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Paul (Caleb Newman) and Joy (Kat Yearwood) discuss Joy's latest romance novel during a scene from the North Branch Theatre Department's performance of "The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon." This year's fall play will be performed on stage, but with no live audience and livestreamed three times this weekend.

Looking for love in ugly sweaters: North Branch play parodies holiday rom-coms

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"It's beginning to look a lot like...COVID lockdown?"

With another wave of coronavirus making an appearance and restrictions tightening, the North Branch High School Theatre Department is offering its fall play in a new, corona-conscious format – a livestream of three performances on Nov. 20-22.

"Our goal for this show," said theatre department director Laura Michels, "is to create something fun and happy to distract people from all of the stress and negativity going on with COVID."

To do that, the show, named "The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon," will parody holiday romantic comedies with a cast of 23 actors whose characters converge on the small town of Hopewood Falls, Vermont, looking for love in ugly sweaters.

A sugar rush of six Christmas movies at once, the show features a prince or two in disguise, an unconscious veterinarian, a sassy, red-haired best

friend, a snobby princess, a Christmas tree farm and charming inn at risk of destruction by evil city slickers and a Christmas parade with a Santa dilemma. And that's just the half of it.

"I think audience members will enjoy watching something goofy and silly and completely put together by amazing students," Michels said. "And since it is a spoof on holiday Hallmark movies, they will get a good laugh at the absurdity of the situations in the show."

STUDENT DIRECTORS GET THEIR CHANCE

According to Michels, she chooses one play each year to be directed by students, and this show is helmed by Joshua Newman and Henry Mattson. The seniors have appeared in a total of 12 shows through the school drama department and snagged the co-director positions after going through an interview process.

"They are both very talented actors," Michels said, "and have great ideas as directors."

Due to a lack of male cast members, both

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Final section of Heritage Greens to be developed

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For nearly two decades there has been several large portions of the former Cambridge State Hospital grounds (now known as Heritage Greens) that have remained empty fields. While recently the area has seen a steady flow of new, single-family homes being built, there still remained two noticeable untouched areas.

Back in September, the council started the process of filling the lot located on the southeast corner with a \$6 million, 48-unit apartment complex. And now, the council has taken the first steps towards filling the largest remaining vacant section, located on the northeast corner of the area, which also happens to be currently owned by the city.

During the Nov. 16 council meeting, the council heard a presentation from Kyle Didier regarding a proposal to build a development on that 9.6-acre lot which would include a total of 183 "homes," including a 75-unit apartment complex, plus 33 single-family townhomes and a green space in between, built in three phases. According to Community Development Director Marcia Westover, the development is predicted to be appraised at approximately \$29 million.

Didier told the council the apartment complex, which would be part of the first phase of the project, would be built on the northern-most section of the lot. It would comprise of three levels of apartments above parking initially in an "L" shape, with an extension of the complex turning it into a "U" shape during phase two. There will be a mixture of studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments, with current minimum rentals being around \$895/month. He said the complex would have all up-to-date amenities, including some that came to light as being needed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The single-family townhomes would be located on the southern-most section, which would place them closest to a majority of the existing single-family homes already constructed. The green space would take up 40% of the lot, and could include a holding pond, walking path, or a dog park.

"We are sensitive to, given the site, yes there is density, but 40% of the entire site will still be dedicated

'We don't want to pack just a bunch of things in there. We are respectful of how the neighborhood functions today.'

Kyle Didier
Potential developer of housing at Heritage Greens

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New Assistant Fire Chief named

Corey Bustrom (center) is sworn in by Cambridge Mayor Jim Godfrey (right) as new Fire Chief Todd Tomczik looks on during the Nov. 16 Cambridge City Council meeting. According to Tomczik, they had the "good problem" of having to choose between four excellent candidates who expressed an interest in the position.

Special church meetings scheduled

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RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

The community is invited to special meetings, "Thankful for the Holy Spirit" held at River of Life Church. Joe and Iliana Clausen will be speaking 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Joe has served as a pastor at Frazee, Minnesota and at Hallettsville, Texas.

"Joe and Iliana have prophetic giftings that have proved beneficial to my family and myself. I am looking forward to our time together," said Mark Radeke pastor of River of Life Church.

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North Branch Schools to move to Distance Learning over holidays

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In what can be called a preventative action, the North Branch Area Public Schools will be transitioning to a full distance learning model for the duration of the holiday season. The move comes both despite, and because of, the fact that while positive COVID counts continue to increase at rapid rates around the county, the school district itself has had minimal confirmed positive cases from staff and students.

According to the district's "Return to Learn!" web page, from Nov. 2 - 8, nine new positive cases were reported among roughly 2,600 students and seven new cases were reported among the 300 staff members. According to the district, a majority of these new positive cases were the result of community spread outside the school setting.

"I commend staff and students for making these critical adjustments and adhering to the protocols we have put in place while keeping as much normalcy in our school system as possible," said a message to parents from Superintendent Sara Paul on the web page.

In an attempt to keep those numbers low, however, Paul said the decision has been made to temporarily discontinue on-site instruction for all students PK-12, with the last date for on-site instruction being Friday, Nov. 20, which is the district's last day of the first trimester. There will be no school on Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 23 - 25, in order for staff to prepare for the remote learning, which will begin on Monday, Nov. 30 (Thursday, Nov. 26 is Thanksgiving Day).

"We are doing a good job of minimizing school transmission, (however) Chisago and Isanti County level data continues to increase, which is a concern," Paul said. "The upcoming holidays bring opportunities for social gatherings that so many look forward to all year. The reality of the upcoming increase in social gatherings is ultimately why NBAPS is making a shift to distance learning for all students after Thanksgiving and through the holiday season."

The district is hoping, barring a drastic increase county-wide or other extenuating circumstances, to return to one of their five-day on-site learning

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Sara Paul
North Branch Area Public Schools Superintendent

levels on January 19.

"This target return date allows for a 14-day incubation period following the holiday season," explained Paul. "According to MDH (Minnesota Department of Health), this will mitigate the viral spread associated with holiday activities. NBAPS staff has done great work keeping COVID from spreading within our schools. It is realistic that we can return to in-school instruction

after the holidays."

