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## Faces show the thrill of victory, agony of defeat

The grimaces of Bluejacket wrestler Michael Noonan and Mahtomedi's Tony Kammerer tell two opposing stories as Noonan tries to complete a pin of Kammerer during the Bluejacket Individual Invite on Saturday, Jan. 4.



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

Burned home at 1615 Southhaven Drive is facing demolition.

## Council begins process of demolishing burned Cambridge house

BY BILL STICKELS III  
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The Cambridge city council has found itself trying to figure out what to do with a house that is in a state of limbo at the moment.

During the Jan. 6 council meeting, Community Development Specialist Carri Levitski presented a request to declare the property at 1615 Southhaven Drive South a public nuisance and for the city to begin the abatement process. According to Levitski, the house on the property was severely damaged in a fire on Nov. 11, 2019,

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# New plan, new perks for Anderson County Park

BY JENNIFER KOTILA  
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The transformation from farm to thriving natural ecosystem at Irving and John Anderson Park in Isanti County has been taking place since the park was born.

Acquired by the county in 2007, the land started off as a 174-acre park at 27241 Furman Street NE, North Branch. A master plan was created in 2013 to guide the future of the park, but with the addition of 226 more acres, an updated master plan was required.

Jody Rader, of Hoisington Koenig Group, was contracted to assist with the update and presented it at the Dec. 18 Isanti County Board meeting, where it was approved.

"The best features that people really love today," she said, "are the wildlife viewing, natural

play area, the shelter, boardwalks, trails. People really like the sort of natural feeling of the park."

She said the new plan will continue to preserve the things people love about the space, as well as address the development of recreational opportunities, access to Horseshoe and Horseleg lakes, the creation of interpretive and educational features, the restoration of natural and ecological habitat and the creation of a trail network.

### TRAIL TO A NEW PLAN

"There was a pretty robust engagement process," said Rader, of updating the master plan, which began in March 2019 with information gathering from the public and various park stakeholders. The development of a site design concept took place from May to

September, and the master plan document was updated September through November.

Information was gathered through letters sent to residents living near the park, an online survey, through various pop-up events at local community events.

The preliminary plan for the park was shared with the public at the Isanti County Fair, and a draft concept was shared at the North Branch Fall Festival. Comments regarding the plan were also gathered through email and the Friends of Anderson Park group.

### GOALS LEAD THE WAY

Goals that were developed during the 2013 master plan served as guidance during

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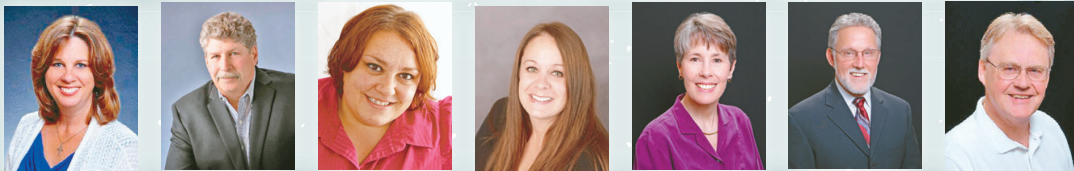
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 Noon to 1:00pm (check in begins at 11:45am)

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**  
 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Braham Event Center  
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Learn how customers find your business online and how to promote your business using Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Smart Campaigns in Google Ads.

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 Cambridge State of the City Presentation  
 March 18, 2020  
 Isanti State of the City Presentation

### Social Media Strategy & Implementation

Discover who you should be talking to, where, why, and how on social media.

*\*Lunch is not included but available off the menu*

Emily Bertram, Social Media & Marketing Specialist, Visit Greater St. Cloud

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 Call the North 65 Chamber to register.  
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**Thursday, January 9, 2020**  
 Noon to 1:30pm  
 (check in begins at 11:45am)

This presentation will cover the basics of how to develop, plan, execute, monitor and analyze an effective social media strategy for your business. Learn how to set goals, identify your audience, craft content that resonates with your followers, and monitor and analyze to see what is working and what is not. Leave with a takeaway of tips, ideas, and inspiration to kickstart your 2020 social media planning.

Sidelines Sports Grill  
 138 2nd Ave SE, Cambridge, MN 55008

\$20/Member Business, \$30/Non-Member Business

The North 65 Chamber of Commerce, led by its members, promotes business growth, provides resources, and enhances partnerships to support a thriving community. All businesses and organizations are invited to join and enjoy the many benefits that Chamber membership has to offer. Luncheon meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and are a great way to learn more about the chamber while making valuable business connections. Contact the chamber office at 763-689-2505, info@north65chamber.com, or visit our website at north65chamber.com for more information. Follow us on Facebook: @North65Chamber

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#### Free Computer Help

Adults can sign up for free one-on-one help using laptop or other devices on Wednesdays Jan. 8-March 18 at Cambridge Library. Register for one-hour sessions at 10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. on Events Calendar at eclib.org or at library. For info call 763-689-7390.

### JAN 10

#### Free Movie Showing

The Isanti Parks Department will offer a free showing of the movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" at 7 p.m. at Isanti Community Center, 208½ 1st Ave. NW, Isanti. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with concessions for purchase. For info call Jenny at 763-444-5512.

### JAN 11

#### Discover Club Junior-Rush City

Discover Club will be held 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rush City Public Library, 240 W. 4th St., with the theme "Lego Programming;" geared for grades K-4. No cost or pre-registration. For info call 320-358-3948.

### JAN 12

#### Cash Bingo

Christ the King Knights of Columbus, Council #12813, will sponsor Cash Bingo at 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall on Fern Street, Cambridge. Freewill donation for pizza, snacks and beverage. Proceeds go to community and parish projects. For info call Jim at 763-689-1266.

### JAN 13

#### Women's Luncheon

The Cambridge-Isanti Women's Connection (CIWC) will hold its monthly luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Jenni Thyng speaking on "Never Alone," music by Jenni, at Common Grounds: A United Methodist Community, 404 N. Cypress, Cambridge. \$14 at the door. To reserve a spot or childcare call Trudy Hervey at 763-228-3805 by noon on Jan. 10.

#### Donate Blood

Take the opportunity to donate blood from 1-6 p.m. at John's Lutheran Church, 980 W. Fourth St., Rush City. To learn more and make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

#### Lego Club at North Branch Library

Kids in grades K-4 are invited to Lego Club from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at North Branch Area Public Library, 6355 379th St. Legos provided; free and no registration required. For info call 651-674-8443. Also Feb. 10.

#### Lego Club at Cambridge Library

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to Lego Club from 4-5 p.m. at Cambridge Public Library, 244 S. Birch St. Legos provided; free and no registration required. For info call 763-689-7390. Also Feb. 10 and March 9.

### JAN 15

#### Parkinson's Support Group

Parkinson's Support Group will hold their monthly meeting from 10-11:30 a.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main St. N, for those with the disease, their families, friends and caregivers. Refreshments served. Call Dale at (763) 444-9352 for info.

#### We R Able Support Group Meeting

Brooke Weiner, optometrist, will speak at the We R Able Support Group Meeting on January 15th at 1 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. Everyone welcome. \$1 suggested donation. Questions, call 651-674-4642.

### JAN 16

#### Free Computer Class

A free class called "Introduction to Windows" will be taught by Dave Larson from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Joy Lutheran Church, 1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge. For info or to register call 763-689-5912. Intermediate course set for Jan. 23.

### JAN 18

#### Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry - Isanti

Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held 9-10:30 a.m. at New Hope Church-Isanti, 114 Dahlin Ave, Isanti. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. For \$20 donation receive grocery items. Open to anyone; no income requirements. Bring own boxes. For info call Joyce at (612) 760-4179 or Facebook at Ruby's Pantry Isanti MN.

#### Peace Walk

The bi-monthly peace walk in Cambridge will start at 9 a.m. in parking

lot at Hwy. 95 and Birch St., lasts about half hour with positive messages supporting equal rights for all, protection of environment, and an end to violence. Group walks first and third Saturdays of every month (not when below zero). For info email wendybronson@yahoo.com.

#### Essentrics Exercise Class

A free exercise class in "Essentrics: Stretch, Strengthen, Rebalance" will be offered 10:30-11:30 a.m. at North Branch Area Public Library, 6355 379th St., with certified instructor Jackie Badger. No registration; dress comfortably. For info call library at 651-674-8443. Also Jan. 23.

#### Scandinavian Winter Feast

The Royal Neighbors will offer their 21st annual Scandinavian Winter Feast at 1 p.m. at Braham Event Center, 655 8th Street SW, with a traditional Scandinavian meal, live entertainment, silent auction, cash bar. Tickets \$18, purchase by Jan. 13 at 320-396-3177 or visit brahamcenter.org.

### JAN 20

#### Skate with the Bluejackets

Skate with and get photos with Cambridge-Isanti hockey players at "Skate with the Bluejackets" from 5-7 p.m. at Cambridge's outdoor hockey rinks on East Rum River Drive S. Bring own gear; limited number of sticks available. Free hot dogs and hot chocolate provided.

### JAN 22

#### Donate Blood

Take the opportunity to donate blood from 12-6 p.m. at Andersen Corporation, 39811 Golden Ave., North Branch. To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

#### Hiring Event in Cambridge

CareerForce will hold a hiring event with 10 employers from 1-3 p.m. at 140 Buchanan St. N, Suite 152, Cambridge. For info call 320-308-5814 or email Kelly.Gerads@state.mn.us.

### JAN 21

#### Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution

Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution will distribute food at the Isanti County Fairgrounds from 2-4:30 p.m. (or until food runs out). DO NOT enter fairgrounds parking lot before 1 p.m., and do NOT park on Hwy. 95 and wait. Due to new year, ALL must be re-registered, so bring photo ID and two current utility bills in your name and current address. For registration guidelines visit cambridgefooddistribution.org.

### JAN 23

#### Memory Cafe - Isanti

Come with your loved one or care companion to share concerns and experiences with memory loss from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Spirit River Community Center, 1321 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti, with coffee, treats, activities, companionship. No set fee, but donations accepted. For info call Julie Tooker at 763-691-6192.

#### Free Computer Class

A free class called "Intermediate Windows" will be taught by Dave Larson from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Joy Lutheran Church, 1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge. For info or to register call 763-689-5912.

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### JAN 24

#### Donate Blood

Take the opportunity to donate blood from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at American Legion, 6439 Elm St., North Branch. To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

#### Donate Blood

Take the opportunity to donate blood from 12:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 207 County Road 23 NW, Isanti. To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

#### Whitesidewalls Concert

The Whitesidewalls Rock 'n Roll Revue will perform doo-wop, rockabilly and rock 'n roll at a 1 p.m. show with 11:30 a.m. lunch at Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. SW. Tickets \$32 advance/\$35 door for meal and show; \$25 show only. For tickets call 651-270-2733 or 651-592-3482 or at Event Center, Park Cafe, Frandsen Bank.

### JAN 25

#### Kids' Open Gym

Families are invited to Kids' Open Gym from 9 a.m. to noon at Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. SW, with free snacks, bouncy house, games, music at 10 a.m. with Lee 'Colorblind' Johnson. Bring a trike or ball; parents must be present. Register at brahamcenter.org.

### JAN 26

#### Free Throw Contest

Knights of Columbus Cambridge Council will hold its annual Free Throw Contest at 2 p.m. at Cambridge-Isanti High

School gymnasium for girls and boys ages 9-14 (by Jan. 1). Bring proof of age. No cost to enter. Winners move on to regional competition. For info call Jeff Landherr at 763-258-4067.

### JAN 28

#### Inventors & Entrepreneurs Club

The East Central MN Business Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club will meet at East Central Energy, Braham, at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments and networking and 6 p.m. for meeting with speaker Neela Mollgaard, of Launch Minnesota. For info visit www.ECMNBusiness.com.

### JAN 29

#### Medicare 101 Sessions

Free information sessions on Medicare parts A-D, enrollment requirements, deadlines and fees, will be offered from 5-7 p.m. at Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. SW, on the last Wed. of each month. Registration is required by calling the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433.

### JAN 31

#### Donate Blood

Take the opportunity to donate blood from 12-6 p.m. at Braham Area High School, 531 Elmhurst Ave. S., Braham. To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

#### ScholarDazzle

ScholarDazzle, the annual fundraiser for Anoka-Ramsey Community College, will be held at 6 p.m. at Pinewood Event Center, 33262 Palm St. NW, Cambridge. For info call Jamie at 763-422-6082.

### FEB 1

#### Candlelight Ski

The 18th annual free Candlelight Ski with skiing or hiking on trails with luminaries will be held in Spirit River Nature Area, starting at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge, at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment by Kenny Krona and Rick Stener, refreshments, 7:30 drawing for door prizes; ends 8:30 p.m. For info call 763-433-1100.

### FEB 7

#### Senior Dance

A Senior Dance will be held 1-4 p.m. at East Bethel Senior/Community Center, 1 mile east of Hwy. 65 on 221st Ave., with music by Michael Elsenpeter. Lunch included in \$6 cost. For info call 763-434-9652.

### FEB 8

#### Discover Club Junior-Rush City

Discover Club will be held 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rush City Public Library, 240 W. 4th St., with

### SENIOR DINING

#### CAMBRIDGE

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140 Buchanan St N #164,  
Cambridge

**Monday, Jan. 13** - Oven-baked chow mein

**Tuesday, Jan. 14** - Salisbury steak

**Wednesday, Jan. 15** - Turkey ala King

**Thursday, Jan. 16** - Grilled cheese/tomato soup

**Friday, Jan. 17** - Chef's Choice

**Breakfast:**  
Mon.-Thur. - 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
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#### NORTH BRANCH & ISANTI

Chisago County Senior Center  
38790 6th Avenue  
North Branch

Isanti Senior Center  
208½ 1st Ave. NW  
Isanti

**Monday, Jan. 13** - Mushroom & onion pork chop, rice pilaf, steamed broccoli w/cheese sauce, wheat bread, spiced pears

**Tuesday, Jan. 14** - Shepherd's pie, lettuce w/dressing, wheat bread, blonde brownie

**Wednesday, Jan. 15** - Roast turkey, whipped potatoes w/gravy, country vegetables, wheat bread, fruit cobbler

**Thursday, Jan. 16** - Special of the Day

**Friday, Jan. 17** - BBQ Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, cinnamon apples

**North Branch Lunch:**  
Mon.-Fri. Serves at 11:45 a.m.

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the theme "Sustainable Resources;" geared for grades K-4. No cost or pre-registration. For info call 320-358-3948.

### FEB 9

#### North Branch Baseball Camp

North Branch Area High School will host a four-week baseball camp with coach Steve Christensen in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy starting Feb. 9 for grades 1-12 on the basics. For info call 866-622-4487 or register at USBaseballAcademy.com.

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## Still important to name official newspaper

I recently came across a post on one of the local community Facebook pages mentioning how the city council would be designating the official newspaper for 2020 and encouraging residents to contact their council members with their opinion about which newspaper they think it should be. That post resulted in a couple comments that I would like to address here.



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III

The first was a few people questioning why this is an agenda item for a city council. The short answer to this is because it is required by state statute. You see, in the interest of encouraging transparency, local governments such as city councils, county boards and school boards must publish information such as summaries of actions taken at previous meetings, certain possible actions to be taken at future meetings, along with a variety of other information and reports.

These public notices must be made in a designated newspaper that is accessible to the general public at the local governments' expense. Lately, there has been a push to eliminate this statute under the concept that a vast majority of local governments have the capability to publish such information on their own website.

The argument against this is that local governments could easily "hide" this information in their website, making it very difficult for people to find it. Now, I'm not suggesting that any of our local governments would be apt to do this. In fact, many of them have gone above and beyond, offering audio and/or video coverage of their meetings to the general public.

