginning.

The tract contains 10.00 acres more or less.

SUBJECT to an existing public roadway easement over the North 33.00 feet thereof.

ALSO, reserving an easement for field tile installation and maintenance purposes over, under and across that part of the afore described tract described as follows:

Beginning at afore said Point "A";
thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds East 50.00 feet;
thence North 63 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds West 55.77 feet to a line bearing North 00 degrees 29 minutes 14 seconds East from Point "A";
thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 14 seconds West 25.00 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Douglas
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$271,717.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$280,863.92

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 29, 2024
Equity Prime Mortgage LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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Researchers find way to make manure beneficial to farmers and the economy

By Ava Kian
MinnPost

Researchers at the University of Minnesota have long wanted to make something out of the millions of gallons of manure produced on the state's farms.

Roger Ruan and a team of researchers have identified a process that does exactly that. It clears out certain harmful minerals from manure and preserves the ones that will be beneficial — in a way that can potentially benefit farmers and the economy.

The process relies on microbes that digest organic material to produce nitrogen fertilizer and methane gas. It also uses microalgae that extracts nutrients from the manure, which can then be used to produce animal feed and biofuels. The last step involves applying mineral solutions to wastewater to extract pollutants before it is released into the environment.

Wasting valuable nutrients

Minnesota is the second-largest producer of hogs in the United States. On March 1, 2023, there were 8.9 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms, according to the USDA.

According to the Minnesota Pork Producers Association, the state has more than 3,000 hog farms. While many farms implement precision manure application, which reduces the amount of waste going into water sources, there are still environmental risks associated with those practices, said Ruan, a professor and the director of the Center for Biorefining at the university.

A 2020 report from the Environmental Working Group, a national organization, found that in 69 of Minnesota's 72 agricultural counties, nitrogen from manure combined with nitrogen in fertilizer exceeded the recommendations of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the University of Minnesota. The EWG estimated that Minnesota's feedlots produce an estimated 49 million tons of manure annually from dairy cows, beef cows, turkeys, hogs and chickens.

Traditional methods of manure management involve applying manure as fertilizer and using ponds or water bodies for storage. But that manure application many times wastes valuable nutrients, Ruan said, and can result in nutrients like nitrogen running off into water.

Farmers view manure as a commodity and don't want it to go to waste, said Jay Moore, a brand strategist for Bioverse Healthy Farms, a company that sells environmental products to hog farmers and dairy farmers. For years, farmers have used

manure generated from either their farms or other farms instead of commercial fertilizer. "Manure is a valuable commodity to the farmers in Minnesota," he said.

Moore estimated that a barn that holds 1,000 animals would generate anywhere from 300,000 to 350,000 gallons of manure a year. He previously worked at New Fashion Pork, a company that owns hog facilities and feed mills in Minnesota, Iowa, Wyoming, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Each year, New Fashion Pork applies around 60 million gallons of manure to the land, he estimated.

But as more farmers implement no-till farming — a process that involves strategically placing manure in rows using a GPS — they are using much less manure.

"You share with the farmers, sell it to your neighbors, which is a positive thing because, environmentally, you're using less and producing a better yield," Moore said. "In the spring, you're going to come back to those exact GPS coordinates and put your kernel of corn or soybean or whatever you're planting right where you injected that manure."

Hog manure tends to have more nitrogen than carbon. Because of that, the manure needs to go through some sort of carbon-nitrogen adjustment. The methane gas in the manure can then be removed from the manure, and that gas can be pressurized to become renewable natural gas.

"Right now there's a lot of interest in that because it is considered as a low-carbon fuel," Ruan said.

California, for example, incentivizes the use of low-carbon fuel gasses, having implemented a credit for companies that use them in 2011.

Ruan said many farms in Minnesota already convert manure methane into natural gas and sell it to companies in California. That process, known as "methane digesting," is more common in the dairy industry than the pork industry because of the makeup of hog manure and because hog barns are often spread across larger areas,

making it harder to "feed" the digester.

The university's research has found ways to condition the nutrients in manure to produce algae and to help grow hydroponic plants, which could serve as feed for animals or go directly to people, Ruan said.

The process they've identified uses many of the nutrients to create something else of value.

"This way you can produce a lot of different products at the same time," he said. "You can produce all these fertilizers, and you can produce methane, use the remaining wastewater to grow algae, which can be used as feedstock. And you can also use the remaining conditioned wastewater to grow hydroponic plants."

A side benefit, he said, is that this process also prevents the spread of viruses that sometimes will be spread through manure.

Lowering the cost

Ruan is encouraged by the market for renewable natural gas — one of the byproducts of this process. Right now, the cost is high because the process is labor-intensive. But with the help of robotics and sensors, he said it could be improved.

Research is ready to be on a larger scale, Ruan said. Researchers need to find a site for a larger demonstration to showcase that it is operational and also profitable. They're currently looking for commercial partners and funding to start.

A similar process is possible for manure from other animals, although it would need to be slightly adjusted, Ruan said.

He has applied for grant funding through the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. That body received 214 proposals requesting approximately \$183 million — although it has \$90 million available to give to projects.

Ruan will have a better idea this summer whether his proposals will be chosen. The commission will present the proposal to the Legislature for money from the state's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

The Record will be publishing free of charge classified ads which will help reduce, reuse or recycle items people want or no longer need. The ads can be used to get rid of something for free or to request something someone else may have but not need. The ads are limited to 25 words or less including contact information. The ads will run for three weeks as space allows. Ads can be e-mailed to: wdrecord@gctel.com or sent to: The Record, P.O. Box 86, Brandon, MN 56315. Deadline for inclusion is Monday at 1 p.m. for that week's issue. The Record reserves the right to edit or refuse ads for any reason.

