



**REMINDER:** Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday, November 4

## Complaint against mayor dismissed Council to hold 'work session' to hash out differences

BY MOLLY WHELAN  
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The mayor of North Branch is in the clear for calling a censured council member's actions "egregious," after the council affirmed its assertion that such behavior does not violate any standards of conduct.

Despite finding Councilmember Kelly Neider's official complaint against Mayor Kevin Schieber did not show evidence of actionable wrongdoing, the council had previously ordered a public hearing on the matter.

In light of this, Schieber opened his portion of the Oct. 24 hearing with a question: "What are we doing here?"

More specifically, he asked, "What do you hope to get out of this public hearing?"

Council member Travis Miles, one of the three council members not directly involved in the complaint and thus able to deliberate, said he voted for a hearing in hopes Schieber and Neider could clear the air.

Schieber declined the offer to broaden the scope of the hearing to address other conflicts between he and Neider, instead focusing his testimony solely on the complaint Neider filed against him related to a hearing preceding her latest censure.

Schieber argued that he used the word "egregious" to describe Neider's alleged actions, not her as a person, a point the council agreed on at the preliminary hearing.

"I see a misunderstanding by Councilmember Neider, that she still does not understand that you can talk about the actions... without labeling somebody,"

he said. "When I go back and look, it is a no-brainer what I am referencing. I am speaking to her actions in that situation."

Schieber stood by his assertion that in allegedly telling a part-time liquor store clerk that she was a city council member and would shut down the liquor stores when she became mayor, her actions were egregious.

"I have heard often from Councilmember Neider that we need to expect a higher level of excellence from our top leadership," Schieber said, "and I wholeheartedly agree with that."

In her complaint, Neider also blamed Schieber for "changing her word" in the first complaint against her, an attribution error the city attorney argued could be used to argue the complaint was made in bad faith.

At the May 24 public hearing on that first incident, Schieber said upon researching Neider's description of the person having a "personality defect," he saw it used in the same way the phrase "personality disorder" is used, supporting the complainant's allegations that Neider's comments disparaged people with mental illness.

While Schieber did say this, Miles was the first to say it — a fact Miles himself confirmed after reviewing the video.

Attorney Nicholas K.C. Garcia Lisle of the firm Flaherty & Hood, P.A., stated that the council could adopt a standard designating complaints like this one — leveled against one person when in fact the action was taken by another — could be automatically considered to be made in bad faith. The council declined to take

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### If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

This youngster figured he would just embrace Christmas season overlapping into Halloween and dressed up as the Grinch for Trunk or Treating at Phoenix Academy in North Branch. See page 2 for more photos of our favorite Halloween costumes.



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The townhome style cottages on the former Cambridge State Hospital grounds, which have been vacant for nearly nine years, might be able to be re-purposed after remodeling, depending on what Isanti County decides to do with the property — assuming it goes through with purchasing it from the state.

## Isanti County considering purchase of former state hospital land

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After nearly nine years of being almost completely vacant, what remains of the former Cambridge State Hospital may once again see activity in the not-so-distant future. Isanti County is eyeing the land for its own use. What that use may be, however, is completely up in the air.

The subject of approaching the state regarding the purchase of the land was brought up by the Isanti County Commissioners while discussing long-range plans for the county. Specifically, the commissioners were curious about the possi-

bility of utilizing the land as the new home for the county's highway department, which needs an upgraded facility considering its current location is extremely outdated and undersized. However, that wasn't the only possibility on the minds of the county as the commissioners took a tour of the property, which was facilitated by Minnesota District 27B Representative Kurt Daudt.

**EXTENSIVE HISTORY**  
The State Hospital was opened almost one

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# Trick or Treaters get shivers up their spine, for more than one reason

It didn't matter if Halloween events were held over the weekend or on the holiday itself, Halloween 2023 will go down as one of the consistently coldest in memory. The frigid temperatures, which were hovering near freezing throughout, didn't deter kids and adults from enjoying the festivities. It just meant some costumes needed to be modified or partially hidden under warmer clothes.

Here is a collection of some of our photographer's favorite costumes while covering events in downtown Cambridge, Phoenix Academy in North Branch, Faith Lutheran Church in Isanti, and Common Ground Church in Cambridge.



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## 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 [minnesotanorth-al-anon.org](http://minnesotanorth-al-anon.org).

## 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.

## 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 1st Tuesday of each month from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Heritage Center at GracePointe Crossing, 322 River Hills Place North Cambridge, MN

### Braham Parkinson's Support

7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each



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**All area veterans are invited to a free breakfast with Cambridge-Isanti High School students from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 in the CIHS cafeteria.**

month at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For more information call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10a.m.

### Jammin' with Joe, a support group

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. From 1-2:30 p.m.

### Hand and Foot

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

### Grief Support

A 13-week series held Thursday evenings starting in September through November. The class is non-denominational. North Isanti Baptist Church 2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge. Those interested should call Jodi Ostrom at 760-371-0612

### Adult children of Alcoholics/Dysfunctional families Meeting

Hope and Unity ACA meeting 6:45 at New Hope Church, 114 Dahlin Ave NE, Isanti. For more information call 612 251 6556 or 612 702 2844 or email - [Acaisanti12345@gmail.com](mailto:Acaisanti12345@gmail.com)

## FRIDAYS Cribbage

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

## NOV. 3

### Fall Book Sale at Cambridge Public Library

9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Nov. 4 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the library's Opportunity Room. Hundreds of books in a wide variety of subject areas are available. 111 Dellwood Street North, Cambridge, 763-689-7390.

## NOV. 4

### Cambridge Winter Farmers Market

From 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Cambridge

Mall next to City Hall in Cambridge.

## NOV. 6

### Surviving the Holidays

6 p.m. – 8 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 304 Main St S, Cambridge. For people grieving a loved one's death. To register or for questions, call the church office 763-689-1173.

## NOV. 7

### Annual Pork Dinner, bake sale and Auction

4 – 6:30 p.m. at Fish Lake Lutheran Church 43353 Cedarcrest Trail, Harris. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, children 5 and under free.

### Senior Storytime

1 – 2 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center in North Branch. 38790 6th Ave, North Branch, MN 55056 Recommended for ages 50+

### Super Storytime! NEW TIME! (Cambridge)

4 - 4:30 p.m. Join the Cambridge Public Library for a fun evening storytime series! Together we will sing songs and read stories. Recommended for children ages 5-8 and their siblings. No registration necessary.

## NOV. 8

### Coffee Talk

American Legion Post 290 from Noon to 2 p.m. A representative from the Isanti Co. Veterans Service Office will be available to provide assistance regarding veterans related issues. Open to all vets. Call the Isanti County Veterans Services Office for more info: (763) 689-3591

### MNSure Open Enrollment

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. To make your appointment, call Lakes & Pines at 320-679-1800 or 800-832-6082 option 4 to complete a short intake and ask to schedule a MNSure appointment at the Cambridge Library. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated at this time.

## NOV. 10

### Free Veteran's Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. at Cambridge-Isanti High School Cafeteria. To honor our U.S. Veterans & CIHS students whose family members have served, past or present. Questions/comments please contact Michael Galligan at: [mgalligan@c-ischools.org](mailto:mgalligan@c-ischools.org)

### Jenni Thyng Performs for SAC Fundraiser

3 p.m. at the Cafe in the Mall. Tickets are just \$10 each and available through SAC's. Tickets are limited.

### Veterans Day Open House

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Isanti County Historical Society, 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge. Come see our military-themed displays and enjoy some refreshments.

## IMAGE Art Show celebrates their 36th year

This is the 36th year of IMAGE, an annual judged art show, sponsored by the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC). The IMAGE Art Show has been hosted by different art groups, organizations, or group of individuals interested in the arts. In the last few years ECRAC has hosted the show at our office now located in Hinckley. All IMAGE Art Show exhibitors must be at least 18 years old and be residents of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe lands.

This year the IMAGE Art Show will take place at the Grand Event Center in Mora, on Nov. 10, 11 & 12, 2023. Award winners will be exhibited at the ECRAC Gallery in Hinckley during November.

This year's IMAGE awards are: 2- Judge's choice (\$600); 10- Excellence Award (\$300 each) &

10- Merit Awards (\$200 each) overall. In addition, artwork entered will be eligible for People's Choice (\$400), which will be awarded after the show closes. Everyone viewing the show is allowed one vote for their favorite piece artwork.