IMPACT ON SPORTS

At the time the announcement was made on Nov. 10, a decision had not been made as to whether North Branch Viking athletics or other extra-curricular activities would be able to continue during the distance learning period. While the football team's season is set to conclude before Thanksgiving no matter what, the volleyball team's section tournament begins the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Also, winter sports practices were set to begin starting with boys basketball on Monday, Nov. 23.

However, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz was set to make a major announcement regarding new guidelines for all youth sports Wednesday, Nov. 18 (after this edition of the Star went to press). If Walz's announcement is what it is predicted to be, all fall and winter sports will at the very least be "paused" for an unknown length of time, no matter what learning model a school district is in. See next week's edition of the *Star* for the details and coaches' reaction to that announcement.

North Branch approves erection of internet towers

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Even though it turned out the City of North Branch didn't have enough time to formally utilize CARES Act money for increasing high speed internet access for its residents, the city is still going full-speed ahead with accomplishing its goals of bringing broadband to as many residents as possible as soon as possible.

During the Nov. 10 City Council Meeting, which was ironically conducted with two of the council members and City Administrator Renae Fry utilizing the internet to attend remotely, the council unanimously approved Conditional Use Permits (CUP) for the construction of two of three towers "to support a fixed wireless internet solution." The towers will be over 75 feet tall, which is the reason a CUP was required.

According to Fry, three towers will be strategically placed to work in conjunction with four existing towers "for the purpose of deploying a fixed wireless internet solution to bring high speed internet to the outer reaches of our community that currently are not served or so poorly served that the cannot utilize the internet."

The three proposed towers would be placed at the southwest corner of 412th Street and Flink Avenue (aka site 1), in a park at 5035 366th Street (site 2), and the northeast corner of Lincoln Trail and 367th Street (site 3).

Fry told the council a public hearing was held at the Nov. 2 Planning Commission meeting, where "a number of individuals that spoke in opposition of site 1, and two individuals who had concerns with site 2." She said nobody voiced their opposition to site 3.

"We also had a number of individuals who testified in favor of the overwhelming need for internet to serve those outer regions of the community," Fry added. Several of those who were in favor of the project were students who at that time anticipating having to go to dis-

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Renae Fry
North Branch City Administrator

tance learning at some time (since that meeting, the school district announced they would in fact be doing that beginning Nov. 30).

Fry said the three sites were chosen based on three criteria: 1. it was public land, 2. there was access to power, and 3. that were adjacent to a fiber source. Fry said the third criteria was the toughest one to meet.

New City Attorney Christopher Hood recommended to the council to approve the CUPs for sites 2 and 3 only, noting if there was a legal challenge to site 1, the entire project might get delayed.

Fry emphasized to the council that if they chose to do that, residents of the northwest portion of the city will most likely have to wait until spring if an alternative site 1 couldn't be located in the near future. She said the footings of the towers would have to be poured before the ground froze over, but once the footings were in place, construction could proceed over the winter.

"That's why this is so urgent," Fry said. "Mother Nature is a fickle Goddess, and if we cannot get these footings poured, then all construction is halted until next spring, and this much-needed resource is delayed."

The motion to grant the CUP for sites 2 and 3 only passed unanimously 3-0, with Council Member Joel McPherson not in attendance (either in person or remotely).

Minnesotans urged to follow CDC guidelines at holiday gatherings

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The Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) supports the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Nov. 9. and is strongly encouraging Minnesotans to re-think their holiday plans if those plans include gathering in-person.

"Normally the last few months of the year are a time of celebration, of getting together with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. But this year is unlike any other," said MMA President Marilyn Peitso, MD. "As the CDC recommends, be mindful of the various factors that contribute to the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 at in-person gatherings, and work to minimize your risk and that of others. We need to think of the health of our family and friends. You

may feel fine and healthy, but what about grandpa and grandma or your elderly parents? The state is seeing tremendous growth in COVID-19 infections and deaths, and we need to all do our part to slow the spread."

COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Minnesota. Intensive Care Units are filling up. Physicians and hospitals are stressed. "We realize that after eight months of fighting this pandemic, people are tired. Everyone has COVID fatigue, but we can't let our defenses down now," Peitso stressed. "We all have to work together to beat the virus."

Minnesotans can help health care workers and their fellow citizens by wearing a mask when in public, practicing social distancing, washing your hands, staying home when you are sick and seeing your physician when you feel ill.

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Only time will tell if anyone 'won' the election

As I was filling out my ballot on Election Day two weeks ago, I did something I rarely have done before. Before walking away from the booth, I took a good, close look at who I had voted for, trying to see if there was any sort of trend to my votes. Interestingly, but not at all surprising knowing myself, there was none.

As I scanned the completed ballot, it was pretty evenly split between Democrats and Republicans for the races where parties were indicated. There was also a good mixture of incumbents versus non-incumbents with a blackened oval beside their names. This wasn't done by design at all, so it pretty much confirmed my own suspicions that I am a steadfast, maybe even textbook "moderate."

Without revealing specifically who I voted for, I can say that there was a reason for every single vote I cast - at least for the contested races. I voted for the incumbents who I thought had done a good job during their time in office. Conversely, I didn't vote for some of the incumbents because I didn't approve of some of their decisions.

At the same time, however, some of the votes cast weren't that black-and-white. Some of the races were almost literally a coin-flip. There were two (or more) candidates who I felt would do a good job. I simply had to choose who I would consider to be the "best-of-the-best." And quite frankly, some votes were cast for "the lesser of two evils."

The way I look at an election, it is like a job interview. Maybe I get this from my years of being a retail manager. Whenever I had a position to fill at my store, I would have to go through each applicant, weighing who I felt would best fill the position. Sometimes that would be an easy decision, sometimes it would be a tough one, from either a good or bad perspective. But since this was my store, my biggest hope is that whoever I picked, they would do a good job.

Our country, state, district, county, city, or even school district is like our "store." Only instead of one person making a hiring decision, it's thousands, even millions of people doing it.

Unfortunately, not everyone thinks that way. Many will blindly vote for (or against) a certain party, no matter how appealing another candidate is to them, or how otherwise unappealing their party's candidate is. Others will flatly vote for all the incumbents, or more than likely based on today's prevailing attitude, vote for anybody but the incumbents.

Then, they go out and celebrate when their chosen party/candidate "wins" or grieves if their chosen party/candidate "loses." But how can they know at that very moment if they've truly "won" or "lost?"

