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## Main Street Market tells its story to other rural grocery operators

The National Rural Grocery Summit is held every other year and this year it was held in Fargo, ND.

The event brings together grocery store operators, community leaders, food suppliers, academic researchers, healthy food access stakeholders, policy makers and funders to connect about sustaining locally owned and operated rural grocery stores.

As part of this year's summit, a bus load of participants were driven around to visit small local grocery stores on May 5.

The stops included a co-op in Detroit Lakes, a store in Pelican Rapids and Main Street Market in Evansville. The stops were part of the innovation tour for the event.

Alex and Caileen Ostenson opened Main Street Market in 2020. The store was different from most in that it was

### Decision on new Brandon-Evansville superintendent expected on May 15

The Brandon-Evansville School Board has been going through the process of hiring a new superintendent for the district.

The Board on May 5 held a special meeting to determine the finalists for the position.

The final list included the following:

- Chad Christianson, 7-12 Principal, KMS Public Schools, Kerkhoven, MN
- Corinna Erickson, PreK-12



Alex and Caileen Ostenson talked to 40 visitors from the Rural Grocery Summit on May 5. They explained their operation and how they have made it work.

accessible 24 hours with a membership.

The stop in Evansville for the summit had 40 people crowded

Principal, Breckenridge Public Schools, Breckenridge MN

- Joseph Lamb, former Superintendent, Swan River Elementary School District #4, Big Fork, Montana
- Arthur Meyer, 7-12 Principal, Lake Park Audubon Public Schools, Lake Park, MN
- Joseph Lattimore, High School Principal, Hinckley-Finlayson High School, Hinckley, MN

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into the store to hear Alex and Caileen explain their store and its origins.

They related how they had the idea and then had to put it into practice and also learn

### Evansville Council approves adding firefighters to city personnel policy

The Evansville City Council at its May 11 meeting passed a motion to include the members of the city's fire department to its list of employees covered by the city's employee handbook.

The members were included as employees in years past but a change was made to exclude them from the list.

The change means the members will now be subject to the same rules and regulations as all city employees.

Also at the meeting Joni Lepinski, who is one of the op-

### B-E Board continues to discuss more sports pairings with Ashby

On April 30 the Brandon-Evansville School Board held a work session to continue discussion on more possible sports pairings with the Ashby School District.

Currently the two districts co-op in football, cross country, track and field and also golf, which is also partnered with WCA. Proposals have included pairing all sports and only pairing those which need more participants.

B-E Superintendent Louisa Glenetske said the process will continue with a meeting between the two school boards in June and possibly a decision made later in June.

Both boards have agreed there will be no changes to the

along the way.

They were able to use labor-saving ideas to help make the venture easier to maintain and cut down on the hours needed

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erators of Schatzi's restaurant in Evansville, addressed the council on the need to update the city's playground.

She is also a member of the Evansville Lions Club and said the club is in support of making changes, such as the material which covers the ground at the area.

She said there could be a community fundraising event to cover the costs of the upgrades.

There is no set plan in place but it was estimated a goal of

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current volleyball programs for this upcoming season meaning all fall sports teams will remain as they are now.

A survey was taken by the board in which residents could weigh in on the issue.

Glenetske said there are three positions among people in the district: One group wants to pair in all sports; one group wants no additional pairing; and one group wants more information before deciding what would be best for B-E.

The two districts did co-op the junior high girls basketball programs for the past season.

While there is no set time line, Glenetske said the hope is that a decision on the issue can be made in June by both boards.

**Free! Take One**

Classy Canary Shopper included

Douglas County Sheriff's Blotter

May 7

Lake Oscar - Complainant said there is a chemical smell in the area. Unsure where it is coming from. Could not say if it was a gas smell or not. Could smell smoke in the area, unable to locate source.

Parkers Prairie - 87-year-old male. Possible stroke.

Garfield - School patrol.

Alexandria - 5th degree safety day.

Garfield - Driving complaint. Traveling east bound towards Alexandria. Complainant realized he was in Evansville, not Garfield and that the car was travelling west, not towards

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Date: April 15, 2026

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain Mortgage that was executed by and among Kathryn S. Bartyzal and Brandon Bartyzal, as Mortgages, and Neighborhood National Bank, as Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2024 and recorded, as document number A455960, on April 15, 2024 with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Douglas County, Minnesota.

2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a

3. The maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$91,000.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent both to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage and with all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$97,693.07.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed on the real property legally described as follows:

Lot Five, Block One, Discovery Townhomes, a Common Interest Community, according to the duly recorded plat thereof.

with the following street address and tax parcel identification number:

Street Address: 1516 Will O B Lane NE, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308  
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 63-6151-240

and will be sold by the Sheriff of Douglas County, Minnesota at public auction on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Douglas County Sheriff, 216 Seventh Avenue West, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption by the Mortgages or the Mortgages' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

9. The date on or before which the Mortgages must vacate the property if the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is December 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

10. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS OR THE MORTGAGORS' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 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.

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Neighborhood National Bank  
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## Conditions ripe again for wildfire smoke to drift into Minnesota

Conditions are ripe again for smoke from wildfires in Canada to descend into Minnesota and create poor air quality that can impact Minnesotans' health.

Wildfires are becoming larger and more frequent during the summer months in the United States and Canada, in part due to climate change.

Warmer temperatures and persistent drought conditions make it easy for fires to start and quickly spread out of control. Smoke from these wildfires can travel thousands of miles, and when strong cold fronts move through our region, they pull the smoke down into Minnesota.

While it may produce colorful sunsets, wildfire smoke that reaches the ground can affect our health. Among other pollutants, wildfire smoke contains fine particles that may be harmful to sensitive groups. Those fine particles can cause harm to the respiratory and cardiovascular systems.

Air quality is measured on a color scale called the Air Quality Index. When daily average fine-particle levels reach the orange category, sensitive groups such as children, older adults, and those with respiratory conditions like COPD or asthma may feel the effects. Red, purple, and maroon air quality alerts are not as common, but more serious, with

health effects for everybody and even worse effects for those in sensitive groups. The MPCA issues air quality alerts when its meteorologists expect air quality to be in the orange category or worse.

During an air quality alert, everyone should limit time spent outdoors and reduce or eliminate activities that contribute to air pollution, such as outdoor burning and unnecessary vehicle trips.

Sensitive groups are encouraged to take precautions like limiting time outside, avoiding heavy exercise, and wearing an N95 mask during outdoor activities.

Guidance for pets is similar. When there is an active air quality alert, limit your furry friends' time outside and watch them for signs of distress.

Sign up for daily air quality forecasts and alert notifications via email.

Minnesota's air quality is generally good; we usually have only a handful of "bad air" days as measured by the Air Quality Index. But even pollutant levels that meet standards can affect the health of people in some areas. Healthy air is important for everyone.

