

**DELIVER US:** CIHS Theatre breaks new ground with production of ‘The Prince of Egypt’ musical. **PG 2**

# New Isanti County judge brings anything but doom to bench

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Those summoned to appear before Isanti County’s newest judge are bound to be in for an unexpected, but pleasant surprise. Who could blame them, though, for thinking the worst when reading they would be appearing before “Judge Doom”? What they will discover, however, is they are appearing before a 5-foot tall magistrate with a demeanor more like Melissa Rauch’s “Judge Abby Stone” on the “Night Court” remake than of TV’s “Judge Judy.”

The mismatched moniker isn’t lost on Carrie Doom, or her cohorts, however. “When we first became (law firm) partners, a couple of my buddies told me I should change my name to ‘Gloom’ so we could have ‘the Law Firm of Gloom and Doom,’” Sherwood McKinnis said. “Now, Judge Klossner will have to change his name so Isanti County can have ‘Judge Gloom and Judge Doom.’”

In reality, Doom is just the opposite of her last name, as offered by two stories from McKinnis.

“How am I going to replace week-to-

week, month-to-month, year-after-year, walking into Carrie’s office just to say ‘good morning,’ only to have her jump out of her skin?” McKinnis shared. “It got to the point I would announce I was coming down the hall, and she would still jump.”

The second story involved Doom participating in a tradition at the firm of drinking a shot of tequila after a successful case.

“I want you to know there is no greater entertainment in life than watching Carrie Doom try to drink tequila,” McKinnis joked. “She could contort her face in supernatural ways. Those of you that remember the movie “The Mask” starring Jim Carrey, he’s got nothing on Carrie Doom.”

All kidding aside, McKinnis and her now-fellow judges proclaim how Doom is the perfect choice for a judge.

“Carrie is uniquely qualified for this new position of great responsibility,” McKinnis said. “Carrie is diligent, thorough, and hard-working. I believe these characteristics will serve her well on the bench.”

“One of the great responsibilities and



**New Tenth District Judge Carrie Doom is sworn in by Isanti County Judge John Klossner as her parents, Mark and Claudia Stenson, hold the Bible during Doom’s Investiture Ceremony held at the Isanti County Government Center. Doom is replacing Isanti County Judge Amy Brosnahan, who recently retired.**

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Area veterans were treated to a free breakfast of sweet rolls, breakfast pizza, coffee, orange juice, and handmade “Thank you” notes at Cambridge-Isanti High School’s annual Veterans Day breakfast.

# Isanti approves skateboard park improvements, non-committal on pickleball courts

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Come next summer, there will be added attractions to Bluebird Park in Isanti, however not as many as one prominent group was hoping for.

During the Nov. 5 Isanti City Council meeting, the council was presented with a request from the Parks and Recreation Committee to fund with Park Dedication money one construction project and one reconstruction project within Bluebird Park. The council, however, opted to only immediately go forward with the reconstruction project, while being noncommittal on funding the construction project.

The project that will go forward is the first phase of reconstructing the skateboard park. The council has been consulting with advocates for an expanded skateboard park and representatives for a company that can fix and construct skateboard park features for sev-

eral months. Through those discussions, the council was advised if they approve phase 1 of the project, that could be accomplished over the winter and be placed in the park as soon as weather permits next spring. The cost for phase 1 would be not-to-exceed \$72,000.

“I would like to see us do the phase 1 of the skate park this year,” Mayor Luke Merrill said. “I think it is something we have talked a lot about and gotten a good value.”

On the flip side, the council decided to hold off on allocating no more than \$200,000 from the same Park Dedication Fund — which currently has \$400,000 in it — for the construction of six pickleball courts. The courts were recommended to be constructed in the area where a recreational ice skating rink is typically placed during the winter.

According to Public Services Director Josh Becker, he only obtained one general estimated

**‘We’re more than willing to help out where we can.’**

**Mike Mueller**  
Cambridge Area Pickleball Association President

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# ‘The Prince of Egypt’ comes to Cambridge-Isanti High School

The CIHS theatre department’s fall musical is one of Biblical proportions. The 1998 Dreamworks animated movie The Prince of Egypt has been adapted as a full length musical and is set to be presented the next two weekends at the Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center.

With music by Stephen Schwartz, composer of such hits as Wicked and Godspell, The Prince of Egypt takes the structure of the story of Moses and his journey to free the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. This particular retelling of the story examines not only the relationship of two brothers who get set on opposing sides of this struggle, but also takes on the grief and burden that Moses might have experienced as the plagues are brought on his former homeland. Although liberties from Biblical canon are taken to tell the story, the humanity of the journey is still balanced with the idea that hope and belief are core to the miracles that can happen.

With a cast of 40 and a crew of 15 this is another large production from CIHS. Director Aaron Knudsvig has commented that “musically it is one of the biggest shows we’ve done in quite some time; similar to Les Miserables in musical scope.” The show features three different ensembles: Hebrews, Egyptians, and Elements. “The Elements ensemble serves to move the story along musically and choreographically. They carry the basket with Moses down the river, they are the windblown dust, the fire and voice of the burning bush, and the narrator throughout the series of plagues.”

The stage adaptation premiered just a few years ago in London’s West End. The rights for high schools and community theatres have just become available. Knudsvig believes that CIHS is the third company to produce this musical in Minnesota, and most likely the first high school. He encourages everybody to come out and see this epic production. “There are several students who have been working really hard to get the word out about this production, and would love to see the PAC filled. This is a story that people will enjoy, with music that is moving and powerful.”

Shows are Nov. 15, 21, 22 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 16 & 23 at 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults, can be purchased at the door on the day of performances or in advance by visiting Cur8.com and searching Cambridge-Isanti High School. - CIHS theatre

### CAST LIST

**Yocheved** — Ruby Charlebois  
**Young Miriam** — Charlotte Earl  
**Young Aaron** — Simeon Charlebois  
**Queen Tuya** — Lilia Osei-Dankwah  
**Maid/Elements Ensemble** — Kyndra Moffatt  
**Moses** — Aiden Knudsvig  
**Ramses** — Cameron Bleess  
**Hotep** — Josiah Schlueter  
**Pharoah Seti** — Jacob Pauly  
**Nefertari** — Malory Williams  
**Tzipporah** — Morgan Hemsworth  
**Miriam** — Julia Meagher  
**Aaron** — Chase Shimon  
**Guard 1/Shepherd 1/Elements Ensemble** — Drake Goebel  
**Guard 2/Shepherd 2/Elements Ensemble**



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— Jamison Snidarich  
**Old Hebrew Man/Elements Ensemble** — Owen Earl  
**Leah/Elements Ensemble** — Rosie Charlebois  
**Keturah/Elements Ensemble** — Whitney Whiteis  
**Jethro** — Tucker Mulder  
**Young Girl/Elements Ensemble** — Averee O’Leary

### HEBREW ENSEMBLE

Sophie Anderson, Reagan Carlson, Kashtyn Ebeling, Norah Gibbons-Zoerb, Alexia Walbridge, Brita Williams

### EGYPTIAN/MEDIANITE ENSEMBLE

Lynea Blake, Nellavieve Glumac,

Autumn Hebeisen, Alice Heine, Sophie Hicks, Inari Peterson, Kaitlyn Whiteiss

### ELEMENTS ENSEMBLE

Daniel Durkot, Gabe Erickson, Madeline O’Brien, Elsie Schneider, Heidi Shatek, Abigail Skiba, Hannah Williams

### TECH CREW

Michal Gillespie, Maxwell Godeen, Emily Harmon, Sierra Hebeisen, Logan Hemsworth, Aubrey Holmgren, Lily Jones, Brendan Lindberg, Alec Lorusung, Violet Nelson, Corbin Persson, Abby Rocheford, Lillian Thompson



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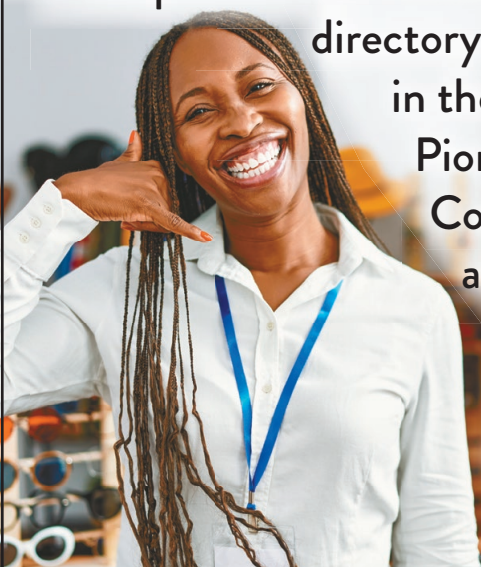
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Family Groups meets Monday's 7 - 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org

Book Club

Third Monday 11 a.m. to noon at Isanti SAC, 140 Buchanan St., N. #164 Cam-



The Isanti Lions Club is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Nov. 16.

bridge. Isanti County Library lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For info: sacs@midconetwork.com

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Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For info. call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

Alzheimer's Support

Third Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info call Lyndsey Larson 763-691-6172.

Memory Cafe

First Tuesday of every month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at GracePointe Crossing Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. Contact Julie at 763-306-5066 for info.

Music

Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave. Music provided before the meal 11:15 a.m.

Dominos

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave

North Branch at 10 a.m.

Dominoes

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

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Cambridge Lutheran Church, 1:30 p.m. A community choir for ages 60+, no audition or fee required. Fellowship follows rehearsal. Info: 612-619-2111.

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Faith Lutheran Church, 109 2nd Ave. NW, Isanti. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. 763-444-9201.

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9 to 11 a.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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Pinochle

12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Mahjong

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Alanon

7 p.m. at the Isanti Alano Club, 790 Heritage Blvd. Isanti. 763-444-4605

Chisago County Drop-In Center

Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For

individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmental-health.org.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For info. call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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Parkinson's Support Group

Third Thursday of the month - 1-2:30 p.m. The Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for info call 763-325-0100

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Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

Third Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Get your questions answered by trained agents. (763) 689-7390 or eclib.org for info.

Peace Walk

First and third Thursday of each month, 9 a.m., meet in the parking lot at Highway 95 and Birch, Cambridge. All are welcome.

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

12:45 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch.

NOV 13

Car seat clinic

5 - 7:30 p.m. at North Branch Fire Department, 37917 Forest Blvd., North Branch, MN 55056. Call or email for appointment 651-254-3564 or carseatinfo@healthpartners.com

NOV 15

Fall Carnival

1-5 p.m., First Baptist Church, Cambridge. Games, activities and fun for all ages. Info: firstbaptistcambridge.org.

NOV 16

Pancake Breakfast

8 a.m to noon sponsored by the Isanti Lions Club at the Isanti Community Center 208 1/2 1st Avenue Northwest, Isanti.

Book Signing

Noon to 3 p.m. at Dana's Bookstore in Isanti. Local author Ali Wren will be signing copies of her new book

PFLAG Meeting

East Central MN PFLAG will be having their next monthly meeting Sunday, November 16, 2 p.m., at Common Ground, United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress Street N., Cambridge, MN

NOV 20

Fall bowling We R Able

4-6 p.m., JJ's Bowl and Lounge, 6427 Ash St., North Branch. Balls and shoes included. Info: 320-358-3616.

Romantasy Book Club

5:30 p.m. at Dana's Bookstore, 120 Heritage Blvd. NE #3, Isanti. Discussion of A Fate Inked in Blood by Danielle L. Jensen. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

NOV 1 - DEC 12

Star of Hope Holiday Food Drive

Join the Isanti-Chisago County Star in helping fill our food shelf this holiday season. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 12 donate a non-perishable food item at our office 930 Cleveland St. S Cambridge or one of our partner locations: Peterson's North Branch Mill, 38964 Branch Ave, North Branch ; Empire Insurance 6063 Main St. Suite A, North Branch; Scout and Morgan Books 114 Buchanan St N, Cambridge; Minnesota Equipment, 233 Cajima St NE, Isanti. Financial donations are also accepted.