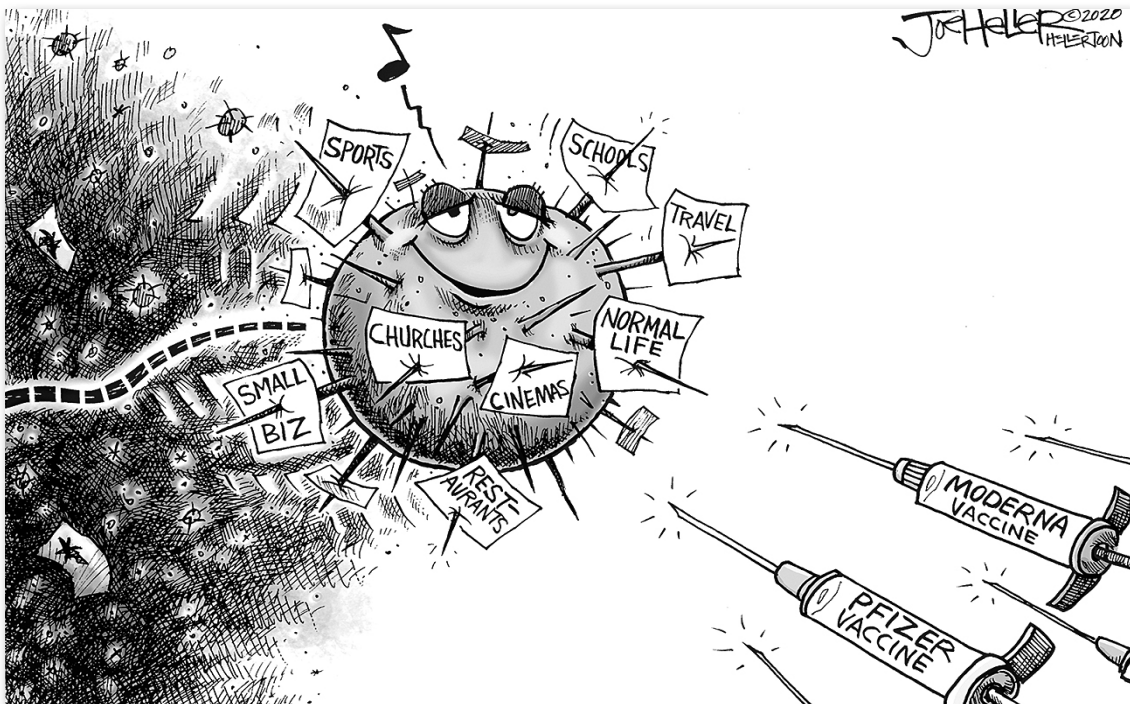
Instead of knee-jerk reactions like this, I would ask people to take this stance: To all the candidates I voted for who got elected, prove me right. To all the candidates I didn't vote for, but they got elected anyway, please feel free to prove me wrong. After all, if both of these things happen, then everyone will be guaranteed to have "won."

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Worth a Thousand Words

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GUEST COLUMN

Going remote over the holidays makes sense

COVID-19 is a constant stressor on each of our minds. The county level data continues to increase, which is of concern. Our efforts to mitigate risk are working to reduce transmission of the virus in our schools. I commend staff and students for making these critical adjustments and adhering to the protocols we have put in place while keeping as much normalcy within our school system as possible.



NB School News

Sara Paul

As I noted in last week's column, with the holidays upon us, North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS) needs to make a shift to its learning model.

NBAPS is moving to remote learning starting November 30. The last day of in-school instruction for students will be November 20. There will be no school for all in-school students (PK-12) on November 23, 24, 25. Staff will use the time to prepare for remote learning.

Making this shift to remote learning is likely causing families to experience a flurry of emotions. At every shift to our learning levels, safe learning has been our top priority, which includes both the physical and emotional health of students. We all learned a lot last spring when school district's had

to make the immediate transition to remote learning. Exploring what worked well last spring, and what did not, has positioned NBAPS to better meet the needs of students and families.

To better understand families' needs, we have solicited their thoughts on ways we can best support them during this time using the Thoughtexchange survey tool.

Executive Order 20-82 requires Minnesota school districts to offer child care services for families of Tier 1 workers. In addition, NBAPS understands the importance of offering child care for working families. Therefore, students ages 3 through sixth grade may be eligible for Youth Connections services during the remote learning period, space permitting.

Staff are working with the families of elementary-age students to ensure they have the necessary technology. Free meal distribution is being coordinated, and solutions for extracurricular activities are being explored.

Our target date for a return to in-school instruction is January 19. Through every pivot this year, our staff has risen to the challenge to ensure we are taking care of the needs of our students. As we enter into this time of Thanksgiving, I'm so thankful for all the staff members that serve our students and families!

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District is looking for help forming a committee task force

Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to meet hundreds of our community members at backyard gatherings and park events. We want to thank every resident, volunteer and host who attended a gathering or welcomed us into your neighborhood to talk about school funding and the referendum. We appreciate your time, your understanding and your support.



What I learned during those meetings and the November 3 election is that our community loves and supports our schools. People understood that our schools are significantly underfunded, and our budget challenges are real. Yet, now is not the right time. We understand that this is a difficult time for

many. With rising COVID case counts, students in distance learning, and our hospitals nearing capacity, we are committed to supporting families—providing free childcare for essential workers, meals for children, access to internet and broadband and quality instruction for students. Our staff has shown strength and resilience in adapting as needed and our summer planning has allowed us to move between models. When we work together as a community, we are optimistic we will get through this historic time.

As we embark on our planning for next year, we will need community members involved in the planning and decision-making. After all, you are the owners of our schools—and we have some difficult decisions to make, which will need community input.

The budget challenges we've faced are not going away. Due to the current funding challenges, we will have at least a \$1.7 million shortfall in the next budget cycle. After cutting \$7.5 million

dollars over the past two years, we are already one of the lowest spending districts in the state and the reductions that are needed will balance the budget for fiscal year 2022 only. Without a funding increase, we anticipate facing more than a \$1.7 million dollar shortfall the following year, continuing until revenue or funding does change.