Air quality forecasters at the MPCA track wildfire smoke, ozone, and other factors that affect the air we breathe, and

issue alerts when air quality is expected to reach unhealthy levels. See our current air quality page to stay informed. You can also get air quality forecasts for your area and receive air quality alerts by downloading

## "Choose Minnesota" effort launched

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) recently announced the launch of the "Choose Minnesota" initiative, a statewide effort to encourage ongoing support for local businesses and to strengthen Minnesota's economy.

"Small businesses are the backbone of Minnesota's economy, and this year many have faced unprecedented challenges. It's more important than ever for Minnesotans to show up and support the businesses that help our communities thrive," said DEED Commissioner Matt Varilek. "The way Minnesotans came together to support their neighbors has inspired people across the country over the past few months. We show up for each other, and Choose Minnesota is about encouraging people to continue this kind of community building to support local businesses and strengthen our economy."

As part of the initiative, DEED will partner with business owners and other leaders to host a series of roundtables – all of which are open to credentialed members of the press – in communities across the state this summer. These conversations will highlight the challenges and opportunities facing small businesses and identify ways Minnesotans can support local businesses that power local economies. The first roundtable will take place in St. Cloud next Monday, May 11, with additional roundtables

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raising \$150,000 to start would be a good start. Lepinski said there are several businesses which can be contacted to see if they have grants available for playground equipment.

There was no action taken on the issue, just information from Lepinski about what she would like to start with in making the playground better.

During the fire department report a new fill station was discussed as being needed. The cost would be \$2,050. The council approved paying \$1,025 toward the cost with the department paying the other half of the cost.

The department will also be purchasing a bracket to hold the department's leaf blower on the outside of a truck so it doesn't have to take up space inside a vehicle.

The council also heard a report on the city's 2025 audit from Dean Birklund of Carl-

sonSV. The audit gave the city an unqualified opinion, which is the best opinion offered, said Birklund.

Also at the meeting the council approved this year's election judges. They will be Diana Olson, Doreen Hanson, Diane Bukkila and Mary Wright. The council also approved raising the election judge pay from \$15 an hour to \$18 an hour starting with this year's elections.

The council was informed at the meeting there are 53 properties in the city which still need to have their sewer connections inspected as part of the city's project to reduce infiltration and inflow of clear water into the city's sanitary sewer.

It was also approved at the meeting for the city to donate \$600 to the Evansville Community Club for this year's Red, White and Boom celebration. The next meeting of the council will be June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

being planned in communities statewide in the months ahead. The roundtables will also provide an opportunity for business owners to share their experiences and connect with partners and leaders working to support economic resilience in communities across Minnesota.

The Choose Minnesota initiative focuses on the impact of supporting local businesses – from shopping and dining to products, services and experiences – not only as an economic driver, but also as a way to strengthen connections and foster shared pride across the state. By encouraging Minnesotans to support local and neighborhood businesses, the initiative aims to increase foot traffic, boost visibility for small enterprises and reinforce collective investment in local success.

The initiative will also feature online resources and social media engagement designed to help Minnesotans support local businesses, share their experiences and encourage others to take part.

Choose Minnesota serves as a reminder that everyday decisions—like where to shop, dine or do business—have meaningful impacts on local economies. DEED and its partners encourage residents, organizations and businesses to take part in supporting Minnesota's small businesses year-round.

For more information about the Choose Minnesota initiative, visit [mn.gov/deed/choosemn](http://mn.gov/deed/choosemn).

## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Civil Other/Mortgage Foreclosure  
Court File No. 21-CV-25-815  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
UNDER JUDGEMENT  
AND DECREE  
(Real Property)  
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
Amanda K. Thompson fka Amanda K. Pohlmann; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; John Doe and Mary Roe

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a Judgment and Decree entered in the above entitled action on September 22, 2025, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises, hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above entitled action, as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Douglas County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on July 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office, 216 7th Ave W, Alexandria, MN 56308, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment and Decree, to-wit:

All that tract(s) of parcel(s) of land lying and being in the County of Douglas and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 6, Block 2, "Meadowlane", According To The Recorded Plat on File And of Record in The Office of The County Recorder, Douglas County, Minnesota.  
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Parcel ID: 66-0225-000

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Dated this 27th day of April, 2026

Troy Wolbersen, Sheriff,  
Douglas County, Minnesota

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# Now and Then

Excerpts from the Evansville Historical Foundation Archives

“Moments in Bloom” is the theme for National Skilled Nursing Care Week (formerly National Nursing Home Week) 2026 being celebrated this week at The Care Campus. Established in 1967, this annual national observance begins on Mother’s Day. The week, sponsored by the American Health Care Association, honors the role of skilled nursing care centers in providing care to the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

Most people in the Evansville area at some point know or have known someone who had a connection with the nursing home in Evansville. It may have been early on with the Evansville Developers, the construction crew, or working as a Candy Stripper. Perhaps you have known or know someone living in the apartments and/or the nursing home or using its short-term rehabilitation. Maybe it was/is someone working on staff - doctor, nurse, certified nursing assistant, therapist, office staff, kitchen staff, cleaning crew, administration, or volunteers.

Crestview Manor Nursing Home opened in November 1968. Construction was started on the 70-bed nursing home in May 1968. The home was the result of a great community effort – two years of planning and building. The project was started by the Evansville Developers and supported by the

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for all the things which needed to be done in order to keep it open.

Questions included how the store maintains its security when people can use it at all hours of the day.

Alex explained people need a membership to use it after hours and there is a record of who uses their card to open the door. He also added there are many security cameras at the site. Overall, he said theft has not been a problem.

The owners have created Rural Grocery Solutions to help others get started with similar businesses. “We created Rural Grocery Solutions to continue the model and to consult others who want to run a similar store,” said Alex.

Both of them spoke at the summit on May 7th. Their topic was The 24-Hour Rural Grocery: The Future Model for Community Sustainability and Small-Town Growth.

Caileen pointed out grocery stores in small towns are vital for many reasons. “A grocery story in a small town helps sustain the town, keeps groceries affordable and helps support the local economy,” she said.

entire area. At the time Crestview Manor was (and still is) the largest employer in Evansville and it furnished a tremendous need to the community. It was built by Carlson Construction of Evansville. The first owner was Fred Odell, and the Administrator was Dennis Dalen.

In December of 1988, Southview Manor, an apartment complex for seniors, opened for rent. There were twelve double and four single self-contained apartments that shared a large community room, kitchen facilities for group activities, as well as a laundry room for the residents. Bob Henrichs and Roger Holtberg were the original owners and builders.

In the early 1990s a south wing was built adding offices, therapy rooms, beauty shop, and medical clinic. A “Sunset room” was also added to the west end where there is a chapel, a place to visit with family and friends or to sit for quiet reflection.