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TOY DRIVE

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NOV 22

Stuff the Bus

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please help 4.0 School Service of North Branch Stuff a Bus with food donations. The bus will be located at North Branch Hungry Farmer 6241 Main Street, North Branch.

NOV 1-30

Warm Hands and Noggins

Now through Nov. 30. Drop off hats, Mittens and glove to help keep the hands and noggins of our kids warm this winter. Drop off Neighborhood National Bank, 5481 St. Croix Trail, North Branch

NOV 18 - DEC 12

Rush City Christmas Caring Tree

The Christmas Caring Tree will be set up in the Rush City Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 18 until Friday, Dec. 12. Select a Wish tag(s), purchase gift(s) for the child and return unwrapped to the library by Fri., Dec. 12. Questions, call Marilyn at 651-674-7336 or Shari at 320-358-3463.



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# Our fascination with Edmund Fitzgerald

As I'm sure most of you knew, Tuesday marked the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. To commemorate the day, of course, I had to have my Alexa play Gordon Lightfoot's famous song about the auspicious occasion.



Worth a Thousand Words  
Bill Stickels III

Upon hearing my instructions to Alexa, my assistant immediately let out a sort of cry of consternation. According to her, the only reason the shipwreck was even in the news all this time later is because of the darn song. That might be partially true, but I also believe there is something about tales of mass tragedy that will somehow live on on its own. There are a few obvious examples of tragedies that have stood the test of time, with or without getting extra attention. The most obvious — and similar example is that of the Titanic. While that tragedy took place over 100 years ago, it is still prominent today. Although, in all fairness, the 1997 movie certainly helped keep the story afloat — pun intended. Side note, I have never watched that movie. I will forever contend it is a great disaster movie ruined by a stupid love story.

Anyway, perhaps a better comparison is the Hindenburg disaster in 1937. As best as I can tell, there has never been a song or movie made about it. Although I seem to recall some TV show plots revolving around the event. And there was the “Mythbusters” episode about it.

Getting back to the Edmund Fitzgerald, the fact it took place essentially in our backyard gives us more of an ownership of the tragedy, even though the fateful trip actually began in Wisconsin and ended in Canadian waters. Still, the “costar” of that story is the Arthur M. Anderson, which did leave from Two Harbors.

Proof of our ownership of this tragedy is the fact there is a yearly memorial ceremony on the anniversary of the sinking at the Split Rock Lighthouse. Again, that lighthouse had nothing to do with the story, but just by association to other ships sinking in the area of Silver Bay, they recognize the most famous shipwreck on Lake Superior.

I've never actually been to the lighthouse itself. Growing up, our many trips to the North Shore featured stopping at a gift shop/museum near the lighthouse. There, we were able to look at an old anchor and a twisted piece of metal from another shipwreck. There was also an audio recording retelling the story of that shipwreck. We would play that recording over and over again, but honestly, I can't even remember the name of the ship. And oh yeah, there were tame deer we could feed. But, I digress.

I'm sure part of the lure of the lore is even though it was 50 years ago, it was only 50 years ago. (Heck, I was 5 years old when it happened). It wasn't like some shipwrecks where they relied on the human eye or some other archaic methods of navigation. These ships actually had radar on board and a more modern form of communication from ship to ship. Despite that, they were completely caught off guard with the severity of the storm.

There's probably also a sort of twisted pride in the story. It's like we are saying, “Yep, one of our lakes did that,” again, even though technically only one-twentieth of Lake Superior is officially within the Minnesota borders.

Either way, to me, it is a fascinating story. And in all honesty, I wish the Canadian government would let modern technology take a good look at the wreck so we can get some real answers to how it sank. But then again, that might take away from the lore.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Library is more than just books

**To the editor,**  
I am here today to talk about a library that isn't just a library.

I am 52. Growing up in rural south Isanti County, the trip to Cambridge always meant a stop at the library. My mom would go through the microfilm, researching and I would read the books. I loved books and was an advanced reader from a very young age. Through the years the library was my sanctuary to have quiet, avoid bullies, and get books that the school didn't have available. But it was a library, a home for books.

Now our library is not just a library, it is a true community space. It is not just digging through the stacks.

It is a place of programs for kids and adults, Lego club, book clubs, ECE story times in the Discovery Room and children's library area. There is something for all ages.

It provides quiet study rooms for free, people have private meetings, students that need a quiet area to study have a place, people with a business but no office can utilize this or one of the conference rooms for meetings.

Homeschool parents have a place to get extra books, educational games and just meet up. This saves them money on educational materials

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specialist. This saves our seniors money

Free tax services for anyone meeting income guidelines, saving them money.

The Discovery Room is utilized by families of all types, it is a safe space for custody exchanges, supervised parenting time is done here because of the many activities and ease of supervision.

Those services done at a facility would cost the parents anywhere from \$30 to \$ 60 and hour to utilize. Having this space saves money and allows them to spend more time with their kids.

This library is so much more than a library, it provides services that save our community members money, enhance educational accessibility, helps parents see more of their children, helps small businesses start up, and provides a refuge and many resources to people in need.

It is a community treasure.

When you are considering this budget and financing this treasure, try to remember this isn't just a home for books.

Cutting funding means cutting staff, hours and programs. It may make sense on paper, but to the people that depend on access to these things it will have a higher cost.

Please keep that in mind, it's not just books it's people.

**Sheryl Davidson  
Isanti**

### Don't assume, discuss

**To the editor,**  
If you voted “no” and “no”

on last week's referendum, I don't assume it was because you “don't understand how referendums work,” “don't care about kids,” or were “swayed by disinformation.”

Saturday at a local meeting of a nonpartisan civic group, those ideas were offered as explanations for the referendum's failure. I joined this organization to support democracy — and democracy depends on dialogue aimed at understanding. In that spirit, I'd like to share why I voted “no.”

When adding the interest paid over the life of the bond — a figure not provided by the district (Chris Kampa, County Star, 10/16/25) — the total cost appeared disproportionate to district revenue. My family approached this decision as we would a home purchase: what is the true cost once interest is compounded, and does it match the need?

In this case, the ballot questions left no way to fund needs. The district combined needs and wants in the first question and filled the second with additional wants. Voters were asked to fund wants and more wants. That's why I voted “no” and “no.”

After 20 years teaching in the Anoka-Hennepin School District, I've seen referendums pass when questions allow for the prioritization of needs. This earns trust — and trust is what turns “no” into “yes.”

**Lynnae Bina  
Cambridge**

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# Utilizing green mulch rather than woodchips

I’ve utilized wood chips in my yard and gardens for years. It has been an excellent method for reducing weeds, retaining moisture and protecting the plants during winter months when snow is missing. It also reduces the self-sowing of heavy seeding flowers, which can be either a good or bad thing depending on your view of the plant.

There is a downside to utilizing wood chips in addition to preventing seed germination. Plants don’t naturally grow in a bed of wood chips, and the invasive jumping worms can utilize wood chip mulch as a food source and habitat. Each time I open an inexpensive bag of wood chips there is a worry that I’m bringing jumping worms into my yard. (wood chips baked at a temperature range of 81- 100 degrees F for 3+ days will be jumping worm free per UWI Madison)

Green mulch is being suggested as an alternative. The book “Groundcover Revolution” discusses using ground cover plants as a green mulch. Using these lower growing perennials as a ground cover provides

more texture and potential color contrast in your gardens. The more density and diversity in the green mulch, the less weeds can grow in the area.

Ground cover plants keep the soil moist and provide erosion control. It’s a habitat for insects and small animals. This green mulch significantly boosts biodiversity wherever it’s used. It also keeps the soil warmer during winter protects the other perennials from cold and lack of snow.

The MN Landscape Arboretum utilizes a mix of ground covers as green mulch and wood chips. It depends on the area. The chips are primarily utilized in shrubby areas. They use green mulch in perennial flower beds and under shrubs where it’s difficult to spread wood chips (roses, evergreens & other spikey bushes).

I’ve grown a few ground covers over the years, and I’ve also ripped them out because they can be aggressive and grow well beyond their intended area. Snow on the Mountain is one of the worst that I’ve planted and then ripped out. Virginia Creeper is one I’ve never planted but am continually trying to limit its aggressive growth where it self-seeded.

I am currently trialing utilizing ground cover green mulch in one of my perennial beds. It’s on a slope that backs up to a wood line. The area is a mix of sun and

shade. Wood chip mulch slides down the slope, and I need to control erosion. I’ve installed edging along the front of my bed, hoping it will keep any ground cover contained from spreading into the lawn. I’ve also tried to pick ones that I hope will not be aggressive spreaders. Several varieties of Lamium (Dead Nettles) were my first choice. Lamium is not native, however, deer don’t like it and everything I’ve read said it will spread without being aggressive. I’ve also included stone crop sedum and native wild Ginger. There is a native stone crop sedum (Sedum ternatum) and a native wild strawberry that I’m hoping to add next year.

I plan to gradually add more groundcovers in my yard, but I fully intend to research each one and avoid those with the words “fast growing”. I’m not ready to give up wood chips/ mulch completely, however, each bag of mulch that I don’t buy is funds that I can put towards the purchase of another plant and what gardener wouldn’t want that?

Chisago County Master Gardeners is part of a collaboration between Chisago County and The University of Minnesota Extension to deliver practical education and research you can use at home, at work and in your community. You can reach Chisago County Extension services by email at [mnext-chisago@umn.edu](mailto:mnext-chisago@umn.edu) or by phone at 651-277-0151.

## Stronger together: The Bluejacket way

Today we celebrate National Community Education Day, an opportunity to reflect on the powerful role lifelong learning plays in connecting and improving the lives of people of all ages. Community Education is often described as programming for “birth to death.” It may sound a little morbid, but it’s remarkably accurate. It is the place where every community member, no matter their age or stage of life, can see themselves in our school buildings and, hopefully, reflected in our programming. We are the bridge between the district and the community. Community Education is where learners of every generation come together to grow, explore new skills, build friendships, and strengthen the fabric of our community. Whether through an early childhood

class, a youth enrichment program, or an adult recreation opportunity, Community Education reminds us that learning and personal growth doesn’t stop when the school day ends—it continues wherever people come together with curiosity and purpose.

November also marks National Family Engagement Month, another meaningful reminder of what makes our schools and

community so special. Decades of research confirm what we see every day: strong partnerships between schools and families are among the most powerful predictors of student success. We are deeply grateful for our families’ involvement—in volunteering thousands of hours each year, attending conferences, cheering at concerts and games, serving on committees and task forces, and sharing their perspectives through surveys and conversations. Each act of engagement helps us represent their voices and strengthen the partnership between home, school, and community. You make our schools—and our students’ results—better through your engagement, your encouragement, and your unwavering support.

At the heart of all this work is connection. Relationships are the foundation of everything we do. They are what make Cambridge-Isanti Schools and this community so remarkable. No matter the season or circumstance, our focus remains steadfast: to educate, empower, and inspire every student, every day in partnership with our community.

Strong schools and strong communities go hand in hand. Together, we continue to learn, grow, and support one another—the very essence of the Bluejacket Way.

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## Where do we stop?

Question: Can I get some clarification on stop signs. I always wonder where to stop. Is it at the stop sign or at the stop line I sometimes see on the road.



