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## Isanti officer charged with sex crime against a minor

STAFF REPORT  
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A current officer of the Isanti Police Department is facing a single felony charge of allegedly distributing obscene materials to a minor following his arrest last weekend.

According to the Isanti County court report, 30-year-old Nicholas Irvin Martell of Isanti was charged on Aug. 6 with one count of Distribute via Electronic Communication Material that Relates/Describes Sexual Conduct to a Child.

The report states the offense took place on July 22, 2024, in Anoka County, where Martell "did being a person 18 years of age or older, use the internet, a computer, computer program, computer network, computer system, an electronic communications system, or a telecommunications wire, or radio communications system, or other electronic device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to distribute any material, language, or communication, including a photographic or video image, that relates to or describes sexual conduct to a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child."

According to the statement of probable cause, on Aug. 3 law enforcement was contacted by the father of a 14-year-

old child regarding a sexually explicit image his child had received. According to the father, an image of Martell's erect penis was sent via Snapchat on July 27. The father indicated he was a friend of Martell's.

During an interview with the female child, she disclosed that prior to sending the picture, Martell allegedly asked if she wanted to "see it" and after sending the picture, asked if she "liked it." The victim stated the next day, Martell apologized for sending it and asked her not to tell anyone.

The report continues that later, the victim messaged Martell that one of her friends had seen the picture and "was upset." Martell then asked the victim to "call him alone," which she did, however, she had a friend secretly record it.

During the phone call, Martell is heard instructing the victim to tell her friend it was a "different nick." He also could be heard pleading with the victim not to tell anyone else because he could go to prison.

The statement of probable cause concludes by saying law enforcement is forensically examining both the victim's and Martell's cell phones and is awaiting warrant returns from Snapchat, "but from what was presently viewable, it is clear that the communication was



Nicholas Irvin Martell

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### Squeeze on in

A young guy reacts to a boa constrictor's movement while he holds it during the Cambridge Library's "Snake Discovery" program held on Wednesday, Aug. 7. Well over 150 kids and adults attended the event, which was the grand finale of the library's Summer Discovery Program. The same program will be held at the North Branch Library next Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 10:30 a.m. While the registration has reached its' maximum number, a waiting list is available by calling the library or going to the East Central Regional Library events calendar.

## Voters to have final say on auditor/treasurer position

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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During the November elections, Isanti County voters will have the opportunity to determine the designation of the County Auditor/Treasurer position as being either appointed or elected.

Fulfilling a campaign promise from two years ago, the Isanti County Commissioners unanimously approved, with Commissioner Bill Berg being absent, a resolution placing the question on the general election ballot.

In June 2021, the board at that time approved by

a 4-1 vote, changing the position from elected to appointed. Current Vice Chair Mike Warring cast the lone no vote, citing he didn't want to take away a person's right to vote for that position.

At the time, the commissioners noted a major factor in deciding to make the position appointed was the huge responsibilities involved with the position and the fact that the only state requirements for running for election for the position were being at least 18-years-old and living in the county.

"I want to see the most qualified person in this position," said Susan Morris, who at that time was the board chair, "not just the person who gets the most

votes."

Morris added that there is a state provision that allows a county to create and appoint an assistant auditor in the event the county is concerned the person elected cannot do the job properly.

According to current County Administrator Amanda Usher, the most recent duties of the auditor/treasurer include:

- Directs and reviews the maintenance of an accounting system for county government and its agencies;

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# OFFICER: Anoka County Sheriff's Office investigating due to conflict of interest

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far more extensive than initially disclosed (by the victim) both on the day the photograph was sent and, in the days, and months prior.”

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Martell was arrested by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and is currently being held in the Anoka County Jail. Bail has been set at 20,000 with conditions or \$300,000 with no conditions. Conditions include: he shall be on Isanti FCR Program, random testing; no use or possession of alcohol or other non-prescribed mood altering substances, no unsupervised contact with children in certain circumstances; no contact with minors. He can have contact with his own children if IF CPS okays, GPS monitoring, no social media or internet.

He has been placed on administrative leave from his duties with the Isanti Police Department.

# REFERENDUM: Voters to choose November 5

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- Calculates tax capacity rates for all taxing districts in the county;
- Consults with and advises county board members and department heads on fiscal policies and procedures;
- Prepares county financial statement for audit each year;
- Reviews all property tax abatements;
- Is the head election official for Isanti County;
- Supervises the calculation, billing, and collection of property taxes;
- Supervises the activities of a driver's license renewal station and passport acceptance facility; and
- Supervises the investments of all county funds in accordance with statutory requirements.

(To see a PDF listing of all of the auditor/treasurer's duties, go to this story on the Star's website).

While the current commissioners agree with the previous board regarding the need for a highly qualified person to be named auditor-treasurer and that the only way to accomplish that is to have it be an appointed position, they feel that decision should have been left up to the voters in the first place, and

not forced upon Isanti County residents.

“Whereas, the County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of the Office of Auditor-Treasurer and the benefits to the county of the position being appointed but deems the right to decide if the position should be appointed needs to be made by the residents of Isanti County,” read part of the resolution approved by the current board.

The exact wording of the referendum ballot question reads simply, “Shall the office of Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer be appointed rather than elected at the expiration of the current term?”

According to Board Chair Alan Duff, the question is worded this way based on state statute as mandated by the State Auditor's Office.

According to Usher, the county will place on its website the full auditor/treasurer position duties, plus several frequently asked questions. This will also be shared on the county's Facebook page leading up to the November election.

# North Branch takes look at budget from different angle

BY MOLLY WHELAN  
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North Branch city staff is preparing for a more collaborative approach to budgeting for 2025, starting the process with a big ask they made clear they do not expect to be funded in full.

Interim City Administrator Lynda Woulfe, along with Finance Director Sharon Wright, presented the city council with a “high-level” listing of the city's capital and operating needs, many of which have been underfunded for years.

Woulfe explained to the council that, much like a business, a city needs to look at its budget more than one year at a time. She said she believes a city should be looking out ten years into the future.

“It is so you can make more informed decisions now,” Woulfe said. “Because when you make decisions only on a year-to-year basis, what you're making is tunnel decisions. You're not encapsulating the whole picture. In order to make great, long-term decisions for your community, you want to make sure you consider more. We want you to see what it would look like if everything was done.”

After last year's about-face to a much lower levy than it initially supported, the city would need to fund \$12,500,356 in expenditures to meet all the requests; staff says this will require \$10,277,056 in taxes.

“I want to stress than in no way, shape or form are we expecting the city council to say ‘amen, 45% levy increase, let's go,’” Woulfe said. “But what we wanted to present to you was all the things that have been talked about.”

Last year, the council expressed support for scaling up the levy to match the city's growth — until it learned this would mean more than an 18% increase in the actual money collected from taxpayers, a jump caused by county-set property valuations and not city levy adjustments.

Nonetheless, the council continued a trend of “lights-on only” budgeting, albeit with a \$140,000 “contingency fund” to cover the \$776,604 staff said they needed to provide services commensurate with the city's growth.

That move added another year of delaying replacing aging equipment, including police cars and snow plows, which Woulfe called “all of the needs that have been pent up and have needed to be addressed.”

For example, eight of the city's 16 police cars have outlived their five-year “planned life cycle,” and six need to be replaced, Woulfe said. The cars have more than 100,000 miles on them but, more importantly, more than 10,000 hours of engine run time and lots of wear and tear, said Public Works Director Shawn Williams.

The city's pavement management plan has also been underfunded for years, Woulfe said, and still does not include funds for other aspects of street improvement such as curb & gutter maintenance.

Mayor Kevin Schieber asked that staff provide an idea of the city's “organic” revenue growth over the years to give the council an idea of how much more they had to work with solely because of new housing and businesses on the tax roll, but again expressed support in general for meeting some of staff's requests.

“We're not asking for the Mercedes of what they're looking for,” he said, “just looking to get back on track.”

Schieber also proposed using some of the city's reserve funds for one-time capital expenditures.

The council will meet again on Aug. 20 and Sept. 4 and 17 to hash out more budget details as more information becomes available from the county and staff answers council questions. The preliminary levy, which is a maximum amount the city can collect, is due to the county and state by Sept. 24.



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The area to the left of the current Cambridge Dog Park's southern fence will be used to expand the park with an area exclusively for small dogs. The expansion should be completed this fall after removing some of the trees.

# Small dogs will have Cambridge park space of their own

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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NEXT STEP IN 2025 STREET PROJECT

The Cambridge Dog Park will soon be getting bigger in an attempt to better accommodate little dogs.

According to Public Works Director Todd Schwab, as the number of dogs visiting the park, which is located just off East Rum River Drive South — next to the Community Garden, has increased, so has the number of reported dog fights.

“Over the years we have had numerous issues of large dog/small dog interaction,” Schwab said, “with the small dogs usually coming out on the short end of the stick.”

While not having specific numbers of dogs that visit the park, the general park usage is large enough to justify the addition of a fenced area exclusively for small dogs. This is similar to what many dog parks do to try and minimize dog fights.

Schwab said the new area will share the southern fence of the current space, and will be approximately 100 x 150 feet in size. He said he obtained two bids for the project, with Arrow Fence coming in with the low bid of \$9,470. An additional \$2,500 would be needed for concrete, for a total cost of \$11,970. He added there are adequate funds in the Parks Capital Plan to support the costs of the project.

He said the project should be completed sometime this fall, as there are some trees in the new space that will have to be removed due to suffering from Oak Wilt.

The second step in each of Cambridge's street improvement projects is to order a feasibility report and approve engineering services. While typically a boilerplate item, this year's request of the council for the 2025 project included some intriguing possibilities for what the final project may entail.