For more information on the show email: [image@ecrac.org](mailto:image@ecrac.org)

The East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that has been designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board as the regional arts council for Region 7E in East Central Minnesota. The mission of the East Central Regional Arts Council is to support the arts and bring the life enhancing values they afford to Region 7E residents. ECRAC accomplishes this mission through programs and special initiatives for artists and arts organizations. You can find out more about the East Central Regional Arts Council at [www.ecrac.org](http://www.ecrac.org). The office is located at 504 Weber Ave S - Set 109, PO Box 554, in Hinckley, MN. This activity is made possible with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation and thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## Cambridge Curling Club hosts open house

### STAFF REPORTED

[NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM](mailto:NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM)

The Cambridge Curling Club invites the public to their Open House on Friday, November 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. All, including new and current members, and curious individuals, are encouraged to attend.

This event, held at the Isanti County Fairgrounds, offers a glimpse into the world of curling. Lakeside Curling Supplies will be on-site for those seeking equipment before the season starts.

Join the Cambridge Curling Club for a warm welcome and a taste of the curling experience. Refreshments will be provided. For further details about the Cambridge Curling Club, visit the club's website <https://cambridgecurlingclub.com/>

## Two sports tragedies makes for a bad weekend

This past weekend, the local sports news was focused on two tragedies that took place. One was regarding Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins sustaining a torn Achilles during the Green Bay Packers game.



**Worth a Thousand Words**

**Bill Stickels III**

This was sad to see on several fronts. First, following their upset of the San Francisco 49ers the Monday before, the Vikings appeared to be poised to prove all the doubters wrong and make a run for the playoffs despite starting the season with an 0-3 record. This feat was remotely possible primarily because of Cousins' performance as of late. He was towards the top of the league in several statistical categories. Plus, he just looked like he was in a groove on the field. And, he was doing all of that without the NFL's best receiver Justin Jefferson.

Besides that, Kirk Cousins just seems like a nice guy. He appears so genuine and down to earth. He also readily owns the fact he is a bit of a dork. I think they should play Weird Al Yankovic's "White and Nerdy" the first time Cousins steps on the field.

I know many people bristle at the fact that Minnesota sports fans tend to latch onto players, wanting the team to re-sign or not trade them simply because that player appears to be likable. While I will admit sometimes my heart overrides my head when it comes to certain players, in this case, I've been a Kirk Cousins fan since his college days at Michigan State. I was hoping the Vikings would have drafted him back in 2012.

As unfortunate as Cousins' injury was, though, it pales in comparison to the tragic death of Hibbing graduate and former University of Minnesota-Duluth and Pittsburgh Penguin Adam Johnson.

Johnson, while playing for a hockey team in England, was killed after another player's skate blade deeply cut him in the neck. He wasn't the first player to be cut in such a fashion, but it looks like he is the first to die from that injury (at least the only one I can find based on a brief Google search).

Making this incident even worse is the fact some are claiming that while most likely not trying to kill Johnson, the video of the play makes it look like the guy was at least trying to injure him for some reason. I'm not convinced of that as players find themselves in very awkward positions at times after making contact with another player. And this might very well be the case here too.

Be that as it may, it does beg the question of why a body part like the neck isn't more protected considering the flying pucks, frequent instances of high sticking, and situations where there is a chance of making contact with a knife-sharp blade. I've been to a number of youth hockey games where all the players are wearing such protection, but apparently it isn't mandatory statewide.

At least it isn't yet. After Jack Jablonski became paralyzed from a hit from behind during a JV game in 2011, sweeping changes were instantaneously made to eliminate dangerous plays such as that. Hopefully, this incident, even though it happened in another country, is enough to open eyes enough to make neckguards mandatory before a similar tragedy happens closer to home.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Hunters, consider donating hides

To the editor,

This Saturday marks the beginning of the 2023 firearm deer hunting season. Along with all the anticipation of harvesting a deer and filling the freezer, the Isanti County Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, (MDHA) is encouraging area hunters to also consider donating their deer hides to the Hides for Habitat Program. By donating their hide to MDHA, hunters are helping the deer of the future. A great way to give back.

MDHA's Hides for Habitat program is a flagship program of MDHA and since its inception in 1985 has generated nearly \$5.7 million dollars and over a million hides to help fund statewide habitat projects. This program works because of hunters who donate their hides to the orange MDHA logo collection boxes around the state and because of dedicated Chapter volunteers that process the hides before selling them.

Our Chapter uses the funds to purchase trees, food plot seed, (corn, soybeans, sunflowers and a variety of Frigid Forage) for our members to plant to improve habitat, helping a variety of wildlife. Some funding is also used for scholarships to send local kids to Forkhorn Camps and sponsor two scholarships for "Dollars for Scholars". We have used funding from this program to help with Land Acquisitions which then is turned into Wildlife Management Areas, which are open to the public for hunt-

ing.

To donate your deer hide this season, simply look for the orange boxes with the MDHA logo on them. To locate an official MDHA Hides Drop Station, check our Facebook page "Isanti County MDHA" or visit MDHA website at mndeerhunters.com or call 800-450-3337.

**John Hass & Jenny Carlson**  
Isanti County Chapter Hides for Habitat Coordinators

#### Supports MinnesotaCare

To the editor,

I am writing in support of Medicaid, commonly referred to as MinnesotaCare, and the way that expanding the coverage is essential to Minnesotans. There was recently a national pause in Medicaid during the COVID-19 pandemic where a lot of people lost the coverage that it provided for them. During the pandemic, the coverage that was normally provided would have been essential to livelihood during an uncertain time.

Governor Tim Walz recently signed the proposal to expand MinnesotaCare to Minnesotans that retain an undocumented status. With the new changes coming into MinnesotaCare in 2025 we can expect to see positive changes in families who are essential to the state's economy finally get coverage that they needed. MinnesotaCare for undocumented parties will continue to be funded by the state.

According to Minnesota Public Radio, who interviewed someone who will be getting coverage in

the coming years, the coverage plans will have the same options and pay points as everyone else. This program has already provided hope and security for our fellow Minnesotans who could be undocumented for several reasons, but they still work, pursue education, and most of all, pay taxes. They deserve the same amount of coverage that everyone else in our beautiful state also could have. This small step toward equality is an essential one, and with the right motives, I think that we can continue efficacy of our state health systems.

**Alana Walsh**  
North Branch

#### Inflation has been worse before

To the editor,

Inflation has been worse during Republican presidents Nixon, Ford, and Reagan. To be fair, much of that was due to the Vietnam War. Today, more people are working than ever before and their buying power has put a great demand on food and gasoline and the result is inflation.

Usually, a recession with increasing unemployment brings down inflation but that is made difficult when we have the lowest unemployment historically. Today, the US produces more oil than ever before. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the United States produced an average of 20.08 million barrels of crude oil per day in 2022. This makes the United States the largest oil

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# Community counts

The longer I live, the more I realize friends and relationships are important for community. Friends are tremendous for support and encouragement for each other. Kathy and I talk about how valuable our friends are, and how we can share concerns and pray for each other. There are a number of people with trusted relationships that we can look to for good advice and counsel. There's an old expression that when you share a sorrow it's cut in half, and when you share a joy, it's doubled.

Everyone needs to build friendships. There are so many opportunities in our community that allow it. A key one is being involved in a church. Another is an organization. Volunteering is very effective in building friendships and working on a common purpose.

In our neighborhoods there are families with illness, cancer, struggles with children, a tragedy, a death or a disability that need your help. Sometimes it's bringing a meal to their home. Other times it's calling with encouragement. Sending a note is often meaningful, and the old-fashioned way is to write a letter and mail it. The printed word lasts.

When someone is ill, there are so many good medical facilities available. Often it takes a second opinion. There can be good medical information online, but be sure you know the source. There are a lot of medical suggestions that sound good and look good, but they are gimmicks to get you to buy something. I have some bottles of capsules to prove that.

Another thing that has helped us is going together on medical visits. The patient may not be able to catch every word of advice and suggestions, so taking someone along can be helpful. We make a list before we go and we document what we learn and put it in our medical files. We maintain a history of doctors and medications. When you visit a medical facility, be straight with them. Tell them exactly what you are feeling and discovering. Don't hesitate to ask questions.

Over the last 25 years, we have been pleased with

our local medical people, as well as those at Mayo Clinic.

When you are given advice, take it seriously and follow it. If there are adverse side effects, let your doctor know it.

