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Isanti staff to be allowed to carry weapons

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Isanti city staff will most likely soon be able to carry a properly registered and licensed firearm while on the job at City Hall or other city owned buildings.

As an offshoot of the discussion regarding police presence at Parks and Recreation Committee meetings, the Isanti City Council is taking a look at altering its staff personnel policy from forbidding staff from carrying weapons in city owned buildings to allowing those with conceal and carry permits to carry them. Currently, such weapons must be at least kept in their vehicles.

While all five council members agreed that based on the Second Amendment, city staff should be allowed to have a weapon on their person if they feel the need, the council was split on if there should be additional conditions to the policy. Council member Steve Lundeen

felt it should be under the condition the weapon is kept concealed at all times, barring a need to use it.

“As long as they aren’t allowed to brandish it, I don’t have a problem with (changing the policy),” Lundeen said. “Texas, the easiest going state on firearms, you cannot have open carry.”

Lundeen said he was also concerned about the public’s perception if they see a city employee carrying a weapon.

Mayor Luke Merrill and Council members Nick Pedersen and George Hemen, however, didn’t feel that condition should be included.

“If you have a firearm on your hip and your shirt comes up over it, it’s not concealed,” Merrill said. “So what if you are sitting at your desk and it’s no longer concealed and another employee wants retribution on them, they could call on them about not being concealed.”

After further discussion, the

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Can you dig it?

North Branch’s Heidi Hedberg gets low for a rapidly sinking ball during the annual North Branch Invite. For results from all the last week’s sports, go to page 8.



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An artist rendering shows what the outside and inside of the proposed fieldhouse might look like if question 2 passes.

What happens next?

School District projects future based on yes, no vote

BY **BILL STICKELS III**
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Editor’s note: This is the ninth and final article in our series regarding the upcoming Cambridge-Isanti Schools referendum vote.

No matter what the results of the Cambridge-Isanti Schools’ bond referendum may be, the district is already looking towards what the next steps they will take will be.

According to Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph, there are two things that will definitely happen, regardless of whether the final outcome is passing or failing the question(s). The first is that the district will take a couple of days to take a step back, take a deep breath, and thank the voters.

“When you go through this as a community, it is fatiguing and appreciative,” Rudolph said. “and whatever next steps we need to establish based on the results, we will do. We would pause and acknowledge the community, the community task force, the people who were informed, the dialogue, and everything we did over the last year to get to the point of (November) 5.”

The second is that the district will continue to look for community input.

Beyond that, it will solely depend on if one or both questions pass or fail.

QUESTION 1 PASSES

According to Finance Director Chris Kampa, there are several procedural actions that need to take place for larger projects. This includes consulting with engineers, coming up with the scope and specific details of each project, calling

for bids, awarding projects, and finally starting construction. He added most of the projects would not begin until school was out for the summer to minimize the inconvenience on students and staff.

Before all of that, however, Kampa, Rudolph, and Community Development Director Christina Thayer Anderson agree the district will have to prioritize all of the projects, determining which projects would be the first to get started. That step is where gathering further input from the staff and community would be essential, according to Rudolph.

Once the “first phase” of projects has been established, Kampa said prioritizing the remaining projects very well could be very fluid, especially considering completing all the projects will take four or five years.

Another major factor to the prioritizing of projects would be how the bids for the previous projects come in. If bids start consistently coming in over the anticipated cost, Kampa stated the district will have to make some tough decisions.

Legally, the district cannot collect from taxpayers more than \$87.1 million if question 1 passes or \$123,575,000 if question 2 also passes. Therefore, if costs are consistently higher, the district would have to find other funding sources or cut lower-priority projects.

Kampa, however, feels optimistic bids will for the most part come in under expectations. He notes how the parking lot projects last summer each came in under budget, along with the Cambridge Primary and Intermediate Schools boiler system replacement.

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WEAPONS: Council to ask city attorney to craft modified wording for staff policy

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council approved on a 4-1 vote, with Pedersen casting the lone nay vote, to ask the city attorney to come up with the appropriate rewording of the policy. According to City Administrator Josi Wood, the city attorney’s recommended language should be available in time for the next council meeting.

NO POLICE PRESENCE NEEDED

As a follow-up to the council discussion on police presence at Parks and Recreation meetings, Hemen, who sits on that committee, said the committee discussed the matter at its last meeting and determined the whole situation was a misunderstanding between staff members and then between staff and the council. Hemen asserted police

presence would not be needed at future meetings.

SECOND MARIJUANA STORE

A second cannabis store will be opening up within city limits. This store will be located at 703 East Dual Blvd NE. After the council approved the registration, Council member Hemen asked the council to revisit the city’s

ordinance pertaining to the number of cannabis businesses allowed within city limits. The council currently allows an unlimited number, however that decision was made under the assumption the city would somewhat financially benefit from each business. During the last legislative session, however, those benefits to local governments were removed.

C-I Schools referendum early voting begins Sept. 19

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Any residents within the Cambridge-Isanti School District’s boundaries wishing to cast their vote on the proposed bond referendum before the general election on Nov. 4 can do so beginning Friday, Sept. 19. There are two ways to vote early: by mail or in person. To cast your vote via mail, a person must complete the absentee voter application and either email it to mallen@c-ischools.org or send it in via regular mail to Attn: Elections, 625 Main Street N., Cambridge, MN, 55008. If voting by mail, the school district strongly encourages people to submit their applications prior to Oct. 20. Additionally, completed ballots should be mailed back as soon as possible, or no later than Oct. 31, to ensure they arrive before Nov. 4. Any ballots received after election day will not be counted.

For those wishing to vote early in person, there are two locations they can do so from Sept. 19 through Nov. 3. The first is the school district’s offices located in the Education Services Center at 625 Main Street North in Cambridge. The district offices are open for early voting Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second location is at the Cambridge-Isanti High School, located at 430 8th Ave NW, Cambridge. Early voting is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, but only when classes are in session. On Thursdays, there will be extended voting hours to 8 p.m. — also only on days when school is in session. In Minnesota, people can register to vote on the same day they wish to vote. Unregistered voters should bring a photo ID, such as a driver’s license or another acceptable identification for voter registration. To find out what is acceptable identification, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website at <https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote>.

Doom appointed as new Tenth District judge

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Local attorney Carrie Doom has been appointed as a new judge for Minnesota’s Tenth District by Minnesota Governor Tim Walz. Doom currently works at Sapientia Law Group, based in Cambridge. One of her areas of specialty is family law, specifically representing parents in child protection cases. Additionally, she serves as a coach for the Cambridge-Isanti High School Mock Trial team. “Throughout her legal career, Carrie Doom has consistently met individuals where they are and guided them through challenging times,” said Walz. “Isanti County is gaining a highly qualified attorney whose legal expertise is complemented by her deep dedication to understanding

and serving the community she calls home.” Doom will be replacing Judge Amy R. Brosnahan, who is retiring in October. She will be chambered in Isanti County. Additionally, Jacob Fischmann, a senior assistant attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, will be chambered in Kanabec County. Judge Stoney Hiljus will move from the Kanabec County seat to Pine County. The Honorable Krista K. Martin, formerly serving Pine County, will be retiring October 6, 2025. “Jacob Fischmann will bring deep legal expertise to Kanabec County,” Walz said in a news release. “He is not only an exceptional trial advocate and attorney, but he also appreciates that behind every case lies a story that deserves to be heard.” Minnesota’s Tenth Judicial District encompasses Anoka,



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Judge Carrie Doom

Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington and Wright counties.

Pilot dies in plane crash at Cambridge airport

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A crash of a small plane just outside the Cambridge airport has resulted in the death of the pilot. According to a press release from the city of Cambridge, at approximately 11:25 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, emergency services received a call reporting a possible plane crash near the Cambridge Municipal Airport. Upon arrival, emergency personnel discover the aircraft in a field just to the north of the

runway. First responders located the pilot and determined he was deceased. The identity of the pilot is being withheld pending the notification of the family. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Board have been called in to lead an investigation into the cause of the crash. The Midwest Medical Examiners’ Office will be handling the autopsy of the pilot to determine the exact cause of death.

Minnesota DNR shares what to expect for the 2025 fall color

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has released its 2025 fall color forecast, with peak colors expected from late September through mid-October. The change begins in the northwest and north-central regions before moving southeast, typically lasting about a week in each area. The timing and brilliance of colors depend on sunlight, temperature, precipitation and tree species. Sunny days, cool nights and steady rainfall during the growing season create the most vibrant displays. This year’s relatively dry May followed by steady summer rains has set the stage for strong fall colors, barring any early hard freezes. “Brilliant fall color occurs when early fall days are sunny, nights are chilly and there is adequate rainfall,” said Brian Schwingle, DNR forest health



consultant. “Regardless of conditions, there should be plenty of beautiful foliage to enjoy.” The DNR’s Fall Color Finder at mndnr.gov/fallcolor provides weekly updates, maps and photos to help Minnesotans track peak viewing times.- MN DNR

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

MON & THUR
Alcoholics Anonymous

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

MON - FRI
Senior Dining

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

MONDAYS
Bridge

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

Scrabble (2nd Monday)

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

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

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

Mahjong

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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

Book Club

Third Monday 11 a.m. to noon at Isanti SAC, 140 Buchanan St., N. #164 Cambridge. Isanti County Library lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For info: sacs@midconetwork.com

TUES & THURS
Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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



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Operation Christmas Child hostsEvangeline from Cebu Philippines to share her story on September 13 and 14.

call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Memory Cafe

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

Music

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

Dominos

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

Dominoes

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage

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

Wizard

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

Pinochle

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

Mahjong

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

Alanon

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

Chisago County Drop-In Center

Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmental-health.org.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

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

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

Parkinson's Support Group

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

Bingo

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

Hand and Foot

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

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12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cam-

bridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Bunco

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

SEPT 12

Cambridge Customer Appreciation Event

Main Street, 4-8 p.m. Free food, giveaways, kids' activities, classic car show, scarecrow contest, fire and rescue display, and live music.

SEPT 13

Operation Christmas Child speaker

Evangeline from Cebu, Philippines, shares her story of receiving a shoebox gift, 2-3:30 p.m., New Hope Community Church, Cambridge. Info: 763-439-2171.

SEPT 14

Operation Christmas Child speaker

Evangeline from Cebu, Philippines, speaks during 8 and 9:30 a.m. services at New Life Church, Princeton; potluck following 10 a.m. service at Mainstreet Church, North Branch; and 2 p.m. at Hustletown Community Church, Pine City. Info: 763-439-2171.

SEPT 15

Cambridge Cub Scouts Kick-Off

Boys K-5 and families invited. Wildlife Science Center "Unlovable Creatures" program. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Cambridge Intermediate School cafeteria. Info: cubpack235mn@gmail.com

Shoe Drive

Tour the NE All Stars Cheer and Tumbling gym and learn more about their programs. Bring gently used or new shoes to donate NE All Stars Cheer & Tumbling, 170 Birch Street N, Cambridge from 5-8 p.m.