We are in the process of assembling a community task force to address the District's dire budget situation and plans for the future. We understand these are hard times. We need to support each other and work toward creative solutions. Our children's futures depend on it. Right now, they need us to work together to create the best path forward. Our students are the future citizens of Cambridge, Isanti and rural Minnesota. Let's work together to find solutions.

If you can share your time and experience to serve on the task force, please call our office at (763)689-6202 or email dist-communications@c-ischools.org. We need our best minds working

together during these difficult times. The children in our schools today will face challenges not experienced during childhood since the Greatest Generation. They will be asked to perform in jobs not yet invented and to solve problems that they inherit. Growing up during a pandemic, they will learn the value of life, family and life-long learning. They will be more adaptable, tech-savvy and resilient. Our students continue to inspire us to be our best every day...and keep getting better. In turn, we must continue to inspire them...Every Student. Every Day. We will get through this together. We are responsible and resilient—the Bluejacket Way.

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OBITUARIES

Ruth M. Ljungren

Ruth M. Ljungren, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at the Ecumen Oaks in Hutchinson. She was 90 years old.

Ruth was born on Nov. 10, 1930, in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Pastor Claes Daniel and Signe Mathilda (Carlson) Mattson. Ruth was baptized as an infant at the Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth in Burdick, Kansas. Her school years were spent in Bergland, Ontario and Burdick, Kansas. In school, Ruth played and taught piano and organ to make money. She went to Bethany College in Kansas and graduated with a teaching degree from Bemidji State Teachers College in 1952. She taught elementary school in Walker, Thief River Falls, and Alexandria Minnesota.

While Ruth’s parents were in Sebeka, Minnesota, they encouraged her to date the pharmacist son of one of the church members. On Dec. 27, 1959, Ruth was united in marriage to Donald Ljungren at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Minnesota. As was typical of the time, Ruth gave up teaching when she married Don to have children. This marriage was blessed with two children, Wendy and Mark. Ruth and Don resided in White Bear Lake and then Cambridge, Minnesota. After the kids graduated, Ruth returned to teach pre-school at Cambridge Lutheran. After Don retired from pharmacy, they became snowbirds in Sun City Arizona (near daughter Wendy).

Throughout her life, Ruth was an avid volunteer and an active member of the Lutheran churches. Due to health issues, Ruth and Don moved into an assisted living facility in Hutchinson, Minnesota in 2012 to be near son Mark’s family. They shared 60 years of marriage.

Ruth enjoyed traveling, walking, music and in retirement golfing. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, Claes and Signe Mattson; Brother, Rev. Richard and his wife Anna Mattson; and Son-In-Law, Terence Mulkern.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Wendy Ljungren-Mulkern of Kentwood, MI, Mark Ljungren and his wife, Robin, of Hutchinson, MN; grandchildren, Alexander (Clarissa) Ljungren, Zachary (Rebecca) Ljungren, Melanie (Reid) McGraw, Ciaran Mulkern, and James Mulkern; great grandchildren Maxton Ljungren, Oaklyn McGraw, and Hadley McGraw; brother Paul Mattson and his wife, DeLores, of Lakeville, MN; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with interment in the West Cemetery in Sebeka, Minnesota, at a later date. Arrangements by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapels in Hutchinson. Online Obituaries and Guest Book available at www.hantge.com.

Beth Ann Peterson

Beth Ann Peterson, of Bock, formerly of Cambridge and Braham, passed away on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020. She was 59 years old.

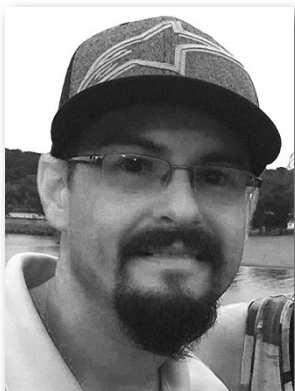
Beth is survived by brothers, Daryl of Braham, Duane (Susan) of Minneapolis and Bruce (Lori) of Norwood Massachusetts.

A private graveside service will be held at the Rice Lake Cemetery in Braham. No public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Stanchfield Baptist Church or Industries, Inc. -a division of PHASE (601 S. Cleveland St. Cambridge, MN 55008). Arrangements are by the Rock Ingebrand Funeral Home of Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

Trevor T. Watson

Trevor Tyler Watson “Watty,” of Isanti, MN passed away peacefully Nov. 5, 2020. He was 40 years old.

He grew up in Bethel, MN playing baseball, football, playing video games and loved to ride dirt bike.



He developed life long friendships with childhood friends.

Trevor enjoyed spending time with Chasity and the kids, their cat Cookie and bearded dragon Honey; his family and friends. He was an avid pool player for the past 20 years participating in many different tournaments; he played in a bar league, advanced and masters. He loved golfing on leagues, attending motocross, disc golf, fishing, hunting, star gazing, storm watching, rock collecting, gaming, music, BBQ’s, bon fires and playing glow in the dark bocce ball. He liked to spend weekends at the lake relaxing with family.

He prided himself as a painter for many years. And in the past several years he worked at P&M Truss building floor trusses. He was happy there and spoke highly of his work family.

He had a magnetic personality with a great sense of humor, an infectious laugh and an unforgettable smile. He was a loving son, partner, father figure, brother, grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. He was loved by all who knew him and is going to be missed tremendously.

We love you Trevor and you will forever be in the hearts of Watty’s Warriors.

He was preceded in death by Grandparents Larry and Dorothy Watson, Floyd Clark, William Janssen, Uncle Dan Watson, Step Father Jim Strassburg and Mother in law Kim Isaacs.

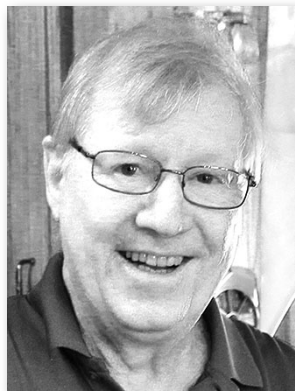
He is survived by Life Partner Chasity Livingston; step children Taylin and Tanaya Rickey; parents Brenda Strassburg and Bruce Effertz, and Michael and Kathy Watson; In-Laws Kevin and Cindy Livingston and Lee Isaacs; Sisters Heather Hemmelgarn (Tim), TJ, Ashley Watson (Scott), Cohl and Camaira Karkinen; step sister Shannon Ojeda (Jon) and children; sister in law Chrystal Strange (Marc) and children; grandmother Shirley Clark; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

We will have a celebration of life for Trevor at a future date.