The 2025 project includes much-needed improvements to South Main Street from the Highway 65 intersection to 24th Ave SW. According to City Engineer Greg Anderson, there will be standard improvements made such as water and sewer replacement along Fern Street South. But for Main Street, they will be taking a look to see if significant changes can be made. One such change might be going from a four-lane to a three-lane setup, which would include traffic surveys to determine if the volume was small enough to support a shrinkage of lanes.

The other possible change would be at South Main Street's intersection with 40th Ave SW. That intersection, coupled with one of the entrances to Kwik Trip creates a four-way intersection that is problematic for commuters. To fix that, Anderson suggested a roundabout might be recommended.

Anderson said the feasibility report would be presented to the city council at its Oct. 7 meeting. Council-approved plans would be submitted to the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation in February, with an approval of the final plans set for March 2025. As usual, the project would begin in May and be completed sometime in early fall.

## MON, WED & FRI

### Exercise with Connie

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. From 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## MON & WED

### 500 Cards

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 by calling 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

## MONDAYS

### Al-anon Family Groups

From 7 to 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street. Free childcare is provided. Visit [minnesotan-orth-al-anon.org](http://minnesotan-orth-al-anon.org).

### 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

### ACA (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

## TUES & THURS

### Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

### Senior Dining

Braham Event Center at 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

### Senior Dining

Rush City Community Center 11:30 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling 320-358-3611 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.



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Isanti County Historical Society will be hosting Pioneer Days on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Sr Exercise in a Chair

10 a.m. at the Rush City Community Center

## TUESDAYS

### Knitting Night

Come stitch at North Branch Library from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All forms of needlework welcome. Materials provided or bring your own.

### A Memory Café

Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Heritage Center at GracePointe Crossing, 322 River Hills Place North Cambridge, MN

### Music

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch Area musicians and vocalists donate their time and talents to provide music 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

### Square Dancing Lessons

6:45-8:30pm. They'll be at the Isanti Intermediate School. This is a low impact exercise that's good for the mind and body. Call Kim at 612-961-8128 or Community Ed 763-689-6189

### South Dakota State University "Jack Rabbits" Alumni and Friends

Meets second Tuesday of each month from 6:3 to 8 p.m. at Club Lounge Grace Pointe Crossing 1545 River Hills Drive NW, Cambridge. Come visit and reminisce.

## 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

## THURSDAYS

### East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the upper-level conference room at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For more information, 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 [minnesotan-orth-al-anon.org](http://minnesotan-orth-al-anon.org) for more information.

### Parkinson's Support Group

Third Thursday of the month - 1-2:30 p.m. Walker Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more 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.

### 500

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

### Bunco (Third Thursday)

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

### ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For more information call 612-251-6556 or email [acan-](mailto:acan-orthbranch@gmail.com)

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## FRIDAYS

### Cribbage

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

## AUG. 10

### Pioneer Days

Join the Isanti County Historical Society in going back in time to the late 1800s. Featuring music, kids games, demonstrations, and activities, plus more. Guests are invited to dress in traditional attire from that era. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge.

### Summer Spectacular Car Show

Rum River Rods Car Club is hosting the 14th annual car show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. all along Main Street Isanti. For more information, go to [www.rum-riverrods.com](http://www.rum-riverrods.com).

### Street Dance

Revved UP performing in downtown Isanti on Main Street from 7-11 p.m. Free and fun for all ages.

## AUG. 11 - 15

### Bethesda Church invites children to VBS

Bethesda Church invites all the children in North Branch. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/VBS-NB](http://www.tinyurl.com/VBS-NB) or call 952-226-6651. August 11, will be a fun carnival for the whole family. Come at 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm for fun and some snacks. Several mini horses will be here to say hello. From Monday through Thursday, VBS will be held from 9:00 am until noon.

## AUG. 13

### On Tap

On Tap will perform at NB Central Park as part of the North Branch Summer concert series. Food trucks and fun begins at 6 p.m. Concert starts at 7 p.m.

## AUG. 14

### Read in the Park

10 - 11 a.m. at Stacy Lion's Park presented by Books for Better MN. Join us for story-time, a snack, and free play time. All ages are welcome but most suitable for ages 0-8. For more info visit <https://booksforbettermn.org/events/>

### Family Entertainment Series

Story Stroll by the East Central Regional Library at 5 p.m. and a performance by Climb Theatre at 6 p.m. Free and fun for all ages.

## AUG. 15

### Discover Downtown

The High 48's a bluegrass band will perform at the intersection of 2nd Ave S and Main st. S in Downtown Cambridge from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

# Apply to Extension Master Gardener volunteer program

The application period to become a University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener volunteer begins Aug. 1 and stays open until Oct. 1.

Extension Master Gardeners bring science-based horticulture knowledge and practices to Minnesota, promoting healthy landscapes and building communities through volunteer efforts.

"Our understanding of the benefits of gardening is expanding to include personal and community well-being, pollinator health, the importance of climate resilient landscapes and more. Becoming a Master Gardener volunteer is a great way to invest time and energy in local activities and efforts that support healthy people and a healthy planet," said Tim Kenny,

statewide director, Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

Master Gardeners are respected as reliable sources of gardening information for Minnesotans. What many don't know is that becoming a Master Gardener gives volunteers a chance to expand their interests in areas including sustainability, local foods, pollinators and climate change. Master Gardeners also put their skills to work conserving green spaces, native plants and clean water.

The University of Minnesota has trained thousands of Master Gardeners; each year, they contribute more than 185,000 hours of service in Minnesota communities.

Core education for the program is online and spread out over 14 weeks. To become a Master Gardener, individuals commit to complete online training and 50 hours of volunteering in the first year. After the first year, they commit 25 hours to annual volunteer work; many choose to devote more time to the program.

Master Gardeners come from all ages and backgrounds. To learn more about the program and apply, visit [z.umn.edu/MG\\_info](http://z.umn.edu/MG_info) or call 612-625-9864.

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## Do you kiss your mother with that mouth?

As I (not so) graciously age, I am finding more and more internal conflicts between the “grumpy old man” and “rebellious Generation X” in me. One of these internal struggles is with the use of curse words.

I have been closely following the US women’s gymnastics team at the Olympics. Obviously, I am thrilled with their successes. But I will admit my admiration for these athletes took a small hit when at a press conference, they jokingly mentioned the nickname of this year’s gold medal team was “FAAFO.” For those not good at acronyms, it stands for “F Around And Find Out.” I think you can figure out what the “F” stands for.

Another hit was taken when I watched some of their TikTok videos that featured unedited versions of songs with that same four-letter word.

Now, I know that four of the five team members are in their twenties — which even the grumpy old man in me acknowledges means they should be given more leeway with their language. At the same time, I can’t help but think they should really consider how many young kids pay attention to everything about them and “set a better example.”

This isn’t the first instance of this internal debate. There have been a number of comedians, social media videos, and movies where I might be able to tolerate a certain amount of cursing, but it gets to a certain point where it’s just too much.

Even in everyday life it has become obvious that people are a lot more casual with the use of curse words. While covering high school sports I hear it much more frequently, with my typical reaction being remembering when hearing such language would automatically result in whatever punishment was dolled out for that sport.

On the flip side, I did grow up in the 80s. While I very infrequently used that sort of language myself, I did take delight in how some people (not so) subtly slipped it into things. I found it funny when Van Halen named their 1991 album “For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge,” with an emphasis on the first letter of each word.

Then there was Extreme’s song “Get the funk out.” I couldn’t help but feel a little devilish by turning up the volume and singing along with the lyrics, “If you don’t like what you see here, get the funk out.”

I believe that my “Gen X” is winning out over the “grumpy old man,” but it’s not by much. I do use curse words more freely, but there often is almost this strange taste in my mouth after such utterances. And while I will openly sing along with songs that actually do have curse words in private, if one of these songs comes on while I’m at work, I have been known to turn the volume down or skip over those songs.

Who knows, maybe that is the right balance. As Bon Jovi says in their song “Bounce,” “Call it karma, call it luck. Me I just don’t give a fu-fu-fu-fu.”

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### PAID LETTER: Think before you vote for President

**To the editor,**  
The contest between Trump and Harris is heating up. VP Harris is known for being elected Attorney General in California and being elected Senator from California. As Attorney General she defended the Affordable Care Act. Remember, that outlawed insurance companies from using ‘existing conditions’ to deny coverage. She helped pass the American Rescue Plan in response to the Covid pandemic. She helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act to invest in America.

Trump refused to accept that he lost the election. After three state-

wide recounts and many court cases proving him wrong, he still continued to claim the election was stolen. This resulted in a violent invasion of the Capitol in an attempt to stop the certification of the vote. That resulted in the violent death of several people.

The choice is clear. The GOP was the party of “Law and Order” but not now when their candidate can’t even legally vote in Florida because he is a convicted felon. The Democrats are known as the party of social security, medicare, Medicaid, voting rights, and other citizen focused accomplishments. The last balanced budget was while President Clinton was in office.

Keep these facts in mind when you vote.

Howard Lewis  
Cambridge

#### The dangers of tobacco use

**To the editor,**  
I am writing because my eldest child passed away. He was only 43 years old. He was a smoker and got lung cancer. He smoked regular cigarettes, and later he rolled his own with a bag of tobacco.

Our family is devastated. He died June 18, 2024. Please think about cigarettes. They make sure that you become addicted quickly.

I wish it was different. But I have a hole in my heart. He was a good man and helped a lot of people. I will miss him the rest of my life.

Virginia Hasser  
Cambridge

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# Problems arise from trees with Stem Girdling Roots

When we moved into our home over 33 years ago, we planted several trees of different varieties. Along with what was already growing on the property, we added a few maples, and some evergreens. Our favorite of all of them is the Norway Maple tree. It's simply magnificent. The canopy is beautifully shape with dark green leaves and in the fall, the leaves turn a bright yellow. The lower canopy is at least 45 feet from side to side and this year it is producing what can only be described as a "bushel basket" of seeds. As kids we called them "whirly bird seeds". Typically, Norway Maples produce heavier than normal seed crops every three to five years and for sure this is one of those years.