SEPT 16

Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution

Distribution runs 2-4 p.m., or until gone, at the Isanti County Fairgrounds. Do not arrive before 1 p.m. Registration is required, and pickup for another family must have prior authorization. Watch signs for parking. Dogs are not allowed on the fairgrounds, except service dogs under their owner's control. Make sure vehicle trunks are cleared for loaders. Questions: 612-402-6100 (leave a message if no answer).

Chisago SWCD 75th anniversary

Celebrate with an open house and lunch at the new North Branch office, 38500 Tanger Dr., #206, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Appetizers, refreshments, photos, memories, and project stories. Group photo at 2 p.m. tinyurl.com/chisago75th

SEPT 18

Romantasy Book Club

5:30 p.m., Dana's Bookstore, 120 Heritage Blvd. NE #3, Isanti. Discussion of From Blood and Ash by Jennifer L. Armentrout.

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OPINION

Get out and make an informed vote

This week's edition features the ninth and final article regarding the Cambridge-Isanti School District's upcoming bond referendum. When I first saw the massive number of proposed projects involved with this vote, I knew I couldn't simply condense all the information down to an article or two, or even three.



Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III

My main goal for this series is to enable as many informed votes as possible — no matter how each person decides to vote. And believe it or not, so does the school district.

Some claim the district scheduled this vote during an off-election year solely to make it easier to pass. That does seem to be the suggested course of action by the experts. However, it also doesn't necessarily guarantee passage. How many referendums did it take North Branch and Mora to finally get one passed? Pine City is still trying to get one passed. Most, if not all, those elections were held outside the general election day.

Again, believe it or not, but districts prefer a large voter turnout, as long as those voters are making an informed decision. When a referendum is included in a general election, there are many more uninformed votes cast. Many people are focused on a different major election, say the governor or the president. Some probably even go to their polling location completely unaware there is a referendum question on their ballot. As soon as they see someone is asking for more money, their knee-jerk reaction is to say "no," even if they might have voted yes if they had known some little snippets about the question(s).

So, do everyone a favor and get as educated as possible. For our part, we will have links to all nine articles in the website version of this week's article about early voting. And if that's not enough, talk to representatives from the school district.

PAID LETTERS POLICY

On the subject of the bond referendum, there has been some confusion about our paid letter to the editor policy. As we've mentioned before, in an effort to minimize organized letter campaigns flooding the newspaper's opinion pages, we have instituted a paid letter policy that says any letter endorsing for or against a candidate or other ballot question will be assessed a small publishing fee, whether the endorsement is direct or indirect.

While that might seem pretty cut and dried, the confusion comes in with the "indirect" endorsements, especially regarding bond referendums. With a candidate, a letter writer could get around our policy by focusing on a topic instead of a person. For example, if there are city council seats up for election and someone wants to complain about something like the upcoming levy, they can do that and not be assessed a fee. All they would have to do is avoid referencing candidates, political parties, or the election.

That's not that easy for a referendum vote. For example, several residents have voiced their opposition to artificial turf. If that subject wasn't part of the referendum and say the school district simply announced they have found a way to pay for artificial turf without a vote, then there would be no fee imposed by us. But since it is one of the prominent projects on this referendum, by saying you oppose artificial turf, you are indirectly promoting a no vote.

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Like other letters to the editor, the writer's name, address and phone number are required. Phone numbers are not published. The *Star* has the right to reject letters which don't meet publishing standards and will determine if the letter qualifies as a paid endorsement.

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CORRECTION

East Central Energy was misidentified in last week's photo of the company making a donation to Let's Go Fishing. The error was corrected before being published on our website.

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Hate crimes continue

The terrible shooting at the Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis is a signal for all of us to wake up. School shootings have been taking place all over the country for the past quarter century, and unfortunately this one is close to all of us. Two children's lives were lost and 21 children and adults were injured. Several are still recovering. Parents, family, friends and communities are greiving. It's hard to understand and it's unacceptable. The public, law enforcement, government leaders and school officials are trying to understand why. Many are quick to say it's the availability of weapons.

My take is this act by a 23-year-old occurred because evil continues to have strong influences. You don't have to go very far to realize that some of the influences come from social media, TV, video games and a strong attraction to violent movies.

Most of us think our churches today are safe, yet many of the larger churches are hiring guards in and out of uniform.

It's time for us to wake up, to find solutions and to recognize early warning signs. I have asked a retired school administrator and a long-time teacher if they would report a student if they saw something unusual and both of them said, "Yes." We need to say something if you see something.

What about parents when they sense there is something unusual, strange or out of the ordinary happening with a child? Do they always do something and get help? In nearly every case, upon investigation there have been warning signs from family and friends. We need to take mental illness very seriously and get people help.

There are issues regarding guns, but we can pass all kinds of laws about

guns. Some laws may be overdue, but if someone wants a gun to murder people, they can get one or multiple. They can buy it, steal it, or borrow one from a friend who is either willing to assist with hate crimes or is completely oblivious to plans.

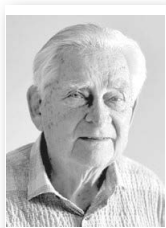
When grieving, I look to these Bible verses. Proverbs 2:6 "The Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." John 16:13 "When he the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all truth."

Parents, grandparents and influencers, bring up your children in the ways of the Lord. Encourage them to continue learning from God's word and to attend and participate in churches of your choice.

Remember, parents, you need to be aware of what your children are watching on social media and to seek friends who have faith and morals.

This is an awakening. Take it seriously. Learn to forgive. Pray for those who are suffering from this terrible killing and injuring of innocent children. May God provide His richest blessings.

Romans 8:38-39: "Neither death nor life, nor angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



About the Town
Gene Johnson

1954 CLASS REUNION

My White Bear High School class of 1954 celebrates annually on the third Thursday of September. This year we are not having a formal program, but rather a gathering for lunch in the dining room at Rudy's Redeye Grill at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. Our graduating class had 120 students and today we estimate that there are 40 to 50 of us remaining, but each year it's getting smaller. I hope if classmates are reading this, you will sign up to attend. It's still worth celebrating.

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Prioritizing safety together

Students learn best when they feel safe. A secure, supportive environment is essential to academic, social, and emotional growth. At North Branch Area Public Schools, we believe safety is the foundation for learning, and is a responsibility we all share.

As we return to school, our soft start to the year through Welcome Days, orientations, and early relationship building reflects our commitment to creating safe and welcoming spaces. These first days are more than just a transition back to class, they are an opportunity to establish shared responsibility for school safety and ensure every student feels seen, supported, and prepared.

Our strong partnership with the North Branch Police Department plays a vital role in school safety. With a full-time School Resource Officer on campus, we benefit from both enhanced safety and the positive relationships the officer builds with students, staff, and families. Trained crossing guards provide additional protection during arrival and dismissal times, helping students safely navigate busy roads.

Clarity of expectations is one of the most effective tools we have for creating a safe and respectful environment. The Student-Parent Handbook serves as a key resource for outlining these expectations, and our Welcome Days give students a personalized and structured start to the school year. Staff members reinforce safety through student orientations, direct instruction on school policies and procedures, and bus safety training that helps students understand how to ride safely and responsibly. Clarity is kind, and when expectations are clear, students feel more secure and supported.

We also follow the Standard Re-



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Sara Paul

sponse Protocols developed by the I Love U Guys Foundation, which provide a common language and clear procedures for responding to a range of emergencies. These include Hold, which keeps hallways clear while classes continue as normal, and Secure, which brings everyone inside while the school remains locked due to an external concern. The protocols also cover more serious responses such as Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. These procedures are well established and practiced by all staff and students, ensuring a strong foundation for emergency response.

Safety goes beyond physical well-being. It includes emotional and relational awareness as well. Trained social workers and individual therapy services are available at every school in our district, providing essential mental health support to students who need it.

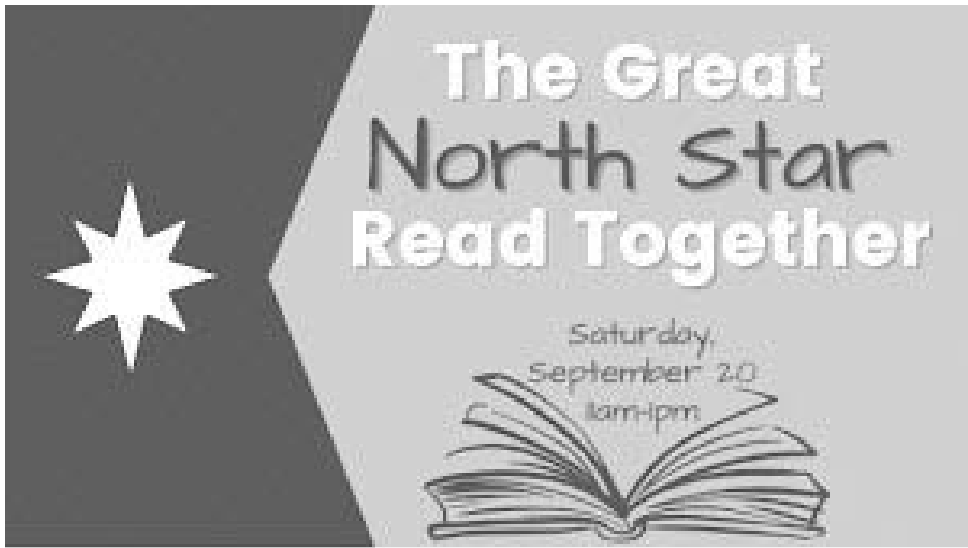
One of the most powerful tools we have is communication. People noticing and speaking up is essential. If something feels off, say something. Whether it is a student sharing a concern with a teacher or a parent reaching out to staff, every voice matters. It is often these small acts of awareness and courage that prevent harm and keep our schools safe.

Our vigilance in ensuring that schools are safe and that students feel safe is ongoing work. It is not a box we check at the start of the year, but a daily responsibility we share as educators, families, students, and community members.

By maintaining strong partnerships, clear expectations, and open lines of communication, we create an environment where every student can thrive. When students feel safe and supported, they are free to explore their unique gifts and talents and to see the many open doors ahead of them. Together, through partnership, we achieve our mission of inspiring each student to realize their full potential and future possibilities.

Skol! Vikings!

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



Minnesotans invited to statewide read-in to celebrate libraries

Libraries across Minnesota will host The Great North Star Read Together on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., inviting residents to show their support by reading in public spaces.

The all-ages event encourages participants to bring a book, grab a chair, and read for any length of time, from five minutes to the full two hours. Libraries aim to spotlight the roles they play as community gathering spots, learning hubs, and safe spaces.