Ask A Trooper  
Jesse Grabow

- If there is a marked stop line, stop before the line.
- If there is a pedestrian crosswalk, stop before entering the crosswalk.
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists and traffic before proceeding.
- Obstructed view: If your view of the intersection is obstructed, be prepared to stop again for traffic or pedestrians in your path.
- You must also come to a complete stop:
- Before entering a road from

an alley, private driveway, parking lot or parking ramp. Always stop before crossing a sidewalk or crosswalk.

- At an intersection or crosswalk with a traffic signal displaying a red light. Wait until the light turns green and your path is clear before proceeding.
- At any intersection or crosswalk, marked or unmarked, where a pedestrian or bicyclist is crossing the road. Stay stopped until they have passed your lane.
- At a flashing red traffic light. Treat it as you would a stop sign.
- At a freeway ramp meter when the light is red.
- At a railroad crossing with a stop sign.
- When a flag person or traffic device directs you to stop.
- At a bridge that has been raised to open a path for boats.

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## McMillan is new chair of America’s Newspapers’ board

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Matt McMillan, CEO of Press Publications, Northstar Media, Kanabec Publication, Sentinel Publications, is the newly-elected chairperson of America’s Newspapers’ board.

America’s Newspapers is an industry trade group with 1,700 members including many independent and family-owned local newspapers.

Its members attend conferences twice each year including the fall Senior Leadership Conference, which recently met in Colorado Springs and spring Mega-Conference, which meets in Austin, TX, March 30, 2026.

McMillan is succeeding Leonard Woosely, president of Southern Newspapers and publisher of the Galveston Daily News. Pat Dorsey from the Sante Fe New Mexican is the new vice chair. Jeremy Gulban from Cherry Road Media is the new

treasurer.

As chair, McMillan will lead its board of directors pursuing the Association’s goal to support, advocate and be the “voice of America’s Newspapers.”

“It is an honor to represent Gene and Carter Johnson’s newspapers and employees during the next year while working with other newspapers from across the country,” McMillan said. “We get to see the difference local news and advertising make each day close up – working in smaller rural and suburban communities.” McMillan believes there is an uptick in awareness about the value newspaper provide to bind and build communities since America’s Newspapers founded in 2019, from the merger of Inland Press and Southern Newspaper Publishers’ Associations.

“In the U.S., there are 3,141 counties. Of those 2,928 counties have

newspapers, which is 93.2% coverage. It is unfortunate 219 counties don’t have newspapers. But, the majority do. And, two-thirds of those papers are independently owned.”

McMillan is past president of the Minnesota Newspaper Association and served as America’s Newspapers’ treasurer and vice chair before becoming its chairperson.

“We recently released the winners and finalists in our 11 best of contests and 409,241 votes were cast by readers for local businesses,” McMillan said, “Those businesses ran 782 ads to ask for votes, thank readers for voting and ask readers to shop at their businesses. This is an example of how newspapers build and bind communities. It is an honor to serve readers and advertisers each week and now serve as chair of America’s Newspapers’ board for the next year.”



Matt McMillan

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean Hoehn

Barbara Jean Hoehn, age 77, of Isanti, Minnesota passed away on November 7th, 2025 following a three-year courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded with love and her family.

Barb was born on September 30, 1948 to Peter & Mildred DeGroot in St. Peter Minnesota. She attended St. Peter High School and following graduation, married Bruce Hoehn. Barbara and Bruce welcomed four children into the world together; Shelia, Christine, David, and Brandy.

They moved to Isanti in 1976 and built their dream home. She loved her home and took great pride in the home where they raised their children. Tons of laughter, many memories and holidays spent together. Barbara worked in manufacturing and was a supervisor at Life Fitness in Ramsey, Minnesota for over 25 years where she made many friends. She retired at the age of 70 and kept busy with a senior group, traveling, church friends, enjoying her children, grandchildren, great grandchild, hosting holiday gatherings and visiting the casino. She was always up for playing some pull tabs, bingo or a meat raffle! She loved her Minnesota Vikings and cheered for them every year with hopes of seeing a Superbowl.

Barb was a spunky, independent determined soul that never gave up on the battle she fought with cancer. She loved her kids, grandkids and great grandson more than anything. She will be missed deeply by so many!

Barb’s family will forever be grateful for the care she received during her final journey.

She is survived by her children, Christine Johnson (John Kosnitch), David (Cecelia) Hoehn, Brandy (Jason) Skonseng; grandchildren, Joshua Johnson and Tyler Skonseng; great-grandchild, Easton Johnson; sisters, Beverly Wilking, Sharon (Michael) Mace and Carrie (Donald) Stierlen; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Shelia, her father, Peter DeGroot, her mother, Mildred and step-father, Donald Oles.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Strike Life Tributes in Isanti. A time for visiting will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Fridsborg Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Bonita “Bonnie” Joanne O’Hotto

Bonita “Bonnie” Joanne O’Hotto, 77, of Cambridge, MN, passed away on September 25, 2025 at the Elim Home in Princeton, MN.

Bonnie was born in Stanchfield, MN to John and Florence (Lund) Wilcox on January 1, 1948. She graduated from North Branch High School in 1965. After graduation, she took a job as a Bank Officer working at banks in Princeton, North Branch and also at Cambridge State Bank. Bonnie was united in marriage to Tom O’Hotto on March 5, 1979 in Duluth, MN. The family settled in Cambridge, MN to raise their family.

After retiring in 2001, Bonnie enjoyed spending time eating out, shopping, cooking, going to the casino and spending time with family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John & Florence Wilcox and daughter Lisa Yerigan Noren.

Bonnie is survived by husband Tom O’Hotto; sons Greg (Melissa) Yerigan and Tom (Missy) O’Hotto; son-in-law Kenny Noren; grandchildren Lausen Noren, Lucas O’Hotto and Grace O’Hotto; siblings Rollie Wilcox, Shanon Olson, Susan Smith, Beverly Doe, Jack Wilcox, Gayle Pratt and Kara Ffrench, other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life Gathering 1-4 p.m., Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Fish Lake Town Hall, 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Marjorie “Marge” (Severson) Porter

Marjorie “Marge” (Severson) Porter, age 85, of Isanti, MN and formerly of Braham, MN passed away November 8, 2025, at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge, MN.

Marjorie Ann Porter was born September 17, 1940, in Braham, MN to Harvey and Elsie (Monson) Severson. She attended school in Braham where she was active in band and choir as well as class plays. She graduated from Braham High School in 1958 followed by studying at Gustavus Adolphus. Marge married Leslie Roesner in 1959 and they had three children. After their children were raised, they divorced. In 1984 Marge met Raymond Porter at the Cha-

let Supper Club in Braham. On July 12, 1985, they were married at St. Stephens Lutheran Church. They shared life together for over 40 years of marriage. From their first home on the Porter Farm in Braham, MN, their path took them to Gaylord, MI; Grafton, ND; Montevideo, MN; Wahpeton, ND and to Breckenridge, MN. where they spent many meaningful years. After retirement in 2018, they moved to Isanti, MN.

Marge’s faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ, was foundational to who she was. She enjoyed singing in choirs and being involved in Bible studies. A dedicated professional, she held various executive administrative roles—including bookkeeper, church administrator, and office manager—across diverse businesses and medical clinics. She retired from her final position at Faith Church. Her hobbies included sewing, quilting, furniture refinishing, word searches, reading and traveling. Ray and Marge would spend countless hours listening to Rick Steves, exploring new places from their living room, and dreaming about the world together.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Ray; children, Scott (Connie Nyquist) Roesner, Steve (Laurie) Roesner and Kimberly (Robert) Ziesmer; grandchildren, Lyndsey (Jeremy) Christoffer, Stephanie (Ashley) Reynolds, Matthew Roesner, Claire (Chase) Rozeboom, Amanda Gagne and Jonathan (Josie) Porter; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Ron Severson, Dick (Winnie) Severson and Gary (Leslie) Severson; sister, Joanne (Dave) Edblad; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Besides her parents and mother-in-law, she was preceded in death by son-in-law, Richard Porter; brother-in-law, Mark Porter; sister-in-law, Mary Severson; and nephew, Kirk Severson

Memorial service 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge, MN. A time for visiting with the family will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the service starts at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Rice Lake Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to GracePointe Crossing (in memory of Marjorie Porter). Online condolences can be made at [www.strikelifetributes.com](http://www.strikelifetributes.com).

Pamela Kay Miller

Pamela Kay Miller, age 73, of Cambridge passed away peacefully on the evening of Nov. 6, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born December 14, 1951.

Pam will be remembered for a deep love of family, a passion for gardening, and a joyful spirit that found beauty in angels, fairies, and all things Irish.

Pam is survived by her devoted husband, Steven; sons, Steven Jr. and Shawn (wife Amy); many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Dan, and numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends. She was preceded in death by parents, Ray and Dodie; brother, Jim; sister, Bonnie; Aunt, Mary Lou; beloved son, Stewart and daughter, Serena.

Pam’s warmth, kindness, and light will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Service 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, with viewing two hours prior and a luncheon to follow, at Strike Life Tributes, 720 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN 55008. A livestream will be available through StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Wendell Eugene Johnson

On Friday, November 7, 2025, Wendell Eugene Johnson went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 92 years. Wendell was born on May 12, 1933, to Carl and Alma (Swanson) Johnson at their family home in Springvale Township. After graduating from Cambridge High School in 1951, he farmed and served in the U.S. Army.

On July 19, 1959, he was united in marriage to Laurel Erickson at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Before his call into the ministry, he was a block layer and cement finisher in the Twin Cities. While living in Minneapolis and serving as a youth director at Hope Lutheran Church, he sensed a call into full-

time ministry. In preparation for the ministry, Wendell took Bible classes at the Lutheran Bible Institute and began seminary at the Free Lutheran Seminary in 1966. He then served congregations in Dalton, Stacy, and Spicer, Minnesota. For a time, Wendell and Laurel traveled and did music ministry and evangelistic meetings. Wendell also served the Lord on the AFLC Coordinating Committee for 14 years and was involved with local organizations during retirement, including the Isanti County Planning Commission and the Isanti County Historical Society.

Wendell enjoyed “fixing things,” especially tractors, going on group tractor rides, and building a small homemade tractor named “Big Blue,” a treasure the grandchildren enjoy to this day. Growing up on a farm and being a farmer at heart, Wendell loved helping his son Joel farm for many years, especially spring planting and harvest in the fall. He also really enjoyed hosting a threshing gathering at Joel and Lisa’s farm, watching his children and grandchildren’s many activities over the years, and going to town for coffee.

Preceding him in death are his parents, son Joel, daughter Mary, brothers Wallace and Ellsworth Johnson, sisters Jeanette Johnson and Eunice Borgstrom, sisters-in-law Lillian Johnson and Julie Johnson, brothers-in-law George Borgstrom, and Steve Erickson.

Wendell is survived by his wife Laurel, sons Paul, Karl (Heather), Mark (Sara), daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren Danny (Jenny) Johnson, Cara (Jar-ed) Cavanaugh, Kyle (Anna) Johnson, Rachel (Tor), Brett and Greg Johnson, Alex Pfeffer, Anthony Kulp, Taylor (Jack) Mundis, Emily (Carl) Juhl, Peter (Chandler) Johnson, Amy (Titus) Seland, Andrew, Isaac, Hannah, and Luke Johnson, and fifteen great-grandchildren. Brothers-in-law Ken (Sharon) Erickson, Don (Gayle) Erickson, sister-in-law Debbie (Larry) Lawman, and many nephews and nieces.

As his family, we are grateful for the many who blessed his life through the years.

Funeral Services 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Salem Lutheran Church of Dalbo. Visitation 5 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment in the church cemetery. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com).