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Now and Then

Excerpts from the Evansville
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100 Years Ago - 1924
Evansville Enterprise
Machines Milk 2,500,000
Cows

The long years of experimenting to imitate the action of the calf in milking a cow have been crowned with success for several years now and more than 2,500,000 cows are now being milked by machine. Only a day or so ago, the American Jersey Club announced a record made by a cow milked by machine. Even the certified milk producing herds and the herds producing the grand champions on the National Dairy Show are most all equipped with milking machines. An average hand milker handles only 7 cows per hour, while the same man with a machine handles four times as many. Thus, from the labor-saving angle alone, the average dairyman can multiply his herd by four, cutting down the overhead and increasing his profits by reducing the number of men milking. In one herd 12 men were eliminated from the dairy of 100 Brown Swiss cows by installing milking machines.

Village Ordinance Number 39

An Ordinance - Adopting the meter system of supplying water, revising the water rates and for protection of the City water plant. The Common Council of the Village of Evansville do ordain as follows: (Note, not all points of the ordinance are listed here)

- That on and after the first day of July, A.D. 1924, all water sold or furnished by the Village of Evansville be paid for at the meter rates hereinafter fixed.

- All persons using City water, shall, before said first day of July A.D. 1924, provide themselves with water meters of the kind designated by the Village Council. Upon application, the Village of Evansville shall furnish such meters to all applicants using City Water at actual cost together with cost of installation. Upon said date of July 1, 1924, the water shall be turned off from any service pipe, the owner or user of which has failed or neglected to provide a meter and will not be turned on until a meter has been installed.

- On and after the first day of July 1924, the water rates or water taxes shall be collected semi-annually and shall fall due on the first day of January and July each year. The semi-annual rates to be charged for water measure and registered by meters shall be as follows: First 5,000 gallons at \$.60 per thousand gallons. Next 5,000 gallons at \$.50 per thousand gallons. Next 5,000 gallons at \$.40 per thousand gallons. All

over 15,000 at \$.30 per thousand gallons.

- There shall be a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) for turning water off and turning water on in all cases for violation of this or any other water ordinance or regulation of the City, or water commissioners and the same shall be paid before water is turned on again.

50 Years Ago - 1974
Evansville Booster

The Evansville Fire Department invites all people in Evansville and surrounding area to their OPEN HOUSE celebrating the completion of their Fire Hall. FREE COFFEE and DONUTS will be served. In the evening a dance will be held, with music by Albert Mikesh.

Girl Scout Fair

The Girl Scouts have spent the last month preparing for the Girl Scout Fair, which was held in Alexandria. They chose Arts and Crafts for their booth for which they received a blue ribbon. Betty Anderson and Darlene Fletcher attended the Annual Girl Scout meeting in Brainerd. They enjoyed the day and came home with many new ideas. The Scouts are now preparing for their fly-up ceremony for the Brownies. They are also busy preparing for a summer camp out.

25 Years Ago - 1999

West Douglas County Record
Welcome to Evansville

Joanna Johnson was officially welcomed to Evansville recently by the Evansville Community Club by Vice President Shane Henrichs. Johnson is the new manager of the Evansville Café. Henrichs presented a certificate to Johnson from the Community Club in appreciation for her decision to come to come and work in Evansville.

Softball team wins three, loses one

The Brandon-Evansville Softball team notched three more wins last week, but also suffered its first loss of the year, bringing its record to 13-1.

B-E 28, Bertha Hewit 7. The Chargers scored early and often against the Bears. The Chargers had 18 hits in the contest.

B-E 7, C-G-B 4. The Chargers overcame a 3-run first inning by the Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Wolverines. Five Chargers had two hits each.

W-DC 5 - B-E 4. The Chargers suffered their only set back this season against Wadena-Deer Creek in eight innings.

B-E 13, B-B-E 8. The Chargers got back on the winning track with a 13-8 win over Brooten-Belgrade-Elrosa. The

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Chargers jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three innings. After scoring twice in the fifth inning the Chargers added five in the sixth and finished the contest with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Charger nine splits games with C-B-G, Wheaton

The Charger baseball team split two close contests losing to Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley 2-1 and out lasting Wheaton 15-14. The Chargers stranded 13 runners in the C-G-B game and scored their only run in the sixth inning. Coach Simpson said the team couldn't get any key hits with runners on base.

B-E 15, Wheaton 14. Each team was in double digits in hits. After the Chargers second trip to the plate they held a 14-5

advantage. Wheaton kept chipping away at the lead, but the Chargers were able to hold on for the win.

Summer hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Additional hours available by appointment.

Poppy Day will be celebrated May 24

Poppy Day is celebrated around the world. May 24th is designated as national poppy day. Wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nations uniform. In Evansville most businesses have a poppy can with poppies. You can take a poppy and give a donation. All donations will be going to support our Veterans.

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With the help of an abatement grant through Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management we are able to offer reduced price disposal. Computer/Screens; Furniture, Appliances and Metal disposal will be offered to Brandon, Garfield and Evansville city residents at a reduced cost. The costs to the residents are listed below:

	Your Cost
Freon Items	\$10.00
Non-Freon	\$5.00
No screens (printers, tower, laptop)	\$3.00
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Screens, 28 inches and more	\$20.00
Projection/Console	\$25.00
Mattress, box spring, per item	\$10.00
Recliner, chair	\$10.00
Sofa, couch, per item	\$15.00

*****PERMIT REQUIRED*****

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.

Please Contact City Hall if you have any questions:

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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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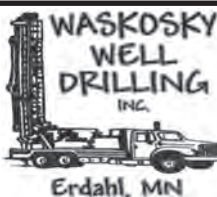
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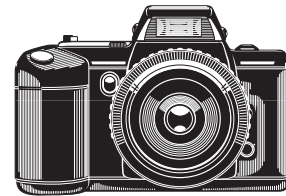
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ant has her on GPS in the location east of the intersection.

Alexandria - Theft. Complainant stated firearms shipment missing. Serial numbers already on units. Was on way to Oklahoma. Theft of firearms in transit.

Osakis - Male party fell, needs help up. No injuries. Lifted back into wheelchair. No injuries.

Garfield - 84-year-old male, was in ER yesterday. Has dementia and UTI, can't walk.