Unfortunately, the tree started developing "girdling roots" which are now quite prominent. There are other large, exposed roots as well, but it's the girdling

ones that will eventually be a serious problem.

Stem girdling roots happen when a tree's own roots either completely encircle the trunk or grow tangential to the trunk on one or more sides, causing stem compression and damaging important vascular connections (xylem and phloem). Stem girdling roots can develop on practically any tree species but are most commonly found on maples, lindens, and elms. They are easiest to spot and treat when they form in plain sight (above ground), but more often than not, they go undetected below ground. But why would trees inflict this kind of damage on themselves?

One reason, and a common one is that the problem starts at the nursery where it was grown at. Trees are grown in smooth-walled plastic containers. Trees grown in these containers often develop a dense mass of roots that tend to spiral or circle around the inner wall of the pot. And if these root systems are not disturbed, broken apart, or otherwise "fixed" at planting time, then those small, innocuous-looking roots can, over time, become problematic stem girdling roots.

Thankfully, my maple's girdling root issue for now,

isn't affecting the tree very much. But it is time to call an arborist to take a look and evaluate any need for those large roots that are coming above ground to be dealt with. To avoid any tripping issues from walking in the yard, we've put down a 3" layer of wood mulch which still allows air and water flow but keeps us from accidentally tripping on a root. And just a reminder, when putting down wood mulch at the base of a tree, DO NOT create a "mulch volcano" by piling the mulch up tight against the tree trunk. Leave several inches from the mulch to the trunk to avoid moisture from deteriorating the tree bark. If you really need help diagnosing or treating any tree problems, please reach out to an arborist/tree service to help guide you to the best treatment for your tree.

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## What kind of road am I on?



Ask A  
Trooper

Jesse Grabow

**Question:** Hello, I have a new driver and they are having a difficult time knowing what type of road they are driving on, whether it is an interstate, state highway or county road. I am trying to teach them so if they need help they can give the proper location. Can you help explain so if anyone else is wondering they will know? Thank you.

**Answer:** Hello and thank you for the question. One way a person can tell what type of roadway they are on is by the design of the road sign.

Here are some examples that show what interstates, U.S. highways, state highways and county road signs look like.

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 @MSPPPIO\_NW or reach him at [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)).

## Minnesota physicians urge parents to get their children vaccinated before school-year starts

BY DAN HAUSER MMA  
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In late July, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) confirmed three measles cases in unvaccinated children in the Twin Cities metro area, which once again stresses the importance of getting children vaccinated.

The best way to prevent measles and other communicable diseases is through immunization. Children should receive two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine—the first at 12 to 15 months of age and the second at 4 to 6 years of age.

"For all ages, it is important to talk to a physician to make sure you and your family are up to date on

your immunizations," says MMA President Laurel Ries, MD. "Diseases like measles have made a come-back because of low immunization rates. We thought we had these diseases beat years ago."

Measles is a highly contagious rash illness, and can be a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. Measles spreads easily by coughing, sneezing or even being in the same room with someone who has measles. The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area.

Additional information about measles can be found on the MDH Measles website <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/measles/index.html>.

## August 1 commerce law changes

Portions of the commerce law that take effect Aug. 1, 2024, address marketing to minors, regulations affecting virtual currency kiosks, student loan protections, and homeowner's insurance renewals.

Rep. Zack Stephenson (DFL-Coon Rapids) and Sen. Matt Klein (DFL-Mendota Heights) sponsor the law.

Among the changes, the law:

- prohibits deceptive marketing related to vapor products, including selling products imitating a food or brand of food commonly marketed to minors; school supplies commonly used by minors; and a character, personality, or symbol known to appeal to minors;
- prohibits the purchase, possession, importation, manufacturing, selling, holding for sale, or distributing a cellular telephone case, stand, or cover that is a likeness of, or reasonably appears to be, a firearm;
- strengthens protections for students taking out student loans, including that servicers must make several disclosures to borrowers on income-driven repayment programs;
- prohibits tree trimmers and restoration and mitigation services from charging excessive prices following severe weather;
- modifies a consumer protection law

requiring that repair shops provide a written estimate for work that will cost more than \$100;

- prohibits unfair real estate service agreements, such as those that are overly restrictive or deceptive;
- modifies the types of personal property exempt from court-ordered seizure, bankruptcy, garnishment, or sale;
- and
- protects an independent contractor from being discharged or otherwise disciplined by an employer for having wages garnished.

An insurer can, effective Aug. 1, 2024, refuse to renew a homeowner's insurance policy if the insured had three or more covered losses each over \$10,000 resulting from lightning, wind, rain, or hail during a five-year period immediately preceding the refusal to renew.

The law also creates several requirements for financial institutions related to safeguarding customer information, including that it must develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive information security program.

For a list of all new and amended laws passed on Aug. 1 visit: [www.house.mn.gov/hinfo/loginfo/08012024NewLaws.pdf](http://www.house.mn.gov/hinfo/loginfo/08012024NewLaws.pdf)



## Jigsaw Puzzle Contest at the North Branch Area Library

Join us at the library on Thursday, August 22 at 5:30pm for a Jigsaw Puzzle Contest! We will be forming teams of 4 and competing to see who can complete a 300-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. All puzzles will be provided. The fastest team will win a prize, and bragging rights!

Individual registration is required for all participants, recommended for ages 10+. We will try to keep family/

friend groups of 4 together as a team if possible, so please indicate when registering if there are other registrants you want to be teamed up with. If you don't have a group of 4, we'll add you to another group! Groups larger than 4 may be split up for this event.

Register on ECRL's Events Calendar at [ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org) or by calling the library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the North Branch Library.

## OBITUARIES

### Larry E. Brodin

On the morning of Aug. 1, 2024, Larry E. Brodin passed away peacefully with his loving children by his side, he was 77.

Larry was born on Dec. 28, 1946, in Duluth, MN to parents Ralph and Ethel (Nelson) Brodin. The middle of three brothers, being raised in northern Minnesota gifted him with fond memories of swimming in Kingsbury Creek with his brothers, performing and competing in both the All-City Choir and the Duluth Accordionaires, and meeting his high school sweetheart, Bonnie Rendulich, whom he would later marry and forge a family of his own with.

As a couple, Larry and Bonnie attended two proms together at Morgan Park High School and once Bonnie graduated, one year after Larry, they were married and lived together in Lincoln, Nebraska where Larry attended Union College. After graduating with a double major in physical education and music, Larry was offered his first teaching job within the Adventist education system in Detroit Lakes, MN. This was where they welcomed their first child, their daughter Heather.

Working within the Adventist system afforded Larry a diverse experience early in his teaching career as they transferred teaching staff to fill needed roles throughout the country. One of those moves took his family to Battle Creek, Michigan where he taught at Battle Creek Academy. While there, he also attended Western Michigan University where he received his Master of Education. It was here where they welcomed their son Erik, making them a beautiful family of four.

College View Academy in Lincoln, Nebraska was his last transfer within the Adventist system, and one that brought the family back to a place they really loved and where they forged many fond memo-

ries for several years before returning to their home state of Minnesota to settle and finish raising their two children. During this time in his 20s, Larry continued to share his musical talents performing in numerous weddings in Nebraska and singing at home with his wife Bonnie, beautiful memories his children carry in their hearts still to this day.

In 1979, upon returning to Minnesota, Larry began his long career with North Branch Area Public Schools where he taught health and physical education and where he would stay until his retirement in 2008. During his tenure at NBAPS, he had a remarkable coaching career as head softball coach for 27 seasons, assistant boys' basketball coach for 23 seasons, assistant volleyball coach for 24 seasons, and co-head volleyball coach for one season.

Helming the softball program in its early stages, Larry's passion for its success had him working tirelessly to build the program from the ground up garnering an impressive overall record that included 334 wins and nine conference championships. He did this by also championing the tenets of athleticism making sure his players learned the skills necessary to achieve success, while guiding their positive character development and safeguarding their mental well-being. It's this wonderful approach that's had a lasting effect on countless students and athletes under Larry's training and mentorship and something that will live on through generations to come.

Coming out of retirement, Larry returned to coaching in 2016 for another four years as an assistant coach for the NBAPS softball program. And in 2018, with his granddaughter Macy on the team, he helped lead them on their journey to their very first appearance in the MN State Softball Championships where they achieved the runner-up position. In 2019, Larry was honored for his many accomplishments with an induction into the NBAPS Hall of Fame, something he and his family were very proud of.

If you didn't see him out on the softball diamond coaching, you may have seen him out on the green playing in the golf league, something he really

enjoyed through the years and an activity he loved to share with his brother, wife, and children. He was grateful to have made life-long friends with colleagues along the way and really valued those friendships. Where Larry found his greatest joy in life, was the time he spent with his family, being there to love and support them in their life endeavors. He had a great love for camping and traveling in the family RV, something he and Bonnie often enjoyed doing together, and something he continued to do with his children and grandchildren for many years. During his retirement, he enjoyed watching his three grandchildren as they grew up. Larry was always enthusiastic to attend each of their competitions and events and was thrilled to watch them all embark on their own college journeys.

Although none of us were ready for him to leave for heaven yet, there's comfort in knowing that after 10 years apart, he's with his beautiful bride Bonnie again.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Heather (John) Brodin of Forest Lake, and son, Erik (Brenna) Brodin of North Branch; his three grandchildren, Brady, Macy, and Lauren; brother, Dennis (Sandra) Brodin of Andover; niece, Stephanie; nephews, Ryan, Tyler, Josh, Jeff, Jake; former sister-in-law Jenny; and his sweet cat, Freddie. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bonnie (Rendulich) Brodin; his parents, Ralph and Ethel (Nelson) Brodin; his brother Rodney Brodin; and nephew Brian Salminen.

