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Aid and comfort

North Branch natives help Ukrainian refugee mother and daughter

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Since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in the early morning hours of Feb. 24, more than four million refugees have fled to neighboring countries, according to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Many of those refugees — nearly 2.4 million mostly women and children — have fled to Poland. However, nearly 300,000 have fled to the small country of Slovakia.

The fleeing refugees have been welcomed into the homes and schools of people living in those surrounding countries, who are helping the refugees with their daily needs and resettlement. One such welcoming neighbor is North Branch native Jared King and his wife, Shannon, who live in Samorin, a small town just south of the Slovakian capital of Bratislava. Jared is the son of Charles and Renee King of North Branch.

The Kings have lived in Slovakia for nine years, where both worked at

QSI International School of Bratislava. Jared still works at the school as a cultural studies and music teacher at the secondary level. Shannon, who was a middle school math teacher through last year, is now self-employed as a tutor.

“It’s been wonderful, and we really love it here,” Jared said.

The Kings and their children, Maggie, 13, and Duncan, 9, have welcomed a refugee mother and daughter, Alina and Alisa, along with their dog, Happy, into their home. “We have a house, and it had an attached apartment above the garage, so when the school asked if anyone had space, we prepped it and offered to help,” Jared said.

Alisa, who is in third grade, celebrated her 9th birthday after arriving at the King home. Unfortunately, she had to leave her new birthday skates in Ukraine, but they were able to celebrate her birthday at an ice arena in Slovakia.

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Alisa and the King’s daughter Maggie do some arts and crafts together after school.



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Grand openings coming up Kwik

Representatives of Kwik Trip took advantage of last Thursday’s “Taste of Isanti County” to alert people of the opening dates for the two stores being constructed in Cambridge. The store located in front of Menard’s is scheduled to open on May 19 and the store at the former Westrom’s Corner site is set to open June 30.

COVID kept Isanti County Public Health busy in 2021

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It should go without saying that Isanti County Public Health was kept busy during 2021. However, if one breaks down the numbers, one particular item made the difference between an average year and a busy one. Obviously, that one thing was COVID — or more specifically, COVID vaccinations.

Offering the annual report to the Isanti County Board of Commissioners, Public Health Planner Cassie Shaker said the organization distributed 13,501 vaccine doses during 2021. Those doses were administered at 127 clinics, which

were held mainly at the Isanti County Government Center, but also at remote clinics in locations such as school buildings, churches and community centers.

According to Shaker, while most of clinics were staffed by public health employees, an increase in volunteers aided Public Health.

“Last year, they were helping a lot with our clinics,” she said. “Nurses were helping with injections; people who were not medical professionals would help with ushering or registration or monitoring.”

Despite the additional help, the

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And the beat goes on

Heart transplant recipient speaks about his experience

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It's a simple check of a box at the Department of Motor Vehicles, but it can end up saving someone's life.

April is National Donate Life Month, and Gary Meyer is one example of someone whose life was saved by an organ donation. Gary and his wife, Maxine, live outside of Finlayson and share their story often.

In 2012, Gary suffered a heart attack, although he did not know it at the time. He had gone to the emergency room and was sent home with an inhaler because the doctors believed it was asthma. This event damaged the right side of his heart.

On February 1, 2014, Gary, who was just 64 at the time, felt like he had the flu. He didn't have much energy and felt a flicker in his neck. Later in the afternoon, Maxine finally convinced him that they needed to go to the hospital.

It was a good thing they did. Gary suffered a second major heart attack that affected the left side of his heart. He was brought via helicopter to a Duluth hospital.

"I remember looking out the window of the helicopter and seeing the lights of Moose Lake, and that is the last thing I would remember for the next 30 days," Gary said.

Once in Duluth, the cardiologist on duty happened to be the head of the cardiology department.

"We felt that was the first of the miracles we would experience," said Maxine.

She explained that the doctor was very knowledgeable when it came to hearts that were as badly damaged as Gary's.

Gary was brought into surgery to have stents put in his heart. The doctor came out of the operating room and explained he was only able to get one in because Gary's heart was so damaged. This is when they discovered that he had the first heart attack two years prior. Gary spent weeks in the hospital, including 14 days in a medically induced coma.

Things looked very grim. The doctors called the family in and told them they had two options: They could go with medications and a pacemaker, which would give Gary maybe a year to live. The second option was a new device called a Left Ventricular Assist Device or LVAD. The LVAD would hopefully give Gary about eight years to find a transplant. Maxine made the choice to go with the LVAD.

"Eight years compared to one year — it wasn't a difficult decision," said Maxine.

Gary was transported to the Univer-

sity of Minnesota, and by the first week of March, he had had surgery and the LVAD was implanted.

The Meyer's daughter was getting married that June. They planned her wedding sitting in the hospital at Gary's bedside.

"My goal," said Gary, "Was to walk my daughter down the aisle." Thanks to the LVAD he was able to do just that.

There was a lot to learn with the LVAD, said Maxine. They had to be careful to keep the batteries charged. At night he plugged himself into a wall outlet so the batteries could charge overnight. During electrical storms, Maxine stayed awake all night to make sure the power didn't go out. If it did, they needed to make sure he was hooked up to the batteries right away.

Gary lived with the LVAD for two and a half years. In July 2016 the type of bandages used to secure the LVAD tube were changed from a breathable mesh to a more cellophane type. Gary contracted an infection because the bandage did not allow air in or out. The infection went unnoticed for a couple of weeks. They rushed him to the University of Minnesota hospital, where they learned the infection was traveling to his already-damaged heart.

The cardiologist came into Gary's room and asked if he would be willing to sign on to an experimental program in which he would receive what was then called a "heart in a box." The University of Minnesota was the only hospital in the five-state region that was allowed to perform this surgery. Gary signed on immediately.

"I wanted a heart," he said.

The doctors struggled to find a treatment for the infection. They finally found one, but it had taken time. Gary was going to be discharged from the hospital on Sept. 1, 2016, due to insurance limitations. The infection was being treated, but the treatment wouldn't be fast enough to save his life.

At around 2 a.m. on Sept. 1, Maxine received a call at home from the hospital asking for Gary.

"I wondered why they were calling when he was already there," said Maxine. "I wondered if they had lost him." She asked if it was about a heart. When the caller said yes, she excitedly told them that he was already there, but in a different building. Maxine packed her bags and headed to Minneapolis.

With the infection moving toward his heart, Gary's transplant status went from a 1B — which means a transplant is needed, but it's not an emergency since he had the LVAD — to a 1A status meaning he needed the transplant as soon as possible. The status change meant Gary would receive the next available heart, even though it was in



PHOTO PROVIDED

Gary Meyer, Finlayson, with the poster from Second Chance for Life. On December 11, 2021 they awarded him a pin celebrating five years with his heart transplant, #867.

Chicago.

Donated organs have traditionally been transported in a cooler, which can mean they can't travel as far and still be viable. The then-experimental "heart in a box" program changed that.

The heart in a box works by pumping a donor organ with warm, oxygenated and nutrient-enriched blood. It's equipped with an oxygen tank, supply of blood, batteries, and special electric and mechanical equipment to monitor the organ, as well as a sterile plastic box that houses the donor organ during delivery, keeping it at the right temperature and humidity levels.

Gary's cardiologist and team traveled to Chicago to harvest the heart and then flew it back to the U of M, where it

was transplanted into Gary.

In January 2022 it appeared Gary's body was rejecting his new heart. In response, the doctors performed a plasma transfusion. He will be on anti-rejection medication for the rest of his life.

"We feel we owe St. Mary's in Duluth so much. Even though they didn't do the surgery itself, it was because of them he got the treatment he needed," said Maxine.

Since his LVAD experience and subsequent transplant, the couple has been invited to speak to others in the hospital facing the same choices. They have met many people who are in the same situation they were and feel blessed to have the opportunity to help.



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ONGOING Flu Vaccines

Flu shots, by appointment only, will be administered at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge. Call 763-689-1711 and ask for Joan Schleicher.

Spring Book Bundle Challenge

Take the Spring Book Bundle Challenge through May 7 at the North Branch Area Library, 6355 379th Street. Complete challenge activities for a chance to win bundles of books. To participate: Pick up your challenge sheets at the library; complete certain activities on each challenge sheet; and return your sheets to the library by Saturday, May 7, to be entered into your chosen book bundle drawings. Challenges are available for preschoolers, kids, teens and adults. Each participant is allowed one entry per book bundle. Questions? Contact the library via email at nbmail@ecrlib.org or call the library at 651-674-8443.

MONDAYS

North Branch – Fresh Beginnings Al-anon Family Groups

North Branch Fresh Beginnings Al-anon Family Group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street. Free childcare is provided. Visit www.minnesotanorth-al-anon.org.

AARP Tax Aide in Braham

Appointments for AARP Tax Aide can be made for Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Braham Event Center, 655 8th Street SW, through April 25. Tax assistance is free, but appointments are required. Please call: Seven County Senior Federation, 320-679-4700.

TUESDAYS Vaccination Clinic

Isanti County Public Health, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, holds its COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, offering Moderna and Pfizer vaccines along with the Moderna booster. Anyone aged 12 and older can attend. Preregister at <https://prep-mod.health.state.mn.us/appointment/en/clinic/search> or call 763-689-4071.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Boxing for those with Parkinson's

Rock Steady Boxing, a non-profit fitness program for those living with Parkinson's Disease, is holding classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street S, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

WEDNESDAYS Preschool Storytime

at the North Branch Library

Join the North Branch Area Library for preschool storytime with Miss Amelia. This 30-minute program will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays through May 11, in the library's community room. Take-and-make crafts will be available after the program. Preschool Storytime is designed for children ages 3 to 5, and siblings are always welcome. No registration is necessary. The North Branch Area Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 6355 379th Street, North Branch, and can be reached at 651-674-8443.

THURSDAYS

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

Painting Class at Cambridge Library

Learn how to mix your own paint and create a masterpiece during a three-part painting class series at the Cambridge Public Library. Registration

is required for the series, geared to ages 12 and up. Ms. Jackie, a retired art teacher, will lead the classes on Thursday, April 14 (paint mixing); Thursday, April 21 (painting techniques); and Thursday, April 28 (choose your painting project). All classes will start at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. in the Discovery Room at the library. Register on the events calendar at ecrlib.org. Located at 111 Dellwood Street N. the library can be reached at 763-689-7390. For more information, visit ecrlib.org.

Basic Tech Help for Seniors

Seniors in need of help with sending an email or accessing eBooks or eAudiobooks can sign up for weekly one-on-one tech help sessions from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Cambridge Public Library, 111 N Dellwood Street N. Participants will meet with Jen, an ECRL volunteer, who can help answer basic questions about your laptop or other mobile devices. Please bring your laptop/device and a power cord to your session. To register, contact the library or visit the events calendar at ecrlib.org. Space is limited. The Cambridge Public Library can be reached at 763-689-7390.