Garfield - Large dog, possibly a Great Dane, bit the complainant. Complainant states he was buying the owner's lawn mower and when he arrived the dogs ran out and the largest one bit him. Complainant states he will be heading to the ER shortly but does not need immediate medical attention. Complainant wanted to report incident. Complainant only wanted incident documented. The complainant and person two are working out the issue together.

Alexandria - Complainant states there is something strange wrapped in orange in the east ditch. Caller states it is shaped like a body and it's been there since Saturday. Orange plastic bag is covering damaged utility box from recent crash.

Alexandria - Last week Thursday complainant discovered the company at location made a clerical error and cleared out her storage unit. Complainant received confirmation today that the company donated everything and it is unrecoverable. Advised the complainant that this is a civil matter and to reach out to an attorney if they

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Alexandria - Driving complaint. Silver Pontiac, about ran complainant off the road, states the Pontiac drove up on him very quickly and about rear ended him.

Alexandria - Complainant had a golf ball hit the headlight of his pickup and bust it out. Golfer is with the complainant. Would like to know how the situation can be handled.

Garfield - Complainant found a package of a white powdery substance on the hood of their vehicle. Taken for destruction.

Alexandria - Vehicle drove down their street and hit their trash can. No last direction of travel. Could possibly be a black jeep with loud exhaust.

Alexandria - Blue minivan heading southbound with all the doors open.

Farwell - Complainant's car alarm went off this morning at 10:41 a.m. and didn't think anything of it. Complainant just got home now and noticed a hand print on the back window. Complainant's mom also just received an e-mail that stated "I've got new truck at the lake.. Complainant does not recognize the e-mail address.

May 2

Alexandria - Female party has been drinking and left in a dark gray car with black rims.

Kensington - Checked on occupied vehicle.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 99. Westbound, semi, partially blocking the right lane.

Alexandria - 75-year-old female fell and complainant needs help lifting her. Assist with lift.

Alexandria - Female party called in on administration line. Female said "I think I'm going to need some assistance" and then the line disconnected. Female sounded like she was crying. Checked address in Kensington for persons one and two. No longer live there, were located in Alexandria.

Alexandria - Employee stating in August 2023 they had a finance agreement with person one for a disc. He was supposed to make a down payment and finance the rest with John Deer. The disc was picked up after hours and no down payment was made. Complainant will look up suspect info and phone number and will have it ready. Report sent to county attorney's office to request charges for theft, as suspect won't return phone calls.

Kensington - Assisted getting

dog off of highway.

Alexandria - Complainant states person one is driving their vehicle without permission. Vehicle does not have current tabs or insurance. Would like to speak with a deputy on how to handle the situation.

Alexandria - Suspicious activity. Complainant's dogs started barking at a grain bin that they have never been near before.

Farwell - Loud carp boat, bright lights on it, going around in circles. Boat is straight out from complainant's address.

Alexandria - Light is on in complainant's attic. Assisted with clearing the residence.

May 3

Alexandria - Males, been drinking, fighting and yelling, playing loud music. Told males to shut it off.

Alexandria - Domestic. Listened to male and female arguing as they walked down Fillmore. Asked them if they needed help and they said they were fine and didn't want help from law enforcement.

Carlos - Monitored morning school activity.

Alexandria - Complainant states that person one was supposed to do some work for him and didn't show up. He is not answering phone or door. Has cats that need to be fed and mail has piled up, not like him.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Complainant would like to request a speed trailer on Hunters Bay Road near the intersection. Complainant stating that vehicles are driving by at an unsafe speed. Will e-mail Public Works to have speed trailer brought out when able.

Alexandria - Requesting help with a hit and run. Hit party at 39th Avenue and Hwy. 29. Suspect flatbed landscaping truck at county roads 73/29.

Kensington - Complainant's friend was getting beaten as well as her child. Complainant heard this over the phone. Someplace Safe referral. Person one arrested for domestic. Person five arrested for warrants.

Carlos - Complainant's husband was riding in the hay field and horse came up to the house without him. He is incoherent on the ground. Unable to answer questions. Patient was brought up into the yard.

Osakis - Couple of crotch rockets going high speeds. Friday between 3-5 p.m., both are dark colored, they go back and forth two or three times. Drove

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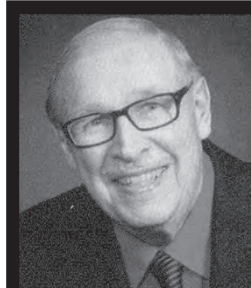
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C.R. 73 several times. Sat in the area near Calvary Road. No crotch rockets observed. Will continue to drive the area throughout next five-day set.

Alexandria - Public assist. Complainant has questions about his arrest and property missing from his truck.

Alexandria - Young male wearing black sweatshirt and jeans came up to complainant's deck. Complainant told him to move along and now he ducked down central air unit behind New Life Christian Church.

Brandon - I-94, mile marker 90. Verbal warning for no lights on after sunset and inclement weather.

May 4

Alexandria - Complainant's land line is calling 911 but he's not home. Would like a squad to drive by the house to check things out. All okay.

Osakis - Male party was screaming in complainant's face. Male is wearing red shorts and a dark shirt with no weapons. Very intoxicated.

Osakis - I-94, mile marker 114. Eastbound exit ramp has a barrel right in the middle of the lane. Contacted state patrol but no troopers available. Removed hazard.

Miltona - Two vehicle accident. Complainant stated no injuries but state patrol requesting EMS precautionary for minor injuries. Assisted state patrol with traffic control. State patrol writing the accident.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Mail delivery truck. Complainant states they were swerving all over the road. Tailgating the complainant and driving at a high rate of speed. 15-minute time delay. Complainant upset about the situation. Will speak with post master Monday to address the complaint.

Alexandria - Public assist. Down at the lake. Husband fell in the water. Unable to get up out of the weeds. Assisted male back up on dock and to

the house. Declined any medical treatment.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Rear plate covered. Windshield tint, side window tint.

Osakis - Medical call. 81-year-old male, possible stroke-like symptoms. Did fall and has right hip pain. No strength on his right leg.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Failure to maintain lane.

