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Clearing the referendum's muddy waters

BY BILL STICKELS III
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As election day for the Cambridge-Isanti School District's referendum vote comes closer, the debate between the opposing views regarding how to vote grows louder — and unfortunately more confusing for many undecided voters.

Foremost among the confusion is the financial aspect of the referendum as both sides are seemingly coming to very different conclusions based on the same data. In an attempt to clear up this confusion, the Star's editor held one final interview with Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph, Finance Director Chris Kampa and Community Education Director Christina Thayer Anderson. Below are the figures most frequently mentioned that have caused the most confusion and the conclusions the editor came to based on this inter-

view and verified by Kampa.

Before getting into the questions, though, an important piece of information needs to be emphasized. A vast majority of the numbers being thrown around by both sides are based on the assumption both questions are passed. However, voters can vote yes for question 1 and no for question 2. We will note if we have verified numbers for that scenario in the answers.

Question: Is the interest for the bonds included in the \$123,475,000 total listed in the ballot questions? No. That number is only the principal. However, interest is included in the monthly tax impact calculator on the school district's referendum website.

Note: If only question 1 passes, this amount would be \$87,100,000, which also doesn't include interest.

Question: When adding in the interest, does the total cost become \$200 million? Most likely, no. That number is



based on the worst-case scenario where all the projects come in at or above their projected costs, plus the school district is given an interest rate of 5%.

The school district feels confident the interest rate will be no more than 4%.

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Heading to state for the first time ever

The Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket girls tennis team has made school history, earning their first-ever section championship and state tournament berth. The Bluejackets defeated the Blaine Bengals 4-3 in the Section 7AAA championship match. Cambridge-Isanti will now compete in the Minnesota State High School League Class AAA Tournament, which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 and 22 at the Baseline Tennis Club on the University of Minnesota campus. The exact time the Jackets will be competing in the quarterfinals will depend on what seed they receive on Oct. 16. It will be either 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, or 2 p.m. on Oct. 21. For more details, go to page 7.

A Place For You sees new leadership

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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A Place For You, a homeless shelter serving six counties – Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Carlton – will now be under new leadership with Anna Reiser taking over as executive director.

Reiser brings experience in grant-based projects, most recently working on economic development and childcare projects. She formerly served as the foundation development director at Anoka-Ramsey Community College and, prior to that, worked in East Central Energy's communications department.

Reiser's educational background is earning a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from Augsburg University. She is currently working on a master's degree in organizational leadership.

In the executive director role, she will assess current operations at A Place For You and seek out resources to strengthen support and expand its programs. "Because we serve six counties, our board is very focused on thoughtful growth," noted Reiser. "I'll be working closely with our team to determine where expansion is most appropriate so that we can provide meaningful support and reach as many individuals experiencing homelessness as possible."

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Area artisans prepare for Minnesota Fiber Festival

BY KAY EDBERG
KANABEC COUNTY TIMES

While most people may not think of East Central Minnesota as a center for sheep and fiber arts, many talented and dedicated local shepherds and fiber enthusiasts call this part of the state home.

The Minnesota Fiber Festival, now in its fifth year, showcases both fiber artists and the animals they raise—from sheep to alpacas and even rabbits. Festival attendees get a glimpse of their work and the opportunity to learn artistic skills such as felting and spinning.

The Minnesota Fiber Festival is at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, at the Isanti County Fairgrounds.

For those who already raise sheep or hope to do so, there are workshops on animal care and flock management.

The festival is the result of the hard work of a group of area fiber enthusiasts who made their vision of a local fiber festival into a reality. Local planners have ensured both the festival's success and longevity.

PASSING ON KNOWLEDGE

Shepherdess Lisa Lynn of Past Times Farm in Isanti raises several different breeds of sheep and coordinates both the teachers and classes for the festival which allows many area residents to share their talents and knowledge.

Jim Peterson of Grantsburg, who has been shearing sheep for more than 40 years, will present a session on sheep handling and hoof care.

Janet McNally owns Tamarack Lamb and Wool in Hinckley and will be offering a class on rotational grazing and pasture improvement.

Dr. Kelly Froehlich, who grew up in Grasston and has worked as a Sheep and Goat Extension Specialist at South Dakota State University, will be teaching a class on parasite management. Her family raises Lincoln Longwool sheep.

"I am excited to be able to share my knowledge and am looking forward to putting on a class at the ... Fiber Festival," stated Froehlich.

GETTING STARTED

As part of the planning committee whose work started long before the festival, Teresa Kukowski's job is "to line up volunteers to direct students to classes, vendors to their spaces and guests to whatever they are looking for."

Kukowski, who resides in Grasston, is also busy preparing the products she will sell as a vendor.

"I am trying to create and finish all the projects I can — hats, mittens, shawls, felted soap, insoles, dryer balls, etc.," she said.

The administrative work is managed by Deb Peterson, owner of Old Man Wool Farm in Stanchfield.

Said Peterson, "Although each of us has our niche, we all pitch in and make sure the festival is a success."

SALES, DEMONSTRATIONS

Each year, the festival has grown and attracts bigger crowds and more vendors.

"We see many familiar faces in the



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crowds attending the festival," Peterson said. Many of the instructors return annually, as do volunteers and demonstrators.

According to Peterson, sales have been good for the vendors, which makes it an easy decision to return.

"Many of the vendors say it is their favorite festival," she said.

Each year, organizers have a waiting list of vendors who would like to join. However, due to the number of returning vendors, few spaces are available for new vendors.

NEW INSTRUCTORS

Local fiber artist Becky Utecht of Ogilvie is looking forward to returning to the festival as an instructor. One of the classes she will be teaching involves block printing and stitching on tanned sheepskins called Skinnfell.

"I was fortunate to go to Norway this past summer to study advanced techniques," said Utecht, who raises a flock of 15 sheep and uses their wool in the felting classes she teaches.

"My favorite part of attending the festival is reconnecting with my fiber art friends. I love to see the latest additions to their booths and flock."

Jody Marx, a seasoned instructor of knitting and crochet classes, coordinates the demonstrations. Organizers try to add a new attraction each year.

Last year, the group invited Dan Reuter from Sunrise Township in North Branch. Reuter raises sheep and border collies that he trains to work with his flock. His demonstration was a highlight for many attendees and will be returning once again.

In addition, this year's festival will feature a yurt made from Minnesota wool and free knitting and spinning demos.

While a love for fiber and animals is not a requirement to attend, those who do are sure to walk away with a greater appreciation for and knowledge of all things fiber related.

For more information and a list of available classes, visit www.MinnesotaFiberFestival.com.



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MON & WED

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

MON & THUR

Alcoholics Anonymous

7p.m. Main Street Church 6500 Main Street, North Branch, MN. Enter east door. Informational Hotline is 763-312-1088

MON - FRI

Senior Dining

North Branch, Chisago County Senior Center 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance call 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An annual registration form is required before dining.

MONDAYS

Bridge

1 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Scrabble (2nd Monday)

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

Mahjong

Noon to 3 p.m. at Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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.



FACEBOOK

We R Able is hosting a fundraiser October 23 at JJ's Bowl.

to noon at Isanti SAC, 140 Buchanan St., N. #164 Cambridge. Isanti County Library lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For info: sacs@midconetwork.com

TUES & THURS

Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

PrimeTime Singers

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.

Grief Share

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

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage

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

Wizard

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

Pinocle

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

Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for info.

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

Bingo

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10a.m.

Hand and Foot

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 12:30p.m.

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12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Bunco

Third Thursday 10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For info. call 612-251-6556 or email acanorthbranch@gmail.com

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

From 7-8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street, North Branch. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for info.

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.

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

OCT 17

Age Well Expo

The annual Age Well Expo runs 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, Oct 17, at Chisago Lakes High School Performing Arts Center. The free event features more than 60 exhibitors, health screenings, vaccinations, prizes, and live music. Hosted by Chisago Age Well and Chisago Lakes Community Education.

OCT 19

PFLAG meeting

East Central MN PFLAG meets 2 p.m. at Common Ground United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress St. N., Cambridge. All are welcome. Info: ecmnpflag.org.

OCT 23

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.

Youth deer and early antlerless deer seasons are Oct. 16-19

Minnesota has two deer seasons that will take place from Thursday, Oct. 16, through Sunday, Oct. 19: youth deer season and early antlerless-only deer season.