Roger J. Paine

Roger James (Jim) Paine, of Cambridge passed on Nov. 4, 2020. He was 74 years old.

Jim graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School in 1964. He enlisted and honorably served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a gunner on a PBR riverboat. He had a successful business career at York. Jim had a passion for the outdoors. He thoroughly enjoyed fishing, hunting, and countless annual events with many lifelong friends.



Jim was an avid athlete and loved running. He ran in many local events and successfully finished the Boston Marathon in 1991. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, and watching the Twins and Vikings.

He loved going to the races with brother Denny, to which the Indy 500 was their grand hurrah. At the end of every day, Jim was famous for saying he would have “just one more” beer. He was always looking forward to the next opportunity to entertain others and make more memories.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Genny, and brother, Denny. He is survived by life partner, Dorothy (Dot), his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, godchildren, along with other relatives and many close friends.

We look forward to celebrating Jim’s life at a date to be determined in 2021.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7.

Marilyn J. Benting

Marilyn Judith Benting, died on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, in her home at Cambridge. She was 83 years old.

Marilyn was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Martha and H.F. Reed Simon on Aug. 6, 1937. She



attended and graduated from Lemmon High School in South Dakota.

On Aug. 20, 1956, Marilyn married Victor L. Benting. They moved to Cambridge with their two sons, Jeffrey L. Benting and Wayne A. Benting.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one sister.

Marilyn is survived by two sons; Jeffrey (Shelley) of Cambridge, Wayne (Julie) of Cambridge; and

grandchildren, Bethany of Otsego, Amy (Josh) of Champlin, Rian (Brittany) of Rochester and Adam (Lindsay) of Coon Rapids as well as five great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend our sincere thanks to Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Joy Lutheran Church and Allina Health Hospice.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Joy Lutheran Church in Cambridge. Pallbearers were Bethany, Amy, Rian and Adam. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Cambridge.

BIRTHS

Amelia Marie Tauer

Amelia was born on Oct. 5, 2020, and weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces. Parents are Annika Braun and Jerome Tauer of Grasston. Grandparents are Kevin Tauer of Brook Park, MN, Peggy Mohelski and Lyle Pischke of Isanti, and Joseph Braun of Ramsey, MN.

Jayden Wesley Johnson

Jayden was born on Oct. 6, 2020, and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. Parents are Dustin and Miya Johnson of Cambridge. Grandparents are Dalen and Roxanne Johnson of circle Pines, MN and Joshua and Diedre Zelin of Isanti.

Kaydence Lee Wines

Kaydence was born on Oct. 11, 2020, and weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces. Parents are Nathan and Trisha Wines of Grasston. Grandparents are Laurie Gammon of Isanti, Michael and Kari Wines of Nowthen, and Deb Wines of Monticello.

Mason Robert Kepler

Mason was born on Oct. 19, 2020, and weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces. Parents are Madison Lynn and Hunter Bradley Kepler of Hinckley, MN. Grandparents are Autumn and Robert Mattson of Stanchfield, Tiffany Barry of Banning, CA, and Shane Kepler of North Branch.

Zico Gerrard Dickens

Zico was born on Oct. 21, 2020, and weighed 7

pounds 15 ounces. Parents are Caleb and Susie Dickens of Isanti. Grandparents are Lyle and Nancy Peterson of Isanti, and Andrew and Sylvia Dickens of Sanford, NC.

Jaxon Gerald Mell

Jaxon was born on Oct. 24, 2020, and weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces. Parents are Charlie Mell and Lorah Mattson of Cambridge. Grandparents are Alexis and Russell Mattson, and Kevin and Cindy Kangas.

Rhett Nicholas Girouard

Rhett was born on Oct. 28, 2020, and weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. Parents Kayla Boettcher and Nick Girouard of Isanti. Grandparents are Kim Andersen of Cambridge, Krista Girouard of Somerset, WI, and Paul Girouard of Cambridge.

Gavin Michael Arcand

Gavin was born on Oct. 30, 2020, and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. Parents are Elisabeth and Nathan Arcand of Isanti. Grandparents are Lyn and Molly Payne of Bufalo, MN, and Gale and Colleen Arcand of Hugo.

Charlotte Elizabeth Bucy

Charlotte was born on Nov. 7, 2020, and weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces. Parents are David and Roxanne Bucy of Cambridge. Grandparents are Mike and Rose Bucy of Coon Rapids and Rick and Shawn Kessler of Isanti.

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55008. www.nibchurch.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship
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www.firstlutheranharris.org

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WONDERTHON: Play livestreams are free, however donations are appreciated

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directors also have roles in the play, and Mattson has been surprised by how other directors can make the job look easy when he’s found that it’s not. “There are many responsibilities that you don’t normally deal with just as part of the cast or crew,” he said. “Even though there are two of us, it’s not as easy as it seems to be.” Newman said he was surprised by how fun the director job is. “I thought at first I was just gonna sit on my chair and yell at everyone,” he said. “But the truth is that I get off my chair and yell at everyone. ... I’m joking. It really is a lot of fun to help guide the cast and see how amazing things have gone. It’s a super funny show, and it makes me laugh every time.”

COVID MAKES THINGS DIFFICULT

Practices for the cast began in the third week of the school year, with uncertainty as to what kind of performances would be allowed due to pandemic restrictions. “After we had to cancel our musical last spring,” Michels said, “the kids were so devastated. I think that has motivated them to adhere to our strict safety guidelines because they need the social interaction with their peers and they really want to put on a show.” As production manager, Michels came up with a safety plan that includes sanitizing schedules, social distancing guidelines and mask requirements. Actors have utilized plastic face shields so their expressions can be clearly seen. “We have also encouraged the cast members to limit exposure to people outside of our cast for the duration of the show to minimize the risk for quarantine situations,” she said. Even with a plan in place, Michels said the biggest challenge the troupe has faced is incorporating quarantined students into practices. “Quarantined cast members join rehearsals via Google Meet,” she said. “and it can be challenging to create a good flow during rehearsal when there’s the internet lag and the person can’t physically be on the stage.”