Alexandria - Caller said there is a brightly colored pillow case that was sown shut and looked suspicious. Removed pillow from traffic lane.

May 5

Glenwood - 91-year-old female fell, hit the back of her head. Did not lose consciousness, breathing, semi responsive.

Alexandria - Male, passed out at the wheel of a red Ford Explorer. Employee taking a nap.

Alexandria - Complainant stated missing guns, fishing rods. Had contractors in and out all week.

Lake Ida - Complainant stated three buoys off Stony Point are adrift. All buoys are still in place.

Osakis - Driving complaint. Complainant very upset about driving speeds near his property. Spoke to person one and his mother about the complaint. Both sides had something to say about it. Generally agreed to drive respectfully.

Alexandria - Medical call. 34-year-old female collapsed. Conscious and breathing. History of seizures.

Osakis - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for expired registration.

Garfield - Pontoon fell off trailer. Person one had his son following him with a tractor so they were able to load it back on the trailer.

Alexandria - Person one reported a possible identity theft.

Carlos - Medical call. Female, diabetic. Blood sugar in the 20s. Caller says shes conscious and breathing. Eating a cookie.

B-E baseball team falls to Vikings, downs Rothsay, Hancock

The Brandon-Evansville baseball team travelled to take on Pelican Rapids April 29.

After two scoreless innings, the Vikings got on the board in the bottom of the third stanza when a passed ball allowed Jack Paulson to score.

In the top of the sixth inning B-E evened the score with a run when Riley Perleberg led off with a double and later scored on a single by Landon Sullivan.

In the bottom of the sixth the Vikings struck for four runs for a 5-1 win.

“Both teams left a lot of runners in scoring position today. We missed on our opportunities in the 3rd, 4th, and 6th and they capitalized on theirs and for the most part, that was the difference in the game. Given the cold and wet conditions, I thought both teams pitched well and the defenses kept the game close,” said B-E Coach Brian Perleberg.

Riley Perleberg finished the game with a double, a run and two walks.

Kaden Englund, Seth Thoennes and Sullivan each had one hit for B-E.

Sullivan started on the mound for B-E and had six strikeouts. Carter White finished for B-E with four strikeouts.

B-E 12, Rothsay 1

The Chargers took on Rothsay in a double-header May 2 in Evansville.

The Chargers were the visiting team in the first contest.

B-E managed to build a 2-0 lead through the first three innings.

In the fourth stanza the Chargers put nine runs across for a 11-0 lead.

Each team put one run on the board in the fifth inning for a

B-E 12-1 win.

Colton Breitkreutz started on the mound for B-E going four innings with eight strikeouts. Jack Kelly finished the game striking out three.

“Colton and Jack did a superb job of throwing strikes on a day when the mound was slippery and the ball was wet. The offense did a great job of being aggressive on the bases and we were able to get contributions from everyone in the lineup,” said the coach.

Lucas Fuller had two hits for B-E with a run, RBI and three stolen bases. Thoennes had a double and stolen base for the Chargers.

Others getting hits for B-E were White, Riley Perleberg and Englund.

B-E 12, Rothsay 1

The Chargers were the home team for the second game of the day.

The Chargers put two runs on the board in the first adding one in the third and then breaking open the game with 10 runs in the fourth.

The big hits in the fourth came from Kelly, Thoennes and Sullivan.

Kelly ended the game with two hits while Sullivan and Riley Perleberg each drove in two runs.

Picking up the win was Riley Perleberg going the distance with 12 strikeouts.

“We always stress the importance of pitching and today we were fortunate to throw consistent strikes in both games. Riley got into a groove and was able to keep Rothsay off the bases which in turn made it easier on the defense. It was great to see several different guys swing the bat better than earlier in the

season and starting to look more comfortable and patient at the plate,” said the coach.

B-E 6, Hancock 0

The Chargers hosted Hancock May 6 for a double-header with the Owls.

In the first contest a single by Sullivan and a sacrifice bunt by Thoennes each scored a run for a 2-0 Charger lead.

Breitkreutz picked up the win for the Chargers with six strikeouts.

White had two hits for B-E with Fuller, Sullivan and Thoennes each drove in one run for B-E.

Breitkreutz, Bryce Froemming, Riley Perleberg and Thoennes each stole multiple bases for B-E.

The team ended the game with 12 stolen bases and one double play.

“We played errorless defense and got a fantastic pitching performance from Colton Breitkreutz, who pitched a complete game shutout. We are starting to swing the bats a little better and are starting to get run production from the middle and bottom of the order which is fun to see,” said the coach.

B-E 14, Hancock 11

The second contest of the day saw more offense from both teams and three extra innings.

In the first inning Sullivan grounded out to score a run while a Hancock error resulted in another B-E run.

A dropped third strike and a double allowed the Owls to tie the game in the bottom of the fourth.

In the fifth stanza the Chargers erupted for seven runs and a 9-2 lead.

The Owls made the most of their atbats in the bottom of the



B-E's Bryce Froemming came in to score the first run in the first game of a double-header with Rothsay May 2.

seventh.

Hancock used two doubles, a wild pitch, a dropped third strike and a walk to knot the contest at 9-9.

Neither team was able to score in the eighth and ninth frames.

In the top of the 10th Riley Perleberg led off with a single and Breitkreutz followed with a fielder's choice. Sullivan then singled to score two runs. A sacrifice fly by Englund extended the lead to 14-9.

The Owls managed two runs in the bottom of the 10th while B-E took a 14-11 win.

Riley Perleberg had four hits for the Chargers singling in the first, fifth, seventh and 10th innings.

White and Fuller each had two hits in the game. B-E had 11 hits in the contest.

Sullivan and White had three RBI each.

Riley Perleberg also earned the win going 2 1/3 innings with six strikeouts.

“This was a wild game! We were able to build an 11-4 lead going into the bottom of the 7th, but Hancock kept fighting and staged an impressive rally and had the winning run in scoring position. Fortunately we were able to keep our composure and got great relief pitching to allow our offense the opportunity to retake the lead. I give a lot of credit to the Owls, they played hard and got some clutch hits at key moments,” said the coach.