SATURDAYS

Tax Help with AARP

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will be at the Cambridge Public Library, 111 N Dellwood Street, each Saturday until April 16, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. AARP is the nation's most extensive volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service. For an appointment, please call 651-674-8658. Social distancing procedures will be in place; please plan on bringing a mask with you. Tax helpers will be in the Great Northern Room on the library's lower level.

APRIL 7

ComedySportz at Cambridge Library

ComedySportz is coming to the Cambridge Public Library at 6 p.m. ComedySportz is improvised comedy played like a sport. This event is for all ages. Registration is required and now open on the events calendar at ecrlib.org. Please register each individual who plans on attending. Face coverings are required at the performers' request. The Cambridge Public Library can be reached at 763-689-7390. For more information, visit ecrlib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).

APRIL 9

Braham Area Education Foundation Annual Spring Gala

The Braham Area Education Foundation's Annual Spring Gala will be at the Braham Event Center, 655 8th Street SW and will begin with a social hour, with dinner beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. Tickets to the gala are \$40 and are available for purchase from individual advisory board members, and at the Braham Area High School Superintendent's Office at the Braham Area High School, Frandsen Bank & Trust in Braham, Braham Barber Stylist, and the Braham Event Center.

Spring Book Sale at North Branch Library

The Friends of the North Branch Area Library will hold its semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library's Community Room. The North Branch Library will accept donations up until a week before the sale. Please bring donations to the library's staff desk during open hours. If you are interested in getting involved with the Friends of the Library, members are staffing the sale and can answer any questions you may have. The North Branch Area Library is located at 6355 379th Street, and can be reached at 651-674-8443.

Easter Egg Hunt

A free Easter egg hunt with more than 2,000 eggs for children ages 1 to 10, as well as the Easter story, will be offered at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 32962 Vickers Street NE, one mile east of Cambridge on Highway 95, at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9:40 am. For questions call 763-689-5333.

Easter Bunny in Isanti

The Easter Bunny will stop from noon to 2 p.m. at Isanti VFW Post 2735, located at 410 Railroad Avenue SE. Pick up a goodie bag and have your picture taken by Lisa Timm of Reposed Light Photography. Kids can enjoy a corn dog and a juice box, too. Sponsored by Isanti VFW Post 2735 with assistance from the VFW Auxiliary.

Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry – North Branch

Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street, North Branch. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. For a \$22 donation, receive grocery items. Open to anyone; no income requirements. Bring own boxes. For info call 651-260-8505 or visit www.rubyspantry.org. Distributions will be the second Saturday of the month at this location.

APRIL 10

North Branch Community Center Potluck

The public is invited at 12:30 p.m. to attend a potluck at North Branch Community Center, 38790 6th Avenue. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share.

East Central MN PFLAG

East Central MN PFLAG will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m., at Common Ground United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress Street N., Cambridge. PFLAG welcomes everyone who is interested in supporting the LGBTQ+ community and their friends and families. For more information, go to www.ecmnpflag.org, or search for us on Facebook. Please note: We are requiring masks and social distancing at our meetings.

APRIL 12

Homeschool Connections

Are you a homeschool family looking to make connections and use the library more effectively? Then come on down to the Cambridge Public Library, 111 Dellwood Street N, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each month we will quickly highlight a free library service followed by a social hour. The library will have several board and card games on hand. We will meet in the Great Northern Room on the lower level of the library. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

Veterans Coffee Talk – Chisago City

Bryan T. Brown, Chisago County Veterans Service Officer, is hosting a get-together with area veterans from 9 to 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28005 Old Towne Road, Chisago City. Participants will meet other veterans, get benefits assistance, plus information on other topics that affect them. Call 651-213-5680 or email Bryan.Brown@chisago-county.us for more information.

APRIL 13

Braham Community Social

All are invited to the Community Social at Braham Event Center Library at 2 p.m. to learn about local issues for families and individuals in our area with LGBTQ concerns. PFLAG provides support, and information, on issues such as discrimination and mental health. Refreshments will be served. The PFLAG Chapter will provide printed information and other handouts and will be happy to deal with any questions community and area members may have.

APRIL 14

Dine & Discover

Chisago Age Well and Collette Colucci of Family Pathways will offer a free Dine & Discover "Dementia Friends Information Session" from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Rushseba Station, 700 W. 14th Street, Rush City. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who knows someone with dementia or simply has questions, is welcome. Registration is requested for this free program as space is limited. Call 651-674-1025 by Monday, April 11, or register online at: https://northbranch.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_/id/0/program_id/14 and scroll to Dine & Discover Dementia Friends.

Christ in Passover Presentation

"Christ in the Passover: A Presentation" will be hosted at 7 p.m. at North Isanti Baptist Church, 2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, using real elements to explain the link between the Passover seder and Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Free. For info call 763-689-3576.

APRIL 15

Wings of Fire Escape Room

Find the clues and solve the puzzles to complete the Wings of Fire escape room at 1 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library, 111 Dellwood Street N. This event is designed for ages 9-13. Registration for the escape room is required and opens March 18 on the events calendar at ecrlib.org. The event is sponsored by the Cambridge Friends of the Library. For more information, visit ecrlib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).

APRIL 16

Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry – Isanti

Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at New Hope Church-Isanti, 114 Dahlin Ave, Isanti. Starting at 7:30 a.m., time tickets will be given out for when food can be collected. For a \$22 donation receive grocery items. Open to anyone; no income requirements. No boxes required as distribution will be drive-thru only. For info visit Facebook at Ruby's Pantry Isanti MN.

APRIL 18

Craft 'n' Chat

Create something special while visiting with fellow crafters at the Craft 'n' Chat series at 6:30 p.m. in the Discovery Center at the Cambridge Public Library. Participants will be making cobweb cards. All supplies will be provided. This event is recommended for ages 15 to adult, and registration is required. Visit the events calendar at ecrlib.org or contact the library to reserve your spot today. Space is limited. Sponsored by the Cambridge Friends of the Library, 111 Dellwood Street N. Call 763-689-7390 for more information, or visit ecrlib.org.

APRIL 19

Veterans Coffee Talk – North Branch

Bryan T. Brown, Chisago County Veterans Service Officer, is hosting a get-together with area veterans from 9 to 10 a.m. at North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm Street. Participants will meet other veterans, get benefits assistance, plus information on other topics that affect them. Call 651-213-5680 or email Bryan.Brown@chisagocounty.us for more information.

Free Frozen Food Distribution Notice

Catholic Charities will be distributing free frozen meals at the Braham Area Food Shelf, 655 8th Street SW, from 1 to 2 p.m. Eligible recipients must be 60+. There are no income guidelines for eligibility. Please share with your friends and neighbors. This is a great resource for healthy and conveniently packaged meals.

OPINION

A possible return to 'normal' life

Almost exactly two years ago in this space I wrote about World Wrestling Entertainment's going forward with that year's Wrestlemania despite not being able to have any fans in attendance. The premise of that column was that if the WWE could pull off their biggest event sans fans, then each of the major professional sports teams should be able to do so as well. What's more, we needed them to do it in order to bring some level of "normalcy" to our upside-down world.

This assertion proved to be both correct and incorrect on my part. Yes, major sports leagues were able to hold their seasons in empty stadiums. Heck, even other forms of live entertainment found ways to bring their craft to the masses — e.g., live streaming of concerts, plays, etc. — directly into peoples' homes (albeit via pay-per-view). However, despite being

a small diversion, all of that felt far from "normal," despite their best efforts to fake the in-person atmosphere. The end results were, especially towards the end of the restrictions, that these events felt more like a reminder of what we are missing out on.

This past weekend, I watched the replay of this year's Wrestlemania, which was a two-night affair held in front of reportedly more than 140,000 fans. It was the first Wrestlemania held in front of a packed stadium in three years (last year's featured limited fan attendance). And it felt good to watch it.

You might have noticed I said I watched the *replay* of the event. The primary reason for this, rather than watching it live, was that on Sunday, I was at the Xcel Energy Center for the Bon Jovi concert — my first major stadium concert in at least two-and-a-half years. The week before, I was also at "The X" for my first live Minnesota Wild hockey game in about that same length of time. And it felt *really* good to watch them.

These events truly did feel like things had in fact returned to "normal." Sure, there were some subtle reminders of the situation we appear to be emerging from. The rink cleaners for the Wild and the stage crew for Bon Jovi were still mandatorily masking up. And Jon Bon Jovi, during some of his monologues, did make some general references such as "it's been too long." But to his credit, he only dared to utter "the C-word" once. In fact, there were more specific references to the mess in Ukraine than the mess we have been going through these past two years.

In retrospect, these two events (plus the Minnesota Vikings game I went to in December) reminded me of what we were truly missing, or at least the stuff that couldn't be replicated on a computer or television screen. The energy was upbeat, infectious, maybe even a little more amped-up than before. It was also the shot in the arm (I'm sorry, I couldn't help myself with that pun) that I needed to look forward to a hopefully brighter future.

As Jon Bon Jovi fittingly (and perhaps intentionally) sang during the opening song of the concert, "On a night like this, one prayer, one wish. Step out off the edge, it's worth the risk. Life is limitless."

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public is notified?

To the editor,

It is clear that the public wasn't notified as well as it should have been regarding the change on the county recorder, even though it was put in the newspaper some or maybe a lot of people either don't receive it or read it.

We as concerned citizens took upon ourselves to see if we could actually get 2,700 signatures to overturn what the county commissioners voted on with the March 1 meeting to make the county recorder an assigned position. As we informed the citizens what this means the people signed and hardly anyone disagreed with us. We received 1,300 signatures, also could have met the signature goal if we had more time - in Minnesota the weath-

er plays a factor.

This is a great statement that "We the People" have spoken.

Kristi LaRowe
Cambridge

Lengthen left turns

To the editor,

If the current city council wants Cambridge so big, they'll have to get in touch with MnDOT to lengthen the left turn signals onto and off of 95. My opinion is we were good enough when we were half the size we are now. What they should have done was a 95 bypass when they did the 65 bypass. It would have made things easier.

Kevin Devine
Cambridge

LETTER GUIDELINES

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CORRECTION

In the article "Ruby's Pantry takes sting out of high food costs," dated March 31, it should have stated, "Isanti and North Branch shares cost \$22 each."

Shares at both locations, however, will increase to \$25 in May.

The *Star* apologizes for the error.

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Preventing birds from contracting HPAI

On March 31, 2022 the University of Minnesota in collaboration with the Department of Animal Health put on a webinar about highly pathogenic avian influenza, or more commonly known as the bird flu. As of March 16, 2022 there were no cases yet found in Minnesota, but experts knew it was just a matter of time before we discovered it here. March 26, 2022 was our first case of HPAI in Minnesota.