THE SHOW WILL GO ON

Finding it difficult to rehearse via the internet helped Michels make the decision to livestream the show from the high school’s auditorium rather

than offer it as a “virtual play” with actors recording their parts from separate locations. “We received guidance that if we were going to perform together in person, we would not be able to have an audience in the room,” she said. “So our choices were livestream or put on a virtual play – the latter of which I wanted to avoid if at all possible because the students really need to be together.” So in its three performances, actors will be together on stage – in a comedy with no audience to laugh at the jokes. Michels said all is not lost, however. “There is actually some ‘audience participation’ in this show,” she said. “We have navigated it by adding appropriate sound effects at the points where the audience should interact, so we are hoping that the audience at home will interact even though they aren’t in the room with us.” That wish to keep things as interactive and normal as other non-COVID performances comes directly from Michels’ heart. “I have noticed throughout my years directing that students who repeatedly participate in theatre feel lost when they aren’t part of a show,” she said. “Theatre becomes our entire lives. We live it and breathe it, so any chance we can have to participate in it, we will do whatever it takes to make it happen – even if whatever it takes includes sanitizing every time they leave the stage, wiping down props and mics after touching them, as well as many other precautions.”

HOW TO SEE THE SHOW

To watch the free performances of “The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon,” visit the Facebook page “North Branch High School Theatre,” and click on the link in the Facebook Event, which will be posted beginning Nov. 20. A link will also be posted at the Google site: <https://sites.google.com/view/nbahstheatre/fall-play>. Shows will be livestreamed at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22. Although all performances are free, donations can be made to the theatre department by writing a check to “ISD138” with “theatre” in the memo line, and mailing it to the Activities Office at North Branch Area High School, 38175 Grand Avenue, North Branch MN 55056.



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(Top photo) Narrators Aubrey Denesen and Alina Bushinger discuss the next part of the show. (Left photo) Merry (Danielle Laszcwski) tries to buy Blake’s (Henry Mattson) Christmas tree farm, but he is too emotional.

CAST LIST

Narrator 1 - Alina Bushinger
Narrator 2 - Aubrey Denesen
Holly - Dayna Nelson
Brett - Jack Erickson
Joy - Kat Yearwood
Paul - Caleb Newman
Carol - Chloe Petersen
Jackson - Cameron Fenner
Merry - Danielle Laszcwski
Blake - Henry Mattson
Kris - Mark Murphy

Noelle - Kendra Geary
Sven - Kelly Steele
Rita - Ava Anderson
Laertes - Charlie Templin
Bridgette - Hailey Norman
Prancer - Anna Randall
Vixen - Paola Velez
Girl 1 - Bitsy Neu
Girl 2 - Abby Neu
TSA Agent - Klaus Solko
Marlena - Haley Asher

HERITAGE GREENS: Developer promises open communication with city, residents

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to green space,” Didier said. “We don’t want to pack just a bunch of things in there. We are respectful of how the neighborhood functions today.”

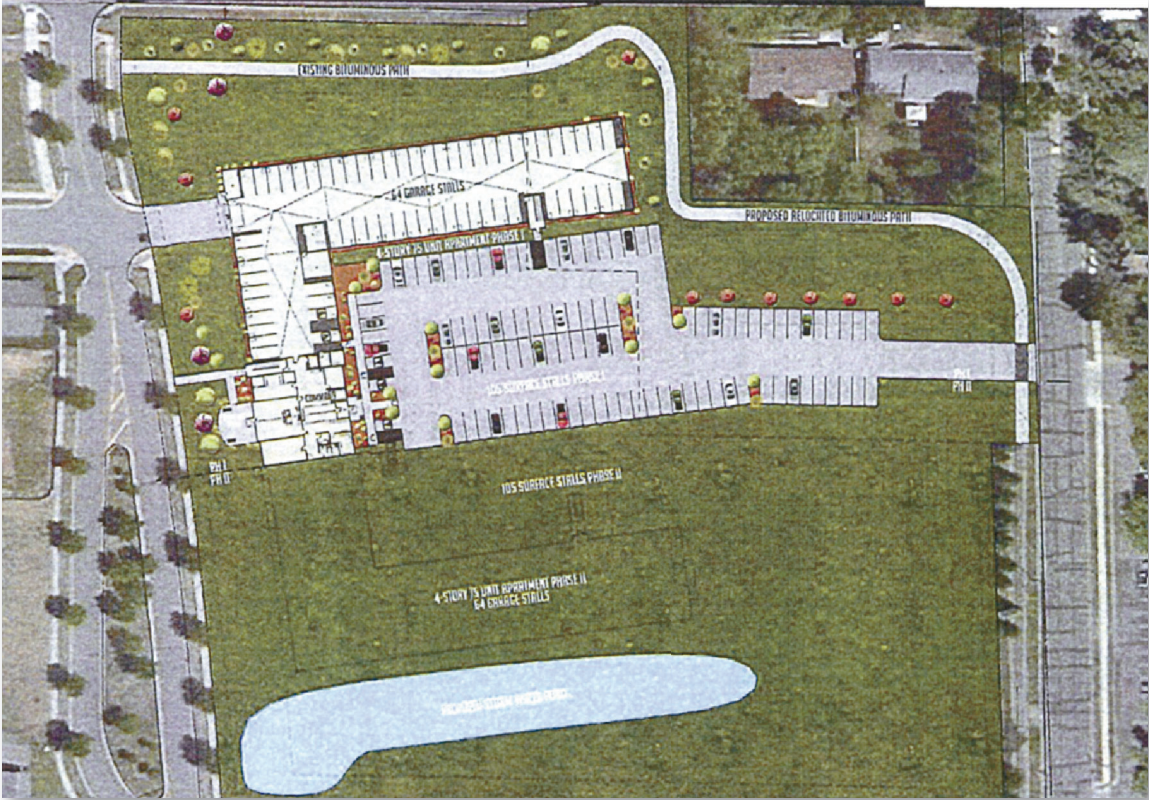
NOT EVERYONE IN FAVOR

The project isn’t without a small amount of controversy as many current residents of Heritage Greens voiced their opposition to the project during the public hearing held during the Nov. 4 Planning Commission meeting, prompting the commission to vote 4-3 to recommend denying the request to amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) to include multi-family buildings. “This room (council chambers) and that room (the City Hall lobby) was completely full of concerned citizens,” said Planning Commission member David Redfield, who spoke to the council “as a representative” of the residents of Heritage Greens. “(This) apartment complex does not (make sense). It’s right in the middle of a single-family community, and it’s zoned single-family housing as it sits.” Westover noted the overall tone of the Planning Commission Members who voted in favor of the PUD amendment was that the city desperately needs more of this type of housing and they got the sense the opposition was “NIM-