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**Our Son**  
**Jacob Eric Melland**  
**November 14th - 25th 1997**

*It broke our heart to lose you, but you did not go alone.*

*A part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*A million times we’ve thought of you, a million times we’ve cried. If loving you could have saved you, you would have never died.*

*Forgive us Lord, we’ll always weep.*

*For the son we loved so much, but yet we could not keep. Sweet Dreams Our Angel*  
**Love Mom, Dad, & Jeremy**



# Talking midlife transitions with University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota recently launched The Midlife Academy, a learning community where people in their middle adult years can come together to explore what's next.

Kate Schaefer, director of The Midlife Academy at the University of Minnesota, answers questions about how people can navigate the many challenges and opportunities that come at midlife.

**Q: What common uncertainties do people face during midlife?**

Schaefer: Midlife — starting at around 40 and lasting until around 65 — is a life stage that can feel like shifting sands. Priorities are changing, roles and relationships are being redefined and our bodies are aging. Careers that once engaged us may not be as fulfilling as they once were. What once fit may no longer make sense. Carl Jung said it best: “We cannot live the afternoon of life according to the program of life's morning.”

Here's the catch: We crave stability and direction, but the path ahead is unclear. This liminal space, neither here nor there, is uncomfortable. We feel stuck in a present that isn't working and uncertain about what the future holds.

**Q: How can people find steady ground in times of change?**

Schaefer: There's much we can't control in our own lives, let alone in the world around us. Uncertainty can breed fear, anxiety and stress. To find steady ground, we need to flip the script. Instead of leading with fear, embrace areas where you have control. Take time to reflect on what's most important to you. Focus on the future you want and take small steps that move you in that direction. Strengthen marketable skills, rekindle old networks and build new ones. Find others to support you as sounding boards and for emotional support. Most of all, be intentional about taking care of yourself — mentally, physically and emotionally. Seek out people, activities and spaces that give you energy and hope and feed your soul.

**Q: What daily actions can people take to stay aligned with their goals and values?**

Schaefer: Values are painted with a broad brush — courage, gratitude and achievement, for example. For values to be real, we need to be intentional. To build a life around values, goals need to reflect priorities, in concrete ways, and be translated into day-to-day decisions. One strategy is to take a daily pause: step away from the clutter and refocus your mind. Center your breathing and just be present. Make it a habit, especially in times of stress, to shut out the noise and distractions and get re-centered on the life you want to lead and the person you want to be.

**Q: How do relationships change in midlife and what can people do to maintain community and connection?**

Schaefer: Relationships evolve over time as life circumstances, roles and priorities shift. We all need trusting relationships that nurture connection and belonging. However, for many at midlife, busy lives have gotten in the way of relationships, friendships and community connection.

If this rings true for you, you are not alone. Today's generation reports having fewer friends and feeling less connected than previous generations. Yet we know how important social connections are, especially as we age. It's never too late to find (or create) your own community. Start small. Rekindle relationships that have drifted apart. Reach out to groups that share your interests. Volunteer for organizations you believe in. Carve out time. Take a risk. Make it a priority.

**Q: How does your work at The Midlife Academy help support people navigating these transitions?**

Schaefer: Finding a new path, whether it's a mid-career change, a relationship reboot or a transition to retirement, is difficult.

The Midlife Academy offers three things that help:

The space to contemplate what's most important

A framework for how to go about making meaningful changes

A community of kindred spirits at a similar life stage

We offer both in-person and online options to accommodate working adults. Our approach is grounded in research and focused on community-building. It's easy to get stuck, and doing this work alongside others can make all the difference. We need fresh perspectives, and others serve as mirrors, connectors and cheerleaders as we explore and grow.



Kate Schaefer, Director of The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Midlife Academy at the University of Minnesota

Kate Schaefer is the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and The Midlife Academy at the University of Minnesota, which are both part of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. She also is a psychologist, coach and educator. She coaches professionals who are transitioning into new roles, jobs, careers and organizations that are exploring ways to tap the talent of a multigenerational workplace. A past volunteer state president of AARP-MN, Shaefer currently serves on the AARP-MN Executive Council. - UofM College of Continuing and Professional Studies

## Weight stigma impacts healthcare experiences for women

There are many reasons people avoid healthcare visits, and while much attention has been necessarily placed on financial barriers, avoidance stemming from weight bias and stigma has been largely overlooked.

A new study from the University of Minnesota, recently published in Medical Research Archives, reveals that weight-related stigma plays a negative role in medical care and can create barriers to access.

The researchers surveyed over 300 participants in order to discover shaming triggers during medical visits and ways to reduce these triggers. The team exclusively studied women, who often experience weight stigma at higher rates than men.

“It is critical for us to know why people are avoiding healthcare because they could be avoiding or delaying lifesaving preventive care. Weight stigma is one of the reasons people are avoiding care and this study helps us identify policy and procedure changes that could make a difference,” said lead author Virginia Ramseyer Winter, an associate professor in the College of Education and Human Development School of Social Work.

They found:

Patients are delaying care because of the stigma of being weighed, therefore there is a need to determine when it is medically necessary to weigh patients.

Participants with higher fear of experiencing weight stigma were more likely to report increased comfort accessing care if providers make several adjustments.

Helpful adjustments include



making it clear that being weighed is optional, posting a sign above the scale that weight does not equal or determine health, not using BMI, and having furniture and equipment that accommodates all body sizes.

“These factors are ones that healthcare systems and providers have direct control over and can remedy to improve healthcare experiences and health outcomes,” said co-author Elizabeth O'Neill, an associate professor of social work at Washburn University. “Weight-inclusive practices can make a meaningful difference in women's healthcare satisfaction and utilization.”

The researchers hope their findings will be used to implement policy and procedure changes in healthcare to create an environment that is welcoming for all people.

The University of Minnesota partnered with the University of Missouri, Washburn University and the University of Denver on this study. This work was funded by the University of Missouri. - The University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development

## Leuer honored with state Distinguished Service Award

North Branch volleyball coaching legend Becky Leuer was recognized with the Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award during the state tournament banquet Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of volleyball in Minnesota.

Leuer's 25-year coaching career at North Branch was marked by both success on the court and leadership off it. She served two terms as president of the Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association and was instrumental in launching several statewide initiatives, including the All-Star Game, the Individual Academic All-State Awards and the association's official website.

Beyond her coaching and association work, Leuer spent four years on the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors and continues to serve on the Executive Board of the Minnesota High School Coaches Association, representing girls' sports.

“I felt it was important to give back to the communities that have given so much to me, whether that is the North Branch school community, the volleyball community or the coaching community at large,” Leuer said. “My guiding principle has been to get involved at every level, every



Becky Leuer (right) with Paula Shoberl, a player on the first team Leuer coached at North Branch in 1975.

chance you get. The rewards you get back cannot be measured. I hope I made an impact on kids and coaches.”

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# DOOM: A career in law, living in Cambridge not part of new judge’s original plans

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gifts of this job is being able to impact people when they are at their most vulnerable,” Tenth District Judge Heather Wynn said. “(Carrie’s) work ethic, confidence, and genuine care for people around (her) will serve (her) well.”

“Judges throughout the Tenth District are very familiar with Judge Doom,” Tenth District Assistant Chief Judge Sean Gibbs said. “She was a fierce advocate for her clients. She was always well-prepared, professional, with a calm demeanor. All these qualities will help her greatly as she takes the bench.”

### UNEXPECTED CAREER PATH

“Unexpected, but pleasant surprises” is the perfect way to describe Doom’s career path as well. By her own admission, even being a lawyer wasn’t on her radar entering college.

“A career in law was certainly not where I thought my life would go,” Doom said. “I was going to be a chiropractor or an athletic trainer. That dream quickly came to an end when I was introduced to Intro to Biology.”

Her next choice was a major in Business and Communications.

“It was a better fit for me,” Doom said. “I graduated with my undergrad and began working in human resources. That’s where I developed a passion for employment law, which brought me to law school initially.”

The next unexpected surprise came from where Doom wound up calling her home. Carrie and her husband, Greg — who had just graduated



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**New Judge Carrie Doom reflects on how her life has taken a very different path than she had planned, but “it (is) so much better” than she ever imagined.**

from college with a teacher’s degree — had made a pact that whoever got a job offer first, that is where they would move to.

“I thought it was brilliant, as I knew I would get a job offer first,” Doom said. “But once again, life had a different plan for me as my husband was offered a job in Cambridge. I found myself packing our things and heading up Highway 65, a road I had never been on before, and moving to a town I had never heard of.”

As a result of that move, Doom’s career within law was also forced to change.

“Shockingly, there wasn’t a great need for employment law in this area,” Doom sarcastically stated.

And when she took a job at Parker Satrom Law, she was handed her least favorite area of specialty — family law.

“If there was a class I hated, it was family law,” Doom said.



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**Tenth District Judge Stoney Hiljus presents Judge Carrie Doom with her official gavel during the Investiture Ceremony. Hiljus noted this is more of a ceremonial presentation as judges don’t actually use their gavels very often.**

“I wanted nothing to do with it. And I vowed to never practice in family law. Apparently there was another plan for me.”

In fact, those plans had changed so much she opened her own law firm in Isanti in 2011, specializing in family law. Later, she would join forces with Sherwood McKinnis, again specializing in family law.

And like her newfound law specialty, Doom came to love living in the area.

“Now, 20 years later, Cambridge and Isanti County is a

place I am proud and grateful to call home,” Doom said.

### APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH

Doom was appointed to the Isanti County bench by Governor Walz in September to replace Judge Amy Brosnahan, who was set to retire. This was the second time she had been a finalist for a seat in the Tenth District. The previous time was in 2023.

“I am now on a path I had never envisioned,” Doom said of the appointment. “I know this new path is not going to be easy. My commitment to all of

you is every day, I vow to do my best; to be fair and impartial; to treat people with respect; to be quick to listen and slow to speak.

“I am going to make mistakes,” Doom said in summary. “There will be days when I get it wrong. I appreciate your grace and patience on those days. And I commit to you extending that same grace and patience. I will remember each day that we are all trying to do the best we can as we strive to ensure justice and to uphold the integrity of this great legal system.”

## PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Phase 1 of skateboard upgrade to be completed over winter, installed as weather permits

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cost for the six courts since he wasn’t certain if the council was agreeable with the project. He said there were factors such as the type of surface of the courts that could reduce the total amount of the project. Because of that, he fashioned the proposal as a “not-to-exceed” amount of \$200,000. He said the biggest expense would be the fencing surrounding the courts.

Mayor Luke Merrill stated he would prefer to wait on approving the courts until the council knew more of an exact amount in construction costs, along with finding out the cost difference between going with more or fewer courts. Additionally, he wanted staff to look into any possible grant opportunities to help fund the project.

“It’s not as time-sensitive,” Merrill said of the pickleball courts. “We should consider it in the next couple months, talking about alternative solutions to maybe save some

money on those.”

City Administrator Josi Wood pointed out the Cambridge Area Pickleball Association, which is a 501c3 non-profit that promotes the sport throughout Isanti County, is willing to donate at least \$5,000, which could go towards windscreens for the courts. The association has also previously been an active participant in raising funds for the construction of the courts in Heritage Greens in Cambridge.

“We’re more than willing to help out where we can,” Cambridge Area Pickleball Association President Mike Mueller said, adding the organization was successful in raising \$20,000 as a cost-share with the city of Cambridge for the four courts constructed in 2020.

Despite that, the council unanimously approved separating the two requests, approving the skateboard park request, and delaying any decision on the pickleball courts until some unstated time in the future.

## Score a classic pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks for donating blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7

The American Red Cross encourages donors to Level Up their impact by giving blood or platelets this November. The last two months of the year can be a challenge for many donors trying to juggle regular donation appointments with packed schedules full of seasonal activities and holiday planning. Donors of all blood types – especially those with types O negative, O positive and B negative blood and those giving platelets – are urged to make an appointment to donate now.