But additionally, as many in this area know, internet access is very limited. Also, there are still many people who aren't as tech-savvy who would struggle to find this information, no matter how "easy" it is to find on a website. For those people, it is vital to have this information readily available to them in the form of a newspaper.

For many local governments, this designation is a very easy one since only one qualified newspaper will bid for this service. However, several of this area's local governments receive bids from two or more newspapers. In that case, the local governments must choose one newspaper to publish all of their public notices in. A majority of the time, they will go with the least expensive bid; however, if the bids are close to being the same, they can make a choice based on circulation size or other factors.

The other comment that went along with questioning why this was an agenda item was, "Why does it matter, since nobody reads newspapers anymore?"

Besides being disappointing to hear, I firmly believe this to be an inaccurate statement, especially at the local level. While it is tough for a free newspaper such as the *Star* to back this claim up with statistics such as an increase in the number of subscriptions purchased, I did recently take a look at how many times our articles have been viewed on our website. That number has absolutely exploded over the last year or so. In 2019, the *Star's* articles have been viewed a total of over a half-million times.

So, while it may be true that not as many people pick up a physical copy of the newspaper, there is obviously considerable interest in what is included in local newspapers. And in turn, why the decision for naming a local government's official newspaper is, in fact, an important one.

**BILL STICKELS III** is editor of the Isanti-Chisago County Star. He can be reached at 763-689-1181 ext. 107 or editor@countystar.com.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thank you to those supporting Rush City Christmas Caring Tree program

To the editor,

On behalf of the Rush City Christmas Caring Tree program, we would like to thank all of the people who took wish tags from the tree and bought presents for 107 children this year!

Also we would like to thank the Rush City Unity Bank for allowing us to put the tree in the bank. They also collected the presents for us. It was very much appreciated.

Lastly, we would like to thank the local businesses who donated, as well as nonprofit organizations including the Rush City Sno Bugs, the Rush City Lions Club and Frandsen Family Foundation for their generous contributions. We could not have run the program without their assistance.

All of you have made this a very merry Christmas for 107 local children and their parents. Thank you so very much!

**Joanne Louzek and Shari Schlagel**  
Rush City Christmas Caring Tree and Rush City Cares

#### These are my New Year's wishes for President Trump

To the editor,

I wish that the Senate trial will be fair. I wish that there will be irenic (meaning toward peace) conversations between evangelicals.

I wish that Bible believers will pray for President Trump in accordance with I Timothy 2.

**Curtis Anderson**  
Cambridge

### QUOTABLE

**'Just because your voice reaches halfway around the world doesn't mean you are wiser than when it reached only to the end of the bar.'**

**Edward R. Murrow**  
American Journalist

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All letters are subject to editing for grammar and clarity and must contain the undersigned's full name and their address and daytime telephone number for verification. (Addresses and phone numbers will not be printed.)

Letter writers must live, work or have another connection to The Isanti-Chisago County Star's coverage area.

Due to space limitations, letters that don't address local issues are not guaranteed publication.

Staff reserves the right to refrain from printing a letter.

Anonymous letters will not be printed.

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TALKING WITH THE EXPERTS

# Routine check-ups and vaccinations key to keeping dogs healthy

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With the start of 2020 well underway, dog owners may consider setting New Year's resolutions around caring for their furry friends.

Jennifer Granick, an associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, provides information and tips for dog owners to help keep their dogs healthy all year long.

**Q: What is the best way to avoid unforeseen (and expensive) health issues?**

**Prof. Granick:** Routine vaccinations and flea and tick preventatives can help your dog avoid illness or unscheduled veterinary visits. In addition, some dogs are good candidates for non-core vaccines — such as social dogs who visit dog parks, frequent doggy daycare or routinely head to the groomer — as they are more likely to encounter other dogs with infectious diseases. Vaccination for germs that cause “kennel cough” are often required for participation in social activities. A combination vaccine for Bordetella, Adenovirus and Parainfluenza virus is most common, though in some regions it may also be appropriate to vaccinate your four-legged friend for canine influenza. Lyme disease vaccination can prevent illness, reduce the use of antibiotics in your dog and prevent rare but life-threatening complications of this disease. In the long run, vaccination can save dog owners a lot of money and heartache.

**Q: If my dog isn't showing any signs of disease, how important are routine check-ups?**

**Prof. Granick:** Catching disease early can be life-saving. Check-up visits with the veterinarian are important for early disease diagnosis. Most dog owners are pretty in tune with their pets, and veterinarians rely on owners to notice subtle changes in behavior that can alert them that there might be a problem. Veterinarians are trained in detecting other abnormalities, by physical examination or routine testing, which can be red flags of disease before a dog ever

has any clinical signs. When your veterinarian recommends blood work, it is likely a good idea. This is especially true for older dogs, even if your dog seems fine. That way, you might catch something early (e.g., liver, kidney or endocrine disease). If the exam and lab work are normal, you gain peace of mind and your veterinarian has a key data point, illustrating your dog's baseline values, which can be helpful in the future, should changes arise.

**Q: What should I feed Fido?**

**Prof. Granick:** Diet decisions are complicated. The pet food industry creates persuasive advertisements, often appealing to human palates and food values. Food recalls create fear in pet owners, as no pet owner wants to make their dog sick by providing a basic need, but some diets come with hidden dangers. There is an association with some grain-free diets and heart disease in dogs, which the Food and Drug Administration and veterinary cardiologists are still working to unravel. If your dog is on a grain-free diet, discuss alternatives with your veterinarian.

Raw food diets might be contaminated with bacteria that can make you, your family members and your dog sick. Raw diets should especially be avoided in very young, old or dogs with weak immune systems. Tell your veterinarian what your food values are, so they can help find a safe diet that you can feel good about.

**Q: How do antibiotics affect dogs?**

**Prof. Granick:** Antibiotics are critical for recovery when pets have overwhelming bacterial infections, but all drugs have potential down sides and should be used only when needed. Just like in people, not all infections are caused by bacteria (i.e., germs that can be effectively treated with antibiotics). Over-using antibiotics can cause unwanted side effects, including vomiting, diarrhea and — in rare cases — autoimmune disease and liver or kidney toxicity. Antibiotics, used to target harmful bacteria, also affect the good bacteria in the gut and on the skin. As we learn more about the microbiome — the collection of good bacteria that lives in and on the body — we have realized how important it is for overall health. A healthy microbiome supports



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**Regular check-ups and routine vaccinations will help keep your pet healthy from puppy to adulthood.**

the immune system, gut, kidney and skin health — and even behavior.

Not all infections require antibiotic treatment, either because it is not caused by bacteria or because pets can recover on their own. Overuse of antibiotics can lead to antibiotic-resistant bacteria, or bacteria that can survive treatment with commonly used antibiotics. This can make future infections in your dog hard to treat. It can also impact family members, as there is evidence that dogs and people share microbiome bacteria with each other. Never pressure your veterinarian to prescribe an antibiotic. Always ask if there are other ways to support your dog through an illness. For example, if your dog develops diarrhea due to dietary indiscretion — such as enjoying the delights of the garbage can post-holiday feast — a bland diet, probiotics and a little time will likely do the trick.

**Q: What work are you doing at the College of Veterinary Medicine to improve health in dogs?**

**Prof. Granick:** When I first started veterinary

practice, antibiotic-resistant infections were a rarity, and I have seen bacterial susceptibility to commonly used antibiotics decrease over time. For this reason, my research efforts are focused on learning more about how veterinarians are using antibiotics in practice and how we can strategically use antibiotics in a way that helps mitigate resistance in bacteria that cause devastating, lethal diseases. My team is working to collect antibiotic use data in companion animals, as this information is lacking in the field. We are also working on how to support veterinarians in stewardship of our antibiotic resources. Find out more about these efforts as well as healthy antibiotic use in pets on the Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Initiative website.

**JENNIFER GRANICK** is an associate professor in the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Her areas of expertise include antimicrobial stewardship, and infectious diseases that affect cats and dogs, particularly those that also affect humans. She was recently featured by This Dog's Life discussing best practices for dog care.

## What is Planning and Zoning?

Zoning codes emerged after events of the Industrial Revolution. During this time period, business began to boom, and more people began to move toward the jobs. The pay was inequitable; therefore, most people lived in deplorable conditions without sanitation. They were often living with up to 10 people in one room without enough light or air, and next to the industrial business with excess smoke and soot.

Because everyone lived so close to one another and in these conditions, diseases spread rapidly and resulted in many deaths. As industrialization moved on, the government intervened to offer public safety and order.

In 2020, we struggle to visualize this lifestyle, although the basic offerings of public safety and order are still in place and create the city's Community Development Department. Planning and Zoning is the center of this department. The basic tools include a zoning ordinance, a zoning map and City Planning.

The city has a zoning ordinance, and its basic purpose is to

ensure the public health, safety, order, convenience and general welfare of the city. It is the law that defines how land can be used. The Community Development Department is bound by the law as stated in the zoning ordinance.

The zoning map defines different “zones” in a city where a certain “use” is allowed. For example, a One Family Residence Zoning District allows single-family homes, and an Industrial Zoning District allows manufacturing.

Let's say you live in a One Family Residence Zoning District and a heavy industrial user with loud equipment and smokestacks wanted to build in the middle of the neighborhood. The heavy industrial “use” doesn't fit with the character of the single-family “zoned” neighborhood, isn't safe for the residents nearby, and doesn't provide the convenience of a quiet neighborhood or general welfare of the residents.

By designating certain “uses” in different “zones,” the health and welfare of the community can be protected.

Planning and zoning also preserves neighborhood character by monitoring building materials, providing regulations on parking and outdoor storage, and taking note of excessive garbage and debris. Heights of buildings, shoreland protection measures,

and lot coverage also come into play when planning a city. Protecting the environment and natural resources while enhancing the quality of life for its residents are important goals.

If a resident wants to build a structure that doesn't conform to the ordinance (i.e. build a shed closer to the property line than allowed), the city has a public process to follow called a variance.

Interested city residents can be a part of the local planning and zoning process by joining the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission consists of seven appointed residents who want to have an impact and voice on planning decisions within the city. The Commission reviews requests related to variances, interim use permits, preliminary and final plats for new developments, etc.

For more information on Planning and Zoning, please visit: <https://www.ci.cambridge.mn.us/doing-business/planning-zoning>, or to view packet materials or hear audio of the meetings, please visit <https://www.ci.cambridge.mn.us/your-government/commissions/planning-commission>.

If you have questions, please call City Hall at 763-689-3211.

*Marcia Westover is Community Development Director for the city of Cambridge.*

## Am I required to use my snowplow's headlights?

**Question: I have a question regarding the auxiliary headlights on a truck with a plow. Are they a requirement? I purchased a plow for my truck recently, and the lights that came with are not nearly as bright as the stock lights on my truck. My stock headlights actually work perfectly fine over the top of the plow without any glare back at me. Are the auxiliary headlights on plow trucks required or can I take them off since my stock truck lights work better?**



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**Answer:** Most pickup plow trucks that I see on the road have lights that are attached to the plow and are used in lieu of the original headlights.

You can remove the headlights on a plow as long as they don't block or interfere with your stock headlights while traveling on a public road.

If you are going to use your snowplow headlights, they will need to be aimed in a manner to where they are not blinding to other drivers when on a public roadway.

As far as snow plow vehicles with roof-mounted flashing amber lights, Minnesota law says that any service vehicle may be equipped with a flashing amber lamp of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety.

A service vehicle shall not display a lighted flashing lamp when traveling upon the highway or at any other time except at the scene of a disabled vehicle or while engaged in snow removal or road maintenance.

Remember that other traffic on the main roadway will have the right of way, so be sure to pay attention and use due care when plowing snow.

**SGT. NEIL DICKENSON** is Minnesota State Patrol Public Information Officer for the state's northeast region. Send questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues to [dickenson@state.mn](mailto:dickenson@state.mn) or by mail to Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth MN 55811. Follow Dickenson on Twitter at @MSPPIO\_NE.

## OBITUARIES

### Herman A. Tews

Herman Albert Tews, age 84, of Isanti, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at home in Isanti.

Herman Tews was born to William and Rose Tews at home in Kennan, Wisconsin, on Dec. 9, 1935.

He attended a one-room country school for eight years and then graduated from Phillips High School in 1953. He worked some short-term jobs in Wisconsin and Chicago.



In 1958, Herman was united in marriage to Ardythe May of Catawba, Wisconsin. In May of 1956, Herman went to work for Arcon Construction Company of Mora, Minnesota, where he started as a laborer. During the first years, he spent his winters logging in Wisconsin. He was with Arcon for 35 years and served the last 10 as president. Also, during his years at Arcon,

he served on both the Minnesota and the National Utility Contractors Association as well as the Board of Associated Builders and Contractors. After leaving Arcon, Herman enjoyed doing many types of carpentry projects.

In 1986, he was united in marriage to Diane Anderson. They enjoyed 21 winters in Arizona and spent summers at an RV park on Blue Lake. Herman enjoyed the time he and Diane spent traveling throughout retirement. He loved the outdoors such as fishing, hunting and gardening. He looked forward to spending time socializing with family and friends.

Herman is survived by his wife of 34 years, Diane; son Bradley (Sherri) Tews of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; daughter Kelly (Rick) Hicks of Champlin, Minnesota; sisters Lucille, Ardith and Lorraine; eight granddaughters, Cassie, Jaci, Josie, Rachel, Danielle, Melissa, Erica and Sara; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; by brothers Alvin and William and by sons Clark and Kevin.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Faith Lutheran Church in Isanti with a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

### James 'Jim' J. Erickson

James "Jim" Jon Erickson, age 49, of Lino Lakes, passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, at home with his loving wife.

Jim was born Oct. 26, 1970, at North Memorial hospital in Robbinsdale to parents Jon R. and Sharon (Simonson) Erickson. He attended North Branch Schools and graduated in 1989.



He worked as a machinist over the years and most recently enjoyed outdoor yardwork in the summer, clearing snow in the winter, and with his love of food, developed Sven's BBQ Sauce.

Jim married the love of his life, Ann (Trzcianko) Erickson in Jamaica on April 6, 2010.

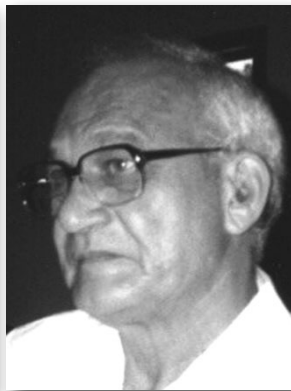
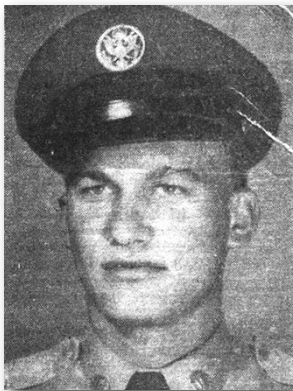
Jim was known for his sense of humor, kind heart and willingness to help others whenever he had the chance. He loved '70s folk music, socializing with friends, of which he made several over the years and will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife of 10 years Ann; their son Jack and dog Hutch of Lino Lakes; mother Sharon Erickson of North Branch; siblings Beth Erickson (significant other Jay Johnson) of Rush City, Anne (Troy) Ellis of North Branch and Dan (Laure) Erickson of Fridley; his nieces Jennifer and Jessica Zachrisson, Sam and Alex Ellis, and Violet and Scarlet Erickson; and great-nephews Jayden and Jordan Cortez, Hunter Dybedahl and Levi Cole.

Jim is preceded in death by his father Jon R. Erickson, grandparents Raymond and Marie Erickson, and Selfred and Verna Simonson.

A Day of Remembrance for Jim will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, from 12-3 p.m. with a tribute at 1:30 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior/Community Center, 38790 6th Avenue, North Branch, MN.

