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GREAT DAY FOR A BALL GAME

The Brandon-Evansville baseball team opened the season April 10 in Evansville against Clearbrook-Gonvick. The Chargers ended the game with a win in five innings. For more on the game see page 12.

B-E Board discusses search, sports pairings

The Brandon-Evansville School Board held a special meeting April 7 to accept the resignation of B-E Superintendent Louisa Glenetske who will be taking the same position in the Osakis School District starting July 1 of this year.

At the meeting the board heard from Wade McKittrick of Better U Solutions of Alexandria. The firm helps school districts prepare guidelines and goals for hiring a superintendent.

McKittrick said his firm helps districts discover their possibilities and solve issues when it comes to a new hire.

"We will help the board develop the characteristics and traits you want in a new superintendent," he said.

He added Better U Solutions recommends candidates and the board decides which ones best meet their needs.

After the board passed a motion to accept Glenetske's resignation it approved hiring the firm to help in the search for a new superintendent.

McKittrick said the search should take until mid-May meaning the board should be able to fill the position before July 1.

Work session

After the special meeting the board held a work session to discuss the survey results on pairing more sports with Ashby; date about pairing; and what the next steps should be.

Glenetske said there were about 100 completed surveys including those from about 40 students.

One of the questions asked was: I feel some or all additional options could make a ... impact on me or my children.

The results to this question showed 44.3 percent indicating a negative impact; 36.1 percent positive; and 19.6 percent saying it depends.

Another question asked what kind of impact would more pairings have on school opportunities for students. The negative response was 45.4 percent; the positive, 41.2 percent; and 13.4 percent responding it depends.

When asked how more pairings would impact their children 54.5 percent said positive; 27.3 percent negative; and 18.2 said it depends.

For the question to parents what impact would pairing have on the schools, 72.7 percent said positive and 27.3 percent said negative.

The question to parents of how would the pairings impact them or their children, 40.7 percent said negative, 37 percent was positive and 22.2 percent said it depends.

When parents were asked what some or all pairing options would mean for school opportunities for all students 44.4 percent said negative; 40.7 percent positive; and 14.8 percent depends.

The student response to the question of how pairings would impact parents, students and family showed 58.6 negative; 24.1 percent positive; and 17.2 percent depends.

Students were also asked what the impact of all or additional pairings would have on schools, the responses included 55.2 percent negative; 31 percent positive; and 13.8 percent depends.

The presentation of the survey information also included comments for the positive, negative and depends responses.

Positive comments included creating stronger teams while negative responses included reduced playing time and limited opportunities.

The depends comments included more stress due to more competition for playing time.

Glenetske pointed out there are about 900 people in the district with only 100 responding to the survey.

"Does that mean those who didn't respond are indifferent or is it that they trust the board to make the decision," she asked.

Also presented at the workshop were possible scenarios for practices and game locations.

The scenarios included flip flopping playing varsity contests one year at Ashby and one year at Brandon with baseball rotating between Evansville and Ashby and varsity and JV football only in Brandon.

Also presented at the workshop were numbers for volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball.

Board members Andrew Mandt and Paul Starke said varsity games should not be split just between Brandon and Ashby but some should be played in Evansville as well.

The unknowns were discussed concerning what would

Brandon Council renews agreement with Otter Tail, receives audit report

Nathan Kunde of Otter Tail Power attended the Brandon City Council's meeting April 13 to discuss the council approving a franchise agreement for OTP. The agreement, in the form of an ordinance, is renewed every 20 years.

The agreement allows OTP to operate in the city but does not

happen if numbers suddenly improve for the B-E programs. Would there be an opportunity to undo the pairings in this case?

Another was would pairing provide enough students for more teams or would pairing cause some students to not participate at all.

A consensus emerged as the discussion continued. Board members felt that at this point the board should look at pairing in only those sports which are showing a need for it. The two sports named were girls basketball and softball.

"We should do what needs to be done now and then we can revisit it and if numbers are not adequate for other sports can look at those at that time," said board member Jaci Stepan.

Starke agreed saying only those sports which need it now should be considered for pairing.

No decision was made at the workshop on pairing. However, it was suggested there may need to be another work session with the Ashby School Board on the issue in the near future.

The survey results presented at the workshop can be found as part of this week's Record on the Gardonville website at: gctel.com. The results will be after page 12.

give it an exclusive franchise. The agreement is basically the same as it was 20 years ago. The council approved the agreement.

The city's audit for 2025 was presented by Mary Reedy of Clifton Larson Allen. After the presentation the council ap-

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Douglas County Sheriff's Blotter

April 9

Kensington - White Lincoln sedan, speeding, swerving all over the road. Too fast to continue following. Forwarded to state patrol.

Alexandria - Tan/silver minivan, vehicle one, only served him water, came impaired, urinated in parking lot and on his car.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. No rear lights.

Carlos - Suspicious vehicle. Complainant advised his grandfather recently passed away. No one is living at his grandfathers residence or farm site. Complainant reported two vehicles were spotted on

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Free Take One

EAC's Poetry Night will be held April 30

April is National Poetry Month. In celebration, all are invited to Evansville Art Center for the 31st Annual Poetry Night which will be held April 30.

This will be an evening where people of all ages, from all walks of life, are invited to gather to share a few of their favorite poems with a respectful, receptive, and appreciative audience.

If you are a poet, if you love poetry, or if you just like to listen to poetry, come and join us for this event. Present your original poems, poems that move you, or just come to enjoy. Poets of all ages and stages are welcome.

Learn more about Poetry Night and how to participate:

<https://www.evansvilleart-center.org/blog/where-words-come-alive-the-story-of-poetry-night>

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There is no charge to attend. Donations to support Evansville Art Center will be gratefully accepted. Doors open at 6 p.m., the fun runs from 7-9 p.m. You may bring a treat to share at intermission if you wish. Beverages will be provided.

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

DNR reminds tree owners to refrain from pruning or cutting oaks now through July

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is reminding Minnesotans that not pruning or cutting oaks from April through July is the simplest way to curb the spread of oak wilt disease.

Oak wilt is a non-native disease that can kill any oak species in Minnesota. Sap beetles spread oak wilt via fungal spores as they move from infected logs or trees to fresh cuts or wounds on healthy oaks. As weather warms, these beetles become very active, making spring and early summer a high-risk time to prune or cut oaks or move infected oak firewood.

After mid-July, the risk of wound infection drops. However, once an oak is infected, the disease spreads down its trunk and through its roots to neighboring healthy oaks.

"Treating oak wilt can be difficult and costly, but fortunately, prevention is simple and cheap," said Brian Schwingle, DNR forest health program coordinator. "By following simple pruning guidelines and avoiding the highest risk period from April through July, people can limit the spread of oak wilt in their yards, woods and communities."

The DNR has confirmed oak wilt in 31 Minnesota counties

and notes that the disease is slowly spreading north and west. No new counties had confirmed cases in 2025.

The DNR also cautions people not to move fresh oak firewood, which can spread oak wilt over long distances to new areas. Use locally sourced firewood or firewood certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to prevent transporting oak wilt and other invasive species.

More details about oak wilt, including identification, prevention, reporting instructions and mitigation, is on the DNR's oak wilt management webpage.

Looking for help to address oak wilt or other tree-related concerns? Visit the DNR 'Hiring an arborist' webpage for information on hiring a tree care professional.

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Taking her turn at last year's Poetry Night was LeAnn Bjerken.

Think safety when going out on water

The ice is gone from most lakes in the southern part of Minnesota and ice on many northern lakes is melting quickly. It's already common to see anglers and paddlers on open water, but with water temperatures dangerously low, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds anyone who's around lakes, rivers and ponds that cold water is dangerous and unexpected falls into the water can quickly turn tragic.

Each year approximately 30 percent of all fatal boating accidents occur during the cold-water period, defined as anytime the water is below 70 degrees. Many of these incidents involve victims who weren't wearing a life jacket. The best way to survive a fall into cold water is to wear a life jacket and make sure it's buckled or zipped.

"We know Minnesotans want to take advantage of every day of open water, and it's great to see people out on the water, getting an early start to the season," said Lisa Dugan, DNR recreation safety outreach

coordinator. "But the message people need to understand is this:

Make sure you have the proper safety gear and don't put your desire to hit the water over the need to be safe."

As boaters and paddlers head out on water, they should:

- Wear a foam-filled life jacket, rather than the inflatable type. Cold water can prevent inflatable life jackets from fully inflating.
- Ensure that watercraft operators meet safety permit requirements.
- Equip the watercraft with proper safety gear and make sure all equipment is functioning properly.
- Distribute weight evenly and abide by manufacturers' weight limits to ensure the watercraft's stability and reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.
- Have a means of communication and ensure someone knows their destination and planned time of return.
- Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.

For more information about staying safe on and around cold water, visit the DNR's cold water safety webpage.

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Now and Then

Excerpts from the Evansville
Historical Foundation Archives

112 Years Ago – April 1903

Evansville Enterprise

The Enterprise takes pleasure this week in calling attention to two of Evansville's foremost business firms, who ever show a spirit of progress in the manner of conducting their business, but especially prove to our readers this week that they are abreast of the times by each having a full-page advertisement in the Enterprise.