Learn "The Best of"

Our newspapers have just completed the "Best of the Press" contest and I found the special sections very enjoyable to read and to note restaurants that are winners and have some of my favorite foods. I hope you will have a chance to visit them and enjoy their offerings.

I'm sure our readers are enjoying learning about local businesses and some of their services and suppliers that are rated high. It pays to be in support of them while enjoying their services.

This is a major undertaking by our newspaper staff. They have done a wonderful job and I hope our readers are enjoying it.

Taxes needed with surplus

The sales tax is up another one percent in the seven-county metro area. Most items that are taxable will show an 8.75% sales tax. Some of that unfortunately goes for light rail and the construction costs that seem to have been mismanaged. The Met Council reports only to the governor and I'm not sure it's the adequate approach for such a huge responsibility and budget to be handled in this manner. Government grows and so do taxes.

Good advice

Warren Buffett provided a lot of nuggets of good advice. One of them is, "It's better to hang out with people better than you. Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours and you'll drift in that direction."

Another one is, "Look for integrity, intelligence and energy."

Another one that I think is very good, and I'm working at, is, "I insist on a lot of time being spent, almost every day, to just sit and think. That is very uncommon in American business. I read and think. So I do more reading and thinking, and make less impulse decisions than most people in business. I do it because I like this kind of life." Thanks, Warren.

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About the Town Gene Johnson

# For the love of Viking hockey

The weather has certainly taken a turn towards cold. Driving home from the Volleyball game in Cloquet last night sure was a white-knuckle driving experience. To say I am unprepared for winter is an understatement. I am so grateful for the people in our community that have been planning ahead for when people like me are each ready to embrace all that winter has to offer.

Over the past few months, leaders from the North Branch Area Hockey Association, City of North Branch, and North Branch Area Public Schools have been strategizing improvements to the hockey rink south of the high school. Existing hockey boards were warped and rotten. Together, this partnership began its work for Viking hockey to thrive this winter.

In honor of this partnership and the great game of hockey, I asked Viking hockey player LaVonte Fisher to help me insert some hockey lingo. Enjoy.

Hockey is of high interest to many Viking families. Enjoying a spontaneous pick-up game brings people together. And, getting ice time isn't always easy when you're a hockey player. Ice time at local arenas are usually reserved for team practices and there isn't a lot of time for individual players to hone their skills, practice puck- and stick-handling, and take shots at the net.

To ensure skaters don't lose options, the NBAHA worked with the school district and the City of North Branch to create a plan for the rink, and together we are in the process of replacing the boards, and enhancing security with an assist from Lampert's and hockey association President Jason Zerwas's construction connections. The end result should be a wonderfully updated hockey rink.

For the love of Viking hockey, this team of beauties put partnership in action. The school district and the hockey association each contributed to the purchase of new lumber for boards - made easier by Lampert's, which provided the lumber at a discount. Volunteer labor from Enclave's Jim Kessel and Sunrise Landscaping & Excavating's Matt Paavola are handling the teardown and rebuild. The city of North Branch will be providing camera surveillance of the newly refurbished rink, pre-flood grading to ensure level ground, flooding over the course of the winter, and personnel to oversee the warming house and rink when open.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Zach Berg expressed gratitude and refers to this partnership as a great source of Viking pride. We are honored to be working together to ensure this outdoor skating option remains available to hockey players this winter. *Light the lamp!* Our partnership sure scored by pulling together to keep the celly going and the love of Viking hockey thriving.

**SARA PAUL** is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or [spaul@isd138.org](mailto:spaul@isd138.org).



NB School News Sara Paul

# Why are patrol cars maroon?

**Question:** What is the deal with the Minnesota State Patrol and the maroon colored squad cars? I've traveled all over the United States and don't know if I've ever seen this color used before. Is there a reason for this?



Ask A Trooper Jesse Grabow

**Answer:** Good observation and yes, there is a reason deep within the histo-

ry of the Minnesota State Patrol. The Minnesota State Patrol was created in 1929. The original trooper uniform — long gray coat, riding boots, gray knee-high pants and eight-corner hat — was replaced by maroon and gold uniforms. The change was made in 1934 to honor the University of Minnesota national championship football team. The Golden Gophers went on to win National Football Championships in 1935, 1936, 1940, 1941 and 1960.

In 1958 the State Patrol adopted maroon as the standard car color for their squad cars. Our

cars have went through some graphic changes throughout that time but the maroon and gold has remained steady as a part of our organization.

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producer in the world, ahead of Saudi Arabia and Russia. Our own demand for oil has caused prices to increase.

The border crisis is caused by over population in poor areas of Central and South America where there is no law enforcement. Our border on the Rio Grande River is like the Rum River. Geography is the problem. Real change can only come from Congress. All the fences and barricades can't protect the border any better than the Great Wall of China did or the all walls protecting Israel. America is the land of opportunity and peace. That is why so many people are trying to come here. Our prosperity and the rule of law is our way of life and we don't want that to change. This is also true for Europe where refugees are coming from Africa. Refugees are not trying to get into Russia, Cuba, Venezuela or China. We don't want to live in those places either.

Thank you President Biden for your leadership protecting our democracy and supporting the rule of law. Thank you President Biden for holding Rus-

sia accountable for their aggression. If Russia takes Ukraine we will have a huge problem with a much stronger and aggressive Russia. We don't want that.

Howard Lewis  
Cambridge

## Appeal to Heaven

Dear editor,

God has called us to intercede. He has commanded us to pray for those in authority. He has given us His word, His power, His Name, His authority, and His faith. We have all the tools necessary to pray effectively for our governments and their leaders.

So let's govern ourselves according to God's instructions to pray for His guidance and healing.

Please join us to Appeal to Heaven on Sunday November 5th at Grace Gospel Church, 5 p.m., located in Grandy.

Bob Lex  
for Concerned Citizens

**CORRECTION**

The author visit to the Cambridge Public Library by Alex Messenger has been postponed to Monday, Nov. 13 in order to not conflict with the Nov. 7 Cambridge-Isanti School Board special election. His visit will still be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 13.

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## OBITUARIES

### Marcia Lynn (Schwartz) Laase

*Looking back on the memory of the dance we shared beneath the star above. For a moment all the world was right, how could I have known you'd ever say goodbye.* - Garth Brooks

Marcia Lynn Laase of North Branch, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at her home with her husband Dale by her side.



Marcia was born Jan. 1, 1953, to Walter and Arlene Schwartz in Minneapolis, MN. The only daughter, Marcia grew up with three brothers Randy, Jon, and Trent. Marcia attended grade schools in Fridley. Eventually, the family moved to Andover where she attended high school in Anoka. Marcia's zest for life included hanging out

with friends, listening to music, and chasing a farm boy from Cambridge. Marcia declared herself graduated and married that small town farm boy.

On Nov. 14, 1970, Marcia married Dale Laase at a small church in Fridley. They soon found themselves with a small family and moved to Cambridge. Marcia spent her life as a devoted mom and wife. Marcia said raising her three children was the "best part of her life".

Once the kids were raised Dale and Marcia started a new adventure. Together they started a business, Imperial Concrete Pumping out of Forest Lake. Business boomed and eventually Dale built their dream log home on 60 acres in North Branch. With Marcias decorating skills the house soon became a home for their family.

Marcia is survived by her husband Dale Laase, sons Casey (Machelle) Laase, Corey (Nicole) Laase and her daughter Rendy Miller all of Cambridge. Brothers Jon (Joan) Schwartz, of North Branch, and Trent (Laura) Schwartz of Backus, MN. Her six precious grandchildren Cason, Cooper, Broc, Brayden, Preston and Austyn.

Marcia was preceded in death by her father and mother (Walter and Arlene Schwartz) and older brother Randy Schwartz.

The family would like to thank St. Croix Hospice for comforting Marcia her last few days. The family would also like to thank most importantly, Rendy, Marcia's daughter, for her sacrifices, compassion and love filled care to our mom over the years. It could not have been replicated.

*And now I'm glad I didn't know the way it all would end. The way it all would go. Our lives are better left to chance, I could have missed the pain. But I'd of had to miss The Dance.* - Garth Brooks

Funeral arrangements were held privately. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### Betty Irene (Leaf) Engberg

Betty Irene (Leaf) Engberg, of Braham, passed away on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 at the Cambridge Medical Center. She was 92 years old.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents John and Hulda (Smith) Leaf, husband Harold, brother Dennis Leaf, brother-in-law Rene Southerland, and sister-in-law Sharon Leaf.