### Peter M. Kabanuk



Peter M. Kabanuk, age 83, of Cambridge, passed away Dec. 17, 2019, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Peter Maxwell Kabanuk was born April 5, 1936, in Max, North Dakota, to Max and Hazel (Zahursky) Kabanuk. He was raised and attended school in Max and Minot, North Dakota. After high school, Peter served his country in the U.S. Air Force. On June 2, 1962, he married Carol Ann Gjerstad and they made their home in the Minneapolis area. Peter spent his working years as an airline mechanic for North Central Airlines and as a foreman for the Cream of Wheat company. Upon retirement, Peter most enjoyed getting coffee at local establishments, visiting with family and friends, and working on endless fix-it projects.

Peter is survived by his wife Carol; sons Peter J. (Pamela), Kenneth Kabanuk; daughter Jennifer (Kevin) Roeder; siblings Allen (Wilma), Dennis (Ruth) Kabanuk, Shirley Brown; grandchildren Jake, Hannah, Zackary, Savanna, Julia and John; as well as many relatives and friends. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Marlys, Art, Donny, Martha, Ed and Ernie.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge. Memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, 1 Tower Avenue, Minneapolis, with a time for visiting one hour prior to service. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

### Virginia M. Erickson

Virginia Mae Erickson, age 90, of Cambridge, passed away Jan. 5, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids.

Virginia was born May 30, 1929, in Markville, Minnesota, to Russell William Kelch and Louise (Bowen) Kelch. She was married to Robert Erickson on April 15, 1950, who preceded Virginia in death March 14, 2016.



Virginia was known by many for her work at Cambridge Clinic, co-founding East Central Habitat for Humanity with her husband, and her service at Eastern Star in North Branch, among other giving activities in Cambridge, Minnesota, and Donna, Texas.

She is survived by her son Robert Erickson and daughter-in-law Diane of Cambridge; daughter Janyce Potter Erickson and son-in-law Don Potter of Bloomington; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers Bill, Russell "Conrad" and sister Pat (Kelch) Turner; and by many other relatives and friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Jerry and John, and sister Sylvia.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main St. N, Cambridge. Visitation at 10 a.m., memorial at 11, with lunch following. Memorials to East Central Habitat for Humanity are preferred. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

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### Lourna Mae E. Johnson

Lourna Mae Ella Pfaffendorf Johnson, 89, of North Branch Township, passed away on Jan. 5, 2020, at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

Lourna Mae was born on Feb. 1, 1930, to Frederick Martin and Ella Alvinia (Schmidt) Pfaffendorf, in St. Paul, Minn. She attended all eight grades in a one-room school, Lincoln District #13 North Branch



Township. She went on to graduate from North Branch High School in 1948. She was baptized, confirmed and married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Weber. She married Hilmer C. Johnson on Sept. 25, 1948. She was active in her home church at St. John's, being in charge of the cradle roll, taught Sunday School, sang in the church choir and was organist for a short time. In January 2014, she joined

Living Branch Lutheran Church in North Branch. Lournna Mae was a housewife who loved to cook, bake and have family and friends around. The welcome mat was always out to everyone. She did other jobs outside the home, but being wife and mother was most important. When her sons were active in Cub Scouts, she was a den mother for many years.

Lourna Mae was preceded in death by her husband H. Carroll Johnson, and parents Fred and Ella Pfaffendorf.

She is survived by her sons Kraig (Mary Ann) Johnson of Rockford, Mich. and Mark (Cindy) Johnson of Taylors Falls, Minn.; grandchildren Krista (Tim) Spahr, Ryan (Kelly) Johnson, Bert (Teya) Nelson, Candice (Tony) Colatruglio and Wesley (Brittany) Wix; great-grandchildren Emma and Sophia Spahr, Alex and Jacob Johnson, Lyla and Reed Nelson, and Aurora, David and Haylie Wix; best friends Marvin Olson and Beverlee Stenberg; brother-in-law Harold (Mary Ann) Johnson; as well as other cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at Living Branch Lutheran Church in North Branch. Visitation will be Friday night 4-8 p.m. at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and one hour prior at the church. Interment at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Weber.

Online condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements are with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

## BIRTHS

### Natalie Roberta Wiese

Natalie was born on Nov. 19, 2019, and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. Parents are Valerie and Jacob Wiese of Cambridge. Grandparents are Ken and Julie Huser of Sioux City, Iowa; Patrick and Roberta Deal of Des Moines, Iowa; Dan and Brenda Wiese of Dodge Center, Minn.

### Isabella Jean Metzger

Isabella was born on Dec. 5, 2019, and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. Parents are Jessica Metzger and George Christiansen of Cambridge. Grandparents are Cora Carlson, Robert Carlson, Steve Metzger, Alison Metzger, Terry Christiansen.

### Jasmine Rose Johnson

Jasmine was born on Nov. 9, 2019, and weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces. Parent is RaeAnna Johnson of Braham. Grandparents are Barbara Johnson of Anoka; William Johnson of Isanti; Diana Pardo of Harris.

### Landon Marshall Beich

Landon was born on Nov. 10, 2019, and weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. Parents are Alyssa and Nathan Beich of Cambridge. Grandparents are Larry and Darla Frink of Buffalo; Ken and Marcy Beich of Rochester.

### Liam McCoy Towle

Liam was born on Dec. 2, 2019, and weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Parents are Tyler Marie Johnson and McCoy Towle of Braham. Grandparents are Tanya Johnson of Fridley; Tony and Kimberly Salmsonson of Rush City; Alyssa Towle of Coon Rapids.

### Slayde Jay Swanson

Slayde was born on Dec. 14, 2019, and weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. Parents are Natasha and Jason Swanson of Braham. Grandparents are Kris and Dell Gross of Pine City; Warren and Audrey Swanson of Braham.

# guide

## Assembly of God

### Access Church

4359 392nd St. North Branch, MN 55056 Sundays at 9am & 10:30am. www.accesschurchonline.org 651-674-7531. Kevin Haseltine, Lead Pastor

### Baptist

#### First Baptist Church

304 S. Main St., Cambridge, 763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs. firstbaptistcambridge.org

#### North Isanti Baptist Church

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

#### Springvale Baptist Church

5-1/2 miles NW of Cambridge at Jct. of Cty Rd 14 & 6. 763-689-1373. Pastor Charles Kieffer. Sunday School 9:30am from Sept. to May. Morning Worship 10:30am. Second Sunday Potluck Dinner; Wednesday 7:15pm Adult Study

#### 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.

#### 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 sunrise bible church.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.

## Evangelical Free

#### Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

#### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

#### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

9am Worshp Service. 10:15am Coffee Fellowship. 10:45am Sunday School. Mon. 6pm Sr. High Youth. Wed. 6:25pm AWANA/ Jr. High Youth. Tues/Thurs. 9am Bone Builders. Pastor Leroy Scheumann. 29237 Roanoke St. NW, Isanti 55040. www.oxlip.org Email: oxlip@oxlip.org. 763-444-5134

## Lutheran

#### Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

320-396-2755 West Central Drive & County Road 4 In northwest Braham Pastor Julie Beck Sunday: 9:00 am Worship Service; Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Little Lambs (for children under 5) Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Youth Night for ages 3 year old thru 6th grade, Confirmation and Senior High Youth Office Hours – Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon.Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Radio Service on KBEK 95.5 FM

#### Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

Pastor Vicki Vandervegt. 320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr. 10am Worship with nursery available. 11am Fellowship my.calvaryofrushpoint.org. Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

#### Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333 Pastor Samuel L. Biebert. Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am www.christcambridge.com

#### Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

2nd & Main, downtown Isanti 763-444-9201 Interim Pastor John Kerr Sunday Worship 9:30am Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool. During school year: Sunday School 8:30am (starts Sept. 15), Kingdom Kids Wednesdays 6pm, grades 1-6 faithlutheranisanti.com

#### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible. Pastor Scott Simmons. 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. 763-689-4355. Pastor Daniel Lewis. Sunday Services: 8:00am Traditional. 10:30am Contemporary. Sunday School 9:15am. www.joylutheran.net

#### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040, 763-444-5315. Pastor Sue Olson Worship at 8 & 9:30am. Sunday School Education hour 9:30am. Wednesday Worship and Childrens Church 6pm. longlakeluth.org

#### Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687 Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30am, Sunday school for 3 yrs to 6th gr. begins at 10:30am. Coffee fellowship after worship www.salemlutherandalbo.com

#### Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

**Thurs., Jan. 9** 7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study

**Fri., Jan. 10** 9:00am Volunteer at Global Health Ministries

**Sat., Jan. 11** 8:00am Daisy Circle 9:00am WELCA Workday

**Sun., Jan. 12** 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship

**Wed., Jan. 15** 6:30pm Confirmation at Calvary

**Thurs., Jan. 16** 9:00am Men's Coffee at County Market 7:00pm AA Meeting

#### St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship; 10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday 6:30pm Bible study. Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

#### St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)

31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079 651-462-5115. Pastor Ben Hollingstead. 8am and 9:30am Services, Sunday School during 9:30am Service. 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. stjohnsrushcity.org

#### St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham. 320-396-3103. Tim Renstrom, Pastor. 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 10:15am Worship.ststephensbraham.org

#### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch. 651-674-7047. Pastor Jon Yurk. Worship Sundays 8am & 10am, Coffee Hour 9am, Sunday School 9am. Email: office@trinitynorthbranch.org or visit www.trinitynorthbranch.org

## Methodist

#### Common Ground - A United Methodist Community

404 North Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071. Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday 9:30am Worship. Livestream of services and more info at commongroundumc.org. Everyone Counts!

#### Main Street Church

6500 Main St., North Branch, MN, 55056. 651-674-4090 Pastor Ralph Holbrook Worship Service and Nursery 10:00am www.mainstreetfamily.org

#### Spirit River Community A United Methodist Church

1321 Heritage Blvd. NE, Isanti, MN 612-888-4255. Reverend Pastor Guy E. Sederski. Sunday Worship Service and Christian Education 10:30am. spiritrivcomm.org

## Non-Denominational

#### Bethesda Church

38180 Hemingway Ave., North Branch, MN 651-674-5873. Pastor Mark Huber. 9am Worship Service. 10:30am Sunday School and adult Bible studies. bethesdachurchnb.com

#### 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: lakesideseputy@gmail.com. lakesidechurchcambridge.org

#### Journey of Faith

Bible based worship. 651-600-9878. faiththroughaction777@gmail.com. Sunday fellowship 9am Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.

#### NorthBrook Church

Meeting at North Branch Area High School Auditorium. Church Office: 651-277-0100 Frank Gomes, Pastor. Come join us at 10am Worship Service – nursery provided - children's church (2 yrs old-2nd gr.); Mon. - Fri.: (call for details) "Life Groups", Bible Studies, Youth Ministry. Email us at office@nbchurchmn.org or visit us on the web at nbchurchmn.org

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# PARK: Updated master plan includes addition of trails, dog park, sculpture, cabins

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the update, have been refined and will continue to guide Isanti County Parks as the plan is implemented during the next 10 years.

Those goals include:

- continuing to protect and restore high-quality habitat and natural resources;
- increasing publicity and the number of visitors who frequent Anderson Park;
- increasing the quality and variety of recreational opportunities;
- making Anderson Park enjoyable and accessible for people of all ages and capabilities; and
- expanding educational opportunities throughout the park.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PLAN

Implementation of the plan will take place in phases (see sidebar) – a near-term phase of improvements to be completed in one to three years, mid-term phase of improvements to be completed in three to 10 years, and a long-term phase of improvements to be completed as opportunities arise.

“You can see mostly what we are focusing on are those new acquisition areas,” Rader said of the new master plan, noting that Fox Farm near the southern end of the park did not have as many future development opportunities, and accessibility was an issue.

Improvements in the Keen Farm area would take place along the lake with a boardwalk through the wetland, she added.

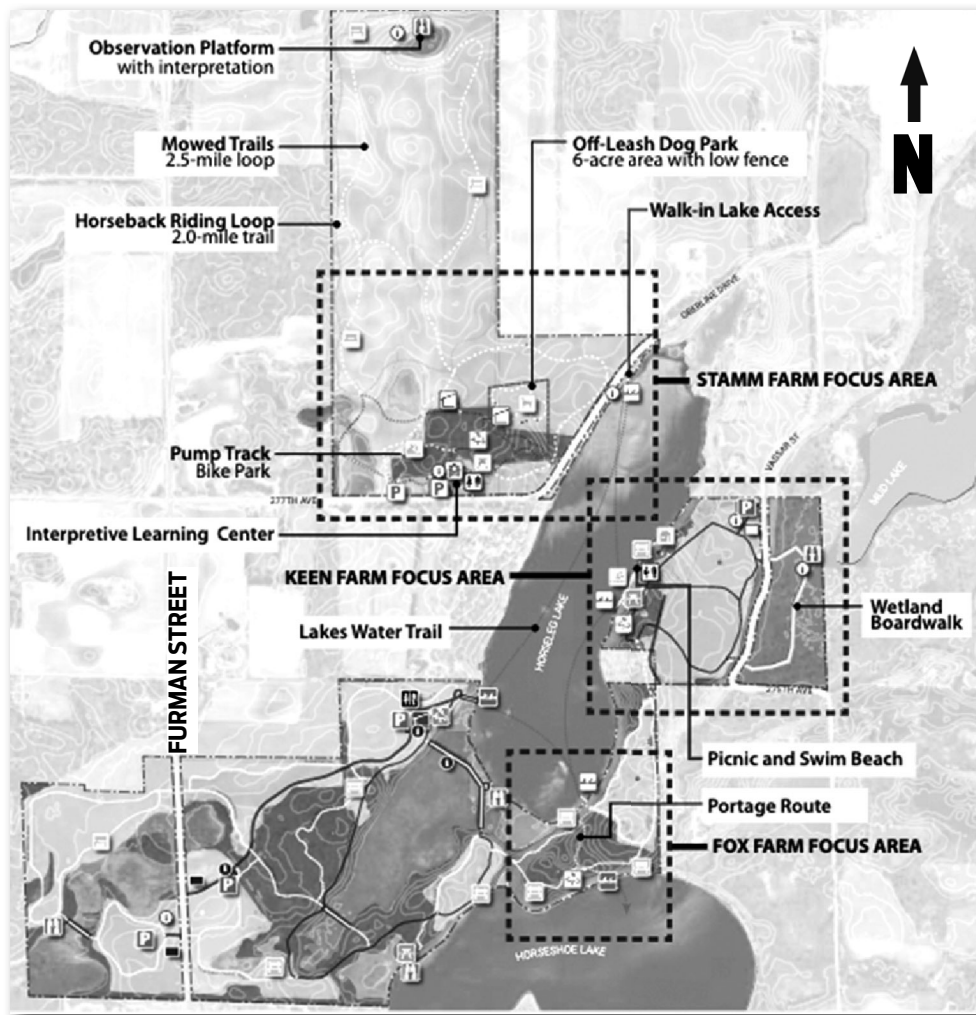
Stamm Farm is where most of the new activity and development would take place, Rader informed the board, noting much of Stamm Farm is former cropland that has not yet been restored to natural habitat.

“We would like to add some of the more active recreation opportunities in this area,” Rader said, “because this is an opportunity to take advantage of an area that’s not so naturalized yet.”

She said the plan seeks to incorporate restoration of natural lands throughout the park, but also incorporate a number of horseback-riding and hiking trails with some gravel surface trails which will be ADA-accessible and closer to the parking areas.

## FUNDING THE PLAN

Not only will the updated master plan guide development of the physical attributes of the park, it serves to guide



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**This site plan includes many of the features proposed in the newly updated master plan for Irving & John Anderson County Park including new trails, an observation platform, a learning center, dog park and a picnic and swim beach.**

financial aspects as well.