This type of flu isn't uncommon in the United States. In fact, it was first discovered in 1878. At that time it was considered low-risk. It wasn't until the 2014-2015 outbreak that avian influenza became high risk. High risk means highly contagious, causing large numbers of deaths in birds. Being the state that leads the nation in turkeys, this is very concerning for us.

Across the nation we are seeing flocks, ranging in size from 6-408 birds being affected by HPAI, as well as a variety of wild birds. It's also important to know that 35 out of 37 flocks (95%) affected are mixed species of poultry.

What can you do to prevent your birds from getting HPAI?

1. Avoid attracting wild birds and waterfowl to your home. Song birds, sparrows, starlings, etc. are low risk, but do carry the disease too.
 - Cover and enclose outdoor feeding areas
 - Reduce puddles and standing water
 - Avoid visiting ponds and streams, especially with pets

2. Limit or halt travel with your birds to sales, shows, and swaps
 - Ensure you have clean hands, clothes, and footwear before handling birds if you do attend events
 - Do not allow others to handle your birds
3. Limit your birds' visitors
 - If someone must visit your birds, discuss where they have been and have them wash their hands and wear clean clothes and footwear

What signs and symptoms should you look out for? The most important and telling sign is sudden death loss of more than one bird. Before death, which happens rapidly (less than 24 hours), you may notice decreased water and feed consumption, decreased egg production, respiratory issues (gasping, sneezing, coughing, nasal discharge), watery and yellow/green diarrhea, swelling or discoloration of feet and waddles, and ruffled feathers.

If you see any of these signs please call the HPAI hotline at 1-833-454-0156 or visit www.bah.state.mn.us/hpai.

If you are seeing sudden death as well as the more mild signs and symptoms in your flock please call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health Poultry Testing Lab at 1-320-231-5170. If you have dead birds, do not remove the carcasses from your property. Call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health Testing Lab and they will help you with this situation.

You can stay up-to-date on the most current information, find prevention techniques, and symptoms of the disease on the USDA-APHIS 2022 Detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza website: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/home>

KATHERINE HAGEN is a University of Minnesota Extension Educator originally from Pine County. She has an extensive background in agriculture and is excited to be contributing these skills and knowledge with the University of Minnesota research to Pine and Isanti Counties.

What to do if your vehicle sinks

Question: I saw your recent article about flooded roads. Do you have any advice on what a person should do if their vehicle plunges into the water?

Answer: The dynamics of such an incident are ever-changing, so there is no one answer that will cover it all. Having witnessed and responded to these types of situations, here is what I would recommend.

Most vehicles will float on the water's surface for 30 to 60 seconds. If your vehicle enters deep water, make every attempt to get out immediately. If possible, exit the vehicle through open windows before the water reaches the window level.

If your vehicle becomes submerged, try not to panic. Vehicle doors cannot be opened until water pressure inside the car is equal to that pressure outside. When the vehicle is completely filled, doors can be opened, if there is no structural damage.

The engine's weight will cause the front end of the car to sink first. The rear passenger compartment may provide an air pocket while you plan your escape strategy. If there are other people in the vehicle, determine their condition and try to exit the vehicle together.

I would advise everyone to take swimming lessons. This is a life skill that can save your life and the life of someone else.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Forward together with Viking Bridge partnerships

One of our core values at North Branch Area Public Schools is “multiplying impact — the win-win of the work.” It is vital for students and for the community that we look for those opportunities to partner with organizations and industries that will help advance student growth and provide value to the local communities we serve. A burgeoning partnership we are all very proud of is the one being formed with the North Branch Area Chamber of Commerce, “Viking Bridge!”



NB School News

Sara Paul

Viking Bridge is a developing partnership that offers every career path, not just those that require a four-year degree. It emphasizes career readiness and learning important skills that are in high demand fields of employment.

As students enter adulthood, it is critical they learn to manage time and prioritize tasks and responsibilities.

Viking Bridge is designed to provide flexibility and time for students who desire to further explore career opportunities through internships and student service.

To advance our Viking Bridge initiative, the chamber and the school district will be hosting an introductory luncheon on Wednesday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at North Branch Area High School. The purpose of the event is to get interested business leaders together to talk about what the school district expects from industry partners, what will be required of participating students, how the program will work, and much more!

In addition to connections we are making through the Chamber of Commerce, we want to connect with you! If you are a business leader/owner interested in participating in this win-win partnership and who would like to attend our introductory luncheon, please contact Kristin Mayne, North Branch High School Career Navigator, at 612-322-4185.

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

Mark National Public Health Week

Access to health care varies based on a person's age, race, location and more. University of Minnesota School of Public Health Associate Professor Carrie Henning-Smith is a public health researcher who has studied health care access in both rural and urban communities. She shares her expertise in observance of National Public Health Week this April 4-10.



Talking With

Carrie Henning-Smith

How does access to public health and health care systems vary based on a person's location?

Prof. Henning-Smith: Access to all sorts of resources depends on one's location. That's partly because of how resources are distributed on a federal, state, and local level. It's also because communities look different from one another on the basis of population density and distance to resources, including public health and health care systems. Those differences are especially apparent between rural and urban places. In general, rural residents have fewer public health and health care resources available to them, and have to travel further to access them.

How does a robust public health and health care system impact overall community health?

Prof. Henning-Smith: Access to public health and health care is important for community health for a variety of reasons. For example, those systems can help to ensure that people have access to routine and preventive care, as well as to care in an emergency.

A strong public health system can also help in the case of a crisis, like the COVID-19 pandemic, to make sure that people have the information and tools they need to keep themselves and others safe. Other social drivers of health (e.g., housing, education, employment, access to food) also play a huge role in community health outcomes, but they cannot ensure good health on their own, without a strong public health and health care system.

How can communities better support their public health and health care systems?

Prof. Henning-Smith: Community members are often the best experts on the challenges and strengths in their own area. Their voices should be included, and heard, in discussions about policy and resource allocation to make sure that their community's unique needs will be met.

To support public health and health care, community members can advocate for them at the local, state and federal level. It's also worth noting that people working for public health and health care are community members themselves, and their perspectives should be valued.

Do factors such as age and race impact access to public health and health care systems?

Prof. Henning-Smith: Yes, absolutely. Some of our largest public insurance programs - especially Medicare - are designed with age as a primary eligibility criterion. Age also impacts one's access to education and employment opportunities, which, in turn, impact one's access to and interactions with public health and health care.

As for race, structural and institutional racism impact where people live, what resources they have access to and how they are treated within various settings. Opportunities for good health and access to resources - including public health and health care - are not currently equally or equitably distributed.

How does your work help improve the current public health and health care landscape?

Prof. Henning-Smith: The goal of my research is to advance health equity, especially for rural residents. I work to identify inequities and potential policy solutions in all of the work that I do, including addressing barriers to accessing health care and other public health resources.

CARRIE HENNING-SMITH is Deputy Director of the University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center and an Associate Professor in the Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Her research focuses on social determinants of health, access to care, and aging and long-term care.



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OBITUARIES

Rose M. Ford

Rose Marietta Ford, 87, of Isanti, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2022, at Mercy Hospital. She was in hospice care for the past year and fought many illnesses but was such a strong woman and fighter. Rose was born April 4, 1934, in Hinckley to



Lawrence and Vera Irons. She graduated from Hinckley High School in 1954. She met and married her husband of 66 years, Clint Ford. They had five children and resided in Blaine. In 1974, they moved to Garden Grove, Calif., where she got started in nursing care. In 1979, they moved back to Isanti, where she worked at Grandview Christian Home for 20 years. Rose enjoyed fishing trips, cooking, canning,

gardening, Red Hatters, bowling, crossword puzzles, and was active with church.

Rose is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Rose Marie; sons, LeRoy Allen, Richard Dale; grandson, Mike Hermanson; granddaughters, Jessica Gilliland and Latisha D; sister, Barbara Harris; and sister-in-law, Betty Irons. Surviving in addition to her husband are her daughters, Jacqueline Segarra (Lucas) of Hinckley and Karen Petzel (Ron) of Plainfield, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Debra Ford; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; brothers, James Irons (Margaret) and Sonny Irons; sister, Sharon Saxon (Robert); as well as many loving nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Allina Hospice and Mercy Hospital for the care and compassion they showed Rose in her final days.

In honor of Rose, please wear her favorite color, purple, to her Funeral Service which will be held at First Presbyterian Church in celebration of Rose's life on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., 1813 Fire Monument Road, Hinckley. Luncheon to follow. We hope you can join us to share your stories and memories of our beloved wife, mother, grandma, family, friend.

Dale W. Strike

Dale William Strike resident of Isanti, passed away on March 25, 2022, at his home at the age of 73 years old.

He was born to Arthur and Judith (Engquist) Strike on May 14, 1948 in Braham. Dale is survived by his wife Wanda of almost 50 years; daughters, Jodi and Jenni (Tyler); grandchildren, Nicolas, Vinny, Dawson, McCoy, Emma and Piper; sisters, Sharon (Lonnie) Shelley and Marlys (Tom) Nelson; nieces and nephews; as well as many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Judith Strike; brother, Lyle; nephew, Justin; and niece, Lisa.

Dale's Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, which would have been his 74th birthday. At 1 p.m. the visitation will begin at Long Lake Lutheran Church in Isanti. The service will start at 2 p.m. Military Honors will be provided by his friends from the Isanti VFW Post. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Lloyd W. Nelson

Lloyd W. Nelson, formerly of Braham and Stanchfield, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022, in Devils Lake, North Dakota. He was 84 years old.

A Funeral Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at the Braham Event Center with Pastor Steve Jennisch officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Rock Ingebrand Funeral Home in Braham and again one hour prior to the service at the Event Center. Military Honors will be provided by the Mora American Legion Post 201.

A full notice will follow next week.

Arrangements are by the Rock Ingebrand Funeral Home of Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

Neil L. Hendrickson 83, of Cambridge, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 1, 2022, at Stony River Assisted Living in Ramsey.

Neil Leon Hendrickson was born on Sept. 1, 1938, in Fosston, to Norman and Alice (Birkeland) Hendrickson.



He was raised on a farm outside Gonvick, where he and his three siblings attended school. After graduating from Gonvick High School in 1956, Neil attended Bemidji State University for one year. He took a break to work and save money for one year, then transferred to the University of North Dakota and graduated with a degree in accounting in 1962. While at university, Neil met and began dating the love of his life, Myrna

Bakke.

After graduation from UND, Neil and Myrna were married, and the couple moved to Minneapolis, where Neil accepted a job with an accounting firm, and Myrna got a job as a pre-school teacher. Lots of changes were in store, as Neil accepted a staff position, joining his brother Oris at Bonhiver, Anfinson, Hendrickson & Co. in 1964. Their first son Brent was born in 1965; a second son, Wray, was born in 1967. Then the couple bought their first home in Golden Valley in 1968, and their daughter Sheila was born later that same year. While in Golden Valley, Neil and Myrna made many lifetime friends. Both were involved in church, softball, bowling and golf.