The Red Cross is teaming up with Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. to celebrate the 45th anniversary of PAC-MAN, the legendary video game icon. All who come to give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7 will score an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last.

Those who give blood or platelets during the same time frame can snag a custom Red Cross x PAC-MAN GASHAPON, while they last. See [RedCrossBlood.org/PACMAN](https://RedCrossBlood.org/PACMAN) for details.

Join the PAC. Reserve your spot to give blood or platelets by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

The Red Cross is facing a drop in donor turnout this fall – a time when making and keeping appointments is critical to providing lifesaving blood products for patients over the holidays. More donors are needed to help keep the blood supply strong. To help empower and educate our blood donors, in November, successful donations will get free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One test result in a 12-month period; do not fast before donating). Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/diabetes](https://RedCrossBlood.org/diabetes) for more information.

### HOW TO DONATE BLOOD

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), call

1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

### ABOUT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Minnesota and Dakotas Red Cross, comprised of seven community chapters and five Blood Donation Centers, serves more than 7.3 million people, including Indigenous nations and communities. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. Visit [RedCross.org/MNDAKS](https://RedCross.org/MNDAKS) for more information. - The American Red Cross





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## Advancing to State

Bluejacket sophomore diver Anika Michaelis placed third at the Section 7AA Swimming and Diving Meet, qualifying her for the Class AA State Meet at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center. Diving prelims are scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13. The finals for all events begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15.



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## Trio of Bluejacket seniors sign to compete in college

Makenna Sjoberg (cross country and track, Minnesota State University, Mankato), Clara Rawson (softball, University of Jamestown) and Wesley Kennedy (track and field - pole vault, University of Sioux Falls) were recognized for signing letters of intent during the fall signing period to compete in college at a signing ceremony held at Cambridge-Isanti High School on Wednesday, November 12.

## Applications for invasive aquatic plant management grant open

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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has up to \$1,060,000 available to local entities such as lake associations, watershed districts, cities, and counties, as well as Tribal governments, for the management of curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush and/or starry stonewort.

Funding comes from Minnesota's invasive species account, which is largely funded by the invasive species surcharge on watercraft registrations and on nonresident fishing licenses.

The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. Unofficial award notices will be issued in January 2026,

and funded awards will begin as soon as March 2026.

Application materials and details about the grant program are available on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/grants/aquatic\\_invasive/control-projects.html](http://mndnr.gov/grants/aquatic_invasive/control-projects.html)).

Invasive aquatic plants are non-native plants that can potentially reduce native plant diversity and create recreational nuisances in lakes. The DNR's invasive plant management goal is to minimize harmful effects caused by invasive aquatic plants while also protecting lake habitats and their use.

Questions can be directed to DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Grants Coordinator Angelique Dahlberg, [angelique.dahlberg@state.mn.us](mailto:angelique.dahlberg@state.mn.us) or to DNR regional invasive species specialists ([mndnr.gov/Invasives/AIS/Contacts.html](http://mndnr.gov/Invasives/AIS/Contacts.html)).

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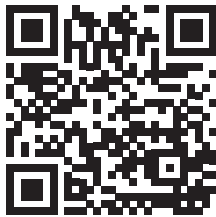
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# Talking diabetes with University of Minnesota

Diabetes affects about 38 million Americans, according to the National Institutes of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. For Diabetes Awareness Month in November, Jacob Kohlenberg, MD, with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview, discusses misconceptions, early warning signs and how to support family or friends who are living with diabetes.

**Q:** What are the differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes?

**Dr. Kohlenberg:** Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition, which means the body's immune system "attacks" the pancreas, causing it to produce little or no insulin. This results in high blood sugar. In contrast, type 2 diabetes is not autoimmune. It usually involves both insulin resistance — when the body's cells do not respond properly to insulin — and a relative insulin deficiency. While this is a simplified explanation, knowing the underlying cause of a person's diabetes is important because it helps guide the most effective treatment.

**Q:** What are the biggest misconceptions about diabetes?

**Dr. Kohlenberg:** Many people think type 1 diabetes only affects children, but most new cases actually develop during adulthood. Another misconception is that a diabetes diagnosis means you cannot live a full life, but that is not true. Diabetes care has come a long way. New devices and treatments make it easier for people with diabetes to stay healthy and live long, active lives. Finally, needing insulin isn't "bad" or a sign of failure; it is simply one way to help keep the body healthy.

**Q:** What are some early warning signs or symptoms of diabetes that often get overlooked?

**Dr. Kohlenberg:** Diabetes (type 2 in particular) can sometimes have no obvious symptoms, which is why regular testing by your primary care provider is important. When blood sugar levels are high, diabetes (all types) can also cause noticeable symptoms. Common signs include frequent urination, which can lead to

increased thirst, blurry vision, fatigue and weakness. Some people may also experience unintentional weight loss. Because these symptoms can develop gradually or be mistaken for other issues, paying attention to subtle changes in your body and discussing them with your healthcare provider is key.

**Q:** How can people better support friends or family members who are living with diabetes?

**Dr. Kohlenberg:** Diabetes is a chronic condition that requires daily attention, and its management can be challenging. Friends and family can provide meaningful support by asking the person with diabetes what kind of help they find most useful, such as emotional support or practical assistance. For example, some people share their blood sugar data through a phone app, allowing a trusted friend or family member to receive alerts for low or high blood sugar levels and help keep them safe.

**Q:** How does your research at the University of Minnesota impact clinical care?

**Dr. Kohlenberg:** As a physician-scientist, I care for adults with diabetes in both the clinic and hospital, and I conduct research to improve diabetes prevention and treatment. Our team leads clinical trials testing medications that may prevent or delay type 1 diabetes in people at high risk and may preserve insulin production in those newly diagnosed. I also developed and am testing a program that supports people in managing blood sugar and reducing the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis. Additionally, I lead efforts to make glucagon, a life-saving treatment for severe low blood sugar, more widely available.

Jacob Kohlenberg, MD, is an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School and an endocrinologist with M Health Fairview. He is a scholar in the National NIH K12 Diabetes-Docs: Physician-Scientist Program, and he leads a research team focused on improving the care of people with type 1 diabetes. — The University of Minnesota Medical School



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## Isanti County remembers its heroes on Veterans Day

Visitors explore displays of local veterans' memorabilia during the Veterans Day celebration Nov. 11 at the Isanti County Historical Society. Artifacts from area service members were pulled from the society's collection to honor their contributions and share their stories.

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# Isanti hunters encouraged to donate deer hides for habitat program

The Isanti County Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) is encouraging hunters to make a lasting impact this season by donating their deer hides to the organization’s long-running Hides for Habitat program. This initiative transforms a byproduct of the hunt into meaningful conservation work that benefits wildlife and communities across Minnesota.

Since its start in 1985, the Hides for Habitat program has generated more than \$6.5 million and recycled over a million deer hides statewide. These funds directly support habitat restoration and enhancement projects that ensure healthy environments for future generations of hunters, outdoor enthusiasts, and wildlife alike.

Here in Isanti County, the local MDHA chapter uses the proceeds to plant trees, food plot seeds, and other types of forage that improve habitat for deer and other wildlife. The funds

also provide valuable support for youth education programs and scholarships, helping to inspire the next generation of conservation-minded hunters. Local programs such as Forkhorn Camps, the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), and Dollars for Scholars have all benefited from Hides for Habitat contributions. In addition, the program has played a role in land acquisitions that become public Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), preserving more outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Hunters can easily take part by donating their deer hides after the hunt. Collection boxes—painted bright orange and clearly marked with the MDHA logo—are set up throughout the community for convenient drop-off. To find an official hide drop station near you, visit the Isanti County MDHA Facebook page, check the MDHA website at [mndeerhunters.com](http://mndeerhunters.com), or call 800-450-3337 for more information.



By donating hides, hunters not only reduce waste but also contribute to ongoing conservation, education, and land stewardship efforts that keep Minnesota’s outdoor heritage strong. ~ The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association

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Sun. 8:30am. <a href="http://isantiacc.org">isantiacc.org</a>  <b>Evangelical Covenant</b>  <b>Karmel Covenant Church</b> 5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN 763-389-3169 Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson Sunday School for All Ages (school year only): 9-10 a.m. Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday Programming (school year only): Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.  <b>Evangelical Free</b>  <b>Dale Evangelical Free Church</b> 45268 Brunswick Rd, Harris, MN 763-689-5817 Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin. Sunday School – all ages 9am. Sunday Service 10:25am. <a href="http://www.daleefc.com">www.daleefc.com</a>  <b>Kost Evangelical Free Church</b> 37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72 651-583-3281 • <a href="http://Kostchurch.org">Kostchurch.org</a> Pastor Josh Jensen Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.  <b>Oxlip Evangelical Free Church</b> 29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47) 763-444-5134 <a href="http://oxlip.org">oxlip.org</a> 9am Worship Service 10:45am Christian Education Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 to 7:30pm  <b>Wyanett Evangelical Free Church</b> 12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95 <a href="http://www.wyanetteevangelicalfree.org">www.wyanetteevangelicalfree.org</a> Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/ Prayer 2:00 pm Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton A LOVING CHURCH PROCLAIMING A LIVING MESSAGE!  <b>Lutheran</b>  <b>Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b> Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister 905 Central Drive West 320-396-2755 <a href="http://www.brahamlutheran.org">www.brahamlutheran.org</a> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service In-person & Live on Facebook 9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult All Are Welcome!  <b>Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)</b> Pastor Vicki Vandervegt. 320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr. 10:30am Worship with Fellowship following <a href="http://my.calvaryofrushpoint.org">my.calvaryofrushpoint.org</a> . Office: <a href="mailto:calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com">calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com</a>  <b>Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b> 621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211 Traditional service: 8:30 a.m. Contemp service: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. KidZone 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. <a href="http://www.cambridgelutheran.org">www.cambridgelutheran.org</a> Facebook: <a href="https://fb.com/Cambridgelutheran">fb.com/Cambridgelutheran</a> YouTube: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran">tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran</a>  <b>Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)</b> 32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333 Pastor Samuel L. Biebert. Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:30am <a href="http://www.christcambridge.com">www.christcambridge.com</a>  <b>First Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b> 43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible. 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Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship; 10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday 6:30pm Bible study. Email: <a href="mailto:stjohnlutheran@att.net">stjohnlutheran@att.net</a>  <b>St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)</b> 980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623 Sunday 8:45am Worship Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study <a href="http://stjohnsrushcity.org">stjohnsrushcity.org</a>  <b>St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)</b> 400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham 320-396-3103 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 10:30am Worship. <a href="http://ststephensbraham.org">ststephensbraham.org</a>  <b>Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b> 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon In person and online worship 8 & 10 am Worship 9 am Coffee Hour 9 am Sunday School <a href="http://www.trinitynorthbranch.org">www.trinitynorthbranch.org</a> <a href="mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org">office@trinitynorthbranch.org</a>  <b>Methodist</b>  <b>Common Ground - A United Methodist Community</b> 404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071. 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## FORECLOSURES

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DEFAULT HAS occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 26, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$117,000

MORTGAGOR(S): Danielle Christine Voss

MORTGAGEE: East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: October 27, 2016, Office of the County Recorder, Isanti County, MN

Document Number: A462094

ASSIGNMENT(S) OF MORTGAGE: None

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: None

LENDER UNDER DEED OF TRUST NOTE: None

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti County

Property Address: 332 3rd Avenue NW, Cambridge, MN 55008

Tax Parcel ID Number: 15.041.1310

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of Lot 43, Auditor's Subdivision Number 8, Village (now City) of Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota.