Please join us in celebrating his life on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 at the Sunrise Bible Church (41300 2nd Street), North Branch.

Visitation will be at 11 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at noon and a Reception to follow.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Grandstrand Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Branch. Condolences maybe expressed online at [www.grandstrandfh.com](http://www.grandstrandfh.com).

### Sharon Marie Long (Woltjer)

Sharon Marie Long (Woltjer), RN, BS, MS, age 81, of Cambridge passed away in home hospice July 31, 2024.

Sharon was born June 19, 1943 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She graduated from Clara City High School and Mounds Midway School of Nursing. She was devoted to the nursing profession and participated in many nursing specialties and was instrumental in establishing the "Nurse Line" for PHP, now called United Health Care. She completed her career as a Special Investigator for the MN Department of Health. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Survived by husband of 59 years, Allyn; son, Scott Allyn Long; daughter, Michelle Marie Nelson (Hanson); granddaughter, Bethany Marie Arenz; grandson, Connor Alton Hanson; great-granddaughter, Taitum Marie Arenz; brothers, Edward, Dennis and James; and sisters, Carol Wallenberg and Janice Johnson. Preceded in death by parents, Edward and Florence (Tague) Woltjer.

Private Service to be planned at a later date. Online condolences can be made at: [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

### Eddie R. Gusk

Eddie R. Gusk, of Stanchfield, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN. He was 83 years old.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at New Hope Community Church in Cambridge. A Memorial Visitation will be held 1 hour prior, beginning at 1 p.m. A full notice will follow next week. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at [www.hamiltonfhs.com](http://www.hamiltonfhs.com).

### Evangeline "Vangie" B. Elnar Black

Evangeline "Vangie" B. Elnar Black of Cambridge, MN transitioned to her next life peacefully and beautifully with her older sister Genmary Elnar Wentworth at her side on Monday, July 29, 2024. She breathed her last and bowed her head as

we both prayed the second Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was the third child of nine. As an older sister of two brothers and four sisters, she was the source of financial assistance and other material needs of the younger ones who were in college studies in the different universities and colleges in Cebu City, Philippines. She goes out of her way to provide and help a family member in need.

She was the beacon of support, warmth and comfort to the family, friends and everyone who knew her. She will deeply be missed.

Evangeline was born on Sept. 19, 1956 to Emiliano Barce Elnar, Sr. and Melitona S. Burdago-Elnar in Guihulngan, Negros Oriental, Philippines. She is the third child of nine siblings. She had two elder sisters, two younger brothers and four younger sisters. She graduated elementary education with honors from the Guihulngan Central School. She finished the four year high school curriculum at Guihulngan Vocational High School with honors. She graduated Bachelor of Science in Commerce, major in Economics at Foundation University in Dumaguete City, Philippines. She graduated with honors despite difficulties and hard work to be able to afford college education on her own. She followed older sisters, Genmary and Elizabeth to Cebu City after graduation to search for job opportunities. In no time, she got employed fast and easy at San Santos Lumber Company (a manufacturer and exporter of furniture and house appliances). She worked with this company until 1980.

In early 1980, she met Larry Black when he visited

Cebu City and on April 26 they were united in marriage. Months later when all papers and documents were completed for her to be able to travel to the USA with Larry. She joined him to come to Cambridge and made their home there. For a number of years, she worked at the Bindery in Cambridge until the need for her to be the sole caregiver to her husband came. She may not have had children of her own, but she had seven nephews and six nieces in the Philippines whom she adored and supported.

She loved music, especially hymns and folk songs which she sang during her relaxing moments and even while doing household chores. She used to be a member of a choral group during her younger years. She also did some embroidery, sewing and cooking.

Evangeline is survived by her husband, Larry; sisters, Genmary E Wentworth, Elizabeth & Buenaventura Jakosalem, Jr., Lani Elnar, Edna & Allan Wicker, Rev. Emily Elnar-Vanguardia, Emelda & Marcelino Español; brothers, Emiliano Jr., Emmanuel & Ma Georgette Elnar. She was loved by nephews, Francis John Mari & Claire Elnar, Francis Norbert Mill & Sophie Elnar, Mark Chester & Dianne Elnar, Lyle John Jakosalem, Francis Karl Jakosalem, Genesis Gabriel & Johanna Elnar, Mill Alfred Español. She is equally loved by nieces, Dr. Keren Keziah Vanguardia, Tevet Margaret Vanguardia, Danielle Veronica Vanguardia, Beth Marionne Jakosalem, Rhea Kristine Elnar, Katrin Angeli Español. She will be missed by grandnephews, Francis Jyohan Christoff Elnar and Carllyse Elnar, who had been wishing to see her. She was loved by her huge family circle and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emiliano Sr. and Melitona Elnar.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 22 at Christ the King Catholic Church 305 N. Fern Street in Cambridge, Minnesota with a visiting time one hour prior. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).



**OBITUARIES CONTINUED**

**Joel Fischer**

Joel Bruce Fischer (80), born on Aug. 14, 1943, in Sauk Rapids, MN, has cast his final line. Born to Flora and Herman Fischer, his life was a symphony of love, laughter, dedication, humor, and warmth. Joel had a knack for making waves joining the



Navy at 16 and becoming Radioman 2nd Class aboard the USS Austin in Norfolk, VA. Joel's love story with Sharon Adelman began with a splash on the Mississippi, where they went water skiing on their first date. Married for 57 years, they were inseparable. Together, they raised two children, Aaron (Brenda) Fischer of Moose Lake, and Tanya (Matt) Drake of Maple Grove.

Joel and Sharon made their life in Isanti, Minnesota, where Joel became a beloved middle and elementary teacher and colleague. He was the proud creator of a series of coveted "Fishy" awards along with his own Fish-square, Fishmo, and the rare Big Fish. For 33 years, these accolades celebrated the quirks and achievements of his students.

His time with friends was marked by joyous gatherings filled with storytelling, dancing, and playing the keys. He is survived by his five grandsons, Ben, Quinn, Alex, Riley, and Eli, who inherited his love for the outdoors. Joel is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Les, Roger, and Tom. We imagine them catching up and reminiscing about days at Fish Trap.

Joel will be remembered for his laughter, his love of life, and the many "Fishy" moments that made him unforgettable.

A Celebration of Life will be hosted on Aug. 15, 2024 2-4 p.m. at the Anoka Legion.

**Keith Peterson**

Keith Peterson of Cambridge passed away on Friday, August 2, 2024 following an accident at work. A memorial service to remember and celebrate Keith's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 22 at First Baptist Church in Cambridge, Minnesota. A time for visitation before the service will begin at 10 a.m. and a lunch will follow the service. A full obituary will follow next week.

**Patrick "Pat" W. Stratton**

Pat Stratton, 66, of Isanti MN passed away on July 25, 2024 after courageously battling cancer. Pat is survived by his brother Michael (Cathy) and many nieces, great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews.

**STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS**

**Student Achievement Lists**

Tanya Peterson-Piatz of Braham; Alexa Davis, Emma Hoffmann, Gloria Hughes, Ashley Norman, Kyla Schladweiler, Jackson Yates of Cambridge; Jonah Deschenes, Jordan Levercom, Blake Norman, Matthew Olson of Isanti; Madilyn Goetz, Amarie Mueller, Heather Pommier, Leah Romo, and Hannah Van Dyke of North Branch (Dean's) from St. Cloud State University

Jori Avaire, Leslie Bleess, Abby Foss, Allison Foss, Madysen Galiher, Alyssa Heinze, Molly Hennen, Ethan Hill, Kevin Hurtado, Annette Johnson, Maggie Kurowski, Lana Maas, Alison Murrell, Tyler Thomas of Cambridge; Lizbeth Ayala-Corral, Chase Im-ker, Lanah Ingebrand, Alexander Lovely, Vicente Reyes, Lola Roith, Junior, Abigail Wimmer, Alexander Wimmer of Isanti; Dylan Beaver, Samantha Bender, Emily Heikkila, Jasmin Salazar, Rebecca Shoberg of North Branch; Anna Bush, and Alexis Ertz of Rush City (Dean's) from University of Minnesota Twin Cities

**Local court reporter to serve on national board**

BY ANNEMARIE ROKETENETZ  
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The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that RandiAnn Harvey, RDR, CRR, CRC, an official court reporter from Cambridge, Minn., has been appointed to serve a three-year term as Director. The announcement was made at the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo that took place Aug. 1-3, in Louisville, Ky.

Harvey holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime

Reporter (CRR), and Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC). She began her court reporting career in 1991, working as a freelance court reporter until 1999 when she became an official court reporter for the Minnesota Fourth Judicial District. In 2002 Harvey became an official court reporter for the Minnesota Tenth Judicial District where she continues to serve. In 2014 and 2020 the court recognized her with its Judicial District Spot Award, and in 2020 she was honored with its Judicial District Achievement Award.

Harvey is a past president of the Minnesota Association of Verbatim Reporters & Captioners and was awarded the Association's Award of Excellence in 2017.



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**RandiAnn Harvey of Cambridge will serve a three year term as Director of the NCRA.**

Harvey is a graduate of the Minnesota School of Business.

**Special education evaluations for home-schooled or private-school students**

In response to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004) Minnesota School Districts must demonstrate that "all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated." This responsibility extends to children with disabilities who are educated at home or in nonpublic schools.

Upon request, your local public school will provide information to concerned parents on specific disabilities including information about the educational or behavioral characteristics of each disability. Parents who believe their child may indeed have a disability may request information on how to arrange for an evaluation through the district's special education staff.