The next games for the team will be at the B-B-E Tournament May 10 at 7 p.m. The tournament will continue May 11.

Charger softball team takes double-header from visiting Hancock

The Brandon-Evansville softball team took on Hancock in a double-header May 6 in Brandon.

In the first contest the Owls struck first with three runs in the bottom of the first inning.

In the third frame B-E put two on the board while the Owls responded with another three for a 6-2 lead.

Each team put five runs on the board in the fourth with Hancock leading 11-7.

The Chargers chipped their way back into the contest with two runs in the fifth while Hancock scored their final run of the game in the inning.

With a score of 12-9 the Chargers put one on the board in the sixth and added three in the seventh to take the lead.

The Chargers held the Owls scoreless in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the win.

B-E ended the game with 11 hits. Kylee Dingwall had three hits and two doubles. Claire Boesl and Gracianna Fuller each finished with two hits.

Dingwall started on the mound for B-E going 3 1/3 innings with seven strikeouts. Boesl came on in relief for B-E going 2 innings with two strikeouts. Mia Elmer then came on for 1 2/3 innings with three strikeouts.

B-E 13, Hancock 12

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
B-E	0	0	2	5	2	1	3	13	11	3
Hancock	3	0	3	5	1	0	12	4	4	4

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Hallie Richter	4	2	1	1	1
Claire Boesl	5	1	2	2	0
Kylee Dingwall	3	1	3	1	0

Madeline Stich	5	1	1	0	0
Tahira Schaffran	3	2	1	0	0
Ava Santjer	3	1	1	0	0
Mia Elmer	2	2	0	1	0
Gracianna Fuller	3	2	2	2	0
Drea Fernholz	2	1	0	0	2

Pitching

	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Kylee Dingwall	3.1	1	1	0	7
Claire Boesl	2	1	6	5	2
Mia Elmer	1.2	2	5	5	3

B-E 8, Hancock 6

In the second game of the contest the Chargers were the home team.

After a scoreless first inning Hancock took a 1-0 lead in top of the second. The Chargers took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the frame.

In the third inning the Owls scored three runs to take a 4-2 lead.

The Chargers put six across in the bottom of the fourth for a 8-4 edge.

Hancock managed to close the gap with two runs in the top of the seventh but were then shut down as the Chargers won the contest 8-6.

Tahira Schaffran had two hits for the Chargers who collected

five as a team.

Dingwall picked up the win going the distance with eight strikeouts.

The next contest for the Chargers will be a double-header in Brandon May 9 against Rothsay at 4 p.m.

B-E 8, Hancock 6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Hancock	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	6	4	8
B-E	0	2	0	6	0	0	x	8	5	5

AB R H RBI SB

Hallie Richter	4	1	1	0	2
Kylee Dingwall	3	0	1	1	0
Tahira Schaffran	3	2	1	1	1
Ava Santjer	3	2	1	0	2
Mia Elmer	3	1	0	0	1
Jadyn Deschene	3	1	0	0	2
Drea Fernholz	3	1	0	1	1

Pitching

	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Kylee Dingwall	7	4	6	2	8



B-E's Ava Santjer hit third base and headed for home to score a run in the team's first game with Hancock May 6.

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DNR invites community members to celebrate Arbor Month

This May, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites community members to celebrate Arbor Month by embracing the theme, "Plant and Care for Trees, Grow Resilient Communities." May is the perfect month to focus attention on tree care.

"Choosing and planting the right tree for your yard is the first step," DNR Forestry Outreach Specialist Nikki Henger said. "The second is to properly care for your trees to help them grow strong so they can provide shade to relax under, energy savings, and environmental benefits for years to come."

Below are tips on how to plant and care for trees:

Getting started – start by selecting the right tree for the yard, with an eye towards adding to the diversity of the neighborhood tree canopy. Before planting, visit Gopher State One Call opens in a new browser tab or dial 811 to check for utility lines to figure out the

best spot for planting.

Planting opens in a new browser tab – take the tree out of the container and break up or remove any circling or girdling roots. Dig the hole twice as wide as the root ball and as deep as the root ball height. The top of the root ball should be level with the ground. Fill the hole with soil and remove air pockets by stepping around the tree. Finish by watering and mulching.

Caring for newly-planted trees – newly planted trees need some extra care to establish their roots and thrive in their new environment. The DNR recommends:

- Watering opens in a new browser tab – newly-planted trees generally require 15-25 gallons of water per week for the first three to five years. Watering should happen whenever your area receives less than 1 inch of rain a week.

- Mulching opens in a new browser tab – proper mulch-

ing is crucial for protecting roots and soil health. A layer of mulch around the tree's base should be 3 inches deep, extend 3 feet from the trunk, and start 3 inches away from the trunk to prevent moisture buildup against the bark that can cause

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health and safety.

The ordinance states keeping chickens will be for non-commercial use only. It says no person shall sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

Chicken enclosures are defined in the ordinance. Coops of five chickens shall be not more than 40 square feet and not more than eight feet tall. Coops for 10 chickens can not be more than 80 square feet and not more than eight feet tall.

Chicken runs for five chickens can not be more than 80 square feet and eight feet tall.

rot and girdling roots.

Caring for mature trees—even mature trees need attention. Water mature trees once a week during drought conditions, ideally in the early morning or late evenings. Use a soaker hose to drip water slowly around your

trees to ensure the water soaks into the top 6 inches of soil, which might take a few hours.

"This Arbor Month, help our neighborhood trees thrive by caring for the trees you planted!" Henger said.

For 10 chickens not more than 160 square feet and not more than eight feet tall.

The ordinance also covers items such as odor and noise impacts; predators, rodents, insects and parasites; feed and water; waste storage and removal; violations; enforcement; and removal of chickens.

Odors from chickens, chicken manure or other chicken-related substances shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries and noise from chickens shall not be loud enough at the property boundaries to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.

