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A slip of the tongue

This bucking bronco appears to be showing its contempt for not being able to throw its rider during Friday's Isanti Firefighters Rodeo performance. Once again, record crowds turned out for the annual two-night fundraiser for the Isanti Fire District. For more rodeo photos and photos from other Jubilee Days events, go to pages 8 and 9, and visit our website at www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.

Closing North Branch's second liquor store becoming more likely

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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North Branch may have found a way out of its unprofitable second liquor store: alleged breaches of contract by the landlord. The West store, opened in 2017 right next to County Market in the North Branch Marketplace property, has drawn scrutiny from outside experts and city staff alike for its poor cost-to-profit ratio.

Brenda Visnovec of the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association told the council in October 2024 that she had concerns about the second store's impact on the department from when it opened. "I'm surprised, frankly, that it makes anything with two small stores," Visnovec told the council.

Visnovec, who has 41 years of experience

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Cambridge-Isanti is the largest high school in the state to still have natural grass for its primary athletics field. Additionally, the lights at George Larson Field are around 50 years old and may completely fail at any time.

High School features largest number, expense of referendum projects

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Editors note: This is the first in a series of articles regarding the upcoming Cambridge-Isanti Schools referendum vote, focusing on one specific building.

When breaking down the upcoming Cambridge-Isanti Schools referendum vote into specific school buildings, the high school's portion comes out to be the largest in both number of projects, but also in the total price tag for Question #1. The high school has 35 projects, with a total estimated cost just short of \$22 million. Individually, the project costs range from \$45,000 for network-level graphics upgrade for school standardization, metal shop and gym upgrades; to \$3,929,000 for classroom additions on the northwest side of the building for World Languages, Special Education, and English Language Learning.

The high school opened in 1967, making a majority of the building 58 years old. It has gone through three additions: in 1969, 1974, and most recently in 1998. The last addition included the expanded gym space and activities entrance, the Performing Arts Center, additional classroom space on the west end of the building, and expansion of the

cafeteria/commons area.

For this referendum, the high school's projects are broken down into Deferred Maintenance Improvements (\$4.5 million), Educational Adequacy Improvements (\$12,834,000), and Athletic Fields Improvements (\$4.6 million).

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

In terms of deferred maintenance, much of that is out of the public view to items that are original to the building or are at least 50 years old.

"There is a lot of plumbing that is original to the building," Ellie Gilliam of Nexus Solutions, LLC, the facilities services planning company hired by the district.

Other items listed include supply fans, ventilation systems, a new main switchboard, security camera system replacement along with other security enhancements, and a variety of ADA updates.

The Performing Arts Center is looking at getting new curtains, theatrical lighting, plus wireless mics.

Also included as deferred maintenance is replacing the lights at George Larson Field. According to Activities Director Matt Braaten, those lights were erected in the mid-70s when the field was

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Play Inc. Arts encourages audiences to ‘find Nemo’

Dive into the colorful underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef as students proudly present Disney and Pixar’s Finding Nemo Jr. These students, ranging from 5th through 8th grade, have been working hard for the past month and a half to put on this amazing show! With catchy songs, a fun story, and amazing technical elements, this is a show you do not want to miss!

The musical is based on the smash-hit 2003 Disney•Pixar movie Finding Nemo; this 60-minute musical is a vibrant and heartwarming story of family, friendship, and adventure. Featuring unforgettable characters, dazzling songs, and a message that resonates with audiences of all ages, Finding Nemo Jr. is a must-see theatrical experience for the whole family!

Join Marlin, an overprotective clownfish, as he sets off across the ocean to find his curious son, Nemo, who has been captured and placed in a fish tank. With the help of Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful blue tang, and a host of colorful sea creatures, Marlin faces his fears and learns that sometimes, the best way to help your loved ones is to let them take the lead.

The show features hit songs from the award-winning writing team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, including “Just Keep Swimming,” “Fish Are Friends Not Food,” and “Go With the Flow.”

Come to the Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center at the Cambridge-Isanti High School this weekend for this great family event! Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start of the show.

Tickets are \$11 online or \$2 more at the door. Tickets can be purchased at <https://cur8.com/projects/48/132848>. -Play Inc. Arts



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Marlin – Isaiah Eisenbraun
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Tad’s Parent – Brita Williams
Pearl – Naomi Prins
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Tad – Charlotte Earl
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Breeze – Emma Zigan
Seagulls – Joscelynn Farrell
– Brynna Brown
– Izabel Nesbit

– Ella Treichel
Vacationer – Connor St James
Moonfish 1 – Ray Buckingham
Moonfish 2 – Bailey Marty
Moonfish 3 – Brooklyn Young
Moonfish 4 – Grace Larson
Moonfish 6 – Mylie Bremer
Sea Turtle 1 – Norah Helseth
Sea Turtle 2 – RaeAnn Helseth
Grouper – Rhea Richard
Lobster 1 – Oakley Bunes
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Air quality alerts often go up in smoke

Over the last several years, there has been a noticeable addition to area weather forecasts: air quality alerts. Admittedly, a number of TV news stations have had their own air quality index report. However, now it is commonplace to issue air quality alerts similar to a Tornado Watch or Warning.



Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III

The problem I find with these alerts is the meteorologists are trying to apply weather science to smoke forecasts. “Well, we have a cold front moving through that will drag the smoke down from the upper atmosphere to the ground, causing a ‘code purple’ air quality alert across the entire state. So, from 9 a.m. tomorrow morning until midnight, you should stay indoors as much as possible.”

Smoke doesn’t work that way. It is far more sporadic than rain or snow. It can concentrate in a valley, but be much thinner a half-mile away.

It also may start off as thicker, but then dissipate a couple hours later, only to get thicker again later in the day.

It could also just hover a few hundred feet above the ground so you can see the haze in the sky, but not smell or react to the smoke.

Last Saturday was the perfect example of this. All the TV newscasts were warning of air quality that was unhealthy for everyone the entire day. In the morning, I believed them as I could smell the smoke from an open window at my apartment. It prompted my mom to advise that I minimize my coverage of Isanti Jubilee Days events. I was even questioning if organizers would call it off. A couple hours later, though, there was only a faint hint of a haze in the sky.

A couple years ago, I had set up a Let’s Go Fishing trip with my parents and an aunt and uncle. The day before, the meteorologists gave out an air quality warning, so we canceled. Sure enough, it wound up being perfectly blue skies.

What I think should happen is they can give something like what they do for severe weather probabilities — something like “there is a moderate risk of poor air quality tomorrow.” Then, it would be up to us to take a sniff and determine if we should take shelter.

POLITICAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

With the Cambridge-Isanti School District calling for a referendum vote this November, plus with the Isanti Mayor special election coming up next month, I feel I should clarify our current letters to the editor policy. Any letters submitted that are specifically referencing the school referendum or mayor’s race will be subject to our paid letters policy of \$25 for the first 250 words and 10 cents each additional word.

All other letters, including ones talking about President Trump, Governor Walz, either Democrats or Republicans, etc., will not be subject to our paid letters policy.

As always, if you have any questions regarding our policies, please feel free to contact me.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still fighting for America

To the editor,

I am a born-again Christian and a veteran of war. I not only recognized evil when I saw it — and can’t even tell you about some of it — but I fought against it for one and a half years.

I don’t like what I am seeing in our society — disrespect, threats against those they don’t like or agree with, and actually hurting and/or killing them.

When I was a college student at the University of Minnesota back in the 60s, most of us disagreed with someone. We often had arguments in and after classes, but still ate lunch or supper together, laughing and playing cards together. We even protested with signs on opposite sides of an issue.

Many others, like me, are praying against this terrorism and anarchy toward us and the peacekeepers who are here to protect us.

I, for one, will not let this continue forever. I fought for freedom, civility, and freedom of speech and religion in a foreign country. Rest assured, I will fight more and harder for my homeland, America.

Roger Newton
North Branch

‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ will have devastating consequences

To the editor,

I’m deeply disappointed in every legislator who voted for one of the most harmful bills in history, Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill.”

The Big Beautiful Bill will have devastating consequences and impacts on everyday people and our

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LETTER GUIDELINES

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Work ethic on display: What our students teach us

ast week at the Chisago County Fair, I walked away with one word in mind: proud.

As I visited the barns and exhibits, I was struck by the dedication, maturity, and knowledge our Viking students displayed. Many were representing the North Branch Chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA), a program that blends classroom learning with leadership development and hands-on agricultural experience.

Students Savannah Selin and Abby Hunter guided us through the fairgrounds and offered thoughtful perspectives along the way. We saw Cole Brenneman preparing his sheep for his first competition. Liberty Brannvold and Breckin Abell were actively engaging with young visitors at the Little Agventures exhibit, helping children learn about agriculture through interactive experiences. Each of these students demonstrated poise, initiative, and



NB School News

Sara Paul

pride in their work.

These learning opportunities build character, confidence, and a strong foundation for the future. Employers regularly tell me, “In our hiring process, we look for candidates that participated in activities because it signals work ethic and initiative.” What I witnessed at the fair is exactly what they are describing. Our students are developing the skills and mindset that will serve them well in any career they choose to pursue.

Amanda Cook is a powerful example of where these opportunities can lead. As a North Branch graduate, she spent years as a student exhibitor at the Chisago County Fair. Today, she teaches agriculture at North Branch Area High School and serves as a fair board member and 4-H project leader. Amanda credits her time in FFA and 4-H with shaping her goals and helping her discover a meaningful path forward. Now, she is investing in the next generation of students through the very programs that influenced her.

The Chisago County Fair is a tradition that reflects the values that define our county. Local historian Max Malmquist has helped us understand and appre-

ciate our stories and the people who have shaped this region. His work reminds us that when we understand where we come from, we are better prepared to shape where we are going. Those values were on full display through the actions of our students.

At North Branch Area Public Schools, we believe in preparing students with both knowledge and experience. The high school philosophy of Choice Not Chance supports a menu of career exposure opportunities. Through programs like Viking Bridge and our agriculture pathway, students explore careers and apply their learning in ways that are relevant and impactful.

Our students are showing us what is possible. They are learning to lead, applying their knowledge in real settings, and building the confidence to pursue careers that bring both fulfillment and opportunity. This is the kind of learning that is defining success and strengthening the future of our communities across Chisago County. SKOL! Vikings!

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planet. Our lawmakers who are supposed to be fighting for us (their constituents) just voted for more giveaways to corporate polluters and more tax cuts for the wealthiest of Americans all at the expense of the everyday working people. It is clear: our legislators value billionaires over their constituents. They just voted with the best interests in mind of the elite billionaire class and not everyday people like you and I. We will not forget this and we will fight to hold these lawmakers accountable.

Many people in our state and nationwide likely don't understand what this legislation means for our families and communities. Here's a breakdown of how some parts of this bill will directly affect us:

- Phase out tax credits for wind and solar power, which will drive up our energy.
- Withdraw aid for agencies like FEMA that monitor extreme weather, leaving communities vulnerable to climate disaster.
- Throws millions of children, seniors, and families off Medicaid and food assistance.

Republicans cheered about taking away healthcare, gutting clean energy programs, selling public lands, and giving massive tax breaks to billionaires. Policy reflects values, and I am horrified by the values represented in this bill and by every legislator who voted for it. We won't forget this.

We must fight back by advocating for policies and voting for politicians who will protect people and the planet over corporate polluters.

Chloe Sims
Isanti

The Big, Beautiful Bill

To the editor,

Seems to be a lot of controversy about this Bill that was just passed by the House and Senate. The main thing it accomplished was making the tax cuts permanent; if not passed our taxes would have gone up across the board, every income level.

Democrats seemed not to care about this issue which would affect all of us; it would be harder on lower incomes, who have less ability to make every day payments, and have less in savings.

Cutting Medicare the fraud and abuse, is so need-

ed—many of these programs are being abused and illegals are receiving benefits meant only for legal citizens. This is taxpayer money, and should be watched over for illegalities. We are approaching bankruptcy now –no matter which party, we need to work together to cut spending for the benefit of all.

The other benefits are securing our border, and removing illegal criminals, gang members and drug dealers, which the last administration just welcomed in. We need safety for the citizens of this country –no matter which political party.

Remember when President Reagan talked about big government--well its even bigger now. Big government takes in lots of money, with big promises, but wastes and hides a lot for secret projects, like those USAID programs overseas, no one knew about them, with huge salaries for participants, and many other programs.

This is all coming about by those who love socialism or big government. The private sector (capitalism) has served us well all these years, small business knows and makes things work. Socialists want to take all your stuff and manage everything—except they don't know how. They want to make all the rules and be in total control.

Examples--- Cuba a dictatorship—no freedoms. Venezuela—Remember they were an oil rich country-- then they were overtaken by socialism--they took over the oil and confiscated property--pretty soon people were looking to trash cans for food; and it happened quickly. Now they are a dictatorship like Cuba –no freedoms.

It seems some in this country don't love our country, like the flag burners, those who say they hate America and those with flags from Mexico and other countries.

This particism is so unnecessary, even childish--we agree on low taxes, a closed border, and law and order, and many other things.

Lets discuss it-- and stop the violence.

Judy Hansen
Cambridge

But is it littering?