In Cambridge, the event will take place outside on the west lawn of the Cambridge Public Library, with an indoor option in case of rain.

The Minnesota Library Association will recognize the library with the

highest attendee-to-resident ratio during its conference in October.

Organizers said the statewide read-in is a simple but powerful way to highlight the value of libraries. Events across Minnesota can be found at <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/great-northstarreadtogether/home> ~ East Central Regional Library



Drivers reminded to stop 20 feet from school buses

Question: With school back in session, can you talk about school bus safety and what motorists need to know?

Answer: School buses have yellow and red lights that flash alternately to warn drivers they are stopping to load or unload students.

Bus drivers will activate flashing yellow lights at least 100 feet before a school bus stops in a speed zone of 35 mph or less. They will activate the lights at least 300 feet before it stops in a speed zone of more than 35 mph. It is against the law to pass on the right side of a school bus while it is displaying red or yellow



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

flashing lights.

Flashing red lights warn drivers that the school bus is loading or unloading students. When you see a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing and its stop arm extended, you must stop your vehicle at least 20 feet from the bus.

Regardless of whether you are facing the front or back of the bus, you must remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted, and the red lights stop flashing. If you don't, you can be charged with a misdemeanor. If convicted, you must pay a fine of at least \$500 and lose your driving privileges.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

OBITUARIES

Mark Timothy Vidor

Mark Timothy “Tim” or “Skinny” Vidor, a loving husband, devoted father, and generous friend, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2025, at the age of 59, surrounded by his family.

Tim was born on September 1, 1966, in Cambridge, Minnesota, to Philip “Mark” and Janice (Le-Tourneau) Vidor. He grew up in Braham, graduating from Westview High School in 1985. Braham remained his home until he met the love of his life, Heidi (Lenarz), in November of 1987. They later married on June 10, 1995. Together they built a life in Cambridge, raising two children, Cory and Jessica, who were his greatest pride and joy. Tim also loved their cat, Max, who held a special place in his heart and would be found traveling with them, especially to the cabin.

Tim dedicated 34 years of his life to Bauerly Ready-Mix (Knife River), beginning as a hardworking teenager, graduating to concrete truck driver, and eventually becoming the plant manager of the Isanti facility. After 13 years of leadership in the concrete industry, he shifted gears, joining Menards where he enjoyed new challenges in both the Electrical and Building Materials departments.

Beyond work, Tim found joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. He loved spending time at the family cabin on Lake Vermilion—relaxing on the dock, boating, fishing, and hunting in the Cook area. Tim enjoyed golfing with the family. He was a longtime member of the Braham Sportsman’s Club and was known for his iconic red shotgun known as “Big Red”. He was a proud Vikings fan, a loyal Twins supporter, and a NASCAR enthusiast. He never missed a Vikings game, was there for the unforgettable “Minnesota Miracle,” and cherished a trip to Lambeau Field with his brother and nephews to watch the Vikings take on the Packers. Tim was a dedicated NASCAR fan, enjoying trips to Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Kansas City Speedway with friends and family. This past February, he was thrilled to check off a longtime goal - attending the Daytona 500.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents; sister Vicki Olson; father and mother-in-law Ralph (Angela) Lenarz; special relatives, Jim Heglund and Ray and Carol Pohto.

He is survived by his wife Heidi; children Cory Vidor (Cameron Winkleblack) and Jessica Vidor (Jacob Flom); brothers, Mitch (Gini) Vidor and Luke (Robyn) Vidor; brothers-in-law Dennis Olson and Mike (Tracey) Lenarz; beloved nieces and nephews, Kelli, Katie, Erin, Anna, Emily, Jamie, Josh, Derek, Tyler, Sydney, and Sophie; many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Braham. Memorial Visitation will be held from 4 -7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel in Braham and again one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10 a.m. at church. Inurnment will be in the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Braham. A Luncheon will follow the services. Memorials are preferred to the Braham Sportsman Club. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes- Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.hamiltonfhs.com.

In Loving Memory of Wayne Thomas Koshenina

Born December 17, 1946- Passed May 7, 2025

With deep sadness and abiding love, we announce the passing of Wayne Koshenina, who died peacefully on May 7 at the age of 78.

Born in Bakersfield, CA, Wayne lived a life grounded in strength, humility, and an unshakable love for his family and passions.

He worked for many years in telecommunications, where his dedication, unbelievable work ethic, and steady presence left a lasting mark.

A lifelong aviation enthusiast, he was a skilled pilot and a beloved flight instructor who took great pride in helping others experience the joy of flying. He also

had a deep and often tested love for the Minnesota Gophers basketball team. He never missed a chance to cheer them on, whether in victory or defeat.

In his early years, Wayne was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany. He served with honor and brought the lessons of that time into all aspects of his life.

In 2020, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, a challenge he met with the same quiet courage and grace he carried throughout his life. Even in his later years, his incredible wit, warmth, and love for his family continued to shine through.

He is survived by his wife, Merhyl, his daughters, Amber (Michael) and Annie (Also Michael-but we swear, it’s a different man!), his grandchildren, Jackson (24), Gavin (22), Mia (18), Matthias (16), Michaela (14), and Juliette (12), and his siblings Joan and Jerry.

Though his wishes were for cremation, it is believed that if he were to have had a traditional burial, he would’ve wanted players from the Minnesota Gophers basketball team to serve as pallbearers-so they could let him down one last time.

His legacy lives on in every soaring flight, every tip-off, and every heart he touched. He may be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

Please join us in a Celebration of Life for Wayne on Friday, September 19 from 4-8 p.m. at the Isanti Community Center.

Kathy Sue (Engblom) Zeroth

Kathy Sue (Engblom) Zeroth of Talkeetna, Alaska 66, passed away unexpectedly on August 19, 2025 at home. Kathy was born in Cambridge, MN on December 13, 1958 to Ellsworth and Mary Engblom. Survived by husband LeeRoy Zeroth, brothers and sister: John Zemke (Mary), Marshall Engblom (Mary), Vernon Engblom (Debra), David Engblom (Linda), Brad Engblom (Sandy), Helen Nestrud (Ron) and Darren Engblom. She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings: James Zemke, Jerome Zemke, Jack Zemke, and Marsha Engblom.

Kathy met the love of her life at their workplace and they were married in Princeton, MN. They both loved

outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and camping. They decided to find more of the outdoors and moved to Alaska in 1988. After working various jobs including the Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup, they purchased land near Gold Creek, AK where they built a cabin. They eventually moved to a homestead near Talkeetna, AK. Kathy worked at the Alaskan Lodge until retirement. She enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, caring for her chickens, and hosting potluck parties with friends and neighbors. Kathy had a big heart being a caregiver to her husband, helping neighbors when needed and assisting an elderly friend. Kathy always stayed in contact with her Minnesota siblings even arranging family vacations. Kathy and LeeRoy loved Alaska but also loved to travel to other places like Hawaii, Mexico, Africa, and the lower 48 where they included some hunting and fishing.

Kathy will be missed by LeeRoy, her family and friends.

Janie Lizbeth (Thompson) Pearson

Janie Lizbeth (Thompson) Pearson, age 73 of Cambridge, Minnesota passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 3, 2025

On November 14, 1951, Janie Lizbeth (Thompson) Pearson, was born into the military family of Colonel James and Beverley Thompson, in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. She and her brother Mark enjoyed a childhood which involved multiple moves into France and Germany when they were quite young and then later to a different state almost every year through their college years. Janie always thought the life of an army brat was colorful and enriching, with far more pros than cons.

While attending her sophomore year at UC Berkeley,

she was approached by two staff women with Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC, now called Cru), and, for the first time, had the gospel of Christ explained to her. It was quite unsettling as she truly knew nothing about Christianity! But the loving woman she began meeting with was happy to help answer her questions. To this day she will always be grateful to CCC for helping her understand that God is a God of love and was the One who wanted a personal relationship with her.

She worked for a year after college, joined the staff of Campus Crusade, and then spent six years in Illinois, first working with students at the University of Illinois in Champagne, Urbana and then, later, for four years at Evanston IL, at Northwestern University.

She and Dave met as he was finishing up his residency in Duluth. Janie and Dave married in 1981, and, instead of constant moves, they enjoyed small town life in Cambridge, a wonderful place to raise their children, Jake and Molly. They loved the congregation of Stanchfield Baptist and then enjoyed many more years at First Baptist Church in Cambridge. She had various hobbies, including photography, reading, walking, knitting, women’s ministry and spending time with friends.

On top of the joy Dave, Jake and Molly brought to her, she also loved being a grandmother to William, Chester and Lisbeth. She took her grandkids on many outings and welcomed them for sleepovers and tea parties.

When Dave retired from the Cambridge Medical Center, they both felt led to the beautiful community of Surprise, Arizona and fell in love with the people they met there. Little did they know how much they would enjoy spending winters in beautiful Arizona and coming back for cooler Minnesota summers.

In Janie’s words: “What a joy to make such great friends in Surprise, AZ, continue deep friendships with our Cambridge “family,” and begin some new ones at Renovation Church in Blaine. Relationships are everything...first with Jesus, then with friends in the body of Christ. Nothing better! We are so grateful to God for all His goodness to us. My journey with cancer has brought me closer to Him and revealed even more of His love for me personally. We so treasure each and every relationship. Thank you!”

Preceded in death by her parents, James and Beverley Thompson.

Survived by her loving husband, David Pearson; son, Jake Pearson; daughter, Molly (Patrick) Vesperman; grandchildren, William, Chester, and Lisbeth Vesperman; brother, Mark Thompson; sister-in-law, Marilyn (Curt) Winsor; nephew, Andy Winsor; nieces, Maggie Larson, Salina Schroeder, and Alicia Moore.

Memorial Service 11 a.m. Thursday, September 11, 2025 at Renovation Church in Blaine. Visitation one hour before the service.

Memorials preferred to: Recycled Lives PO Box 408, Cambridge MN 55008 or Cebu Shelter Home, PO Box 247, Cambridge, MN 55008

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Condolences at: carlsonlillemoen.com

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OBITUARIES CONTINUED

Emilie Jane Good

Emilie Good, age 84, of North Branch died peacefully at home September 1, 2025.

Emilie Jane Good was born October 2, 1940 in Dakota, Illinois to Clarence and Grace (Lameyer) Last. She graduated from Dakota High School in 1957.

On December 31, 1981 Emilie married Russell Good at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington, Minnesota. They made their home in several places including Green Isle, MN, Grand Marais, MN and Black River Falls, WI, before moving to North Branch in 2008. Emilie was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Weber and was active in their Altar Guild. She was a fabulous cook and enjoyed nature and watching birds.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Russell; daughter, Teri (Jeff) Rasmussen; step-sons, Mike (Roxanne) Good and Robert (Wendy) Good; grandson, Tyler Bloom; step-grandchildren, Thomas, James, Evelyn and Nora Good; brother, Marvin Last; and by many other relatives and friends.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by a son, David Sorn; and seven siblings.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 13 at St. John Lutheran Church in Weber. A time for visiting will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery in North Branch. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](#).