The next meeting of the council will be June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Mobile Food Pantry in Evansville May 14

The Douglas County Mobile Food Pantry will be coming to Evansville May 14 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. It is open to all Douglas County residents.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
 The Brandon-Evansville Elementary School Students of the Month for April are, left to right: Liam Fitzpatrick, grade 5; Elizabeth Mandt, grade 4; Archie Bosma, grade 3; and John Becker, grade 2.

U of M seed trial winners announced

By Author:
Linnea Geddes

What do Firecracker dwarf sunflower, Emerald Tower basil, Amazing cauliflower and Sugar Ann snap peas have in common? They're all varieties that won first place in the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener seed trials.

Each year since 1982, Extension Master Gardener volunteers from around Minnesota grow specific vegetables, flowers and herbs from seed in their own gardens and community gardens, carefully observing how each variety performs. The data is compiled to produce recommendations for Minnesota gardeners looking for the best varieties of a certain plant.

Sue Schiess
 "We're trying to serve as sort of the consumer reports of seeds," says Sue Schiess, a Master Gardener volunteer from Hennepin County and the chair of the seed trials planning committee. "We buy the seed, we grow the seed and we provide feedback."

Most seed companies are not based in Minnesota. The seed trials give gardeners information about how the plants perform in Minnesota climates. Behind those recommendations is a tremendous amount of time and effort from a dedicated team of Master Gardeners. The committee that manages the trials begins planning the following year's trials in October.

How it works
 Each year, Master Gardeners conduct about eight seed trials of a particular plant with six varieties per trial. The committee researches and selects the types and varieties for the trials, with the goal of ordering seeds by December.

Master Gardeners who want to participate in the seed trials apply for the trial or trials they are interested in, and the seeds arrive in early spring. Most of the plants are directly sown into participants' gardens or containers, but some require an earlier start indoors.

Along with the usual tasks of watering, weeding and tending plants, volunteers track the different varieties and collect data such as germination rates, disease susceptibility and yields.

Seedlings, especially, require attention. "I check those little plants every single day," says Blue Earth County Master Gardener Ruth Tweto of the seedlings she's growing for this year's trial.

Not a lonely endeavor

The seed trials have a way of drawing in others from the family and community. Vegetables and herbs involve a taste test, and the Master Gardeners often invite their families to join. Last year, Tweto's grandchildren helped her taste test green beans. (The Seychelles variety took first place overall for pole green beans.)

"They thought that was great. I had six little grandkids sitting around table eating green beans so it just kind of gets them enthused about gardening," she says. She's also led garden tours of her garden and showed the

trials in progress.

Surprises are part of the learning

Sometimes the seed trials produce surprises, good and bad. A trial of green-flowered zinnias revealed a few plants that produced red flowers instead. Sometimes none of the seeds come up, or die as seedlings, despite the gardeners carefully following the growing directions.

It's a disappointing experience, but as Brown County Master Gardener Cynthia Surprenant says, "One of the things you need to learn is what doesn't work, what doesn't go right."
 The trials also expose gardeners to new plants they may not have grown otherwise. Surprenant had never heard of green mizuna before trialing it, and now it's one of her favorites.

Selecting seeds to trial also reveals surprises, Schiess says, such as learning that seeds sold under two different names are the same variety or getting fewer seeds than expected of a particular variety.

If there's one constant in the seed trials, it's learning.

"I learn something new every year," says Schiess, who's been a Master Gardener for 20 years. Surprenant says part of what keeps her signing up for seed trials is a sense of curiosity.

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UN declares that 2026 will be Year of the Woman Farmer

Recently, in the presence of U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield and U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small, the UN General Assembly declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer. The resolution, and the U.S. government's efforts to generate support for it, were spearheaded by USDA and garnered more than 100 co-sponsors, underscoring the global importance of uplifting women throughout the agriculture sector.

The worldwide observance will call attention to the vital role that women play in global food and agricultural production. It will also raise global awareness of the unique challenges women in agriculture face, catalyze action to help address those challenges, and support many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including those focused on gender equity, food security and poverty.

"From the field to the factory, from the classroom to the boardroom, women are fundamental to the future of agriculture. As leaders, it is our responsibility to make sure the next generation

of women farmers have equal access to economic, educational and leadership opportunities, and that we dismantle the unique barriers they face so they can continue to take on the challenges of meeting the world's growing food, fuel and fiber needs," Deputy Secretary Torres Small said. "USDA is proud to have led the U.S. government's efforts in support of declaring 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer, and we thank the many nations that signed on in support. We look forward to working with partners worldwide to scale up efforts that empower and advance women farmers while tackling global food security in 2026 and beyond."

Women are responsible for roughly half of the world's food production, and in many countries they produce between 60 and 80 percent of the food. Yet globally, the prevalence of food insecurity is higher among women than men. By shining a spotlight on women's role in farming across the world, the International Year of the Woman Farmer will also raise awareness of constraints women face in areas including property rights and land tenure, access to credit and markets, and lack of technical and educational support. It will emphasize, as well, the importance of women in leadership roles to better ensure representation at the highest levels of decision-making.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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B-E Math Masters team take part in competition in Fergus Falls

The Brandon-Evansville 4th and 5th Grade Math Masters Competitions were held recently in Fergus Falls. These competitions consist of 3 different types of Testing: One Fact Drill (Order of Operations), three or four Individual Story Problem Rounds, and three Team Rounds.

Results for the B-E teams are as follows:

5th Grade Math Masters - April 18th: The Gold team members were Brielle Elmer, Mya Fernholz, Tucker Weets, Alice Pikkaraine, and Ahriya Olson. This team placed 8th out of 15 teams in the Team competition. The Blue Team members were Cayden Wagner, Kenan Polmann, Oliver Johnson, Molly Topel, And Landon Kuklock. This team placed 10th out of 15 teams.