Question: Somebody was trying to tell me the other day that it's ok to throw out their fruit peels along the highway as they break down fairly quick and it shouldn't be an issue. I disagreed and told them garbage is garbage. I asked if they would want someone to throw that stuff in their yard. What does the law say?

Answer: You are correct. That would not be allowed. It is illegal to throw items from your vehicle onto streets, roads, and public or private land. Do not throw, leave, place or dump any items, including: cigarettes, fireworks, debris, snow, ice, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, garbage, papers, ashes, refuse, carcasses, offal, trash or rubbish.

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Ask A Trooper

Jesse Grabow

Yoga at North Branch Area Library

Join the North Branch Library on Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. for 45 minutes of gentle, slow-flowing yoga open to all levels. Our focus will be on breathing, relaxing, and settling our minds and bodies. This class will be led by local registered yoga teacher, Ursula. This event is free to attend.

Bring a yoga mat if you have one, a beach towel or blanket, and yoga blocks for added modifications (optional). Or just bring yourself.

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Bonnie Fay Larson

Bonnie Fay Larson, 76, of Isanti, MN passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025 at her home surrounded by family.
She was born February 21, 1949 in Miami, Florida to William and Fay (Hale) Crockett.



Bonnie is survived by her husband Gary, children Tara Montanye of Isanti, Elizabeth Larson of Isanti, Paul (Katie) Larson of Stanchfield, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren, brother David Crockett of Texas, other relatives and friends.
An avid enthusiast of sports and games, Bonnie's interests in softball, bowling, and cribbage became a significant part of her life. These activities were

not just hobbies but a means through which she connected with others, fostering friendships, and creating lasting memories. Her presence at the local softball field was as reliable as the changing seasons, and her competitive yet gracious nature made her a respected figure among her teammates.
Bowling nights were always a highlight for Bonnie, where strikes and spares were celebrated with high-fives and cheers. But it was more than just a game for her; it was an opportunity to revel in the company of friends and to indulge in the joy of shared experiences. Similarly, her love for cribbage was not just about the strategy of the game but the conversations and the laughter shared over the card table.

As we bid farewell to Bonnie Fay Larson, we celebrate the life of a woman who was a beacon of love and gentleness in a world that often needs it the most. Her memory will live on, not just in the stories that are told or the games that are played, but in the acts of kindness that she inspired in each of us. Bonzo's journey may have come to a rest, but the paths she paved with her loving heart will continue to guide us for years to come.
A Celebration of Life will be held at the Bradford Township Townhall on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 3 to 5 p.m. 4175 305th Ln NW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

JoAnne Adele Quiggle (Crocker - Danielson)

JoAnne Adele Quiggle (Crocker - Danielson) passed away peacefully in her home on June 28, 2025.
JoAnne was born at Midway Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, and spent most of her childhood in Minneapolis. She graduated from Minnehaha Academy High School in 1960 and went on to earn her nursing degree from Mounds-Midway School of Nursing in 1964.



Later that year, JoAnne married Dan Crocker, and together they made their home in Cambridge, Minnesota, where she was an active member of her church and found great joy in opening her home on Skogman Lake to friends and family. JoAnne dedicated her life to caring for others through a long and successful career as a registered nurse. She and Dan raised two children, Grant and Greta (Nelson), and shared a deep love for their family, faith, and community.

After Dan's passing in 2007, JoAnne was blessed with another chapter of love and companionship when she married longtime friend Bruce Quiggle in August 2015. Together, they continued to live in Cambridge, surrounded by the blended love of their families.
JoAnne was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Harriet Danielson, her brother Paul, and her first husband, Dan. She is lovingly remembered by her children, Grant and Greta, her husband Bruce, his sons Brad and Barry, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
A Celebration of Life Service will be held for JoAnne at First Baptist Church of Cambridge on Friday, July 18, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Simonson to represent Cambridge in Minneapolis Aquatennial Ambassador Candidate Program

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The Minneapolis Aquatennial Ambassador Organization is excited to announce that Ali Simonson from Cambridge will be participating in the AAO Candidate Program from July 22 to July 26. Simonson was a 2024 - 2025 Cambridge Ambassador.
This year, 44 candidates will be participating in the program; one young woman is chosen to be the Queen of the Lakes, and two women are chosen as Princesses. The selection team considers a variety of criteria including: professionalism, public speaking ability, current and future goals, education and co-curricular/extracurricular activities. In addition to the interview process, the candidates also participate in leadership, personal development and other unique experiences. These experiences include visiting Minneapolis hallmarks like The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, the Stone Arch Bridge and Minneapolis City Center.
Community members are invited to cheer on their community representative at the Meet the Candidates event, taking place on Wednesday, July 23 at the Minneapolis City Center Rotunda from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Candidates will also participate in the Aquatennial Torchlight Parade, taking place on Wednesday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the downtown Minneapolis Nicollet Mall area.
The week culminates with the Coronation of the 2025 Aquatennial Ambassadors at Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus on Saturday, July 26 at 4 p.m. with a reception an hour prior.



Ali Simonson

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Outstanding Senior Citizens honored

Bruce Danielson and Chris Miller have been named the 2025 Isanti County Outstanding Senior Citizens by the Isanti County Commission on Aging. Recipients of this annual award are chosen among nominees by the Commission on Aging Board of Directors. As winners of this year's award, Danielson and Miller were recognized during the Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days parade. They will be formally honored with a presentation of a plaque on Senior Day on Thursday, July 17 during the Isanti County Fair. The program begins at 2 p.m. in the Agribition Building.

STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

Student Achievement Lists Greta Rundquist of Rush City (Dean's) from St. Olaf College Eli Schultz of Rush City (Dean's) from Alexandria Technical & Community College	Annie Hennen, and Maxwell Sickler of Cambridge (Dean's) from The University of Tampa Degrees Riley Beckman of Cambridge (Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication); Hannah Kopel of Stanchfield (Bachelor of Arts, Music/Bachelor of	Arts, Psychology); and Logan Murphy of North Branch (Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Biology) from Winona State University Sally Gibbs of Rush City (Associate in Applied Science, Human Resource Management & Technical Diploma One	Year, Human Resources and Payroll Generalist) from Northwood Technical College Karissa Swanstrom of North Branch and Luke Flaten of Rush City from South Dakota State University
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‘Skidded and Skunked’ An edge-of-your seat murder mystery

BY SIERRA KINGEN
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Local Pine County author, Dean Hovey, has once again left readers at the edge of their seats with his newest installment in the Pine County Murder Mystery novels, one that he co-wrote with D.L. Dixon.