In 2006 the capacity of the Home was fifty-five beds as people preferred private or semi-private rooms. Crestview at that time had between 60 and 65 employees, and was one of three nursing homes managed by the Foundation for Rural Healthcare. Dale Nibbe was the Administrator. The Home gave and gives many nursing students and nursing assistants an opportunity to start their careers while in high school and/or college.

In 2009, Arlynn and Sue Johnson, seeing a need and wanting to keep the nursing home and assisted living open for the community and for the jobs it creates, bought the facility. The nursing home is licensed for forty beds and has sixteen apartments in senior living. Regarding the future, the Johnsons simply hoped to save jobs, keep the community strong and keep the home and assisted living filled providing the best care possible.

Since 2009 there have been several changes to The Care Campus look with the addition of fourteen units in The Brandon Assisted Living, thirty-two units in the Alex Assisted Living & Memory Care and adding Home Care by The Care Campus. Brandon Borgstrom is the current administrator and since May of 2025 Shawn and Lance Johnson are the owners of the facilities, working to continue the legacy of being “small enough to care about you”.

In reflecting on the last 58 years, I realized how much of an impact Crestview Manor/The Care Campus and Southview Manor/Senior Living could and did have on just one family.... mine. Beginning in 1969 and

as recently as 2025, my family has had a connection. It started with a Candy Stripper, mom working in the activities department, dad involved with construction, great aunts, aunts, uncles, and sister using the care provided, both long and short term. Lastly sisters, niece, and great niece on staff. That’s a whole lot of connection to be grateful for.

This week, while the Care Campus is celebrating Morning Glory Monday, Tulip Tuesday, Wild Rose Wednesday, Thistle Thursday and Floral Friday, consider taking a moment to reflect on your own connections with the Crestview Manor/Care Campus over the years and how it may have impacted your life.

Thank you Crestview Manor/Care Campus for seeing, fulfilling and continuing to fill a need the developers saw 58 years ago and for your positive impact on this community and area.

Summer hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Additional hours are available by appointment.

## Lacy Siira awarded MTA Scholarship

The Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA) is proud to announce that it received 126 scholarship applications from students across Minnesota and one of the top honors is coming right here to our community.

Lacy Jean Siira, Alexandria Area High School has been selected as the recipient of a \$2,000 general scholarship presented by the MTA Foundation. The award was announced by Dave Wolf, of Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Assn. a proud supporter of the scholarship program.

“It’s especially rewarding to see students from our local communities recognized at the state level,” said Wolf. “These scholarships are an investment in the future of our communities.”

The MTA Foundation is part of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance, which represents more than 40 telecommunications companies and cooperatives across Minnesota.



# We Need You!

Take part in the history of Evansville pageant July 5

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Margaritas - \$4

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Pitcher, sm. pizza, \$16

**Any Wine & Whiskey Wednesday**  
Any wine, any whiskey - \$4

**Thirsty Thursday**  
Buckets of domestic beer - 6 for \$20  
Coors, Busch, Bud Lite, Miller Lite, Mich Golden Lite & Ultra

**Finally...Friday**  
Happy Hours: 10 a.m.-Noon • 3-6 p.m. • 9-11 p.m.  
\$3 any canned beer, All Day

**Seltzer Saturday**  
Seltzers \$4.50  
Happy Hours: 3-6 p.m. • 9-11 p.m.



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Alexandria.  
Carlos - Suspicious vehicle. Church parking lot. There is a long gun in a light gray Ford Focus with the back window busted out. Vehicle towed.

Brandon - I-94, mile marker 90. Westbound. Older, light brown pickup all over the road, varying speeds. Caller did not get a plate.

Alexandria - Complainant was hit by a bluish gray BMW and the female driving took off.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for failure to yield right of way.

Alexandria - Public assist. Complainant in the lobby to ask for direction on land issues. Complainant is from out of town, but owns land. People are on her land cutting down trees, making dirt bike tracks, etc. She is wondering what her options are. Advised complainant to speak to neighbors, and to put up no-trespass signs around property. Also advised to contact sheriff's office if they came on property again.

Alexandria - Checked on vehicle. No one around, not a hazard.

Nelson - Traffic stop. Citation for speed, warning on five percent tint.

Nelson - Traffic stop. Citation issued for speed.

Alexandria - Complainant in the lobby to run checks on two firearms before they sell them. Weapon's serial numbers were checked and both were clear.

Brandon - Fire starting in the ditch on the east side. Extinguished by Brandon Fire Department.

Osakis - Male party slumped in the car. Complainant tried pounding on the window and he didn't wake up. Person one arrested for third-degree DWI.

Alexandria - Complainant received a suspicious text message from a California number. Thinks he should report it and talk to a deputy about it. Expects a phone call. Scam text, advised to block number.

Alexandria - Animal complaint. Next door neighbor's dog keeps coming into complainant's yard. Dog was just inside complainant's garage. Complainant has tried contacting her neighbor but she does not respond. Spoke with person one about the complaint and options to keep the dog on her property.

Garfield - Side-by-side riding in the lane of traffic.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Maroon Dodge Ram, no seat belt.

Alexandria - Complainant has been trying to get a hold of person one since Monday with no answer. Last spoke to person one on Friday. Complainant states their 14-year-old sister lives with person one but sister is declining the calls. Person one called complainant while was on phone with her, all okay.

Osakis - Rolling domestic. Male party states there is a female in his car who is biting and hurting him. Line disconnected before anything more could be gathered.

Garfield - I-94, mile marker 94. Eastbound. Warning for speed, citation for no proof of insurance.

**May 8**

Alexandria - Domestic. Physical domestic. Person two arrested for threats of violence.

Alexandria - Threats. Complainant states that his ex's boyfriend, person one, told him he's going to cause an issue with him every time he comes to the cities to pick up his kid. Complainant wants it documented. Civil issue, documented.

Milona - School patrol.

Osakis - Animal complaint. Got a call of a cow in the road just south of location. Single black cow was outside the fence at address. Appeared to be someone trying to get it in the fence.

Alexandria - Complainant has had three attempts to access her bank account. Fraud scam, advised to contact bank. Not out any money.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Complainant states that trucks hauling down the roads are creating a dust cloud so big drivers can't see. Spoke to gravel pit owner who stated he can't do anything about it. Left message for township and country public works to see if they could spray chloride as soon as possible.

Alexandria - Postal service truck hit a dog, needing a report, dog owners are there.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for display, expired registration.

Carlos - Medical call. 85-year-old female has fallen, very weak.

Alexandria - Propane tank leaking. Valve is shut off but still leaking.

Alexandria - Call came in about someone having a burn that looked like it was out of control. Caller said on the phone that it was under control. County is in a no-burn area.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Male on a bike crossed the road in front of her. She almost hit him. Last seen headed westbound on C.R. 82, wearing a grayish flannel. Multiple males riding bike in the area, none with gray flannel.

Alexandria - Medical call. 85-year-old female fell, possibly broken leg, cannot move leg.