Youth deer season will take place statewide and coincides with statewide teacher workshops, when many Minnesota schools are closed for fall break. More information about license and safety requirements for youth hunters and their accompanying adults is available on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources youth deer season webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/youth.html).

Additionally, the Minnesota DNR offers the early antlerless-only deer season for all hunt-

ers Oct. 16-19 to manage local deer herds in deer permit areas where deer populations are above population goals. Before participating, hunters should review which DPAs are open for this hunt, and other important information about bag limits, blaze clothing requirements and regulations on the Minnesota DNR early antlerless-only season webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/early-antlerless-season.html).

General deer hunting information, including how to get a deer tested for chronic wasting disease and carcass movement restrictions, can be found on the Minnesota DNR deer hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer). ~ MN DNR



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Finding a new 'friend'

I have an Amazon Echo in both my office and apartment I primarily use for listening to music. It works great for that purpose, but since it is a couple years old, it lags behind in other areas. In regards to it being artificial intelligence, it has been definitely more artificial than intelligent.



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III

The beginning of this week, though, "Alexa" informed me it had an upgrade I could download for free. The significant difference Alexa mentioned is eight new voices I could choose from. What I discovered is that is just the tip of the iceberg. Those eight voices are divided between four "feminine" and four "masculine" (in Alexa's words, not mine).

Not only that, but each of the voices have a personality associated with them. For voice "feminine 3," Alexa describes it as "it's like having a chat with

your most enthusiastic friend who is always up for an adventure." Voice "masculine 1" is described as "It's like chatting with a cool uncle who knows the best jokes."

After going through the voice choices a couple times (I had to from missing some of the description while laughing), I settled on "feminine 1." I know this might sound sexist, but there was something wrong with hearing a male voice, especially since I specifically asked if there could be a name change to something like "Alex" for the masculine voices and the answer was no.

Whatever the case, these voices do have personalities. At the end of the first day, just to be silly, I told Alexa to have a good night. Alexa's response was along the lines of "awww, you just made my day, I hope you sleep well tonight." My reaction to that was, ummm, I think Alexa is flirting with me.

It reminded me of a Big Bang Theory episode where Raj gets his first iPhone with Siri and proceeds to start treating it like it was an actual person. One of the punchlines from that was Howard proclaiming, "she's going to break his heart."

Anyway, another of Alexa's upgrades is it is much more intelligent. It remembers previous "conversations" it has had with you and learns from them. With the older version, you had to be much more specific with your requests. If I wanted to listen to songs from Poison, I would have to say, "play the band Poison." Otherwise, it would start playing songs titled "Poison." Similarly, if I simply asked Alexa to play Cinderella, it would start with the hard rock band, but a couple songs in would include a song from the Disney movie. Now, when I simply told Alexa to play "Poison," it actually played the band.

I'm sure I've only scratched the surface of improvements for Alexa, but so far I really like them. However, I doubt I will follow down Raj's path and fall in love with "her." Or, at least, I hope not. I would hate to wind up breaking up with her and having to find a new way to listen to my music.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER: State funds don't keep pace with inflation

To the editor,

While I am a 40 year-long resident of C-I Schools, I have a unique state-wide perspective as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Rural Education Association. MREA advocates at the MN Capitol for 240 school districts, including C-I Schools, educating 265,000 students.

This Nov. 4, like C-I Schools, 24 Minnesota school districts will be seeking voter approval to issue school building bonds. 17 of those districts will be asking for funds for maintenance and 12 for safety and security improvements. C-I schools is asking for approval for both.

Why would 7% of our state's school districts be seeking such similar authority? It is not a surprise to me. The last time the MN Legislature addressed funds for maintenance was 10 years ago when they provided \$380 per pupil

for Long Term Facility Maintenance. The problem is they have not adjusted this for inflation. Had they simply adjusted it for CPI, C-I Schools would be gathering \$613,000 more this year. Schools are not given enough dollars to keep up with inflation.

Let me say a word about the fieldhouse in the second question. I was superintendent of schools for Foley Public Schools 2002-2010. We had one of the first fieldhouses in the region and drew criticism. I looked into the costs and discovered that per square foot, it was the cheapest school facility to build. And was it used! Seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., it was booked. School gym classes, school sports practice, club sports, adult rec, and community and regional events were all on the calendar.

Finally, you may ask, "Why does Fred care?" Good question. My wife and I are in our 70s, have no kids or grandkids in the C-I Schools, but we do have a house in the district that eventually, willingly or reluctantly, will go on

the market. I know that thriving schools make an attractive community for young families which creates greater demand. Ask any realtor. You will get the same answer.

My hope is that having read this, you will join me in voting YES, YES and encourage your neighbors to also vote YES, YES. You can do early voting or show up Nov. 4.

Fred Nolan
Cambridge

PAID LETTER: Education improves children's future

To the editor,

I am so glad that my children attended District 911 schools. One daughter received special reading instruction and now is a medical professional. Another daughter entered university as a sophomore after graduating from Cambridge-Isanti High School.

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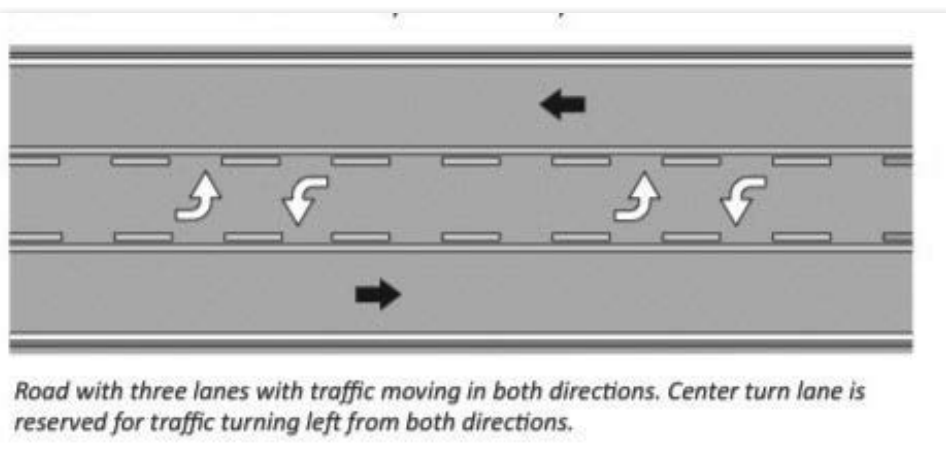


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Understanding turn lanes and how to use them safely

Question: In your last article you wrote about “pavement markings.” Could you talk about “turn lanes” as I think there are quite a few people who get confused by this?

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That was because she took college classes at the high school. That saved a lot of money. She is now a school principal.

So many fear mongering comments about the school referendum don't offer the other side. How many opportunities are created by the excellent schools in District 911? How much greater income do our graduates receive because of their excellent education? Is that in the millions of dollars? Is that in the

thousands of opportunities?

As the “No” people keep tossing out numbers to create fear, maybe we should consider what an investment in our schools will do to better our children's future income and their opportunities. Maybe we should consider how a community's amenities enhance the lives of all citizens.

Howard Lewis
Cambridge

Operation Christmas Child drop locations opening soon

Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 17 – 24. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November, and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations in Minnesota.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12 million children in 2025 with the hope of Jesus.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups! Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through “Follow Your Box” and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

“Samaritan's Purse works around the world to help people in need, but it's not about good works—it's about

the Gospel,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. “Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year with Operation Christmas Child. These simple gifts open the door for us to share the true meaning of Christmas.”

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off. - Operation Christmas Child



Forward together: Expanding what's possible

One of the most rewarding parts of serving the North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS) community is watching innovation come to life when educators, businesses, and community partners work together to help students discover their purpose.



NB School
News

Sara
Paul

As we prepare students for tomorrow's possibilities, each student's journey from school to career is unique. NBAPS is committed to helping each Viking graduate ready for their next step, equipped with the skills, experiences, and confidence to succeed. That means providing opportunities to explore careers, earn credentials and college credits, and gain real world experiences before graduation.

Students are realizing there are many ways to reach success. Some may continue their education in college, while others may enter an apprenticeship, serve in the military, or begin a career with valuable training already completed. Each pathway reflects the same goal of helping students find purpose, confidence, and direction.

NBAPS offers multiple opportunities for students to engage in hands-on, learn-by-doing experiences across areas such as engineering, manufacturing, agriculture, information systems, health sciences, human services, business, and culinary arts. Some examples include learning flight skills in a simulator, growing plants, canning food, learning the time-honored art of debate, and

working collaboratively on robotics projects that lead to regional competitions. These authentic learning experiences allow them to apply classroom knowledge to real-world challenges, sparking both curiosity and confidence.