Parents of students who are evaluated and are found to be eligible for special education services will become part of a team,

which will develop, implement and monitor the effectiveness of a Individual Service Plan to meet the identified needs of their children.

If you have questions or would like to receive information about specific disabilities or evaluation, please contact the principal of the school building your child would be attending if he/she was enrolled in public school. Your school district is committed to success for all learners.



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**Cambridge Curling Club Ground Breaking**

Cambridge Curling Club, who is celebrating 50 years this year, along with members from the North 65 Chamber of Commerce break ground the The Club's expansion of their facilities. The new build will at men's and women's locker rooms and additional capacity so they can host the the Minnesota State High School Tournament in 2025.

**New Minnesota crypto law goes into effect to protect consumers against fraud**

BY KRISTEN GLAZER  
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A new Minnesota law goes into effect on August 1, 2024, to protect consumers against cryptocurrency fraud. The Minnesota Department of Commerce Financial Institutions and Enforcement Divisions are taking action to ensure crypto companies are licensed to operate in Minnesota and comply with the new consumer protection law.

Consumers are using crypto kiosks, which work similar to cash ATMs, with increasing frequency. Unfortunately, crypto kiosk users are increasingly also becoming victims of scams. During the 2024 Legislative Session, Commerce worked with the bill's chief authors Rep. Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger and Sen. Jen McEwen, as well as with local law enforcement and other stakeholders, to develop this critical consumer protection bill.

The law applies to licensed crypto kiosk operators, requiring them to:

- Disclose to consumers relevant terms and conditions.
- Issue refunds for those involved in fraud if they are a new customer.

- Set a maximum daily transaction limit of \$2,000 for new customers.
- "Unfortunately, crypto scams are becoming more common, and scammers used crypto kiosks to steal money from consumers. This new law works to protect Minnesotans from scams and to recover funds consumers lost to fraud," said Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Enforcement  
The Minnesota Department of Commerce works to assist and protect consumers, and to ensure a strong, fair marketplace. Minnesota consumers and businesses can contact Commerce's Enforcement Division about concerns or complaints regarding nonbanks:

File a complaint online  
Email or call: [consumer.protection@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.protection@state.mn.us) | 651-539-1600.

Verify whether a crypto company or other money transmitter business is licensed to do business in Minnesota: License Lookup.

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Little Miss Braham Olivia Nelson models one of the pies during the auction.



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Isanti County Sheriff Wayne Seiberlich added an apron and hairnet to his uniform while serving pies.



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As always, there were plenty of flavor options to choose from.



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This young girl knew exactly which piece she wanted.



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Many attendees found a nice, shady place to enjoy their pie as temperatures rose to near 90 degrees.



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Others couldn't even wait until finding a seat before digging in.



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEW TEACHER LUNCHEON



**WHEN:** Friday, August 23, 2024 11:30 to 12:55  
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 Tickets are \$20 per person attending.

*The New Teacher Luncheon is not a fundraising event; proceeds over and above program cost are donated to each of the participating schools for a special need or current initiative.*

**WELCOME BAGS:** Welcome gift bags will be filled with items from local business including promotional items, gifts/gift cards, coupons, or other information. **Contact North 65 Chamber of Commerce no later than August 14<sup>th</sup>** to register and to coordinate delivery of gift bag items.

For more information and to register contact:  
 North 65 Chamber of Commerce at 763-689-2505 or [info@north65chamber.com](mailto:info@north65chamber.com)  
 Greg Carlson at 763-691-6163 or [gcarlson@preshomes.org](mailto:gcarlson@preshomes.org)

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# Night to Unite features food, fun, fellowship



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Members of the Chisago County Sheriff's Office demonstrated their use of drones during the North Branch Night to Unite in Central Park.



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Myriam Nietz, age 3, enjoys her free Now That's Waffles fudge puppy during Isanti's Night to Unite.



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Grilled hot dogs were on the menu at all three of the area Night to Unites.



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A youngster enjoys a root beer float during the Cambridge Night to Unite.



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The Isanti Police Department coupled its' Night to Unite with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the department's new building located at 901 East Dual Boulevard NE.



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The Cambridge Ambassadors offered up face or other body part painting during Cambridge's Night to Unite.

## East Central Energy invites public to try out electric vehicles

BY MELISSA STRAND  
KANABEC COUNTY TIMES

East Central Energy is holding its second-ever EV Ride and Drive Event.

The event will take place at its headquarters in Braham from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15

With a little more than 53,000 electric vehicles registered in the state of Minnesota as of January 2024, more and more energy providers are offering ways to charge at homes or businesses.

East Central Energy is one such provider that has recognized this increasing need and developed a program to provide their members ways to save money by charging their EVs at home during off-peak hours, using their time-of-use rates.

The Ride and Drive event was created to give people

a chance to ask actual electric vehicle owners what it's like to own one.

At this year's event, the EV owners will be standing by their cars to answer the questions, and opportunities will be available to test drive certain EV models. An information table regarding ECE's electric vehicle charging options will be featured.

"We really just want to give our members the opportunity to look at them; to talk to actual EV owners so they're not just getting the info from ECE," said Brad Rooney, Energy Services Supervisor for ECE.

While East Central Energy does not sell nor install the actual EV chargers, they provide the energy to charge these vehicles. They wanted to give whoever would like to learn more about this ever progressing technology the information to make their own informed decisions about whether going electric would

make sense for them and to inform their members of the options offered to charge their EVs at home for reduced rates.

"We'll have four and I think as of today, maybe five models that they can just take out for a drive. Three of those models are dealership models and two of them are owned by East Central Energy. So, again, our goal is to just provide information and let people make their own decisions," Rooney stated.

Anderson and Koch Ford in North Branch and John Hirsch's Cambridge Motors in Cambridge will be in attendance, providing more opportunities for attendees to gather information from different sources. The EV models at the event will include a Ford Escape Titanium PHEV, Hyundai Kona, Tesla Model 3, Chevy Bolt, Ford F-150 Lightning, and a Mustang Mach-E.

# Talking back-to-school nutrition with University of Minnesota

BY TALIA MILAVETZ  
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Back-to-school means new schedules and routines for the whole family, and meal times are no exception.

Many kids are transitioning from summer lunches at home to lunchboxes and cafeteria lines. Meanwhile, parents are adjusting from dinners during long summer nights to tighter windows of meal times squeezed in between extra-curriculars and homework.

Joanne Slavin, Ph.D., R.D., a professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition, answers questions about how to make healthy choices this school year.

**Q:** How does eating healthy meals benefit students?

**Prof. Slavin:** Children need nutritious food and beverages in order to be successful in the classroom. Good nutrition not only maximizes students' ability to think well, it's essential for strong movement in gym class, recess and sports. Kids need to consume high quality protein three times a day and a variety of whole grains, legumes, vegetables and fruits. These foods can help ensure students are getting important nutrients including dietary fiber and potassium. Understand that food is only nutritious if it is consumed, so make sure that available food and beverages don't end up in the trash. Meals and snacks can be tailored to accommodate children with special needs, food aller-

gies, or cultural preferences.

**Q:** What components make for a nutritious packed lunch or school snack?

**Prof. Slavin:** You might be surprised to learn that packaged snack foods continue to improve their nutrients. There are now more options that include whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and isolated proteins. Most packed lunches and school snacks do still include ultra-processed foods, despite a recent push to limit these items. Parents should know that a perfectly healthy lunch could include a peanut butter sandwich, whole grain chips, a fruit or vegetable snack, and a dairy beverage or alternative dairy beverage that is shelf stable and rich in Vitamin D and calcium. Focusing on the recommendations on myplate.gov can set students and parents up for success.

**Q:** How can I encourage my kids to make smart choices in the cafeteria?

**Prof. Slavin:** If your child is eating school lunch, you can feel confident they will have healthy options. Provided meals stick to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including limits on added sugars, solid fats and sodium. Additionally, eating school lunch could also help students develop a more varied palette. Firstly, school lunch can introduce children to protein sources, vegetables, fruits, grains, and legumes that may be unfamiliar. Studies find that it can take more than 10 exposures to a vegetable before a child may try

it and like it. School lunch offers this repeat exposure. Secondly, seeing other children enjoy vegetables and whole grain products can make it more likely that your child will choose a vegetable they are not familiar with or pizza with whole grain crust.

**Q:** Back-to-school is a busy time — do you have any advice for easily upping the nutrition in quick weeknight meals?

**Prof. Slavin:** Back-to-school is such an exciting yet busy time. Seems like dinner is difficult as everyone is tired after work, school, sports, music, religious activities and more. A key part of preparing the evening meal is having a plan. Using slow cookers so dinner is ready when everyone returns from a long day can be a lifesaver. Many cultural eating patterns and popular meal choices, including casseroles, stir-fry, soups, salads, pizzas and tortillas can be improved by reducing sodium, added sugars, and solid fats and increasing whole grains, vegetables, fruits and legumes. Healthy meal options available at grocery stores and restaurants may work best for a family who needs to work around soccer or band practice. The most important thing is to gather as a family and enjoy breaking bread together while following guidelines for better nutrition — moderation and variety.

**Q:** How does your work at the U of M support better nutrition for families

across Minnesota?

**Prof. Slavin:** Our research portfolio includes studies on dietary fiber, whole grains, gut health, protein needs, alternative sweeteners, and sustainable nutrition. Growing up on a farm that I now own connects me with the farmers of our state and the challenges of growing crops and animal products that help feed the world. We are fortunate in Minnesota to have a history of great food and agriculture companies that care about the environment and continue to be great employers for Minnesotans. Policies including school lunch for all puts Minnesota in an enviable position, but increasing food prices is challenging for everybody. CFANS continues to support food and nutrition needs in Minnesota, the U.S. and the world and I feel privileged to be a professor at the University of Minnesota.