Serving as a foundation for future grant writing, fundraising and project implementation, the master plan also ensures that the park is meeting Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission requirements for designation as a regional park, according to Rader.

Enhanced content in the new master plan includes an ecological stewardship plan, programming plan, plans for operations and management, cost estimates and funding sources.

Currently, the annual operation and management budget for the park is \$11,000. Operation and management costs for a fully-developed master plan are estimated to be \$19,000 per year plus the cost of a part-time or full-time employee.

The estimated costs to implement the

full master plan range from approximately \$2 million on the low end to approximately \$4.5 million on the high end.

Funding for master plan implementation is expected to come from county general funds, partnerships, donations and grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission, and Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources Trust Fund Appropriations.

## VISION IS FOR VARIETY OF PEOPLE

The vision for the master plan is that the stewards of Anderson Park will continue to preserve the ecological integrity of the park, restore its native habitats and connect people with the natural world through innovative outdoor experiences.

## PLAN DETAILS

### Near-term (1-3 years) plans:

- native landscape restoration and plant establishment throughout
- hiking and horse trails at Stamm Farm
- trail wayfinding for new trail section
- interpretive signage
- walk-in lake access and canoe launch at Fox Farm
- completion of beach and picnic area at Keen Farm
- dog park at Stamm Farm
- parking at Stamm Farm
- large-scale sculpture placemaking at Stamm Farm, Keen Farm, Fox Farm (similar to Sandhill Cranes at main entrance to Anderson Park)

### Mid-term (3-10 years) plans:

- rehabilitation of barn at Stamm Farm and renovation as interpretive center with restrooms and additional parking
- boardwalk with bird blind through wetland on the Keen Farm addition
- walk-in lake access at Stamm Farm
- observation platform at Stamm Farm
- picnic shelters at Stamm Farm
- camper cabins at Keen Farm
- adventure play elements throughout the trail system

### Long-term plans:

- exploration of alternative routes for vehicular access to Stamm Farm
- construction or acquisition of caretakers' cabin at Keen Farm
- acquisition of land as adjacent or nearby properties become available
- paved trail connection to Sunrise Prairie Trail

“It’s pretty breath-taking, isn’t it?” said Marcia Kingsbury, who lives near the park and attended the board meeting. Her husband, Lee, is on the Isanti Parks and Recreation Commission.

“Twelve years ago when we had our first community meetings about the potential of this park,” she said, “we never ever would have imagined that at this fast pace we would be talking about these kinds of things. They were dreams. ... I live very close to the park, so I’m there fairly often with my dog and friends. I’m amazed at the increasing number of people and kinds of groups that I see at the park. When you look at the variety of activities that were just designed and the potential use of the park, it’s reflective of a whole variety of people.”

# DEMOLITION: Final demolition of structure delayed due to foreclosure proceedings

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rendering the residence uninhabitable.

Levitski noted that prior to the fire, the property had a foreclosure sale on Sept. 9, 2019, and that the property is currently in the possession of Wells Fargo until at least the six-month redemption period is up in March. During a redemption period, a homeowner can pay off the amount bid at the foreclosure sale, plus interest, in order to keep the property.

Levitski said one of the homeowners of the property is nowhere to be found, while that person’s husband, who is not on the deed, is believed to be living with family members nearby since the fire.

In the meantime, Levitski said the city has been receiving questions and complaints from area residents wanting to know what is going to happen to the property, and neighbors complaining about the smell of smoke.

“At the very least, to try and deter vandalism, squatters and



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**Neighbors near the burned home have complained to the city about the smell of smoke and safety risk posed by the structure.**

trespassing issues, we believe a perimeter fence should be placed,” Levitski said.

Council member Bob Shogren voiced his concern about abating the property before the redemption period concludes.

“I don’t think we have the moral right to destroy their property until they’ve gone through the entire redemption period,” he said.

Mayor Jim Godfrey asked how long the entire abatement

process would take before the house was torn down. Levitski said the initial resolution called for it to be demolished by the city after 30 days.

An alternative was suggested that the council declare the property a nuisance, which would allow the city to request proposals for the demolition of the building. However, the city could then set a timeline for when the demolition would occur at the same time as they award the bid.

That would mean the city could wait until the redemption period expired, plus give whoever – either the bank or the original owners – time to do the demolition themselves.

Council member Kersten Barfknecht-Conley made this motion, plus included the placing of temporary fencing around the property. The cost of the fencing would be assessed to the property. This motion passed unanimously.

## POLICE TO PURCHASE TWO NEW SQUADS

Also at the council meeting, the council approved the purchase of two new squad cars for the police department, with the purchase price not to exceed \$30,000 each.

According to Chief Todd Schuster, the department will purchase two 2020 Dodge Durango AWD Pursuit vehicles. Schuster said these two will come with a V8 Hemi engine, compared to previous purchases only having a V6 due to the decrease in the base price, plus a decrease in the price for the V8 engine.

Schuster said the 2020 budget allowed for the department to purchase three vehicles; however, he is holding off on purchasing the third one.

“The third one is for me,” he explained, “and I would prefer to have a Dodge Charger. However, the last day to order the 2020 model was Nov. 1, 2019. The 2021 model will be available in 2020, but they don’t know when ordering is going to start, so I will come back to council when I know that information.”

## OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

In other action as part of the annual organizational meeting, the council appointed Lisa Iverson to again serve as acting mayor. The council also awarded the bid for the city’s official newspaper for the purpose of publishing public notices to the *Isanti-Chisago County Star*. Finally, the council approved this year’s council committee appointments based on Godfrey’s recommendations.



# More Minnesota birds are endangered

BY JERRY VITALIS AND DONNA TATTING  
CHISAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

There have many articles recently about the effects of our changing climate on animal and bird species in Minnesota.

In a recent article published in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the National Audubon Society reports that by the year 2080, at least 55 species of birds will be extinct in North America if more isn't done to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Because of its northern location and warming waters, Minnesota is one of the country's fastest warming states. Even if humans stall global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahr-

enheit), several bird species in Minnesota remain threatened, including the trumpeter swan, the spruce grouse and the black-throated green warbler.

Even our celebrated loons will have a difficult time because the changes in the environment that are critical to their nesting and breeding habits, will force them to go further North.

An increase of 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit is the threshold set by climate scientists to prevent the worst impacts of warming. However, the DNR does report that for now, we are not detecting any decline of those species.

Light pollution is another notable factor in declining bird populations. Nighttime migration is critical to birds as it keeps them safe from predators,

and air temperatures are cooler and calmer. They also use the stars and polarized light from the setting sun to set their compass for navigation.

Light pollution from buildings, street lights, shopping centers, stadiums, car dealerships and other heavily lighted areas can cause birds to circle all night until they become exhausted and eventually collide with buildings. There was a recent report locally about birds crashing into the clear glass at the US Bank Stadium. Ninety percent of those birds were killed from the collisions.

Environmental lead poisoning is another danger to both large and small birds. Large birds like hawks and eagles are poisoned when they eat killed animals containing lead from shot, and

smaller birds get lead in their system from taking up soil while eating fallen nuts and grains.

And even though there is no longer lead in our automobile fuel, it is still present in off-road motorized vehicles like aircraft, racing cars, farm equipment and boat motors. Many older buildings were painted with lead-based paints, and as that paint deteriorates and falls to the ground, it is incorporated into the soil.

So there are lots of reasons to be concerned about the future of our native birds across North America. I, for one, can't imagine Minnesota without the lovely call of our common loons.

**JERRY VITALIS AND DONNA TATTING** are Chisago County Master Gardeners.

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**High school:** North Branch Area High School would like to nominate Noah Doohen for our Star Student Achiever for January. One of the main things that stands out about Noah is his smile. He is always smiling and the first one to go out of his way to say "hi" or "good morning." Not only is he polite with staff, but always a good friend to those around him. In addition to him being a happy and polite young man, Noah is involved in many activities such as band and hockey. He is an excellent example of what it means to be a Viking!



**Middle school:**  
Sarah Hedberg  
Favorite subject: Math and Ms. Moon is the best  
Future plans: Sarah would like to either go into the medical field or be a police officer.  
Best school lunch: Her favorite school meal is the Thanksgiving lunch.  
Favorite out of school activity: Playing volleyball is her favorite sport and she's been doing that for seven years.



**Sunrise:** Last month's character focus at Sunrise was kindness. Second grader Andrew Herges serves as a model of kindness to others every day. Andrew always includes others in games and activities, he uses kind and inclusive words, demonstrates patience, persistence and a positive, cheerful attitude no matter what comes his way. We couldn't ask for a better example of kindness to others than Andrew!

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# Area poverty rate declines

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE  
EDITOR@MORAMINN.COM

The percent of the population living below the poverty level has decreased among all of the PICKM counties (Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs) according to data from the United States Census Bureau.

Between the Census Bureau's American Community Survey's 2008-2012 5-year estimates and the 2013-2017 estimates, the PICKM counties did more than show reductions in poverty. If all 87 Minnesota counties were ranked based on the percentage of their populations in poverty, PICKM counties moved closer to the top.

"Partnering to End Poverty" is the slogan of Lakes and Pines CAC,

**2008-2012 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates**

Rank	County	Rate
1	Carver	5.2%
11	Chisago	7.6%
16	Isanti	8.1%
	<b>Minnesota Avg.</b>	<b>11.2%</b>
67	Kanabec	13.1%
72	Mille Lacs	14.0%
75	Pine	14.8%
87	Mahnomen	22.2%

**2013-2017 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates**

Rank	County	Rate
1	Carver	4.0%
4	Chisago	5.4%
11	Isanti	7.1%
	<b>Minnesota Avg.</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
51	Mille Lacs	11.5%
53	Kanabec	11.6%
71	Pine	13.6%
87	Mahnomen	22.7%

Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that serves the seven-county area of Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine. It does so through a variety of programs including:

- Energy Assistance Programs
- Emergency Housing Assistance
- Home Improvement Programs
- Transportation Programs
- Head Start
- Financial Literacy
- SNAP/Food Support Assistance
- Senior Services

Community Action Agencies like Lakes and Pines began forming in 1964 as part of former President Lyndon B. Johnson's "war on poverty."

As for how the war is progressing, Lakes and Pines Executive Director Bob Benes said, "There aren't a lot of big, glorious victories, but there

are many small battles that are won, and each one of those deserves to be celebrated ... Every day we win enough battles to keep going."

Ironically, as poverty rates decline, the number of clients seeking assistance through Lakes and Pines Community Action Council increases, according to Benes.

Benes explained this is because as fewer families meet poverty level guidelines, they are no longer eligible for assistance programs they may have relied on. When they are no longer eligible, they turn to Lakes and Pines for help.

"In general terms, does (fewer in poverty) mean this area is more prosperous? Yes, but the level of need is the same. The number in need is less," Benes said.

For example, Benes said economic prosperity in the area may help some, but doesn't help those on a fixed income like some senior citizens.

Lakes and Pines serves approximately 13,000 people per year, and approximately 60% of them are seniors

While poverty rates may be down, Benes posed that it is the best time to support those who are still struggling.

"If it's true that our area is more prosperous, what can we do now that we couldn't do before to help those that need it?" he said.

Benes stressed that "a rising tide lifts all boats" – that is, the prosperity of an individual has positive effects on the entire neighborhood.

Despite the current strong economy, increase in new homes built and low unemployment rate, there are still individuals with great need that go largely unseen.

For example, Benes described homeless people living in rural areas, but they don't look like people typically picture as "homeless" such as panhandlers on city corners or sleeping on benches. Instead, rural homeless hide in plain sight, perhaps couch hopping between friends and relatives, staying at campgrounds or living in a fish house. Lakes and Pines serves approximately 30-80 homeless people per county annually.

"I would consider someone living in a fish house to be homeless. They may be sheltered, but not housed," said Benes.

Services offered by Lakes and Pines are government-funded and therefore subject to political will and swings. Last summer, Lakes and Pines lost funding for one of its most well-used and successful programs: the Groceries to Go food delivery service.

Benes encouraged concerned persons to be attentive voters.

"If you don't want homelessness in your community," he said, "you need to think about who you are voting for."

## COUNTY POVERTY RANKINGS

The lists below rank all Minnesota counties based on percent of the population living below the poverty level.

**2008-2012 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates**

Carver	5.2%
Scott	5.2%
Washington	5.6%
Wright	6.1%
Dakota	6.4%
Wilkin	7.0%
Anoka	7.1%
Lac qui Parle	7.1%
Dodge	7.3%
Lincoln	7.4%
Chisago	7.6%
McLeod	7.7%
Wabasha	7.8%
Marshall	7.9%
Sherburne	8.0%
Isanti	8.1%
Olmsted	8.5%
Steele	8.6%
Goodhue	8.7%
Pope	8.7%
Waseca	8.8%
Brown	9.0%
Le Sueur	9.1%
Kittson	9.2%
Traverse	9.2%
Chippewa	9.4%
Cook	9.8%
Houston	9.8%
Grant	9.9%
Murray	10.1%
Pipestone	10.1%
Swift	10.1%
Douglas	10.3%
Roseau	10.4%
Redwood	10.5%
Martin	10.6%
Meeker	10.6%
Pennington	10.6%
Beltrami	10.7%
Nicollet	11.0%
Rice	11.0%
Renville	11.1%
Red Lake	11.2%
Minnesota	11.2%
Norman	11.3%
Jackson	11.5%
Yellow Medicine	11.6%
Watowan	11.7%
Becker	11.8%
Freeborn	11.8%
Carlton	11.9%
Rock	11.9%
Koochiching	12.0%
Hubbard	12.1%
Otter Tail	12.2%
Polk	12.2%
Faribault	12.4%
Clay	12.5%
Itasca	12.5%
Aitkin	12.6%
Hennepin	12.6%
Cottonwood	12.7%
Stearns	12.7%
Sibley	12.7%
Big Stone	12.9%
Fillmore	12.9%
Kandiyohi	12.9%
Kanabec	13.1%
Lake	13.1%
Morrison	13.2%
Crow Wing	13.4%
Lyon	14.0%
Mille Lacs	14.0%
Stevens	14.3%
Benton	14.6%
Pine	14.8%
Clearwater	15.1%
Mower	15.8%
Todd	15.9%
Winona	15.9%
St. Louis	16.1%
Cass	16.5%
Ramsey	16.8%
Nobles	17.2%
Lake of the Woods	17.7%
Wadena	18.4%
Blue Earth	19.4%
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Anoka	6.6%
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# Winter story times start in Rush City

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Children are invited to the winter edition of Preschool and Lapsit Storytimes for early literacy fun and learning at East Central Regional Library-Rush City.

At Preschool Storytime, children will enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts and more from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Jan. 14 and 15; Feb. 11 and 12; and March 10 and 11.

The same theme will be presented on both the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. Recommended for ages 3-5; siblings always welcome.

Lapsit Storytime, which is geared to newborns to 30 months of age, will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. The dates are: Jan. 14 and 28; Feb. 11 and 25; March 10 and 24; and April 14 and 28.

The library is located at 240 W. 4th Street in downtown Rush City and can be reached at 320-358-3948. Keep informed of all events by visiting the events calendar at eclib.org and following East Central Regional Library on Facebook.

# Discover Clubs at libraries offer STEM fun

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Kids are encouraged to discover the world around them with science, technology, engineering, art and more at "Discover Club," starting in January at the North Branch and Rush City branches of East Central Regional Library.

Discover Club is free and open to local youth. Theme-based session will include fun, hands-on activities and challenges.

Registration is required for each participant and each session desired. Visit the events calendar at eclib.org to get registered, as space is limited.

Discover Club is offered in partnership with 4-H. Kids do not need to be a member of 4-H to participate. More information on 4-H, including how to join, will be available at the sessions.

For more news and events, check out eclib.org and follow East Central Regional Library on Facebook.