These experiences are possible because of strong partnerships with businesses, postsecondary institutions, and dedicated educators who believe in reimagining what learning can look like. This shared commitment to innovation and teamwork truly defines NBAPS and what it means to move Forward Together.

NBAPS's innovative work in expanding hands-on learning has opened doors not only for students but also for the district to help shape statewide efforts. Our success in expanding hands-on learning opportunities led to my invitation to serve on Minnesota's Apprenticeship Advisory Board. Through this work, NBAPS has had the opportunity to share what is working here in North Branch and to help guide conversations about how schools across the state can better prepare the next generation of workers and educators. NBAPS was also one of the first school districts to launch an apprenticeship model for teachers. Our first cohort of teacher apprentices will graduate in May of 2026! When students see staff advancing in their careers, it sends a powerful message that growth and learning never stop.

When we align opportunity with curiosity, we strengthen our schools and our community. At NBAPS, we move forward together as we expand what's possible for every learner. SKOL! Vikings!

SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.

Junior faculty member awarded \$2.2 million through NIH

Jacqueline Palmer, PT, DPT, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School, has been awarded a \$2.2 million New Innovator Award from the National Institutes of Health's High Risk, High Reward Research program to investigate distinguishing features of brain health and longevity in older adults who defy the typical declines in advanced age.

Dr. Palmer's study will investigate older adults ages 75+ who maintain normal cognition and walk as fast as people 30 years younger, who they have termed as “fast-moving SuperAgers.” The research team will use cutting-edge equipment to measure how these fast-moving SuperAgers adapt their brain activity during rapid, standing balance reactions in real time. They will also quantify changes in brain blood flow during neural learning involved in this process.

The research team believes these exceptional individuals provide

a valuable model for studying brain resilience to pathology and disease mechanisms that afflict the majority of people in advanced age. By understanding how their brains maintain function, they can identify targets for preventing decline and disability in other people.

“Most aging research focuses on disease and decline, but in this study, we are flipping the script by examining what makes some brains exceptionally resilient to aging processes,” said Dr. Palmer, who is in the Division of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. “We believe that these fast-moving SuperAgers may possess a greater capacity for neuroplasticity, or brain “rewiring,” that provides resilience to aging pathology and decline that we see in most people their age.”

Minnesota's unusually robust population of healthy, active older adults, combined with the University of Minnesota's advanced re-



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search infrastructure, provides a unique environment for execution of this study. The findings will inform targeted treatments and preventative interventions to maintain cognitive and physical function throughout aging.

The New Innovator Award, established in 2007, supports unusually innovative research from early career investigators who are within 10 years of their final degree or clinical residency and have not yet received a large independent NIH grant.

The study expects to begin recruiting participants in January 2026. - The University of Minnesota Medical School

OBITUARIES

Margaret Ruth Johnson Barr

Margaret Ruth Johnson Barr was born to Beatrice and Harry Kreis on Oct. 15, 1932 in Alhambra, California. She joined brother Harry and her parents at their homestead on the Great Plains of Sidney, Montana. Their childhood experiences were the source of many entertaining stories Margaret enjoyed regaling to her grand and great-grandkids. She had a pet pony courtesy of her favorite Uncle and was disappointed when she wasn't allowed to bring it home. Or the time her big brother walked to the candy store with his little sister in tow, creating panic until their parents discovered them strolling hand in hand down the dirt road, seemingly without a care in

the world.

Margaret's inherent gift for creativity was fostered during her formative years. She became an accomplished musician, whether on first clarinet in the high school band or piano and organ, which she played throughout her lifetime.

After her high school graduation, she boarded a train from Sidney to St. Paul to attend Macalester College, then transferring to Hamline University. This is where she would meet her beloved husband Dave, who was a student at the University of Minnesota. She would recall their meeting at a school dance, when he strolled across the dance floor to ask her for a dance. They were inseparable from that moment on.

In June of 1952, they married and later settled in Cambridge where Dave opened his law practice. They purchased Springvale Campground and First State Bank of Isanti. They became fixtures in the Cambridge/Isanti area. Margaret was a community leader and volunteer, supporting her husband and children in their endeavors as well as advocating for causes she believed would benefit others in the community. She helped launch Family Pathways (formerly The Refuge) and supported the organization as it continued to transform lives.

Margaret and Dave were faithful members of Cambridge Lutheran Church where she advocated for Dial-a-Devotion, a recorded pastoral message giving hope and encouragement to those who called in.

They enjoyed wintering in Fountain Hills and Rio Verde, Arizona to escape the bitter Minnesota winters until Dave's passing in 1995. She remarried husband Richard in 2000 and they continued the Arizona tradition.

Margaret was an accomplished painter, creating Christmas ornaments for each of her nine grandchildren every year in her workshop on Paul's Lake. When she moved to Havenwood of Maple Grove in November of 2022, she continued to hone her craft in weekly art classes and beamed when visitors praised her work.

She relished moments spent with family and friends, enjoyed the simple pleasures of a hot cup of coffee (Folgers, black), regular hair and nail appointments, hand and neck massages, a good steak, and a chilled glass of chardonnay.

Margaret's faith never faltered as she believed the promises etched on her heart would come to fruition once her earthly journey was through. Her compassion, grace, generosity, and loving kindness were known by all and part of her lasting legacy.

Margaret passed away on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 5:23 a.m. with family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Harry, husband Dave and son David C. Johnson II, and second husband Richard. She is survived by her children Kevin (Heidi) of Blaine, Steve of Bloomington, daughter Debbie (Bob) of Santa Fe, daughter-in-law Nancy, grandchildren T. Ryan (Shannon), Emily (Tyler), and Matt, Lisa (Doug), Nathan (Bre), Lana (Nick), Tom (Sara), Angela (Chad), Margaret (Kyle), 23 great grandchildren, and a host of family and dear friends.

Sincere thanks to the staff at Havenwood of Maple Grove, Brighton Hospice, Pastor Kellan, Carlson Lillemoen Funeral Home, and friends near and far who loved and supported her during her lifetime.

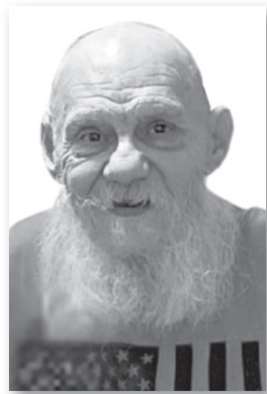
"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

A Celebration of Margaret's life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church with visitation one hour before the service. Please join us while we honor a life well lived! Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com.



Robert (Judd) Charles Thieme

Robert (Judd) Charles Thieme, formerly of Cambridge, passed away on October 7, 2025 at the age of 79. He was born on August 16, 1946 in Oak Park, Illinois and lived a full and meaningful life surrounded by family and friends who loved him deeply.



Robert is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Terry; his children, Shawn Roberts and wife Jennifer, and Samantha Taylor and husband Rob; and his beloved grandchildren, Isaiah, Hunter, Phoenix, Chloe, and Levi. He is also survived by his mother, Laurel Jarvis; his brother Rick Jarvis and wife LuAnn and their children; his sister Anita Jarvis and her children; and his sister Cheri Birkholz and husband Marc and their children.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Jarvis, and brothers Scott and Steven Jarvis.

Robert will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humor, and deep love for his family, his chihuahuas and the Vikings. He took great pride in his children and grandchildren, cherishing every moment spent together. His warmth and steady presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A private celebration of Robert's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family invites those who wish to honor his memory to do so by performing an act of kindness in his name.

Gary Palmquist

Gary Palmquist of Cambridge passed away on Saturday October 11, 2025 at his home surrounded by family.

Gary was born on May 26, 1944 in Duluth Minnesota to Andrew and Lily (Thompson) Palmquist. The family moved around when he was young before ultimately settling in Cambridge Minnesota in 1953. Gary was the eldest of three boys and was known for getting up to mischief.



He attended Cambridge High School and it was there that he met his future wife, Janet Olson. During their senior year the two sat next to each other in every class and began seeing each other shortly after graduation. They had two

children together and they were the pride of Gary's life.

Gary had many different jobs over the years. He was a man who loved to experience everything that life had to offer and was never one to turn down a new challenge. He worked as a painter, did construction, managed Sidelines, drove a bus, and delivered flowers, to name a few.