Skidded and Skunked is set down Dahl Road in Hinckley, on a farm where an abusive, drunk husband is playing with his new toy: a Bobcat skid steer. The story soon explodes into a non-stop read as Sergeant CJ Jensen, investigator Pam Ryan, sergeant Floyd Swenson, and a helpful, skunk-loving woman, find themselves in the throes of a potential homicide.

Hovey, while giving his readers a fictional story, helps bring realness by adding real places that most would recognize.

The story sends readers all over most of Pine County, from Pine City, to Hinckley, to Sandstone, to Willow River. It mentions Whistle Stop, Maverick’s and Chris’ Foods, to name a few. The investigative team heads up to Duluth and to Forest Lake to dig deeper into

their evidence.

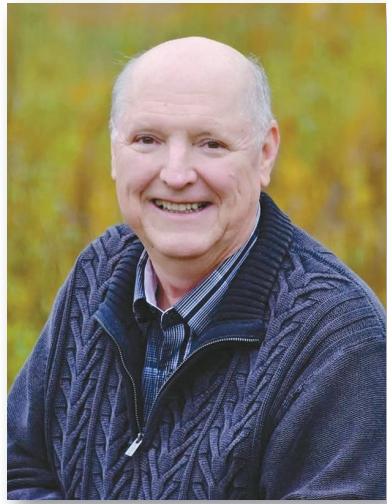
When reading, it’s easy to forget that this story is set in Pine County, but when a recognizable place or road name is mentioned, it’s like being invited into this world. You can really imagine these areas and are a part of the story as if it were happening in real life.

Hovey also describes procedures and investigative terms in an easy, not-so-formal way. He makes the police, investigators and other crime units relatable and reminds us they are humans too.

Not only is there murder, but Hovey has kept the story alive with multiple twists and turns. Each chapter reveals another notch in the case, or even a whole new case to be investigated. In 276 pages, Hovey is able to captivate his readers, making them want to know more.

Skidded and Skunked is a must-have for local true crime lovers and a quick read for those that want a fast action, down-to-earth crime story that leaves you with answers and a need for more.

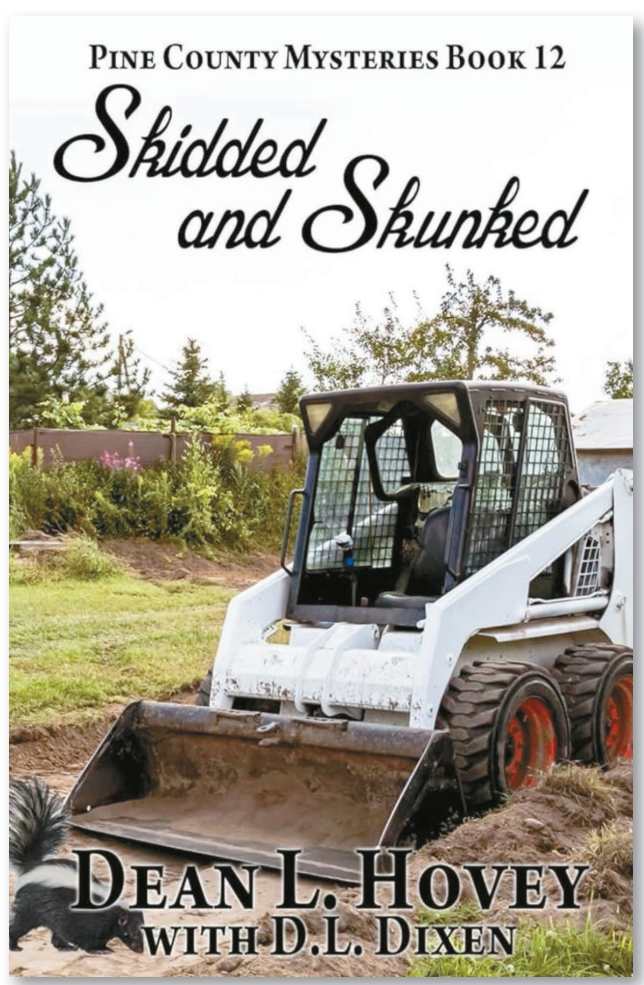
Hovey will be holding an author event on his book from 5-6:30 p.m. at Pine Center for the Arts on



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Pine County author Dean Hovey.

Friday, July 25. The event will be hosted by The Bookstore in Pine City. There he and co-author D.L. Dixon will discuss “Skidded and Skunked” and the challenges of collaborating on a book.

The book can be found on Amazon at <https://tinyurl.com/46nxremt>.



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Dean Hovey’s most recent book is co-written by D.L. Dixon. The two authors made an appearance at the Cambridge Library on Saturday, July 12. The two will also make an appearance in Pine City on Friday, July 25.

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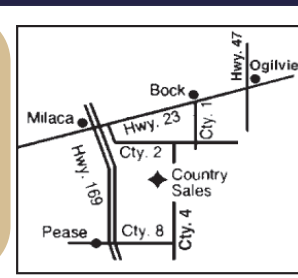
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Jubilee Days events bring out the kid in everyone



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Balance Bike racers barrel away from the starting line during Saturday’s Kids Day held on Main Street.



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A member of the NE All-Stars works to replace her roll of toilet paper during the Outhouse Races.



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As usual, the free corn on the cob on Saturday was a big hit.



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The Bluejacket Marching Band performs in its home parade.



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It was a wet and wild time during the Splish Splash Summer Bash held in Bluebird Park.



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A couple girls await their turtles’ heat during the Turtle Races on Saturday.



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This young guy carefully lines up his ball at one of the mini golf holes during Kids Day.



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REFERENDUM: High School’s projects meant to upgrade, optimize learning spaces

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first constructed. Replacement parts do not exist anymore, and most electrical companies refuse to even try and make repairs to them.

“Upgrading our field lighting is about more than visibility — it’s about safety, reliability, and equity,” Braaten said. “Our current stadium lights are well past their intended lifespan and on the verge of failure. It’s only a matter of time before they stop working entirely, forcing the cancellation of games and events.”

ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The other major project that falls under improvements to the athletic fields is the installation of artificial turf at George Larson Field. Braaten said C-I is currently the largest high school in the state to not have a turf field. However, the biggest reason for this project, which will cost approximately \$2 million, is the current grass field quickly deteriorates to the point of being nearly unplayable late in the fall season, especially if the area has experienced above-average rainfall. An artificial turf field will allow for more games to be played on it, plus it could be used for other sports in the spring.

Beyond that, the district is looking at adding three more tennis courts, plus making the area ADA-compliant for spectators. Lighting would also be added to all courts.

According to Braaten, while the current seven courts are enough to hold head-to-head matches, it isn’t enough to hold tournaments. Additionally, both boys’ and girls tennis has seen a huge increase in students going out for the sport, which makes holding quality practices difficult.