Alexandria - Burning complaint. Elderly female is burning in an open lot across the street from location. Not in a pit. Douglas County is in a no-open burn restriction. Property owner will put fire out.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Citation issued for speed, no insurance, expired registration, no motorcycle endorsement and unsafe passing.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Tint, windshield tint and unreasonable acceleration. Cited for unsafe passing.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Tint, windshield tint and unreasonable acceleration. Cited for side tint.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Bunch of vehicles revving their engine. Monitored vehicles as they were leaving the park.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for stop sign, side window tint and windshield brow.

Alexandria - Green Chevy Cruze broke down on the shoulder, not a hazard, arranging pickup for the morning. Call passed onto state patrol.

**May 9**

Alexandria - Complainant is aware he has a warrant and has some questions about it and wants to know if he can trade information to get it quashed. Person one advised of his warrants and how to get them taken care of.

Alexandria - Complainant would like an escort to check on rental property. Person two rents there and complainant does not feel comfortable going there. Also has questions on the eviction process. Complainant is leaving from the Cities. Explained eviction process and advised it was a civil issue.

Carlos - Medical call. 70-year-old female, extremely weak and shaking.

Carlos - Domestic. Complainant called and stated an argument between her and person two. He is on foot in Carlos and on drugs. While

on the phone she denied help. Call transferred. Verbal argument only. Person two left on foot. Person one was provided Someplace Safe information.

Alexandria - Caller says she was assaulted by her daughter.

Alexandria - Complainant states two children in a white inboard boat are having motor

problems. They are currently by shore north of access. Complainant spoke to their mom at the access and she is aware and will try to get them. Asked complainant if he had a boat in the water to help. He or his neighbors do not. Complainant called back, they got the boat going.

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THE MILLERVILLE TOWNSHIP meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at Millerville Fire Hall.

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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](mailto: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 [hزابroski@yahoo.com](mailto:hزابroski@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.

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

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

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

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

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

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 nine downs Browerville, Hancock, falls to B-B-E

The Brandon-Evansville baseball team took part in the B-B-E Wood Bat Tournament May 8 and 9.

In the opening contest May 8 the Chargers took on Browerville.

B-E scored a single run in the bottom of the first when Blake Koep grounded out to score a run.

In the second stanza B-E put six on the board. Landon Sullivan doubled, scoring one run. Two errors each resulted in a run for the Chargers. Evan Dingwall then doubled in two runs with Jack Kelly singling in another run for a 7-0 lead.

A home run by Aidyn Meissner scored two in the third inning. In the fourth frame a homer by Bryce Froemming scored three runs.

Browerville scored one run in the third but was shut down the rest of the way for a 12-1 Charger win.

Meissner started on the mound for B-E with 11 strikeouts. He allowed two hits and five walks. Sawyer Chlian pitched one inning for B-E with no hits and one strikeout. Ethan Schulz took the loss for Browerville. He had four strikeouts.

B-E had nine hits in the game. Froemming had three RBI with two hits. Sullivan also had two hits for the Chargers.

“The players adjusted well to swinging wood bats for the first time this year and it was fun to see Aidyn Meissner and Bryce Froemming hit home runs. Defensively the strong winds caused some havoc, but were able to keep damage to

a minimum. Aidyn Meissner was in command on the hill, turning in another quality start which took pressure off the defense,” said B-E Coach Brian Perleberg.

### B-B-E 3, Chargers 0

The Chargers next contest May 8 was against B-B-E.

Perleberg said the Jaguars were just a bit stronger than the Chargers in this contest.

The contest was scoreless until the bottom of the third when B-B-E’s Aiden Mueller doubled to drive in a run. The Jaguars added two runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Sullivan took the loss for B-E with eight strikeouts, three hits and two walks. Mueller had 17 strikeouts for B-B-E with no walks.

Kelly, Dingwall and Koep each collected one hit for B-E.

This was the first loss of the season for the Chargers.

“This game was dominated by the starting pitchers who were really hard on the hitters. Both Mueller and Sullivan got stronger as the game went along and I thought Sullivan pitched extremely well against a strong B-B-E team. Aiden Mueller was on top of his game and dominated the strike zone. He got into a groove and was throwing hard. We did have an opportunity in the first and last innings with runners in scoring position, but just couldn’t get a clutch hit. It was really a fun game to coach even though we ended up on the short end,” Perleberg said.

### B-E 12, Hancock 1

The bottom of the lineup

came through for the Chargers against Hancock on May 9.

Sullivan, Sam Seifert and Ryder Baune combined for five of the team’s eight hits in the win. The trio scored five runs and drove in five.

Baune had three hits in the contest with singles in the third, sixth and fifth innings.

B-E scored four in the second, two in the third, four in

the fifth and two in the sixth.

Hancock score their only run of the contest in the third inning.

Kelly earned the win for the Chargers. He had eight strike outs with three hits and two walks.

Thoennes threw one inning of shutout ball for the Chargers in relief with three strikeouts, one hit and no walks.

“The guys bounced back

today after a tough loss last night and got the bats going in the early innings and ran the pads well. Jack Kelly got the start on the mound and was in control of his pitches and threw efficiently while collecting 8 Ks,” said the coach.

B-E is now 15-1 on the year. The next contest for the team will be May 14 against WCA in Barrett at 5 p.m.



### BRANDON-EVANVILLE SOFTBALL

The Brandon-Evansville softball team has been continuing with its schedule. Above Abby Knutson pitched for the Chargers during the team’s contest with LP-GE May 7. The Chargers won the contest 6-0. B-E also recently defeated Rothsay twice, 9-4 and 25-8; and Otter Tail Central 10-7. The team’s next contest will be May 14 at Parkers Prairie at 4:30 p.m.

## MDA urges care when transporting items

With spring fieldwork underway, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is urging farmers, commercial applicators, ag retailers, and common carriers to take extra care when transporting agricultural products, goods, and commodities on public roads. Overturned tanks, unsecured loads, and roadway spills have the potential to put people, property, and water resources at risk.

One-third of spill and accident reports—whether it’s fertilizer, milk, or livestock—occur during the transport and transfer of agricultural goods from one place to another. Even small spills can result in economic loss for producers, threaten nearby waterways, or create hazardous conditions for agri-business employees and emergency first responders.

“Driving and operating farm equipment are among the most dangerous activities many of us do every day,” said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen. “Being mindful of the task at hand and spending a few extra minutes securing a load, checking equipment, and slowing down while driving can minimize the

risk of rollovers and spills that can lead to serious injury and severe environmental impacts.”

Safety Tips for Transporting and Transferring Ag Products

- Drive defensively — Reduce speed, allow extra stopping distance, and use caution on gravel roads, curves, and field approaches.

- Don’t be distracted — Pay attention to your surroundings and the task you are working on while loading and unloading tanks, trucks, and trailers

- Know your spill plan — Carry absorbent materials, personal protective equipment, and emergency contact information, including the Minnesota Duty Officer.