Full page advertisements are nothing unusual to many of our exchanges from neighboring towns, hence the publishers do not feel especially elated when they secure such orders and do not feel called upon to make a special announcement of such advertisers, but in as much as this is the first time in the history of the Enterprise that a full page advertisement has appeared in it's issues, the publisher is disposed to write a few lines concerning the advertisers.

On the back page will be seen the advertisement of Reif's Cash Store. A single glance at the page will impress the reader of the completeness of stock which is carried in this large store. Almost anything required in the home may be found here. A grocery department has been added recently, which will doubtless prove very popular. As Mr. and Mrs. Reif were among the early settlers of this village, they are well known among all our readers to be parties with whom one may deal with assurance that quality and quantity of goods will be just as represented and that good values are always given in exchange for the price asked.

Regarding the firm of Lindstrom and Ekblad, hardware and farm implement dealers, the Enterprise does not feel that it can add anything to the popularity of the gentlemen comprising the firm. Mr. Lindstrom engaged in business here about a year ago and although he bought a business which had been established for 20 years, he has by courteous treatment and fair business like up-to-date methods, added a great deal to the former patronage of the store. In fact, the business had grown so much that January 1st he found that it would be necessary to interest some one with him who would assist in caring for the trade and use their influence to increase it even more, if possible. In this matter he was fortunate in securing Wm. Ekblad who is known to all his acquaintances as being a young man of exceptionally good qualities – steady habits, honest and industrious.

50 Years Ago – 1976

Evansville Booster

The Evansville Tigers base-

ball team has been hard at work practicing for the past three weeks now. Members of the squad are seniors Dave Koplin, Dean Anderson, Ray Mohrmeann, John Hedrick and Terry Ohren. Junior Craig Berglnd. Sophomores Tom Peterman and Mark Biederman. Freshmen Mike Nitz, Todd Elmer, Stuart Hendrickson, Kent Nelson and James Meissner. 8th graders Wade Anderson, Dean Sayer, Mike Dahlen and Rich Schetnan. Of these, nine are returning lettermen and are hoping for a better year than last year. So far this spring the team has shown good batting and adequate fielding. Thus, if our pitching holds up, we could have a very respectable season. Mark Biederman, Mike Nitz and Ray Mohrmann are expected to carry the biggest load of the pitching chores. We definitely are looking for our senior ball players to supply our batting punch. Anderson and Mohrmann are coming off a good season of Legion baseball, therefore we are hoping they can continue their good play and provide the leadership we need. Dave Koplin and Dean Anderson are co-captains of this year's team. Tom Shea has taken over the coaching chores this year.

Free Seed Corn

Vern Ostrom received Free Pioneer Seed Corn from Sid Satterlie, Jr. (the local seed corn King). This seed corn is used by the Evansville Sportsmans Club to plant wildlife plots which are left over the winter months. According to our wildlife friends, yield was excellent last year! Thank you to Pioneer Seed Corn and Sid Satterlie, Jr.

25 Years Ago - 2001

West Douglas County Record Softball Team Opens with

MnDOT to hold open house April 23 on Hwy. 210/I-94 construction project

The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to attend a construction open house on Thursday, April 23, from 5 to 7 p.m., held at the AmericInn by Wyndham, 526 Western Ave in Fergus Falls to learn more about this year's project at the west junction of Highway 210 and Interstate 94.

There will be no formal presentation, and people are welcome to stop by at their convenience during the open house. Construction staff from MnDOT and the contractor will be available to answer questions about the project, construction timelines, and detour routes.

This year, MnDOT will be making major improvements to the west junction of Highway 210 and I-94. The work

Win

Due to the hard work of Brandon-Evansville softball Coach Jack Appel, the Chargers and Wadena-Deer Creek softball teams may have played the first outdoor contest in the state April 3 in Brandon. Appel began weeks ago clearing the field of snow and the warm temperatures and occasional sunshine helped get the field ready for the season. Even though the rest of the ball field was surrounded by snow and fans had to wade through waist high snow just to get to the bleachers, the players were able to take the field and the Chargers opened the year with an 11-4 win against the Wolverines. The Chargers used seven hits and 13 walks in the winning contest. Three Chargers had two hits Kelsey Larson, Lauren Bah and Jenny Schuman. Julie Jesnowski had the other hit for the Chargers. Julie Jesnowski picked up the win for B-E going four innings, with two strikeouts and four hits. Bah finished the contest for B-E also getting two strikeouts.

Sue Anderson is Crestview's Employee to Meet for April

The Crestview Manor Nursing Home's Employee to Meet for April is Sue Anderson. She is a registered nursing assistant. She has worked at Crestview for 11 1/2 years. Sue lives in Evansville with her husband Dick. They have three children, Renata, Rachel and Rosie. Anderson works at Crestview because: "I like what I do, and the residents and staff are nice to work with. A really great evening for her is being with family and friends and also eating out and concerts. In her spare time, she likes to travel and see the sites. When she gets old, she wants to be healthy. If she could meet a famous person today, she would like to meet Oprah. Her pet peeve is people who don't use their turn signals

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Additional hours are available by appointment.

includes replacing the existing two bridges with a single structure; building trails on both sides of the road; constructing three roundabouts, one at each interchange ramp as well as Redwood lane; and realigning the on- and off-ramps.

Construction is expected to begin April 27, with lane closures and shoulder closures on I-94 and Highway 210 as crews install traffic control devices. Then, starting May 4, the interchange ramps will close and traffic to/from Highway 210 will be detoured to County Road 1/Tower Road through October. Highway 210 will remain open for east/west traffic.

Overnight closures on I-94 will also take place starting May 4 for bridge demolition.

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Annual meetings of Gardonville Coop, Millerville Creamery will be held April 30

The Annual Meetings 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, Minnesota, on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Members from both cooperatives are invited to attend.

The 83rd 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 present the 82nd Annual Meeting Minutes, to present the 2025 Financial Report and to transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

The 97th Annual Meeting of Millerville Cooperative Creamery Association will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) members to the board of directors for a term of three (3) years, to present the 96th Annual Meeting Minutes, to present the 2025 Financial Report and to transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

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camera going through property. Complainant did not believe anything is missing and wanted vehicles documented.

Garfield - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed.

Alexandria - Harassment. Complainant states person one has been harassing him. Alex PD to follow up with person one, complainant advised to get HRO, he refused.

Carlos - Person one wanted to notify deputy of unsecure metal on roof. Already had imported it to law enforcement yesterday.

Alexandria - Fraud prevention investigation referral.

Alexandria - Complainant is out money on a possible scam. Complainant would like to speak with a deputy about the sanitation.

Garfield - Complainant got a call claiming to be from the board of dentistry and complainant gave them some personal information. Complainant concerned it may have been a scam. Nothing taken from complainant. Advised complainant on preventative measures to ensure nothing will be taken from her.

Evansville - Medical call. 82-year-old female fell and now has back pain.

Alexandria - Complainant states he is the victim of a scam and requesting to speak with a deputy. No sensitive info given by complainant. Nothing taken from complainant. Advised on what to do if he feels he is being scammed.

Osakis - DNR warden had a farmer back into his truck. Needs a report. Minor crash, farmer backed into vehicle.

Miltona - School patrol.

Alexandria - Complainant hasn't spoken to person one since yesterday at 7 p.m. Complainant is worried for person one's welfare because person one's brother, person two, is at location and is known to be unpredictable. Made phone contact with person one who did not need any help. There was a falling out between the complainant and person one.

Farwell - Locks broken off of tool shed and multiple other places. Took lots of tools and welder. Complainant will be in a dark colored F-150. Multiple items missing.

Alexandria - Oven is on fire. Unable to extinguish. Oil on the stovetop. Fire was extinguished by homeowner.

Brandon - Motorist assist. Checking on noise under the hood. No issues found.

Alexandria - Medical call. 59-year-old male. Stroke-like symptoms. Passed history of strokes. In the main lobby.

Alexandria - Domestic between male and female. Male pushed female. Female denying medical attention.

Osakis - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for speed.

April 10

Alexandria - Vehicle in ditch. Gray Chevy Malibu or Impala in the ditch. Unknown injuries.

Evansville - School patrol.

Carlos - School patrol.

Carlos - Complainant is with District 206 transportation and would like to speak with a deputy. School bus driver reporting suspicious activity. Welfare check on person two. Person two is okay and feels safe.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 97. Black Chevy truck going all over lanes. County cars unavailable due to other calls.

Osakis - Person one was sentenced today and the court ordered the removal of his horse.

Brandon - Driving complaint. Black SUV all over the road. Eastbound. Located car at registered owner's address.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Dark blue SUV. Driver has long hair. All over the road.

Miltona - Suspicious activity. DNR has property being stored at this location.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. 25-30 minute time delay. Vehicle one blew the stop sign at location and almost hit complainant. Complainant followed the vehicle which was last seen heading north on C.R. 6. Complainant advised car was now into Otter Tail County and just wanted an apology from vehicle one. Advised her we will be on the lookout for vehicle one. She was satisfied with that.

Alexandria - Black Expedition, drunk driver, white hat.

Miltona - Suspicious activity. Small fish house on the hill by the shelter, no vehicles or anyone around it. Told he can't camp there. Agreed to leave.

Nelson - Driving complaint. Chevy truck and Buick racing each other.

April 11

Garfield - Domestic. Complainant's grandson in the front bedroom wrestling or fighting with someone. Unknown weapons. Unknown drugs or alcohol.