CONTRIBUTED

Enchanted Quill opens doors in North Branch

Owners and North Branch Chamber of Commerce members cut the ribbon Saturday, Sept. 6, to celebrate the grand opening of The Enchanted Quill, a new independent bookstore and tabletop gaming venue in the North Branch Outlet Mall..

Margaret “Mardi” Eleanor Jaques

Margaret “Mardi” Eleanor Jaques, 82, of North Branch, MN, passed away on September 1, 2025, at home, surrounded by loved ones. Mardi was born on September 6, 1942, in Minneapolis, MN, to Herluf and Dorothy Scott. She grew up with three brothers and one sister on a small farm in North Branch. She graduated from Cambridge High School. She met her husband Guy at a High school football game and married him on September 15, 1958. They were blessed in marriage for nearly 67 years. They had three children: Guy the third, Mike, and Cheryl. Mardi retired in 2003 from the State hospital after forty years of service.

She enjoyed their small pig and cattle farm, motorcycling, gardening, playing cards, and was an avid bowler for many years. She would say her biggest joy in life was her family. Between Mardi and Guy’s three kids, they were blessed with over 30 grand-great-grandchildren. She would always say how proud of them she was and that they were a blessing sent from heaven.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who played a crucial role in many of their grandchildren’s lives. They always had an open home, many grandchildren lived with Mardi and Guy throughout the years.

She was a loving, kind, and generous person who made friends wherever she went and enjoyed making people laugh. She once brought home a couple of strangers for a holiday dinner because they had nowhere to go. She will be missed deeply by her family, beloved dog Muffin, and all others who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Guy Jaques, Son Mike(Maria) Jaques, and daughter Cheryl Jaques, her brother Fred(Janice) Scott, and sister Joanne Ott, her grandchildren Melanie Letourneau(Steve), Jason (Nancy) Jaques, Jonathan Jaques, Paul Klein, Angie Klein, Gage Klein, Baliey Klein, Brandy (Eric) Peterson, Myke Hibben, Amber Medina, Ashley Leisering, Alician (Jose) Hernandez, Autumn Kiekhafer, Austin Kiekhafer and many great grand children along with many nephews, nieces and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at later date.



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Computer Towers, laptops, tablet, cell phones	No charge	Tires – Semi	\$17
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Printer, scanner, fax, typewriter, VCRs, DVD player	\$5	Mattresses- All (per)	\$25
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C-I, NB SCOREBOARD SEPTEMBER 4 - 9

September 4
C-I girls tennis at Monticello - postponed
C-I girls soccer 0, St. Francis 4
C-I boys soccer 3, St. Francis 3
C-I girls swim & dive 86, Chisago Lakes 100
*1st place finishers: Anika Michaelis (diving), Alison Willits (100 backstroke), 200 freestyle relay (tie),
C-I volleyball 0, Forest Lake 3
NB boys cross country @ Pine City Invite
*Top finisher: Nathanael Damiani (15th place)
NB girls cross country @ Pine City Invite
*Top finisher: Lily Stelmack (25th place)
NB girls tennis x, Becker x
NB boys soccer 0, Monticello 4
NB girls soccer 2, Monticello 2
NB volleyball 3, Cloquet 0

September 5
C-I football 42, Chisago Lakes 13
NB football 36, Hibbing 0

September 6
C-I girls tennis 3, Blaine 4
C-I girls tennis 7, Andover 0
C-I volleyball 0, Proctor 2
C-I volleyball 0, Princeton 2
C-I volleyball 0, Esko 2
C-I volleyball 2, Rock Ridge 0
C-I boys cross country @ Monticello Invite
*Top finisher: Hunter Jacobson (4th place)
C-I girls cross country @ Monticello Invite
*Top finisher: Makenna Sjoberg (4th place)
C-I boys soccer 1, Willmar 1
NB volleyball 2, Rock Ridge 0
NB volleyball 2, Rochester John Marshall 0
NB volleyball 2, Hermantown 0
NB volleyball 1, Princeton 2

September 8
C-I boys soccer 4, Big Lake 1
*Xander Levitski: 2 goals
C-I girls soccer 0, Big Lake 3
NB girls soccer 0, St. Francis 0
NB boys soccer 4, St. Francis 4

September 9
C-I girls tennis vs. St. Francis - postponed to Sept. 18
C-I girls swim & dive 94, Milaca 92
*1st place finishers: Carly Asmussen (100 butterfly), Maddy O'Brien (500 freestyle), 200 freestyle relay, Alison Willits (100 backstroke), 400 freestyle relay (clinches team win)
C-I volleyball 0, Duluth East 3
NB boys cross country @ Mora Invite
*Top finisher: Joseph Damiani (28th place)
NB girls cross country @ Mora Invite
*Top finisher: Lily Stelmack (33rd place)
NB girls tennis at Chisago Lakes - postponed to Sept. 26
NB volleyball 1, Monticello 3



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

Cambridge-Isanti's Brayden Furlong positions himself to control a high-bouncing ball in front of Big Lake's William Priest.



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

C-I's Brody Estrada (#5), Grant Oliver (#54) and Gus Knowlton (#51) converge on Chisago Lakes' Diesel Lundeen for a gang tackle.



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

C-I's Brianna Dickey receives a serve during the Bluejackets' match against Proctor at the North Branch Invite.



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

C-I's Alison Willits took first place in the 100 backstroke during both the Chisago Lakes and Milaca meets.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH HOME SCHEDULES: SEPTEMBER 11 - 20

Below are the scheduled dates for the home competitions for each of the Cambridge-Isanti and North Branch fall sports. To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.mississippi8.org. Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

Thursday, Sept. 11
•C-I girls soccer vs. Monticello (5 p.m.)
•C-I boys soccer vs. Monticello (7 p.m.)
•NB girls tennis vs. C-I (4 p.m.)
•NB boys soccer vs. Big Lake (5 p.m.)

•NB girls soccer vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 12
•NB football vs. Cloquet (7 p.m.)

Monday, Sept. 15
•C-I girls tennis vs. Chisago Lakes (4 p.m.)
•C-I volleyball vs. Blaine (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 16
•C-I girls tennis vs. Becker (4 p.m.)
•C-I volleyball vs. Chisago Lakes (7 p.m.)
•NB volleyball vs. Becker (7 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 18
•C-I girls tennis vs. St. Francis (4 p.m.)
•C-I girls swimming & diving vs. Monticello (5:30 p.m.)
•C-I volleyball vs. Princeton (7 p.m.)
•NB girls tennis vs. Monticello (4 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 19
•C-I football vs. Spring Lake Park (7 p.m.)
•NB football vs. Rock Ridge (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 20
•NB girls soccer vs. Cloquet (1 p.m.)

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REFERENDUM: District will consult community with either election result

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Rudolph also pointed to the 2021 successful operating levy referendum, noting the final impact on taxpayers was lower than what the district had been quoting heading into that vote.

“There are a lot of assumptions built into the project costs and they are very conservative,” Kampa said.

Does that mean if projects continue to come in under estimated costs, the district would come up with additional projects? Kampa acknowledged legally, the district could do that. However, it would not happen until after all the bids were received, in case projects started going over budget. And it wouldn’t happen without additional community input.

“We’ve structured this to be maximum flexibility to be as beneficial to the community,” Kampa said. “We also have the capability to lessen the tax impact.”

“That’s part of being fiscally conservative,” Rudolph added. “We manage the money so we do what we say and we say what we do. Chris is always tasked with that.”

QUESTION 1 FAILS

It should come as no surprise to anyone, if question 1 fails, there will most likely be another referendum vote. What that referendum would look like, or when it would be put up for a public vote, however, is unknown even by the district.

“We would go back to the community,” Rudolph said. “We would go to our community and say ‘we still have these needs.’ We would ask our community task force ‘how are we going to do this?’ Because the needs won’t go away. We have the responsibility of taking care of our community assets. If the community said no to this, what would be the next iteration and we will likely come back (with another referendum) because there is not another way to fix this level of issues.”

Based on state statute, a second referendum vote asking for the same amount of bond money cannot be held until at least 180 days after the first election. Based on that, the earliest a second bond referendum election could be held would be the second Tuesday in May, 2026.

According to Kampa, one thing that won’t happen should question 1 fails is property owners seeing an immediate decrease in their taxes. While there is debt that will be coming off the books from previous bonds, the amount varies from year-to-year, with the next two years seeing minimal decreases.

Kampa said the district is not bonding the entire amount all at once. Rather, they will bond in phases that mirror the varied amounts of the old bonds. After the initial increase the first year (\$5 per month for question 1 or \$16 per month for both questions on a \$300,000 home), the total amount of money homeowners will pay for the school district’s debt will be the same each year — assuming there is no change in their property value.

“The projects will get more expensive,” Kampa said. “And we’re going to get further behind on deferred maintenance.”

“Additionally, our students and community members will continue to lose out on opportunities,” Thayer Anderson said. “We will have to continue to make really hard decisions on what programs will not continue.”

QUESTION 1 PASSES, QUESTION 2 FAILS

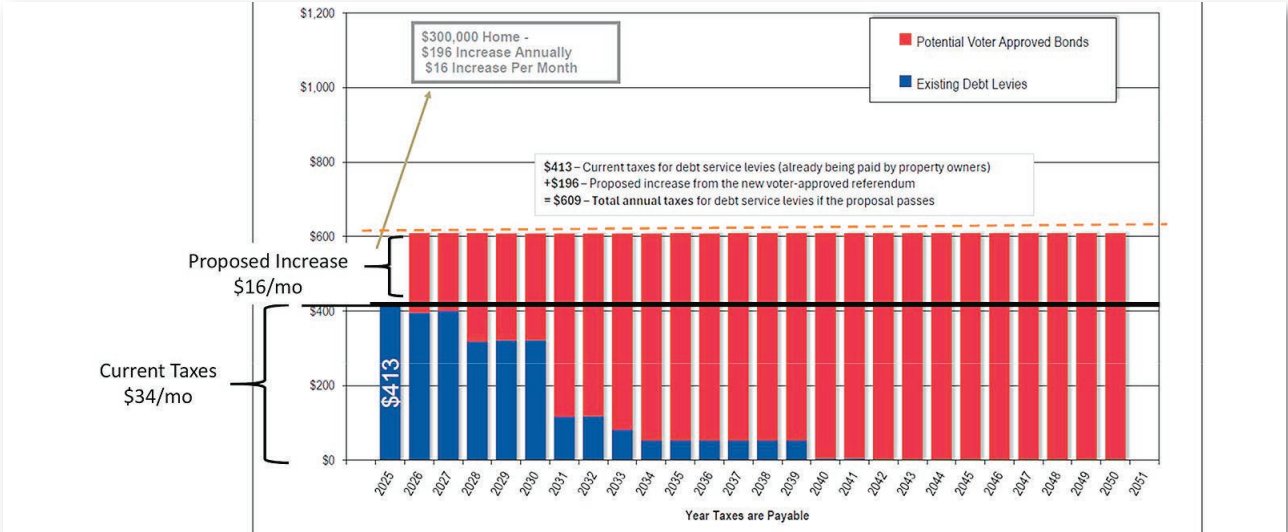
But what if question 2, which deals with the construction of a fieldhouse, plus other projects directly related to it, fails while question 1 passes?