In 1972, the family moved to Cambridge, where Neil's firm opened an office. Both Neil and Myrna loved Cambridge and embraced the city wholly. Both were active in their church, civic responsibilities, and school activities. Neil was involved in the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, the Memorial Hospital Board, the Cambridge Development Committee, other professional pursuits, and, of course, the Purple Hawk.

Neil was raised on a modest farm and remembered the rural electrification of his area. He grew up in a home without indoor plumbing or an HVAC system other than a wood stove. Money may have

Thomas J. Fornberg

Thomas John Fornberg, 81, of Isanti died on Friday, April 1, 2022, at his home.

Thomas was born in Minneapolis on Oct. 11, 1940, to Oscar and Adla (Olson) Fornberg. He graduated from Cambridge High School in 1958 then entered the service (Navy Aviation). He was honorably discharged in October 1964.



Tom married his loving bride Loretta Zirott at Long Lake Lutheran Church, and they moved to St. Paul. He was a loving father to two children, Douglas and Sheri.

Tom worked at the State Prison and then went on to work at 3M where he retired in 2000 after 35 years. Tom and Loretta moved to Isanti in 1987. After retirement, Tom was a member of the Isanti Variance Committee. His hobbies included taking care of the family farm and driving his tractor, cutting wood, riding his 4-wheeler, gardening, traveling, walking with Loretta and his dog Sadie, bowling with Senior League, and serving on various church committees.

Tom is survived by his wife of 59 years, Loretta; two children, Douglas (Connie) Fornberg of Isanti, and Sheri Brennan of Champlin; four grandchildren, Johanna, Zoe, Karlee, and Zachary; brother Paul Fornberg of Albert Lea; sister-in-law Darlene (Bob) Psyk of Elk River; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2022, at Long Lake Lutheran Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Neil L. Hendrickson

been lean, but his family was rich with love, and they remained tight to the very end. The experiences of his youth played heavily on all decisions Neil made. He was calm, level-headed, measured, kind, and very smart. After accomplishing all he set out to as a CPA, he accepted a new challenge as a minority partner and CFO at Motek Engineering (later TEAM Industries) in 1985. He absolutely loved that job and his employees/coworkers, and he continued to be proudly affiliated with TEAM Industries long after his retirement.

While he was the consummate professional, everyone knew his true passions were golf, Bluejacket athletics, and kicking anyone's butt in a game of cards — no prisoners. He must be in the top 10 for most rounds ever played at the Purple Hawk, having been a member and regular since 1973. And the high school never had a more dedicated booster. But more than anything else, our dad, Neil Hendrickson, will be remembered as the kindest human any of us have ever known. His patience and temperament, grace, guidance, humbleness, and mentoring skills were always on point and legendary. Every day he demonstrated quite clearly how a faithful spouse and servant is supposed to conduct himself. He handled everything with grace, including a slow descent into dementia which impacted only the last few months of his time with us. We're able to remember the great man he was, without the fog created by a slow torturous descent into a disease from which there is no cure. He was loved by everyone who knew him without exception.

Neil is survived by, and already greatly missed by, sons Brent (Catherine) and Wray (Robyn); daughter Sheila (Tom) Larson; a sister Jean; grandchildren Wesley, Vanya, Julia, Mason, and Rheanna Hendrickson, Aubrey Larson, and Kellen Larson; great-grandson Danny Hendrickson; and too many awesome cousins to mention individually. He is preceded in death by his wife Myrna; his parents Norman and Alice; and brothers Oris and Clyde.

The family wishes to thank everyone for the overwhelming outpouring of support during this difficult time. A Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Cambridge Lutheran Cemetery.

Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Lowell 'Bud' Carlson

Lowell "Bud" Carlson, of Stanchfield, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022, at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge. He was 85 years old.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at the Springvale Baptist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

A full notice will follow next week. Arrangements are by the Rock Ingebrand Funeral Home of Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

Please join us for a celebration of life event for Dado (Ron Hult, Mr. Hult, Shorty, Mr. Dad) on **Saturday April 23, 2022 from 3pm to 6pm at the American Legion in North Branch, MN.** He was a well-loved teacher, father and community member. He was a stoic Swede who would rather listen to other people's stories than talk about himself, so many of the stories shared will be a surprise to most of us! We will have a light supper and some of Dado's favorite treats for dessert.

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Stanley L. Anderson

Stanley LeRoy Anderson, or Stan to those who knew him, was born in a little yellow farmhouse on Paul’s Lake in Cambridge to Oscar and Margaret (Broten) Anderson on February 23rd, 1936; Stan had one older brother Roger. Stan finished his earthly journey Wednesday morning March 23rd at the age of 86 years



and one month at his home in Cambridge, where he lived with his loving wife Burneita for the past 35 years, when he entered into the presence of Jesus Christ his Savior and His Lord and was able to hear loud and clear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” Matthew 25:21

As a child on the farm, Stan helped with the different chores; milking the cow, bailing the hay, cleaning the stalls, etc., but his favorite thing to do on the farm was to play with the barn kitties; he recently shared just how much he loved kittens and how he got into trouble when he snuck and hid one in the garage of their apartment in Minneapolis. Stan was an animal lover; he often stated that he was “part dog.”

At around age five Stan moved with his family to the big city of Minneapolis where Stan’s dad had received a new job that would be of Great Benefit to his family; his father would be the manager of, not one, but two apartment complexes, quite a step up for them. While in high school, Stan and his brother Roger were given the responsibility of taking care of all the cosmetic duties around the apartments; in the summer, Stan would help with mowing the lawn, keeping the grounds groomed, sidewalks swept and washed off, flowers watered, windows washed, or replaced (after a night of too much fun. Oops!). In the winter, Stan would help his brother shovel the sidewalks, keep the floors mopped, carpets vacuumed, and keep the coal oil burning stove filled and stoked to heat the apartment complexes.

Stan left high school in 11th Grade for more important things like the Korean War. Stan had a sense of a “Call of Duty;” he loved his country. Stan was only 17, so he had to lie in order to be let in to basic training in the United States Army. Stan was married to Patricia Taylor in June of 1953 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and to that union was born four children: the oldest son, Michael; a set of twin boys, Mark and Curtis; and the youngest, a daughter, Kristi; the marriage was short-lived — approximately seven years.

Stan served his country in the United States Army overseas in Korea at the end of the Korean War and in clean-up operations when it was over. After coming home from Korea, Stan met his life-long best friend Richard (Dick) Pillsbury; they were joined at the hip.

Stan’s friend Dick was an amazing singer and so they would frequent the clubs in the Twin Cities to try to get him up on stage for an opportunity to show off his talent; one in particular was the Flame Cafe; the two of them would hang out with the likes of Little Jimmy Dickens, Patty & Jan of The North Sisters, Marvin Rainwater, Don Gibson, Whispering Bill Anderson and George Jones.

During this time Stan met the beautiful Burneita Mason; his heart would never be the same. Stan, Burneita and her two children, daughter Linda and son Jeffrey, set off on an adventure. They left Minnesota, driving west, and landing in Sacramento. It was there that Stan and Burneita’s child was born, a daughter Tari, in 1963.

California was good to Stan and Beets, it truly was the land of opportunity for them. Stan landed a job at the California State Capitol mail room, not because of his skill, but because of his sheer perseverance and the fact that he would not take NO for an answer.

Because of his skill and ability to learn, Stan moved up the ladder quickly and would become the head of the Senate Reprographics Department, the area in

which the Official Bills and Opinions were created, printed and a lot more. There were many perks that came along with working for the California State Senate, especially during the time of Reagan:

1. Being invited to Reagan’s Inauguration where Frank Sinatra and John Wayne were also guests,
2. Being invited to the Governor’s Mansion for the 4th of July picnic.

Stan would retire from The State of California, Senate Repro in 1986.

While living in California Stan and Beets thoroughly enjoyed life and kept VERY active. They were members of Sons of Norway, the Swedish Lodge, played on two bowling leagues, Yahtzee night with Arnie and Marta, and Stan loved to host parties at their home in Carmichael; they had a lot of friends and he was known for his tacos, barbequed ribs and his guacamole.

Stan even “attempted” to learn to play the guitar: “Hang down your head, Tom Dooley.”

Stan loved to play card games; cribbage was probably his favorite. Only about six weeks before he passed, Stan played his last two games of cribbage with his son-in-law Rock. Stan’s dementia may have taken some of Stan’s memory, but playing the game of cribbage was not one of them. Stan smoked Rock in both games and almost “skunked” him in one.

Stan loved California, but Minnesota still had a hold on his heart; before moving back to the Land of 10,000 Lakes in 1986, Stan and Beets, their children and usually one of their friends would spend summer vacations on Fanny Lake, east of Cambridge, in the cabin Stan’s father built before his passing. The family reunions were unforgettable.

Stan’s return to Minnesota came with the dream of opening his own bar, the Cambridge Bar and Grill. Stan wasn’t a frequent drinker or business savvy, but the comedy show “Cheers” was popular at the time, so, what the heck!

Along with the help of his sons Mark and Jeff, his best friend Dick, and his family/friends, Stan remodeled the Cambridge Bar and Grill from its original with a full two-bedroom apartment upstairs; during the remodel Stan found historical evidence that the apartment they were remodeling had once been a brothel. You never know!

The Cambridge Bar and Grill opened like gangbusters — best burgers in town!

But with Stan’s “all in” work ethic and his unwillingness to miss a minute of the action, he wore himself out VERY quickly, and after a tragic accident Stan’s perspective changed and the “for sale” sign was on the door.

After the selling of the bar a new chapter in Stans life began: over-the-road truck driving. Stan drove for Hirshbach, Koch and Toro; it was when he was “team driving” for Toro that the Lord started His slow but steady capture of Stan’s heart and soul. Stan drove “Team” with his great friend Phill Stengle. Phill loved his Lord and quietly lived that love out for Stan to see, and see he did. They crossed the country together for approximately 10 years.

One might think that after all that driving perhaps Stan may have had enough of the Highway. No, Stan bought a nice and shiny motorhome. He had a love for nice and shiny; every two years Stan had the latest model luxury car on the market. Together, he and Beets traveled the country and wintered in much warmer places.

They took their two young granddaughters to California with them to see the California where their life had been so blessed. Stan loved to hop in the car on a whim and drive to Branson, Missouri, to see a great country show, or just to go all the way to Pottsville, Tennessee, for breakfast at Marcy Jo’s Mealhouse to catch a glimpse of his and Beets’ favorite country western couple, Joie and Rory Peek, toting their sign, “929 miles from Cambridge, Minnesota, to Marcy Jo’s Mealhouse for breakfast.” Not only did Stan and Beets spot their favorite country western couple, but they visited with them and got their picture taken with them.