Osakis - Intoxicated male party is acting very weird and rude with her and the bartender.

Garfield - Extra patrol. Patrolled area. Called homeowner and advised of male standing outside.

Brandon - Drove DATA Trail from Brandon to Alexandria.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. No headlights on. Plates on vehicle came back to vehicle one which was the wrong vehicle. Ran the VIN which came back to vehicle two which was the correct vehicle. All vehicles and plates were clear. Advised to go to DMV.

Alexandria - Complainant sold vehicle. Buyer is floating vehicle titles. Buying vehicles then selling them without changing titles. Called complainant twice with no answer. Left voicemail.

Alexandria - Pastor reporting a female ran into the church and

asked them to call law enforcement. A male came in and is now in the entry. No weapons and both are separated at this time. County units assisted Alex PD with Alex PD arrest and then assisted jail with inmate movement.

Osakis - Female in tan sedan confused on side of the road, from St. Paul. Told her husband was enroute to get her. Tire blew out on vehicle two and went into ditch. Person one and person two have a personal tow coming. No assistance needed.

Alexandria - Wide load semi with long, black load hit her car and kept going toward Fargo on I-94.

Osakis - Yesterday on Hidden Road person two, who complainant has a protection order with, keeps crossing the center line and coming into complainant's lane while passing each other on the road. Has happened in the past. HRO showing that it is expired. Advised complainant of this and spoke with him about applying for a new one.

Alexandria - Complainant would like to speak to a deputy about how the board wants to write a specific rule that complainant doesn't agree with. Answered complainant's questions.

Garfield - Traffic stop. Blue Ford F-150, no plates. Just bought truck from Wisconsin.

Garfield - Driving complaint. Red Malibu, driving south.

Evansville - I-94, mile marker 87. Verbal warning for speed.

Alexandria - Complainant heard people saying "you better

open up or I'm going to break the window" then complainant saw two vehicles leave the area, unknown descriptions.

Garfield - Driving complaint. Someone doing burnouts nearby here. Drove area and heard nothing. Drove through with cruise lights on to deter further

conduct.

April 12

Alexandria - Open container in vehicle left the drive through and went toward gas station.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Failure to maintain lane. Observed vehicle driving on the shoulder.

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A BOOK FAIR will be held at the Evansville School. Use Door No. 1 to enter the school. Hours will be April 16 from 7:45-8:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. The fair will also take place April 20 from 7:45-8:30 a.m. Students in grades 2-5 will also be going to the book fair at a time of their teacher's choice.

BRANDON LIONS Pancake feed will be April 19 from 8 a.m.-Noon at the Brandon Auditorium.

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY is in Evansville the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at City Hall. This is open to ALL Douglas County residents!.

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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 h2abroski@yahoo.com.

EVANSVILLE American Legion Post 188 will meet at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month (March through October) at the Military House of the Evansville Historical Foundation.

Millerville American Legion Post 527 and Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Millerville Legion Hall. Social time from 6:30 p.m. All Vets are welcome for membership. Call 320-808-1479 for any questions.

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

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

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

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

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

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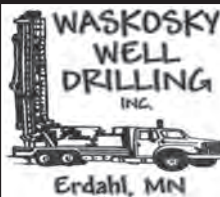
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THE EVANSVILLE AREA SPORTSMEN CLUB meets at the Evansville City Hall in Evansville

the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

LUND TOWNSHIP meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lund Townhall in Melby.

THE EVANSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Evansville City Hall at 7 p.m.

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

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

AREA MEETINGS: Evansville City Council, second Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon City Council, second Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon-Evansville School Board, third Monday in Brandon School Conference room, at 7 p.m.

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B-E baseball team returns with plenty of experience

Since last year's Brandon-Evansville baseball team didn't have any seniors on it the team returns all of its starters from last season.

"Expectations and excitement are building for our baseball team. Coming off a 15-win season, we are looking to take the next step, but in order for that to happen, we will need to have consistency, leadership, and take advantage of all practice opportunities while playing solid, fundamental baseball," said B-E Coach Brian Perleberg.

Back again this year are starters and letter winners including

seniors Colton Breikreutz and Bryce Froemming who missed last year due to a knee injury.

Juniors back are Seth Thoennes, Jack Kelly, Ryder Baune, Sam Seifert and Sawyer Chlian. Sophomores returning are Blake Koep, Evan Dingwall and Tayten Nelson.

Others expected to compete for playing time include senior Bennett Schaefer, sophomores Calvin Peterson and Simon Quinn and eighth grader Aidyn Meissner.

Sullivan had pitched 47 innings last season while Breikreutz had 34 and Baune 33 to provide a seasoned core.

"We have several others who are having a solid indoor pre-season on the mound, including Jack Kelly, Bryce Froemming, Simon Quinn, Blake Koep, Seth Thoennes, Sawyer Chlian, Sam Seifert, and Aidyn Meissner. Evan Dingwall last year's Little Eight Conference MVP, will be looked upon to be an offensive leader and will anchor the infield, defensively. We have some good competition going on for infield positions and outfield spots with players who bring a variety of skills, both defensively and offensively. The catching duties will primarily be shared between Froemming

and Koep."

Last year the Chargers finished the Little Eight schedule with a record of 9-1.

"With a balanced roster and a motivated group of players, we hope to compete for the Little 8 title and be competitive in the 6A post season. Being able to handle adversity, always keeping a positive mindset, and learning what each player's role will be, are major factors that will

determine the direction of this year's team," said the coach.

Perleberg sees Border West and Hancock as the other top teams in the LEC and B-B-E, Parkers Prairie, Breckenridge, LP-GE and Border West as the teams to watch in Section 6A.

Assisting Perleberg in the coaching duties this season are Chad Knapp, Brett Koep and Tom Gasser.

19,000-head planned dairy operation near Morris sparks public concerns

State environmental regulators are offering the public more time to weigh in on a proposed dairy expansion in western Minnesota after receiving hundreds of comments about the planned 19,000-head operation.

Riverview Farms, a Stevens County business headquartered near Morris, operates 13 dairies in Minnesota that range in size from 2,800 to more than 8,570 head, with a total of more than 92,000 cows.

The company is pitching the expansion as a reasonable response to demand, noting that Americans consume 40 pounds of dairy products each year, a nearly three-fold increase since the 1970s.

"Growing consumption trends and growing world population in the future cause us to be bullish," said Brady Janzen, a partner in the operation.

The sheer size of the project, however, has added to growing concerns about large-scale farming and its impact on the environment and rural communities, including here in western Minnesota where in the past small dairies have long dotted the landscape.

Under the plan, Riverview's West River Dairy would expand from milking 7,855 cows to 18,855, becoming by far the largest dairy in the state.

A required Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) review process for the proposal is also generating large numbers. As of April 8, 821 comments had been received from citizens and organizations about the proposed expansion south of Morris in Stevens County.

On Tuesday, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), which regulates feedlot permits, announced a second extension of the public comment period to May 7. In addition, a public meeting has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the South Side Event Center and Reception Hall in Morris.

Today, Riverview faces one less hurdle than it did more than a decade ago. In 2014, the MPCA's Citizens Board voted to require a more intensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Riverview's proposed Baker Dairy in Stevens County. Riverview withdrew the proposal, and in 2015 the Legislature dissolved the board due to lobbying efforts by "Big Agriculture," according to the legislative reference library citing news reports.

The Citizens Board, which had decision-making authority about permits and reviews, was replaced by an advisory committee, which was disbanded in 2020. Now, the authority lies with MPCA Commissioner Katrina Kessler.

The proposed expansion is the latest in a series of large dairies appearing in western Minnesota over the past two decades. Riverview's 13 dairy farms are located in Chippewa, Grant, Kandiyohi, Norman, Stevens, Swift, Traverse and Wilkin counties. A 14th in Traverse County, has been approved for 8,571 cows but not yet built.

Comments appear to be proportionately divided among supporters, requests for the more intensive EIS, or denial of the permit. Concerns range from impacts on the environment to philosophical views about large agricultural businesses.

"Having been a small family dairy farmer and still helping daily on family dairies I am strongly against the expansion of the large dairy CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation)," stated one commenter. "Water usage and manure application are some of the more troubling aspects. Also, there is currently an oversupply of milk driving prices down to all dairy farmers."

Comments in support of the project cite economic benefits and Riverview's reputation for having a clean operation. A local farmer wrote: "Riverview

is super beneficial to all local farmers. On our farm we haul about 300,000 bushels of corn to them every year for grinding. We also have them chop 800 acres of corn. We are very pleased with having them in our local area."

MPCA feedlot program staff will review and respond to all comments, said Dan Ruitter, MPCA assistant communications director, calling 800-plus a "healthy number" of comments. The final decision whether or not an EIS is necessary lies with Commissioner Kessler.

MPCA's most recent inspection at West River Dairy on July 25, 2023, "found no requirements to be out of compliance," Ruitter said in an email message. "The MPCA will use information in the EAW and comments received to make a decision on the need for an EIS. MPCA staff will strive to meet that deadline. This is a time-intensive but important step. The comments inform staff by bringing new information."

The project has been in the works for three years, Janzen said. "We take environmental stewardship, protection and regulations very seriously. We want to be good neighbors. We do much community outreach in the local area, and we have a lot of local support. Area farmers encourage the expansion," he said. In 2015, an open house at Riverview's Meadow Star Dairy near Willmar, which has more than 7,000 cows, drew thousands of visitors.