Betty is survived by her children, Bob (Debbie), Kim (Gerry), Cindy (Dan) Blatz, Jackie (Rob) Ford, and Harold "Jr" (Tina); grandchildren, Tammi (Brant), Troy (Shauna), Angie (Tony), Patrick (Abby), Travis (Liz), Tyler, Alisha (Austin), Calvin, and Garrett; great grandchildren, Delaney, Avery, Nicholas, Alexis, Waylon, Anna, and Laine; siblings, Donald (Verna) Leaf, Darrell Leaf, Marlys "Mickey" Southerland, LaVerne (Dennis "Butch") Golden, Dianne "DeeDee" (Mike) Lund, and Duane (Dawn) Leaf; sister-in-law Carol Leaf; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023 at the Calvary Lutheran church at Rush Point. Rev. Dr. Vicki VanderVegt officiated. Interment was at the Rice Lake Cemetery in Braham. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at [www.hamiltonfhs.com](http://www.hamiltonfhs.com).

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### Steven Floyd Poff

Steven Floyd Poff, of North Branch, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 at his home at the age of 73.

Steve was born Sept. 17, 1950 to Floyd and Lorraine Poff, he was the first of their four children. Steve graduated from Cambridge High School, Class of 1969. He immediately entered the Army and was stationed in Germany for two years and received an honorable discharge in 1972. Steve went to work at Hoffman and worked there until he retired in 2015.



Steve is survived by siblings, Kathy (Doug) Nelson, Keven (Margaret) Poff; nephews and nieces, Julie (Andy) Greeler, Shannon Poff (Jenny), Matt (Jessica) Poff, Danielle (Ken) Feucht, Edwin Poff, Fallon Poff

(Shawn); ten great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Lorraine Poff and brother, Sherman Poff.

There will be a private family burial at Isanti Union Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Isanti VFW Post 2735. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

## New Pathways strives to inspire action during Homeless Awareness Month

BY MARY WESTLUND  
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November is National Homeless Awareness Month and for New Pathways, a Cambridge-based nonprofit organization serving homeless families with children since 2000, it is an opportunity to raise awareness, address harmful stigmas, and educate the community about family homelessness – a complex and largely underreported issue.

Family homelessness is often referred to as "invisible homelessness" since most unhoused families don't sleep on the streets. They're staying in their cars, motels, sleeping on the floor at a friend or family member's and doing whatever they can to avoid ending up in a shelter with their children. Seeking shelter is often a last resort when all other options have been exhausted over fears of safety, judgment, embarrassment, and shame.

Often, these fears are quickly relieved when families walk through New Pathway's doors and are welcomed with warmth and acceptance. New Pathway's Path to Home program works with area churches to provide sleeping accommodations, meals, and hospitality each evening. During the day, families receive customized case management and support to address their unique needs to achieve lasting self-sufficiency and independence. The Supportive Housing program provides permanent housing for families with children experiencing long-term homelessness along with support services to help them achieve housing stability.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, a key driver of homelessness is a persistent lack of affordable housing with nearly 30% of households in Minnesota cost-burdened, meaning they are spending 30% or more of their monthly income on housing. "Many local families are struggling to pay their rent or mortgage and an illness, injury, or job loss can quickly lead to a loss of housing. Homelessness can also result from other issues such as physical and/or mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse or addiction, and over 70% of the families New Pathways serves are fleeing or have a recent history of domestic violence," said Mary Westlund, New Pathway's executive director. "We believe every family – every child – deserves a safe and stable place to live and we work tirelessly alongside each of them to make that a reality," said Westlund. Since 2000, New Pathways has served over 1,200 children and 700 families.

With the upcoming holiday season and winter weather, it can be an especially difficult time for those without the comfort and safety home provides. There are several ways the community can help these families and children including: volunteering with New Pathways, needed items on our wish list which can be found on Facebook and our website, or a financial donation which will be applied to where it is needed most.

## Ground broken for new assisted living center

Representatives from the city of North Branch join the owners and other partners of Boka Haven in holding a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new 40-unit assisted living center. The facility is being constructed at 5251 386th Street in North Branch and is expected to be completed sometime in July, 2024.



# A deeper explanation of repercussions of NBW&L 'no' vote

BY MOLLY WHELAN  
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With the North Branch Water & Light referendum vote now less than two weeks away, North Branch Mayor Kevin Schieber called for a period of discussion among the council and city staff at the Oct. 24 council meeting on the upcoming special election, citing "a lot of misinformation" being spread, including by council members.

Schieber did not mention any council members by name.

City Administrator Renae Fry ran through a series of frequently asked questions the city and commission will be posting to their websites and social media accounts, including, as Schieber requested, an itemized breakdown of the \$400,000 price tag on an unsuccessful referendum proposed in a letter sent out to North Branch residents.

Councilmember Peter Schaps questioned the \$400,000, asking why the city would need to hire anyone while Public Works Director Shawn Williams served as general manager of the utility.

"I don't think that we have to pay him \$150,000 a year, which is what we were paying the previous manager," Schaps said. Williams currently receives \$100 per week, from the city, for his work on the utility. Fry said the commission would also need to add two additional staff to cover NBW&L work in the event it fully separates from the city.

"I thought we made a lot of progress with streamlining this whole operation," he continued, "now you're saying we have to hire everyone again? We don't sell power anymore... that's what we had to have a general manager for."

Fry explained that the city has thus far been providing management services to the utility for free — an expense the city would not be wise to continue if voters elect to keep the utility separate instead of combining it

completely with the city.

"The taxpayers of North Branch are subsidizing this utility right now," Fry said. "That's the piece that needs to stop, one way or another."

"We have to make reparations for the fact that the city has been subsidizing the commission, but not receiving any of the financial benefits," she added, saying the utility has never paid the city.

In the updated FAQ on the North Branch Water & Light's Facebook page created exclusively for the upcoming vote, it explains that the city must either be compensated for any services it continues to offer on behalf of NBW&L, or the utility will need to hire its own staff, including a general manager, accountant, and two water operators. The estimated salary of these employees combined is \$400,000.

"This number is real money, it isn't made up, it isn't just a scare tactic as some people have claimed," added Williams.

He also stated the fact that if the referendum passes, the city would be hiring additional staff is also inaccurate.

"The position I have asked for is because of (the city's) growth," Williams said.

Councilmember Kelly Neider echoed criticism of the letter to voters, saying it "stinks."

"I agree we could have written the letter different," said Williams. "I was one of the people who looked at the letter. I will take ownership in that. But we wanted to be honest and get the facts out there."

Schieber reiterated his call for council members to stop spreading "shameful and irresponsible" misinformation, including, he said, the inaccurate assertion that a successful referendum means a single person will be in charge of all water funds.

"Let the residents make their decisions on actual facts," he said.

# Local talent to raise money for Cambridge Senior Activity Center

BY BRUCE DANIELSON  
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A few years ago the Cambridge Senior Activity Center (SAC's) put on five seasons of the "Lawrence Welk Show" to raise needed funds for the local Center. This fall / winter another fundraiser has been organized to again raise funding, this time for needed kitchenware for the Friendship Cafe.

This time the talent is spread out through three shows, spread apart by two months each. The first performer is Jenni Thyng performing on Friday, November 10 at 3 PM at the Cafe in the Mall. Jenni is a talented performer who originally grew up in Braham and was highlighted in the Braham musicals throughout high school. She now performs all around the area to enthusiastic crowds with a voice that will leave you awestruck. Due to the performance being so close to Veteran's Day, Jenni will be singing many patriotic numbers which are always popular with the crowd. Tickets are just \$10 each and available through SAC's. Tickets are limited and you will not want to miss her performance.

Come January, the talent will be our legendary Kenny Krona, our local singer and guitar genius who will share his magic on Friday, January 12th at 3 PM at SAC's Cafe in the Mall. Kenny will be sharing some of his favorite songs from his long career of entertaining audiences all around the area. Kenny's known for his range of songs and genres and will be doing some of what has made him so well known for so long. Tickets for Kenny are just \$10 and available through SAC's.



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Local favorite Jenni Thyng performs on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. as a fundraiser for Cambridge Senior Activity Center.

And finally, Ole Olson (who will celebrate 35 years of performing as Ole next year) is celebrating his 75th birthday on Friday, March 8th at 3 PM at SAC's Cafe in the Mall. There will be birthday cake, party favors, surprise guests, and lots and lots of laughs. Tickets are \$10 for his performance and they are available at SAC's. Tickets for all three entertainers are limited so don't wait to purchase them.

