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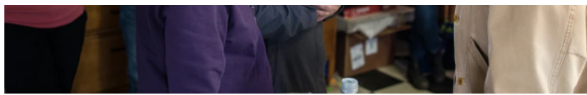
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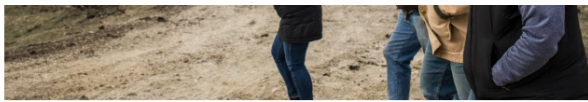


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Donated goods from Hy-Vee sit outside the Mayors home after Tuesday's EF2 tornado on Thursday, April 14, 2022, in Taopi, Minnesota.
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Brett Andersen of Pine Island awaits residents and workers in his food truck, Two Cammen Grillin' after Tuesday's EF2 tornado on Thursday, April 14, 2022, in Taopi, Minnesota. The truck was set to open next week, but when Andersen and co-owner Scott Eitel saw the news, they came to offer residents and workers a free meal.
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Gov. Walz visits with City Clerk Jim Kieter and Taopi Mayor Mary Huntley holds a press conference before surveying tornado damage in Taopi on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Adams Fire Department in Adams, Minnesota. The National Weather Service confirmed an EF2 tornado touched down on Tuesday evening, April 12, 2022.

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Amy Lammey, Mower County Emergency Manager, shows a map of the damage to Gov. Walz during a press conference before surveying tornado damage in Taopi on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Adams Fire Department in Adams, Minnesota. The National Weather Service confirmed an EF2 tornado touched down on Tuesday evening, April 12, 2022.

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