### **NORTH BRANCH DISCOVER CLUB**

In North Branch, Discover Club is geared to kids in grades 4-6, and will be held on the second Wednesday of



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

**Discovery Clubs at North Branch and Rush City libraries will offer free, hands-on sessions for kids on topics like Lego programming, food and nutrition, sustainable resources and photography.**

the month, January through May, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The North Branch Public Library is located at 6355 379th Street, North Branch, and can be reached at 651-674-8443.

### Themed days include:

- Jan. 8 – Lego Programming
- Feb. 12 – Sustainable Resources
- March 11 – Food & Nutrition

- April 8 – Honey Bot Challenge
- May 13 – Photography

### **RUSH CITY DISCOVER CLUB**

In Rush City, kids in kindergarten through fourth grade will enjoy Discover Club Junior on select Saturdays, January through April, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Rush City Public

Library is located 240 W. 4th Street, Rush City, and can be reached at 320-358-3948.

### Themed days include:

- Jan. 11 – Lego Programming
- Feb. 8 – Sustainable Resources
- March 14 – Food & Nutrition
- April 18 – Honey Bot Challenge

# Kids can create at LEGO Clubs

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Local libraries will offer Lego Club for kids in the coming months. For more information visit eclib.org or follow East Central Regional Library on Facebook.

### **CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Kids ages 7-12 are encouraged to bring their imaginations along with their building skills to Lego Club at East Central Regional Library-Cambridge. Lego Club meets on the second Monday of each month from 4-5 p.m. starting Jan. 13 (other dates are Feb. 10 and March 9).

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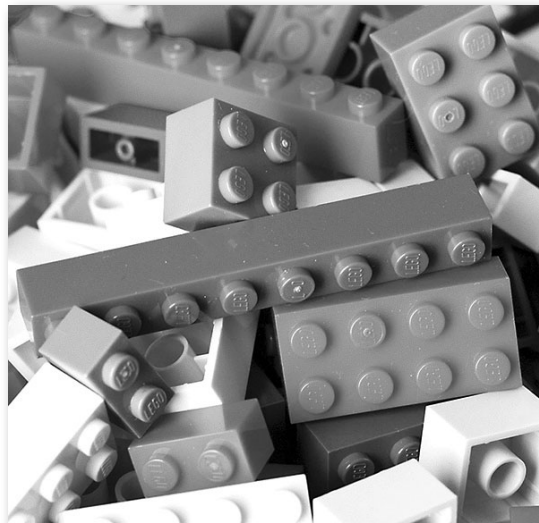
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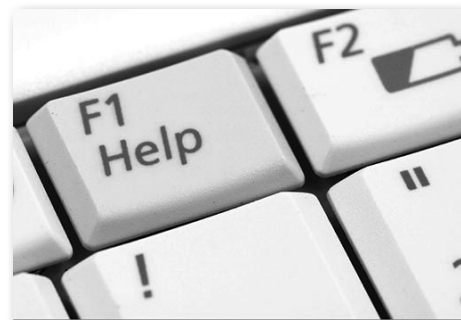
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Participants can select from four one-hour time slots between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each Wednesday. The time slots are: Session One: 10-11 a.m.; Session Two: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Session Three: 1-2 p.m.; and Session Four: 2-3 p.m.

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# Slow down and unwind through Subtle Yoga

BY LIZ O'BRIEN  
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Slow Mindful Yoga, also known as Subtle Yoga, has made an impression on the yoga world.

Yoga instructor Jane Benjamin has brought the up-and-coming practice to WillowBridge Center in Isanti with a "Science of Slow" workshop last fall, and after a break, classes are again meeting every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m.

"I'm so thankful that the yoga world is waking up to the unique value of slow, mindful practice," said founder of Subtle Yoga Kristine Kaoverii Weber.

Weber, of Asheville, North Carolina, said she wanted something different from the more fast-paced yoga that was on the rise in the late '90s and early 2000s. So in 2003 she developed a style with many practices originating from what she had studied and learned from ashrams in India, Bengali tantric yogis, Asian bodywork, energy work, Viniyoga, Chinese medicine and gongong.

"In 2009 I started to study neuroscience and realized that it was going to be very important in explaining how what I teach has a different effect than exercise practices," Weber said. "I've taken many classes and workshops over the years to help me better explain the underlying neurobiology behind yoga practices."

Compared to other forms of yoga that focus more on physical attributes by doing various exercises, Slow Mindful Yoga focuses more on the inward workings of practitioners' bodies, such as hormones, neurotransmitters and the parasympathetic nervous system, according to Benjamin.

"Subtle Yoga will help you train your nervous system so you can



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Jane Benjamin, instructor of Slow Mindful Yoga at WillowBridge Center in Isanti, leads the way to self-awareness and self-acceptance through the slower, more inward-focused yoga practice.



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A class goes through the poses of Slow Mindful (or Subtle) Yoga led by Jane Benjamin (second from left) at WillowBridge Center in Isanti. The newer yoga form is offered in weekly sessions and focuses on training the nervous system.

feel centered and peaceful, focused and energized whenever needed," she said. "The goal of Subtle Yoga is to develop nervous system resilience."

#### WHO CAN BENEFIT AND HOW

The practice suits anyone, Benjamin said, and participants don't need any prior yoga experience.

She said some of her more advanced yoga participants have a hard time slowing down to the pace of Subtle Yoga and adapting to self-awareness.

Though Subtle Yoga generally attracts people in their 40s or older, Benjamin said anyone who wants to diminish some anxiety or stress should think about trying a class, and that patience will be practiced and become a skill.

Feedback from participants in the fall Science of Slow class has all been positive, according to Benjamin. One person said sleep has been better; one is less tired and has more motivation; another is a better listener and one has been finding spiritual awareness.

#### PRACTICE LEADS TO SELF-ACCEPTANCE

Although Benjamin is newer to instructing Subtle Yoga, her background is strong in practicing all different types of yoga for the past eight years, which include Vinyasa, chair yoga, HOT yoga and Sculpt Yoga.

The training and education she had to undergo to instruct Subtle Yoga involved about 72 hours of online training and in person with founder Kristine Kaoverii Weber.

Benjamin said she hopes the unique style becomes popular in surrounding areas and that it makes its way into healthcare communities.

"The most intriguing aspect about this practice," she said, "is enhancing self-awareness, which leads to increased self-acceptance, actively involving oneself in self-care and embracing loving kindness first for oneself, then for others."

For information or to register for a class visit [Willowbridgecenter.com](http://Willowbridgecenter.com) or call 763-552-6161.

## Washington, D.C. youth tour applications now being accepted

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EAST CENTRAL ENERGY

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour combines learning, lessons and laughter into an exciting educational adventure, and two local high school students will experience it as representatives of East Central Energy (ECE) on June 20-25, 2020.

The six-day, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., is open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors whose parent or guardian is an ECE member. Students will meet teens from all over the country, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, learn more about electric cooperatives and tour the nation's capital.

As part of the application process, students are asked to write an essay on a topic provided by the co-op. Finalists will be interviewed by a panel of judges, and two students will be selected to attend the tour.

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## Kids invited to enter free throw competition

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAMBRIDGE

Knights of Columbus Cambridge Council will hold its annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. at Cambridge-Isanti High School gymnasium.

The contest is open to girls and boys

ages 9 to 14. Age is determined as of Jan. 1, 2020. Bring proof of age.

The winners in age categories will move on to higher levels of competition in the region and state.

There is no cost to enter. For more information call Jeff Landherr at 763-258-4067.

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### BLUEJACKET SOUNDBITES

BY CHRISTIAN BIEN & BILL STICKELS III  
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#### GYMNASTICS

The Bluejackets came out of their Christmas break looking to put their three weeks of uninterrupted practices to good use as they competed in the Minnesota Gymnastics Judges Association Invite held in Faribault on Saturday, Jan. 4. And aside from a few rough patches on beam and vault, they did exactly that in scoring a 140.95, which was good enough for a fourth-place finish out of 16 teams.

The Jackets were the top-scoring team on the bars, scoring a 34.75. They also added their best team floor score in three years with a 36.7.

Individually, senior AnnaGrace Nelson earned 10th place in the all-around with a score of 35.8, doing so in spite of being under the weather the whole meet. Laci Leverty continued her stellar floor scoring, placing 8th with a 9.4. Seventh-grader Abby Kryzer tied for 9th on the beam with a score of 8.9.

#### GIRLS HOCKEY

The first game last week for the Jackets was against Mahtomedi on Tuesday, Dec. 30, as part of the Herb Brooks Holiday Classic in Blaine.

The contest started slow with neither side scoring a goal in the first or second periods. Mahtomedi would get the best of the Jackets in the third period, scoring four goals, resulting in a 4-0 loss for the Jackets.

The next game was against Minneapolis on the last day of the year, Dec. 31. The first period set the game up to be a competitive battle between the two squads with the score at 1-1. Minneapolis would take over in the second period, scoring three goals with no answer from the Jackets. The third period was more of the same, and in the end the Jackets would lose the last game of the decade with a final score of 6-1.

The Bluejackets first game of the decade came against Delano/Rockford. In the first period it was back and forth goals, and the Jackets ended up 2-1 after

the first period. The girls would shut out their opponent and go up 3-1 going into the final period, where they would seal the deal, giving them a 5-2 win.

Finally, C-I-M would end their week with a home game against Moose Lake on Jan. 2. In the first period neither team could score a goal. In the second period Moose Lake would score two goals while the Jackets could only answer back with one of their own, putting the score at 1-2. However, in the third period the Jackets would bulldoze the competition, putting up five goals while holding Moose Lake to a goose egg. Senior Chloe Nelson would tally four goals in the game, with three of them coming on breakaways in the third period to lead the Jackets to the 6-2 win.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Bluejacket girls basketball team had two games last week, with the first coming against the Blaine Bengals on Dec. 31. In the first half, the Bluejackets fell behind by 9, with the score 35-26. The Jackets would outscore the Bengals 35-29 in the second half, but came up just short, losing by 3 in a close contest by a score of 64-61. Jackie Olander put up a fantastic statline, with 17 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

The last game of the week was on Friday, Jan. 3, against Becker. In the first half, the Jackets couldn't stop Becker from scoring, allowing them to get 45 points in a half, compared to 35 for C-I. The team tried putting together a comeback performance in the second half, and almost accomplished it, but wound up losing 78-73. Jana Swanson would post a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

The only game last week came on Friday, Jan. 3, against the Blaine Bengals in a rematch from last year's section finals game.

The Bluejackets lit up the Bengals in the first half, going up 49-31. In the second half, the Jackets fell apart offensively a little, but it didn't matter



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Cambridge-Isanti-Mora's Leah Hari battles for control of the puck with Moose Lake's Lily Kahara during the Jackets' 6-2 win over the Rebels.

for Coach McDonald and the boys as the Bluejackets would win their seventh-straight game 78-70.

Henry Abraham was a thief in the night with six steals to go along with his 30 points and seven assists. Connor Braaten had a career-high 27 points, six rebounds and four assists. Micah Ladd got the job done wherever it was needed on the floor with 10 points, five rebounds and seven assists.

#### WRESTLING

The Jackets hosted their annual Bluejacket Individual Invite, which is traditionally the first Saturday in January. Going against grapplers from six other schools, the Jackets built up enough team points to come away with the championship, scoring 180.5 points.

Individually, C-I was led by Payton Doty (126 pounds) and Easton Johnson (195 pounds) taking first, with second places from Andrew Stickley (182 pounds), Michael Noonan (195 pounds) and Jacob McCabe (285 pounds).

#### BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Jackets continue to struggle with depth in the pool, falling to Chisago Lakes 102-84 at home on Thursday, Jan. 2. The team loss came despite C-I taking first place in seven events, with Eli Bingham (200 IM, 100 breast), Mitchell Patrick (50 and 500 freestyle) and Zach Melby (100 fly and backstroke) doing a majority of the winning. C-I also got a win in the 200 medley relay.

Two days later, C-I competed in the Panther Invite at Spring Lake Park, coming in sixth out of eight teams. The same three swimmers earned most of C-I's points, with Bingham's fourth place in the 100 fly being the best result of the bunch.

#### BOYS HOCKEY

The Jackets suffered another defeat last week, but it wasn't on the ice. Due to the flu putting a majority of the team on the sidelines, C-I's game against St. Francis was postponed.

### VIKING SOUNDBITES

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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#### BOYS HOCKEY

North Branch started the calendar year off with a pair of decisive wins at home following the Christmas break.

First up was an interstate game against Superior, which the Vikings won 6-2. After exchanging goals in the first period, the Vikings controlled the second period by scoring four times, while only allowing one additional Spartan goal. North Branch put the icing on the cake with one additional goal in the third period. Cody Croal and Joey Kerchner each tallied a pair of goals in the game.

The following night featured the first of two games pitting the arena's two "home teams" against one another in the form of North Branch versus Chisago Lakes. The game was also the first matchup of last season's Section 5A championship game – won by North Branch.

While the atmosphere was still electric, the Vikings had a much easier time declaring this ice as "their house," beating the Wildcats 5-2. North Branch scored the first four goals of the game, then kept Chisago Lakes in check, only allowing two Wildcats goals to claim the win. It was again two Vikings netting a pair of goals, with Kerchner again contributing two and this time Tucker Sachs also scoring two.

#### GYMNASTICS

The Vikings picked up their first win of the season, coming out on top of a triangular featuring them going up against Rush City/Pine City/Hinckley-Finlayson and Grantsburg.

Coming out of the Christmas break with minimal practice time, a little bit of rust showed, along with some of the team having difficulty adjusting to Rush City's equipment. The end result was a final team score of 127.825, compared to RPHF's 127.1 and Grantsburg's 119.725.

Individually, Paige Bauer picked up a first on the beam with a 9.0 and second on vault with a 9.05. Dakota Esget also picked up a first place on the bars with a score of 8.6.

Two days later, the Vikings knocked off some of that rust, earning a team score of 132.15 in placing sixth at the Princeton Invite. Bauer continued to lead the Vikings, placing seventh all-around with a 34.6, which included a 9.2 on vault and 9.15 on floor.

#### WRESTLING

The Vikings traveled to Ogilvie for an individual tournament, with one Viking taking first and two others coming in third on the day.

Josh Logan was the lone championship winner for North Branch, taking first at 132 pounds. Ashton LaBelle and Austin Sonnek each earned bronze medals at 145 and 152 pounds, consecutively. As a team, the Vikings finished in seventh place.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

In their first game of the new calendar year, the Vikings were looking to end their short skid as they traveled to Grand Rapids on Friday, Jan. 3. Unfortunately, the outcome wasn't what they hoped for as they lost to the Thunderhawks 55-39. The Vikings got off to a slow start in the game, scoring only 14 points in the first half to trail the hosts 25-14 at the break. North Branch had a slightly better second half, but still saw their deficit increase by five to produce the final score. Paige Peaslee was the top scorer for North Branch, collecting 13 points and 12 rebounds. Megan Bunes added 11 points in the loss.

North Branch currently sits at a record of 7-3 on the season, with all three losses coming in their last three games.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

The Vikings saw their current losing skid extend to five games to start January, as North Branch traveled to Hibbing on Saturday, Jan. 4, falling to the Bluejackets 76-48. Hibbing jumped out to a commanding 26-point lead by halftime by a score of 46-20, with the Vikings only able to keep pace in the second half. Trevor Johnson was the lone Viking to reach double-digits, scoring 14 points.