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$90,339.00

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; 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: December 23, 2025

PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main St. S., Cambridge, MN 55008

To pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides: "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2025.

If the mortgagor's redemption period is reduced to five weeks as set forth below, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on January 27, 2025.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION: 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: November 6, 2025

Larkin, Hoffman, Daly, & Lindgren, Ltd.

Attn: Craig W. Hardie

Attorneys for Mortgagee

8300 Norman Center Dr.

Suite 1000

Minneapolis, MN 55437

(952) 835-3800

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## ASSUMED NAME

**OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME**

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection

in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: bud's auto body

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1111 16TH AVE SE CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA

APPLICANT(S):

Name: Michael g Ward

Address: 1111 16TH AVE SE CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supercedes the data referenced in the attachment.

*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.*

SIGNED BY: Michael G Ward

MAILING ADDRESS: None

Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: budsautobodyinc@gmail.com

Work Item 1590793900026

Original File Number 1590793900026

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED

10/15/2025 11:59 PM

Steve Simon Secretary of State

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## PROBATE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

10th Judicial District Court File Number: 30-PR-25-89 Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of Sheila Rae Novotny, Deceased

**Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated October 6, 2022 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

**Self-Represented Litigant**

Crystal Ann Novotny

**Address** 573 Taft Loop South Cambridge MN 55008

573 Taft Loop South Cambridge MN 55008

**Email** crystalinderlee52@gmail.com

**Phone Number** 763-341-6044

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 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 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 to the 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 Minn. Stat. § 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 (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Probate Registrar

Date 10/23/2025

Court Administrator Erin Boettcher

Date 10/23/2025

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## PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CANNABIS MICROBUSINESS AT 18447 HIGHWAY 65 NE, SUITE B, EAST BETHEL, MN 55011 (PID #32-33-23-42-0007)**

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit for a cannabis microbusiness on property at 18447 Highway 65 NE, Suite B. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on Tuesday, **November 25, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: 5D Dispensary/ Brittney Yares

Location: 18447 Highway 65 NE, Suite B, East Bethel, MN 55011

PID: #32-33-23-42-0007

Request(s): A Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a cannabis microbusiness within the B-3 – Highway Commercial zoning district

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard

City Planner

City of East Bethel

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**CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE FOR FRONT YARD AND SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCES AT 19511 E FRONT BOULEVARD NE (PID #25-33-23-12-0003)**

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider variances for front yard and side yard setbacks for an attached garage on property at 19511 E Front Boulevard NE. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: Joseph and Sheri Belchak

Location: 19511 E Front Boulevard, East Bethel, MN 55092

PID: #25-33-23-12-0003

Request(s): Variances to allow a front yard setback of 19.7 feet and side yard setback of 5.7 feet for an attached garage

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard

City Planner

City of East Bethel

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**CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A LOWER POTENCY HEMP EDIBLE RETAILER AT 18429 HIGHWAY 65 NE, EAST BETHEL, MN 55011 (PID #32-33-23-42-0008)**

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit for a lower potency hemp edible retailer on property at 18429 Highway 65 NE. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: The Smoke Saloon/Ramadan Hussein

Location: 18429 Highway 65 NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

PID: #32-33-23-42-0008

Request(s): A Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a lower potency hemp edible retailer within the B-3 – Highway Commercial zoning district

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard

City Planner

City of East Bethel

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## NOTICES

**STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type: Condemnation

Court File No.: 30-CV-25-670

State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,

vs.

Justin C. Kluck, et al. Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES NOTICE

To the Respondents hereinabove named:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on December 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge John D. Klossner, in the Courthouse at Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota, via remote hearing, the Petitioner will present a Petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. **This hearing will not be in person at the Courthouse.** Instructions for attending the remote hearing may be obtained from Isanti Court Administration. The remote hearing may be accessed by video at https://Zoomgov.com/join, or by phone at 833-568-8864. For either method, the Meeting ID is 160 612 4764 and the Meeting Password is 934219. A copy of the Petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that Petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to Petitioner of the parcels described in the Petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of January 16, 2026.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must **VACATE THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 16, 2026.** All advertising signs or devices located in the area being acquired must be removed by January 16, 2026.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that (1) a party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for a taking must appear at the court hearing and state the objection or must appeal within 60 days of a court order; and (2) a court order approving the public use or public purpose, necessity, and authority for the taking is final unless an appeal is brought within 60 days after service of the order on the party.

Dated: August 7, 2025

KEITH ELISON

Attorney General

State of Minnesota

/s/Andre D. Gross

ANDREW D. GROSS

Assistant Attorney General

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(651) 282-2525(TTY)

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Condemnation

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State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,

vs.

Justin C. Kluck, Jessica Kluck, U.S. Bank National Association, PrimeLending, a Plains Capital Company, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, a/k/a Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C., Assignee of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., County of Isanti, Inn Towne Court Apartments, LLC, Security Bank & Trust Company, successor to Cambridge State Bank, Joe Robinson, Taylar Sowden, Martin Lopez, Patrick Fenning, Derrick Bacon, Daniel Lopez, Brandon Tinnel, Brian Grisham, Colin Tinnel, Michelle Miller, Donald Lowthian, Michael Schaefer, John Santiago, Ryan Moss, Kassandra

Everett, Richard Williams, Aaron Primmer, David Nyquist, Anna Sparrow, All Current Occupants of Inn Town Court Apartments, LLC , Greta Lindberg, ZZeise, LLC, Cushman & Wakefield US, Inc, S & S SpaSalon, Inc., doing business as Adevia SpaSalon, Trusted Insurance Agency Inc., formerly doing business as Central Insurance Agency, Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P., doing business as Edward Jones, 100 Buchanan Street LLC, Main Street Flats Limited Partnership, City of Cambridge, Family Pathways, Impact Holdings of Minnesota, Inc., BNSF Railway Company, successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc., and Burlington Northern Railroad Company, Lindberg Law Office, Transparent Financial, Inc. , U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to First Trust of New York, National Association and to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Citibank, N.A., formerly known as First National City Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to The First National Bank of the City of New York , Lakes Gas Co., Federated Co-ops, Inc., DPMichaels Properties, LLC, an inactive entity, doing business as Pizza Ranch, an unregistered assumed name, First Bank & Trust, successor to Peoples Bank of Commerce, Schiff New Q2, LLC, Wilmington Trust, National Association as Trustee for the Benefit of the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust 2021-C60, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2021-C60, Brian S. Strike and DeAnn E. Strike, as trustees of Brian S. Strike Revocable Trust under Agreement dated April 24, 2008, as amended, Walgreen Co., also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,

Respondents.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES

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PETITION

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To the District Court above named the State of Minnesota brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:

I. That Trunk Highway Legislative Route numbered 132, which has been renumbered 95, and which has been located according to law and designated as a controlled access highway, passes over the lands herein described.

That it is duly covered by Right of Way Plat Orders numbered 100691, 100689, 100727 and 100678.

II. That the Commissioner of Transportation deems it necessary that the State of Minnesota for trunk highway purposes obtain the lands herein described in fee simple absolute, and an easement as to Parcels 300 and 300B together with the following rights:

to acquire all trees, shrubs, grass and herbage within the right of way herein to be taken, and to keep and have the exclusive control of the same, to acquire from the owners whose lands front thereon any existing right of access to said highway in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned, and to keep and have the exclusive control of all access to said highway in accordance with the law governing controlled access highways, and further to acquire a temporary easement in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned.

With reference to Parcel 54, there appears a mortgage executed by Justin C. Kluck and Jessica Kluck, husband and wife, of Isanti County, Minnesota, as mortgagors, to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, mortgagee, and filed in the office of the County Recorder in Isanti County, Minnesota, as follows:

Dated November 1, 2020

Date Filed November 11, 2020

Document No. A498020

Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order authorizing the Court Administrator to accept and deposit payments from the Petitioner to the court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 117.042.

Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order transferring title and

possession of the parcels herein described, prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §117.042.

Further, Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order requiring the parties to exchange any appraisals at least 14 days prior to a commissioners' hearing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 117.036.

The Petitioner reserves its right to recover costs of clean up and testing and all other damages arising from the presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties, including respondents herein where appropriate, in a separate legal action to the extent permitted by law.

III. That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Isanti County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your Petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your Petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:

Parcel 54 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following:

A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of the Northwest Quarter of Giles Block in Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 54 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situated thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:

Justin C. Kluck Fee

Jessica Kluck

U.S. Bank National Association Mortgage

PrimeLending, a Plains Capital Company Mortgage

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgage

United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development Mortgage

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, a/k/a Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C., Assignee of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Judgment County of Isanti Taxes

**FEE ACQUISITION**

Parcel 62 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following:

That part of Lots 52 and 56, AUDITORS SUB-DIVISION NO.8, shown as Parcel 62 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 62:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 62 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situated thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:

Inn Towne Court Apartments, LLC Fee

Security Bank & Trust Company, successor to Cambridge State Bank Mortgage

County of Isanti Taxes

Joe Robinson	Occupant
Taylor Sowden	Occupant
Martin Lopez	Occupant
Patrick Fenning	Occupant
Derrick Bacon	Occupant
Daniel Lopez	Occupant
Brandon Tinnel	Occupant
Brian Grisham	Occupant
Colin Tinnel	Occupant
Michelle Miller	Occupant
Donald Lowthian	Occupant
Michael Schaefer	Occupant



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John Santiago      Occupant  
Ryan Moss          Occupant  
Kassandra Everett   Occupant  
Richard Williams    Occupant  
Aaron Primmer      Occupant  
David Nyquist        Occupant  
Anna Sparrow        Occupant  
All Current Occupants of Inn Town Court Apartments, LLC Occupant  
Greta Lindberg      Occupant  
FEE ACQUISITION  
Parcel 42 C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901  
S.P. 3006-39RW  
All of the following:  
That part of Lots 1 and 2 of AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION NO. 12 and Lot 2 of PLAT OF SUBDIVISION LOTS IN N.W. ¼ OF N.W. ¼, SECTION 33, T.36, R23, (All Located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 36 North, Range 23 West), shown as Parcel 42 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.11 acre, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 42:  
Temporary Easement:  
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 42 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situate thereon.  
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:  
ZZeise, LLC          Fee  
Cushman & Wakefield US, Inc Claimant of an Interest  
S & S SpaSalon, Inc., doing business as Adevia SpaSalon Lessee  
Trusted Insurance Agency Inc., formerly doing business as Central Insurance Agency      Lessee  
Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P., doing business as Edward Jones Lessee  
County of Isanti Taxes and Special Assessments  
FEE ACQUISITION  
Parcel 44 C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901  
S.P. 3006-39RW  
All of the following:  
That part of Lot 6, Block 2, DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 44 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 50 square feet, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 44:  
Access:  
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).  
Temporary Easement:  
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 44 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing sign, light pole, and curb & gutter situate thereon.  
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:  
100 Buchanan Street LLC Fee  
Main Street Flats Limited Partnership      Easement  
City of Cambridge  
Family Pathways  
Impact Holdings of Minnesota, Inc.  
BNSF Railway Company, successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc., and Burlington Northern Railroad Company      Easement  
Lindberg Law Office  
Lessee  
Transparent Financial, Inc.  
Lessee  
County of Isanti Taxes and Special Assessments  
EASEMENT ACQUISITION  
Parcel 300 C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901  
S.P. 3006-39RW  
All of the following:  
That part of Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33 and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, all in Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 300 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.62 acre, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 300:  
Access:  
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).  
Temporary Easement:  
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 300 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.  
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:  
BNSF Railway Company, successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc., and Burlington Northern Railroad Company      Fee  
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to successor to First Trust of New York, National Association and to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York Mortgage  
County of Isanti Taxes  
EASEMENT ACQUISITION  
Parcel 300B C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901  
S.P. 3006-39RW  
All of the following:  
That part of Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 300B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.20 acre, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said