BY” (not-in-my-backyard) in nature. She added the project plans fall within all city ordinances and codes, with the lone exception of the apartment complex would be 48 feet tall, which is three feet over current ordinances. She said the extra height was to accommodate nine-foot high ceilings in the apartment units, which the developer said is a popular feature with renters. Because it meets all city requirements, Westover said it would be “very detrimental” to the city if the council denied the PUD amendment request. Didier told the council they heard and understood the residents’ concerns, they laid out their original plans with those concerns in mind, and they were willing to constantly be in communication with the city and the Heritage Greens residents throughout the construction. He also reiterated what Westover had said that projects such as this historically have increased the value of the area, rather than being a detriment.

‘BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE’

During council discussion, Mayor Jim Godfrey said the fact the city is the seller of the land makes denying the PUD amendment much more difficult, noting city representatives have been negotiating with the developer to purchase the land to the extent of having



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE AGENDA PACKET

This overhead look shows the approximate location of the proposed apartment complex to be built in Heritage Greens during phase I. For reference, South Fern Street is to the left, Dellwood Street is on the right, and 11th Ave SW is just off the top.

a purchasing agreement in place. “We don’t have any findings that we can use to deny this request,” Godfrey said. “If we were to deny this, we would open up all of the citizens to possible lawsuits, (and) we probably would not be able to sell another city-owned property to a developer in any near future because of the reputation we would have based on agreeing to a sale and then reneging on that agreement within a month or two would put us in an awkward position. Therefore I will be voting in favor of the motion knowing that disappoints every one of the

citizens who are here tonight.” Ultimately, the council unanimously approved the PUD amendment, along with establishing the land as a housing TIF (tax increment financing) district, and the preliminary and final plat for the project.

Jackets topple Titans, Bombers blast Bluestreaks

BY BILL STICKELS III
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For every game this season, the collective eyes of Cambridge-Isanti's opponents' defenses have been fixed on a single target - stopping Bluejacket runningback Gaven Ziebarth. And much to Bluejacket fans' dismay, they have been largely successful in containing the Division I recruit. That is until the last regular season game, where the senior exploded for 220 yards on 23 carries and four rushing touchdowns, plus adding a fifth receiving score to enable the Jackets to upset previously unbeaten Tartan.

Perhaps it was the mere 48 hours for Tartan to prepare for Ziebarth that made the difference. The two schools agreed to meet each other on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 10, after multiple other schools first agreed, then immediately had to back out of facing C-I. The Jackets were originally scheduled to play Buffalo, but the Bison pulled out of the rest of their season due to COVID.

But whatever the reason was for Gaven's success, it came at the perfect time as the upset win - just C-I's second of the season compared to four losses, catapulted C-I into the second seed of the abbreviated Section 7AAAAA tournament. It also is sure to give the Jackets a moral boost heading into the playoffs.

In the game, Tartan and C-I exchanged scores throughout the first half, with the Titans striking first and the Jackets quickly responding each time, with two of them on long runs of 38 and 66 yards by Ziebarth. The third score of the game was Ziebarth's shortest, three yards to tie the score at 20-20 at halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, it was C-I's turn to take the lead, with Ziebarth dashing in from 18 yards out. A missed extra point made the score 26-20 in favor of the Jackets with 9:25 remaining in the game. That lead only lasted three minutes as Tartan responded with a long TD run of their own, followed by a successful extra point to give the Titans a one point lead.

That set up more late-game dramas for C-I as a Connor Braaten pass to Ziebarth resulted in a 31-yard score with just 47 seconds remaining. Ziebarth then put the icing on the cake with a successful two-point conversion to make the final score 34-27 in favor of C-I.

The win also gives C-I home field advantage for the section semifinals, where they will host Coon Rapids at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. There are only three teams remaining in the section as both Duluth East and St. Francis previously canceled their remaining games. Undeclared Andover was given the #1 seed and a bye into the section title game, where they will face the winner of the Jackets vs. the Cardinals on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

BOMBERS DOMINATE BLUESTREAKS

Braham was able to even their record for the season in their final game of the regular season, a 52-10 lopsided win over winless Chisholm at Braham on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The Bombers dominated every aspect of the game, outgaining Chisholm 388 yards to 69. Carson Shockman did a majority of the damage, scoring five touchdowns on 18 carries, and over tripling the Bluestreaks' offensive output with 204 yards on the ground.

Quarterback Hayden Lee added to the carnage by completing both of his pass attempts for touchdowns, with one going to Lyle Nelson and the other going to Nate Fiedler.

Almost all of the scoring took place in the first half, with Braham racking up a 46-3 lead. Both teams scored once in the third quarter, with the entire fourth quarter being run-time.

Braham's .500 record gave them the #4 seed in Section 7A, where they were scheduled to face Barnum on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the quarterfinals. A win there would most likely send them on to face #1 seed Deer River on Saturday, Nov. 21 in Deer River. The section championship is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 27 at Mesabi Sports Complex in Virginia.



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The Bomber defense, led by Michael Tauer and Jonah Johnson, swarm all over a Chisholm ball-carrier during the Bombers' 52-10 win.

VIKINGS BACK IN ACTION

Barring any COVID setbacks, the North Branch Vikings will return to the field just in time for the Section 7AAAAA playoffs on Thursday, Nov. 19 as the #3 seed. Like Cambridge-Isanti's section, North Branch's has dwindled down to just three teams after Chisago Lakes, Hibbing, and Duluth Denfeld all had their seasons end prematurely.

The end result is with a 2-2 record, the Vikings will face Cloquet, who has been battling their own COVID issues the second half of the season en route to a 3-3 record. The game will be played at Proctor. The winner of that game

will face #1 seed Hermantown, who received a bye into the section finals. The championship game will be played at Hermantown at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Editor's note: this article was written and sent to press prior to Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's press conference announcing new guidelines for youth sports. Depending on what those guidelines are, the Jackets', Vikings' and Bombers' section playoff games may have been canceled. Go to countystar.com for updated information and see next week's edition of the Star for coaches' reactions.