- Secure all containers — Fasten totes, minibulks, and drums so they don’t shift, tip, or detach during transport.

- Inspect equipment before leaving the yard — Disengage your spreader, check hoses, valves, tank lids, pumps, and trailer hitches for wear, leaks, or loose fittings.

- Use proper placards when required — Follow state and federal hazardous materials rules for labeling, signage, and

documentation.

- Avoid overfilling — Leave headspace in tanks to reduce sloshing, spills, and pressure-related leaks.

### If a Spill Occurs

Everyone transporting agricultural chemicals must follow Minnesota’s spill reporting requirements. Spills that have the potential to threaten human health or the environment must be reported immediately to the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798.

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# Commissioners proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month

**By Julie Anderson Public Information Officer**

Men and women, dressed in green, filled several rows at the May 5 Douglas County Board Meeting held in Alexandria. They were there to hear commissioners proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the county. Community Human Services Director Tabitha Kremmin asked for the proclamation which reads in part, "...scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives". The proclamation is intended to increase public awareness of mental illness.

Becky Schmitz, executive director of the Vikingland Community Support Program, also told the commissioners about the initiative to paint the town green from May 11 – 15. Businesses and organizations will decorate their buildings and people will wear green to show support for the issue of mental health awareness. The week concludes with a walk from Vikingland Community Support, located at 1106 Broadway

Street, to Alexandria City Hall on Friday May 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can enjoy a light lunch together and learn about a range of mental health services to help adults build the skills they need to live independently and thrive in their communities.

### IT Department

Douglas County will now participate in the Minnesota Cyber Response Team. IT Director Brent Birkland explained to the board how this statewide multi-county-led team will ensure a faster and more coordinated response when a cybersecurity incident unfolds. The team is supported by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and offers counties immediate, informed guidance when needed most.

### Hospice of Douglas County

The annual Hospice of Douglas County butterfly release event will take place on the courthouse lawn August 11. The county board approved the request from Horizon Public Health which hosts this event to honor past patients served by the hospice program. The event is open to all community members. It will begin at 5:30

p.m. that evening and last about an hour.

### Land and Resource Management

The board approved several items previously recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission.

A diesel truck and equipment repair business called Chance Truck Repair will be allowed to locate south of I-94 in Orange Township. The permit will allow outdoor storage, parking of trucks and the display of vehicles for sale.

Commissioner Charlie Meyer expressed concern about fluids leaking from the vehicles, reminding those in attendance this area is the top of a watershed. Director Dave Rush assured him the permit addressed those concerns.

Joshua Peterson applied for and received a conditional use permit to allow chickens on his property. This permit is required because the property is located within the General Development Shoreland district of Lake Osakis. Peterson will be allowed to have no more than 25 chickens which must always remain in a coop or fenced area. No roosters will be allowed.

The board also approved

a permit to allow horses and chickens on land owned by Billy and Dana Pazdernik. The land is in Ida Township and is located within the Residential and Residential Shoreland zoning district. The board permitted up to 4 animal units (horses) and no more than 25 chickens

or other fowl. Rush included in the information to the board, neighbors' letters of concern regarding both projects.

The next board meeting will be held May 19 at 9 a.m. at the Administration Building located at 821 Cedar Street Alexandria.

## Ag employers trying to figure out how Paid Leave program works

Minnesota's new Paid Leave program is officially underway, and agricultural employers across the state are working to understand what the law means for their farms, seasonal labor, and reporting requirements. While many producers are exempt from Unemployment Insurance (UI), they are not exempt from Minnesota Paid Leave, and that distinction is catching some by surprise this spring.

The program, which launched January 1, 2026, requires any employer with W-2 workers to register for a Paid Leave account and begin quarterly wage reporting. That includes farms with only a few seasonal employees, family members on payroll, or township supervisors paid through the farm business.

### A New Requirement for Ag Employers

Because most farms do not meet UI thresholds, they must create a Paid-Leave-ONLY account through the state's employer portal. Registration requires basic business information: FEIN, entity type, first date of wages, and number of employees, and takes only a few minutes once employers know which selections to make.

Quarterly reporting is also required, even if a farm paid zero wages during that quarter. Smaller operations can enter wages manually, while larger farms can upload a simple .csv or .txt file exported from payroll software.

### Why It Matters

The Paid Leave program pro- See LEAVE, page 8.

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David M. Nelson and Judith J. Johnson, Plaintiffs,  
-vs-

Lawrence J. Geris, Frances J. Geris, (aka Frances J. Nelson, Frances J. Hendershott), Archie M. Nelson, (aka Archie Nelson), R. E. Von Der Heide, Mary Ann Von Der Heide, Warren Walters, La Rae Walters, Martha Nelson, James V. Sater and Debra J. Sater, Brian W. Whitting, Sam R. Allen, Jr., Allen Enterprises, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, Gregory R. Dvorsak and Suzanne M. Dvorsak, Cheryl B. Larson, as Trustee of Cheryl B. Larson Trust, Dennis Kashmark and Sandra Kashmark, Keith Nadgwick and Lana Nadgwick, State of Minnesota, Township of LaGrande and all such other unknown heirs of all of said Defendants and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

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**6. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Com-

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thence continuing North 25 degrees 24 minutes 03 seconds East along the northwesterly line of said Lot 5, a distance of 46.58 feet to a 1" iron pipe, said 1" iron pipe being the monumented southerly most corner of the land as described in Document No. 79550;  
thence North 78 degrees 11 minutes 03 seconds West along the monumented southwestly line of said land as described in Document No. 79550, distance of 331.25 feet to a 1/2" rebar marked RLS 51816;  
thence North 24 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds West, 181.33 feet to the monumented southeasterly line of the land as described in Document No. 283978;  
thence South 61 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West along said

monumented southeasterly line of the land as described in Document No. 283978 and along the monumented southeasterly line of the land as described in Document No. 98536, a distance of 181 feet more or less to the waterline of Nelson Lake;  
thence southwestly along said waterline of Nelson Lake, 144 feet more or less to the north line of aforesaid "BASSWOOD SHORE, 1st ADDITION";  
thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds East along said north line of "BASSWOOD SHORE, 1st ADDITION", 316 feet more or less to the point of beginning.  
The tract contains 3.05 acres more or less subject to a 66.00 foot existing public road easement over that portion thereof (Vonderheide Drive SW), and further subject to other easements, reservations or restrictions of record, if any.