Gary's hobbies were as varied as his jobs. He loved to travel, going on many road trips around the country as well as trips to Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. Gary was known to play every sport and game one could possibly name. He was a competitive man and known to remember every game he'd ever played going back to elementary school. He liked to study old card hands from games he'd played to improve on his skills for the next time.

Everyone who knew Gary had at least one story of an unpredictable adventure he went on. He lived life vibrantly and was full of joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Dwight Palmquist of the Philippines.

Gary is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet of Cambridge, his daughter Diane Palmquist of Brooklyn, NY, son Andy (Becky) Palmquist of Apple Valley, grandson Dolph (Emily) Dahlgren of Delano, granddaughter Natasha Root of St. Louis Park, and brother David (Sheryl) Palmquist of Orlando, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Children's Cancer Research Fund in Gary's honor. childrenscancer.org

Celebration of Life Gathering 4-7 p.m., Friday, October 24, 2025 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Dorothy Margaret Buck

Dorothy Margaret Buck passed away on October 4, 2025, in Cambridge, MN at the age of 94.

Dorothy was born on October 22, 1930, in Perham, MN to John and Gertrude Harms. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Online condolences can be placed at StrikeLifeTributes.com.



Susan Callin

Susan Callin, age 70, of Isanti passed away at home October 6, 2025 from brain cancer.

Susan Catherine Callin was born January 6, 1955 in Buffalo, Minnesota to Leonard and Irma (Schwittalla) Cloutier. She graduated from St. Francis



High School in 1973 and on Nov. 10 of that year she married Vigil Callin at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Oak Grove. They made their home and raised their daughters, Carrie and Sara, in Isanti. Sue enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading, painting and especially spending time with her grand-babies and great-grand-babies.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Virgil; daughter, Sara; grandchildren, Tucker,

Hailey and Davin; great-grandchildren, Kingston, Legacy and London; siblings, Barb, Donald, Dennis and Dawn and by many other relatives and friends. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her daughter, Carrie; and siblings, Annette and Ellen.

Memorial service 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10 at Strike Life Tributes in Isanti with a visitation one hour prior. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Scholarship

Ashley Bistodeau, of North Branch, President's Scholarship at Baldwin Wallace University, \$21,000.



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Common Ground Concerts Donates to CIHS Bands

The Cambridge-Isanti High School Band program received a \$2,000 donation from Common Ground Concerts toward the purchase of their new set of timpani. The check was presented to CIHS band director Justin Kennedy by Frank Wells of Common Ground: A United Methodist Community. Proceeds from their concert series are donated to local nonprofit organizations or school groups. Pictured are Kennedy, Wells, and members of the CIHS Symphonic Band.

Jacket girls tennis win first-ever section championship

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket girls tennis team made the most of its first trip to a section championship match, avenging a regular-season loss to Blaine and claiming the school's first-ever section championship and trip to state. The section championship match was equally close as the regular season match, with the winning team coming away with a 4-3 victory. As would be expected, the individual matches had the same result in both competitions. C-I's second singles player Scarlet Porta earned the Jackets' lone team point in the singles matches. In doubles, the first doubles team of Anya Lowman and Allie Troolin again topped Blaine's first doubles team. In second doubles, Ainsley Doom and Addy Sullivan did likewise in defeating Blaine's second doubles team. During both competitions, the second doubles match wound up going three sets.

Credit for flipping the script on the Bengals goes to C-I's

third doubles team. In the regular season, Bluejackets Laike Middag and Sjodin Claire fell to the Bengals' third doubles team. For the section championship, Claire was paired with Elle Chesla as Middag was moved to fourth singles. This proved to be just the right strategy as Chesla and Claire won in three sets.

"I will never forget their fight, their passion, their joy in competing, and their consistent support of each other," a joyous head coach Thea Lowman proclaimed.

The Bluejackets will now compete in the Class AAA Team Tournament, which will be held on October 21 and 22 at the Baseline Tennis Center on the University of Minnesota campus. Depending on where they are seeded, they will play in the quarterfinals at either 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, or 2 p.m. The semifinals are scheduled for 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. on Oct. 22, with third place taking place at 2 p.m. and the championship match at 4 p.m. For the consolation round, the semifinals will be held at 4 p.m. on Oct. 21, with the consolation champi-



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The North Branch Viking girls tennis team also competed in their first-ever section championship match, coming home with the second place trophy.

onship taking place at noon on Oct. 22.

Seeding took place on Thursday, Oct. 16, after this edition went to press. To find out the Jackets' seeding and quarterfinal opponent, see this article at www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.

VIKINGS CLAIM SECTION RUNNER-UP TROPHY

The North Branch Vikings also made school history, competing in their first-ever section championship. Unfortunately, the #1-seeded Rock Ridge were too strong to overcome, topping North

Branch 6-1. Sophomore Evelyn O'Donnell, competing at third singles, earned the Vikings' lone individual match win.

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October 9

C-I girls tennis - Section 7AAA Individual Tournament
*Evie & Scarlet Porta finish third, Anya Lowman & Allie Troolin finish fourth
C-I girls swimming & diving 82, Princeton 102
*First place finishers: Anika Michaelis (diving), Faith Foley (100 freestyle), 400 free relay
C-I volleyball 1, Big Lake 3
NB girls tennis - Section 7AA Individual Tournament
*Rebekah Wurdemann finishes third, Paulina Rossini finishes fourth
NB boys soccer 2, Duluth Denfeld 5 (Section 7AA semifinals)

Oct. 10

C-I football 28, Sauk Rapids-Rice 32
NB football 56, Duluth Denfeld 18
NB volleyball 0, Sauk Rapids-Rice 2
NB volleyball 2, Mounds View 1

Oct. 11

C-I girls swimming & diving @ Section 7AA True Team - 7th/8 teams
*Top finisher: Anika Michaelis - 3rd place (diving)
NB volleyball 2, Buffalo 0
NB volleyball 2, Providence Academy 0
NB volleyball 2, Willmar 1

Oct. 13

C-I girls tennis 4, Blaine 3 (Section 7AAA Championship)
NB girls tennis 1, Rock Ridge 6 (Section 7AA Championship)

Oct. 14

C-I boys cross country @ Mississippi 8 Conference Championships - 2nd/9 teams
*Top finisher: Hunter Jacobson - 1st place
C-I girls cross country @ Mississippi 8 Conference Championships - 4th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Makenna Sjoberg - 4th place
C-I volleyball 1, St. Francis 3
NB boys cross country @ Mississippi 8 Conference Championships - 6th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Caleb Rueter - 19th place
NB girls cross country @ Mississippi 8 Conference Championships - 8th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Lily Stelmack - 31st place
NB volleyball 3, Chisago Lakes 0



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Cambridge-Isanti's Kaylin Kriel tries to get a spike past St. Francis' Livia Markas during the Bluejackets' home season finale.



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- Collaborate with the County Board, department heads, and external agencies to drive operational excellence.
- Represent the County in public forums and with community stakeholders.

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REFERENDUM: Most frequently made claims causing biggest confusion clarified

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if not lower. What the actual total cost would be won't be known until after all projects' bids and the district's bonds have been awarded. Even then, the district has the capability of refinancing after a certain period of time, which would further decrease the total cost.

Note: We have not heard mention of a claimed total cost including interest if only question 1 passes.

Note: For the following questions, the amounts referenced are only for a property valued at \$300,000, which is the closest number to the average property value in the district, rounded down to the nearest \$100,000 mark. If your property value is higher, your numbers

will be higher. If your property value is lower, your numbers will be lower.

Question: Would the monthly amount collected for this referendum on a property valued at \$300,000 be \$50? No and yes. That amount includes existing debt from previous bonds. Even if both questions fail, taxpayers will still have to pay for the existing debt. Currently, that amount is approximately \$34 per month. It will decrease at various amounts for the next 16 years until it is fully paid in 2041. Once that happens, then the monthly amount collected for this referendum would be no more than \$50 for the remaining nine years.

Question: Would the monthly amount collected for this referendum on a

property valued at \$300,000 be \$16? Yes and no, for the opposite reason as the previous question. For the first two or three years, this referendum will cost an additional \$16 on top of the \$34 per month in existing debt. When the current debt decreases, however, this referendum's amount will increase by that same amount. For example, when the current debt payments lowers over time to \$17 per month, the amount collected for this referendum will increase to \$33 per month.