There is a bargain price for those wishing to attend all three performances. Instead of paying \$10 per performance, one may purchase a ticket for \$25 that allows them to attend Nov 10 (Jenni Thyng), Jan 12 (Kenny Krona) and Mar 8 (Ole Olson). But act fast, because those tickets are only available until November 10th, when Jenni performs. Tickets are available exclusively at SAC's Cafe. The number of tickets are limited.

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# STATE HOSPITAL: County interested in purchase despite unknown future use

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existence the purpose was to house people who at that time were considered to be so mentally disabled they couldn't function in normal society. The grounds were expansive, going from Dellwood Street west to the river. The grounds were so large it even had its own electricity generators and heating. Additionally, numerous tunnels ran between the buildings, several of which are still there today.

As attitudes towards mentally disabled people changed over the years, the number of residents decreased to the point all the land and buildings were no longer needed, and the condition of the buildings declined. Eventually, it was decided to sell the eastern portion of the land.

Several suggestions were made for the use of the property, including the county purchasing the land and donating a portion to the school district to construct a new school. That suggestion was nixed for several reasons, including backlash from residents who objected to a school being so close to the county jail.

Eventually, the city of Cambridge purchased the land, except the Oakview building, which was purchased by the county. The city had plans to sell the land to developers for constructing single-family homes, however that wound up taking much longer than the city anticipated. Finally, almost all the land has been developed as Heritage Greens, plus two apartment complexes.

Meanwhile, the portion of the land the state kept was still being used under the new moniker of Minnesota Extended Treatment Options. New townhome style buildings were constructed for residents as the facility turned into more of a short-term, transitional

service. According to a representative from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the last patient left the facility in 2014. Ever since then, the only building being used for anything was the administrative building, which was used for dental services. That was closed down last spring.

## REMAINING LAND FOR SALE

According to Daudt, a former Isanti County Commissioner who has kept a close connection to the facility despite it not being in his district anymore, the state is interested in getting the property off its books — and it is willing to do so at a minimal cost because the buildings have been vacated for at least two years. What that exact dollar amount is, though, has not been revealed.

Additionally, the state is willing to pay for whatever demolition the purchaser deems necessary, up to and including the newer townhomes and two of the older buildings that are still in decent shape — the building most recently used for administration and the building that houses a small gymnasium. Daudt said the state would use “cash” to pay for the demolition as opposed to a bonding bill. If the state would use bonding, that would greatly limit the future usage of the property.

Daudt said the state had already signed a bill conveying the land to the county a couple of years ago. However, at that time, it didn't appear the state was willing to take on the demolition costs, so the vacant buildings would have been too much of a liability for the county, so the county never agreed to the purchase. Now that demolition is included in the state's offer, all the county would need to do is sign the agreement.

“I think we have an informal bid of



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The Administration Building was the last building to be actively used, which was as a dental clinic. It was completely vacated last spring.

\$3 million to tear down the unwanted buildings and some of the tunnels,” Daudt said, “and that would make it less of a liability for the county.”

## POSSIBLE USES

The county commissioners all agreed they are interested in purchasing the land now that the state is willing to cover demolition costs. However, they weren't prepared to give a solid answer for what the land would be used for.

Daudt said he recommends not tearing down the townhomes, considering they are around 20 years old. He suggested they could be used for senior/veterans housing or memory care. Or they could be used for juvenile correctional facilities, something he says the state is in dire need of. He added under that scenario, the county could co-op with neighboring counties and recoup remodeling costs and cover some of the costs for redeveloping the rest of the land.

The problem with something like that, though, is the townhomes bisect the land in half, meaning any other uses would have to be fitted around those buildings. This would eliminate the possibility of housing the highway department at the site.

Another problem is for the last two years, there has been no heat or cooling of the townhomes, which has caused

damage to the flooring and possibly walls. All of that would have to be remodeled before the townhomes would be usable again.

Commissioner Bill Berg said he preferred to have the entire grounds cleared, which would allow the county to take its time figuring out what exactly it wanted to do with the property.

Daudt also noted that a portion of the property might have had some work done through bonding money, so those portions would have limitations for future use. As an example, he said the county probably couldn't demolish everything and then resell to a housing developer.

Interim County Administrator Amanda Usher suggested the commissioners bring in other department heads and take another tour of the grounds to get their input into possible uses.

Daudt concluded by saying he would prefer to get an answer from the county regarding its interest in purchasing the property, which buildings the county would like to see demolished, and a general idea of what the property would be used for by the time the state legislature reconvenes this winter. That way he can push for legislation green-lighting the demolition process.

# COMPLAINT: All parties agree council has more important things to do than bicker

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that step at the hearing.

Rather than address her complaint against the mayor, Neider used her time in the hearing to defend herself against the accusations that led to her most recent censure.

Neider claimed she did not speak to the liquor store clerk in the way the clerk alleged, but that she did apologize to her. She also said the ongoing investigation into City Administrator Renae Fry, instigated by Neider and council member Peter Schaps last January, has “complicated” the relationship among the council.

Finally, Neider claimed that despite filing the formal complaint which typically leads to at least a preliminary hearing, all she wanted from Schieber was an apology.

“We do have more important, more pressing things as a council that we should be focused on,” she said, echoing the sentiment of Schaps at the preliminary hearing.

Schaps abandoned an initial bid to dismiss the complaint without prejudice, meaning they would close the matter for now, but Neider could bring it up again at her discretion — something she told the council she would never do.

Ultimately, the three-member eligible council voted to dismiss the complaint and request a work session to discuss the tensions among its members.

## MORE COMPLAINTS TO COME?

The dismissal of this complaint and upcoming work session might not be the end of complaints filed against a member of the council, however.

Former council member and current Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Committee member Amanda Darwin spoke during public comment, accusing two council members of deliberately spreading misinformation about an upcoming election and using false social media profiles without disclosing their true identity.

“The oath to serve to the best of your ability should certainly be above the bar of being a con artist and

a snake, misleading the public and abusing trust,” Darwin said.

Darwin expressed concern that the conduct may constitute a violation of open meeting laws.

She continued, saying the council members have admitted their true identities in private messages only to go on to delete those messages and create new false profiles.

The messages also allegedly disparage the recipient's weight.

“This behavior and personal conduct is making an absolute mockery of the city and the incredible progress it's making to grow and provide the residents with much needed services and information,” Darwin said.

“You know who you are,” Darwin added, “and quite honestly, you're disgusting, and the way that you're serving the city on social media needs to stop.”

After Darwin retreated from the podium, Schieber said she had made serious allegations and should consider filing a formal complaint with the city administrator, which Darwin said she would do.



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## Viking football returns to section finals

The North Branch defense completely stymied the Grand Rapids offense during the Section 7AAAA semifinal game, shutting out the Thunderhawks 28-0. The win sends the Vikings to their third-straight section championship game, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at Duluth Denfeld. The #1-seed Vikings will take on #3-seed Hermantown. A win would earn North Branch their second-straight state tournament berth, with the state quarterfinal game being played on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Monticello versus the Section 5 champion.



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## Volleyball seasons come to an end

(Above photo) North Branch's Avery Smith and Dakota Esget team up for a block during the Vikings' section semifinal match at Cloquet. The Lumberjacks topped the Vikings 3-1 to advance to the section finals.

(Right photo) C-I libero Aften Sandquist receives a serve during the Jackets' section quarterfinal match versus Blaine. The Bengals would end the Jackets' season in heartbreaking fashion, edging C-I 16-14 in the fifth set.



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## Two Jackets qualify for state cross country

C-I's Jonas Kennedy and Hunter Jacobson qualified for the State Class AAA Boys Cross Country Meet by placing ninth and tenth, respectively, at the Section 7AAAA Meet in Anoka. The teammates finished less than a second apart from each other. They will race at the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the University of Minnesota's Les Bolstad Golf Course. The Class AAA Boys race begins at 10 a.m.

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The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Oct. 22 - 28. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Michelle Yvette Hanson** (DOB 05/11/1964) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 23 with one count of Criminal Sexual Predatory Conduct; and one count of Kidnaping-To Facilitate Felony or Flight.

**Jennifer Lou Schuler** (DOB 10/08/1983) of Cambridge, was charged Oct. 23 with one count of Deprive-Custody/Parent Rights-Violation Court Order-Take Minor; and one count of Deprive Another-Cust/Parental Rights-Conceal Minor.