Parcel 300B:  
Access:  
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).  
Temporary Easement:  
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 300B by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing propane tank situate thereon.  
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:  
BNSF Railway Company, successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc., and Burlington Northern Railroad Company      Record Fee  
Lakes Gas Co. Claimant of Fee  
Citibank, N.A., formerly known as First National City Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to The First National Bank of the City of New York Mortgage  
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to successor to First Trust of New York, National Association and to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York Mortgage  
City of Cambridge      Easement  
County of Isanti Taxes  
Federated Co-ops, Inc. Occupant  
FEE ACQUISITION  
Parcel 301G C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901  
S.P. 3006-39RW  
All of the following:  
That part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, the East Half of Block 6, and the vacated alley accruing thereto by reason of the vacation thereof, RASK'S ADDITION TO CAMBRIDGE, ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA, shown as Parcel 301G on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-68 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 301G:  
Access:  
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).  
Temporary Easement:  
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 301G by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing sign, sidewalk and landscaping situate thereon.  
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:  
DPMichaels Properties, LLC, an inactive entity, doing business as Pizza Ranch, an unregistered assumed name      Fee  
First Bank & Trust, successor to Peoples Bank of Commerce Mortgage  
County of Isanti Taxes  
Parcel 301K C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901  
S.P. 3006-39RW  
All of the following:  
A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of Lot

1, Block 1, DARONS ADDITION, shown as Parcel 301K on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-68 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing curb and gutter situate thereon.  
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:  
Schiff New Q2, LLC Fee  
Wilmington Trust, National Association as Trustee for the Benefit of the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust 2021-C60, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2021-C60 Mortgage and Financing Statement  
Brian N. Strike and DeAnn E. Strike, as trustees of Brian S. Strike Revocable Trust under Agreement dated April 24, 2008, as amended  
Easement  
Walgreen Co.          Lessee  
County of Isanti Taxes  
WHEREFORE, Your Petitioner prays that the Court grant this petition, that commissioners be appointed to appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.  
Dated: July 29, 2025  
KEITH ELLISON  
Attorney General  
State of Minnesota  
/s/Andrew D. Gross  
ANDREW D. GROSS  
Assistant Attorney General  
Atty. Reg. No. 0395389  
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(651) 757-1039 (Voice)  
(651) 297-4077 (Fax)  
andrew.gross@ag.state.mn.us  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER 101050  
MINN. STAT. § 549.211  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
The party or parties on whose behalf the attached document is served acknowledge through their undersigned counsel that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.  
Dated: July 29, 2025  
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2025  
The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.  
Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Councilmembers Bob Shogren and Molly Christian.  
Members Absent: Councilmembers Aaron Berg and Mark Ziebarth.  
• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm  
• Held special recognition of employees who are current or former service members

• Isanti-Chisago County STAR Best of Awards presentation  
• Approved the amended consent agenda items A – G  
• Reviewed Personnel Policy Sections  
• Approved the MOU With Allina Health System  
• Approved Resolution R25-091 CFD Relief Association service pension increase request  
• Approved Resolution R25-092 entering into a cooperative agreement  
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ISANTI COUNTY SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
The complete minutes are available for public inspection in the Administration office at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 or online at www.co.isanti.mn.us/agendacenter  
Members Present: Chairman Alan Duff; Commissioners: Steve Westerberg, Todd Christensen, Bill Berg.  
Members Absent: Kristi LaRowe.  
Meeting called to order by Chairman Alan Duff.  
• Approved the following County Business Items: Personnel Action Items, Utility Permits, Claims and Warrants, and the acceptance of donations to Isanti County for the month of September.  
• Approved the following Isanti County Health and Human Services Items: Approved HHS Payments and Vouchers. Approved to use Covid 19 Grant Funds to contract with AndiSites for the development of a comprehensive, user friendly online Resource Hub for Isanti County residents. Approval of a contract amendment with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Community Support Program Grant. Approval of the contract with Trimin Systems, Inc. for their computer programming and technical assistance for the maintenance and support of computer systems used by ICHHS.  
• Approved the October 9th, 2025, Planning Commission recommendations.  
• Set a Public Hearing for November 18th, 2025, and 9:30am.  
• Approved the reimbursement to Spencer Brook Township for their Clean Up Day that was held on May 4, 2025.  
• Approved the proceeding with a change order on SAP 030-605-037 (CSAH 5 Roundabout) to revise the project schedule to accommodate the remaining work.  
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on November 13, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
December 2, 2025  
City of Isanti  
Economic Development Authority (EDA)  
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF OFFERS AND PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Isanti EDA is soliciting sealed, written offers for the purchase and development of the following Industrial real property:  
• Parcel: LOT 003, BLOCK 001, ISANTI CENTENNIAL COMPLEX 7TH REARRANGEMENT  
Offer Deadline & Submission  
All sealed, written offers must be physically received by the Isanti City Clerk/EDA Secretary no later than December 1, 2025, at 4:00 PM Central Time.

Submission Location: Isanti City Hall, Attn: EDA Secretary, 110 1st Ave NW, Isanti, MN 55040.  
Offers must be clearly labeled and must include a \$5,000 Earnest Money deposit and a required Development Plan. The property is offered "as-is, where-is."  
Public Opening and Hearing NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, immediately following the 7:00 PM City Council Meeting (or shortly thereafter), at the Isanti City Hall:  
1. Offers will be Publicly Opened and Read Aloud for the property described above.  
2. The EDA will hold a Public Hearing to consider:  
• The sale of the EDA land (Lot 003, Block 001).  
• Granting any potential business subsidy related to the sale or development of the land.  
The summary of the proposed sale terms and any potential business subsidy is available for inspection at City Hall during regular business hours. After the Public Hearing, the Authority will consider approving the sale and any associated subsidy.  
All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or in writing prior to the hearing. The EDA reserves the right to reject any and all offers.  
Stephanie Hillesheim  
Community Development Director  
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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
The City of Isanti is currently seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. Appointees play a vital role in advising the City Council on the development, maintenance, and programming of our community parks and recreational facilities.  
AVAILABLE TERMS  
Multiple terms are available, with service beginning in January 2026. Terms will be appointed for the following lengths:  
• Two 3-Year Terms  
APPLICATION DEADLINE  
All completed applications must be received by: Monday, December 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM (Noon)  
HOW TO APPLY  
Interested individuals must submit a completed application for consideration. Applications are available at City Hall during regular business hours or can be found on the official City website.  
Completed applications should be returned to the City Clerk's office using one of the following methods:  
1. In Person: Drop off at the Administration Office in City Hall.  
2. By Mail: Send directly to City Clerk Jaden Strand.  
3. By Email: Send the completed application to Jaden Strand at jstrand@cityofisanti.us.  
For questions regarding the application process or the Parks and Recreation Board's work, please contact the City Clerk's Office.  
Jaden Strand  
City Clerk  
763-762-5759  
Posted: 10-15-2025  
Publication: 11-13-2025, 11-20-2025, 12-4-2025, 12-11-2025  
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BY MARK KRUSE

MARK.KRUSE@STATE.MN.US

As temperatures drop, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages homeowners to take simple steps to keep their yard trees healthy through fall and winter.

“Trees face extra stress as the seasons change, from hungry wildlife to harsh winter winds, especially in an urban environment,” said Mark Kruse, DNR urban and community forestry project specialist. “A little care now can go a long way toward protecting your trees and ensuring they thrive next spring.”

FALL CARE

Water trees until the ground freezes, especially newly planted or young trees. A typical yard tree that was recently planted needs around 15 to 20 gallons once a week if it doesn’t rain more than 1 inch. Maintaining soil moisture helps keep trees healthy. Mulch helps insulate tree roots, especially on extremely cold days with no snow. Apply a layer of mulch three inches deep around the base of the tree, keeping it three inches away from the trunk and three feet wide.

WINTER CARE

Winter may be a time of rest for trees, but it’s a great time to give them some attention. Protect young trees from wildlife and prepare them for healthy growth come spring by: Clearing tall grass, brush, or other materials that could shelter small animals near the tree bases you want to protect. Placing wire fencing two to three inches below ground and extending at least two feet above the expected snow depth. Check regularly to make sure wildlife isn’t trapped inside.

Wrapping trees or adding guards to help protect bark from cracking caused by daytime sun and overnight freezing. Remove guards in late spring. In areas with frequent deer activity, consider fencing large areas with 10-foot woven wire fence, or bud capping white pine seedlings, one of deer’s favorite food sources, by stapling a folded 4-by-6-inch piece of paper around the top bud to prevent browse in larger woodlands. Consider hiring a professional arborist for larger pruning or removal work. Many arborists work year-round, and winter conditions are often better for both trees and yards. Frozen ground supports heavy equipment, reducing damage to lawns and landscaping, and cold weather helps limit the spread of insects and tree diseases such as oak wilt. Pruning oaks in the winter helps limit the risk of infection. For more information and tips on caring for trees year-round, visit the DNR website (mndnr.gov/treecare).



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the parcels of land described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #2025-1 that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Isanti County is responsible for managing tax-forfeited land located within Isanti County on behalf of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has classified all parcels listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #2025-1 (on file with the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer) as non-conservation land; and

WHEREAS, all parcels of tax-forfeited land classified as non-conservation land shall be sold as provided in statute and any parcels of land proposed to be sold shall first be appraised by the county board as required by Minnesota Statutes § 282.01;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appraised values of each parcel and authorizes for public sale all parcels of tax-forfeited land as listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #2025-1 (on file with the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer) for not less than the basic sale price pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 282.01; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the public sale will be conducted Online via MNBid.mn.gov starting Monday, December 15, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Terms and Conditions of Sale (on file) as presented by the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby approves all sales shall be for full payment or on terms set forth in the Terms and Conditions of Sale (on file) as presented by the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale**  
Please carefully review all the terms and conditions contained in this document. Some of the terms and conditions in this document will be included in the deed you receive if you are a successful bidder. You are encouraged to have a qualified attorney review this document.

**ONLINE AUCTION:** All tax forfeited lands offered in this sale are offered for purchase to the highest bidder for not less than the Minimum Bid price. The Minimum Bid price is set at the appraised value. All bidders must register by providing a Driver's License or other acceptable photo ID and registering though the State of Minnesota's MNBid site.

PROHIBITED PURCHASERS OR BIDDERS:

- No person or entity, or entity controlled by such person, who is an owner or taxpayer of real property situated in Isanti County that has delinquent property taxes
- None of the following individuals (either personally or as an agent or attorney for any other person) may bid on and purchase a parcel of tax-forfeited land unless the parcel was owned by the individual before forfeiture: county auditors, county treasurer, county attorney, court administrator of the district court, county assessors or supervisors of assessments, a commissioner of tax-forfeited lands or an assistant to such commissioner, or any deputies or employees of any of the above individuals. A person prohibited from purchasing property under this section must not directly, or indirectly, have another person purchase it on their behalf for their own benefit or

gain. (M.S. 282.016)

**FORMER OWNERS:** If you are a former owner of a parcel being auctioned, you must pay the Minimum Bid price or the amount of delinquency, whichever is more, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.01, Subd. 7.

After a winning bid, but prior to closing, a search will be performed to determine if the winning bidder is a prohibited purchaser or bidder. Closing of the sale will not take place until the search verifies the winning bidder is not a prohibited purchaser or bidder. In the event a winning bid has been awarded to a prohibited bidder or purchaser the sale will be nullified as invalid. The property will be re-offered at a future auction, at the sole discretion of Isanti County.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** Items must be paid for in full within ten days from the date of the award. If not paid and claimed, Isanti County reserves the right to re-offer at a future auction, any such items after the ten-day period.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL, AND NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES ARE PERMITTED.