According to Rudolph, it is possible another referendum may be called exclusively to consider the same or a scaled-down version. Again, though, that would be entirely up to the discretion of the Facilities Committee and other community members.

“We are doing the community’s work right now,” Rudolph said. “If the community gives us different feedback through the referendum, we would continue to re-engage them and ask them to give us more guidance and we will do that work for them. It all comes down to what the community wants us to do and we execute that.”

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Chris Kampa
Cambridge-Isanti Schools
Finance Director



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The above graph shows how the district plans to add new debt (in red) at the same rate as old debt (in blue) expires following the initial increase in 2026. This means property taxes that go to pay off debt will remain constant for the 25 years of the new bond.



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Braham Mayor seeks Republican endorsement for state auditor

BY HOPE MURRAY
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Braham Mayor Nate George will seek the Republican endorsement for the position of state auditor.

George will vie for the position currently held by State Auditor Julie Blaha, who will not be running for reelection in 2026.

“If I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to become the Republican endorsed candidate, then it is an all-out statewide campaign and race to the November 2026 ballot box,” George said. “The current incumbent ... has announced she will not run for re-election, so it is an open seat up for grabs. “Unless another Republican challenger stays in the race, then it would go to a primary next August, and the Republican candidate with the most votes would go on to the November election from there. I already have grassroots bipartisan support and am confident my values and views on the responsibilities of this office will resonate with most Minnesotans. Ground work has already begun leading up to the caucuses and endorsing conventions next spring.”

Minnesota State Rep. Dan Wolgamott, DFL-St. Cloud, announced his intention to run for auditor shortly after Blaha’s announcement. Wolgamott pleaded guilty in October 2023 to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated

during an incident on July 7, 2023, in Kanabec County.

Republican Rep. Elliott Engen of White Bear Township is reportedly considering a run for auditor as well, according to Axios.

COMMON SENSE

George, who was elected mayor of Braham in November 2022, said his choice to throw his hat into the auditor’s ring was similar to how he got into local politics: He was asked.

“People tell me they like my leadership and common-sense approach to government and admire the financial turnaround we were able to make here with the city of Braham’s finances,” George said. “Our state representatives have also encouraged me to run for state office, and this would be a good fit given my experience with local finances and budgeting, auditing, state government, running government agencies, and compliance (and) regulation experience.”

George noted the primary focus of the state auditor is to audit and monitor compliance of local units of government, such as townships, cities, counties and school boards.

“They also audit and monitor compliance for state agencies that receive federal funding,” he said. “My experience relates directly to this role in many ways, from managing and overseeing the city budget and audit requirements,

to leading government agencies like the city of Braham and as the director of licensing and investigations with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe – Office of Gaming Regulation & Compliance.

“I also have executive-level experience in the private sector, as well as in the military serving on a headquarters staff,” he added. “I worked for the state at the Capitol for almost six years, have over a decade of experience in my current role and previous roles with interpreting and enforcing government regulation and compliance, as well as conducting and leading criminal and administrative investigations stemming from complaints or audit findings.”

George has university degrees in business management, law enforcement and criminal justice, and he is working on a Master of Law and paralegal certification at Hamline University, which he expects to obtain in May 2026.

“With so much fraud happening at the state level, Minnesotans want someone who can bring accountability and integrity back to the state auditor’s office,” he said. “Not only do I have a ton of experience rooting out fraud, criminal activity and inefficiencies in government, my character aligns with the values I mentioned that taxpayers want.”

George is married and the father of five. In addition to his position as mayor and his job with the Mille Lacs

Band of Ojibwe, he is preparing to retire after 20 years with the U.S. Air Force Reserve; his military service includes three combat deployments, one non-combat deployment and 19 decorations.

NO AMBITION

George contends that his success in politics can be attributed to his lack of political ambition.

“I am not a polished politician looking for a career,” he said. “I am a blue-jean-wearing, every-day family guy and veteran, who pays taxes and (is) raising a family while being tired of rampant corruption, fraud and incompetence in government.

“I am involved in politics because I simply answered the call to service when asked, knowing it was the right thing to do. My interest in taking on the next challenge is simply to do the right thing, and instill trust and accountability in state government and local government. My motivation is always what is best and what is legal, for the People, and are their tax dollars being spent honestly, for the right reasons. We need to do a better job as citizens electing people into office with these values, regardless of what party they belong to in the end, because complacency is what breeds fraud.”

Cedergren family nurtures soil and conservation ethic

Rick Cedergren grew up on a dairy farm in southern Chisago County but never planned to make farming his career. He holds three degrees but jokes that he has never used any of them.

After high school, Cedergren studied music at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He earned a master’s degree in New Testament studies from Luther Seminary and a two-year degree in Food Science and Technology from Dunwoody College. He worked at General Mills and lived in north Minneapolis but became disillusioned with the food industry. His wife, Sarah, suggested they find a farm.

In 2016, the Cedergrens purchased 37 acres in North Branch, naming it Chain Lake Pastures. They began converting row crops to pasture and pollinator habitat while planting a windbreak to prevent runoff and erosion. Today, pigs graze 3.5 acres of old growth oaks, and a mobile chicken enclosure supports 70 to 100 laying hens. The couple also raises a small herd of Randall Lineback cattle, a colonial breed from the 1700s and 1800s that is now considered critically endangered.

Rick Cedergren practices regenerative agriculture,

a holistic approach aimed at improving soil, water, and ecosystem health. The method cycles grazing, nutrient deposition, and resting to restore balanced microbiota and promote plant growth and moisture retention.

His conservation work led him to join the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District board in 2023. He was elected last fall to serve a full four-year term. The SWCD provides education and technical support to help landowners implement conservation practices.

The Cedergrens’ connection to the SWCD runs deep. When the organization was established in 1950, Cedergren’s great uncle, John Cedergren, was one of the first three board supervisors and later worked for the Blue Earth SWCD in Mankato.

Rick Cedergren said he is encouraged by the diversity of experience on the board and the growing number of local farmers using conservation practices, including cover crops and no-till farming. He said many new farmers and homesteaders are willing to take action to improve their soil and water even outside of government programs.

This fall, the Chisago SWCD celebrates its 75th



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Chain Lake Pastures in North Branch.

anniversary, and Cedergren is proud to continue a family tradition of growing healthy food and soil in northern Chisago County.

Angie Hong coordinates the East Metro Water Education Program, a partnership with 30 members in Chisago, Isanti, and Washington counties. More information is available at www.mnwcd.org/emwrep

GREEN THUMB – Lawn & Garden Guide

SEPTEMBER GARDEN CHECKLIST

Perplexed about your peonies? Lawn got you down? Tune into our WCCO Radio “Smart Gardens” show on Saturdays, 8-9 a.m., for answers to your lawn and garden questions. Dial in AM 830 on your radio or ask your smart speaker. Or listen to Smart Gardens podcasts when you have the time.

Pests and diseases

Composting in home gardens is a great way to keep valuable nutrients and soil-building materials in your garden, and potentially save you money if you typically buy compost for your garden.

However, do not add diseased plant material to your home compost pile at the end of the growing season. Your home compost pile likely does not heat up high or long enough to kill most pathogens. Diseased plant material should be placed in a yard waste bin that is taken to a

facility with temperature control.

Learn more about composting and managing organic waste in Minnesota from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Trees and shrubs

Water trees and shrubs if we experience a dry spell or drought-like conditions going into winter.

Dry soil cools down faster than moist soil, and plant roots need to slowly acclimate to colder temperatures to avoid damage.

Take the time to learn about proper watering techniques for trees and shrubs. Watering deeply and infrequently, such as once a week, is better than watering shallowly and more frequently.

You may not know that watering established trees and shrubs differs from watering newly planted trees and shrubs.

Flowers and other garden plants

Order spring-flowering bulbs and garlic this month. Wait to plant the bulbs until the end of this month if you live further north, and until midway through next month if you live further south. Bulbs need to establish their roots before the ground freezes to grow well the following spring.

Lawn

As we transition from the summer heat to September, our lawns are primed for making the biggest possible improvements. September is the most critical month of the year for our lawns.

According to the Lawn Care Calendar, this is the very best time to fertilize, aerate, control broadleaf weeds, and establish or renovate a new lawn using seed.

The best defense against weeds and other pests is a dense and healthy turf. The best way of getting a dense and healthy turf is by promoting it with the best management practices in the early fall.

Other tasks

Stop watering your amaryllis, bring it inside, and place it in a dark, cool place for a few months if you want it to bloom during the holidays. This “resting” period signals to the bulb to send up a flowering stalk when it is watered and put in a sunny location in a few months.

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DNR, conservation groups purchase Fiedler property for hunting, recreation

BY HOPE MURRAY
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A parcel of land just north of the city of Braham in Grass Lake Township is now part of the Rice Creek Wildlife Management Area.

That land, sold to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources by Don and Kathy Fiedler and their son Shaun, will be available to the public for hunting and other recreational activities.

The sale was made possible through funding partnerships between the DNR and several local conservation groups.

Tim Marion, DNR area wildlife manager serving Isanti, Chisago, Mille Lacs and Kanabec Counties, said the parcel is just over 220 acres. The acquisition was five years in the making.

Landowner Shaun Fiedler got the process going when he reached out through a mutual friend of Marion's.

"That's how 80% of our land acquisitions start is that the landowner contacts us," Marion said.

For the state of Minnesota to acquire a property, Marion said, "It takes a long time." In general, it can take approximately 18 months to ensure all state laws and county ordinances are followed and the title of the land is clear.

"But first of all, we need to have a willing seller, and we have to have a very patient seller," Marion said. "The Fiedler family was extremely patient."

Shaun Fiedler first approached the Kanabec County Board of Commis-

sioners in November 2020. County commissioners then expressed concern over the DNR's takeover of land in the county and questioned the loss of taxes on the land.

The main concern for all county boards, Marion said, is how the property taxes will be paid. Because the DNR works with a state program called Payment in Lieu of Taxes, the state compensates a county for the loss of tax base from state ownership of land. The DNR calculates the payments based on a legislatively set formula. Kanabec County receives PILT money annually from more than 20,000 acres of state-owned, natural resource lands.