**Christopher Jordan Young** (DOB 09/22/1987) of Golden Valley, was charged Oct. 23 with one count of Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct; one count of Engage in Electronic Communication Relating or Describing Sexual Conduct with Child; one count of Distribute via Electronic Communication Material that Relates/Describes Sexual Conduct to a Child; and one count of Solicit Child to Engage in Sexual Conduct-Prohibited Act.

**Edgar Daniel Hernandez** (DOB 05/11/1994) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 25 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

**Ryan Douglas Morisch** (DOB 08/29/1987) of Cam-

bridge, was charged Oct. 26 with receiving stolen property.

**Emily Beth Pallo** (DOB 11/18/1977) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 26 with one count of Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent; and one count of Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor.

**Christopher Darrell Hayes** (DOB 05/29/1982) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 27 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

**Terrin James Dye** (DOB 03/02/1984) of Anoka, was charged Oct. 27 with one count of Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent; and one count of Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor.

**Michael John Thieling** (DOB 07/19/1973) of Zimmerman, was charged Oct. 27 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 22 - 28. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Jesse Raymond Dalton** (DOB 03/20/1981) of Lindstrom, was charged Oct. 26 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

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Alex Messenger himself will be at the Cambridge Library for an author visit on November 13 at 6:00 pm. The Cambridge Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 111 Dellwood St. N., Cambridge, and can be reached at (763) 689-7390. For more information, visit [ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org) or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).

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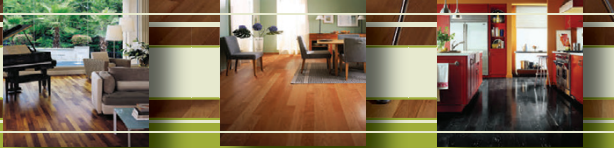
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### Isanti County, city come to consensus for County Road 5 traffic control

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Following a four-and-a-half hour joint meeting that featured more dizzying discussion than a student driver stuck in a roundabout, the Isanti County Commissioners and Isanti City Council have come to an agreement regarding which of the five options for controlling traffic along County Road 5 Heritage Boulevard between its intersections with Credit Union Drive and East Dual Boulevard. Additionally, they agreed on acceptable negotiating terms for purchasing land that could eventually create a four-way intersection at East Dual Blvd. plus how the cost of this project would be split between the county and city.

Take some more tea  
Participants in the Cambridge Library's Wonderland Tea Party enjoy a spot of tea, plus goodies from "Chef Herman." The night also featured Alice in Wonderland themed games and trivia. The event was hosted by the Friends of the Cambridge Library. To see a schedule of more events such as this, go to East Central Regional Library's website at [ecrlib.com](http://ecrlib.com) and click on "Read, Play, Learn" and then "Events."

### Frequently asked NBW&L referendum questions answered

BY MOLLY WHELAN  
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On Nov. 7, North Branch residents can vote on two ballot measures that will determine the future of utility service in the city. In an effort to give voters the most well-rounded information possible for this important vote, the Star contacted parties on both sides of the debate.

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# Minnesota's history of pine plantations still visible in area

Taking a drive through areas of East Central Minnesota, it's hard not to notice the surrounding landscape. Whether it's buildings, roads, farm fields, lakes, or trees, all types of objects help to define an area. When speaking of counties and townships that reside within the Anoka Sand Plain in East Central Minnesota, the ever-present pine plantations that are scattered throughout the landscape have an unmistakable presence. With their arrow-straight trunks and perfectly spaced rows, this familiar landscape feature

didn't happen by accident. Looking at regional history, one thing is abundantly clear: farming has made a significant impact on land use. Agricultural practices have been implemented for thousands of years around Isanti County, and in reality, are still evolving to this day. Planting seeds specifically engineered to maximize yields, and withstand marginal soils, drought, and disease has revolutionized the way land is used. Large-scale farming today is an advanced operation; a science if you will, but that wasn't always the case.

During the initial period of European settlement in the late 1850s and early 1860s, agriculture and farming around Isanti County involved labor-intensive practices on relatively small sections of land. As mechanized equipment became available, tillable acreage increased and more land was cleared for production. With the change in implements came increased yields and to some degree, change in land use practices. Overfarming and soil depletion were relatively new terms to not only local farmers but farmers all over the United States in the early 20th Century. Lack of crop rotation and land overuse were two driving factors in soil depletion in the early years of mechanized farming, especially in areas where marginal soils existed.

As early as the 1930s, state and local agencies began to recognize that many soils, like the Anoka Sand Plain, were depleted of what little topsoil they had. An idea not unfamiliar to many farming cultures throughout the world was beginning to literally "take root" within Isanti and surrounding counties. Beginning in the late 1940s and early 1950s, local efforts were put in place to help mitigate soil depletion and wind erosion. By way of the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service, many farmers and rural landowners were encouraged and often paid through tax incentives and cost-share programs to plant trees. The idea behind this sim-

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ple notion was to try and re-introduce some much-needed nutrients and add stability to the soil. Along with these benefits came the increased wildlife habitat inherent in some mass planting activities. The trees selected were almost exclusively red (Norway) pine – *Pinus resinosa*. The red pine did very well in sandy soils, and if managed properly, was disease and insect-resistant; along with being well-adapted to periodic drought conditions. The red pine for those unfamiliar has been the official state tree of Minnesota since 1953. The red pine can grow upwards of 100 feet tall at maturity and over two feet in diameter. The record red pine in Minnesota stands 120 feet tall and three feet across and is located at the Lost 40 Scientific and Natural Area in Itasca County. Red pine, in the right conditions, can live up to 250 years. Up until somewhat recently, red pine wasn't widely abundant in Isanti County. Herbarium records obtained through the Bell Museum of Natural History, indicate red pine just flirted with the southern border of Athens Township near the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Reserve in Anoka County. Neighboring counties like Kanabec, Pine, and northern Chisago Counties had a much higher concentration of native red pine.

As tidy, straight, and crop-like as many plantations were, convincing area farmers to plant a new crop in the form of trees was not an easy sell at first for many area extension and natural resource agents. For many years it was the tree that stood in the way of the plow. Why on earth would farmers want to undo generations of backbreaking work by planting more trees? With final harvest rotations nearing the century mark, the return on investment compared to normal crops wasn't obtained in one or two growing seasons. The payback was in the form of a long-term ecological investment in the land. The idea behind planting however was not to replace conventional farming entirely, but rather to amend the soil in erosion-prone areas throughout the county and help mitigate further damage. To help propagate public interest in tree planting, a new farm program titled the Soil Bank Program emerged in 1956. Under the program, farmers removed a portion of land from conventional production and set it aside for conservation. Thanks in part to the annual payment, the new program was so successful in its inception that area conservation programs and foresters had to ask other neighboring agencies for assistance. The Soil Bank Program had established itself region-wide and was a successful program for many years. Landowners enrolled in the program that owned larger tracts saw a financial profit by way of a well-timed partial harvest of the plantation over several decades as well. Along with offering soil stability, an added benefit of mass plantings was less runoff into wetlands and waterways. Other positive outcomes of plantations included potential income for the land owners from forest products and habitat for wildlife (if underplanting occurred). Plantations often get a poor reputation for being "ecological deserts" due to a lack of natural diversity. This is true to some extent, however, when dense stands first begin to grow, the winter cover for wildlife is ideal; especially when other trees are planted with the dominant overstory species. Many plantations throughout Isanti County contain other pines like white and Scotch; along with, spruce, fir, and even some deciduous shrubs for added



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**A grove of red pine trees in Isanti County plantation planted in 1959 as a way of preventing soil erosion and re-introduce much needed nutrients to sandy soil.**

wildlife habitat.

Some sections of land planted in pine occurred on tracts razing from a small shelterbelt up to hundreds of acres in size. Every one of Isanti's 13 townships has a red pine plantation growing in it, and the townships of Wyanett and areas of Springvale contain the largest tracts. Looking around the county, one can just about see, based on the species of trees where the sandy soil ends and the clay begins. For example, one won't find a large plantation in the lowland areas of northwestern Dalbo Township or the gravel-rich "glacial till" soils of northeastern Isanti Township. Plain and simple, red pine thrives in sand and loam.