**Exhibit B**

That part of Government Lot 3 of Section 33, Township 128 North, Range 38 West, Douglas County, Minnesota, described as follows:  
Commencing at a 1/2" iron pipe at the northeast corner of "BASSWOOD SHORE, 1st ADDITION", according to the recorded plat thereof;  
thence South 01 degrees 29 minutes 27 seconds West assumed bearing along the east line of said "BASSWOOD SHORE, 1st ADDITION", 479.91 feet to a point on the monumented southerly line of the land as described in Document No. 468390, said point being the point of beginning of the land to be described;  
thence continuing South 01 degrees 29 minutes 27 seconds West along said east line of "BASSWOOD SHORE, 1st ADDITION", 376.12 feet to the northerly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-19, according to the recorded plat thereof, thus;  
thence North 86 degrees 22 minutes 50 seconds East 33.21 feet;  
thence South 01 degrees 29 minutes 23 seconds West 25.10 feet;  
thence North 86 degrees 22 minutes 50 seconds East 21.54 feet;  
thence northeasterly along a tangential curve concave to north having a radius of 2789.79 feet, central angle 03 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds, and an arc length of 168.67 feet;  
thence North 07 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West, not tangent to last described curve, 5.00 feet;  
thence northeasterly along a non-tangential curve concave to the north having a radius of 2784.79 feet, central angle of 00 degrees 36 minutes 33 seconds, arc length of 29.60 feet, the chord bears North 82 degrees 36 minutes 44 seconds East, 29.60 feet to the west line of Lot 6, Block One, IONA WOODS, according to the recorded plat thereof;  
thence leaving said northerly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 21-19, North 01 degrees 27 minutes 44 seconds East along said west line of Lot 6, Block One, IONA WOODS, 366.41 feet to aforesaid monumented southerly line of the land as described in Document No. 468390;  
thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 01 seconds West along said monumented southerly line of the land as described in Document No. 468390, a distance of 250.29 feet to the point of beginning.  
The tract contains 2.21 acres more or less subject to an existing public road easement over the westerly portion thereof (Vonderheide Drive SW), and further subject to other easements, reservations or restrictions of record, if any.  
Publish May 14, 21, 28, 2026

**LEAVE**  
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vides up to 12 weeks of medical leave and 12 weeks of family leave for eligible workers. For farms, this means:

- Employees may take leave for childbirth, adoption, caregiving, or serious health conditions
- Employers must maintain job protection for workers with 90+ days of service
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For many producers, the biggest challenge is simply navigating a brand-new system during an already busy season.

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# Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Civil Other/Mortgage Foreclosure  
Court File No. 21-CV-25-815  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
UNDER JUDGEMENT  
AND DECREE  
(Real Property)  
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
Amanda K. Thompson fka Amanda K. Pohlmann; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; John Doe and Mary Roe  
Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a Judgment and Decree entered in the above entitled action on September 22, 2025, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises, hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above entitled action, as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Douglas County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on July 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office, 216 7th Ave W, Alexandria, MN 56308, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment and Decree, to-wit:

All that tract(s) of parcel(s) of land lying and being in the County of Douglas and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:  
Lot 6, Block 2, "Meadowlane", According To The Recorded Plat on File And of Record in The Office of The County Recorder, Douglas County, Minnesota.  
Address: 508 Central Ave N, Brandon, MN 56315  
Parcel ID: 66-0225-000

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Dated this 27th day of April, 2026

Troy Wolbersen, Sheriff,  
Douglas County, Minnesota  
By: /s/ Kevin Wiseman  
Kevin Wiseman #229  
(Print name and title)  
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE PLLP  
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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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The resource page includes explanations of UI exemptions, how to select the correct business type during registration, and what to expect when filing quarterly wage reports.

**A Practical First Step**

For farms preparing for planting, calving, or seasonal hiring, now is the time to get set up in the system.

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# New legislation will improve lives of Safe at Home Program participants

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon is highlighting new bipartisan legislation that will improve the lives of more than 5,000 Minnesotans who participate in the state's Safe at Home Program.

The Safe at Home Program helps people who fear for their safety keep their home address confidential by providing a P.O. Box for participants to use as their legal address. The program forwards participants' first-class mail and accepts service of process on their behalf while securely protecting their home address.

Passed with unanimous support in the Minnesota House and Senate, HF 3676 updates existing law to strengthen protections for minors and further prevent the disclosure of a participant's address. The updated legislation:

- Defines who may act as a guardian when enrolling a minor and ensures emancipated minors can apply independently.
- Codifies the existing staff practice of requiring documentation of guardianship, to promote consistency and accountability.
- Requires written judicial findings, notifying the Office of the Secretary of State when such findings are made, and allowing time for review or intervention before a participant's address is publicly disclosed.
- Increases penalties for harmful disclosures.
- Adds anti-discrimination protections for participants.
- Improves state agency coordination by requiring agencies to designate a Safe at Home point of contact.
- Reduces barriers for participants by allowing Safe at Home cards to be used as proof of residency for Minnesota IDs, driver's licenses, and REAL IDs.
- Enhances judicial understanding of the program through required trainings.
- "Safe at Home is truly a life-saving service for so many of the participants," said Secretary

Simon. "These common-sense reforms give further support and peace of mind to Minnesotans and their families who fear for their safety at home. We are grateful to Representative Jim Nash and Senator Doron Clark for championing this important legislation."

"These new changes are an important improvement for our program to ensure it continues to be highly effective for Minnesotans in need," said Dianna Umidon, Director of Safe at Home. "The Minnesota legislature has always been a strong partner in protecting our participants and we are grateful for their continued support."

HF 3676 passed the Minnesota House on April 20, 2026 with a vote of 134-0. The legislation passed the Minnesota Senate on April 28, 2026 with a vote of 66-0.

Safe at Home was created

## Walz signs bill to modernize landline telephone regulation

On May 7, Governor Tim Walz signed HF 4052 into law, representing the first major modernization of Minnesota's landline telephone regulatory structure in more than 40 years.

The legislation updates a regulatory framework originally developed long before the emergence of robust telephone competition and evolving communications technologies. HF 4052 reflects the changing realities of the telecommunications marketplace while maintaining consumer protections and regulatory oversight.

"This legislation is an important first step in bringing Minnesota's telecommunications regulations into the modern era," said Brent J. Christensen, President/CEO of MTA. "The regulatory structure governing landline telephone service has remained largely unchanged for decades, despite dramatic

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• Tim Godfrey, Superintendent, Red Rock Central Public Schools, Lamberton, MN.

"We are encouraged by the strong pool of candidates interested in serving in our district. We look forward to interviewing the six highly qualified individuals as we work to identify the right leader to guide our district forward and continue our commitment to a small school environment with big opportunities," said B-E Board Chair Jana Anderson.

The Board held a special meeting May 8 to narrow down the field of candidates.

At the meeting the Board decided to invited two candidates for a final interview. The Board asked back Lamb and Christian for an interview May 12.

"After interviewing six highly qualified candidates, we

are confident in our ability to identify the next superintendent for our district. We look forward to our second interviews next week as we continue the process of selecting the individual best suited to support our students, staff, and communities while advancing the vision and goals of our district" said Anderson.

The plan is to approve a contract with one of the two remaining candidates at a special meeting at 7 a.m. May 15.