Stan was never too old to learn a new trick; in his mid-to-late 50s he began woodworking. The projects

started out small like wooden valances, but when he was at his finest, Stan — along with his great friend Phill — were building custom cabinets. Just about every one of his children and grandchildren were blessed with a new kitchen thanks to Stan’s handiwork. He truly was created in the image of God. It was while working on one of those kitchens that the Lord started to tie that bow around Stan’s heart; he sent in a dear saint of the Lord that “needed” some new cabinets. During this time, He used this dear saint to continue to draw Stan to himself. Then, one day, not too long after that, the Lord sent in “the Cavalry” — the pastor himself, who wanted to learn how to work with wood. Isn’t it just like the Lord to let us think that we are the one that is in control? For weeks the pastor and Stan worked together, learning from each other and the deal was “sealed.” Ephesians 4:30; a daughter’s 20-year prayer answered.

One more prayer Jesus, she asked, “Will you throw in baptism too please?” In April of 2016, both Stan and Beets were baptized and became members of Cross Pointe Church. It was funny, during the 20 years of praying for Stan, his daughter would give him a Bible for Christmas, but when there was no change, a few years would go by and she would give him another Bible for Christmas. One year when the Bible gift was given and opened, Stan said to his daughter, “You just gave me a Bible last year!” That left her feeling as though she would never see her father come to know the Lord. But as we know everything goes according to the Lord’s timing. Once Stan was saved and came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour, he couldn’t get enough Bibles; now he needed one “Just like Pastor Randy’s.”

Stan survived liver cancer in 2013, and just a few short weeks after surgery, Stan remarried his lovely bride Burneita on their 50th wedding anniversary. They had the full-blown wedding with all the pomp and circumstance that they couldn’t afford all those years before; it was truly a day to remember.

Stan was an avid fisherman, another gift he had in common with his Savior. He would fish the area lakes, if he had too, but where he loved to fish most of all was up on the Crow Wing River. Seining minnows and catching the “biggest walleyes” were some of his best fish stories. Stan and his cousin John went up to Camp Jim with Cross Pointe Church in the summer of 2018, volunteering to be the fishing guides for the campers. A record Northern Pike and an Arctic Grayling are still mounted on the walls of Stan’s office from a fly-in fishing trip he took with a group of his buddies up in Canada, the trip of a lifetime. Even after an amazing trip like that, it was the Crow Wing River that called out to Stan, even up to three days before he passed. Frequently Stan would speak to his son-in-law Rock about the next time they could go up to the river and catch the big walleyes. Just three days before he passed, Stan was planning his next trip.

Stan is survived by his loving wife of almost 60 years Burneita; his sons Michael (Jeanette) Roberts, Mark Roberts, Curtis Roberts of Florida, and Jeff (Jennifer) of Idaho; his daughters Kristi (Barry) Thompson of Florida, Linda (Jeff) Lehr of Cambridge, and Tari (Rock) Zortman of Princeton; his grandchildren Whitney (Jason) Dissing of Isanti, Taylor (Derick) Braatz of Cambridge, Clayton (Amanda) Sorenson and Mason (Melissa) Sorenson of Idaho, Aaron and Devin Porterfield of Two Harbors, Christopher (Kaylee) Roberts of Cloquet, Kira (Jeff) Sadler of Cromwell, and Marina Roberts of Florida; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents Oscar W. and Margaret C. Anderson; brother Roger Anderson; and his very best friend Richard (Dick) Pillsbury.

Funeral services for Stan were held at 11 a.m. last Thursday, March 31, at Cross Pointe Church, Cambridge with visitation one hour prior; a separate visitation was held on Wednesday, March 30, at Strike Life Tributes 720 1st Avenue E, Cambridge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are welcomed to one of Burneita’s favorite charities:

- Tunnel to Towers Foundation 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105

Tenth Judicial District to host free virtual clinics on April 29

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MINNESOTA'S TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Tenth Judicial District is hosting free Virtual Clinics on Friday, April 29, to provide free legal advice in the areas of family law, civil/probate law, and expungement. Volunteer attorneys will be available for free 30-minute, one-on-one consultations either by Zoom or by phone from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Also included be a Driver and Vehicle Services clinic this year to help individuals reinstate their driver’s licenses. The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are required for all clinics. To schedule an appointment, contact the Tenth District Self-Help Center at 763-760-6699.

Individuals who do not have access to technology to par-

ticipate in the Virtual Clinics may check with their local law libraries, as tablets may be available for their use.

The Virtual Clinics event is being conducted in partnership with Driver and Vehicle Services, Anoka County Law Library, the Washington County Law Library, the Wright County Law Library, Central Minnesota Legal Services, Judicare of Anoka County, the

Anoka County Bar Association and the Washington County Bar Association.

The event is scheduled to coincide with Law Day, a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share.

Law Day was first established in 1958 through a

proclamation by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Congress passed a joint resolution designating May 1 as Law Day, U.S.A., in 1961.

The Tenth Judicial District consists of the counties of Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright. Forty-five judges serve the District, which is the second largest of Minnesota’s 10 judicial districts.

COVID: Volunteers played a big part in helping in Isanti Public Health’s pandemic response

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task was a tall one.

“It was pretty amazing considering our small staff,” Shaker said.

And while it has slowed down as the number of COVID cases decline and a majority of people who voluntarily get vaccinated have done so, their work isn’t done yet. According to Shaker, the first clinic offering the second COVID vaccine booster has been scheduled for April 19 and 20.

“We are going to be following the (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines as close as possible,” she said of the second booster. “So it will be anyone 18 to 49 who is immunocompromised and then anyone 50 or older can come in.”

She said it is currently only offering Moderna, however, anyone eligible can still get the shot even if they had Pfizer or Johnson and Johnson before. She

said anyone wishing to schedule an appointment for the second booster can do so through its office or via the PrepMod website — www.prepmod.health.state.mn.us.

Taking COVID vaccinations out of the equation, Shaker said there was a small general increase in the workload. Specifically, the offices saw an increase in the number of new mom/baby clients and visits, along with an increase in women, infants and children clients. Finally, there was an increase in the statewide health improvement partnership. All of these fit under the responsibility of promoting healthy communities and behaviors.

The second responsibility is to assure quality and accessible health services, which also saw a slight increase from 2020, particularly in adult protection, children dental services, and Minne-

sota Electronic Disease Surveillance System.

“That looks at newborns and screens them for birth defects, and if something is identified, that connects them to us, and we get them connected to resources and programs that might be able to help them,” she explained.

Finally, she said the number of public health nuisances reports doubled, from five in 2020 to 10 in 2021.

Shafer concluded by stating that although there was an overall increase from 2020, the numbers indicate a return to pre-COVID totals.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other action during the April 5 county commissioners meeting, the commissioners:

- Unanimously approved formally authorizing County Auditor Chad Struss

to remove the positions of county auditor/treasurer and county recorder from the 2022 ballot. According to Struss, he must submit all positions that will be on the ballot to the state auditor as the final step of the process of switching those two positions to being appointed rather than elected;

- Approved the purchase of two tandem snowplow trucks. According to County Administrator Julia Lines, the cost came in slightly more than what was budgeted, which isn’t surprising considering recent supply chain issues. However, since the county does not expect to receive the plows until sometime in 2023, it can make the needed adjustment to the budget. The cost of the two plows totals \$552,115.90; and
- Accepted Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of \$24,776.

Cambridge council changes meeting times

BY BILL STICKELS III
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In an effort to decrease confusion over its meeting schedule, the Cambridge City Council is looking at changing the time of the first meetings of each month.

Currently, the meeting that takes place on the first Monday of each month (barring it falling on a holiday) is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. However, the second meeting of the month, which takes place the third Monday of the month (again, barring it falling on a holiday) is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Councilmember Bob Shogren asked the council to consider changing the time of the first meeting to also begin at 6 p.m. He also suggested that the Economic Development Authority, which is comprised of the entire council and has typically met at 5:45 p.m. on the same day as the second council meeting, change its meetings to begin at 6 p.m., with the council meeting then scheduled to begin “at the conclusion of the EDA meeting.”

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, such a change would require an ordinance amendment that must be publicly noted in advance of the council voting on it, so the council won’t be able to take action until its next meeting on April 18.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other action at its April 4 meeting, the council:

- Heard the annual audit review from Redpath and Company. According to that audit, the city once again got a “clean” opinion, which is the 19th consecutive year of receiving such an audit.
- Approved a purchasing agreement with D & T Leaf Investments, LLC for city-owned land in the industrial park. The purchasing price is \$140,263.20;
- Received a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Certificate of Commendation for the city’s wastewater treatment facility. According to Public Works Director Todd Schwab, this is the 13th time the city has received this award;
- Approved a resolution calling for the sale of bonds to fund the 2022 street improvement project; and
- Approved the low bid of \$1,737,457.15 by Minnesota Paving & Materials for the airport’s runway reconstruction project, which will take place in 2023. A majority of the project will be funded by the Federal Aviation Administration or state funding, with the city’s cost coming in at around \$108,000.

MDA issues advisory for lettuce sold locally

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MINNESOTA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is alerting consumers to avoid eating Ocean Mist Farms brand Romaine Hearts (Coeurs de laitue Romaine) with coding “22RHDM2L” and a harvest date of “MAR 10,” grown in Coachella, California.

The MDA Laboratory found *Cyclospora* in the product during routine surveillance sampling. Customers who purchased the product should discard the product and not eat it. No illnesses associated with this product have been reported at this time in Minnesota.

The Ocean Mist Farms brand Romaine Hearts lettuce (22 oz. package) was sourced from Ocean Mist

Farms of Castroville, Calif. The product was sold locally at Jerry’s Market in North Branch, Brink’s Market in Chisago City, and King’s County Market in St. Francis.

Consumers can go to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s website at mda.state.mn.us for a complete list of locations this lettuce was sold at.

Symptoms of illness caused by *Cyclospora* typically include watery diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, loss of appetite, and weight loss. People typically become ill about a week after eating contaminated food, but this period can range from 2-14 days. Diarrhea can last several weeks or longer if not treated. Contact your health care provider if you have become ill.

Potholes pack a punch as drivers pay \$26.5 billion in related vehicle repairs

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AAA

Minnesotans and Iowans are tired of battling the snow and cold will soon face another winter-related season — pothole season.

A new survey from AAA found that last year 1 in 10 drivers sustained vehicle damage significant enough to warrant a repair after hitting a pothole. With an average price tag of almost \$600 per repair, damage caused by potholes cost U.S. drivers a staggering \$26.5 billion in 2021 alone.

To make matters worse, these same drivers often ended up with an average of two pothole-related repairs signaling that America’s roadways need immediate attention.