"I have heard no complaints about Riverview," said Bill Kleindl, Stevens County Environmental Services Director and county feedlot officer. The expansion at West River Dairy will need an amendment to its Conditional Use Permit with the planning commission and then go before the county board, he said.

"An EIS would be unusual," Janzen said. "Our permits are robust. Environmental protection is well understood

See DAIRY, page 11.

Charger softball team opens the season with a new coach

The Brandon-Evansville softball team opens this season with a new head coach in Mikki Pikkaraine.

There are several returning varsity players this year. Back are seniors Mia Elmer and Maddie Stich as well as juniors Graciana Fuller and Sara Wagner.

Sophomores on the team include Nina Evavold, Drea Fernholz, Emma Anderson and

Addison Stepan.

Also on the team are freshman Lily Boesl and eight-graders Abby Knutson and Jorja White.

"We have a fairly young team that will work well together under the leadership of our upperclassmen. We have newcomers with large roles to fill with five seniors leaving last year," said the coach.

Sports Schedule

April 16
BB vs Rothsay, DH, 4 p.m.
Track at Fergus Falls, 3 p.m.

April 17
SB vs LPGE, 5 p.m.

April 20
Jr. Hi track at Pelican Rapids, 4:30 p.m.
BB at Waubun, 4:30 p.m.

April 21
SB at Ashby, DH, 4 p.m.
Track at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, 4:30 p.m.
Track C meet at Perham, 4:30 p.m.

April 22
SB at Upsala/Swanville

April 23
BB, A, C, Jr. Hi vs Border West, all DH, 4 p.m.
Jr. Hi track at Osakis

April 24
BB, V, JV at Pelican Rapids, 4:30 p.m.
SB, V/ Jr. Hi vs WCA in Barrett, 5 p.m.

April 25
Jr. Hi BB tournament in Evansville


April 27
Golf at Alexandria Country Club, 1 p.m.
Jr. Hi Track at Wheaton

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Douglas County now a rifle zone for white-tailed deer hunting

By Douglas County Public Information Officer Julie Anderson

Douglas County is now officially a rifle zone county for the hunting of white-tailed deer. At their April 7 board meeting, County Board Chair Shane Schmidt read the following, "At this time the board will provide an update for our residents, property owners and visitors who come to Douglas County to hunt white-tailed deer. As you recall, effective January 1, 2026, Minnesota law repealed the statewide shotgun-only zones for deer hunting... Douglas County will follow the state guidelines. That means hunters may use any legal firearm during the deer hunting season. We asked for and received a lot of input on this subject. We held a public forum on February 18. Nearly 100 people attended. The Douglas County Association of Townships also surveyed its member townships for input and shared those results with us. We thank everyone who provided valuable research and input on this important subject."

In other action, the board: Accepted three generous donations to the Douglas County

Sheriff's Office:

Golden K Kiwanis Club donation of \$300 for the DARE program ; DeWayne Bisek donation of \$250 for Honor Guard; Saint Nicholas Catholic Church donation of \$500 for general use.

Public Works

Commissioners accepted the low bid for grading work on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14. The low bid was from Central Specialties for \$6,563,097.67.

The board approved final payment for work last summer on center line culverts on CSAH 14. Public Works Director Tim Erickson said Midwest Contracting did a very good job.

Commissioners denied a repair request from a landowner on County Ditch 21. Commissioner Tim Kalina said, "the property is never going to be cropland. It shouldn't be on the rest of the ditch system."

He then offered a motion to abandon the ditch, located in Millerville Township, at the end of the 2024 repair project and let landowners take care of it. Kalina added to his motion saying he would like legal review to ensure the board, as

Drainage Authority, can take this action. The board approved the motion on a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Charlie Meyer voting no.

Social Services

Community Human Services Director Tabitha Kremmin asked the board to accept three donations for the upcoming Senior Expo. The Expo will be held June 17 at St. Mary's School in Alexandria. It features law enforcement and experts on avoiding financial fraud. Sponsorship donations for the Senior Expo: \$300 Douglas County Veterans Service Office; \$300 St. Croix Hospice; \$300 Vista Prairie Windmill Ponds

Land and Resource Management

Douglas County Feedlot Coordinator Mark Koep presented the 2025 Feedlot Program Annual Report of Accomplishments. He said it showed, "we did all the work, and we did it correctly."

Koep is responsible for permits, inspections and compliance. He shared his findings for the year and provided an update on feedlot numbers. He said there are currently 216 sites which is down 31

from the 2021/2022 report. The largest feedlot is located near Millerville with approximately 8,000 animals. He said dairy farm numbers continue to be down with Douglas County having 20 or fewer and turkey operations remain steady at three, one in Kensington and two barns in Nelson that were recently rebuilt.

Xcel Energy shared information with the board on its proposed Fargo to Alexandria transmission line project. Allison Ray told the board, "Douglas is the only county that responded to our letter offering to provide an update so thank you for taking time to learn about the project."

She said the project will enhance regional electrical reliability and it will reduce grid congestion to help keep bills as low as possible for customers. The project adds a second circuit along the I-94 towers. Very few additional towers will be needed because the circuit is in the 'open position' on the existing towers. Construction is expected to begin in 2028 if all the permits are approved.

Commissioner Meyer asked if Douglas County residents will benefit from this, or if the

Alexandria Substation is being used as a skip station. Ray said we all benefit because the upgrade is needed and the energy can go to and from the Dakotas to Alexandria. A second project will also hook into the Alexandria Substation. That is called the Big Stone South to Alexandria Transmission Line project. That project is a joint effort between Otter Tail Power and Missouri River Energy Services which owns the Alexandria Substation.

Items from the floor

Philip Kraft with Cardboard Cares shared safety concerns with board members over an item on the April 16 Pope Douglas Solid Waste board agenda. That item is a contract extension of the Ash, Fines, and Leachate hauling contract.

A resident on County Road 11 shared his concerns with traffic speeds on the road and what he called ATVs on the public roads without visible license plates.

The next board meeting is April 21 and will include county board members meeting with members of the Alexandria City Council. That meeting will take place at the Douglas County Administration Building at 821 Cedar Street.

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Food Shelf: Long Prairie Emergency Food Pantry – Food supplies (\$500).

Youth: Brandon-Evansville Post Prom – (\$300); Alexandria Fastpitch Softball Association – Electrical outlet (\$300); Alexandria Area High School Graduation Party – (\$300);

Prairie Woodcarvers – Youth program (\$500); Alexandria Archery – Equipment (\$500); and Junior Achievement North – Youth programming (\$300).

Community: Bit of Grace – Autism sensory kits (\$500); Saturday Art Market – Entertainment costs (\$500); Alexandria Rotary Club – Summer concert series (\$600); Andes Ski Patrol – Medical supplies (\$500); The Caring & Sharing Room – Bedding supplies (\$850); Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center – Furnace upgrade (\$200); Hoffman Harvest Festival – Bounce house/inflatables (\$250); Pope County Humane Society – Intake

room improvements (\$500); Ann Bickle Heritage House – Operation Gazebo (\$500); Red Willow Arts Coalition – July 4th concert (\$500); West Central Area South PTO – STEAM experience for students (\$500); Osakis Area Heritage Center – History preservation (\$300); Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area – Boat shed rent (\$1,000); Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters – Quilting supplies (\$300); Conexiones – Connections Day (\$300); Alexandria Art Guild – Chairlift for lower level (\$500) and Viking Ukeleles – Sing-along with seniors (\$200).

Seniors: Osakis Senior Citizens – Meals for seniors (\$500) and Encore (formerly Alexandria Senior Center) – Sunday music series (\$500).

The following cemeteries received \$300 for maintenance and improvements: Geneva Cemetery and Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is May 8. Apply at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

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Some of the organizations receiving REA Operation Round Up grants in February include: First row l to r – Pat Soberg, REA Operation Round Up Trust Board; Joan Helgeson, Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters; JoAnn Boyle, Ann Bickle Heritage House; Becky Christenson, Encore; Stephanie Olsen, Brandon-Evansville Post Prom; LeAnn Pasche, West Central Area South PTO; Judy Dvorsak, Osakis Senior Citizens and Osakis Fire Department; Shauney Gloege, Pope County Humane Society; and Gabby Rye & Amy VanValkenburg, Alexandria Archery. Second row l to r – Sonya Anderson, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area; Peggy Lien, Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters; Phil Aslagson, The Caring & Sharing Room; Tudor Ledum, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area; Pam Henrickson, Junior Achievement North; Sharon Fredrickson, Osakis Area Heritage Center; Sandy Susag & Mimi Seykora, Saturday Area Market; and Jim Stratton & Al Hanson, Alexandria Archery. Third row l to r – Richard Wittkamp & Allen Wittrock, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area; LeRoy Sanden, Viking Ukeleles; Tyler Byron, Alexandria Fastpitch Softball Association; Ed Schmidt & Julie Miller, Alexandria Art Guild; Stacy Aldrich, Junior Achievement North; Bonnie Schultz, Osakis Area Heritage Center; Chuck Wencil, Red Willow Arts Coalition; Paul Regnier, Alexandria Area High School Graduation Party; and Josh Chan, Bit of Grace. Fourth row l to r – David Kjos, Geneva Cemetery; and Roger Thalman, Prairie Woodcarvers.