The new superintendent will begin his position July 1. A transition workshop is also planned with a time and date to be determined.

The next regular meeting of the board will be May 18 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Brandon School.

in 2007 to serve Minnesotans with the most serious public safety threats. In nearly all cases, participants must relocate at their own expense to successfully enroll in the program. Most often, participants of the program are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Judges, police officers, and other public officials are also eligible for the program due to professional safety concerns.

As of December 31, 2025, a total of 5,351 Minnesotans were enrolled in the Safe at Home Program. Nearly half of all participants are children. Safe at Home is a private sector-government partnership that uses state resources to recruit, train, and monitor the application work of application assistants. Application assistants are victim advocates who

are employed by community-based organizations throughout Minnesota. Every county in Minnesota, as well as the Mille Lacs and Leech Lake reservations, is served by a Safe at Home Application Assistant. As of

December 31, 2025, Safe at Home had partnerships with 100 different community-based organizations and 405 individual application assistants.

Learn more about Safe at Home in the January 2025 Annual Report to the Legislature.

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## Sports schedule

- May 14**  
Golf vs OTC, 11 a.m.  
BB, V, JV at WCA, 5 p.m.  
Jr. Hi BB vs WCA at Kensington, 4:30 p.m.  
SB, V, Jr. Hi at Parkers Prairie, 5 p.m.
- May 18**  
Golf at Tipsinah Mounds, 10 a.m.
- May 19**  
BB, V, Jr. Hi, JV vs Parkers Prairie, 5 p.m.
- May 21**  
JV BB at Henning, 4:30 p.m.  
BB, V, Jr. Hi at Henning, 6:30 p.m.
- May 22**  
Track and field sub-section, Minnewaska, 3 p.m.

## Car wash

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## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 21-PR-26-637  
Estate of William Jacob Cox Johnson,  
Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on \*June 8, 2026, at 4:00 pm, a hearing will be held in

this Court at Douglas County, Alexandria, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of John Widmark on behalf of Payee Central Diversified, Inc., whose address is PO Box 1368, Alexandria, Minnesota, 56308 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the 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 Estate.

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: 4-27-26  
BY THE COURT  
/s/ Michelle L. Clark  
Judge of District Court  
Kim Peterson  
Court Administrator  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Thomas P. Klecker  
Thornton, Dolan, Bowen, Klecker & Burkhammer, P.A.

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## Public notice

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

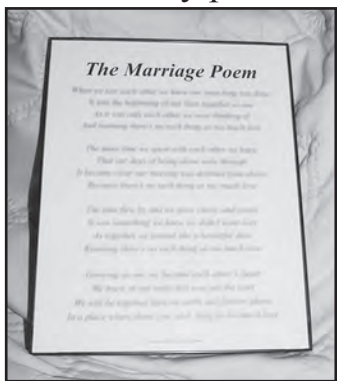
ASSUMED NAME:  
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PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
12655 County Road 27 SW, Farwell, MN 56327.

APPLICANT(S):  
Sumac Farm and Wellness Center,  
12655 County Road 27 SW, Farwell, MN 56327.

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

Chad Runge, President  
April 16, 2026  
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## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.: 21-PR-26-644

In Re: Estate of Kenneth Vaughn Knauf a/k/a Kenneth V. Knauf a/k/a Kenneth Knauf a/k/a Ken Knauf, Decedent.

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on \*June 8, 2026, at 4:00 pm, 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 Kelly D. Gullickson and William R. Gullickson, whose address is 603 8th Avenue Northeast, Rice, Minnesota, as co-personal representatives of the Decedent's estate, with authority to act independently, 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 co-personal representatives 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 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: 4-27-26  
/s/ Michelle L. Clark  
Judge of District Court  
Kim Peterson  
Court Administrator  
Attorney Nicholas T. Adams,  
#0401142  
Pemberton Law  
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Our File No.: 2025-6063.444/cw  
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## Public notice

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

ASSUMED NAME:

DaLo Wine.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
10761 Big Chippewa Road NW,  
Brandon, MN 56315.

APPLICANT(S):  
Cork Hopper Wine, LLC, 10761 Big Chippewa Road NW, Brandon, MN 56315.

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

Donald A. Wilcox  
Publish May 7, 14, 2026

## 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 28, 2006  
MORTGAGOR: Lisa M Boots, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 6, 2006 Douglas County Recorder, Document No. A 280738.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated March 8, 2013 Recorded March 13, 2013, as Document No. 355975.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1021 Bryant Street, Alexandria, MN 56308

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 631752000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The South 60 feet of Lot Four (4), Block Five (5), Hick's Third Addition to Alexandria, according to the plat and survey thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Douglas County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Douglas  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,500.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$71,380.52

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 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Sheriffs 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 twelve (12) 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 July 2, 2027, 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 17, 2026  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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# Lac qui Parle WMA Birding Tour is now live

The birds are calling at Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has a new guide to viewing them.

The Lac qui Parle WMA Birding Tour is now live, including an online interactive GIS map. The self-guided tour includes 14 points running along Lac qui Parle and Marsh lakes.

“Lac qui Parle and the surrounding network of publicly accessible habitat is a premier destination for birders in Minnesota,” said Mike Worland, Minnesota DNR regional non-game wildlife specialist. “This same landscape is part of a globally recognized Important Bird Area, underscoring its critical role in conserving birds and their habitats.”

The interactive map includes individual birding points that come with descriptions of the locations, the birds that can be seen, and links to navigation directions. Users can navigate to any of the 14 points directly,

or they can follow one of two pre-prepared routes that span seven points each.

At 33,500 acres, Lac qui Parle is one of the largest WMAs in the state of Minnesota, filled with beautiful prairie, lakes and natural landscapes.

“This birding route is meant to draw nature lovers of all kinds,” Worland said. “It serves as a means of discovery of new, amazing places to go birding and to just enjoy nature in southern Minnesota.”

A tremendous diversity of birds can be viewed on the route, both during migration and breeding seasons. The two lakes and surrounding prairies include a variety of waterfowl species, water birds, grassland birds, and more. Marsh Lake is home to many thousands of great white American pelicans in the spring and summer, the largest colony in the state.

Find a handout and learn more about the Lac qui Parle WMA Birding Tour at the Lac qui Parle WMA webpage. With

questions or feedback related to the tour, reach out to the area wildlife office at lacquiparle.wildlife@state.mn.us.

## More about WMAs and Birding

In 2026, the Minnesota DNR is celebrating the 75th anniversary of WMAs in the state. WMAs are part of Minnesota’s outdoor recreation system and are established to protect those lands and waters that have a high potential for wildlife production, public hunting, trapping, fishing and other compatible recreational uses. They are the backbone to the DNR’s wildlife management efforts.

Birding continues to be a popular and growing activity for outdoor recreation users in Minnesota. In addition to WMAs and state forests, Minnesota state parks provide and preserve a variety of bird habitats, from the bogs of Lake Bemidji State Park to the prairies of Blue Mounds State Park. Learn more on the DNR website.