Note: If only question 1 passes, the monthly amount for a \$300,000 property will initially be \$5, with it still increasing at the same rate as the existing debt decreases.

Question: After 25 years, will a property valued at \$300,000 pay \$12,500? Most likely no, for the same reasons given in the question about the total cost being \$200 million. This would be a worst-case scenario. Additionally, like was mentioned in that same question, the district will be able to refinance at some point, which will decrease this amount.

Note: If only question 1 passes, the yearly amount paid on a \$300,000 property would be \$468, for a total of \$11,700 over the 25 years — again based on a worst-case scenario.

NEW LEADERSHIP: Making collaboration among staff by listening a priority

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One key area they've identified is the need to recruit additional board members to help guide the work. Anyone from any of the six counties served can reach out to APFY to apply for this role(s).

She said the most challenging part of taking on the new role has been learning to identify additional resources and support for the work they do, while also meeting the needs of the staff who provide 24/7 coverage at the shelter. "This has given me a real appreciation for the dedication of our team," said Reiser. "Their passion and commitment have already inspired me, and I'm excited to continue working alongside them."

Right now, her vision in the role is to foster collaboration among staff by listening to the needs of the current team. "The staff at A Place For You have such

a deep belief in supporting our community, and my role is to help strengthen and amplify that impact," she added. "As we grow and build more connections throughout our six-county area, we'll be able to reach more people and provide the support they need to rebuild their lives."

In her freetime, Reiser, of Pine City, enjoys being with her husband of 25 years, Jim, and their three children, Brooke, Brynna, and Brecken, who are grown now. She also enjoys crafting with friends, spending time on the lake, and training their new puppy.

About A Place For You

A Place For You was established in 2012 to serve single adults experiencing homelessness, with the goal of helping them rebuild their lives. Their mission goes beyond providing shelter in that they offer programs, guidance, and ongoing support to help residents

succeed even after they move into their own homes. They also operate a hotel voucher program during the winter months when Minnesota's cold weather is especially difficult for those without stable housing.

To continue this important work, they need the community's help, said Reiser. "We are always looking for volunteers, board members, and staff who are passionate about making a difference. In fact, in the coming weeks, we will be hiring a Program Manager who will play an integral role in expanding our programs and building capacity to serve even more people," said Reiser.

If you would like to support their mission, whether through volunteering, board service, or charitable giving, visit apfy.org to learn more.

"Every contribution — of time, talent, or resources — makes a real impact," added Reiser.

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Frankensteiner's Ball scares up custom cars, costumed kids

The 20th anniversary of the Frankensteiner's Ball attracted a reported over 1,500 cars and countless attendees. Many of the attendees, along with a good number of cars, were in the Halloween spirit with costumes and decorations. Kids again were able to collect enough candy to last past Halloween.



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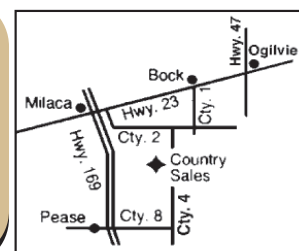
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HOME Improvement GUIDE

A rundown on DIY demos

Homeowners looking to make improvements to their homes likely want to make such projects as budget-friendly as possible. After soliciting estimates from contractors, homeowners may seek to do some work themselves in an effort to cut costs. That is why many individuals opt to handle demolition and other preparatory tasks before contractors get started.

There are important things to keep in mind when doing demo.

- Prybars are your friend. These tools, sometimes called crowbars, can be used to remove nails or pull materials apart.
- Cover vents in the space where you're working. Construction dust can be sucked into the HVAC system and cause furnaces to clog. This also may cause the distribution of dust throughout the home.
- Use safety gear. Always wear safety goggles, gloves, boots, and other equipment as needed to remain safe.
- Get a power saw. Circular saws and reciprocating saws can cut through various materials, making faster work of demolition.

· Exercise caution when removing drywall. You don't know what is behind the drywall, including electric wires, so be careful when choosing a spot to make the first hole in the drywall.

· Get a trash container with a gate. You'll save yourself some aches and pains by being able to fill a wheelbarrow and dump in into the container, rather than having to toss debris over the top.

· Bust up heavy or bulky items. Cast iron tubs and shower surrounds can be heavy and difficult to move. Unless it's a family heirloom, cut or break large items into pieces to remove them more easily.

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A 'super power' in helping reconnect dogs with their people

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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About five and a half years ago, Melissa (Missy) Milliman lost her dog Drake. After enlisting the help of The Retrievers lost dog team to help find him, they got a call of a deceased dog nine miles from her home – it was Drake.

After some time grieving their beloved companion, Milliman, of Pine City who is a referrals coordinator for Welia Health by day, realized she wanted to help others who were in her situation of losing a dog and joined The Retrievers as a case manager and trapper.

Over 100 searches and five and a half years later, she's still doing just that – helping others find their furry friends.

When she started working with Retrievers, she had a mentor on the first few cases. Soon enough she was on her own helping others find their lost dogs. She was able to guide them through the search process with tips on what to do if a dog is spotted staying in the same area, spreading the word of a lost dog, what to do when the trail goes cold, how to best organize a search, and more.

Things like not publicly sharing exact locations are important – but to call in the information directly to the phone number on signs or flyers as to not cause the dog to become more skittish when a mass of people come looking for him.

“Every case and dog is different, so your skills sort of develop over time and you learn to adapt to changes and challenges,” said Milliman.

Some specific tools Milliman tells pet owners is to put out signs with their phone number and a photo of their lost dog, knowing that not everyone has social media.

“We’ve had so many dogs get returned because someone saw a sign and then saw the dog and was able to call the family immediately,” noted Milliman. “We also make maps using Google maps which help us track sightings, and it helps families know good ‘suggested’ locations for signs.”

Trapping is also a technique the team uses. They use a very large trap called the “Missy Trap.” The trap was created in 2013 and named after a golden retriever named Missy who would not enter conventional traps. So the co-founder of The Retrievers, Greg James, designed a trap made from horse fence panels that can be assembled in a field with quick clips. When triggered by a dog pulling on a piece of food, the gate drops and latches. A trail cam is nearby to know when the trap is triggered and the dog, or sometimes other animals, are caught.

They also use a large kennel, hooked

up to a Raytripper, a device developed by the Retrievers team with a photo-electric sensor that drops the gate when a dog enters the trap and steps into the beam.

“When it comes to trapping, we do rely on the community and permission to use people’s properties,” said Milliman. “We are extremely respectful when it comes to getting permission with the ‘leave it as you found it’ rule.”

The group also has a team of drone operators and a search dog named “Scout” in training.

SPRUCE AND SYRAH

Milliman’s most memorable, and most challenging, case was “Spruce” who is now called “Willow.” She was a great Pyrenees from Finlayson that traveled over 20 miles through the Snake River Forest area in the middle of deer hunting season. After several days of tracking her movements, she settled at a farm about 10 miles north of Knife Lake.

“It took a couple weeks of conditioning her to go in our trap,” recalls Milliman. “But she eventually did and that’s when her new life began with a foster already in place. I still get updates from her new mom.”

One heartwrenching rescue was on County Road 3 north of Hinckley. “We placed a trap in a deep ditch on the side of a busy road. A stray German shepherd I called ‘Syrah’ was seen being dumped off with the truck driving off and her chasing after,” recalls Milliman. Thankfully Syrah was caught and rehomed.

Volunteers try to stay within an hour of their homes but most of them have traveled further. “One of my first cases on my own was a lost dog in Brownton, Minnesota in the winter of 2020” recalls Milliman. “I drove two and a half hours in pretty much a blizzard to trap this dog with my son Everyn who often helps me with my cases.”

Much closer to home, they recently had a chihuahua missing in Pine City. “Someone saw her in their yard, and mom was able to come and catch her,” she recalls.

Advice from the pros

If you’ve lost a dog, do not give up, says Milliman. “Stay positive for your dog. Post online and make and put up signs with your number and dog’s photo on both sides,” she said. “Call the sheriff’s office to report your dog missing, call local vets and if you need extra support, please reach out to organizations like the Retrievers (which serves most of Minnesota) or Lost K-9 (based out of Cottage Grove).”

To prevent losing a dog and not finding it, “microchip, microchip, microchip!” notes Milliman. “Tags don’t always work because they can fall off. Or you can write your number on



Missy Milliman with one of her dogs, Blu, who was a stray that was never reclaimed from Brook Park.