Free entrance to state parks and recreation areas April 25

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will waive vehicle permit fees at all 73 state parks and recreation areas on Saturday, April 25.

This Free Park Day is one of four days each year when the DNR waives the requirement for a vehicle permit at state parks and recreation areas. The four fee-free days are spread throughout the year, giving Minnesota residents and visitors an opportunity to explore a state park in each season.

“After a long Minnesota winter, spring is a perfect time to get outside and enjoy state parks and recreation areas,” said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR’s Parks and Trails Division. “Visitors can soak in the beauty of nature coming back to life, whether it’s spotting wildflowers, hearing the songs of returning birds, or seeing trees begin to leaf out.”

Each spring, Free Park Day is scheduled on the Saturday after

Earth Day. Park and recreation area visitors are encouraged to recreate responsibly to protect natural resources. For example:

- Visitors might see increased wildlife activity in spring; respect wildlife by observing from a distance.
- Stay on trails when hiking or biking to avoid causing erosion or damaging sensitive plants and wildlife habitat.
- Spring wildflowers are starting to bloom but resist the urge to pick them; take a photo instead. Leave flowers, rocks and other natural objects as they were

Several state parks are offering naturalist-led programming on Free Park Day, including:

- Pages and Pines: Where Books and Nature Come Together, Jay Cooke State Park, 11 a.m.-3 pm.
- Celebrate Free Park Day and National Library Week with a slate of activities, including outdoor story time, naturalist

programs, story strolls and local authors.

- Bingo Scavenger Hunt, Itasca State Park, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Grab a bingo card at the Jacob. V. Brower Visitor Center and then explore the park and hunt for animals, plants, historic sites and geological features. Once you win bingo, head back to the visitor center for a prize.
- Volunteer! Sand Point Clean Up, Frontenac State Park, 9 a.m.-noon
- Join the Frontenac State Park Association to help clean up debris along the park’s unique Sand Point Trail, which traverses floodplain forest near Lake Pepin.
- Blue Mounds Birding, Blue Mounds State Park, 9-10 a.m.
- Enjoy a naturalist-led walk to learn tips and tricks to identify some of the common bird species in the park.

See the full state park events calendar online. These events are free, though some programs

may require registration.

Visitors looking for a park with specific recreational opportunities or amenities can use the ParkFinder tool to find the best park for their trip. Before leaving home, check for updates or visitor alerts on park webpages.

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proved the audit.

The council also at the meeting approved new banners for the city which will fit in with the country’s 250th celebration.

The purchase of a quick attach 60-inch box with shanks was approved for \$1,895.

The maintenance report from Advanced Utility Solutions for March included cleaning pressure stone for back wash, changing diffuser stone and turned water on for two properties.

There was one utility locate

Visitors don’t need a vehicle permit for state park or recreation area admission on Free Park Days, but additional fees for things like camping reservations and equipment rentals still apply.

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in the month.

The report showed the city had a flow of 1,430,057 gallons of wastewater and 1,058,000 gallons of water.

The council was also informed of a joint clean up day with the cities of Brandon, Evansville and Garfield and Evansville Township. It will be held May 2 in Evansville from 8-10 a.m. For more on the cleanup day see page 9.

The next meeting of the council will be May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Growing Green with Extension Educator Robin Trott



Plant Smart, Not Early: A Minnesota Guide to Garden Timing

The spring weather whiplash we've been experiencing has confused wildlife, plants, and gardeners alike. Before you rush to plant seeds or seedlings, it helps to pause and plan. In Minnesota, successful gardening starts with good timing. With wide temperature swings, late frosts, and a short growing season, planting based on soil temperature, air temperature, and crop type is far more reliable than following the calendar

alone.

Know Your Frost-Free Date

Average last frost dates range from early May in southern Minnesota to late May or early June in northern areas. A few warm April days can be deceiving, as overnight freezes and cold soil often persist well into May. Always check local forecasts and keep your specific location in mind.

Soil Temperature Matters

Soil temperature plays a big role in seed germination and healthy root growth. Cold soil

slows growth and increases the risk of rot and disease. For the most accurate planting guidance, use a soil thermometer placed about 4 inches deep. If you live in an agricultural area, you can also take a cue from local soybean farmers. When you see them planting, conditions are usually right to begin planting most garden crops.

Early, coolseason crops can be planted when soil temperatures reach 40–50°F, usually from late April to early May. These plants tolerate cold soil, light frosts, and include peas, spinach, lettuce, radishes, carrots, beets, kale, Swiss chard, onions grown from sets or transplants, and potatoes. Many coolseason vegetables thrive in spring weather but may bolt or turn bitter if planted too late.

Air Temperature and Frost Risk

While soil temperature af-

fects growth, air temperature determines survival. A light frost (32°F) can damage tender plants, while a hard frost (28°F or colder) will kill most warmseason crops. Frost cloths or row covers can help protect early plantings when temperatures dip.

Moderately warmseason crops do best when soil temperatures reach 55–60°F, typically from mid to late May. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts are cold tolerant above ground but establish stronger roots once soils have warmed.

Heatloving crops should wait until soil temperatures reach 65°F or warmer and all danger of frost has passed, usually from late May to early June. This group includes tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash and pumpkins, beans, corn, basil, and melons. Planting

these too early often leads to slow growth, yellowing leaves, and reduced yields—even if the plants survive.

Final Tips

Southern Minnesota gardeners can often plant one to two weeks earlier than northern gardeners, where soils warm more slowly and frost risk lasts longer. Raised beds and black plastic can help warm soil faster in spring. Most importantly, patience pays, waiting for the right conditions leads to healthier plants and better harvests. In Minnesota, successful gardening isn't about planting early; it's about planting smart.

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OBITUARY

Lyle Olson

Lyle Willard Olson 91, of Evansville went to his heavenly home March 27, 2026, at home, surrounded by his family. He was born to Charlie & Ida (Ellingson) Olson on October 23, 1934, in Fergus Falls MN. Baptized November 26, 1934, and confirmed in his Lutheran faith on Palm Sunday at Our Saviors Church in 1949. March 6, 1957, married Janice Zarn at Our Saviors Church.

Lyle attended district #52 Country School through 8th grade and graduated from Evansville High School in 1952. After graduation he farmed until he entered the Navy in 1955.

He had many jobs before retiring from Douglas County Highway Department. He worked at the Barrett Elevator, road construction with Zimmermans, was a laborer and crane operator for Carlson Construction, 3M (factory work was not his thing). After his retirement from the county highway department, he went to work with Ness Excavating until 2012.

He was a hard worker, enjoyed life and loved the outdoors and nature. Always doing something, fixing anything and everything. He loved hunting, doing woodworking and could keep any old car or tractor running. Gardening was a must, even though he didn't get the potatoes planted on Good Friday. Always had a dog beside him and enjoyed a cold beer at night.

Lyle enjoyed his family and was so grateful to be a great grandpa.

He is survived by his wife Janice of 69 years, Daughters: Debra (Alan) Johnson, Julie Aasness, Michele (Mark) Swift and Son: Jason Olson. Grandchildren: Christopher Johnson, Erin (Matt) Nutsvold, Nicole (Adam) Gack, Brant (Stephanie) Aasness, Hannah (Dallas) Bordson, Rachel Aas-



ness (Shaun Johnson), Justin (Jodi) Swift.

Great Grandchildren: Layne & Carter Johnson, Jack & Haylie Wahlin, Levi & Piper Gack, Royce, Huxley, Alice & Louisa Aasness, Iola & Berdie Bordson, Edith, Theo, Thor & Esther Johnson, Levi & Logan Swift and Elizabeth Olson. Nieces and Nephew: Charlotte Rohloff, Gordon (Lynette) Rohloff & Laurel Border. Brothers in-law: Dennis (Carolyn) Zarn & Michael Zarn and sister in-law: JoAnn Zarn.

Proceeding him: Parents Charlie & Ida Olson, In-laws Robert & Dorothy Zarn, Sister & Brother in-law Minnetta & Ted Rohloff, Son in-law Terry Aasness, Sister in-law Carol Thoennes and bother in-law Daryl Zarn.

Lyle will be missed but his endless gift of love and pranks will sustain us until we meet again.

A Celebration of Life is planned for June 27, 2026, at Somedays in Evansville.

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- Evansville City, Evansville City Office, April 15-April 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Evansville Township, Evansville City Hall, April 15-30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Brandon City, Brandon City Office, April 15-April 30, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Garfield City, Garfield City Office, April 15-30, 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

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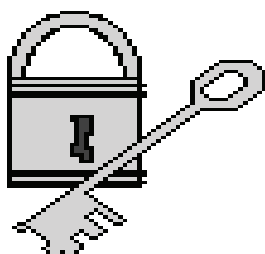
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 21-PR-26-465
In Re: Estate of THOMAS JOHN IL-LETSCHKO,
Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on *May 4, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 305 Eighth Avenue West, Alexandria, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Janice A. Doucette and Brian L. Doucette, whose address is 6275 County Road 13 NE, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

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

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

*Your appearance is not required at this hearing. If there is an objection to this petition, you will be notified of another hearing date and time.