Finally, the varsity softball field would get lighting, a more permanent sound system, plus an ADA-compliant path to the fields.

EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY IMPROVEMENTS

Besides the additional space mentioned before, much of the educational improvements would be via modernizing existing spaces. There would be a new culinary arts, robotics, certified nurse assistant, and CNC/Machine Coding lab. Student Services and counseling would be “re-imagined.”

“Right now, especially your nurse’s office, you can’t get a stretcher into it,” Gilliam said.

Some of the lockers would be removed to make room for soft-seating furniture groups.

“High schoolers really don’t use lockers as much as they used to,” Gilliam said.

Special education would get two calming/reset rooms, plus another four regular rooms on the second floor.

There would also be two private restroom groups and 16 private changing/showers in four locker rooms at a cost of \$1.9 million. According to Community Education Direc-



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Additional classroom space is proposed to be constructed on the northwest corner of the high school. Preliminary plans call for the space to be used for World and English Language classes, along with added Special Education space.

‘This list is for us to be transparent with what our intentions are. The community will have the opportunity to weigh in on the final projects.’

Christina Thayer Anderson
Community Education Director

tor Christina Thayer Anderson, this is required work based on newer state statutes for new school facilities or facilities undergoing major renovations. More importantly, however, it is a matter of creating a more comfortable and safer environment for students.

Finally, the overall casework (cabinets, storage units, built-in woodwork) and desk



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The high school’s softball and secondary football fields, plus the tennis courts lack ADA accessible paths to them for spectators.

replacement throughout the school at an estimated cost of just under \$2 million.

For a complete list of each of the preliminary itemized projects and their anticipated costs, see this article on the Star’s website at www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com. This list, however, is far from set in stone, according to Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph and Anderson.

“There’s going to be a design phase,” Rudolph said. “There’s going to be adjustments, more input from staff, and the public.”

“This list is for us to be transparent with what our intentions are,” Anderson said. “The community will have the opportunity to weigh in on the final projects.”

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Talking summer skin health with University of Minnesota

The seasonal weather changes that come with summer are out in full force. An increase in heat, sun and humidity brings new needs for our skin, including potential health consequences that go far beyond the cosmetic.

Dr. David Pearson with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview talks about how to keep your skin healthy during the summer months.

Q: How do our skincare needs change in the summer?

Dr. Pearson: Our skin is in direct contact with our environment, which means external factors can have a big influence on our skin's health. Summertime in Minnesota usually leads to increased sun exposure in duration, frequency and the amount of our body's surface area that is exposed to the sun. In the short term, sun protection is important to prevent sunburns and melanin changes in the skin during the increased exposure in the summer months. In the long term, sun protection is critical in skin cancer prevention and preventing premature aging of the skin. More outdoor activities combined with higher humidity may also result in more sweating, which can be associated with skin irritation in body folds, heat rash, athlete's foot and other skin reactions. Dry skin is usually less of a problem, but it's dependent on the person and the activities they participate in.

Q: What are some of the biggest skin health concerns that arise in the summer?

Dr. Pearson: Most summer skin concerns are related to sun and outdoor exposure. Sunburns, poison ivy and bug bites are all very common. Lyme disease is endemic in Minnesota and we see it frequently in its early, skin-localized form — a ring-shaped, red rash centered around a tick bite. Most of the time, Lyme disease can be treated with a relatively short course of oral antibiotics. I encourage people to thoroughly look over their skin, including their scalp, after they've been in areas known to harbor ticks, particularly in the woods or around tall grasses. In the clinic, we find a tick or two every week that people didn't know were attached.

People with autoimmune diseases may also be very sensitive to sun ex-



posure, so they have to be extra cautious. Sun exposure can even trigger systemic flares of disease in conditions like lupus erythematosus and dermatomyositis. Pigmentary disorders, like melasma, are also highly sensitive to sun exposure, and we see increased flare-ups during the summer months.

Q: What tips do you have for avoiding and treating sunburns?

Dr. Pearson: In principle, avoidance sounds straightforward. Wear sunblock, sun protective clothing and a broad-brimmed hat. Reapply sunblock every few hours and try to avoid prolonged exposure, especially during peak sunlight hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In practice, this isn't always easy, as anyone who has experienced a sunburn knows! Working sunblock into your daily skincare routine can reduce the risk of forgetting to apply it. I tell patients that I don't want reapplication to be a barrier to initial application — putting sunblock on once is better than not putting it on at all. We don't want people to hide out in a dark basement, but it's important to find a balance between sun protection and enjoying

the summer.

Sunburns can be treated with cool water. A cold shower is great, but a cold washcloth may be easier to tolerate if your skin is too sensitive. Over-the-counter treatments, like aloe and cooling creams, hydrocortisone and ibuprofen or other non-steroidal antiinflammatories, can be symptomatically helpful. Don't forget to stay hydrated. When the skin barrier is compromised by a sunburn, there is more water loss through the skin and people can become dehydrated easily.

Q: What are the signs and symptoms of skin cancer?

Dr. Pearson: There are a number of different types of skin cancer, but let's focus on the three most common: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. All three generally have a predilection for sun-exposed areas, although there are some differences in distribution based on the type of cancer and factors such as age, sex and coexistent medical issues.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common and accounts for about 80% of skin cancers. It's often a pink or red bump

with a shiny or pearly appearance. Squamous cell carcinomas are the next most common: these are usually pink or red, raised and may have a scaly or crusty surface. Both may be tender or painful and can ulcerate. Melanomas are usually pigmented (brown, gray or black) and often present before perceptible symptoms have developed. They may be asymmetric, have irregular borders or colors and change gradually over time (typically weeks to months). New spots or those that have changed over time may be a clue for any of these types of skin cancers. If you're in doubt, bring it to the attention of your doctors.

Q: How does your research at the University support your clinical work?

Dr. Pearson: Much of my clinical work focuses on the overlap between dermatology and rheumatology, which encompasses a spectrum of skin-related conditions and multi-system autoimmune connective tissue disorders including dermatomyositis, lupus erythematosus and vasculitis. My research is based on clinical questions and challenges that clinicians and patients see in everyday life. I am particularly interested in learning how environmental triggers of disease may influence cutaneous and systemic outcomes. For example, many of these conditions demonstrate photosensitivity—the onset or exacerbation of symptoms upon exposure to UV or visible light. But the complex interactions between varying wavelengths and irradiances under environmental conditions are not fully understood. Through cross-disciplinary translational work with the Department of Mechanical Engineering, we are developing personalized detection systems to study this in the real world. Hopefully, this will lead to individualized strategies to avoid symptomatic flares.