“Snow and cold are hard to ignore in Minnesota and Iowa and so are potholes,” said Meredith Mitts, public affairs specialist for AAA Minnesota-Iowa; The Auto Club Group. “Not being prepared for those craters in the road can result in pricey damage to your vehicle.”

POTHOLE CREATION

Cracked and crumbling pavement is the perfect environment for potholes to form. Moisture collects in these crevices and, as temperatures fluctuate, it expands and contracts due to freezing and thawing.

This breaks up the pavement and, combined with the weight of passing cars, eventually results in a pothole.

These concrete craters can wreak havoc on a vehicle’s tires, alignment, suspension and shocks.

In the winter and spring of 2021, AAA responded to 1.8 million tire-related roadside assistance calls. While AAA does not identify if a roadside assistance request is the result of pothole damage, this number represented 11 percent of the total calls received in the winter and spring last year.

AVOIDING DAMAGE

While potholes are a reality for many drivers, sustaining vehicle damage does not have to be. AAA recommends the following:

Check your tires, which includes tread depth, tire pressure, suspension and alignment.

- Tread depth — insert a quarter into the tread groove with Washington’s head upside down. If you can see the top of Washington’s head, start shopping for new tires.
- Tire pressure — check this at least once a month using a quality gauge. Do so before driving when tires have been at rest and are not hot. Follow the vehicle manufacturer’s recommended inflation pressure found on a sticker inside the driver’s side door.
- Suspension and alignment — look for changes

in vehicle handling, excessive vibration or uneven wearing of tires, all indications of a problem with the suspension like alignment or shocks. If your vehicle pulls to the left or right, have the wheel alignment checked by a trusted mechanic.

Keep your eyes on the road. An alert and cautious driver is less likely to hit a pothole.

- Scan the road ahead for potholes and if it’s safe to do so, drive around any in your path.
- Standing water or puddles may disguise a deep pothole. Avoid driving through standing water when possible but if you can’t, drive through slowly and treat them as though there may be potholes hiding beneath the water.
- There may be times when you cannot avoid hitting a pothole. In that case, safely reduce your speed as much as possible and avoid braking abruptly, particularly as you go over the pothole as this compresses your suspension and adds extra force to the tire. Striking a pothole at higher speeds increases the chance of severe damage including knocking the wheels out of alignment, affecting the steering, and bending or even breaking suspension components.
- If you hit a pothole, pay attention to any new or unusual noises or vibrations. If you detect something is off with your vehicle, take it to a trusted repair facility for a full vehicle inspection as soon as possible.

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Jared, Shannon, Duncan and Maggie King pose during happier times. The King family is housing a mother-daughter refugee family from Ukraine. They currently live in Slovakia where Jared teaches at an international school and Shannon is a self-employed tutor.

AID: Refugees refused to leave Ukraine home without family dog

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Alina and Alisa did not leave Ukraine as quickly as they could have because they did not want to leave Happy behind. They wanted to get veterinary clearance for her due to being unsure about European Union rules regarding pet records. The EU has loosened its pet regulations in regards to Ukrainian refugees fleeing with pets. However, it appears that if they want to continue to countries outside of the EU, such as the United Kingdom, regulations may make it difficult to continue on with their pets.

Alina is not married, but she has a brother fighting against the Russians in Ukraine. She was working as a kindergarten assistant at the Kyiv International School, one of the international schools in the QSI network. She and her daughter discuss what’s happening in Ukraine daily, as they have family and friends still living there sending them updates.

ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN SLOVAKIA

Alisa was attending a local school in Kyiv before the invasion and is now attending QSIB. There are a number of refugee children now in Bratislava who attended local schools and are now attending QSIB. “For them, they not only have fled their homes during a war, but now find themselves in a new linguistic environment,” Jared said. “But they are safe and are taken care of.”

QSIB had about 300 enrolled pre-school-through-12th-grade students from more than 30 countries before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It has the capacity to help 50 to 100 refugee students, depending on their age-level, according to Jared. Currently, about 50 new students are in attendance, mostly at the elementary level. The school is also welcoming teach-

ers from Kyiv International School, which is helping with the influx of new students, he added. Around 10 new teachers are at the school.

“Our school has been very responsive in assisting families who need to relocate quickly and help where we can,” he commented.

Although students from KIS have fled to neighboring countries and sister schools in the QSI network, KIS is still operating online for children who need it and can access it. Many older students are attending classes online in order to keep their same teacher as when they were in Ukraine. “The kids are all over the world now, so you might have a kid in Rome or Romania, or even still in Ukraine, hopefully in a safe place,” Jared noted.

A small, but growing, Ukrainian community is now in the small town of Samorin, and the town is “really doing a nice job on the grassroots level of connecting people,” according to Jared.

One of Jared’s neighbors recently came to his house and introduced him to a neighbor of his father-in-law, who just arrived from Ukraine and needed information and people to talk to about the situation. He was able to connect with Alina, since she had been living there over a month and has more of the inside track on things. The two talked for a long time.

“Given that you’re in some smaller towns, you know the value of a connected community who knows who is doing what,” Jared said. “Here, everyone knows who is hosting, renting, or helping, and it’s amazing to see how much good regular people can do.”

Those who have been in Samorin for a while are settling in, he noted. For instance, Alisa is doing Girl Scouts on Thursdays with the local troop, which Shannon leads. Alina and Alisa get



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Young Alisa and her dog Happy look out a bus window as they and Alisa’s mom, Alina, escape Ukraine and enter Slovakia on Feb. 27. The two stayed in Ukraine a little longer in order to ensure Happy could stay with them as they crossed the border.

together with other Ukrainian families on Mondays. Alisa is taking piano lessons from Shannon. They talk about the school day over dinner and take the dogs for walks, and the cat is adjusting to having another dog in the house.

“Still, the situation back in Ukraine is always on the mind and there are always talks about where they should go,” Jared said. “Most refugees hope to return when ‘we win this war’ and others hope to get as far away from it as possible by applying to the U.S. or Canada. The head-space of dealing with an aggressor like Russia is so fresh, and this isn’t new for Ukrainians.”

It was not long ago there were battles over Crimea, the east, and conflict in Kyiv, with Russia involved in all of it, he added. “I think for some, this conflict is just the latest reason for them to start over somewhere else. But I think most do want to return and rebuild and hope that this will finally prove to everyone that Ukrainians deserve sovereignty,” he said.

WHAT THE INVASION MEANS FOR SLOVAKIA

While there are no worries that Russia will invade Slovakia, there are some small worries about Russia gaining control of nuclear power plants in Ukraine that could affect the entire region. “To us here, the military threat is for former Soviet Union countries who aren’t NATO or EU first. That seems like a more likely scenario,” Jared said.

Slovakia was once part of Czechoslovakia, which was invaded by the Soviet Union in 1968. Many Slovaks still have memories and family stories of the invasion, which creates distrust, he noted. “My neighbor and I go down to the pub from time to time to chat, and that is definitely a part of the conversation, but it’s not a huge worry due to our EU and NATO status,” Jared said. “Still, there is a huge Russian disinformation campaign in the eastern part of the country and there are pockets of the population that are sympathetic to Russia, but in terms of the refugee situation, there seems to be unified support of assistance.”

HELPING THE UKRAINIANS

Although QSIB is a small school, and



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The apartment building Alina and Alisa lived in in Ukraine shows damage incurred by one of the Russian attacks.

Ukrainians are a minority due to there being students from more than 30 nationalities, they all want to help those fleeing and still living in Ukraine. Student groups and organizations have helped with the efforts. “Some of the older students have already gone to protests and rallies and have collected funds,” Jared said. “I won’t say how much, but I was surprised by how much students were able to collect from strangers. Those funds are going to help with supplies and resettlement.”

The school has set up a GoFundMe, and the European Union has also done a lot to help Ukrainian refugees. “It’s been such an outpouring of support, and, after a couple years of witnessing divisions and seclusion during the pandemic, it’s been good to see people coming together to help,” Jared said. The school has turned the lobby into a free store of supplies so recent arrivals can get what they need to get settled, all of which is from the school community and the local community.



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Bratislava Castle, located in the Slovakian capital, is lit up in the Ukrainian flag as a show of support for the citizens of the country invaded by Russia.

Area businesses celebrate new beginnings



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Kasi Buzzell (fourth from left) and Zach Vangsness (in large shovel) are joined by representatives of the City of Isanti, North 65 Chamber of Commerce, BJ Baas Builders, and DW Companies for a groundbreaking ceremony for Little North Boutique/Little North Sweets. The shops will be the anchors for a two-story, six-tenant retail building located at 291 5th Avenue N in Isanti. According to Buzzell, builders hope to be finished with construction in October.



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Haven Jenkins, manager of Sears Hometown Stores, and assistant manager Courtney Lindquist (both holding the giant scissors) are joined by North 65 Chamber of Commerce board member Paul Stewart, North 65 Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melissa Bettendorf, and new Cambridge Assistant City Administrator Alex Smith in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the store's grand re-opening in its new location in Cambridge City Center Mall.

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Amy Gavitt (with scissors) is joined by friends, family, employees, and representatives from the City of North Branch, Chisago County, and North Branch Chamber of Commerce in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Maker's Market, a boutique that offers homemade items from a variety of vendors. The store is located at 6355 Elm Street in North Branch.



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Rachel Blaisdell (with scissors) is joined by friends, family, employees, and representatives from the City of North Branch, Chisago County, and North Branch Chamber of Commerce in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Simplicity Boutique, which is located at 6355 Main Street in North Branch.

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Firefighters from the North Branch Fire Department pose with its newest acquisition, a truck purchased recently by the city through the sale of general obligation bonds. It was a welcome and needed purchase for the city and the department, since at least one of the firetrucks in services is at least 33 years old. The city saved some money by purchasing a demo model, so it had minimal usage compared to a used truck, but didn't cost as much as a brand new truck. After going many years with aging equipment, this is the second truck purchased by the city in the last three years. The department has 28 volunteer firefighters, and its chief is Kevin Grote.



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Man who killed Isanti County wife dies in northern Colorado

BY HOPE MURRAY
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A 66-year-old Minnesota man convicted in Isanti County Court in April 2000 of murdering his wife has been killed in an accident in northern Colorado after leading law enforcement on a chase that started in Wyoming.

According to a *Star Tribune* story from Tuesday, April 5, Craig R. Licari was killed on March 31 in northern Colorado following a pursuit by Wyoming State Patrol and Colorado law enforcement. He was heading south on Highway 85 out of the Cheyenne area. The Colorado State Patrol reported that officers deployed stop sticks near Ault, Colorado, and Licari swerved, hitting a Colorado State Patrol vehicle and causing it to roll.

Licari's vehicle then went off the road and into a drainage ditch. He died from injuries sustained in the crash. The state patrol said he was not wearing a seat belt, *Bring Me the News* reported. A state trooper suffered minor injuries and the squad car was disabled.