PARTNERS

When the DNR acquires land from a farm family or other landowner, it often pays for it through a partnership with other organizations interested in wildlife and land conservation. In this case, the DNR received funding from the Kanabec and Isanti County chapters of Pheasants Forever; the East Central Spurs chapter of Pheasants Forever out of Pine County; the Snake River Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association; The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association State Habitat Committee; and Reinvest in Minnesota. The Isanti County Sportsmen's Club donated a log bollard to prevent visitors from driving into the new sign.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 6, the Fiedler family and representatives

from the DNR and the various conservation groups met at the acreage to dedicate the Don and Kathy Fiedler Addition to the Rice Creek Wildlife Management Area.

"Today, we're here to celebrate two things," said Will Clayton, regional representative for Pheasants Forever. "226 brand new acres open to public hunting and the public's enjoyment, and the partners that put it here."

Clayton noted the four tenets of Pheasants Forever: create wildlife habitat, create public access, fight for sound conservation policy, and increase the number of people who want to enjoy the culture of hunting and wildlife enjoyment.

"Thanks to the support of our partners, we are able to celebrate the accomplishment of all four of those strategic priorities," Clayton said. "To achieve anything meaningful in conservation, it takes people. Pheasants Forever, at its core, is a grassroots volunteer conservation organization, and we would be nothing without the dedication of our volunteers."

"This tract is another great example of what can happen when the conservation community comes together."

KUDOS

Marion told those assembled that he was impressed with the acreage when he first saw it, noting, "226 acres is a lot of acres without any development on it. Nothing. And it worked out really

well, and without willing sellers, these projects would never happen."

He offered praise to the various conservation and sportsmen groups who were involved in the process.

"They make my job a lot easier, and without them, this wouldn't have happened," Marion said.

Alex Gerhardson, president of the Isanti County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, told the group that even though the property is not in Isanti County, it was necessary for his chapter to assist with funding the purchase as the acreage will serve people throughout the state of Minnesota. He pointed to his daughter, who was in attendance, and said, "That's why we do it, right there. It's for generations to come."

He also praised Marion for his planting of prairie grasses and immature trees on the land, and he thanked the Kanabec County Board for approving the land sale.

Shaun Fiedler spoke on behalf of his family, thanking all of the partners. He was touched that his parents' names would forever be associated with the land once farmed by his grandfather.

"(They were) able to put their names on this park ... so that my kids and my grandchildren will be able to come and see that," he said. "We took a little piece of this beautiful county and saved it for everyone."

Minnesota DNR asks upland bird hunters to voluntarily log hunting activities

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is inviting upland bird hunters to voluntarily log details about their hunts for grouse, woodcock, pheasants, prairie chickens and partridge.

"We're working with bird hunters to improve our understanding of what they see in the field," said Nate Huck, migratory gamebird consultant. "Their information will complement our existing monitoring efforts. We deeply appreciate hunters who take the time to share their observations."

Once the hunting seasons begin, bird hunters can use an upland bird hunting diary to share their observations. The diary is available in electronic form using web browser or app versions on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildlife/sightings/upland-field-log.html). Hunters can also print off a paper version of the diary and enter their hunts online at a later point.

Participating hunters will be asked to report information specific to each hunt including: date, species

pursued, if the hunter was using a dog, total hours hunted, number of birds flushed, number of birds harvested, and ages of any pheasants harvested.

Hunters are also asked to report the location of their hunt including: the county and if the hunt was on a wildlife management area, a hunter walking trail or a Walk-In Access program area.

This citizen science effort complements the DNR's once-a-year small game harvest survey to monitor upland game bird harvest. The harvest survey is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildlife/research/wildlife-research-publications.html#re-reports). While annual survey information is useful to estimate the total hunter effort and harvest of upland game birds, it does not provide specific, localized or season-long insights.

More information for hunters and instructions on how to participate in the upland bird hunting diary are available on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/wild-](http://mndnr.gov/wildlife/sightings/upland-field-log.html)



life/sightings/upland-field-log.html). - MNDNR

Cambridge

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Saturday, September 13

#1 – 27480 Univ Ave NW • Isanti

Sept. 11-13, 8am - 4pm

Family friendly sale; mens, women, kids items, household, antiques, kitchen, new in box, books, tools, canoe with paddles, and more

#2 – 2640 S Maple Dr • Cambridge

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#3 – 3502 Maple Dr S • Cambridge

Household, men's & women clothes, Squishmallows, funko furniture, trading cards, records, tools, other collectibles

#4 – 827 Birch St S • Cambridge

Multi-family vintage household, tools, clothing, mens, womens, kids, wine fridge, Pyrex, tools, a lot of misc

#5 – 1038 Honeysuckle Ln SE • Cambridge

Sept. 11 & 12, 8am - 5pm

Multi-family, guy stuff, tools, records, sports, Pokemon cards & more

#6 – 324 10th Ave SW • Cambridge

Thursday-Saturday Sept. 11-13, 9am - 5pm

Furniture, tools, clothes, Pepsi stuff, bikes, lawn mowers, misc

#7 – 440 319th Ave NE • Cambridge

Tools, toys, Halloween things, yard art, vintage collectibles, camping equipment, gardening supplies, and much more!

If you don't see it, ask, I might have it

#8 – 325 10th Ave SW • Cambridge

Lots of misc, many framed pictures, household items, some clothes

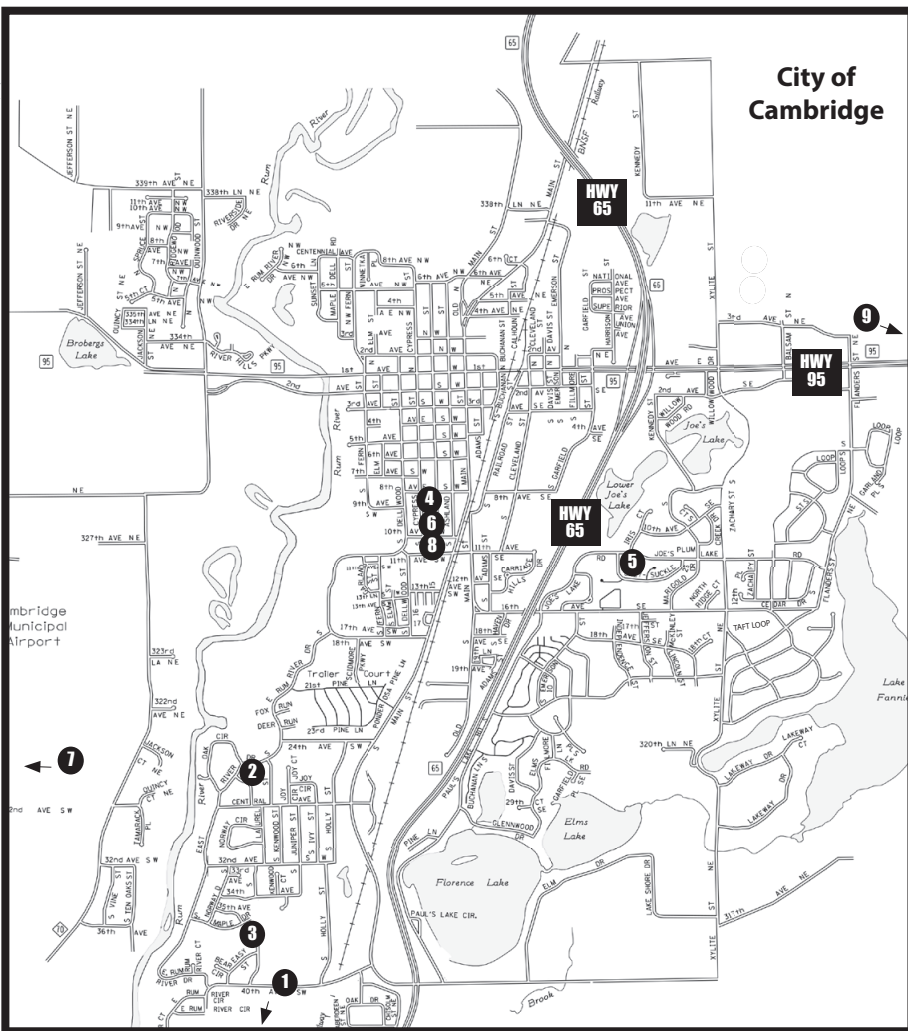
#9 – 32640 Skogman Lake Rd NE • Cambridge

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Saturday - most things 1/2 price



Talking extracurricular activities with University of Minnesota

Families are juggling classes and activities as school resumes. Kate Walker, youth development state specialist at University of Minnesota Extension, explains how after-school programs support learning and growth.

Q: Why are extracurriculars important for kids?

Walker: After school programs provide young people with safe and engaging opportunities to develop skills they need to thrive in work and life. They can explore interests, build skills beyond the school day and contribute to their communities. These development programs are unique spaces where young people engage in real-world projects, work in teams, take on meaningful challenges and experience the accompanying emotional ups and downs. This makes them a natural space for young people to learn, practice and reinforce a range of skills such as self-control, empathy, teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance.

Q: How can families find an activity

that's a good fit?

Walker: Start with your child's spark or passion. Are they interested in exploring coding, digging into gardening or serving on a youth leadership council? What causes give them purpose or direction? What people or places bring them energy or joy? Do they need homework help, outdoor time, opportunities for self-expression or connection to peers or caring adults? There is a program or project to fit all their needs and interests. 4-H clubs and opportunities in every Minnesota county and some tribal nations are a great place to start. Kids and families can learn more at extension.umn.edu/minnesota-4-h/about-4-H. They can also check with schools, community centers, libraries or youth-serving organizations like the YMCA or the Boys & Girls Club.

Q: What challenges do rural families face with after school activities?

Walker: Transportation is typically the biggest barrier, as rural areas often have sparse populations spread across

large geographic areas. Funding and staffing shortages can also be issues. While rural kids often participate in sports and music at comparable rates to their urban and suburban peers, the gap widens for special interest opportunities, such as those related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), due to limited access to resources and expertise. 4-H offers distance learning programs to explore, discover and make a difference right from your own home. And 4-H leadership events connect youth across the region, state or country.

Q: What impact does 4-H in MN?

Walker: University of Minnesota Extension has a long history of youth development leadership. We are best known for running Minnesota 4-H for more than 100 years. Minnesota 4-H is the largest youth development program in the state, offering hands-on learning for youth in kindergarten through one year post-high school. Last year Minnesota 4-H served 48,751 youth, and they

averaged seven years in our programs, more than twice the national average. Ninety-seven percent of Minnesota 4-H'ers believe they can make a difference in their communities, and 92% reported gaining confidence in their leadership through Minnesota 4-H.

Q: How does your work support quality youth programming across MN?