Dr. David Pearson is an associate professor of dermatology at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a dermatologist with M Health Fairview. He is also the director of the Autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases Specialty Clinic at the M Health Fairview Clinics and Surgery Center in Minneapolis. His research interests include environmental triggers of autoimmune connective tissue diseases, effects on quality of life and development of novel therapies for these conditions. ~
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Outhouse digging finds old bottles, items that shape area histories

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When it comes to finding old artifacts that can help paint the history of Minnesota, Mark Youngblood has put a unique twist on it.

Youngblood, and his crew, dig up buried outhouses from all over Minnetonka. In his terms, “I dig up old outdoor toilets and trash pits for bottles and artifacts.”

The goals for such an activity, according to Youngblood, is to find bottles with embossing on them from local businesses or drugstore. Embossing is the art of carving a stamp or logo into a surface so it stands out.

“I’ve got a Palace Drugstore from Sandstone,” Youngblood stated. Palace Drugstore is known today as Thrifty White Pharmacy.

CHALLENGES AND POSITIVES

According to Youngblood, one of the challenges of doing this as a hobby is finding a pit. “To find a pit without it being underneath a garage, or a building underneath a tree, or underneath a pool, or in someone’s garden. Or it could be some places where they rebuild houses, it could be in the neighbor’s yard, if they cut a lot down, or something,” Youngblood explained.

Some yards have as many as eight or nine pits in them, and

Sandstone generally has two or three if lucky.

The hardest part of the digs is getting the owners permission, according to Youngblood.

Being able to provide more history to the area is a highlight of the hobby, to add the history of the area.

BACKSTORY

“When I was about eight to ten years old, or so, I lived in White Bear Lake. They were dredging the lake, out in White Bear Lake, and they were dredging this at a park. I followed the trucks. I found bottles and stuff there when I was looking for scrap metal,” Youngblood explained.

Youngblood continued to explain that he collected beer cans and other similar items. He figured there’d be beer cans in the dredging more than bottles. “All of a sudden, I started finding bottles, and I thought this was super cool,” He concludes.

Digging outhouses, however, is not a job that makes Youngblood any money. Workwise, Youngblood is self-employed and does scrap metal. He also sells used appliances and buys and sells on online.

THE DIGS

Youngblood said he hooked up with another guy that had a common interest with him.

Then another man joined that did a lot of scrap and items like that, and soon, the Old Minnesota Bottle group was formed. Youngblood and his group have dug together for 25 years. Youngblood himself, has been digging for 52 years.

As for the bottles that are dug up, Youngblood explained that he cleans them up and divide them up against the diggers to see if any of them wish to keep some. “Some cities are better than others for having embossed bottles with the town on them, like a beer bottle or a soda bottle form the town. I display them, I collect them, I sell some of them.”

Mainly, he adds, he mostly just collects them.

As for things he’s found, Youngblood stated the most interesting things he’s found has been benches, rings, doll heads, bottles, and even dentures.

In order to find the outhouses, the crew uses a long, metal rod and sticks it into the ground. If it goes all they way down without meeting too much resistance, the chances of their being an underground outhouses there is higher.

CALL THE DIGGERS

If interested in a potential dig in your own yard, call Youngblood at (651) 329-6815, or check out their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/15E4D4jZfN/>.

Apply for special youth deer hunts through Aug. 15

Once again in 2025, young people will be able to hunt deer with an adult in a number of state parks during several application-only special youth deer hunts. These hunts offer more individualized experiences in unique places, and often on different dates than the statewide youth deer season.

“The special youth deer hunts create positive experiences and also help state parks manage their deer populations,” said Paul Burr, acting big game program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “Youth who apply can explore new places to hunt in state parks with great opportunities to see and harvest deer and make great hunting memories.”

These firearms hunts are for youth who are ages 12-15 at the time of the hunt and are accompanied by an adult. Hunters can apply for a limited number of permits through Friday, Aug. 15.

Young hunters can also participate in special youth archery opportunities. Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is open only to youth archery hunters ages 10-17 during the regular archery season. Camp Ripley in Morrison County offers a special youth archery hunt for ages 12-17.

Special youth deer hunts are different from the statewide youth deer season, which takes place Oct. 16-19 and does not require an application. More information on special hunts is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/specialdeerhunts). For more information on the Camp Ripley youth archery hunt, contact Jan Ekert, Minnesota State Archery Association, at jancrs1@gmail.com or 320-339-9927.

In most instances, hunters may only possess and use nontoxic ammunition when participating in a special firearms hunt in a Minnesota state park. However, nontoxic ammunition requirements do not apply to special youth hunts in the shotgun-use area if hunters remove all parts of harvested deer from the field, including the entrails.

Where nontoxic ammunition is required, bullets, slugs, muzzleloader ammunition and other single projectiles must be made entirely of nontoxic material approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For deer hunting, this typically means copper ammunition. More details about nontoxic ammunition can be found on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/specialdeerhunts). -MNDNR

ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on July 6 - 12. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Jacob Robert Mundt (DOB 11/11/1990) of Cambridge, was charged July 10 with Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on July 6 - 12. All

individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Steven Michael Compton (DOB 11/07/1970) of Braham, was charged July 7 with two counts of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon.

Frederick Franklin Chase, III (DOB 12/15/1982) of North Branch, was charged with Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 50 grams or more - cocaine or methamphetamine.

Rico Ronondo Rodriguez (DOB 01/15/1981) of Richfield, was charged July 7 with Burglary-2nd

Degree-Dwelling.
Brandon Charles Hugger (DOB 06/18/1974) of Chisago City, was charged July 8 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State - extradition waived.

Deandre Jacob Sellman (DOB 07/19/2006) of Chisago City, was charged July 8 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

Michael Justin Schaefer (DOB 04/05/1985) of Willow River, was charged July 10 with Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Any Amount Schedule I/II Drugs/metabolite; Not cannabis.

Sean Otto Raboin (DOB 12/16/2005) of Chisago City, was charged July 10 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

Ryan Thomas Warling (DOB 07/23/2006) of Saint Paul, was charged July 10 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

Charles Brian Philippi-Engren (DOB 11/28/2006) of North Branch, was charged July 11 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

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SEEDING & SODDING HOME LAWNS

When establishing a new lawn, a common question asked is, “Should I seed or sod?” Both have advantages and disadvantages. With new establishments, there are three important steps to consider:

1. Selecting the turfgrass
2. Preparing the site
3. Caring for the new lawn

Timing and site-specific conditions may also influence your decision. For example, sodding will provide an immediate lawn to protect the soil if the site is susceptible to erosion, but it is more expensive than seeding.