Cayden Wagner placed 6th out of 68 students in the Individual Round to earn a ribbon! Others that did well in the Individual Rounds: Tucker Weets -15th/68 students Oliver Johnson -19th/68 students Alice Pikkaraine -21/68 students Mya Fernholtz -24th/68 students Kennen Pohlman -29th/68 students

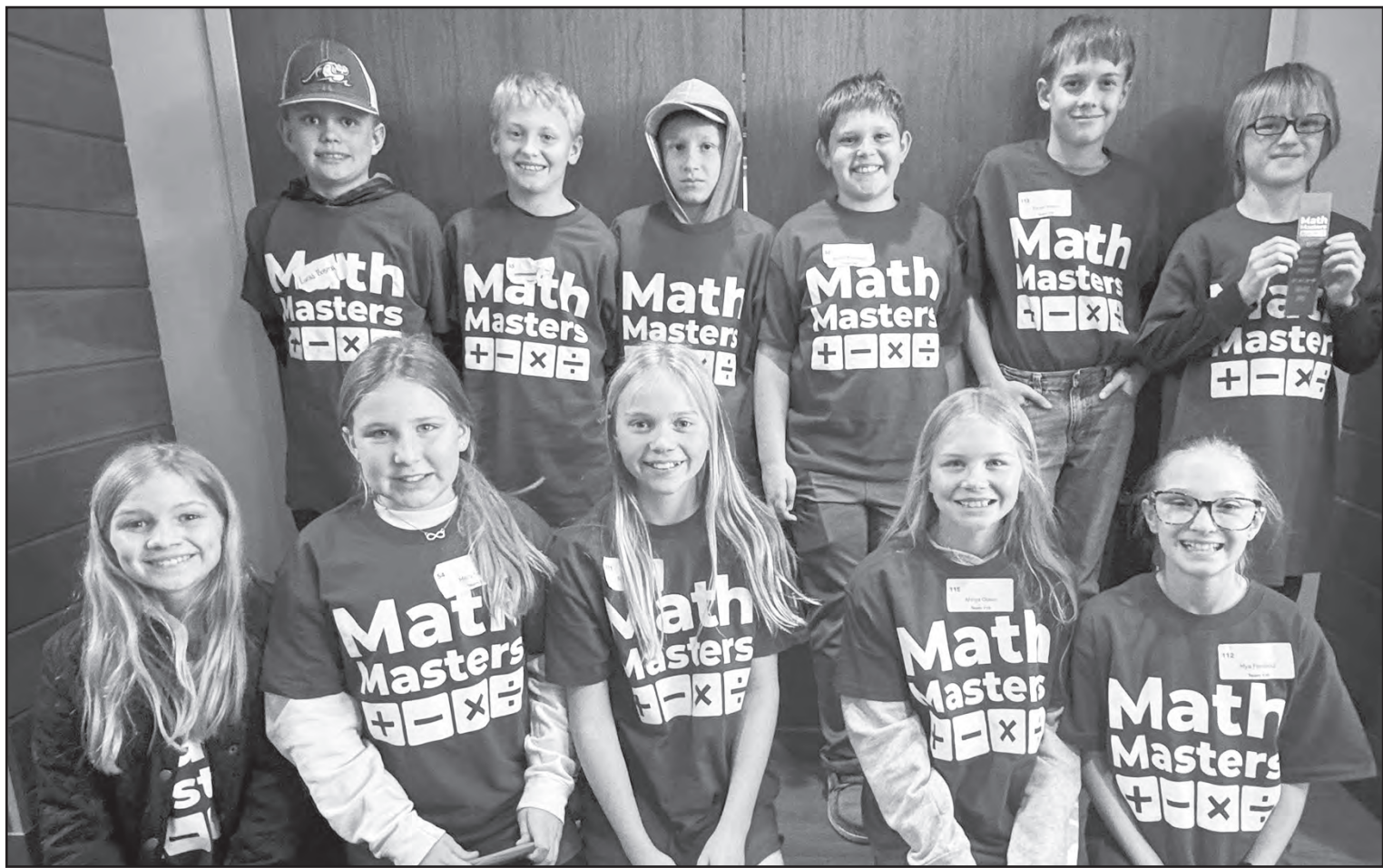
Lucas Bosma was the alternate for both teams. Louisa Glenetske and Pam Schjei were the coaches

4th Grade Math Masters - April 19th: The Blue Team Members were Owen Fulgseth, Ivan Sullivan, Kaydence Rupp, Haley Gillespie, and Eli Richter. This team placed 10th out of 17 teams. The Gold Team Members were Grayson Elmer, Wesley Roers, Devin Rusch, Leland Eddy, and Ella Anderson. This team placed 15th out of 17 teams.