During the period of widespread planting, some readers may recall being recruited as children through 4-H, Boy Scouts, schools, and youth groups to take part in planting pines. Other organizations like the Isanti County Sportsman Club also recognized and promoted the benefits of mass plantings for area wildlife. There was a large push locally for these groups to partake in planting activities, particularly during the 1950s and early 1960s. Many of the plantations around the area are a direct result of widespread planting activities. Requiring minimal water and maintenance when planted, as the trees matured, they would shed their lower branches and needles creating a duff layer that helped add nutrients to the soil. Ideally, as time went on, a series of commercial thinnings would take place to "weed out" the suppressed trees and discourage insects and diseases. Over several decades, a series of follow-up thinnings would be strategically implemented to achieve the perfect balance of quality timber, spacing, habitat, and soil stability. Currently, many of the area's red pine stand close to 70 feet tall and depending on management, range from 8 to 20 inches in diameter. The practice of ac-

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tive plantation and forest management is still a large part of the landscape today as landowners still manage pine plantations. It's not uncommon in the winter and late-summer months to see a logging truck racked up with fresh pine logs rumbling through town on its way to one of many mills in neighboring Wisconsin. The initial goal of soil stabilization was achieved by planting thousands of acres throughout Isanti County, and over 70 years later the budding legacy is still visible today. Was it a huge financial win for farmers in the long run? Probably not so much, but their openness to introduce a non-traditional crop in the form of trees was a step towards better stewardship and understanding of the land.

Did you know some landowners are eligible for reduced tax rates on certain wooded properties of 20 acres or more in Isanti County? The program is called 2CMFL or Managed Forest Land. Contact your local DNR office or County Assessor for details. For those interested in habitat restoration incentives on farmland, contact your local USDA office. If readers would like to visit and explore public plantations from the 1950s and 1960s, check out Wayside Prairie Park or Dalbo Memorial Forest Park in Isanti County.

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# Eight apply to fill Isanti council seat

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The Isanti City Council will have a copious number of applicants to choose from to temporarily fill the council seat vacated by Dan Collison after he resigned due to moving outside city limits. As of the deadline for turning in applications, eight residents have applied for the position. This is one more than the last time there was a vacancy on the council, which happened in January of this year when Mayor Jimmy Gordon was elected mayor.

According to Isanti City Administrator Josi Wood, the eight residents are: Jeff Holmgren, Taylor Lundeen, Travis Linder, Jason Gehrman, Ricky Egge, Benjamin DeMaris, Brandon Lyzhoft, and Daniel Hinnenkamp.

Of those eight, four — Gehrman, Linder, Hinnenkamp, and Holmgren — had also applied for the vacancy at the beginning of the year.

The council will follow the exact same process in selecting this most recent vacancy. The eight applicants will be interviewed by the entire council, in the above order, during the council's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8. That meeting is being held a day later than normal due to the Cambridge-Isanti School Board's special election being held on Tuesday, Nov. 7. State law says that no government meetings may be held on the same day as an active election is taking place within that government body's borders, even if it doesn't involve that government body.

Following all of the interviews, the council may choose to vote on their preferred appointee. Or, they may decide to wait until the next council meeting to vote on an appointee. Whoever that person is, he will serve on the council the next year of Collison's term and then would have to run for election in a special election. Since Collison still had over three years remaining on his term, state statute dictates the city must also hold a special election to fill the duration of the term. The council has opted to hold that special election in conjunction with the 2024 general election.

# Staying safe on cold water is everyone's responsibility

BY LISA DUGAN  
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Some people in Minnesota have put away their boats for the year, but plenty of others will squeeze out every bit they can of the open-water season, whether they're chasing game, targeting fish or paddling lakes and rivers.

To anyone on or around the water this fall, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers this reminder: Your safety is your responsibility. With water temperatures consistently dropping, unexpected falls into the water are more likely to end in tragedy because even strong swimmers can become incapacitated quickly in cold water. Coupled with fewer people on the water to potentially help in an emergency, it's vital that people take steps to ensure

their safety.

While more boating-related accidents happen during the busy summer, a higher percentage of cold-water incidents are fatal and survival rates drop drastically.

"The water this time of year is unforgiving," said Capt. Adam Block, DNR boating law administrator. "Taking safety precautions is the best way to ensure a day on the water doesn't turn tragic."

The easiest and most effective way to stay safe and survive a fall into the water is to wear a life jacket (foam is better than inflatable during the cold-water season), not just have one along.

People can reduce the likelihood of a fall overboard by distributing weight evenly in the boat and abiding by the manufacturer's weight limits. Having a means of communication is important, too, as is making sure other people

are aware where you're going and when you plan to return. Changes in weather that result in shifting winds and storms can also lead to a treacherous situation, so it's vital for anglers and hunters to keep an eye to the sky.

In addition to staying safe on the water, people who are hunting should always follow the four rules of firearms safety: Treat each firearm as if it is loaded; always control the muzzle of your firearm; be sure of your target and what is beyond; and keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

For more information, including how to survive a fall into cold water, visit the Minnesota DNR's cold water safety webpage ([mndnr.gov/safety/boatwater/cold-water.html](http://mndnr.gov/safety/boatwater/cold-water.html)).

## Cambridge State Bank, Flagship Bank of Isanti to merge with Security Bank & Trust Co.

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Cambridge State Bank and Flagship Bank in Isanti will merge with Security Bank and Trust Co in the first quarter of 2024 pending regulatory approval. The Merger of the three banks will make Security Bank & Trust Co. the 20th largest bank in the Twin Cities by deposits.

Combined the banks will have \$1 billion in deposits, and 1.1 billion in total assets.

Cambridge State Bank is a fourth-generation bank

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[firstbaptistcambridge.org](http://firstbaptistcambridge.org)

**North Isanti Baptist Church**  
Lead Pastor: Travis Blake  
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. [www.nib-church.com](http://www.nib-church.com)  
Email: [nibchurch@msn.com](mailto:nibchurch@msn.com)  
763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)  
10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

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

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

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

**Catholic**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.  
763-444-4035  
Email: [annseton76@gmail.com](mailto:annseton76@gmail.com). Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am. Sun. 8:30am. [stelizabeth-isanti.org](http://stelizabeth-isanti.org).

**Evangelical Covenant**

**Karmel Covenant Church**  
5799 County Road 6, Princeton, MN  
763-389-3169  
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis  
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson  
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am  
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm  
[Karmelcov.org](http://Karmelcov.org)

**Evangelical Free**

**Dale Evangelical Free Church**  
45268 Brunswick Rd,  
Harris, MN 763-689-5817  
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin. Sunday School – all ages 9am. Sunday Service 10:25am.  
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**Kost Evangelical Free Church**  
37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72  
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763-444-5134 [oxlip.org](http://oxlip.org)  
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10:45am Christian Education  
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**Wyanett Evangelical Free Church**  
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Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm  
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**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**  
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following [my.calvaryofrushpoint.org](http://my.calvaryofrushpoint.org).  
Office: [calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com)

**Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge  
763-689-1211  
8:45 a.m. Traditional Service  
10 a.m. Contemporary Service  
[www.cambridgelutheran.org](http://www.cambridgelutheran.org) - [fb.com/CambridgeLutheran](http://fb.com/CambridgeLutheran)

**Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333  
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.  
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am  
[www.christcambridge.com](http://www.christcambridge.com)

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
109 Second Ave NW, Isanti  
763-444-9201  
Pastor Barb Vandrasek  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool  
email: [office@faithlutheranisanti.com](mailto:office@faithlutheranisanti.com)

**First Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.  
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Pastor Vicki VanderVegt  
Sunday Worship 9:20am  
Coffee & fellowship following service  
Email: [firstlutheran@q.com](mailto:firstlutheran@q.com)  
[www.firstlutheranharris.org](http://www.firstlutheranharris.org)

**Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge  
763-689-4355  
[www.joylutheran.net](http://www.joylutheran.net)  
Pastor James Ritter  
8 a.m. Traditional Service  
9:15 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

**Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5315  
Pastor Sue Olson  
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9:15-10:15 Sunday School ages 3- Grade 5.  
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**Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).  
651-674-4606.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.  
[sllchurch.org](http://sllchurch.org)  
Email: [sll.church@gmail.com](mailto:sll.church@gmail.com)  
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**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](mailto:stjohnlutheran@att.net)

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)**  
31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079  
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9:00am Services,  
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Website - [stjohnslutheranchurch-stacymn.org](http://stjohnslutheranchurch-stacymn.org)

**St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
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Sunday 8:45am Worship  
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study  
[stjohnsrushcity.org](http://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](http://ststephensbraham.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch  
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon  
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Coffee Hour at 9 am  
Family Sunday School at 9 am  
[www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://www.trinitynorthbranch.org)  
[office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org)

**Methodist**

**Common Ground - A United Methodist Community**  
404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.  
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
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**Lakeside Christian Church**  
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[lakesidechurchcambridge.org](http://lakesidechurchcambridge.org)

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cambridge Economic Development Authority has developed its Annual PHA Plan and the 5 Year Capital Fund Plan for Fiscal Year beginning 2024 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 121 South Fern St., Cambridge, MN. The Authority's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday between 8 AM and 2 PM. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 PM on December 18, 2023 at the Cambridge City Hall located at 300 Third Avenue NE.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cambridge Economic Development Authority has amended the 2020 & 2021, Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021, in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 121 South Fern St., Cambridge, MN. The Authority's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday between 8 AM and 2 PM. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 PM on December 18, 2023, at the Cambridge City Hall located at 300 Third Avenue NE.