Joanne Slavin is a professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. She teaches Advanced Human Nutrition, a writing intensive class that covers food policy and human health. She manages the Slavin Sisters Farm LLC in Walworth, WI and is a member of the Sustainable Nutrition Scientific Board. She served on the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee in 2010 and works with industry, commodity groups and NGOs to promote food science, nutrition and agriculture.

## ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on July 21 - Aug. 3. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Mary Ellen Morrisette** (DOB 01/01/1949) of Belmont, NH, was charged July 24 with two counts of theft by swindle.

**Christopher Robert Hamlin** (DOB 08/17/2005) of Cambridge, was charged July 25 with one count of Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm; and one count of False Imprisonment-Intentional Restraint.

**Joshua Lee Paulson** (DOB 12/20/2000) of Stacy, was charged July 29 with one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration-Use force as defined in section 609.341, subd 3(1); one count of False Imprisonment-Intentional Restraint; and one count of Criminal Sex Cond-5th Degree-Nonconsensual Sexual Contact.

**Matthew Dean Grell** (DOB 10/16/1984) of Isanti, was charged July 31 with Theft-By Swindle.

**Mary Joanna Anderson** (DOB 11/29/1972) of Saint Paul, was charged Aug. 2 with Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 50 grams or more - cocaine or methamphetamine.

**Emonie Alina Bell** (DOB 04/19/2002) of Cambridge, was charged Aug. 2 with one count of Domestic Assault - By Strangulation; and one count of False Imprisonment-Intentional Restraint.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on July 21 - Aug. 3. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Samuel Levi Nyberg** (DOB 02/08/1986) of Roseville, was charged July 22 with Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor.

**Emily Jean Praska** (DOB 03/15/1982) of Lindstrom, was charged July 22 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

**Curtis Patrick Wagner** (DOB 03/24/1986) of North Branch, was charged July 23 with one count of Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent; and one count of Drugs - 5th De-

gree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

**Lovell Nahmor Oates** (DOB 02/08/1971) of St. Cloud, was charged July 23 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

**Blake Andrew Rindahl** (DOB 07/02/1989) of North Branch, was charged July 24 with Attempt Identity Theft-Transfers/Possesses/Uses Identity of Other Person.

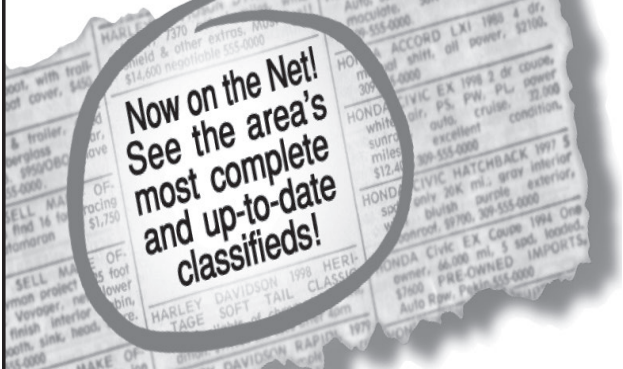
**Bradley Allen Thortsen** (DOB 11/24/1976) of Harris, was charged July 26 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

**Justin Daniel Chiefone** (DOB 10/18/1983) of Cedar, was charged July 29 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

**Thomas William Strecker** (DOB 02/20/1970) of Lindstrom, was charged July 31 with one count of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon; and one count of Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk.

**Kenneth Roy Taylor** (DOB 02/11/1981) of St. Cloud, was charged July 31 with Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 6 grams or more fentanyl.

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When my family and I arrived in 2004 with a tiny baby and plans to build our life here, we wanted to be part of the fabric of the community. We wanted to live where we worked and we wanted to raise our children here. Over these years, I have gotten to know so many of you as neighbors, friends, coaches, and teachers. We have watched our kids grow, cheered them on in sports, volunteered together, and watched their concerts and performances. It is everything I dreamed of as small town family doctor.

Just as we have watched our children grow, we too have grown up and older together.

I've had the honor of walking beside you, my patients, through our journey together. I have been present through your joy and your pain. I treasure my memories of delivering your babies, holding your hands, giving hugs, sharing achievements, and honoring passings. What a singular life it has been to bear witness to the every day and the extraordinary, the vulnerable and the brave, and the beauty that lies within each of you.

I have seen you exhibit outstanding strength, overcome tremendous adversity, and defy odds. You, my patients, have been my greatest teachers. I have learned through the years that the best things happen when we work together as a team to not only manage your health, but to help you to learn to be well and to continue to live in wellness. I have also received these gifts from you, dear patients, as I have learned to find balance and wellness alongside you.

Many of you have asked what a hospitalist doctor does. I will still be working here in Cambridge at the hospital. Along with the hospital team, I will care for patients admitted to the hospital and see patients through to discharge. I am excited for the opportunity to stay in the community, continue to care for you and your families, and to continue to grow in my career.

Your doctor, Dr. Carolyn Kampa, Family Physician

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# Hunters in antlerless lottery areas reminded to buy licenses by Sept. 5

BY TODD FROBERG

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Hunters reviewing the 2024 Minnesota hunting regulations will find season details in most areas of Minnesota similar to what they were last year, including northern areas with lower bag limits intended to increase deer populations. Deer hunting licenses can be purchased starting Thursday, Aug. 1.

"We're looking forward to fall. The sights, sounds and camaraderie of deer season are cherished traditions for many Minnesotans," said Todd Froberg, big game program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "As hunters prepare, we encourage them to take someone new out hunting this season. Hunting experiences can be even more meaningful when shared."

Deer season specifics for each deer permit area can be found on the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/hunting/deer](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/deer)). Electronic copies of all 2024 Minnesota hunting regulations are available now online and printed copies will be available by mid-August wherever licenses are sold. Regulations translated into Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish will be available online in mid-September and are expected in print by the end of October.

Ninety-nine DPAs keep the same designation as the previous season. Thirty 30 DPAs, primarily in the northern portion of the state, have lower bag limits that will reduce the harvest of antlerless deer, with the intent of increasing deer populations. No DPAs have increased bag limits this year.

Mild conditions this past winter were favorable for white-tailed deer, but looking over the next several years, northern deer populations will need multiple mild winters to recover after the severe winters in 2021-2022 and 2022-23.

Firearm and muzzleloader hunters



who want to harvest antlerless deer in a DPA designated as antlerless permit lottery need to purchase their license by Thursday, Sept. 5. Hunters who purchase their license by Sept. 5 are automatically entered into the lottery for the DPA or special hunt area they declare. Hunters in DPAs 235 and 251 are especially reminded to apply for the antlerless permit lottery, because these DPAs were either-sex last season and are designated antlerless permit lottery this season. No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with either-sex, two-deer limit, three-deer limit, or five-deer limit designations.

CWD sampling continues

Hunters should check the requirements and available sampling options for the DPAs where they hunt. Hunters can find DPA-specific information by

visiting the make a plan tool ([mndnr.gov/deerhunt](http://mndnr.gov/deerhunt)). Hunters are required to have deer one year old or older sampled for CWD in all CWD management and surveillance zones during the opening weekend of the firearms A season (Nov. 9-10). In all areas outside CWD management and surveillance zones, or in these zones outside of opening firearms weekend, hunters can also have their deer sampled for CWD, if they choose.

Multiple CWD sampling options are available to hunters. Certain sampling options are available all season long, including mail-in kits ([mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-kits.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-kits.html)) and the partner sampling program ([mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-partners.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-partners.html)). Hunters can request a mail-in kit before hunting or use kits hunters obtained but did not use from previous years. Visit the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/](http://mndnr.gov/)

deerhunt) throughout the deer season for the most up-to-date information, to find sampling locations or to request a mail-in sampling kit.

This year, the Minnesota DNR has dissolved four CWD surveillance zones in southeast Minnesota to focus surveillance efforts on remaining management zones in the southeast. DPAs 233, 255, 293 and 341 no longer have CWD sampling requirements. DPA 642 (previously DPA 342) has been added as a management zone in southeast Minnesota due to a positive detection of CWD during the 2023 firearms season.

For those hunting outside Minnesota, legislation passed in 2024 made changes to the carcass importation ban. Hunters may bring whole cervid (i.e., deer, elk, moose) heads, with or without neck and hide attached, into the state if they are taken to a licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of entering the state. Taxidermists will be required to use an approved lined landfill for their biological waste, reducing the risk of spreading wildlife diseases like chronic wasting disease. Additionally, hunters who harvest a deer within Minnesota's CWD management zones are allowed to bring intact heads from deer, with or without the hide and neck attached, outside of the CWD management zone if they are delivered to a licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of leaving the management zone.

Deer season dates for 2024

Archery: Saturday, Sept. 14, through Tuesday, Dec. 31

Youth and early antlerless: Thursday, Oct. 17, through Sunday, Oct. 20

Firearms: Saturday, Nov. 9, with various closing dates depending on location

Muzzleloader: Saturday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 15

Late CWD (DPAs 605, 642, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648 and 649) Friday Dec. 20, through Sunday, Dec. 22.

## DNR seeks input on proposed special fishing regulations

BY JON HANSEN

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Each year, the Minnesota DNR reviews existing fishing regulations and proposes new special regulations that apply to individual waters and asks the public for input about the proposals. All new special regulations are reviewed on a regular basis to evaluate effectiveness.

One set of proposed regulations currently under consideration comes in response to growing angler concerns about crappie and the increased pressure on these fish populations from winter fishing. On seven lakes in Otter Tail County and one in Lac qui Parle County, the Minnesota DNR is proposing to reduce the crappie daily limit to five.