Seed options

In Minnesota, Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescues, turf-type tall fescue and some of the perennial ryegrass varieties are recommended. Your local seed distribu-

tor, garden center, or county extension educator can help you to determine the best varieties for your lawn.

- For shady locations, look for seed mixtures specifying shade tolerance. These will contain fescues along with some common and shade-tolerant Kentucky bluegrasses.
- For sunny areas that receive a lot of wear, mixtures improved Kentucky bluegrasses, perennial ryegrasses, or tall fescues are best.
- For low maintenance turf, mixtures of fine fescues or turf-type tall fescues will offer a durable lawn.

Sod options

Most of the sod grown in Minnesota is a mixture of Kentucky bluegrass varieties. Occasionally, some perennial ryegrass, improved varieties of tall fescue

or fine fescue are available in the mixture. A retailer or installer should know what varieties are in their sod; if not, they can get this information from the sod grower.



QUICK FACTS

- Seeding is less expensive, but takes more time to establish a lawn.
- Sodding is more expensive, but provides instant results.
- Both seeding and sodding need good soil preparation before starting.

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three-year average, according to a finance report, and the net income percentage is 5.51 percent, compared to the three-year average of 2.89.

Since taking over in 2023, Golden has implemented cost-saving measures such as eliminating club discounts that were costing the city money and changing the management structure to save on salaries. The stores also now offer THC products.

Golden has also sought out Visnovec's advice, along with Paul Kaspszak and Keith Lusk of MMBA, all of whom recommended closing the second store.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fannie Lake Improvement District will hold their Annual meeting in conjunction with a picnic at Lakeside Christian Church (32393 Rendova Circle N.E.) at 1:30 pm August 10th 2025.

Items on the Agenda are: proposed projects in excess of \$5000.00, weed treatment updates, boat inspection updates, approval of assessments to satisfy budget requirements, approval of proposed budget for fiscal year, election of District2 and 3 positions on the board of Directors & Take up and consider other new business & miscellaneous items.

Anyone that is interested in serving on the Board of Directors please contact one of the Board members.

Anyone needing an absentee ballot (1 per family) for the election of Board of Directors can contact the Isanti County Administration office.

As the meeting is on Sunday, Absentee ballots must be received at P.O. Box 229 Cambridge, MN. 55008 by noon on August 9th 2025.

There will be a short meeting after this meeting to elect 2025-2026 FLID officers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE LAKE FRANCIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The Lake Francis Improvement District will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Bradford Town Hall, 4175 305th Lane NW; Cambridge, MN.

- The Agenda will include:
- A reading of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting.
 - A Report on the Activities of the Board in the past year
 - Discussion of plans to treat selected areas of the lake for Aquatic Invasive Species in 2026.
 - A vote to approve projects with costs expected to exceed \$5,000
 - A vote to approve a budget for the fiscal year 2026
 - A vote to approve property assessments to satisfy budget requirements.
 - An Election for one executive board member

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DAKOTA DISTRICT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FAMILY COURT DIVISION Court File No.: 19HA-FA-25-289 SUMMONS TO ESTABLISH THIRD PARTY CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME

In Re the Custody of: Alana Alane Carter, DOB: 09/02/2008

Tina Mendez, Petitioner,

vs.

Richard Handsome Carter Jr. and Lidia I. Chavez, Respondents.

Judicial Officer: Richelle M. Wahi

TO: Richard Handsome Carter Jr., the above-named Respondent, pro-se, 175 Charles Ave #130E, St. Paul, MN 55103; and

Lidia I. Chavez, the above-named Respondent, pro-se, 316 Goodhue Street N, Redwing, MN 55066;

THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. Read this summons and attached petition carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit asking the court to decide custody and parenting time of the minor child listed above in the caption. Petitioner is not requesting that the court to establish child support through these proceedings.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the court a written Answer to the Petition. If Petitioner is requesting child support, you must file a Financial Affidavit along with your Answer. You must pay the required filing fee. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you may qualify to have the filing fee waived by the court. You must file an In Forma Pauperis application with the court and a judge will decide whether you must pay the fee. All court forms are available from the Court Administrator's office and on the Court's website at www.mncourts.gov/forms. You must serve your Answer and Financial Affidavit upon Petitioner **within twenty-one (21) days** of the date you were served

with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your Answer and Financial Affidavit, the court may grant Petitioner everything he or she is asking for in the attached Petition.

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact court administration for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

HEIMERL & LAMMERS, LLC
Dated: May 30, 2025
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STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Condemnation
Court File No.: 30-CV-25-361
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,

vs.

Jillian M D'Aigle, et al.
Respondents.

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

NOTICE
To the Respondents hereinabove named:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on August 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge Amy R. Brosnahan, in the Courthouse at Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota, via remote hearing, the Petitioner will present a Petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. This hearing will not be in person at the Courthouse. Instructions for attending the remote hearing may be obtained from Isanti Court Administration. The remote hearing may be accessed by video at <https://Zoomgov.com/join>, or by phone at 833-568-8864. For either method, the Meeting ID is 161 642 3439 and the Meeting Password is 633567. A copy of the Petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that Petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to Petitioner of the parcels described in the Petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of September 26, 2025.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must VACATE THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26, 2025. All advertising signs or devices located in the area being acquired must be removed by September 26, 2025.

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

Dated: May 20, 2025
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ISANTI
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Condemnation

State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,

vs.
Jillian M D'Aigle, Steven D. D'Aigle, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, County of Isanti, Emmanuel Moreno-Ramirez, Ana Yely Moreno, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, U.S. Bank National Association, Jamie L. Yurich, PennyMac Financial Services, Inc., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., LeaderOne Financial Corporation, Casey's Retail Company, doing business as Casey's General Store, an active Iowa assumed name, CAMN2 LLC, doing business as Scotter's Coffee, an unregistered assumed name, Luminate Bank, West Allis AAP Partners, LLC, Corner Home Medical, Inc., also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.

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

PETITION

To the District Court above named the State of Minnesota brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:

I. That Trunk Highway Legislative Route numbered 132, which has been renumbered 95, and which has been located according to law and passes over the lands herein described.

That it is duly covered by Right of Way Plat Orders numbered 100691, 100689, 100727 and 100678 and Advanced Acquisition Order numbered 100173.

II. That the Commissioner of Transportation deems it necessary that the State of Minnesota for trunk highway purposes obtain the lands herein described in fee simple absolute, together with the following rights: to acquire all trees, shrubs, grass and herbage within the right of way herein to be taken, and to keep and have the exclusive control of the same, to acquire from the owners whose lands front thereon any existing right of access to said highway in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned, and to keep and have the exclusive control of all access to said highway in accordance with the law governing controlled access highways, and to acquire a temporary easement in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned.