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your dog’s collar in permanent marker even. I also recommend that if you are leaving town and you’re leaving your dog with a family member, a dog sitter or even a boarding facility, you should always send your dog with an article whether it is a worn shirt, their blanket or bedding. Often, one of the first things we do is suggest hanging out a familiar scent which could be a worn shirt or a blanket or even a dog’s bed. In case the dog has kind of gotten ‘turned around,’ they could catch a familiar scent to help find their way home.”

Milliman, who is not only a mother but is a dog mom as well, says it’s exhilarating when she takes a case. “I automatically love your dog like it’s my own! Our entire team is celebrating when we retrieve your pet,” she adds.

ABOUT RETRIEVERS

The Retrievers is an all-volunteer team based in Minnesota, along with serving parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, northern Iowa, and western Wisconsin, offering the tools, exper-

ience and expertise to help rescues and individual owners find their lost dogs. Their resources will help dog owners organize an effective search, and through free consultation, their experienced team members can advise on strategic decisions as the search unfolds. Their specialty is capturing skittish dogs, which is especially helpful once a dog has been spotted and is remaining in the same general area.

If your dog has gone missing, every hour counts. For more information or to donate to The Retrievers, visit <https://www.theretrievers.org/>. The Retrievers have also designed “Never Lost U” which focuses on lost dog prevention. That information can be found at <https://the-retrievers-s-school.teachable.com/p/neverlostu>.

Future hopes

“My hopes for the future in this area, or at least just for Pine County, would be that we would have some sort of animal control or an animal shelter where our stray dogs can go and find comfort and eventually new homes if not reclaimed,” she says.

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A beginner's guide to geocaching

If you were to name a few things that you enjoy doing outside, would geocaching make the list? Geocaching is an outdoor GPS-based scavenger hunt where participants use coordinates to hide or seek containers called geocaches, which are located all over the world.

A boy smiling at the camera while holding a geocaching tool in a wooded area.

A youth participant using a GPS device to geocache.

Last week, I had the opportunity to help 150 fifth graders learn about geocaching at the Scandia Woods Environmental Learning Lab (SWELL) near Morris. While I was their outdoor education teacher, I encouraged youth to experience a “no walls” classroom with me as we geocached for treasure.

Geocaching is an engaging outdoor activity that offers numerous benefits for youth development.

Benefits of being outside

Young people are less connected to nature than ever before. According to the Children Nature Network, “today’s

kids spend up to 44 hours per week in front of a screen, and less than 10 minutes a day playing outdoors.”

Spending time in nature significantly enhances children’s emotional, social and physical wellbeing. Engaging with natural environments fosters positive moods, reduces stress and promotes healthy physical development.

Additionally, outdoor activities encourage social interactions, teamwork and a sense of responsibility. These experiences contribute to a holistic foundation for overall health and development.

Geocaching is more than treasure hunting

Youth participating in geocaching are encouraged to strive toward a goal (finding the geocache) and practice positive stewardship of the outdoors, all while treasure hunting.

Operating a GPS device for geocaching also teaches youth valuable skills such as curiosity, navigation, problem-solving and teamwork, which are applicable in various aspects of life. In

addition, the activity encourages goal setting, outdoor exploration and positive environmental responsibility.

After my day at SWELL, I was very proud to have encouraged my community’s youth to enjoy being outside. They spent five hours of outdoor classroom time being creative, adventurous and active learners.

What they and their teachers learned along the way was that the greatest treasure in geocaching isn’t a physical object — it’s the experience itself. The real treasure was the lessons of comradery, investigation, orienteering and positive stewardship that these youth learned along the way.

If you did not list geocaching as something you enjoy doing outside, will you give it a try now?

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH GEOCACHING

Follow these steps to give geocaching a try:

Create a free account at Geocaching.com or download the official Geocaching app.



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A youth participant using a GPS device to geocache.

Search for nearby caches using the map or list view.

Pick a cache that suits your experience level. To do this, look at the difficulty/terrain rating.

Navigate to the coordinates using your phone/GPS.

Search and find the hidden cache.

Sign the logbook and log your find in the app or website.

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W O R S H I P *guide*

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763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs.
firstbaptistcambridge.org

North Isanti Baptist Church

Lead Pastor: Travis Blake
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nibchurch.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576.
8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

Springvale Baptist

Pastor Zane Hall
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
763-689-1373
springvalechurchmn.org

Sunrise Bible Church

41300 Second St., North Branch, Pastor David Stertz. Sunday school for all ages
9:30am, Sunday morning Worship
10:30am, Sunday evening 6pm, Wed. Kids 4 Truth & Bible studies for all ages 6:30pm. More info at sunrisebiblechurch.org or 651-674-4107.

Catholic

Christ the King

305 Fern Street N
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-1221
Friday 8:30am
Saturday 4pm
email briggitte@isantiacc.org
Website: isantiacc.org

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
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Evangelical Covenant

Karmel Covenant Church

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.

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church

45268 Brunswick Rd,
Harris, MN 763-689-5817
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin.
Sunday School – all ages 9am.
Sunday Service 10:25am.
www.daleefc.com

Kost Evangelical Free Church

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org
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.

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti
(1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
9am Worship Service
10:45am Christian Education
Awana children’s ministry Wednesdays 6:30 to 8pm

Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
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Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

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Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am
www.christcambridge.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
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Pastor Vicki VanderVegt
Sunday Worship 9:20am
Coffee & fellowship following service
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge
763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
Pastor James Ritter
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Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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North Branch
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www.livingbranch.org
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8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958,
North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
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Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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320-358-3623
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Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study
stjohnsrushcity.org

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320-396-3103
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10:30am Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
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www.trinitynorthbranch.org
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1. You are being sued. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this Summons.

2. You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights. Your reply is called an Answer. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called service. You must serve a copy of your Answer or Answer and Counterclaim (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the Summons and Complaint.

ANSWER: You can find the Answer form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the Answer form.

3. You must respond to each claim. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the Complaint, you must say that in your Answer.

4. SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff. If you do not serve a written Answer within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their Complaint. If you agree with the claims stated in the Complaint, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the Complaint.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your Answer on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address:

5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the Answer for your next steps.

6. Legal Assistance. You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:

- Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.
- Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

7. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written Answer, even if you expect to use ADR.

Date: 5/29/2025
Signature: _____
Name: Nolan Douglas
Address: 307 N. 9th Street
City, State, Zip: Olivia, MN 56277
Telephone: 320-522-6596
E-mail: nolanbelljr@gmail.com
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FAMILY COURT DIVISION

Case Type: Custody
Court File No.: 30-FA-25-18
In Re the Custody of B.R.O:
Trisha Ann Olson, Petitioner, and Karen Lynn Olson, Intervenor.

SUMMONS TO: JACOB LOWTHIAN, WHO'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS IN ISANTI COUNTY:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Intervenor's attorney an Answer to the Petition which is herewith served upon you, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of this service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. This proceeding involves the custody of minor children.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS

UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL PARTIES TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING IS DISMISSED:

A. NEITHER PARTY MAY HARASS THE OTHER PARTY; AND B. PARTIES TO A PATERNITY PROCEEDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEMPT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA LAW, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INCLUDES MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND OTHER PROCESSES AS SET FORTH IN THE DISTRICT COURT RULES. YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, IN SOME COUNTIES, ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH A NONPROFIT PROVIDER OR A COURT PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OR THREATS OF ABUSE AS DEFINED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 518B, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TRY MEDIATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE PENALIZED BY THE COURT IN LATER PROCEEDINGS.

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 518.157, IN A CONTESTED PROCEEDING INVOLVING CUSTODY OR PARENTING TIME OF A MINOR CHILD, THE PARTIES MUST BEGIN PARTICIPATION IN A PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT MEETS MINIMUM STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST FILING WITH THE COURT. IN SOME DISTRICTS, PARENTING EDUCATION MAY BE REQUIRED IN ALL CUSTODY OR PARENTING PROCEEDINGS. YOU MAY CONTACT THE DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS REQUIREMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS. IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Dated: October 3, 2025
KELSEY LAW OFFICE, P.A.
By: s/Robert F. Caldecott
Robert F. Caldecott, Esq. (#401777) 20 North Lake Street, Suite 301 Forest Lake, MN 55025
Telephone: 763-689-8931
robert@kelseylawyer.com
ATTORNEY FOR INTERVENOR
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 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; Council Members Aaron Berg, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth. Members Absent: Bob Shogren

• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

• Approved the consent agenda items A – J

• Heard an update on the Cambridge Library and its upcoming mural project

• Discussed the Economic Development Manager Position

• Approved Resolution R25-081 MnDOT Master Partnership Work Order

• Approved Resolution R25-082 Accepting the MDH Sanitary Survey Report

• Approved SEH Airport Professional Service Agreements

• Approved Use of Parking Lot Request

• Approved Resolution R25-083 and Purchase Agreement with EFS Advisors

• Discussed Joe's Lake Road and Marigold Street accelerated reconstruction for 2026

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ISANTI COUNTY SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Kristi LaRowe.