"If we implement these limit reductions, we will carefully evaluate them as part of a separate fisheries research project to try to figure out which lakes and kinds of crappie populations benefit from reduced limits, because not all do," said Jon Hansen, Minnesota DNR fisheries program consultant. "In some lakes where crappies don't live very long, reducing the limit just means fish are lost to natural causes instead of being available for anglers to catch."

The Minnesota DNR is also proposing either new regulations or changes to existing experimental and special fishing regulations for the 2025 fishing season that address the following topics:

Saganaga and Sea Gull lakes (Cook County) walleye  
Sauk River Chain of Lakes (Stearns County) catfish  
Basswood Lake (Lake County) northern pike  
Garden Reservoir Chain and Birch Lake (Lake County) northern pike

Basswood Lake (Lake County) sunfish  
Little Sauk Lake (Todd County) regulation simplification multiple species

Rochester area lakes (Olmstead County) multiple species

The DNR is taking input on these proposals via an online survey ([mndnr.gov/fishregs](http://mndnr.gov/fishregs)) that is available through Friday, Oct. 7. For additional details or to comment directly by email, U.S. mail or phone about individual proposals, contact the area fisheries office ([mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries](http://mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries)) for the proposal(s) on



which you wish to comment. General input may also be submitted to Jon Hansen at [jon.hansen@state.mn.us](mailto:jon.hansen@state.mn.us) or 651-259-5239, or via U.S. mail to Fishing Regulations/Jon Hansen, Box 20, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The Minnesota DNR is also hosting in-person open houses in each county where the proposed changes would apply and one in the Twin Cities metro area to cover all proposals.

For those who want to attend one of the in-person meetings, information can be found on the Minne-

sota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing/fishing-regulations-meetings.html](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing/fishing-regulations-meetings.html)) or by calling an area fisheries office ([mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries](http://mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries)). The meetings will take place on various dates between Tuesday, Sept. 10, and Thursday, Sept. 24. The metro area open house will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the DNR's Central Office, 500 Lafayette Road in St. Paul.

Notification of the proposed changes to special fishing regulations has been posted at the accesses to each lake included in the proposal.

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Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
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10:30am Worship with Fellowship following  
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

### Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge  
763-689-1211  
8:45 a.m. Traditional Service  
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www.cambridgelutheran.org -  
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32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333  
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.  
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am  
www.christcambridge.com

### Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

109 Second Ave NW, Isanti  
763-444-9201  
Pastor Daniel Shantu  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
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email:  
office@faithlutheranisanti.com

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43779 Gates Ave., Harris.  
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt  
Sunday Worship 9:20am  
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Email: firstlutheran@q.com  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge  
763-689-4355  
www.joylutheran.net  
Pastor James Ritter  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
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### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch  
651-674-5576  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
Sunday Worship 10am  
www.livingbranch.org  
office@livingbranch.org

### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
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www.salemlutherandalbo.com

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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.  
slchurch.org  
Email: slchurch@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 Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)

31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079  
651-462-5115.  
Office Hours - 9:00am - 1:00 pm  
9:00am Services,  
Sunday School following Service (10:15am).  
Email - stjohns@midconetwork.com.  
Website - stjohnslutheranchurch-stacymn.org

### 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  
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Coffee Hour at 10 am  
www.trinitynorthbranch.org  
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

## Methodist

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Email: grace\_2007@aol.com

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32393 Rendova Cir. N.E., Cambridge (3 mi. E of Cambridge  
just off Hwy. 95). 763-689-3649. Ministry Coordinator Jeff  
Bonkoski. Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
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reservation. Email:  
lakesidesecretary@gmail.com.  
lakesidechurchcambridge.org

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faiththroughaction777@gmail.com  
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Pastor David L. Willis.  
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**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: November 12, 2001 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,473.76 MORTGAGOR(S): Todd L. Robyn and Kelly Ann Robyn, husband and wife, as joint tenants MORTGAGEE: MBNA America (Delaware), N.A. SERVICER: SN Servicing Corporation LENDER: MBNA AMERICA (DELAWARE), N.A DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on November 15, 2001, as Document No. 291277. ASSIGNED TO: Household Industrial Finance Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 03/07/2002, and recorded on 03/08/2002 as Document No. A295940 LSF9 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 02/20/2015, and recorded on 02/23/2015 as Document No. A448404 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 11/10/2017, and recorded on 11/15/2017 as Document No. A471204 Citibank, N.A. as Trustee for CMLT1 Asset Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/11/2018, and recorded on 10/09/2018 as Document No. A478803 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, DBA Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 04/15/2019, and recorded on 04/30/2019 as Document No. A483038 NWL Company, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/27/2019, and recorded on 11/15/2019 as Document No. A488036 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 04/17/2020 and recorded on 05/18/2020 as Document No. A492416. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter distant 1,652.7 feet North of the South Quarter corner of said Section 20, (said West Line of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter Bearing North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes assumed), thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East a distance of 78.1 feet to the East right of way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway NO. 65 as now established and the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described; thence North 88 Degrees 23 minutes East a distance of 219 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes West a distance of 346 feet, more or less, to the South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter; thence West along said South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 219 feet to said East Highway Right-Of-Way Line; thence Northerly along said East Highway Right Of Way line a distance of 342 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and there to terminate; excepting therefrom that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter a distance of 1,652.7 feet, North of the South Quarter Line of said Section 20. ( said West Line of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, bearing North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes assumed) Thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East a distance of 78.1 feet to the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 65 as now established and the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described; thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East a distance of 219 feet: Thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes West a distance of 142 feet; thence West parallel to the South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 219 feet to said East Highway Right Of Way Line: Thence Northerly along said East Highway Right Of Way a distance of 142 feet, more or less. To the point of beginning and there to terminate. Together with an easement for purposes of Ingress and Egress over a strip of land one rod in width along the East Right-Of-

Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 65, the West Line of which is the following described Line; Commencing at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter a distant 1,652.7 feet North of the South Quarter Corner of said Section 20 (said West Line of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter bearing North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes assumed) Thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East and to the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 65 as now established: Thence North along the said East Highway Right-Of-Way Line a distance of 124 feet for the point of beginning of the line to be herein described: Thence Running Southerly along said Right-Of-Way Line a distance of 266 feet and there to terminate. Also Together with an easement for Public Road purposes over and upon the following described property: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner thereof; Thence East on the South Line thereof 78.1 feet and to the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No 65 as now established: Thence continuing East on the South Line thereof a distance of 219 feet for the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described: Thence North parallel to the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, 470 feet to the Northeast Corner of a tract of land conveyed by warranty deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds, Isanti County, Minnesota, in book "82" of deeds, page 679; Thence West on the North Line of said tract of land conveyed by warranty deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds, Isanti County, Minnesota, in book "82" of deeds, page 679, to its intersection with the Easterly Right of Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No 65 thence North on the Easterly Right of Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No 65 to the Southwest Corner of that certain tract of land conveyed by warranty deed recorded in book "64" of deeds, page 31; Thence East on the South Line of said tract of land conveyed by a warranty deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds. Isanti County, Minnesota, in book "64" of deeds, page 31, a distance of 285 feet; Thence South and parallel to the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, 532 feet more or less, to the South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, Thence West on the South Line thereof 66 feet, more or less. To the point of beginning and there to terminate. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 24769 Aberdeen St NE, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY I.D: 01.020.2700 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Fifty-Six and 00/100 (\$137,056.00) 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 August 20, 2024 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 February 20, 2025, or the next business day if February 20, 2025 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: July 4, 2024 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust Randall S. Miller and 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. 20MN00199-4 A-4819832 07/04/2024, 07/11/2024, 07/18/2024, 07/25/2024, 08/01/2024, 08/08/2024  
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## PROBATE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 Court File No.: 30-PR-24-39  
**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**In Re: Estate of Janet Marie Hurd, Decedent.**  
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on **09/03/2024** at **2:10PM**, a hearing will be held in this Court at the Isanti County Government Center, via Zoom remote hearing, on a petition for the formal probate of will, and formal appointment of Donna Soucek, 909 Winsome Way NE, Isanti, Minnesota 55040 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 to administer 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.  
 This hearing will be held via Remote Zoom Technology. Please contact Court Administration for hearing details (763) 290-7020.  
 Dated: **06/18/2024**  
 Court Administrator: **Erin Boettcher**  
 Ann M. Tessneer (#0264519) Tessneer Law Office 43020 Blackhawk Road Harris, MN 55032 (763)552-8933 ann@tessneerlawoffice.com Attorney for Petitioner  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT**  
 Court File No.:  
**In Re: Estate of Marian Johnson a/k/a Marion Johnson, Decedent.**  
 Linda K. Sprinkle ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.  
 It is Ordered that on September 12, 2024, at 3:15 PM, a hearing will be held in this Court at Chisago County Government Center, 313 N Main St, Center City, MN 55012, via online remote technology, on the petition.  
 The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.  
 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 petition will be granted.  
 Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:  
 Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.  
 Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(3).  
**BY THE COURT**  
 Dated: July 16, 2024

/s/ Jesse Seabrooks II  
**Judge of District Court**  
 Dated: July 16, 2024  
 /s/ Kris Cunningham  
**Court Administrator**  
**LINDBERG LAW OFFICE, P.A.**  
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**ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER**  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Court File No.: 30-PR-24-69  
**In Re: Estate of Mitchell Boyd Turnvall a/k/a Mitchell B. Turnvall, Decedent.**  
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 17, 2024 at 2:10 PM a hearing will be held in this Court at 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008, or via Zoom, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Mitzi Ann Turnvall, whose address is 2780 County Road 5 NE, Isanti, MN 55040, 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; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to 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.  
 Court File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated: **July 16, 2024**  
 Judge of District Court: **Klossner, John (Judge)**  
 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Court Administrator: **Erin Boettcher**  
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**CITY OF NORTH BRANCH ANNUAL TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS 2023**  
 City of North Branch  
 Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