With reference to Parcel 58, there appears a mortgage executed by Emanuel Moreno Ramirez, Isanti County, Minnesota, as mortgagors, to the United States of America, acting through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, mortgagee, and filed in the office of the County Recorder in Isanti, Minnesota, as follows:

Dated May 25, 2022
Date Filed June 3, 2022
Document No. 516327

Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order authorizing the Court Administrator to accept and deposit payments from the Petitioner to the court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 117.042.

Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order transferring title and possession of the parcels herein described, prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §117.042.

Further, Petitioner hereby moves the court for an order requiring the parties to exchange any appraisals at least 14 days prior to a commissioners' hearing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 117.036.

The Petitioner reserves its right to recover costs of clean up and testing and all other damages arising from the presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties, including respondents herein where appropriate, in a separate legal action to the extent permitted by law.

III. That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Isanti County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your Petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your Petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:

FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 49 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901

S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, CONGER'S ADDITION TO CAMBRIDGE CITY, shown as Parcel 49 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota;
together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 49:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 49 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

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

Jillian M D'Aigle
Steven D. D'Aigle
Fee
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Mortgage
County of Isanti Taxes
Parcel 58 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901

S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:

A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of Lots 8 and 9, BLOCK 1 OF GILES BLOCK, shown as Parcel 58 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes;
excepting therefrom the existing steps, railing, and landscape situate thereon.

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

Emmanuel Moreno-Ramirez Fee
Ana Yely Moreno Spouse
United States of America
Department of Housing and Urban Development Mortgage
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgage
U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgage
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 64 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
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S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:

That part of Lot 2, Block 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 64 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota;

together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 64:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 64 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes;
excepting therefrom the existing building and fence situate thereon.

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

Jamie L. Yurich Fee
PennyMac Financial Services, Inc. Mortgage
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
LeaderOne Financial Corporation
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 43 C.S. 3007 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of Tract A described below:

Tract A. Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, RASK'S ADDITION TO CAMBRIDGE, ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota;

AND
That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, described as follows: Beginning at a point 506 feet East and 66 feet South of the northwest corner of said Section

33; thence South 97 ½ feet; thence East 62 ½ feet; thence North 97 ½ feet; thence West 62 ½ feet to the point of beginning and there terminating; also known as Lot 1, AUDITORS SUBDIVISION OF LOTS IN NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County;

together with all right of access, being the right of ingress to and egress from that part of Tract A hereinbefore described to Trunk Highway No. 95.

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

Casey's Retail Company, doing business as Casey's General Store, an active Iowa assumed name Fee
County of Isanti Taxes and Special Assessments
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 45 C.S. 3007 (95=132)
901

S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:

That part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, RASK'S ADDITION TO CAMBRIDGE, ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA, shown as Parcel 45 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota;

together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 45:

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

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 45 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes;
excepting therefrom the existing curb and gutter situate thereon.

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

CAMN2 LLC, doing business as Scotter's Coffee, an unregistered assumed name Fee
Luminate Bank Mortgage
County of Isanti Taxes and Special Assessments
Parcel 301B C.S. 3007 (95=132)
901

S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:

A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of Lot 2, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO. 8, shown as Parcel 301B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-68 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes;
excepting therefrom the existing curb and gutter situate thereon.

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

West Allis AAP Partners, LLC
Fee
Corner Home Medical, Inc.
Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
WHEREFORE, Your Petitioner prays that the Court grant this petition, that commissioners be appointed to appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.

Dated: April 23, 2025
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MINN. STAT. § 549.211
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The party or parties on whose behalf the attached document is

served acknowledge through their undersigned counsel that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.

Dated: April 23, 2025
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 7, 2025

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.

•Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

•Approved Consent Agenda Items A – I

•Stormwater Pollution Plan Update Presentation

•Discussed the City's Current Vision Statement

•Held a Conversation about the open Economic Development Manager Position

•Approved Downtown Grants Funds for Jayda Belle Boutique

•Approved Conditional Off-Site Liquor Consumption for the July 3rd Thursday Event

•Tabled ORD 807 Adopting Optional Building Code 1306 Fire Protection Systems

•Approved 2026 Street Improvements Awarding Contract, Ordering Feasibility Report, and Approving Engineering Services Agreement

•Approved Utilization of the MN ICPOET Program for Police Officer Hiring

•Held two closed sessions under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subd(3)(c)(3) to develop or consider offers or counter offers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property

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PUBLIC NOTICE ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5TH, 2025 AND AUGUST 12TH, 2025.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has scheduled additional Committee of the Whole/ Budget Work Session meetings for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 and 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 12th, 2025.. These meetings will be held in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners, this 2nd day of July 2025. Amanda Usher
County Administrator

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CAMBRIDGE SELF STORAGE AND ISANTI SELF STORAGE

This is notice of intent to sell items located at Cambridge Self Storage and Isanti Self Storage. If Lissette Chumley F26, Gia Williams J78, Charles Anderson B19, Travis Green J62, Matthew Reynolds E157, Ciara Spain E165, and Alissa Myers E184 do not pay their balances in full by August 6, 2025, at 9AM, online auctions will be held August 7, 2025, at 9AM at www.selfstorageauction.com. The units appear to contain household and garage items.

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ISANTI COUNTY SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE JUNE 17, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The complete minutes are available for public inspection in the Administration office at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 or online at www.co.isanti.mn.us/agendacenter

Members Present: Chairman Alan Duff; Commissioners: Steve Westenberg, Bill Berg, Todd Christensen, Kristi LaRowe.

Members Absent: None.

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

Meeting called to order by Chairman Alan Duff.

•Approved the following County Business Items: June 3, 2025, County Board Meeting Minutes and Minutes Summary, Community Health Board Actions, Personnel Committee Recommendations,

Personnel Action Items, Donations to Isanti County, Utility Permits, and Claims and Warrants.

•Approved the addition of a second Committee of the Whole meeting on July 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

•Approved by resolution the following contracts between Isanti

County Health and Human Services: Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc.; Isanti County Probation; and Lighthouse Child and Family Services.

•Approved Health and Human Services Claims and Warrants.

•Approved the purchase and

installation of Springvale County Park Nature Play Area equipment.

•Awarded the bid for the Heritage Blvd Intersection Improvement Project to Asphalt Surface Technologies, Corp., contingent on final award by the City of Isanti.

•Approved the June 12, 2025,

Planning Commission recommendations.

• Approved Springvale Township Cleanup Day.

• Approved Annual Liquor License Renewals.

• Approved the 2nd Half of Appropriation Payments to Community Organizations.

•Approved by Resolution the Annual Designation of Authorized User of MN Department of Education Reporting System.

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