**Payment 1** must be made by either mailing or physically dropping off a certified check or money order payable to "Surplus Services" at 5420 Old Hwy 8, Arden Hills, MN 55112. Please contact mnsurplus.auction@state.mn.us or (651) 639-4022 for assistance in completing this first payment. Cash will not be accepted. Installment plans are not available.

**Payment 2** are fees that will be collected by Isanti County:

- Assurance Fee: 3% of the total sales price
- State Deed Recording Fee: \$46.00
- Deed Preparation Fee: \$25.00
- Deed Tax \$.0033 of the total sales price
- Well Certificate (if required): \$54.00

**PROPERTY TAX:** Tax-forfeited property is removed from the county assessment tax rolls at time of forfeiture. Property is returned to the tax rolls immediately after sale, and the payment of property taxes will commence the year following the year of sale. For example, if the property is sold in 2024, payment of property taxes will commence in 2025. It is the purchaser's responsibility to contact Isanti County, or the city assessor where the property is located, to determine estimated future taxes payable.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:** Local improvements not yet assessed, and any special assessments levied after forfeiture, must be assumed by the purchaser. In addition, any remaining balance of cancelled special assessments that existed prior to the tax-forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipality (Minnesota Statutes §§ 429.071, Subd. 4 and 435.23). It is the responsibility of the prospective purchaser to contact the city or township to determine special assessments that may have been canceled and may be subject to reassessment, and the city or township's terms for the payment of such assessments.

All property is sold "AS IS" and may not conform to local building and zoning ordinances. The county makes no warranty that the land is buildable. Isanti County is not responsible for location or determining property lines or boundaries. Purchaser will be required to sign the "AS IS" Addendum as part of the Terms of Sale and is available for review prior to the auction.

**PROPERTY CONDITION:** Purchasers are encouraged to contact the City or Isanti County Zoning Department where the property is located for information about building codes, zoning laws, or other municipal information that effects the property. A potential purchaser must obtain authorization from Isanti County to perform soil testing at purchaser's own expense, before purchasing parcel or parcels. The sale will not be rescinded if soil problems of any

type are discovered after the sale. If a purchaser decides to inspect a property before purchasing, they must complete a Waiver and Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement with the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INDEMNIFICATION:** The purchaser shall indemnify Isanti County and/or the State of Minnesota for environmental contamination as a result of purchaser's use and occupancy of the property.

**LEAD:** Some properties may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead-based poisoning. If you are interested in purchasing a single-family dwelling built prior to 1978, you have the right to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for lead-based paint hazards, at your expense, at least 14 days before the auction close date. Please contact the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer's office at propertytax@co.isanti.mn.us to arrange to see the property for such an inspection or assessment.

**RADON WARNING STATEMENT:** The Minnesota Department of Health strongly recommends that ALL homebuyers have an indoor radon test performed prior to purchase or taking occupancy and recommends having the radon levels mitigated if elevated radon concentrations are found. Elevated radon concentrations can easily be reduced by a qualified, certified, or licensed, if applicable, radon mitigator. Every buyer of any interest in residential real property is notified that the property may present exposure to dangerous levels of indoor gas that may place the occupants at risk of developing radon-induced lung cancer. Radon, a Class A human carcinogen, is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause overall. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on radon testing. Isanti County is not aware of any radon testing conducted on any of these properties. Radon records are not available. Radon concentration levels are unknown. Isanti County is not aware of a radon mitigation system in place on any of the properties.

**STATE DEED:** Conveyance of tax-forfeit property is made by State Deed on a form prepared by the Minnesota Attorney General and executed by the Minnesota Department of Revenue on behalf of the State of Minnesota. By law, a State Deed cannot be ordered until the full purchase price for the subject property has been received by the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer. Therefore, to process an order for a State Deed, the full purchase price must be tendered.

**TITLE:** Isanti County or the State of Minnesota does not warrant the condition of title. The purchaser will receive a documentation of purchase at the time of the sale and/or the Commissioner of Revenue will issue a deed from the State of Minnesota after full payment is made. Tax forfeiture will create a break in the chain of title and the services of an attorney may be necessary to make the title marketable.

**FOR ALL LAND NOT IN A PLATTED SUBDIVISION:** There are restrictive covenants required for marginal lands and wetlands including lands in Auditor's Subdivisions (see Minnesota Statutes 2007, Section 103F.535, Subd. 1, and Minnesota Statutes 2007, Section 282.018, Subd. 2.)

**DEED CONDITIONS:** The following terms and conditions will be included in the deed you receive from the State of Minnesota. • **REVERTER:** If the purchaser, their successor, or assigns, shall not comply with the above terms and conditions, title to the property shall automatically revert to the State of Minnesota. Compliance with the above terms and conditions shall be evidenced by a certificate

of compliance recorded in the real property records of Isanti County.

• **"AS-IS" SALE:** Purchaser agrees that the property shall be sold and that purchaser shall accept the property "as is, where is, with all faults", with no right of set-off or reduction in the purchase price, and that such sale shall be without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and seller does hereby disclaim and renounce any such representation or warranty. Purchaser specifically acknowledges that purchaser is not relying on any representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever, express, or implied, from seller, agent, other agents, or brokers as to the condition of or as to any matter concerning the property. Purchaser further acknowledges and agrees that it is relying solely upon its own independent examination, inspection, study, and knowledge of the property and not upon any information or representations made to it by seller, its officers, directors, contractors, agents or employees or any person whomsoever. Purchaser hereby expressly assumes all risks, liabilities, claims, damages, and costs (and agrees that seller shall not be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or other damages) resulting or arising from or related to the ownership, use, condition, location, maintenance, repair, or operation of the property. Purchaser acknowledges that any condition of the property which purchaser discovers prior to or after the closing date shall be at purchaser's sole expense, and purchaser expressly waives and releases seller and seller's agents, commissioners, employees, directors, officers and representatives from any claims, demands, losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, fines, liens, judgments, costs or expenses under federal law, state or other law, that buyer might otherwise have against seller or seller's agents and/or representatives relating to the physical characteristics or condition of the property including the environmental condition of the property. Purchaser acknowledges that the purchase price reflects the "as-is" nature of this sale and any faults, liabilities, defects, or other adverse matters that may be associated with the property. Purchaser has had the opportunity to fully review the disclaimers and waivers set forth herein, with its counsel, and understand the significance and effect thereof. This provision will be included in the State Deed that conveys the property.

The above terms shall run with the land and shall be binding on the purchaser, and the purchaser's successors and assigns.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** If you have any additional questions regarding the sale or the terms and conditions of the sale, you may contact the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer at:

In Person:  
555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, MN  
Phone: (763) 689-1644  
Email: propertytax@co.isanti.mn.us

• Failure to follow any of the terms and conditions stated could result in voiding the sale and the parcel being re-offered for auction. No exceptions will be made.

• All parcels of land have been viewed and none of the parcels physically pertain to the provisions of MN Statute 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, and 282.018.

• The Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer has the authority to add or remove any parcels from auction.

• All sales are subject to Minnesota statutes governing the purchase of tax-forfeited land.

**IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL INTERESTS, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND ON OTHER LEGAL MATTERS**

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Nov. 2 - 8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Wade Hamilton Hasse** (DOB 03/01/1984) of Princeton, was charged Nov. 3 with Cannabis - 1st Degree - Possess more than 2 pounds but not more than 10 kg of cannabis flower.

**Nicholas Gregory Hanson** (DOB 04/19/1995) of Cambridge, was charged Nov. 6 with one count of Domestic Assault; and one count of Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.

**Tyler Thomas Dimmen** (DOB 09/19/1997) of Center City, was charged Nov. 6 with two counts of Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Nov. 2 - 8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Mark Andrew Linnerooth** (DOB 11/17/1989) of Center City, was charged Nov. 4 with Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penetration or Contact under 14 - Actor greater than 36m older.

**Adam Thaddeus Leigh** (DOB 12/10/1983) of Oakdale, was charged Nov. 7 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

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02.053.1130	Section 22 Township 035 Range 024 FRANCIS LAKE SHORES Lot 38 Block 5	N/A	2023	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
02.054.0380	Section 22 Township 035 Range 024 SECOND FRANCIS LAKE SHORES Lot 32 Block 7	N/A	2023	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
03.015.0800	Section 15 Township 036 Range 023 PT N/2 OF NE/4 OF NW/4 DESC: S 300' OF N 660' OF W 450' *** Structure Assessed Value \$500.00	3.00	2021	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
04.015.0400	Section 15 Township 037 Range 025 W/2 OF SE/4 ***Structure Assessed Value \$64,700.00	80.00	2022	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	Septic Agreement Required
11.027.0300	Section 27 Township 037 Range 023 PT SE/4 OF NE/4 DESC AS: COMM 16.5' W OF RR ROWF ON N QTR LINE OF SE/NE; THEN S 296' FOR POB; THEN W 296'; THEN S 296'; THEN E 296'; THEN N TO POB *** Structure Assessed Value \$900.00	2.00	2019	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
14.069.0170	Section 11 Township 037 Range 023 HIGH POINT ESTATES LOT 1 BLOCK 9	0.07	2022	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
14.069.0180	Section 11 Township 037 Range 023 HIGH POINT ESTATES LOT 2 BLOCK 9	0.07	2022			
14.069.0210	Section 11 Township 037 Range 023 HIGH POINT ESTATES LOT 1 BLOCK 11	0.07	2022	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
14.069.0220	Section 11 Township 037 Range 023 HIGH POINT ESTATES LOT 2 BLOCK 11	0.07	2022			
15.041.1850	Section 29 Township 036 Range 024 LOTS 57 & 58 AUD SUB 8 ***Structure Assessed Value \$24,800	0.80	2023	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
15.041.1860	Section 29 Township 036 Range 024 THE S 50' OF LOT 59 AUD SUB 8	0.30	2023			
16.106.0120	Section 25 Township 035 Range 024 VILLAGES ON THE RUM FIFTH ADDITION OUTLOT B (Also located in Section 19 Township 35 Range 24)	0.07	2021	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	



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**2025 Cambridge-Isanti Schools Referendum**

Question 1

Yes	40.6%
No	59.4%

Question 2

Yes	36.27%
No	63.73%

every voter who participated in the November 4 election, "a district road." "While the referendum questions did not pass, the district appreciates the engagement, dialogue, and community involvement that took place throughout the process."

"The district's facility needs remain, and staff will continue to evaluate priorities, and consider options for addressing the most pressing maintenance and safety needs in a responsible and responsive manner."

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**Cambridge-Launders and Cleaners going up for auction**

Isanti County is set to put the former Cambridge Launders and Cleaners property for auction Dec. 15.

In the specific case of the Launders and Cleaners site, the land is valued at \$101,400, with the building valued at \$24,900. However, the anticipated cleanup cost of this property comes with a "We'll just see where it goes from there," Larson said.

She said all hazardous materials reports and any other related information will be linked to the property's page on the auction site. She encouraged anyone considering putting in a bid they are getting themselves into, especially considering all sales are explicitly "as-is."

The online auction will take place from Dec. 15 through Jan. 14, 2026 via MNBid.mn.gov.

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**Road construction season**

A youngster dressed up as an orange cone for Trick-or-Treating in downtown Cambridge on Halloween.

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**'Official' Highway 95 project process begins**

After years of planning and wondering if it will ever actually become a reality, the first "formal" step in the Highway 95 expansion project is scheduled for less than two weeks from now.

According to Cambridge City Administrator Evan

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