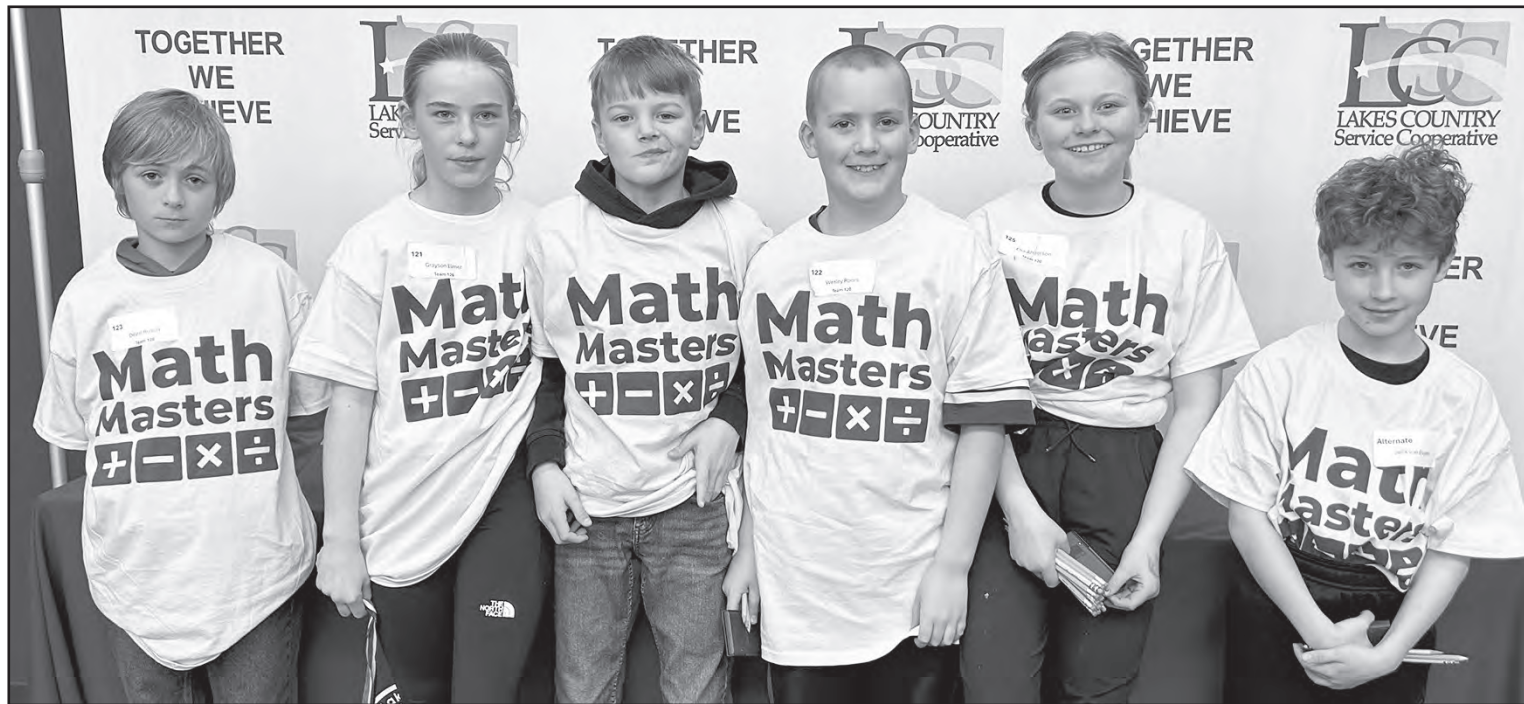
The following members all placed in the top 10 in the Fact Drill (Many were ties) out of 84 students: Ivan Sullivan -1st Place to earn a medal! Grayson Elmer -3rd place to earn a medal! Haley Gillespie -7th place to earn a ribbon! Eli Richter -10th place to earn a ribbon!

The following placed well in the Individual story Problem Rounds: Ivan Sullivan -21st/84 students Owen Fulgseth -34/84 students Wesley Roers -45th/84 students

Jackson Evjen was the alternate for both teams. Louisa Glenetske and Pam Schjei were the coaches.



Members of the 5th Grade Blue and Gold Teams, front row, left to right: Alice Pikkaraine, Molly Topel, Brielle Elmer, Ahriya Olson and Mya Fernholz. Back Row, Lucas Bosma, Oliver Johnson, Landon Kuklock, Kenan Pohlmann, Tucker Weets and Cayden Wagner.



Members of the 4th Grade Math Masters Gold Team, left to right: Devin Rusch, Grayson Elmer, Leland Eddy, Wesley Roers, Ella Anderson and Jackson Evjen.



Members of the 4th Grade Blue Team, left to right: Hailey Gillespie, Kadence Rupp, Ivan Sullivan, Eli Richter, Owen Fulgseth and Jackson Evjen.

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Evansville Arts Coalition is pleased to present Sam and Matthew Miltich in a special Sunday concert on May 19 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Evansville Art Center.

Sam Miltich is a self-taught jazz guitarist born and raised in the woods of northern Minnesota. Sam burst on to the hot club jazz scene in his teens, joining Paul Mehling's Hot Club of San Francisco and touring internationally with the world-renowned Robin Nolan Trio. Sam's fluid and instinctive sound has graced hundreds of stages, from small town bars on the Iron Range to New York's Lincoln Center.

Beginning in his early twenties, Sam performed as a duo and toured with Minnesota mandolin master Peter Ostroushko. In 2010, Sam received a grant to study intensively with Belgian guitar icon Fapy Lafertin and has since then received many more regional and state arts grants to further his musical development and creative projects. In addition to hot club swing and traditional jazz, Sam's musical interests include Brazilian choro, French musette, Eastern European tamburitza, and other forms of traditional folk music.

Besides fronting his own band, the Clearwater Hot Club with his father Matthew Miltich,



Matthew and Sam Miltich
Miltich, Sam records and performs extensively with Minneapolis-based jazz singer Charmin Michelle, as well as other topflight Twin Cities jazz musicians. Sam has also been featured on National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition," and performed for Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion. He also hosted his own radio program "Sam and Friends" which showcased a year of interviews with renown Minnesota jazz musicians for KAXE/KBXE Northern Community Radio.

Sam chooses to live in northern Minnesota, performing at a very high level while maintaining life in a rural setting. He is

committed to bringing world-class jazz to a part of the country where live jazz performances are otherwise quite rare.

There is no charge for this event; donations are gratefully accepted. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Evansville Art Center is located at 111 Main Street in Evansville.

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.

Safety urged when using fertilizers, pesticides

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Pesticide and fertilizer labels specify how to use products safely and effectively. In Minnesota, it is unlawful to apply products without following label instructions. The label is the law.

If you hire a professional lawn care provider, do your homework. State law requires pesticide applicators to be licensed by the MDA to commercially apply pesticides and fertilizers, including weed and feed product. Applicators must know and understand state and federal regulations regarding all aspects of pesticide and fertilizer handling, application, and disposal to be licensed by the MDA. The following are helpful tips for a safe spring season.

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If you hire a professional:

- Professionals must be licensed by the MDA and carry their pesticide applicator license with them. Ask to see their license before they start work. You can also look up license holders on the MDA website: www.mda.state.mn.us/licensinglookup. Search under "Fertilizer Companies with Commercial Pesticide Applicators" or "Pesticide Applicator/Manure License" with a "Commercial Pesticide Applicator - Turf and Ornamentals" license type.

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