## DNR encourages people to report dead fish sightings

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans who see multiple dead fish in one area of a body of water to file a report by using a new online form or calling the state duty officer.

“Reports from members of the public are an important way we receive information about fish mortality,” said Isaiah Tolo, fish health supervisor. “Those reports help us facilitate

timely water and fish sampling and other response actions, if needed, so we’re glad we can offer this new online reporting option.”

People can report fish mortality events by:

Preferred: Using the online form on the Minnesota DNR website

Calling the Minnesota duty officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 — the duty

officer line is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week

“Using the online form speeds up and simplifies our interagency response process, so we prefer people to use the online form. Still, if they desire to call the duty officer, that also remains an option,” Tolo said.

In the report, it’s especially helpful to know the types of fish and their general sizes. Fish mortality events can occur for a variety of reasons and may be classified as a fish die-off or a fish kill depending on what contributed to the event.

More information about reporting, state response to fish mortality events, and general information is on the Minnesota DNR website.

## OBITUARY

### Terrie Mohrmann

Terrie Lee Mohrmann, 71, of Evansville, Minnesota, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Mayo Clinic in Waseca, Minnesota. There will be a memorial service in her honor at 3 pm, Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Evansville Senior Center, with a visitation beginning at 2 pm.

Terrie Lee Hamilton was born on January 8, 1955 in Pasadena, California, to Lawrence and Alice (Mackey) Hamilton. She later moved to Evansville with her family and became high school sweethearts with Terry Mohrmann before they graduated from Evansville High School.

After high school she began her 15-year career at Medalion Kitchens. She also worked cleaning businesses, Crestview Manor Dietary Aid and later Dietary Manager, and 32 years at the State Group Home in Alexandria.

During her careers, Terrie and Terry married, together they were blessed with 2 children, Danny and Heidi and adopted Marvin. Terrie’s children, grandchildren, son-in-law Jamie, and her dog Eddy meant so much to her. She loved and treated her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children, and was very involved in their lives. Terrie was a mom to all, everyone called her “Mama Ter”.

Terrie was a generous, loving person who was always helping others. She would give her last penny if it meant someone would benefit from it, and never wanted to receive any gifts in return. She loved feeding others. She was especially known for making pickles and homemade chicken noodle soup, with homemade noodles. Terrie may have missed a lot of



events because she didn’t like crowds, but she always wanted to be there. She also enjoyed writing letters to her friends and family, tending to the flowers in her yard, and going to the casino.

Terrie is survived by her children, Danny Mohrmann, Heidi (Jamie) Englund; grandchildren, Braydon and Caleb Englund; step-grandchildren, Torrie (Katie) Englund, Michela (Dalton) Koch; step great-grandchildren, Paislee and Zoey Englund, Ashton Koch; brother, Larry Hamilton; sister, Karon Mohrmann; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray (Carolyn), Dale, Randy Mohrmann, Gail; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Mohrmann; brother, Donald Hamilton; sister, Sharon Geib; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gary, Jim, Richard, Curt, Gordan, Bobby, Gene, Donna, Karen, Sharon, Dawn, Mel, Peggy, Carol, Mona, and Jan.

The family of Mama Terrie would like to thank you in advance for your attendance at the Celebration of Life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Douglas County Humane Society.

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# Time running short to replace lead pipes in Minnesota

By Brian Arola  
MinnPost

Three years ago, the Minnesota Legislature resoundingly agreed to put a down payment on removing all lead pipes from the state.

That resulted in Rep. Mary Franson, R-Alexandria, and other lawmakers approving \$240 million in funding toward that goal. They invested the money with no illusions about the need for subsequent installments.

So with funding running out this year, and no federal support slated to come through after 2027, another splash should be a slam dunk, right? It may still come through, but Franson and other leaders on Wednesday warned that time is running short to get it done this session.

“Cities of every quarter of the state are mapping, identifying and replacing those pipes, and it is our responsibility to continue supporting that work,” Franson said during a press conference at the Capitol. “The need is too great, it is too urgent, and it is too important to drop the ball and let up.”

Franson joined Rep. Fae Lee, DFL-Minneapolis, who co-chairs the House Capital Investment Committee with her, and Sen. Sandra Pappas, DFL-St. Paul, chair of the Senate Capital Investment Committee, at the presser. On committee tours around the state before this session, water infrastructure needs floated to the top of conversations, Lee said.

“The most important thing we heard was that no matter the zip code, water and water infrastructure is key, and lead service line is part of that conversation,” he said.

## How widespread is the need?

The number of known lead pipes is somewhere around 90,000 statewide, said Joel Smith, president of LIUNA, a union representing 14,000 laborers in Minnesota and North

Dakota. He described replacing the lines as a public health, rather than a partisan issue.

“We’re asking lawmakers to get the job done before you go home,” he said.

Lines are distributed fairly evenly throughout Minnesota, running underground in metro St. Paul, in Greater Minnesota cities like Moorhead, and in rural areas like Pipestone.

St. Paul Regional Water Services will have replaced about 6,000 lines by the end of this construction season. Another 18,000-20,000 need funding for their removal, said Racquel Vaske, the utility’s general manager.

Each identified lead pipe is costing, on average, about \$10,000-\$15,000 to replace, although estimates can shoot up even higher. Keeping on track with a federal goal to replace all problem lines by 2037 — Minnesota has a loftier goal to get it done by 2033 — is worth the investment this year, said Bradley Peterson, executive director of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.

“There’s nothing better that we could spend our precious dollars on this year than lead line replacement,” he said.

## How can lead service line replacement get funded this session?

Cash, also known as money from the state’s general fund, is in short supply this session. Gov. Tim Walz’s budget recommended using \$7 million of it for the state’s lead service line replacement grant program.

That figure says more about how little cash is available than what is actually needed. In

comparison, the estimated cost to replace remaining lead pipes is closer to \$1 billion.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers, including Franson and Lee, backed bills in the House and Senate to invest \$250 million in the program using general funds starting in 2027. No one at the press conference indicated this route had an open path forward this session.

That leaves funding through bonding, the state’s tried-and-true way of borrowing money

to pay for local infrastructure projects, as the most realistic option. On behalf of the Senate DFL, Pappas said she’s proposing \$100 million in appropriations bonds for lead service line replacements this year.

Why appropriation bonds, and not the general obligation bonds usually used for public infrastructure projects? Because appropriation bonds, not general obligation bonds, can raise funds to improve private property, and lead pipes often-

times run under private land.

The lawmakers said conversations are ongoing behind the scenes on what any bonding bill will or won’t include this year. Pappas noted her committee’s ranking minority member, Sen. Karin Housley, R-Stillwater, couldn’t be at the press conference, but has expressed support for a bonding bill.

In any proposal, lead service line funding will be an “important component,” Lee said.

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