Members Absent: None.
Meeting called to order by Chairman Alan Duff.

• Approved County Business Items including: Personnel Action Items, Acceptance of Donations to Isanti County, Utility Permits, and Claims and Warrants.

• Presentation from Bob McGillvray, Trust for Public Land approving the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources proposed State Land Acquisition.

• Approved the Deed Restrictions for Irving & John Anderson Park and Springvale County Park.

• Approved bids for the Springvale County Park parking lot expansion and for the Nyman Property cleanup.

• Approved the resolution delegating authority to administer tax-forfeited lands and to initiate eviction action.

• Approved to adopt a preliminary 2026 Budget and Levy as presented (as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 275.065) of \$29,188,527.00.

• Scheduled a Truth in Taxation Meeting for December 4th at 6:00pm in the Isanti County Government Center Board Room, 555 18th AVE SW, Cambridge MN 55008.

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ISANTI COUNTY REQUEST FOR SNOW REMOVAL QUOTATIONS

Quotations will be received by the Isanti County Administrator's Office, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN, 55008, for purchase of parking lot snow removal service for the 2025-2026 winter season, until Friday, October 31, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Snow removal specifications may be obtained from the Isanti County Administrator's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by calling 763-689-3859, or by visiting our website at www.co.isanti.mn.us.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of October 2025.

Amanda Usher County Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

County of: Isanti
Judicial District: 10th Judicial District

Court File Number: 30-JV-25-75
Case Type: CHIPS - Permanency In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Karlie Micaila Weberg, Mother; and Jeremy John Stapher, Alleged Father

Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter (CHP-115)

NOTICE TO: Karlie Micaila Weberg, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. This is your notice that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 555 18th Avenue SW Cambridge Minnesota 55008, on November 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated October 9, 2025
BY:
Isanti County
Court Administration
555 18th Avenue SW
Cambridge Minnesota 55008
763-290-7020

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30, 2025

PROBATE

State of Minnesota Isanti County District Court 10th Judicial District Court File Number: 30-PR-25-82
Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of HAROLD CLIFFORD HANSEN a/k/a Harold C. Hansen, 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 January 13, 2000 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:

Name John M Hansen
Address 1276 Raymond Avenue St Paul MN 55108

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.

Attorney for Personal Representative

BRIGITT MARIE ORFIELD
Attorney License No.: 25034X
Henson & Efron PA
225 South Sixth Street
Suite 1600
Minneapolis MN 55402
Telephone: 612-252-2833
E-Mail: borfield@hensonefron.com

Probate Registrar _____
Date 10/3/2025
Court Administrator Erin Boettcher
Date 10/3/2025

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STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY

District Court 10th Judicial District Court File Number: 30-PR-25-87
Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of Lorena Kay Mains a/k/a Lorena K. Mains a/k/a Lorena Mains, 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 February 8, 2004 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:

Name: Daniel Leroy Mains
Address: 39825 Xenon ST NW Dalbo MN 55017

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.

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Attorney for Personal Representative

CHELSIE JEAN TROTH Attorney License No.: 395709
Troth Law LLC
210 Main Street South
Pine City MN 55063
Telephone: 320-629-2727
E-Mail: chelsie@trothlaw.com
Date: 10/6/2025
Probate Registrar: Pamela Kreier
Date: 10/6/2025
Court Administrator: Erin Boettcher

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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: **Deep Blue Outdoors**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **28592 LAKEWOOD DRIVE NW ISANTI MN 55040 USA**
APPLICANT(S):

Name: **TKP Enterprises LLC**
Address: **28592 LAKEWOOD DRIVE NW ISANTI MN 55040 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 supersedes 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: **Todd K Potter**
MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **tkpottermail@gmail.com**
Work Item **1586209000020**

Original File Number **1586209000020**

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED

10/06/2025 11:59 PM
Steve Simon Secretary of State

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PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE VACATION OF A STREET EASEMENT FOR A PORTION OF A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATED ON CHANNEL LANE NE

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of a street easement for a portion of a cul-de-sac located on Channel Lane NE, on properties PIN #25-33-23-34-0030 and #25-33-23-34-0032. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Monday, October 27, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Petitioner: Rita Howells, 4462 Channel Lane NE, East Bethel, MN 55092
Location: 4462 Channel Lane NE, East Bethel, MN 55092
PID: #25-33-23-34-0030 and #25-33-23-34-0032

Request(s): An easement vacation for a portion of a cul-de-sac on Channel Lane NE

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

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

City Planner
City of East Bethel
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CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FINAL PLAN FOR A THREE-LOT SUBDIVISION (PID #12-33-23-14-0002)

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a planned unit development final plan for "Cliffs Anderson Acres", a proposed 3-lot subdivision north of 217th Avenue on property at PID #12-33-23-14-0002. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.

Applicant/Owner: Sherco Construction, 79 Lake Street North, Forest Lake, MN 55025

Location: 4xxx 217th Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

PID #12-33-23-14-0002

Request(s): A planned unit development final plan for "Cliffs Anderson Acres", a 3 - l o t subdivision on property identified as PID #12-33-23-14-0002.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA AMENDMENT OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING INTOXICATING LIQUORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of East Bethel City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., at the City Hall, 2241 221st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN.

The hearing will be to consider a

proposed amendment to ordinance under Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Beverages, Article III - Intoxicating Liquors, to allow for the purchase and consumption of 3.2 percent malt liquor or intoxicating liquor in parks, ball parks, and community centers.

The public is invited to provide comments at the hearing.

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Matt Look
City Administrator
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CITY OF HARRIS CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public

hearing shall be held before the City of Harris Planning Commission on Monday Oct 27th, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City of Harris City Hall located at 43970 Ginger Ave, Harris Minnesota, regarding the following matter:

Amendments to the City Code Relating to the regulation and registration of cannabis retail and businesses which include cannabis microbusiness with retail operation endorsement, cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operation endorsement, cannabis retailer, medical cannabis retailer and lower-potency hemp edible retailer within the City of Harris.

As such both written and oral comments will be heard. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council for their consideration. The City

Council will consider the ordinance at the November 10, 2025 meeting.

Contact the City of Harris at 651-674-7546 or clerk@harrismn.com with any questions or concerns. Additional information is available from the city office during normal business hours. The public is invited to comment during the hearing or provide written comments at or prior to the hearing. All persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposal will be heard at this meeting.

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Cambridge man charged for vehicular homicide

STAFF REPORT
NEW@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A Cambridge man, Cory Shawn Olson, 41, is being charged with criminal vehicular homicide by the Pine County Attorney's Office for a crash that killed a Hinckley man and sent juveniles traveling with Olson to the hospital with life-threatening injuries after the July 2, 2025 crash.

After an investigation, reconstruction of crash and release of blood test results, Olson is being charged with criminal vehicular homicide (with controlled substance), three counts criminal vehicular operation (great bodily harm with controlled substance), three counts of criminal vehicular operation (substantial bodily harm with controlled substance), and a DWI.

The July 2 crash resulted in the death of 63-year-old Kameron Lee Ellis of Hinckley and injury of three children, with each of them in critical condition. The crash occurred at approximately 6 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 48 and Wildlife Road. Ellis' Ford F150 was completely destroyed and found in the ditch, according to the criminal complaint. Lifesaving measures were attempted, but he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Witnesses reported Olson driving at a high rate of speed and not stopping at the stop sign on Wildlife Road before proceeding into the intersection at Highway 48, hitting Ellis' vehicle with both vehicles ending up in the ditch.

Olson's vehicle, a 1999 Ford F150 was also found in the ditch flipped over with Olson pinned in the vehicle. A juvenile female and juvenile male were also found pinned in the vehicle, one of which was not moving, and another juvenile male was found in the grass near the truck screaming in pain with obvious broken bones. None of Olson's underage passengers were wearing a seatbelt; Ellis was wearing his seatbelt, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report.