BY THE COURT

Dated: 3/24/26

/s/ Timothy Churchwell

Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson

Court Administrator

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 21-PR-26-494
Estate of Audrey Ione Lerum aka
Audrey Lerum,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 3, 1992, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed John A. Lerum, whose address is 2368 Co Rd 1 NW, Evansville, MN 56326, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 3, 2026

/s/ Lea Hippe

Registrar

Dated: April 3, 2026

Kim Peterson

Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative

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and mitigates the need for an EIS.” While most large CAFOs operate with a general permit, Riverview will seek an individual permit with more stringent requirements, including enhanced manure storage, a thicker basin liner, notice and inspection requirements. “The site is designed for zero discharge,” Janzen said.

Environmental impacts
The proposed expansion would have three liquid manure storage basins covering 32.5 acres. That capacity would provide 14 months of storage, exceeding the required nine months. Nearly 17,000 acres of cropland available for manure application exceeds the required 13,200 acres, according to the EAW.

Water would be provided by a nearby existing well that is underused. However, in reviewing the EAW, the Department of Natural Resources said that it “did not consider impacts from the potential groundwater appropriation on the Pomme de Terre River ... aquifer testing may be required to ensure sustainable water use.”

About 400 farmers in a 5-mile radius provide feed, consisting of 60% corn silage, haylage, corn gluten, distiller’s grains from ethanol plants and soybean meal from a plant in Dawson. “Having a local market helps offset global swings,” Janzen said. “Manure fertilizer is organic and helps offset

State Climatology Office seeking volunteers to be rainfall monitors

The Minnesota State Climatology Office is seeking rainfall monitors for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, or CoCoRaHS. The network includes more than 20,000 volunteers nationwide who measure precipitation in their backyards using a standard 4-inch diameter rain gauge.

Participants submit their precipitation reports online. The data from backyard rain gauges are a critical source of information and it is beneficial to add more volunteer weather observers each year, even in areas where there are already volunteers.

“Rainfall and snowfall amounts can vary widely over a short distance, so multiple reports are helpful in the same community or area,” State Climatologist Luigi Romolo said. “We have some areas in greater Minnesota that have very few reporting stations. The more we have across the state, the better information we all have. Over time, as more volunteer reports make our precipitation maps more accurate, these observations provide critical guidance on Minnesota’s changing climate,” Romolo added. “It’s a great educational activity for families with kids,

global constraints.”

Driving into the parking lot at Riverview’s headquarters, the first thing a visitor notices is that all vehicles are parked facing outward. Janzen said that is intentional as statistics show fewer accidents. Similar attention to detail is evident at the dairy farms, which appear clean with well-ventilated barns and continuously scraped aisles.

Water comprises about 90% of the liquid manure scraped from the dairy barns. It first goes to a solids separator, then to a bioreactor, before being pumped into large covered storage basins. The solids are used for bedding, and the captured natural gas is sold to a gas company. In the fall, liquid manure is pumped from the basins and injected as fertilizer onto thousands of acres of surrounding cropland.

Riverview’s Minnesota operations employ about 850 workers, a majority of them Latino; however, that demographic is not officially tracked, Janzen said.

Observing the large, rotating 80-cow, 24-hours-per-day milking parlor at West River, a visitor will see about six or seven Latino workers rapidly operating the cleaning and milking equipment under the direction of Baldomero, a supervisor, and Carlos, the site manager. Immigration enforcement has not been an issue at Riverview, Janzen said. Kleindl

and a rewarding hobby for anyone interested in weather or climate.”

Volunteers are particularly needed outside the Twin Cities metro area. Volunteers receive training on how to observe weather trends and how to submit their precipitation and weather event reports. All training material is available online. Participants must purchase or provide a standard 4-inch diameter rain gauge (available at discount through CoCoRaHS) and have internet access to submit reports.

For the past six years, Minnesota has won the “CoCoRaHS Cup” for recruiting the most new volunteers of any state during the annual national recruiting drive. Moved from March to April this year, “Rain Gauge Rally 2026” continues through the end of the month. “Year after year, Minnesotans are the best in the nation at stepping up and joining this important effort. Let’s keep the cup in Minnesota as we continue to improve our state’s precipitation recording,” Romolo said.

To sign up or for more information, visit CoCoRaHS.org or contact Luigi Romolo at luigi.romolo@state.mn.us.

also said that he has not seen activity in the area.

Supporting local products
If the West River Dairy expansion proceeds, it will create more than 40 permanent jobs, and hundreds of construction jobs, Janzen said. Currently under construction just south of Riverview’s first large dairy, its Stevens Milk Plant will create more than 60 jobs. The plant will use milk from about 60,000 dairy cows, processing it into milk powder, and the cream will go to butter makers, Janzen said. “Expanding processing here can support local products, and reduce transportation costs of liquid milk,” he said.

The Riverview partners include fifth-generation members of the Fehr family, which moved to the area in 1939 to raise crops and beef cattle. Looking to expand opportunities, the family opened the first large dairy, Riverview, in 1995 not far from the Pomme de Terre River. In 2012, nearby Wulf Cattle Company merged into Riverview LLP. Janzen said he began working at Riverview in 2008 as a college intern while attending the University of Minnesota Morris.

In addition to dairy, cattle and crops, another bond among Riverview partners is provided by the Apostolic Christian Church, which has three congregations in the Morris area. This is reflected in the “About” section of the company’s website, listing five core values based on Bible verses.

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Charger baseball team opens season with a win

The Brandon-Evansville baseball team took on the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears April 10 in Evansville to open the season.

The Chargers pounded out eight hits in the contest for a 13-1 win in five innings.

“The Chargers’ offense set the tone early and never let up, turning steady production into a 13-run opener. Ben Schaefer picked up his first varsity hit in the game, a big milestone moment in the season opener,” said B-E Coach Brian Perleberg.

Offensively Seth Thoennes scored two runs and added one hit. Sam Seifert had one hit, two RBI and three runs scored.

Evan Dingwall finished with one hit, one RBI and two runs scored for the Chargers. Dingwall helped keep innings alive and push the lead out to a bigger margin.

Blake Koep had one hit and one RBI. He had an RBI sacrifice fly in the third inning to increase the lead.

On the mound Colton Breitreutz got the start and threw two shutout innings with three strikeouts and no hits.

Jack Kelly then took the mound and struck out the side in his one inning of pitching.

Aidyn Meissner had three strikeouts in his one inning of pitching in his varsity debut.

Landon Sullivan also pitched

an inning for the Chargers allowing one hit.

Breitreutz gets the nod for the Varsity Player of the Game after helping anchor a dominant team pitching effort. He earned the win with two scoreless innings, did not allow a hit or a walk, and struck out three. In a 13-1 opener, his clean outing helped set the tone for the entire afternoon.

Junior Varsity

The Chargers JV team also opened the season with a win, knocking off Clearbrook-Gonvick 11-7. Brandon-Evansville got contributions throughout the lineup, stayed aggressive on the bases, and answered every Bears push with another quality inning at the plate. It was a strong start for the JV group and a good sign of depth early in the season.

Tayten Nelson was named the JV Player of the Game. He helped key the JV opener with strong all around play in Brandon-Evansville’s 11-7 win over Clearbrook-Gonvick. His steady presence helped keep the offense moving and gave the Chargers a spark in their first victory of the season.

Upcoming contests for the Chargers includes a varsity double-header at Rothsay April 16 at 4 p.m. and a varsity/junior varsity contest in Benson April 18 at noon.



B-E’s Ryder Baune slid head first into home plate for a Charger run April 10.

Renew watercraft registrations before boating season starts

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages boat owners to renew expired watercraft registrations before this year’s boating season.

The DNR urges boat owners to renew online or in person rather than by mail. People can renew in person at a local deputy registrar’s office or at the DNR

PROJECT
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For up to three nights, I-94 will close in both directions and traffic will be temporarily routed around the work area using the ramps. The ramps will close again during the daytime. Hours of operation are still to be determined and will be announced when we get closer to construction starting. When the bridge demolition is complete, the ramps will remain closed 24/7 through October.

Park Construction, based in Minneapolis, is the prime contractor for the \$18.6 million project.

Visit mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy210ramp to learn more about the Highway 210/I-94 west junction project and to sign up for project email updates.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store.

Central Office, 500 Lafayette Road, in St. Paul.

Boat registrations are good for three calendar years. The DNR has details about how to renew watercraft, what information owners need to supply about their watercraft, and registration fees on the DNR website.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need an ASL, a foreign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as braille or large print) for this email or event, please email your request to Janet Miller at ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.