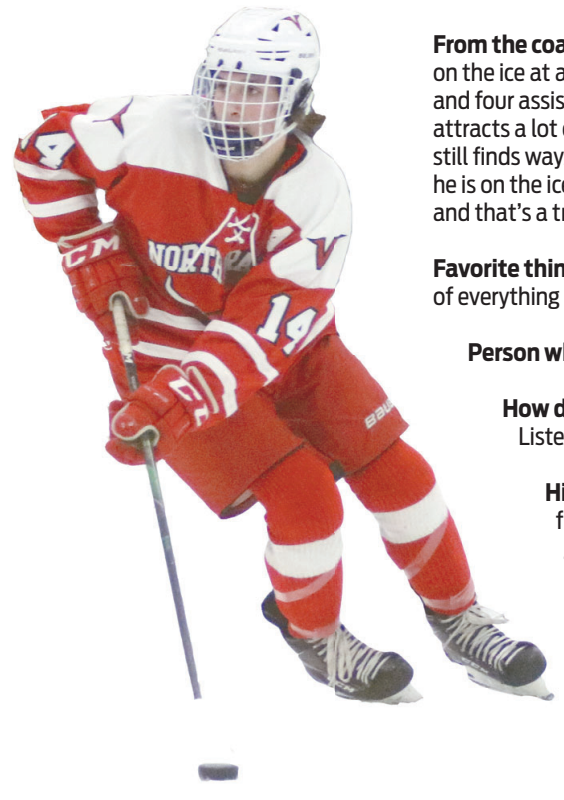
North Branch now sits at a 3-5 season record after winning their first three games of the season.



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North Branch's Libby Nielsen executes a back walkover on the beam during the Jan. 2 meet at Rush City.

**VIKING ATHLETE OF THE WEEK** Cody Croal | Junior | Boys hockey  
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**From the coach:** Cody Croal one of the best players on the ice at all times. This last week he had two goals and four assists, which led to two big victories. Cody attracts a lot of attention when he is on the ice and still finds ways to come up big and make plays. When he is on the ice, he makes everyone around him better, and that's a true sign of a great player.

**Favorite thing about sports:** Get to take my mind off of everything else and just play the game that I love.

**Person who has influenced you:** My DAD!!!

**How do you prepare for a game or meet?:** Listen to music, get focused and go for a run.

**Highlight of athletic career:** Section finals last year beating Chisago Lakes and going to the state tournament.

**Future goals:** To play Division 1 hockey and play in the NHL.

**JACKET ATHLETE OF THE WEEK** Jacob Ziebarth | Junior | Boys hockey  
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**From the coach:** Jacob Ziebarth was able to find the back of the net twice in the 4-3 overtime win to secure a third-place finish in the Herb Brooks Winter Classic (Open Division). Jacob is the ultimate team player: He can play forward and defenseman when needed; he distributes the puck to his teammates nicely, and is a leader on and off the ice.

**Favorite thing about sports:** It's fun to compete against other people.

**How do you prepare for a game or meet?:** I mentally prepare for games by thinking about my role and communicating with my teammates.

**Highlight of athletic career:** Scoring my first varsity hat trick for an overtime win.

**Future goals:** Compete at collegiate level.

**BOMBER SOUNDBITES**



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**Brahm's Hannah Cornelius squeezes past three Pierz defenders on her way to a layup attempt during the Bombers' game against the Pioneers.**

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The Bombers started their new year off on the wrong foot, falling to Pierz at home on Friday, Jan. 3, by a final score of 59-38. Brahm struggled offensively, with only Hannah Cornelius reaching double digits by scoring 12 points to lead the Bombers. The loss leaves the Bombers with a 3-6 record for the season.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Brahm continued their .500 pace for the season as they went 1-1 for the week coming out of the Christmas break.

The Bombers started the new year with a loss to Upsala by a score of 81-54 on Thursday, Jan. 2. They got back on track, however, with a key 53-49 win over rival Rush City on Monday, Jan. 6.

**WRESTLING**

Rush City/Brahm made the short trip up Highway 65 on Saturday, Jan. 4, to compete in the 10-team Mora Tournament. There, RC-B placed eighth out of the 10 teams. Landon Umbreit had the top finish for the team, placing third at 126 pounds. Masyn Londgren and Austin Sterling added a pair of fourth-place finishes, at 195 and 285 pounds, respectively.



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**Jacket girls hockey seniors sign with colleges**

Cambridge-Isanti-Mora girls hockey seniors Chloe Nelson (left) and Alana Fix signed their letters of intent to compete collegiately during a ceremony held prior to the Moose Lake game on Friday, Jan. 3. Nelson signed to play for the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, and Fix signed with Adrian College in Michigan.



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# Annual Scandinavian event set for Jan. 18 in Braham

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ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Royal Neighbors will offer their 21st annual Scandinavian Winter Feast on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. at Braham Event Center, 655 8th Street SW, Braham, with a traditional Scandinavian meal, live entertainment and silent auction. The meal will include lutefisk,

potato sausage, meatballs, rutabagas, peas, roll, pickles and bread pudding. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$18 per person – advance tickets required by Monday, Jan. 13. Purchase tickets by calling 320-396-3177 or visit brahamcenter.org.

Proceeds will go toward building a storage shed at Braham Event Center.



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Barb Wurdeman, Ann Eerdmans, Judy Hammer, Gail Genin modeling some of the handmade items donated to the Isanti Area Christmas Project.

## Crafters donate to Christmas project

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STITCH & CHAT

Once again the Isanti Stitch & Chat group donated handmade items to the Isanti County Christmas Project. This year they made crocheted and knitted baby afghans, as well as hats, mittens and scarves.

Over the years, the group has donated over 800 items – 95 this year alone. They are already planning projects to make for 2020.

The Stitch & Chat group, led by Susi McCune, has been meeting for nearly 40 years. Members knit, crochet, embroider, needlepoint and do other nee-

dlework while learning tips from each other and sharing favorite patterns.

Susi started the weekly classes many years ago when she owned the Town Yarn Shoppe in Isanti and still enjoys and admires the variety of amazing projects her students create.

Stitch & Chat classes (\$3 each) are held Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. at the SOS Classroom in Isanti. Susi serves coffee, tea and chocolates, along with stitching advice and instructions.

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BY SUSAN HUMBLE

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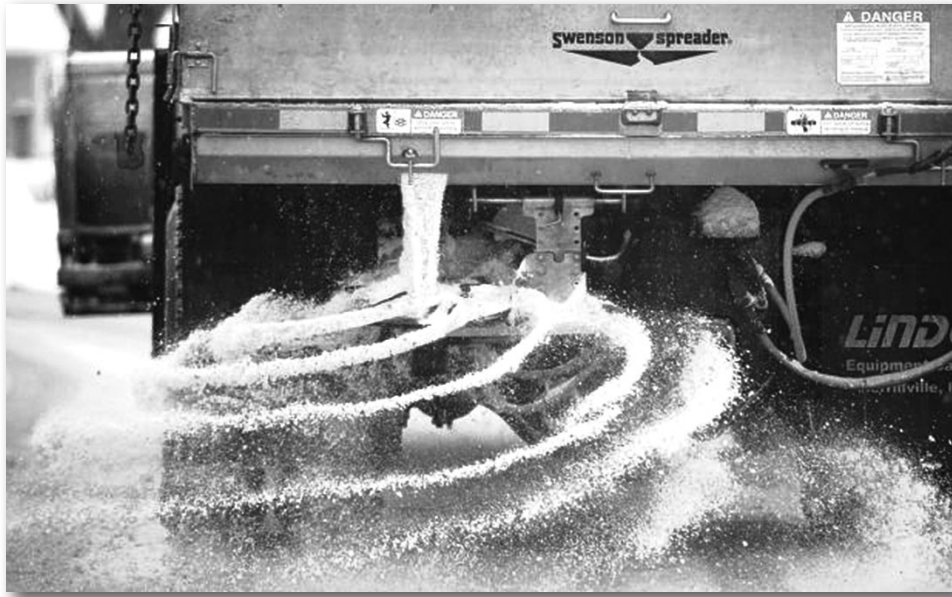
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Once in lakes or streams, chloride can affect fish, the insect and plant community structure, diversity and productivity. At high concentrations, chloride is toxic to plants and animals. Salt in the soil can cause increased

alkalinity and compaction, which can harm plant growth. It can also affect the soil's ability to retain water, contributing to soil erosion and plant stress.

In groundwater, excess salts make drinking water taste salty. Treating the water by reverse osmosis to make

the water drinkable is expensive. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) found that 30% of wells in the Twin Cities have chloride concentrations greater than the chronic water quality standard. More and more lakes and streams are also showing concentrations that are over the standard. There are nearly 50 water bodies in Minnesota that are already listed as impaired due to the level of chloride in the water.

Municipalities and organizations are reviewing the way that road salt is used. Individuals can help by minimizing personal use of salt during the winter. Salt does not help melt ice below 15 degrees Fahrenheit, and more salt does not result in better melting. Less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet is the recommended amount to use for ice melting. Using a hand-held spreader can help reduce over-application.

For more ways to minimize salt use, visit [www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/snow-removal-do-it-better-cheaper-and-pollution-free](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/snow-removal-do-it-better-cheaper-and-pollution-free).

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# A look at flip-over portables versus hub style

BY STEVE CARNEY

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As we progress into the mid part of winter, the snow that has plagued the Midwest has now made ice fishing a huge challenge. The trick is getting to where you want to go and getting there safely.

Anglers have been steadily getting into the "hub style" portable ice houses, which are wonderful at the right times. The "pull-over style" is the other style which is very popular and probably more practical. Here is a primer on the good and bad of both.

## PULL-OVER STYLE

The pull-over style, because of the heavy wet snow, will be much more effective this season. The ability to carry your gear in the tub makes this style very preferable.

I like this style of house because it pulls well behind my snowmobile and can

handle most any depth of snow.

Make sure you have a travel cover for the pull-over style, or your gear will be damaged and full of snow on a long trek. The bad news is that they are heavy and sometimes very difficult to get into a truck or trailer.

## HUB STYLE

The popularity of the hub or tent style is growing every season. You will notice our lakes are full of the hub styles. I really like the leg room and space, which sometimes can be as much as 92 square feet. Once set up, you are fishing in style!

The bad news is that once you are in place, chances are you won't be moving. Once set up, you are there for the duration. I use the hub style only when I have a definite hot spot and don't expect to be moving around.

If you have the ability to afford both, do it. They both have their time and place on the ice.



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Once you have both the flip-over style and hub/tent style portable ice houses, you can handle most conditions during the mid-winter period, according to Steve Carney.

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**T**his special section of the *Isanti-Chisago County Star* is about making connections. Connecting with young readers is an important part of our business at the *Star*. A great deal of effort is given to cover athletic activities, musical concerts and performances as well as a number of other activities we photograph and report on.

With this edition, 2020 Design An Ad, we are proud to bring you advertising designed by students in the third and fourth grade classes of North Branch Sunrise School.

For this edition, the students were asked to look into the participating businesses by visiting the business and/or look at the *Isanti-Chisago County Star* about the goods and services they offer. We asked the students to

draw ads representing the businesses using words and/or artwork to convey a message about the business.

The advertisements were then presented to the participating business for which they were designed, and they reviewed the student's ad designs and chose the best one for their business. For each ad published, \$5 will be donated to the Sunrise Celebration Breakfast Fund.

A big "thank you" to the merchants and candidates that participated in this section, the students, staff and administration of North Branch Sunrise School.

We have enjoyed working with the students and teachers and hope you enjoy this unique section as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.

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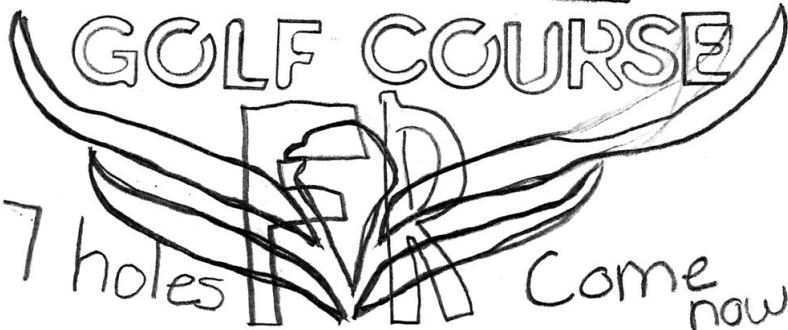
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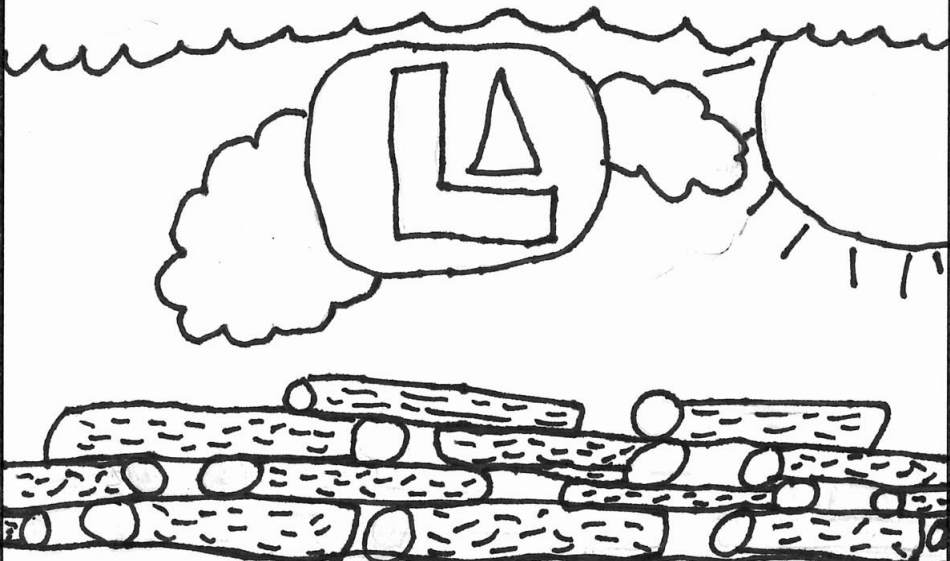
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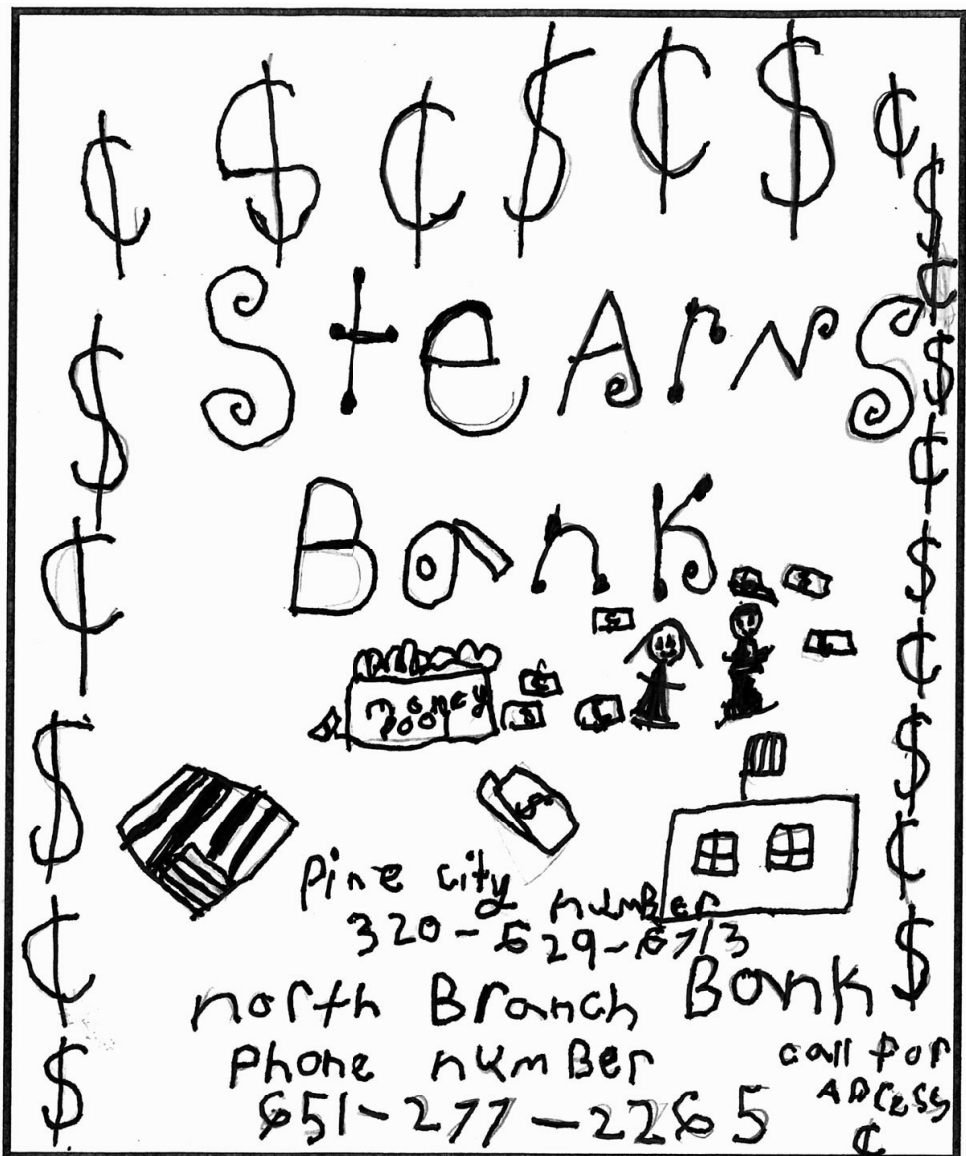
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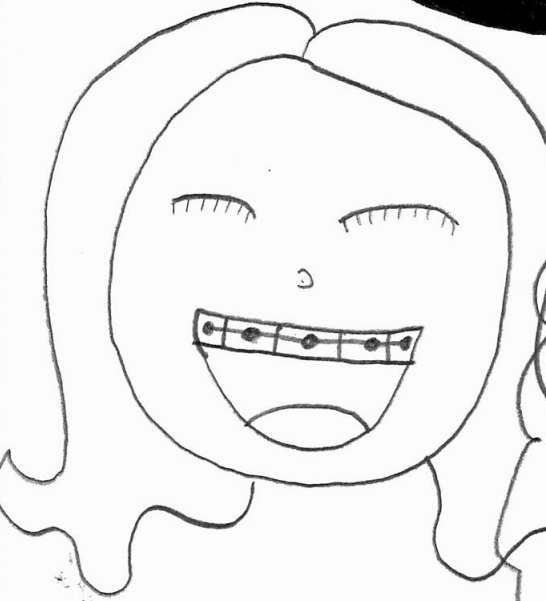
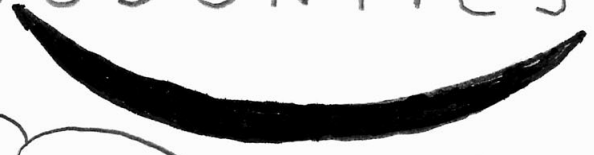
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BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Peg & Cat	Arthur	Curious George	Nature Cat	Wild Kratts	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Let's Go Luna!	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Sesame Street	Pinkalicious
4	WCCO	WCCO 4 News This Morning at 6		CBS This Morning			WCCO Mid-Morning		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News at 6am		Good Morning America			Live with Kelly and Ryan		The View		5 Eyewitness News Midday		
9	KMSP	FOX 9 Morning at 6AM		FOX 9 Morning at 7AM		FOX 9 Morning at 8AM		FOX 9 Buzz		The Jason Show		FOX 9 News at 11 a.m.	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News Sunrise		Today			Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		KARE 11 Today	Daytime Jeopardy	
23	WUCW	The Doctors		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Steve Wilkos Show		Judge Judy	Injury Court	Paternity Court	Couples Court
29	WFTC	The Real		Paid Prog.	Wommack	Dateline		Protection	Protection	Access Daily		Divorce	Divorce
41	KPXM	Law CI	Varied	Law CI	Varied	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Varied Programs			