Walker: My work supports youth-serving organizations through research-based training and resources for adults who work with and on behalf of Minnesota's young people. Last year we facilitated 41 trainings for nearly 1,600 youth workers with strategies and skills to support positive youth development across the state and beyond. Our youth development curriculum library is a great resource for lessons and curricula on topics such as gardening and agriculture, social and emotional skills, healthy living, college readiness and STEM.

Kate Walker is a youth development state specialist at the University of Minnesota Extension.. ~ U of M Extension

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North Isanti Baptist Church

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763-689-3576.
8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

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10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
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410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
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springvalechurchmn.org

Sunrise Bible Church

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

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Website: isantiacc.org

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Evangelical Covenant

Karmel Covenant Church

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Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson
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Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Programming (school year only):
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org
Pastor Josh Jensen
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm
Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

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

Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95
www.wyanettevangelfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
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Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm
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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
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Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211
Traditional service: 8:30 a.m.
Contemp service: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
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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

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt
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Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge 763-689-4355
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Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576
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Sunday School 9am
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www.livingbranch.org
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Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315
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Sunday Schedule
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Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687
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8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road). 651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
8:15am Worship with fellowship following

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 Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623
Sunday 8:45am Worship
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
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.
10:30am Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
In person and online worship
8 & 10 am Worship
9 am Coffee Hour
9 am Sunday School
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

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The Journey New Life Church

601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
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FORECLOSURES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 10, 2020 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$238,400.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Larry D. Byars and Barbara F. Byars, Husband and Wife, and Lorrel Deanne Dewanz, An Unmarried Woman, as joint tenants MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Bay Equity LLC, its successors and assigns TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#:1006166-0004121453-8 SERVICER: BSI Financial Services LENDER: Bay Equity LLC. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on December 11, 2020, as Document No. A499107. ASSIGNED TO: SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/15/2025, recorded on 01/17/2025 as Document No. A535069. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 5, Rum River Meadows 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1206 Rum River Drive SW, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY I.D.: 16.111.0310 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and 80/100 (\$230,707.80) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on October 28, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2026, or the next business day if March 23, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: August 7, 2025 SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 23MN00045-3 A-4849246 08/07/2025, 08/14/2025, 08/21/2025, 08/28/2025, 09/04/2025, 09/11/2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 4, 2020 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$170,848.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Amy Helget and Hans Solberg, both single MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Bay Equity LLC, its successors and assigns TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#:1006166-0004098637-5 SERVICER: BSI Financial Services LENDER: Bay Equity LLC. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on May 11, 2020, as Document No. A492285. ASSIGNED TO: SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/06/2023 and recorded on 06/09/2023 as Document No. A523820.LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 9, Woodcrest Park, Isanti County, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 33560 Rochester St NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 PROPERTY I.D.: 03.058.0330 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight and 15/100 (\$160,198.15) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on October 28, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 2026, or the next business day if April 28, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: September 11, 2025 SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 25MN00142-1 A-4852242 09/11/2025, 09/18/2025, 09/25/2025, 10/02/2025, 10/09/2025, 10/16/2025

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NUMBER: 30-PR-25-55 CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

In re the Estate of Eugene V. Sitzmann, Jr a/k/a Eugene Valentine Sitzmann, Jr, Deceased (Ancillary Probate)

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

has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name: Leigh-Alexandra Basha
Address: 9002 Lupine Den Dr Vienna VA 22182

as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person

may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Attorney for Personal Representative
WILLIAM J BERENS
Attorney License No.: 7055
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
50 South Sixth Street
Suite 1500
Minneapolis MN 55402
Telephone: 612-340-2621
E-Mail: berens.bill@dorsey.com
Probate Registrar _____
Date 8/26/2025
Date Erin Boettcher
Date 8/26/2025

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 13-PR-25-104
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Stephen Michael Schwarten a/k/a Steve M. Schwarten, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 29, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Chisago County Courthouse, 313 N Main St, Center City, MN 55012, remotely by Zoom (contact Court Administration at (651) 257-1300 for instructions on how to attend), on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated May 4, 1988, and for the appointment of Jorie Bauerly, whose address is 16770 136th Ave., Milaca, MN 56353 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Dated: September 5, 2025
/s/ Bridgid E. Dowdal
Judge of District Court
Dated: September 5, 2025
/s/ Kris Cunningham
Court Administrator
LINDBERG LAW OFFICE, P.A.
Grant W. Lindberg
MN# 0347644
100 Buchanan St. N., Suite 2
Cambridge, MN 55008
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Facsimile: (763) 689-6819
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI IN DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Condemnation
Court File No.: 30-CV-25-508
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
TEND, LLC, et al.
Respondents.

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

To the Respondents hereinabove named:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on October 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge John D. Klossner, in the Courthouse at Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota, via remote hearing, the Petitioner will present a Petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. This hearing will not be in person at the Courthouse. Instructions for attending the remote hearing may be obtained from Isanti Court Administration. The remote hearing may be accessed by video at <https://Zoomgov.com/join>, or by phone at 833-568-8864. For either method, the Meeting ID is 160 612 4764 and the Meeting Password is 934219. A copy of the Petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that Petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to Petitioner of the parcels described in the Petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of November 13, 2025.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must VACATE THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 13, 2025. All advertising signs or devices located in the area being acquired must be removed by November 13, 2025.

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

Dated: June 11, 2025
KEITH ELISON
Attorney General
State of Minnesota
/s/Andrew Gross
ANDREW GROSS
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ISANTI
DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Condemnation

State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
TEND, LLC, Higgins RE Portfolio, LLC, Village Bank, Timothy Magnuson, Jacob Magnuson, County of Isanti, Kristine L. Yerigan, as trustee of Kristine L. Yerigan Trust, Lynne M. Lero, Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank, Sabrina J. Mills, James R. Herdina, Kimberly K. Bomstad, Matthew G. Swanepoel, Rebecca Larson Nash, Any unknown tenants or occupants of 117 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008, Connie L. Knispel, Maggi Nso Tarh, Paula Bananz Grauman, Higgins Homes, LLC, Falcon National Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to State Bank of Richmond and Community Pride Bank, Cameron Wilken, Susan Olson, MinnCo Credit Union, f/k/a Cambridge Co-op Credit Union, Arthur K. Volker, Leah W. Volker, RVDB, Inc., John R. Haase, Pamela R. Haase, Robert Haase, Stephanie Haase, Jean M. Jones-Edblade and Gary R. Edblad, as trustees of Jean M. Jones-Edblade Trust under Agreement dated October 17, 2019, Anytime Fitness, an unregistered entity, TTJ Properties, LLC, an inactive limited liability company, KWK Properties, LLC, North Metro Auto Sales LLC, Pine River State Bank, Monte Dybvig and Carol Dybvig, as trustees of The Dybvig Revocable Living Trust dated November 20, 2023, Local Pawn MN, LLC, Grandview Christian

Home, Mill Ridge Commons, Unknown heirs of Edward Bjorklund, deceased, Unknown heirs of Herbert Bunker, deceased, Unknown heirs of Sidney S. Bunker, deceased, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.

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

PETITION

To the District Court above named the State of Minnesota brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:
I. That Trunk Highway Legislative Route numbered 132, which has been renumbered 95, and which has been located according to law and passes over the lands herein described.
That it is duly covered by Right of Way Plat Orders numbered 100691, 100689, and 100727.
II. That the Commissioner of Transportation deems it necessary that the State of Minnesota for trunk highway purposes obtain the lands herein described in fee simple absolute, together with the following rights: to acquire all trees, shrubs, grass and herbage within the right of way herein to be taken, and to keep and have the exclusive control of the same, to acquire from the owners whose lands front thereon any existing right of access to said highway in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned, and to keep and have the exclusive control of all access to said highway in accordance with the law governing controlled access highways, and further, to acquire a temporary easement in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned.
Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order authorizing the Court Administrator to accept and deposit payments from the Petitioner to the court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 117.042.
Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order transferring title and possession of the parcels herein described, prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §117.042.
Further, Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order requiring the parties to exchange any appraisals at least 14 days prior to a commissioners' hearing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 117.036.
The Petitioner reserves its right to recover costs of clean up and testing and all other damages arising from the presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties, including respondents herein where appropriate, in a separate legal action to the extent permitted by law.
III. That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Isanti County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your Petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your Petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 52 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of the Northwest Quarter of Giles Block in Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 52 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 52:
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 52 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
Higgins RE Portfolio, LLC Fee
Village Bank Mortgage
Timothy Magnuson Lessee
Jacob Magnuson Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 56 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 11, BLOCK 1 OF GILES BLOCK, shown as Parcel 56 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 56:
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 56 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
Kristine L. Yerigan, as trustee of Kristine L. Yerigan Trust Fee
Lynne M. Lero Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
Parcel 65 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of Lot 1, Block 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 65 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situate thereon.
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
TEND, LLC Fee
Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank Mortgage
Sabrina J. Mills Lessee
James R. Herdina Lessee
Kimberly K. Bomstad Lessee
Matthew G. Swanepoel Lessee
Rebecca Larson Nash Lessee
Any unknown tenants or occupants of 117 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008 Lessee
Connie L. Knispel Lessee
Maggi Nso Tarh Lessee
Paula Bananz Grauman Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 66 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 1, Block 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 66 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 66:
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 66 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.
Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
Higgins RE Portfolio, LLC Fee
Village Bank Mortgage
Timothy Magnuson Lessee
Jacob Magnuson Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 67 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lots 1, 2, and 4, Bock 2, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel

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67 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 67:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 67 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

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

MinnCo Credit Union, f/k/a Cambridge Co-op Credit Union Fee Arthur K. Volker Leah W. Volker Possible Claimant of an Interest County of Isanti Taxes FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 68 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
That part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 68 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 68:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 68 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

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

RVDB, Inc. Fee County of Isanti Taxes John R. Haase Pamela R. Haase Occupant Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank Occupant FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 69 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
That part of Lot 2, Block 1, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 69 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 69:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 69 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

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

Robert Haase Stephanie Haase Contract for Deed John R. Haase Pamela R. Haase Contract for Deed Jean M. Jones-Edblad and Gary R. Edblad, as trustees of Jean M. Jones-Edblad Trust under Agreement dated October 17, 2019 Fee

RVDB, Inc. Possible Claimant of an Interest

County of Isanti Taxes and Special Assessments Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank Occupant Anytime Fitness, an unregistered entity Occupant Parcel 71 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
All right of access to Lot 11, Block 5, BUNKER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE and Lot 53, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO. 8, as shown by the access control symbol(s) as Parcel 71 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota;

together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 71:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 71 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing canopy situate thereon.