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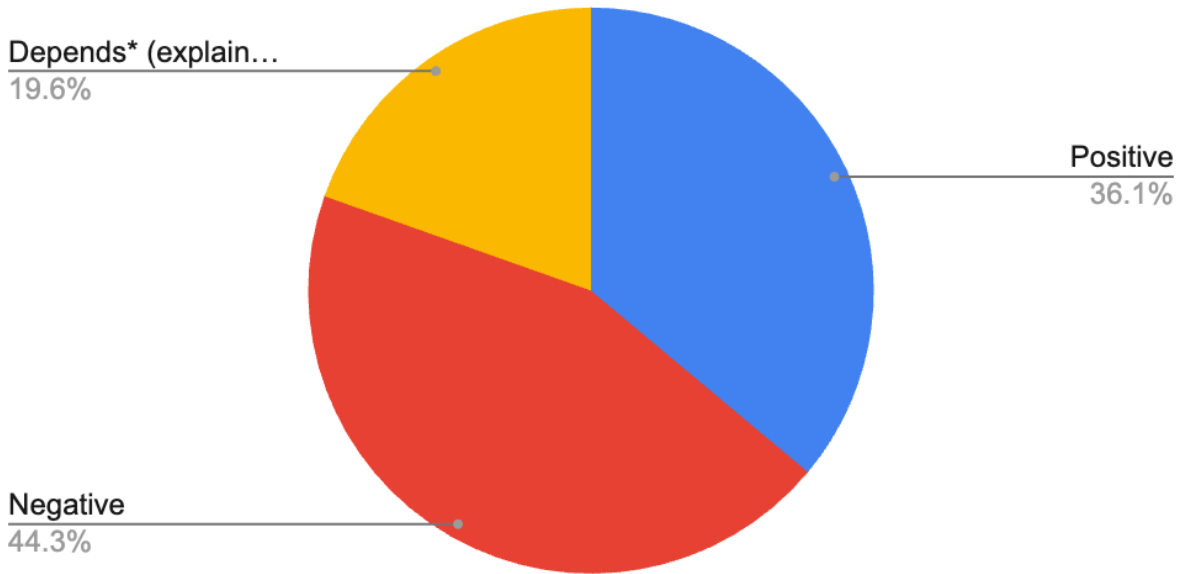
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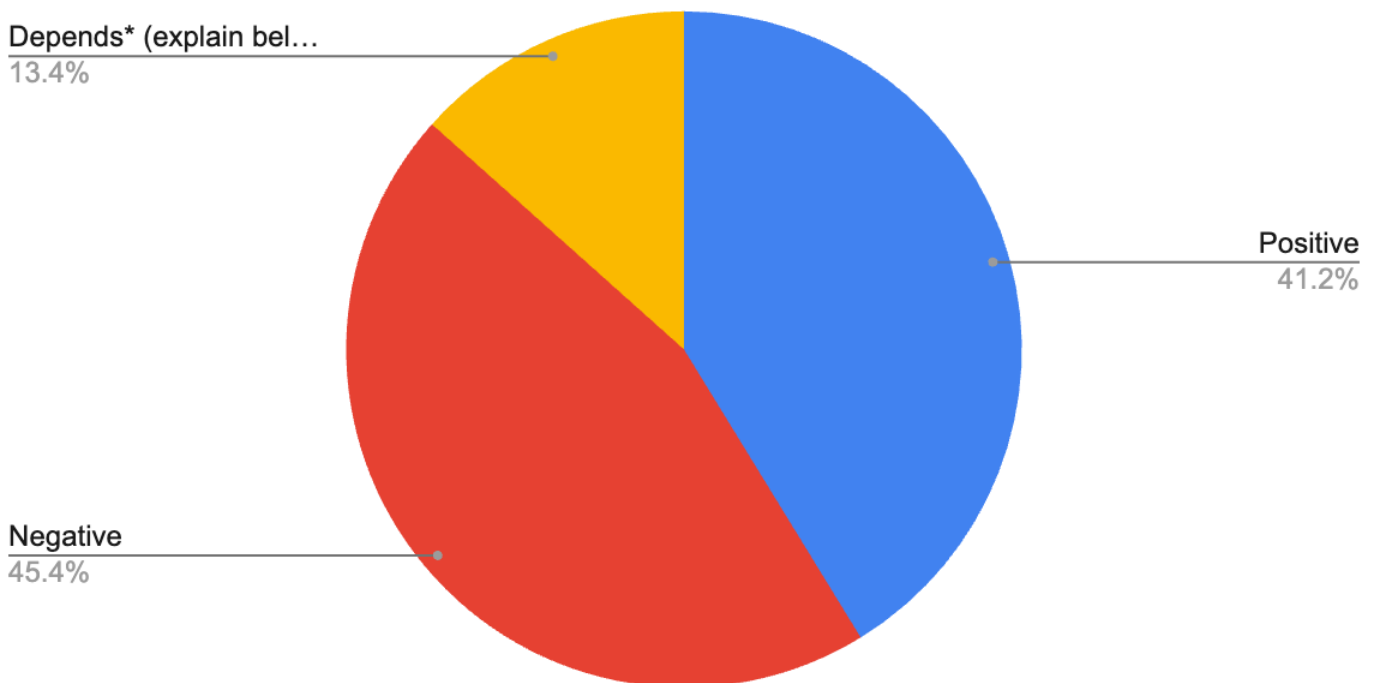
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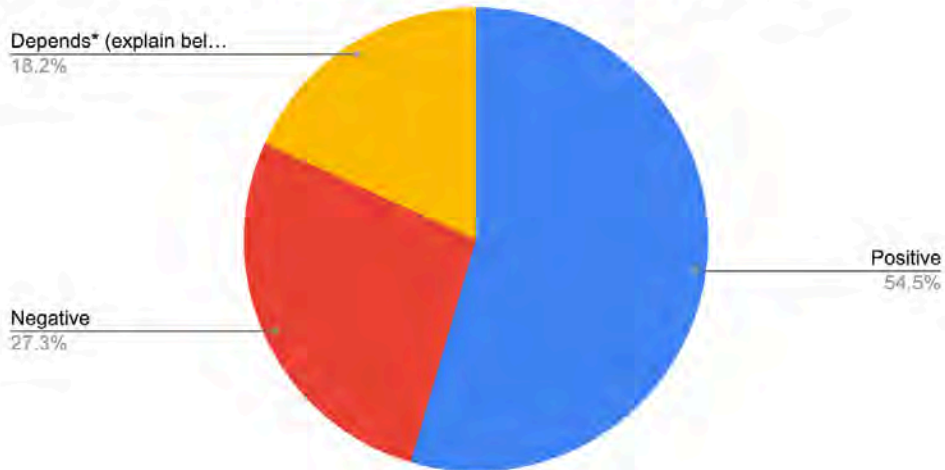


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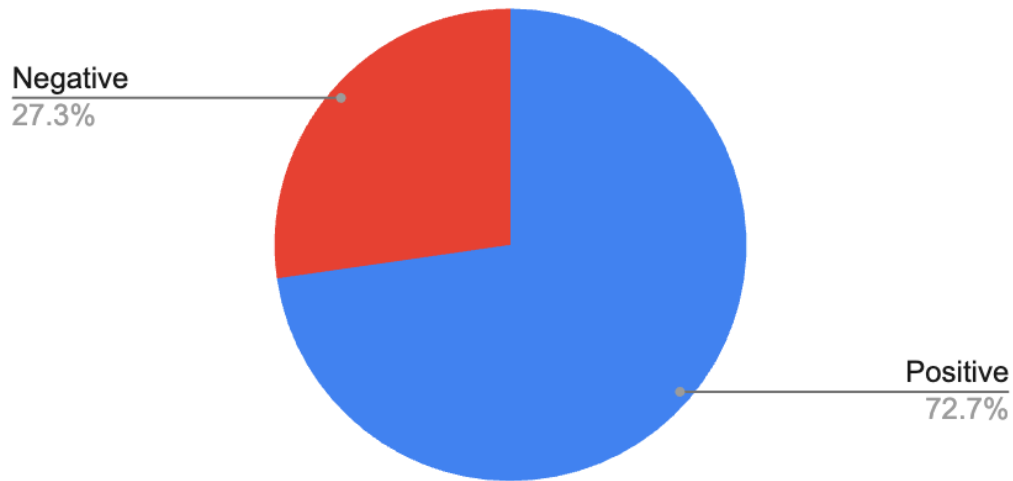
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Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maybe too many students when combined ● Continued consolidation and supporting other districts ● Desire to prioritize Brandon-Evansville students and community identity ● Concerns about increased travel requirements
Depends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High participation numbers may discourage some students from joining ● Impact will vary depending on which athletes participate

COMMUNITY(2)

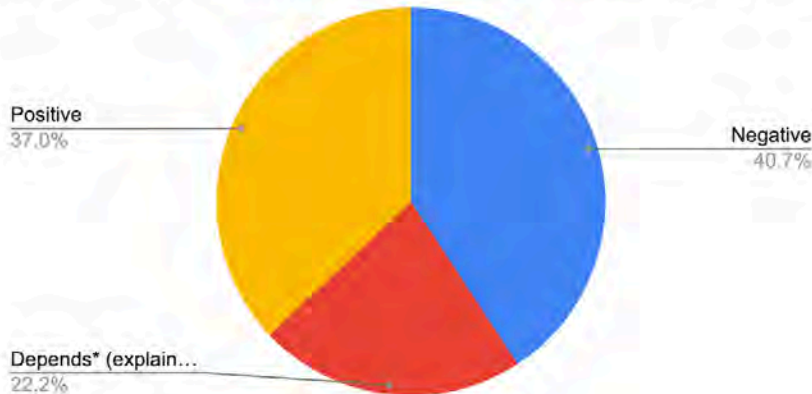
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Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More opportunities for other clubs. ● Need competition to be competitive ● Great way for students to interact ● Opportunity to partner with a community like Ashby should not be missed ● Helps strengthen programs with low participation by increasing numbers ● Larger numbers can improve skill ● More students create more opportunities and options for involvement
Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good how it is. ● Kids all need an opportunity to play, not just sitting on the bench or on the 4th level team with no other teams to play against ● More kids ● Putting other kids before our community
Depends	

Parents (1)