TIF District Name:	Prairie Partners Venture TIF - ESSBY	Redev Dist 2 Gateway	TIF 2005-A
Current net tax capacity	87,886	165,684	125,529
Original net tax capacity	4,456	10,411	10,939
Captured net tax capacity	83,430	155,273	114,590
Principal and interest payments due during current year	241,262	177,825	0
Tax increment received	91,668	192,208	137,355
Tax increment expended	238,781	179,369	662
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	Jul-13	Dec-00	Jul-06
Date of required decertification	12/31/2038	12/31/2025	12/31/2031

TIF District Name:	TIF 2017-1 Flashing by Design	TIF 2018-1 Willow Grove	TIF 2020-1 Everlong Holdings
Current net tax capacity	20,664	13,806	23,092
Original net tax capacity	2,027	623	101
Captured net tax capacity	18,637	13,183	22,991
Principal and interest payments due during current year	87,663	12,737	0
Tax increment received	24,024	15,752	28,059
Tax increment expended	240,899	13,746	663
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	Jul-20	Jun-21	Jul-22
Date of required decertification	12/31/2028	12/31/2046	12/31/2030

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:  
 Sharon Wright, Finance Director  
 6408 Elm Street, P.O. Box 910 North Branch, MN 55056  
 (651) 674-8113  
 sharonw@ci.north-branch.mn.us  
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## NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The Fannie Lake Improvement District will hold their Annual meeting in conjunction with a picnic at Lakeside Christian Church ( 32393 Rendova Circle N.E. ) at 1:30 pm August 18th 2024.  
 Items on the Agenda are: proposed projects in excess of \$5000.00, weed treatment updates, boat inspection updates, approval of assessments to satisfy budget requirements, approval of proposed budget for fiscal year, election of District 5 and 6 positions on the board of Directors & Take up and consider other new business & miscellaneous items.  
 Anyone that is interested in serving on the Board of Directors please contact one of the Board members.  
 Anyone needing an absentee ballot (1 per family) for the election of Board of Directors can contact the Isanti County Administration office.  
 As the meeting is on Sunday, Absentee ballots must be received at P.O.Box 229 Cambridge, MN. 55008 by noon on August 17th 2024.  
 There will be a short meeting after this meeting to elect 2024-2025 FLID officers.  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO CITY OF NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 377-24 ORDINANCE 377-34 AUTHORIZING THE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 376-24 MODIFYING SECTION 66-943 DESIGN STANDARDS IN THE ZONING CODE**  
**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH DOES ORDAIN THAT**  
**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:**  
 The following is the Official Summary of Ordinance No. 376-24 approved by the City Council of North Branch on July 30, 2024. A complete copy of this Ordinance is available with the City Clerk as well as on the City Code Website.  
 SECTION 1 SUMMARY OF APPROVED ORDINANCE  
 Ordinance 376-24 Modifying Section 66-943 Design Standards in the Zoning Code  
 SECTION 2 EFFECTIVE DATE  
 These Ordinances shall take full effect and be in full force after its passage and publication according to law.  
 Passed and adopted by the City Council of North Branch, Minnesota on the 30th day of July 2024.  
 Moved by Schieber and seconded by Canada.  
 The following voted in favor of said ordinance: Schaps, Miles, Schieber, Neider and Canada. The following voted against the same: None  
 The following abstained: None  
 Approved: **Kevin Schieber**  
 Attest: **Ragini Varma**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI PLANNING COMMISSION**  
 Public Hearing on August 20, 2024  
 Notice is hereby given that on

located at 110 First Avenue NW, Isanti, Minnesota; the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following items:  
 1) Request by Tab and Slot for a Zoning Text Amendment. Said request is for the addition of 'Open Sales Lot for Custom-Built Trailers' as a permitted accessory use within the 'I-1' Industrial Park District.  
 2) Request By Stawski & Stawski Inc. for a Conditional Use Amendment. Said request is for adding Pickleball as a use to the existing Conditional Use Permit for 306 Credit Union Dr NE 16.077.0070.  
**BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.**  
 Jordyn Curtis  
 Associate Planner  
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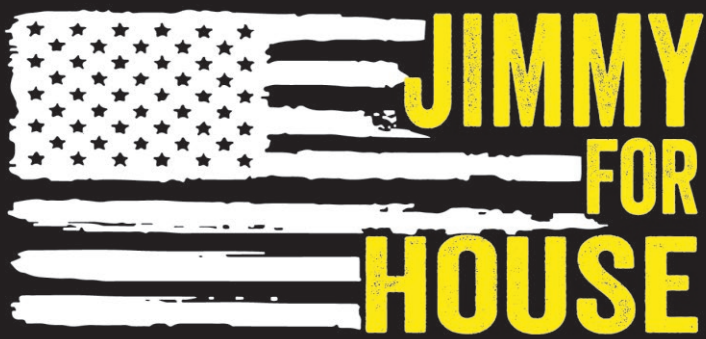
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Application and job description are available on our website: https://finlayson.municipalimpact.com/employment-opportunities at Finlayson City Hall at 2217 Finland Ave. Finland, MN 55735 or by email: Finlayson@scicable.com. Applicants must pass background check before hire. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.</p> <p><b>Worker needed in Hinckley</b> for private home care \$19/hr. Call Lynette at 320-279-2131 or Trista at 320-279-1879.</p> <p><b>PLACE A CLASSIFIED TODAY</b>              763-250-9159</p>	<p><b>201</b> Child Care</p> <p><b>Deb's Tiny Tots</b> experience. Infant thru school ages. Certified CPR/First Aid. Braham. 763-333-4990.</p>	<p><b>301</b> Farm Misc</p> <p><b>WANTED: IH 806D</b> Finders fee paid \$50 if purchased. Gilbert 320-221-1590</p>	<p><b>302</b> Feed/Seed/Hay</p> <p><b>For Sale</b> good grass hay. No rain. \$4 a bale. Small squares. Mora. 320-515-0270.</p>	<p><b>351</b> Antiques</p> <p><b>Buying Antiques.</b> Anything nice. 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Tractors, vehicles, household items, 4 wheeler, sporting items, lawn &amp; garden items, antiques &amp; collectibles, shop tools. Amazing Auctions, Doug Maser, Lic. #33-24MN. 320-630-6651. www.amazingauctions.com.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Aug. 3,</b> 9 a.m. Live onsite 2 ring auction. Al Johnson estate. Packard St. NE, Cambridge, MN. Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, trailers, car dolly. Skidsteer, tractors, power equipment. Collectables, housewares, misc. John R. Carlson Auction Co. 763-238-6049 www.carlsonauctions.com. Auctioneer, John R. Carlson, Lic. no. 30-33.</p>	<p><b>401</b> Auctions</p> <p><b>Sunday, Aug. 11</b> 11:02 a.m. Ken &amp; Cathy Hedmark, owners. Kerrick/Bruno area. 2014 Chrysler SV TWC, firearms, reload equipment, mounts, ammo, sporting goods, tools &amp; garage items, lawn &amp; garden, furniture &amp; household, notable items, misc. &amp; other items. Auctions by Norby. Auctioneer Col. Kevin C. Norby, Lic. no. 33-03. norbys1967@gmail.com. Midwestauctions.com/norby, auctionsbynorby.com. 320-279-0712.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Aug. 15,</b> 5 pm. 16995 100<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Oak Park, MN 56357. Real estate auction. Dean Fleigle, owner. 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom house. Siemers Auctioneers, www.midwestauctions.com/siemers. 14382 130<sup>th</sup> Ave., Milaca, MN 56353. 320-267-1799. Mitchell Siemers, Auctioneer. Lic. no. 48-20-016.</p>	<p><b>404</b> Garage Sales</p> <p><b>Garage Sale 8/8-8/10.</b> 9-5. Bikes, bar stools, lawn chairs, power chair, corner cabinet, metal cabinets, tools, misc. 624 Grove St N, Mora.</p>
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### A Little About Me...

I'm a long-time resident of the area. My wife Megan and I have four kids. We attend church at North Isanti Baptist. In my free time I enjoy hunting, fishing and playing my guitar. We own the Jimmy's Pizzas in Isanti, North Branch and New Town, ND. I've been a firefighter with Isanti Fire District since 2018 and I've served on the Isanti City Council since 2019 as both a councilman and currently as mayor.

### Limited Government and Term Limits

I strongly believe in minimizing government intervention in our lives. Sixteen states in the U.S. have some form of term limits on their legislative bodies. We should be next.

### Parental Rights & Education

We need to take power from the state and give more of it to parents and local school boards to decide what's being taught in their schools. We have to protect our students from Progressive ideologies regarding sexuality, gender and Critical Race Theory.

### Pro Life

Every life has value and a purpose. We need to protect life in all stages from conception to a natural death.

### Election Integrity

This should be a bipartisan issue. We need to pass Voter ID. There should also be more hand counting of ballots to verify voting machine totals before the ballots ever leave the precinct they are cast in. We should be making cast vote records publicly available. A cast vote record is a pdf of the ballot and how it was calculated by the voting machine. That way anyone who wants to verify the results of an election for themselves would be able to do so.

### Second Amendment

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### Law Enforcement

I'll stand up to Governor Walz and the Left's defund the police agenda and their efforts to make Minnesota a Sanctuary State.

### Health Care

We need to be thinking of outside the box ideas that will reduce the strain on the system and on our great health care workers. We should be encouraging things like Direct Contracting where people pay their doctor an annual rate for basic medical care.

### Taxes and the Economy

Let's cut red tape and wasteful spending to encourage business growth and lower taxes. We shouldn't be subsidizing businesses with your hard-earned money, and we need to let the free market work.

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# EMPLOYMENT

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