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

TTJ Properties, LLC, an inactive limited liability company Fee KWK Properties, LLC Claimant of an Interest

County of Isanti Taxes North Metro Auto Sales LLC Occupant FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 72 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
That part of Lots 9 and 12, Block 5, BUNKER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE and Lot 53, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO. 8 (also known as that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 23 West), shown as Parcel 72 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 112 square feet, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 72:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 72 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situate thereon.

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

KWK Properties, LLC Fee Pine River State Bank Mortgage TTJ Properties, LLC, an inactive limited liability company Claimant of an Interest

Monte Dybvig and Carol Dybvig, as trustees of The Dybvig Revocable Living Trust dated November 20, 2023 Easement

County of Isanti Taxes Local Pawn MN, LLC Occupant FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 245 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
That part of Government Lot 5 and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, and the Government Lot 1 of Section 32, all in Township 36 North, Range 23 West, and Lots 72 through 81, inclusive, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO. 8, shown as Parcel 245B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 3.66 acre, more or less, of which 0.83 acres is encumbered by an existing highway easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 245B:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).

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

Grandview Christian Home Fee Mill Ridge Commons Easement County of Isanti Taxes FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 245A C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
That part of Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 36, North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 245A on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.05 acre, more or less.

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

Unknown heirs of Edward Bjorklund, deceased Fee County of Isanti Taxes Grandview Christian Home

Occupant FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 245B C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:
That part of Lot 75, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO. 8, shown as Parcel 245B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota.

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

Unknown heirs of Herbert Bunker, deceased Fee Grandview Christian Home Possible Claimant of an Interest Unknown heirs of Sidney S. Bunker, deceased Possible Claimant of an Interest

County of Isanti Taxes WHEREFORE, Your Petitioner prays that the Court grant this petition, that commissioners be appointed to appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.

Dated: June 6, 2025 KEITH ELLISON

Attorney General State of Minnesota /s/Andrew D. Gross ANDREW D. GROSS Assistant Attorney General Atty. Reg. No. 0395389 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 600 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2125 (651) 757-1039 (Voice) (651) 297-4077 (Fax) andrew.gross@ag.state.mn.us ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER 101045 MINN. STAT. § 549.211 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The party or parties on whose behalf the attached document is served acknowledge through their undersigned counsel that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.

Dated: June 6, 2025 KEITH ELLISON

Attorney General State of Minnesota /s/Andrew D. Gross ANDREW D. GROSS Assistant Attorney General Atty. Reg. No. 0395389 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 600 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2125 (651) 757-1039 (Voice) (651) 297-4077 (Fax) andrew.gross@ag.state.mn.us ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on August 28; September 4, 11, 2025

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota. Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.

- Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- Approved the amended consent agenda items A – L
- Heard a presentation from Habitat for Humanity
- Approved CentralSquare Access Agreement and Purchase Order
- Approved Termination of the SALTUS (digitICKET) Agreement
- Approved Reallocation of Police Capitol Fund 417-42100-580
- Discussed Traffic Concerns on Holly Street

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CITY OF ISANTI REQUEST FOR QUOTES FOR LEASE OF EDA/CITY OWNED CROP LAND

The EDA/City of Isanti is accepting quotes for leasing EDA/City owned property for crop farming for the 2026 crop year. Specifications are available upon request from the Community Development Director's Office at Isanti City Hall, 110 - 1st Avenue NW, PO Box 428, Isanti MN 55040. 763-444-5512. The City of Isanti Economic Development Authority reserves the authority to waive irregularities and award in the best interest of the City of Isanti. Quotes shall be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to the Community Development Director at 110 - 1st Avenue NW, PO Box 428, Isanti MN 55040. All quotes submitted must be clearly marked as "Quote for Leasing EDA/City Crop Land". Quotes will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 26, 2025. The EDA/City reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all quotes.

Stephanie Hillesheim Community Development Director Published in the Isanti-Chisago

County STAR on September 11, 2025

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ISANTI COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, IN THE COUNTY BOARD ROOM OF THE ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 555 18th AVENUE SW, CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008 HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR;

~~The request of Megan Swanberg, 25751 Lily Street NW, Isanti, MN 55040 for a Conditional Use Permit for a Rural Tourism request to operate an event center for wedding venues and events. Legal description is the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 34, Range 24, Stanford Township. THE APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN THIS REQUEST.~~

Trina Bergloff Isanti County Zoning Administrator "PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a quorum of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners may be in attendance at this meeting with one member of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners as the designated voting representative to the Isanti County Planning Commission. Any other members of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will be attending as members of the audience with no participation, membership, or voting rights at this meeting of the Isanti County Planning Commission."

This further serves as notice that if the legal criteria are met for members to participate in the meeting by telephone or interactive technology, some members may do so.

If you would like to attend this meeting via-Tele-Conference, please go to the Isanti County webpage at www.co.isanti.mn.us for instructions.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case type: Other civil (Reformation of Instrument) Court File No. 30-CV-25-580 SUMMONS

Joshua T. Joyce and Danielle M. Joyce, Plaintiff,

v. Cheryl Sills, Cindy Hagen, Paul Janke, Mark Janke, David Janke, the unknown heirs of Inez L. Janke, Mark Janke, Paul G. Janke, as Trustee of Inez L. Janke Trust under agreement dated October 10, 1994 and all other persons, known and unknown, claiming an interest in the property described herein, DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case type: Other civil (Reformation of Instrument) Court File No. 30-CV-25-580 SUMMONS

Defendants. THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint has been filed with the Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights.
2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

Bradley N. Beisel Best & Flanagan LLP 60 South Sixth Street, Suite 2700 Minneapolis, MN 55402

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.
4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.
6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.
7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in the County of Isanti, State of Minnesota commonly known as 7116 337th lane, Princeton, MN 5537 1, and legally described as:

[Main Tract]

That part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Township 36, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota described as follows:
Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South, on the west line of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 1029.15 feet; thence North 88 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 404.52 feet to the point of beginning of the property to be described; thence South 88 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds West a distance of 74.86 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 290.54 feet; thence South 4 degrees 39 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 77 feet, more or Less, to the shoreline of Green Lake; thence northeasterly along said shoreline to the point of intersection with a line bearing South 00 degrees 43 minutes 35 seconds East from said point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 342 feet, more or less, to said point of beginning.

Subject to any easements, restrictions and reservations of record, if any.

[Road Easement]
Together with the following described easement:
A 25 foot easement for ingress and egress over and across part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Township 36, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota. The south line of said 25 foot easement to be described as follows; Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South, on the west line of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 1029.15 feet to the point of beginning of said south line to be described; thence North 88 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds East and distance of 404.52 feet and said south line there to terminate. Said 25 feet to be measured at right angles to said south line.

[Driveway Easement]
Also: An easement not over 20 feet wide along the Easterly and Southerly sides of the following describe premises: that part of Government Lot One (1), Section 27, Township 36, range 25; described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot One (1); thence South along the West line thereof for 1037 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes East for 248 feet for a point of beginning of a tract hereby described; thence continuing North 88 degrees 44 minutes East for 65 feet; thence South for 367 feet more or less to the shore of Green Lake; thence Southwesterly along said Lake shore to a point due South from the point of beginning. Thence North for 378.5 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. The location of said roadway easement to be mutually agreed upon by the interested property owners. The cost of the maintenance of this road to be shared equally by the parties using the same.

(referred to as the "Subject Property" and the "Correct Legal Description").
8. The purpose of this action is to obtain an Order for the following relief:
1. Reforming the Janke Affidavit, Document Number 37852, the Inez Janke Deed, Document Number 337853, the Janke Trust Deed, Document Number A458752, and the Joyce Deed, Document Number A502705, nunc pro tunc, to change the Incorrect Legal Description to the Correct Legal Description.
2. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff.

Dated: July 18, 2025 BEST & FLANAGAN LLP /s/ Bradley N. Beisel Bradley N. Beisel (#6191)

60 South Sixth Street, Suite 2700 Minneapolis, MN 55402 Ph: (612) 843-5846 Fax: (612) 339-5897 bbeisel@bestlaw.com **Attorneys for Plaintiff** Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 11, 18, 2025

ASSUMED NAME

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333
The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Isanti Gems Photography** PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **322 5TH AVE SW CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA** APPLICANT(S): Name: **Bailey Weibel** Address: **322 5th Avenue SW Cambridge MN 55008 USA**

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

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Bailey Weibel** MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided** EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **isantigemsphotography@gmail.com**

Work Item 1569906400026 Original File Number 1569906400026

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED

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PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW OF ATLAS VILLAS MEMORY CARE LOCATED AT PID #32-33-23-24-0015 AND #32-33-23-24-0016

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for a proposed memory care facility for properties located along Ulysses St. NE in Sauter's Commercial Park, PID #32-33-23-24-0015 and #32-33-23-24-0016. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: **Stone Construction, 2181 107th Ln. NE, Blaine, MN 55449**
Location: **Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Sauter's Commercial Park**
PID: **#32-33-23-24-0015 and #32-33-23-24-0016**

Request(s): **A Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review to allow the construction and operation of a 26-room residential memory care facility**

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

Grace Gerard City Planner City of East Bethel Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 11, 2025

CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR 4 PARCELS LOCATED ALONG JOHNSON ST. NE IN THE WARGO POND SUBDIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Zoning Map Amendment from I – Light Industrial to R-2 – Single Family & Townhome Residential for 4 properties located west of Johnson St. NE and south of 241st Avenue in the Wargo Pond subdivision. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: City-Initiated
Location: Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 2, Wargo Pond
PID: #29-34-23-31- 0005, #29-34-23-31-0006, #29-34-23-31-0007 and #29-34-23-31-0008

Request(s): A Zoning Map Amendment from I – Light Industrial to R-2 – Single Family & Townhome Residential for 4 properties within the Wargo Pond subdivision

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

Grace Gerard
City Planner
City of East Bethel
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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Aug. 31 - Sept. 6. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Jessica Liliana Geving (DOB 01/01/1994) of Cambridge, was charged Sept. 2 with one count of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous

Weapon; two counts of Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk; and one count of Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.
Justin James Smolak (DOB 12/28/1986) of Cambridge, was charged Sept. 5 with one count of domestic assault; and one count of domestic assault - by strangulation.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Aug. 31 - Sept. 6. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Nicholas Paul Onsted (DOB 12/05/1987) of Roseville, was charged Sept. 2 with receiving stolen property.

Manuel Guzman (DOB 06/05/1990) of Still-

water, was charged Sept. 2 with two counts of Assault-1st Degree-Use of deadly force against peace officer/prosecutor/judge or correction employee.

Riley Elizabeth Woods (DOB 02/27/2001) of Pine City, was charged Sept. 5 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

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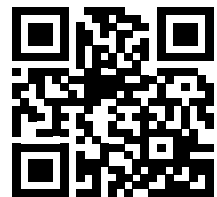
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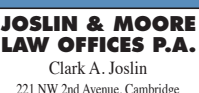
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