The *Associated Press* reported that Licari was wanted for a probation violation, but it is unknown why troopers were pursuing him. Licari was driving a car registered to him, with address listed as North St. Paul.

Licari was convicted of second-degree murder in April 2000 and sentenced to 27 1/2 years in prison. In January 2017 he was moved to work release and later to supervised release. The conviction stemmed from Licari's murdering of his estranged wife Nancy Licari in April 1999.

According to reports from the *Cambridge Star* from April 28, 1999, family members of Nancy Licari reported her missing to the Isanti County Sheriff's Department on April 24, 1999, after she didn't return to her home in Stanchfield after having made plans to meet Licari the previous evening at a cafe in Isanti.

On April 27, 1999, after learning that the Licaris rented a storage unit south of Isanti on Highway 65, investigators obtained and executed a search warrant for the unit. Nancy Licari's body was discovered inside.

Court records show that Licari was not arrested until Wednesday, April 28, 1999. Two Target stores in Minneapolis reported that someone had used or attempted to use Nancy Licari's credit cards to purchase jewelry and VCRs. A manager from one of the Target stores later contacted authorities because store security — in the form of an off-duty Minneapolis police officer — had apprehended and detained Licari. Although Licari was not committing any crime in the Target store, the officer detained him based on a probable cause request made by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Licari was found carrying Nancy's credit cards and keys to the storage unit. A search of the vehicle Licari was driving — owned by Nancy Licari's mother — turned up a purse, a wallet, a driver's license and a jacket belonging to Nancy.

Licari was charged with second-degree intentional murder rather than first-degree murder due to a lack of premeditation.

Energy Assistance benefit increases to \$3,000

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has raised the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program crisis benefit per household.

Income-qualified homeowners or renters can now receive up to \$3,000 to pay past-due energy bills, to prevent energy disconnections, and to cover costs for emergency fuel deliveries. The crisis benefit had been \$1,200. This grant is in addition to up to \$2,000 in non-crisis benefits that households can qualify for.

"We increased the crisis benefit to make energy costs more affordable for Minnesotans who have seen their energy bills rise significantly this winter," said Michael Schmitz, director for the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program, which is administered by the Department of Commerce through a network of local community service providers. "If you are behind on your energy bill, you may qualify for up to \$3,000 in help.

"The crisis benefits will be especially important for households heated by propane or heating oils, who have seen their heating costs increase on average from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per household," Schmitz added. "Minnesotans who use pro-

pane or heating oils can apply for the Energy Assistance Program to refill their tanks."

Energy Assistance funding is available for thousands more Minnesotans and is open for applications through May 31, 2022. Minnesota received more than \$167 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in 2021 for the Energy Assistance Program, which more than doubled the annual amount.

With one application to the Energy Assistance Program, households may also qualify for water bill assistance and for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which can permanently reduce household energy costs.

Commerce is asking the Minnesota Legislature to fund up to 15,000 more Minnesotans for the Weatherization Assistance Program, to reduce energy costs long-term for those homes and reduce the state's overall energy infrastructure needs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND CRISIS BENEFITS SUMMARY

The Energy Assistance Program Dashboard published by Commerce shows crisis benefits already paid to Minnesota households: Emergency Assistance has already:

- Prevented more than 10,000

households from having their heat/power disconnected

- Provided 8,150 households with emergency heating fuel deliveries, and
- Covered costs for 4,366 households to receive emergency furnace repairs.

The dashboard, which is updated weekly, shows more than \$112 million has already been paid to more than 92,000 Minnesota households since October 2021.

Minnesotans who have already qualified for Energy Assistance Program grants this year may be eligible for this additional amount of crisis money and should contact their local service provider about additional crisis benefits.

The Energy Assistance Program helps people who own or rent their homes to pay for current and past-due bills for electricity, gas, oil, biofuel and propane, emergency fuel delivery, and repair/replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems, and could also cover water and sewer bills.

How to apply: To request an application or find your local service provider:

- Search online for "Minnesota energy assistance"
- Go online: gov/energyassistance
- Call 800-657-3710 and press 1

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on March 28 - April 1. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Chauntel Sherie Lesmann (DOB 09/11/1983) of North Branch, was charged March 28 with two counts of drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Adam Jacob Raines (DOB 04/11/1988) of Isanti, was charged March 30 with dangerous weapons - reckless discharge of firearm within municipality.

Justice Anthony Valentino (DOB 08/03/1994) of Minneapolis, was charged March 30 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

Matthew John Stone (DOB 11/03/1977) of North Branch, was charged March 31 with two counts of mail theft - knowingly obtained illegally; receives, possesses, transfers, buys, conceals.

Taylor Larae Lauzon (DOB 03/16/1994) of Cambridge, was charged April 1 with wrongfully obtaining assistance - theft.

Mary Jeanette Nelson (DOB 03/14/1983) of Isanti, was charged April 1 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on March 28 - April 1. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Nicholas Anthony Roubik (DOB 06/18/1986) of Chisago City, was charged March 28 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Thomas Goodwin (DOB 12/08/1985) of North Branch, was charged March 30 with one count of threats of violence - reckless disregard risk; one count of damage to property - 1st degree - value reduced over \$1,000; one count of dangerous weapons - sell or possess suppressor not lawfully possessed; and one count of dangerous weapons - drive by shooting toward unoccupied motor vehicle or building.

Gunner Lee Super (DOB 11/09/2002) of Hastings, was charged April 1 with one count of theft- take/use/transfer movable prop - no consent; and one count of theft - take/drive motor vehicle - no owner consent.



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DNR researchers optimistic about future of moose population

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the 11th year in a row, Minnesota's moose population remains relatively stable. The 2022 population survey estimates the moose population at 4,700, statistically unchanged from the last survey, which was conducted in 2020.

Although there is no statistically significant change in the estimated population relative to 2020, this year's estimated number of moose is the highest since 2011, when the population was midway through a steep decline.

Additionally, calves comprised an estimated 19% of the population and the estimated calf-cow ratio was 45 calves per 100 cows. This is the highest both

indicators have been since 2005, when the population was near its peak and considered healthy. Both factors are indicators of potential improvement in reproductive success, which has a positive impact on population numbers.

While the continued population stability and indicators of reproductive success are good news, DNR researchers point out that Minnesota moose remain at risk long term. Presently, the moose population is 47% lower than its peak in 2006.

Both the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the 1854 Treaty Authority contributed funding and personnel for the 2022 annual survey. The survey is available on the DNR's moose management page (mndnr.gov/Moose).

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Easter Message @ Karmel

Good Friday - 7 pm - Joint service with Lewis Lake @ Karmel

Easter Sunday...

8:30 am - Pancake Breakfast

9:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am - Service

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Maundy Thursday Service, April 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service, April 15 - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17 - 9:00 a.m.

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Worship 8:30 a.m.

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Palm Sunday, April 10 - 8 & 10 am - With Communion

Palm Sunday Brunch Youth Fundraiser - 9 am - 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 14 - 11 am & 7 pm - With Communion

Good Friday, April 15 - 7 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 17:

6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service at the cemetery

8 & 10 am ~ Worship Services with Holy Communion

9 am ~ Coffee Hour



EASTER

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Palm Sunday, April 10

Traditional - 8:30 am

Contemporary - 10 am

St. Andrew - 10 am

Easter Saturday, April 16

Contemporary - 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

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St. Andrew - 10am



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Holy Week Schedule

April 14 Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 P.M.

April 15 Good Friday

Service at 7:30 P.M.

April 16 Holy Saturday

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 8:20 P.M.

April 17 Easter Sunday

Mass at 9:30 A.M.



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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.nib-church.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship Service (traditional style) 10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

South Isanti Baptist Church
3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.
763-444-5860, Pastor Bob Venneman. Sunday Worship 9:30am. Wednesday "Life & Light" Bible studies for all ages. Adults & children. For info call or go to southisantibaptist.org.

Springvale Baptist
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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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: annseton76@gmail.com. Mass: Tues. & Wed. 7:30am. Sun. 8:30am. stelizabeth-isanti.org.

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763-389-3169
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
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45268 Brunswick Rd,
Harris, MN 763-689-5817
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www.daleefc.com

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37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN 55056. Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72, SE of North Branch. 651-583-3281.
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Kost Student Ministries Mondays 6:30pm. Worship Service Sundays 9:30am. More info: www.kostefc.org

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763-444-5134

Lutheran

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
West Central Drive & County Road 4, Braham
320-396-2755
Pastor Julie Beck
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Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool
email: office@faithlutheranisanti.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible. Vicar Devin Ames. Sunday Worship 9:30am, with Sunday School 10:30am coffee and fellowship.
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge
Pastor Daniel Lewis
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9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Pastor Sue Olson

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Wednesday Worship 6pm in-person
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Email: sl.lchurch@gmail.com
Saturday, April 9th - 9:30am First Communion Class
Sunday, April 10th - 8:30am Palm Sunday Worship, Holy Communion, First Communion
9:30am Fellowship, Kid's Time
Wednesday, April 13th - 10:00am AA Meeting
Thursday, April 14th - 9:00am Men's Coffee
6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)
31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079
651-462-5115.
Office Hours - 9:00am - 1:00 pm
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Email - stjohns@midconetwork.com.
Website - stjohnlutheranchurch-stacymn.org

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
980 West 4th Street, Rush City, Pastor Tim Renstrom
320-358-3623, Sunday 8:45am Worship, 7:30am Rise & Shine Bible Study, Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study. stjohnrushcity.org

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham. 320-396-3103.
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9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 10:30am Worship.
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38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch
651-674-7047.
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office@trinitynorthbranchl.org
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Lakeside Christian Church
32393 Rendova Cir. N.E., Cambridge (3 mi. E of Cambridge just off Hwy. 95). 763-689-3649. Ministry Coordinator Jeff Bonkoski. Administrative Assistant Sharon Dahl. Sunday 9:30am Worship. Retreat house & personal retreat cabins available. Call for reservation. Email: lakesidesecretary@gmail.com. lakesidechurchcambridge.org

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5	KSTP	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	American Idol "511 (Season 20's Top 20)" The remaining contestants will perform. (N) (cc)						News at 10:30	News at 10:30	On the Road	Graham Bensinger
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41	KPXM	NCIS "Willoughby"		NCIS "Off the Grid"		NCIS "Keep Going"		NCIS "Nonstop"		NCIS (cc)	NCIS (cc)	

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Cambridge Business Development Company will hold its Annual Meeting Monday April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall.

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The personal property heretofore with the undersigned by:

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BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Bradford in Isanti County, Minnesota, will meet in the Bradford Town Hall, 4175,305th Lane NW, Cambridge, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th day of April 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Thomas L. Anderson, Clerk
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FANNIE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/LAKE RESTORATION

Fannie Lake will be treated for curly leaf pond weed with Aquathal K sometime after May 4, 2022.