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON													
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Dinosaur Train	Cat in the Hat	Sesame Street	Splash-Bubbles	Pinkalicious	Let's Go Luna!	Nature Cat	Wild Kratts	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Odd Squad	Arthur
4	WCCO	News	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	CBS Evening News
5	KSTP	GMA3: Strahan, Sara & Keke		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Twin Cities Live		Twin Cities	5 Eyewitness News	News Live at 5	ABC World News
9	KMSP	The Wendy Williams Show		The Real		TMZ Live		The Dr. Oz Show		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	FOX 9 at 5p	FOX 9 at 5:30p
11	KARE	Days of our Lives		Rachael Ray		Daily Blast Live	Daily Blast Live	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	KARE 11 News	Jeopardy!	KARE 11 News at 5	Nightly News
23	WUCW	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		Justice for All	Judge Jerry	Jerry Springer		Maury		Family Feud	Funny You Ask
29	WFTC	Providence	Providence	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Wendy Williams Show		The Jason Show		America	America	Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy
41	KPXM	Varied Programs											

MONDAY PRIME TIME													JANUARY 13, 2020		
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
BROADCAST STATIONS															
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Antiques Roadshow (N) (Part 2 of 3) (cc)		Antiques Roadshow "Harrisburg" (cc)		Minnesota Experience "Brew North: A Beer Story"		Independent Lens Shooting at the University of Texas. (cc)					
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise "Dripsy" Lola fires a lawyer. (cc)		Bull Bull prepares for fatherhood. (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden			
5	KSTP	News	News	The Bachelor (N) (cc)			The Good Doctor "Fractured" (N) (cc)		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)				
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	9-1-1 "Fallout" (cc)		Prodigal Son "Silent Night" (cc)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	Modern Family	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood		
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	America's Got Talent "The Champions Two" Champions from around the world compete.		Manifest Ben forms a cautious alliance. (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers				
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	The Flash (cc)		Crisis Aftermath (Part 2 of 2) (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Funny You Ask	Daily-MailTV (N)			
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Mod Fam	News	News	To Be Announced		Big Bang	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			
41	KPXM	Criminal Minds (cc)		Criminal Minds (cc)		Criminal Minds (cc)		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			

TUESDAY PRIME TIME													JANUARY 14, 2020		
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
BROADCAST STATIONS															
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Frontline The political environment in the U.S. (N) (Part 1 of 2) (cc)		Frontline The political environment in the U.S. (N) (Part 2 of 2) (cc)		Secrets of the Dead "After Stonehenge"							
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	NCIS "Flight Plan" (N) (cc)		FBI "Hard Decisions" (N) (cc)		FBI: Most Wanted "Defender" (N) (cc)	News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden				
5	KSTP	News	News	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N)			mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	Emergence "Applied Sciences" (N)		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)		
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	The Resident Nic and Mina treat a patient.		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	Gopher Sports	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood		
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Ellen's Game of Games (N) (cc)		This Is Us Kevin searches for romance.		New Amsterdam "Code Silver" (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers		
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Arrow "Crisis on Infinite Earths: Part Four"		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) (cc)		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Funny You Ask	Daily-MailTV (N)		
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Mod Fam	News	News	To Be Announced		Big Bang	Big Bang	Chicago P.D. (cc)		Chicago P.D. (cc)			
41	KPXM	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME													JANUARY 15, 2020		
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
BROADCAST STATIONS															
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Nature "Hippos: Africa's River Giants" (N)		Outback "The Kimberley Comes Alive" (cc)		Expedition with Steve Backshall (N) (cc)		No Passport Required "Seattle" (cc)		Life on the Reef (cc)			
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Undercover Boss "Anytime Fitness" (N)		Criminal Minds "Spectator Slowing" (N)		S.W.A.T. "Bad Cop" (N) (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden			
5	KSTP	News	News	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown "The Past and the Furious" (N)		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)			
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	Flirty Dancing "Episode 4" (N)		Almost Family "Generational AF" (N)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	Modern Family	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood		
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Chicago Med (N) (cc)		Chicago Fire "Where We End Up" (N)		Chicago P.D. "43rd and Normal" (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers		
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	The CW Dog Honors (N) (cc)		Nancy Drew Bringing a serial killer to justice.		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Funny You Ask	Daily-MailTV (N)		
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Mod Fam	News	News	To Be Announced		Big Bang	Big Bang	Dateline		Dateline			
41	KPXM	Blue Bloods (cc)		Blue Bloods (cc)		Blue Bloods (cc)		Blue Bloods (cc)		Blue Bloods (cc)		Blue Bloods (cc)			

THURSDAY PRIME TIME													JANUARY 16, 2020		
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
BROADCAST STATIONS															
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		The This Old House Hour (N) (cc)		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (cc)		The Brokenwood Mysteries "Dark Angel"		Upstart Crow (cc)	East-Enders	East-Enders			
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Young Sheldon	The Unicorn (N)	Mom (N) (cc)	Carol's Act	Evil Kristen is called into court to testify. (N)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden			
5	KSTP	News	News	The Conners	The Conners	The Last Days of Richard Pryor (N) (cc)			News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)				
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	Last Man Standing (N) (cc)		Deputy "Deputy Down" (N)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	Modern Family	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood		
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Superstore "Myrtle" (N) (cc)	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Perfect Harmony	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers		
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Supernatural "The Trap" (N) (cc)		Legacies Alaric enlists Landon's help. (N)		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Funny You Ask	Daily-MailTV (N)		
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Mod Fam	News	News	To Be Announced		Big Bang	Big Bang	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI			
41	KPXM	Chicago P.D. (cc)		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D. (cc)		Chicago P.D. (cc)		Chicago P.D. (cc)			

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)	Almanac (cc)	Country Music Country stars of post-war America. (cc)	Mum "October"	Mum "December"	Still Open All Hours	Still Open All Hours				
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Hawaii Five-0 (cc)	Magnum P.I. "Black Is the Widow" (cc)	Blue Bloods "Handcuffs" (cc)	News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden			
5	KSTP	News	News	American Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	20/20 (cc)	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)			
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)	FOX 9 at 9p (N)	Enough Said (N)	Sports Now	Modern Family	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood		
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector	Dateline NBC (N) (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers			
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Charmed Maggie and Mel make a discovery.	Dynasty Alexis shocks the jury. (N) (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Funny You Ask	Daily-MailTV (N)	
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Mod Fam	News	Enough	To Be Announced	Big Bang	Big Bang	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)		
31	KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles		

## SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
BROADCAST STATIONS															
2	KTCA	Woodsmith Shop (cc)	American Woodshop	Steven Raichlen's	Moveable Feast	Jamie's Quick	Simply Ming (cc)	Martha Bakes	Mexican Table	How to Cook	New Orleans	Joanne Weir	Lidia's Kitchen		
4	WCCO	CBS This Morning: Saturday (N) (cc)				WCCO 4 News Saturday Morning (N) (cc)				Lucky Dog (EI)	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstoppable	Pet Vet-Team	Paid Program	Bass Pro Tour
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Jack Hanna	Ocean Treks	Hearts of Heroes (N)	oh baby! (EI) (cc)	Rock the Park (N)	oh baby! (EI) (cc)		
9	KMSP	Xploration Space	Awesome Planet	FOX 9 Morning Saturday (N)				TMZ (N) (cc)		Enough Said (cc)	Hoops Tip-Off	College Basketball Seton Hall at St. John's.			
11	KARE	Today (N) (cc)		A New Leaf (EI)	KARE 11 News Saturday (N) (cc)				Earth Odyssey	Earth Odyssey	Vets Saving Pets	Premier Soccer			
23	WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wild America (EI)	Teen Kids News (N)	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	This Old H.	Animal Tales (EI)	Did I Mention	Luther Auto Show	Paid Program		
29	WFTC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Heartland	Live Life	Sports	To Be Announced							
31	KPXM	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
2	KTCA	Sara's Weeknight	Test Kitchen	Kimball's Milk Street	Cook's Country	R. Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow	Legacy List With Matt Paxton (cc)	Escape to the Chateau "Harvest Time"	The This Old House Hour (cc)		
4	WCCO	Bass Pro Tour	College Basketball Auburn at Florida. From Exactech Arena in Gainesville, Fla. (N) (cc)	College Basketball Oregon at Washington. From Alaska Airlines Arena in Seattle. (N) (Live) (cc)	College Basketball Colorado at Arizona. From McKale Memorial Center in Tucson, Ariz. (N)	College Hoops	Judge Judy (cc)	Judge Judy (cc)	FOX 9 at 5p (N)	FOX 9 at 5:30p (N)	Weekend News	ABC World News
5	KSTP	Paid Program	Paid Program	UFC Live (N) (Live) (cc)	NBA	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at New Orleans Pelicans. From Smoothie King Center in New Orleans. (N)	News	ABC World News				
9	KMSP	College Basketball Seton Hall at St. John's.	College Hoops	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	Alpine Skiing	KARE 11 News at 5	Nightly News			
11	KARE	Premier League Soccer Newcastle United FC vs Chelsea FC. (N)	Prem Goal Zone	LPGA Tour Golf Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Third Round. (N) (Live)			Game Time	Funny You Ask				
23	WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Stevie D (2016) (Chris Cordone, Torrey DeVitto)	Paid Program	Paid Program				
29	WFTC	To Be Announced										
31	KPXM	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	

## SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2020

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2	KTCA	Pinkalicious	Let's Go Luna! (EI)	Wild Kratts (EI) (cc)	Molly of Denali (EI)	Rubenstein	Rubenstein	Washington Week	Almanac (cc)	To the Contrary	Life on the Reef (cc)	
4	WCCO	WCCO 4 News Morning at 6 (N)	Hope in the Wild	Best Friends	CBS News Sunday Morning (N) (cc)	Face the Nation (N) (cc)	News	NFL Championship Chase (N) (cc)				
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)	Good Morning America (N) (cc)	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)	This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos	At Issue	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
9	KMSP	Weird but True	Xploration DIY Sci	FOX 9 Morning Sunday (N)	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace (N)	FOX 9 Morning Sunday (N)	FOX 9 Morning Sunday (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	NHL Hockey		
11	KARE	Open House	Grace for Living	Consumer 101 (N) (EI)	Champ Within	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N) (cc)	Meet the Press (N) (cc)	Joel Osteen (cc)	Paid Program	Paid Program	NHL Hockey	
23	WUCW	Paid Program	Midnight Cry Minis.	Mountain Faith	Tomorrow's Wild	Christian Worship Hour (cc)	Pastor's Study	Catholic Mass	Paid Program	Sharyl Attkisson	Paid Program	Paid Program
29	WFTC	Paid Prog.	Hall	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Big World	Biz Kid\$	This Is th	Main St.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
31	KPXM	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	

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BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	A Ride Along the Lincoln Highway (cc)	American Experience (cc)	Slavery by Another Name Labor practices and laws. (cc)	Fannie Lou Hamer	Minnesota Experience (cc)	American Experience "Roads to Memphis"						
4	WCCO	The NFL Today (N) (Live) (cc)				NFL Football Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (cc)				News			
5	KSTP	Paid Program	Paid Program	World of X Games (cc)	College Football 150: The American Game	College Football 150: The American Game	Paid Program	Paid Program	ABC World News	News			
9	KMSP	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood (N) (cc)	To Be Announced	NFL Football			
11	KARE	(11:30) NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Pittsburgh Penguins. (N) (Live)	LPGA Tour Golf Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Final Round. (N) (Live)	Alpine Skiing	KARE 11 News at 5	Nightly News							
23	WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Song	The Song	Paid Program	Paid Program		
29	WFTC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	To Be Announced			
31	KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles		

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2	KTCA	Doc Martin "Farewell My Lovely" (cc)	Howards End on Masterpiece (cc)	Sanditon on Masterpiece (N) (cc)	Vienna Blood "The Last Séance, Part 1"	MN Original (cc)	Upstart Crow (cc)	Thou Shalt Not Kill (cc)				
4	WCCO	60 Minutes (N) (cc)	NCIS (cc)	FBI (cc)	NCIS: New Orleans (cc)	WCCO 4 News	WCCO 4 News	Joel Osteen (cc)	Paid Program			
5	KSTP	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	Kids Say the Darndest Things (N)	Shark Tank (N) (cc)	Shark Tank (cc)	5 Eyewitness News at 10 (N) (cc)	On the Road	Graham Bensinger				
9	KMSP	(5:30) NFL Football Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	NFL Post-game	9-1-1: Lone Star "Pilot" Owen Strand moves to Texas. (N)	Firefighter Texas. (N)	FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	Sports Now	Modern Family				
11	KARE	America's Got Talent "The Champions Two" Champions from around the world compete.	Ellen's Game of Games (cc)	Ellen's Game of Games (cc)	News	Minnesota Bound	Entertainment Tonight (N) (cc)					
23	WUCW	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Batwoman (N) (cc)	Supergirl! Supergirl faces a chaotic threat.	Paid Program	Paid Program	Extra (N) (cc)	Robert Jeffress	Paid Program		
29	WFTC	To Be Announced	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Puz. Club	Mod Fam	Movie			
31	KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	Chicago P.D. (cc)	Chicago P.D. (cc)	Chicago P.D. (cc)	Chicago P.D. (cc)	Chicago P.D. (cc)	Chicago P.D. (cc)			

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## Week of Jan. 9 - Jan. 15

# HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** - Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, you have met some people who may have greatly influenced your attitude and partnerships. Even if people are pushing you one way, you have free will to go another.