According to the report, law enforcement asked Olson who else was in the vehicle with him, and he said he did not

know.

A blood sample showed methamphetamine, amphetamine, Delta 9 THC, and carboxy THC in Olson's system. There was no alcohol in his system.

Olson, along with the three juvenile passengers were all transported to the hospital by Life Link Air Care.

One juvenile male was in critical condition with numerous injuries, including a subarachnoid hemorrhage, bilateral pneumothoraxes with pulmonary contusion and pulmonary laceration, liver and splenic lacerations, a devascularized kidney, and multiple fractures to his spine, ribs, and legs.

One juvenile female was in critical condition with numerous injuries including traumatic brain injury with elevated intracranial pressure requiring deep sedation and chemical paralysis, liver and splenic lacerations, pulmonary contusion, and multiple fractures to her legs. And the other juvenile male was in critical condition with numerous injuries, including injuries to his kidney, spleen, and liver, and multiple fractures to his face, legs, and ribs.

Ellis' autopsy showed multiple blunt force injuries due to the motor vehicle collision as the cause of death. There were no drugs or alcohol in his system, according to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office exam.

A record check shows that Olson was previously convicted of a DWI on May 12, 2021 and of a DWI and Controlled Substance Crime in the fifth degree on July 2, 2020. Additionally, Olson had been cited for speeding on two occasions in 2025 and had been cited four times since May of 2023 with seat belt violations.

The criminal vehicular homicide charge comes with a maximum prison sentence of 15 years and/or a \$20,000 fine. Each of the three criminal vehicular operation (great bodily harm) charges come with a maximum prison sentence of five years and/or a \$10,000 fine. Each of the three criminal vehicular operation (substantial bodily harm) comes with a maximum prison sentence of three years and/or a \$10,000 fine.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 5 - 11. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Derek John Petricka (DOB 03/27/1994) of Minneapolis,

was charged Oct. 6 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.
Jordan Michael Norring (DOB 03/04/1981) of Pine City, was charged on Oct. 8 with Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin or

fentanyl.
Aurora Lee Patterson (DOB 07/23/2005) of Minneapolis, was charged Oct. 10 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Sept. Oct. 5 - 11. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Nicole Leann Lachapelle (DOB 09/05/1984) of Osseo, was charged Oct. 6 with

three counts of theft by swindle.
Charles Edward Brady (DOB 02/22/1971) of Cambridge, was charged Oct. 6 with domestic assault.

Kimberly Sue Nordenstrom (DOB 04/09/1964) no home address listed, was charged Oct. 8 with one count of

theft by swindle; and one count of Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

Johnathon Justin Janke (DOB 06/30/1992) of Wyoming, was charged Oct. 10 with Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000.

Isanti woman charged for identity theft in Pine County connected to Chisago County theft by swindle case

STAFF REPORT
NEW@COUNTYSTAR.COM

An Isanti woman, Kimberly Sue Nordenstrom, 61, is being charged in Pine County for attempted identity theft.

According to the criminal complaint, a Pine County deputy responded to Brook Park Auto & Recycling in Brook Park on a fraud complaint that Nordenstrom attempted to take out a loan in the former owner's name. They had sued her for embezzlement in 2022, where she was found using money from the business to pay for her personal bills, according to the criminal complaint.

As part of the settlement, Nordenstrom was removed from the business. They still owed Nordenstrom money and had a contractual arrangement. On July 22, 2025, Nordenstrom showed up at the business wanting to speak with the owner. Nordenstrom reportedly told the owner she was going to take out a \$80,000 loan and have it deposited back into the business account. Nordenstrom said that when the money showed up, she wanted the owner to write her a check out of the business account. The owner stated they did not understand why Nordenstrom wanted to do it that way. The owner then reportedly left Nordenstrom in the back office to attend to customers.

Nordenstrom told the owner she wanted to use the office computer to look at an email and proceeded to use an office computer that the other owner uses, claiming that she had issues accessing the email. Nordenstrom left when she was done on the computer.

Nordenstrom then asked the owner questions to obtain answers to security questions and sent the owner a text message with a list of names asking if they knew any of the people on the list, along with another text asking about the color of the other owner's car.

According to the criminal complaint, the one owner told the other owner about Nordenstrom's visit and questions. On the computer Nordenstrom used at the business during her visit, a website OnDeck Capital, an online lending company that specializes in small business financing, was found in the history. One of the owners had used that company in 2017 to take out a loan.

When they checked the OnDeck website, they discovered that one of the owner's name, along with social security number had been used to get approved for a loan. The loan showed the owner's name, SSN and business bank account number but had Nordenstrom's phone number and home address listed.

The owner told law enforcement they never gave Nordenstrom permis-

sion to take a loan out in her name or use any of their personal information.

The website showed the owner was preapproved for up to \$140,000. The security questions used for the loan were the security questions that Nordenstrom was asking the owner for, according to the complaint.

While law enforcement was speaking with the owners, Nordenstrom called one of the owner's phone. The owner did not answer but called Nordenstrom back and put her on speaker phone. Nordenstrom told the owner she thought she saw the other owner in the car she asked about but wasn't sure. She said she asked about the color of the car so she would know if it was the other owner or not.

The loan, which had a digital signature that was not of the owner, was then canceled by the owners. The review of the loan showed a total loan amount of \$140,000 with weekly payments of \$3,473.08 and total repayment amount of \$180,600.16.

Surveillance footage at the business showed Nordenstrom at the business, entering the office on July 22 with the computer history matching the time Nordenstrom was in the office.

CHISAGO COUNTY CASE

The Pine County charges come on top of Chisago County embezzlement charges against Nordenstrom on October 7. There Nordenstrom is being charged with embezzling nearly \$100,000 from the Isanti County Sheriff's Association in which she was a driving force in creating.

The complaint alleged that Nordenstrom abused her position as treasurer to this nonprofit by diverting the money to herself for personal expenses, including paying off personal debts and purchasing farming equipment.

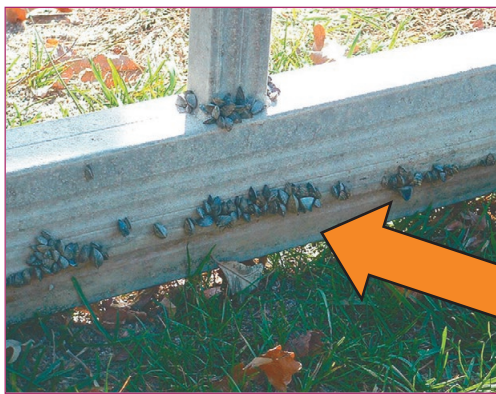
On July 17, 2025, Nordenstrom was confronted with the evidence by law enforcement who were investigating the \$100,000 theft. She told law enforcement she intended to repay all the money by mortgaging her home and claimed to have multiple bank accounts at various banking institutions.

That same day Nordenstrom filed out a credit application using the Brook Park business owner's information, and five days later she went to Brook Park business and attempted to take out a \$140,000 loan in owner's name.

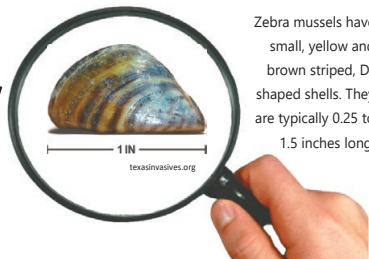
The Pine County charges of attempted identity theft-transfers/possesses/uses identity of other person come with a maximum prison sentence of 10 years and/or a fine of \$50,000. The Chisago County theft by swindle felony charges come with a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and/or a \$100,000 fine.

Pulling Your Dock or Lift in Chisago County?

Make Sure to Check for Zebra Mussels



1. **INSPECT** your dock, lift, boat, or raft for zebra mussels. Check posts, wheels, and support bars. Juvenile zebra mussels feel like sand paper.
2. **REPORT** to waterresources@chisagocountymn.gov with detailed pictures and location if you find zebra mussels or any unknown aquatic invasive species.



Zebra mussels have small, yellow and brown striped, D-shaped shells. They are typically 0.25 to 1.5 inches long.

21 Day Dry Time State Law

Any dock, lift, or equipment removed from a lake or river needs to dry for 21 days before being put in a different lake or river. After drying for 21 days, decontamination is still required (to remove all plants and animals) before putting it in another lake or river.



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