Some areas of the lake will be retreated within 150 feet of the shore line. If you do not want this weed treatment within 150 feet of your shore line contact one of your Fannie Lake Improvement District board members prior to May 1, 2022.

Maps and information at: lkfannielid.com

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI

JUDICIAL DISTRICT: TENTH

Court File Number: 30-FA-22-17 Case Type: Adoption In Re: the Matter of the Petition of Lisa Ennette Rogalski to Adopt: SUMMONS and Notice of Relative Adoption—Hearing on Abandonment NOTICE TO: Modesto Tapia Avila, parent of above-named adoptee.

1. A Petition for Relative Adoption has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court, located at Isanti County District Court, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota.

2. Notice is hereby given that a hearing regarding abandonment of the adoptee by Modesto Tapia Avila (father) will take place via a Zoom videoconference on May 24, 2022 at 3 p.m. or as soon after as the matter can be heard.

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

4. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing without you, take testimony from others present at the hearing, and find that the Father, Modesto Tapia Avila, has abandoned the child pursuant to Minn Stat. Sec 259.24, subd 1(2).

FIDDLER OSBAND LLC

Dated: March 30, 2022

/s/ Delmar V. Flynn

Delmar V. Flynn, Esq.

(ID# 0394885)

Attorney for Petitioner

5200 Willson Road, Suite 150

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REQUEST FOR BID

ISANTI COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CONTRACT NO.

2201 AND 2202

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., May 03, 2022 by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners at the office of the County Engineer located at 232 Emerson Street North, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008. Bids will be opened and read publicly at this location, immediately after the hour set for receiving bids.

Contract No. 2201 & 2202

Milling, Reclamation, Asphalt Pavement, Aggregate Base, Shoulder Base Aggregate, Pavement Marking

Located on CSAH 6 and CR 32,

41, 45, 55 and 71

SAP 030-606-038, SAP 030-606-

039, 030-606-040, CP 22-C-32-291,

CP 22-C-41-291, CP 22-C-45-291,

CP 22-C-55-291, CP 22-C-71-291.

Project's total length of 22.957 miles.

The major estimated quantities are;

12555 TON of aggregate surfacing; 2083 TON aggregate base;

223835 SY of full depth reclamation;

281131 SY of bituminous milling;

62200 TON of bituminous mix; 8

LS of traffic control; 8617 LF of silt

fence; 18 EA 18" GS safety apron; 26 EA 24" GS safety apron; 2 EA 36" GS safety apron; 2 EA 48" pipe apron; 414 LF 18" CAS pipe culvert; 758 LF 24" CAS pipe culvert; 92 LF 36" CAS pipe culvert; 48 LF 48" CAS pipe culvert; 350574 LF of 4 Inch Line Paint.

Plan and Proposal may be viewed and purchased at the office of the County Engineer at 232 Emerson Street North, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008. Please call (763) 689-1870 to purchase, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Plan and Proposal Cost: Counter \$45.00 Mailed \$50.00 Plan and Proposal are non-refundable.

Bids must be sealed, identified on the envelope and accompanied by a Bidder's Bond, Certified Check or a Corporate Surety Bond in an amount equal to five percent of the total bid made payable to the Isanti County Treasurer.

The Isanti County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein, and further reserve the right to award the contract to serve the best interest of the County.

Justin Bergerson, County Engineer Isanti County, Cambridge, MN 55008

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ISANTI COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CONTRACT NO.

2203

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 19, 2022 by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners at the office of the County Engineer located at 232 Emerson Street North, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008. Bids will be opened and read publicly at this location, immediately after the hour set for receiving bids.

Contract No. 2203

S.A.P. 030-614-023

New Bridge No. 30520

Bridge Removal, Bridge

Construction, and Traffic Control

Located 2.7 miles north of the junction of TH 95 on CSAH 14 over the Rum River, 2.7 miles north of Cambridge, MN. The major estimated quantities are; 342 CY of Structural Concrete (3B52)

9,343 SF of Bridge Slab Concrete (3YHPC-M)

1,190 LF of Prestressed Concrete Beams 40MH

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Justin Bergerson, County Engineer Isanti County, Cambridge, MN 55008

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ISANTI COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Contract No. 2204

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., April 26, 2022 by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners at the office of the County Engineer located at 232 Emerson Street North, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008. Bids will be opened and read publicly at this location, immediately after the hour set for receiving bids.

Contract No. 2204

C.P. 22-SC-80-321

Bituminous Seal Coat

Located on CSAH(s) 7, 12, 30 and CR(s) 32, 45, 56, 60, 71. Projects total length is 19.36 miles.

The major estimated quantities are: 26668 GAL Bituminous Material for Fog Seal, 266676 SQ YD Bituminous Seal Coat, 66669 GAL Bituminous Material for Seal Coat, 1 LS Traffic Control, 285403 LF 4 IN Solid Line Paint, 189 LF 24 IN Solid Line Paint, 15180 LF IN Broken Line Paint, 63 LF 8 IN Dotted Line Paint, 156 SF Pavement Message Paint.

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Justin Bergerson, County Engineer Isanti County, Cambridge, MN 55008

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PUBLIC HEARING

NORTH BRANCH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Branch City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public to give testimony regarding the vacation of drainage and utility easements within Outlot A, Grand Point.

PROPOSED REQUEST:

The new plat of Outlot A, Grand Point will establish new single family lots, all of which will be served by new drainage and utility easements making the existing drainage and utility easements unnecessary for the public's benefit.

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written or oral comments on this matter at or before the Public Hearing.

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

Renae L. Fry

City Administrator

651.674.8113

renaef@ci.north-branch.mn.us

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CITY OF ISANTI PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON

APRIL 19, 2022

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter following the City Council Meeting, at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW; the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following items:

1) Request by Duane Halvorson for approval of a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Plat under City Ordinance 740, said request is for a 53-lot housing development named Rum River Villas located at PID 16.111.0600.

2) Request by Semler Construction Inc for approval of a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Plat under City Ordinance 740, said request is for a 53-lot housing development named Rum River Villas located at PID 16.111.0600.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.

Ryan Saltis

Community Development Specialist

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CITY OF ISANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING ON

APRIL 19, 2022

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW; the City Council will hold a Public Hearing informing and educating those present on the MS4 Stormwater Report and Audit for 2021. Information will address illicit

discharge violations and provide an overview of the stormwater program. The public is encouraged to attend.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.

Stephanie Hillesheim

Community Development Director

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 30-PR-22-29

In Re: Estate of

Florence Stocking, also known as Florence Rosa Stocking, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Tracy Blodgett, whose address is 1764 Bromley Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

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

Dated: March 28, 2022

Pamela Kreier

Registrar

Heather Mickelson

Court Administrator

Heather Mickelson

Joslin & Moore Law Offices, P.A.

Clark A. Joslin

MN# 52802

221 NW 2nd Ave.

Cambridge, MN 55008

Telephone: 763/689-4101

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401 Auctions

Sat., April 16 Live Onsite Auction. Clifford Mastey Estate, Foley, MN. Tractors, machinery, tools, autos. John Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer: John R. Carlson, Lic. #30-33, 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com.

401 Auctions

Sat., April 16 9:00 a.m. 5% Buyers Premium Auction. Janzen Auction Building, 1 mile west of stoplights in Aitkin. Ice Castle fish house, boating and related, vehicles, tractor and implements, lawn and garden related, ATV's, firearms and related, trapping supplies and sporting goods, garage and tool related, items of interest, framed artwork, furniture and household related. Janzen Auction Services. Auctioneers: Bob Janzen, Lic. #01-14, Jeremy Janzen, Lic. #01-10. www.janzenauctions.com. 218-927-4488.

Sat., April 9 9:00a.m. Live w/ Online Bidding Auction. Cliff's Sewer Services, Cameron, WI. Huge line of construction equipment, excavators, telehandler, tractors, trailers, shop items, machinery. John Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer: John R. Carlson, Lic. #30-33, 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com.

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Sun., May 22 Live Onsite Auction. Harris, MN. Tractor, boat, tools, farm items, guns, lumber. John Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer: John R. Carlson, Lic. #30-33, 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com.

Sat., April 16 Live Auction. Foley, MN. Tractor, autos, tools, farm items, collectibles, primitives. John R. Carlson Auction Co. John R. Carlson, Auctioneer, Lic. #30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

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- Must be 18 or older to apply.
- Favorable background check & drug test required.

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Home & Garden Expo

Here is the full run down on what to expect out of our Home & Garden Expo this year straight from your Executive Director:

In previous years the Chamber has consecutively hosted a spring expo. The various years brought a few different names and branding - most recently it was known as the "Community Connections Expo". With a turnover in E.D.'s or any form of upper management usually brings new ideas and new concepts. Though I am not changing EVERYTHING I think it is important to note that business as we know is forcing businesses of all shapes and sizes to change how they do their day to day duties.

That being said I'm so excited to introduce the NEW "Home & Garden Expo". This year our Expo will be held at the High School here in North Branch on May 7th from 9 am until 4pm. The Expo will be spread between both gyms in the high school.

The main gym will host vendors of all sorts as well as the Chamber's booth where attendees can enter their name and contact information for their chance to win various door prizes! Our Grand Door Prize is sponsored by Olson Power Equipment and features a Weekend Rental Package of the winner's choice of either A) A Skid Steer & Attachment OR B) Tractor & One Implement. That's a \$600 value and all it costs you is a \$4 wristband and a moment of your time! You'll have to swing by our booth to check out what other goods we have to giveaway in our drawing.

In the second gym we will have ALL the things! From animatronic dinosaurs from Strutz Entertainment to bounce houses to a full blown stage hosting our NB Talks. The "Talks" are a very new feature this year to the Chamber that allows all of our vendors an opportunity to sign up for a 15 minute time slot to share their ideas with our amazing community! To name a few appearances: NorthBrook Church, Revive Chiropractic, and Best Budz CBD all have segments!

Our very first giveaway will be JUST FOR KIDS! The first 200 kiddos to show up to our Chamber Giveaway Booth will receive a MN Wildflower Seed Starter Kit.

Stay tuned for more updates from your Chamber on this exciting event!

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AN INTERACTIVE AND ENGAGING
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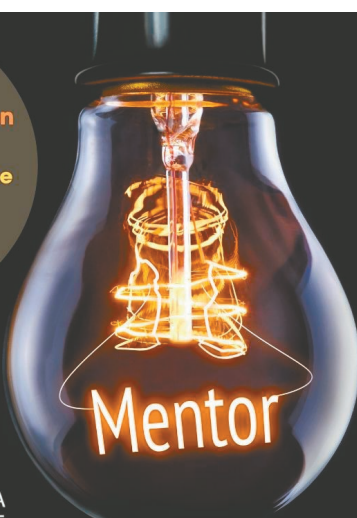
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