**TAURUS** - Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, if you want to modify something in your life, now is your chance to do it. This is the week to make some concrete changes that will benefit you.

**GEMINI** - May 22/June 21  
You have several weeks to understand how recent changes will affect you, Gemini. You may need to get a few new friends in your circle of supporters.

**CANCER** - June 22/July 22  
Cancer, do not expect any enormous revelations this week, as things will work a lot more slowly. But keep an eye on the sidelines for the little changes that may occur.

**LEO** - July 23/Aug 23  
The week ahead should be fairly positive, Leo. As a new phase in your life progresses, you will have the opportunity to express yourself more and more.

**VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22  
Expect some major movement in your career and love life, Virgo. The two may even be intertwined in some way. You may be floating on air in all this good news.

**LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23  
Although no major events will come to fruition, this is an excellent week for you to simply sit back and breathe a little. Things will get busy in the weeks to come, however.

**SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, look at events from a different perspective to fully take them all in. Over the next several days, you'll be on a mission to correct something in your past.

**SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21  
A feeling of newness and openness are driving your decisions, Sagittarius. Attend all of the events presented to you; you never know where opportunity lies.

**CAPRICORN** - Dec 22/Jan 20  
A new person may come into your life this week, and this can potentially change things forever, Capricorn. Exercise caution but do not be opposed to trying something new.

**AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18  
A voyage to faraway lands might be on the table, Aquarius. A trip may be just what you need to find that extra energy as you look to shake things up.

**PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, if your romantic relationship lacks spark, you may have to speak up and express your hopes and desires. Embrace all ideas.



## CITY

### Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Dakota-Minnesota Airports District Office FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT For Land Acquisition & Obstruction Removal at Cambridge Municipal Airport City of Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prepared this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a project involving land acquisition and obstruction removal at the Cambridge Municipal Airport (CBG). In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, FAA Order 5050.4B, *NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*, and based on the evaluation in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), dated December 3, 2019, there are no significant impacts associated with the proposed project. Therefore, a Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared and a FONSI is being issued. This FONSI provides a review of the Proposed Action, mitigation requirements, and the basis for the FAA's finding. Specific details are defined further in the FEA.

#### I. Purpose and Need

The existing approach procedures to the CBG runway do not meet FAA and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of Aeronautics design and operation requirements to maintain an adequate runway with clear approach surfaces for local, regional, and interregional airplane users.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide a safe airport facility, which will meet FAA and MnDOT Aeronautics, design and operation requirements and maintain an adequate runway with clear approach surfaces for local, regional, and interregional airplane users. The need for the Proposed Action is to increase the safety and meet FAA and MnDOT aeronautics airspace requirements. The Proposed Action will support the airport's efforts to provide a reliable and safe approach to Runway 34.

#### II. Alternatives Considered

In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, the EA identified and evaluated all reasonable alternatives. The Final EA provides analysis on all the alternatives analyzed.

The No Action Alternative assumes the obstructions would not be cleared. No property acquisition would occur as part of this alternative. However, use of the existing airport would continue. With the No Action Alternative, the tree obstructions would remain in the approach surfaces to Runway 34 and the approach procedures to both runway ends would remain "not applicable" (NA) at night. The PAPIs would remain turned off because of the PAPI OCS would be obstructed. Pilots would not have visual guidance through PAPIs or guidance to the runway through instrument approach procedures during inclement weather conditions.

Although the obstruction lights mitigate most of the approach surface to Runway 34, they are at the same height as the trees. Likely future growth would make the trees taller than the lights in roughly 5-10 years.

At that point, the lights will need to be raised to again adequately mitigate the obstructions.

Additional alternatives were not evaluated as a part of this project. As the airport sponsor, the City has the opportunity to remove/lower the obstructions or to leave the obstructions. If the obstructions remain, the runway would not have clear airspace for the approach procedures. Additional alternatives, such as shifting the runway location west to avoid the current obstructions, were not evaluated as they would increase environmental impacts such as tree removal (on west side of the Runway 34 approach), wetland impacts (due to grading and fill for new runway location), property acquisition on the north to acquire the shifted Runway 16 MnDOT Clear Zone, and increase project costs.

#### III. Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to remove approximately 4.59 acres of trees between 40-100 feet tall and to acquire one residential parcel (16.65 acres) in fee to complete the obstruction removal process. The land acquisition will require relocation of one residence.

Once the property is acquired, the resident will be relocated and all structures on the property will be removed. The subject property was undeveloped forestland from at least 1930 until 2001 when the present-day residence and attached garage were constructed. There are two sheds located on the property. One shed was built in 2008 and the other shed has an unknown build date, but was constructed after the residence was built.

#### IV. Environmental Consequences and Mitigation

After careful analysis and consultation with various state and federal resource agencies, the Airport selected the proposed action as the preferred alternative. This alternative satisfies the purpose and need for the project while causing minimal environmental impacts. The FEA discusses the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action. Mitigation commitments are discussed below.

The Airport shall implement the following mitigation measures as a condition of environmental approval of the proposed development listed in this FONSI to support existing and proposed aeronautical activities at the Airport:

- The Airport will obtain any necessary permits prior to beginning construction.

- There are no direct impacts to wetland habitat with this project. Tree clearing in wetland communities located in the property acquisition area will result in conversion of wetland habitat. Tree clearing work will be completed during the winter months to reduce ground disturbance. Of 4.59 acres of total tree removal, approximately 2.65 acres of trees between 40 - 60 feet tall will be removed within wetland habitat. After the tree clearing is complete, it is anticipated the wetlands will be converted from a Type 7, Hardwood Swamp to a Type 6, Shrub Carr wetland community. Tree clearing will take place at or above ground level with no grubbing of stumps. Because there is no fill associated with this project as the only work in wetlands is vegetation clearing without ground disturbance, wetland permits permit will not be required for the Proposed Action.

- The Airport will protect wetlands and waters of the U.S. not directly impacted by the Proposed Action during construction.

- Use of BMPs to avoid additional unnecessary and/or unauthorized impacts to surface waters and aquatic resources.

- In the event that human remains or cultural resources are discovered during construction, all work will cease until CBG notifies appropriate authorities, the SHPO and the FAA Dakota Minnesota Airports District Office. CBG shall protect the area with carefully placed tarps or construction back fill until cultural resource concerns have been appropriately addressed, and CBG will take action to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the Archeological Resources Protection Act, as appropriate.

- During construction, in the event that previously unknown contaminants are discovered or if a reportable spill occurs, work shall cease until the Airport notifies appropriate local, state, and Federal agencies.

- If endangered species are sighted during construction, work shall cease in the immediate area of the endangered species and all sightings shall be reported to the USFWS, MNDNR and the FAA.

- To avoid impacts to the Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB), tree removal will occur between October 1 and April 30. If project impacts to listed species change beyond what is identified in the EA, the Airport will have to inform the FAA Dakota-Minnesota ADO. The ADO will then reinitiate consultation with the USFWS.

#### V. Public Review and Comment

Public involvement is a vital component of the NEPA process. The Draft EA was released for agency and public review from August 8, 2019-September 9, 2019. A public hearing was held on August 19, 2019. Agency and public comments received during the comment period were considered in the development of the FEA. Responses to all verbal and written comments are provided in the FEA.

#### VI. Finding

I have carefully and thoroughly considered the facts contained in the attached EA. Based on that information, I find the proposed Federal action is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives of Section 101(a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other applicable environmental requirements. I also find the proposed Federal action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or include any condition requiring any consultation pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. As a result, the FAA will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this action.

Having met all relevant requirements for environmental considerations and consultation, the proposed action is authorized to be taken when other requirements have been met. These decisions are taken pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40101, et seq. The FAA findings regarding the proposed airport improvements, and any necessary funding for the Cambridge Municipal Airport, constitute an order of the Administrator, which is subject to review by the Courts of Appeals of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1006 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 46110.

APPROVED:

/s/ Andy Peek, Manager  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Dakota-Minnesota Airports District Office

Date: 12/11/2019

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## COUNTY

### ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has set a regular County Board meeting schedule for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Isanti County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of January, 2020.

Lindsey Giese

Interim County Administrator

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## FORECLOSURES

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association (henceforth the "Declaration") recorded in the office of the Recorder for Isanti County, Minnesota on January 25, 2005, as Document No. 345513, which covers the following property:

Unit No. 113 and Storage Locker No. 113, Common Interest Community No. 2005-1, Rum River Condominiums, Isanti County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of December 13, 2019, from Boss Properties, LLC, title holders, to Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Five and 20/100ths Dollars (\$3,775.20) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

WHEREAS, no action is now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof;

WHEREAS, the owners have not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Declaration and Minn. Stat. §515B.3-116(h), said debt created a lien upon said premises in favor of Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association as evidenced by the lien statement recorded on August 8, 2019, in the office of the Isanti County Recorder as Document No. A485343;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owner(s) in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said county at the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008, on February 12, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

The following information is provided pursuant to Minnesota Stat-

### utes Sections 580.025 and 580.04:

(1) Street Address of Property: 610 Whiskey Road NW #113, Isanti, MN 55040

(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/ or Broker: N/A

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-107-0020

(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A (5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A

(6) Date on which Occupant must vacate Property, if mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or property redeemed under 580.23: 11:59 p.m. on August 12, 2020. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

#### REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 13, 2019

TOOHEY LAW FIRM, P.A.

By: /s/ Jennifer C. Toohey, I.D. #0343742

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Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association

By: /s/ Jennifer C. Toohey

Its: Attorney in Fact

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## NOTICES

### TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Isanti Township, Isanti County, State of Minnesota, that the filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period beginning December 31, 2019 and ending January 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The last day to withdraw from candidacy is Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 5:00PM. Offices to be filed at the March Annual election are one supervisor for a 3-year term.

Affidavits of candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at 2281 301st Avenue NE Isanti, MN 55040. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Heather Townswick

Township Clerk

heather.isantitownship@gmail.com

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### NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING FOR TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of North Branch Township, Isanti County, State of Minnesota, that filing office of town Supervisor will be held for a two-week period beginning December 31st, 2019 and ending on January 14th 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk by calling

763-286-3733 to set up an appointment to meet at the township hall 29113 Notre Dame St Ne 55056. The last day for a candidate to withdraw from the March election is Thursday January 6th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Filing fee is \$2.00. Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are 1 supervisor for a 3-year term.

Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk

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### NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Snow and Ice control operations will normally not begin until the snow has stopped falling or until at least 4 inches of snow has accumulated and the township road boss makes such call for the plows to begin. Snow will be plowed in a manner as to minimize obstruction to traffic. Snow and Ice operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of the employees or pose an unreasonable risk of damaging equipment. Any decision to delay or suspend operations shall be made by the township road boss and will be based on actual or predicted weather conditions, equipment failure, the need to rest plow operators, or other unanticipated events. Reasonable effort will be made to dispatch the plows to assist emergency vehicles if requested by law enforcement. Snow will be plowed as close as practicable to mailboxes located on township roads. It is the responsibility of the mailbox owner to keep it free from snow for the mail carriers. The township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes and fences that are damaged from snow contact. Snow plowing unavoidably deposits snow onto driveways and approaches. It is not the responsibility of the township to remove this snow. The township must consider the cost environmental impact of when to apply salt and trap rock to roads. Priority will be given to hills, corners, and intersections. It is UNLAWFUL to PLOW SNOW across or onto a public roadway or right of way and is punishable by a misdemeanor and \$1,000.00 dollar fine. Plowing snow across roadways right of ways creates safety hazards for plow operators and equipment. In order to facilitate proper snow plowing and ice control operations, it is the responsibility of residents to keep the road right of way clear of vehicles, trailers, trash cans, and all objects of personal property. If the township determines personal property left in the road right of way poses an unreasonable risk to public safety or interferes with the snow plowing operations, the objects will be removed at the owner's expense determined a public nuisance pursuant to Minnesota statute 609.74. The township assumes no responsibility for damages for snow and ice control operations to sod, trees, or other landscaping materials or vegetation. The township assumes no responsibility, whether by direct or indirect contact with snow or ice control equipment, for damage to under/above ground sprinklers, or other items of personal property located in the township road right of way. This policy is reviewed by North Branch Township and may make changes as necessary.

Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk

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## ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Dec. 30, 2019-Jan. 3, 2020. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**James Philip Cowan Jr.**, (DOB 09/28/1978), of Cambridge, was charged Dec. 30 with domestic assault - felony.

**Michael Lee Carlson**, (DOB 07/19/1980), of Faribault, was charged Jan. 2 with 2nd degree assault - dangerous weapon; possess ammo/any firearm - conviction or adjudicated delinquent for crime of violence.

**Sandie Jane Duncan**, (DOB 07/09/1968), of Princeton, was charged Jan. 2 with receiving stolen property.

**Tucker Dylan Stromgren**, (DOB 08/25/1996), of Isanti, was charged Jan. 2 with two counts of 5th degree drugs - possess schedule 1, 2, 3, 4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Phillip Steven Nichele**, (DOB 12/19/1973), of Hinckley, was charged Jan. 2 with felony escape from custody.

**Jesse Earle Ponce**, (DOB 11/20/1981), of Cambridge, was charged Jan. 2 with 2nd degree burglary - dwelling.

**Amanda Joy Olson**, (DOB 05/03/1982), of Isanti, was charged Jan. 3 with energy or telecom - damage or theft of line, insulator, wire, cable or current of line or cable.

## CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Dec. 30, 2019-Jan. 3, 2020. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Ben Jay Tietz**, (DOB 05/28/1982), of Mahtomedi, was charged Jan. 2 with kidnapping - to facilitate felony or flight; domestic assault - felony.

**Todd Ronald Puckett**, (DOB 02/21/1969), of Harris, was charged Jan. 2 with 1st degree damage to property - value reduced over \$1,000.

**Dustin Raynold Anderson**, (DOB 09/16/1979), of Chisago City, was charged Jan. 2 with traffic - DWI - refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure.

**Danial Atherton Hess**, (DOB 05/02/1988), of St. Croix Falls, was charged Jan. 3 with 2nd degree burglary - building, possess tool.

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