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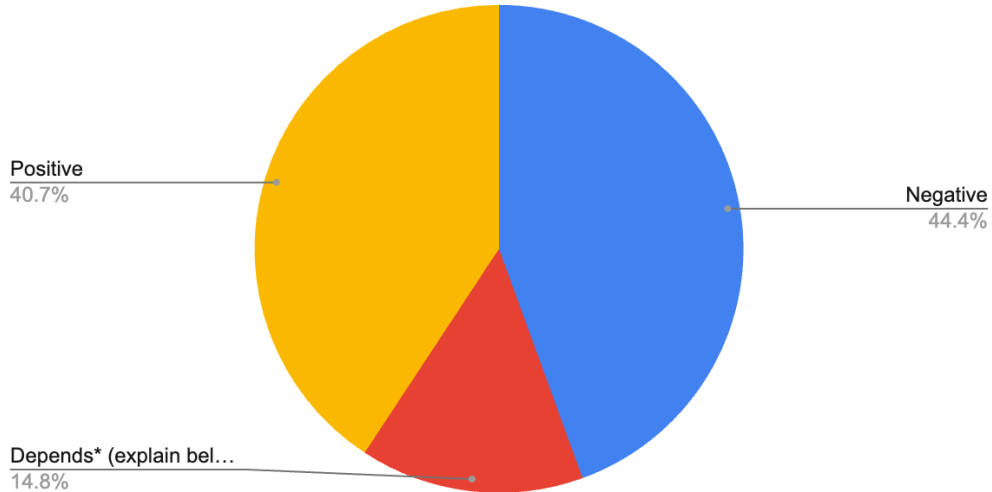


<p>Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More students involved leads to expanded opportunities and program offerings • Increased numbers help sustain small school athletic programs long-term • Pairing allows athletes to compete at appropriate grade and skill levels • Greater participation can improve competitiveness and team success • Encourages athletes to work harder and earn their roles • Provides a more challenging and growth-oriented environment for students • Builds stronger, more competitive teams across sports • Creates opportunities for skill development at appropriate levels • Promotes collaboration and unity between neighboring communities • Students often adapt well and enjoy competing together as one team • Existing partnerships (e.g., summer leagues) show positive collaboration outcomes • Supports multi-sport participation without needing to recruit peers just to field teams • Expands access to coaching and increases the pool of knowledgeable staff • Helps balance participation and competitiveness for a more well-rounded experience • Provides opportunities for success while still allowing broad participation • Encourages student growth, resilience, and commitment through competition
<p>Negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel • Keep in Brandon-Evansville facilities • Belief that B-E has sufficient numbers and does not need to pair • Worry about reduced playing time due to larger team sizes • Concern about loss of small-school benefits: inclusion, confidence, and opportunity • Potential negative impact on team culture, friendships, and student experience • Challenges for families with multiple children in activities at different locations • Concern about loss of school identity and community investment • Belief that pairing may reduce overall enjoyment and “fun” of sports
<p>Depends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel time • Multiple practice/game locations could create scheduling challenges for families • Some support for pairing in certain sports (girls basketball, softball), but not all • Too many numbers • Students being placed on lower-level teams (B/C squads) with limited play time • Families value small-school opportunities • Team Dynamics • Disrupt family routines • Home games in B-E

- Current B-E programs are stable and not in urgent need of pairing for all sports

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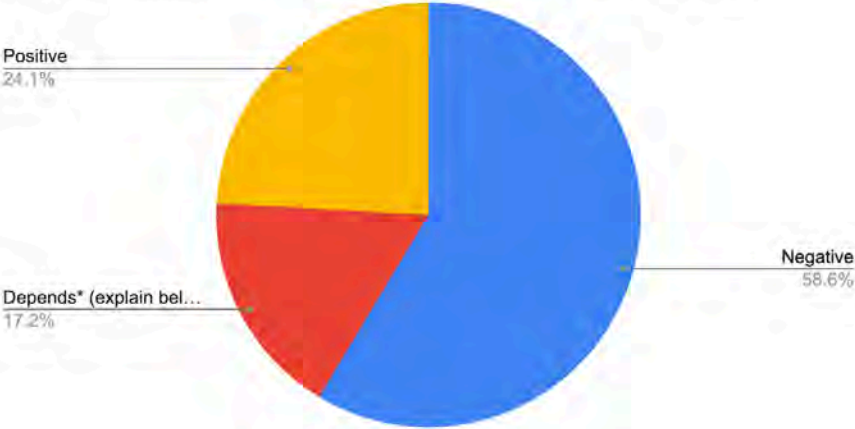


<p>Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased competitiveness can lead to stronger teams and greater success • More participants bring additional resources, funding, and opportunities • Expands opportunities for students both athletically and socially • Encourages relationship-building beyond one's own school/community • Helps students develop collaboration, resilience, and a growth mindset • Promotes accountability • Reduces need to move younger students up too early by allowing more age-appropriate team levels • Provides more stability in programs • Builds a larger, more unified community across districts • Encourages healthy competition that can improve overall athlete development • Provides more balanced and developmentally appropriate experiences for students • Belief that success in athletics can build momentum and improve overall opportunities • Opportunity for students to make new friends and broaden social circles
<p>Negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce playing time and opportunities for participation • Perception that Ashby has a greater need for pairing than Brandon-Evansville • Pride in current B-E • Belief that B-E already offers valuable opportunities • Team dynamics • Increased competitiveness leading to exclusion of non-star athletes • Fear that pairing may lead to more pressure, burnout, and negative experiences • Preference for maintaining small-school advantages like multi-sport participation • Concern that fewer students will try out if competition increases • Belief that current participation numbers in many sports are already sufficient • Loss of school identity and small-town experience
<p>Depends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pairing can create opportunities • Increased numbers can strengthen programs and improve chances for success • Helps ensure activities continue by maintaining enough participants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concern that too many students could lead to reduced playing time ● Worry about students sitting on the bench ● Ongoing concerns about balancing participation with competitiveness ● Adding more participants may require additional coaching time and resources ● Increased travel time ● Questions about facility readiness ● Have to look at the future.
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Students (1)

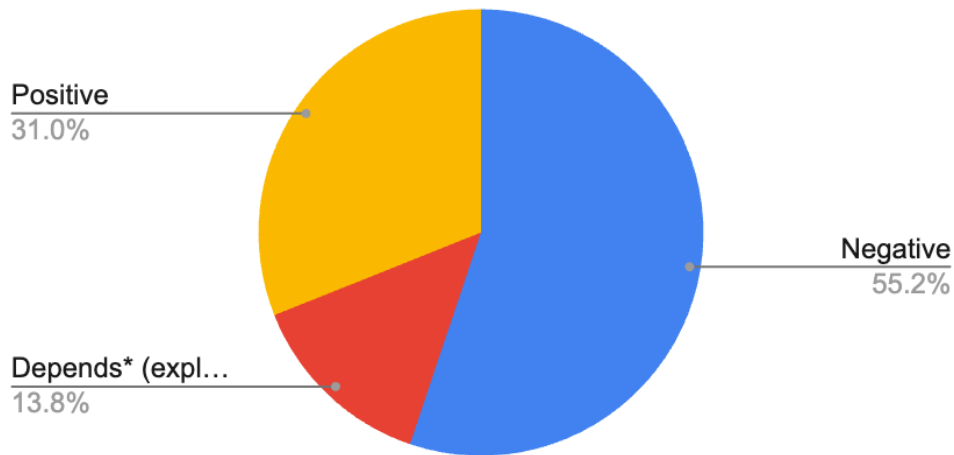
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<p>Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create stronger, more successful teams ● More participants could help strengthen programs ● Recognition that some sports are low on numbers and could benefit from pairing ● Increased competition may push athletes to work harder and improve ● Potential for long-term program growth and development ● Focus on winning, improving performance, and team success ● Belief that pairing could lead to higher achievements (e.g., state competition) ● Positive view of combining communities, including fan support and environment ● Some students see pairing as a fun and beneficial experience overall ●
<p>Negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduce playing time and limit opportunities ● value sports for fun, friendships, and activity—not just competition ● Pressure related to earning/keeping playing time ● Potential for division between B-E and Ashby students ● Travel ● Ashby does not add value to certain programs
<p>Depends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Team dynamics ● Potential stress related to increased competition for playing time ● Some sports may benefit from pairing, while others (e.g., basketball) may already have sufficient numbers ● Mixed feelings—some openness to long-term benefits despite short-term challenges ● Some uncertainty about the decision

Students(2)

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<p>Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More students can create additional opportunities in both academics and athletics • Increased numbers may help sustain programs and expand offerings • Belief that pairing could benefit sports programs both now and in the future • More athletes can lead to more team options and roles for students • Increased competition may push athletes to improve and work harder • Potential for stronger, more successful teams (including higher-level achievements) • Desire for better communication throughout the process • Recognition that some sports currently have low participation numbers • Opportunity for younger students to benefit from stronger programs • Concern that some students may feel frustrated or choose not to participate if pairing occurs
<p>Negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Team dynamics Concern that some students may feel unwelcome or that pairing is not mutually desired • Belief that larger team sizes will lead to less playing time and more students quitting • Concern that less athletic students may be overlooked or discouraged from participating • Frustration with perceived lack of balanced communication about pros and cons • Concern that practice time may be reduced due to travel, impacting development
<p>Depends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that pairing in already high-participation sports could lead to reduced playing time and more students quitting • Team dynamics • Transportation • Don't care what the decision is.