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 13-CV-23-707  
Darren Pierce and Joleen Pierce, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
County of Chisago, a governmental subdivision; W.F.

Rodnick; the estate of W.F. Rodnick; the unknown heirs of W.F. Rodnick; and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

### SUMMONS THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED.

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.**  
The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you.

The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

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14275 Golf Course Drive, Suite 200  
Baxter, MN 56425

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a

lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. **REAL ESTATE.** This legal action involves real estate located in the County of Chisago, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

**The West One-half (W1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-four (34), Range Twenty-one (21), Chisago County, Minnesota.**  
PID #: 05.00062.00  
and

**The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 6, Township 34, Range 21, Chisago County, Minnesota.**  
PID #: 05.00064.00  
and

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 of the NW1/4) of Section 6, Township 34, Range 21, Chisago County, Minnesota, as described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said NW1/4 of NW1/4; thence South along the West line of said NW1/4 of NW1/4 a distance of 1,057 feet, to the actual point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence South along said West line of said NW1/4 of NW1/4 a distance of 300 feet; thence East and parallel to the North line of said NW1/4 of NW1/4 a distance of 726 feet; thence North parallel to the West line of said NW1/4 of NW1/4, a distance of 300 feet; thence West and parallel to the North line of said NW1/4 of NW1/4 a distance of 726 feet, to the point of beginning.

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Daniel M. Hawley (#0390337)  
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### NOTICE OF INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT CITY OF ISANTI

**Interview Date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 (City Council Meeting)

**Interview Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted in the following order:

1. Jeff Holmgren
2. Taylor Lundeen
3. Travis Linder
4. Jason Gehrman
5. Ricky Egge
6. Benjamin DeMaris
7. Brandon Lyzhof
8. Daniel Hinnenkamp

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Tell us about yourself and why you put your name in for consideration for the open council seat.

2. If you were going to describe Isanti to a new resident, what would you say?

3. What is your approach to handling controversial and complicated issues?

4. What previous community involvement have you had in Isanti or another City?

5. What skills and experience do you have that you believe are beneficial to being a Council Member?

6. Explain what you believe are the primary roles and responsibilities of a City Council Member?

7. What do you believe are the top priorities or greatest issues facing the City and how do you see yourself contributing to finding solutions to those issues?

8. If you could change some aspect about Isanti governance/direction/focus, what would that be?

9. City Council requires a time commitment which includes 4-6 meetings per month, two (2) Tuesdays per month beginning at 5:00 pm and 7:00pm, as well as reading prep prior to meetings. Will this fit in with your other commitments?

10. Is there anything else you would like to add to assist us in considering you as a candidate?

Jaden Strand  
City Clerk  
Posted: 10-25-2023  
Published: 11-2-2023

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY ISANTI DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT:10TH

Court File Number: 30 - CV - 23 - 639  
Case Type: Name Change  
Notice of Hearing by Publication (Minor Name Change) Minn. Stat. § 259.10

In the Matter of the Application of: Victoria Marie Schramm

On Behalf of: Faith Ann Hanold  
For a Change of Name to: Faith Ann Schramm

TO: Richard Hanold; Name of parent to be notified Isanti, MN  
Last known address: Isanti, MN

An Application for Name Change has been filed by Victoria Marie Schramm change of name for the minor child(ren) Faith Ann Hanold to Faith Ann Schramm. A hearing on this application will be held at Cambridge, MN via ZOOM on 12/12/23, at 2:50 p.m.

You may obtain a copy of the Application for Name Change from Isanti County Court Administrator 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge Minnesota 55008

If you do not appear at the scheduled hearing, the Petitioner's Application for a Name Change for the minor child(ren) may be granted.

Dated: 10/20/23  
Court Administrator: Sara Grife  
By: Elizabeth Olson, Deputy  
**Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2023**

## FORECLOSURES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 30, 2015 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$299,945.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jolene A. Keller and Michael A. Keller, wife and husband, joint tenants MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for American Mortgage and Equity Consultants, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. MIN#: 1008671-000032617-1 SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. LENDER: American Mortgage and Equity Consultants, Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder on November 6, 2015, as Document No. A454132. ASSIGNED TO: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/29/2018 and recorded as 07/05/2018 as Document No. A476385. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/13/2020 and recorded as 01/16/2020 as Document No. A489596. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/07/2021 and recorded as 01/08/2021 as Document No. A500024. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Tamarack Mortgage Loan Trust A by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/19/2022 and recorded as 05/19/2022 as Document No. A515896. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F

by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 08/09/2022 and recorded as 08/11/2022 as Document No. A518286. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Eleven (11), Block Two (2), White Tall Ridge, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 30741 Juniper Ct NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 PROPERTY I.D.: 02.101.0160 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three and 34/100 (\$313,843.34) 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 November 28, 2023 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale.

(1) Street Address of Property: 839 Winsome Way Northwest, Isanti, MN 55040  
(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/or Broker: N/A  
(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-092-0790  
(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A  
(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A  
(6) Date on which Occupant must vacate Property, if mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or property redeemed under 580.23: 11:59 p.m. on May 29, 2024. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

**REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: October 12, 2023 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F 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. 20MN00054-3 A-4798204 10/12/2023, 10/19/2023, 10/26/2023, 11/02/2023, 11/09/2023, 11/16/2023  
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### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association (henceforth the "Declaration") recorded in the office of the Recorder for Isanti County, Minnesota on November 9, 2022, as Document No. A520416, which covers the following property:

Lot 43, Block 3, Villages on the Rum, Common Interest Community No. 5, Isanti County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of October 6, 2023, from Amber Winger and Zachary Oslund, title holders, to Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Five Thousand, Twenty-Five and 53/100ths Dollars (\$5,025.53) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

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

WHEREAS, the owners have not been released from the financial

obligation to pay said amount;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Declaration and Minn. Stat. §515B.3-116(h), said debt created a lien upon said premises in favor of Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association as evidenced by the lien statement recorded on September 27, 2023, in the office of the Isanti County Recorder as Document No. A526030;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owner(s) in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said county at the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008, on November 29, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

**The following information is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 580.025 and 580.04:**

(1) Street Address of Property: 839 Winsome Way Northwest, Isanti, MN 55040  
(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/or Broker: N/A  
(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-092-0790  
(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A  
(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A  
(6) Date on which Occupant must vacate Property, if mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or property redeemed under 580.23: 11:59 p.m. on May 29, 2024. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: October 6, 2023  
TOOHEY LAW FIRM, P.A.

By: Jennifer C. Toohey, I.D. #0343742  
Attorneys for Lienor  
11660 Theatre Drive North, Suite 280  
Champlin, MN 55316  
(763) 401-4120 Lienor:  
Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association

By: Jennifer C. Toohey  
Its: Attorney in Fact  
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WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of October 6, 2023, from Zachary Killingbeck,

title holder, to Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Four Thousand, Five Hundred Nine and 53/100ths Dollars (\$4,509.53) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

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

WHEREAS, the owner has not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Declaration and Minn. Stat. §515B.3-116(h), said debt created a lien upon said premises in favor of Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association as evidenced by the lien statement recorded on September 27, 2023, in the office of the Isanti County Recorder as Document No. A526029;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owner(s) in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said county at the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008, on November 29, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

**The following information is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 580.025 and 580.04:**

(1) Street Address of Property: 941 Winsome Way Northwest, Isanti, MN 55040

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

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-092-1090

(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A

(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A

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November 2023



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