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Senior Ellie Kuznia filled in admirably at the libero position during the Jackets' match versus Big Lake, picking up 20 digs.

Viking volleyball splits week, Jackets survive Hornets' sting

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The North Branch volleyball team had an up-and-down week last week, sweeping one opponent but then getting swept themselves.

Princeton seems to be the "go-to" school in order to pick up another match to replace an opponent who had to cancel as the Vikings hosted the Tigers for the second time in two weeks, with one more match scheduled for the two teams next week.

Last week's match wound up very similar to the first meeting, with the Vikings cruising to a 3-0 win by scores of 25-14, 25-17, 25-18. Also like last time, North Branch evenly spread the offense out, with Lindsey Bunes picking up 11 kills, and the two Paiges - Peaslee and Sheehan adding nine kills.

Two nights later, the Vikings again found themselves on the wrong end of a sweep, compliments of conference front-runner Monticello. Like earlier in the season, the Magic were just too potent for the Vikings, winning 25-14, 26-24, 25-12. What limited offense the Vikings could muster came from the middle, as both Peaslee and Reagan Irons led the team with only five kills each. Defensively, the Magics' accuracy limited North Branch digs to Chloe Fortuna

and Sheehan each collecting seven.

JACKETS WIN LONE MATCH

A shorthanded Bluejacket squad battled tough to pick up a 3-0 win over Big Lake on Tuesday, Nov. 10 in C-I's lone match of the week. Despite missing their starting setter and libero, the Jackets edged the Hornets by scores of 26-24, 25-20, 26-24.

Ada Schlenker and Makenzie Coplan were strong from the outside, picking up nine and seven kills respectively. Sophomore Brooklyn Dickey, filling in at the setter position, collected 24 assists. Ellie Kuznia, who donned the libero jersey, came up with 20 digs, followed by Cierra Johnshoy, who was thrust into the back court rotation, coming up with 14 digs.

Being shorthanded however, has caught up with the Jackets as their two matches this week - versus Monticello and Becker, were either postponed to next week or canceled.

PANTHERS SLASH THROUGH BOMBERS

Braham had a rough time last week, falling to a strong Onamia Panthers squad twice by scores of 3-0 and 3-1. The losses drops the Bombers to a .500 record at 4-4 with the possibility of three matches remaining in the regular season.

JACKET ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Brooklyn Dickey | Soph | Volleyball
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From the coach: Our coaching staff nominated #6 Brooklyn Dickey as athlete of the week. She is our Sophomore Right Side who is also our backup setter. The day before our home game against Princeton we found out our Senior setter Hailey Christenson would be unavailable for an extended period so Brooklyn was asked to step in and lead our offence. She proceeded to tally 32 assists, 10 digs and 3 kills on route to leading our team to a 3-1 win. In the past 4 games with her as our setter we have gone 3-1 and she has played a big role in that. With that being said I can't say enough about the rest of our team, especially our seniors who have all stepped up and really supported her and in essence have said "we got this".

Favorite thing about sports: My favorite thing has been all the friendships I have made and being able to play the sport I love with all of them.

Person who has influenced you: My dad Colin because he has taught me the importance of working hard and never giving up no matter what people say.

How do you prepare for a game or meet?: I usually listen to music and focus on what I will do during the game.

Highlight of athletic career: Making varsity and being able to be a starter.

Future goals: I hope to eventually get to 1000 assists and then hopefully be able to play volleyball in college.

With the sun comes a little rain

Take a quick moment to think about the last competitive game you played, the last outdoor activity in which you engaged, or the last time you did either with a youngster. Got it? Keep it in mind.

The terrifically nice weather in early November provided opportunities I really hadn't expected. For example, I got to record a couple more songs on my guitar, outdoors! More exciting than that, however, were two bonus fishing times.



I grabbed the first one with my daughter Brenda and my nearly-six-year-old grandson Auggie on the afternoon of election day, November 3. The second came the next day as I soloed on a small lake in Pine County. These two experiences seemed to bring a lifetime of fishing adventures full circle for me, and now, looking back, I am glad they happened.

Brenda, Auggie and I hadn't been floating on the Snake River for hardly ten minutes when Auggie apparently lost the post-cast grip on his fishing rod (his lures contain no hooks!). Down into the river it went, agonizingly slowly and not without a reasonable degree of tearful disappointment. I'm sure he expected a keeper-sized scolding would soon be on the stringer.

Instead, however, mother and grandpa embarked on a lengthy tale of fishing woes, including broken equipment, lost lures and anchors, and assorted other disasters, all from personal experience. Like hooks embedded in hands and skulls, some of these recollections hurt, but, before too long, Auggie's grieving had passed, and he realized two important things: 1) even grown-ups suffer fishing catastrophes; and, 2) no one was upset at him. He "rodlessly" endured

the next two hours by eating whatever food I brought along!

I had thought the event forgotten, but when I was just about within casting distance of my November 4 destination, I rounded a left corner, tipping the minnow bucket that was on the floor in front of the passenger seat of my car. I immediately turned the bucket upright and pulled over to assess the damage. I opened the passenger door and was greeted by flopping crappie minnows trying desperately to stay in the tiny, life-sustaining streams of water that filled the grooves of my floor mat! Within a few minutes, they were back in the bucket, and I had sopped up most of the water with a rag I keep under the seat (apparently, just for this purpose). So, no big deal!

So far in my life, I've had my minnow bucket tip over three times. I've lost countless lures to snags in a river or lake. I've had hooks in my thumb or hand a few times. I've lost two anchors to improperly-tied knots. I've closed at least one rod tip in the car door. I left the tent poles at home one time, and, oh, that's enough.

On the other hand though, the positives of my sports and outdoor experiences have far out-numbered the negatives. Whether high school sports, open gym basketball, church-league softball, or fishing, I've been fortunate, despite injuries and various setbacks, to always finish wanting more. Like mosquitoes and rain in the Boundary Waters, it's all part of the overall experience.

I'd like to think that Auggie "learned his lesson" on November 3. That morning, he'd witnessed his mom cast her votes in the election, and, in the afternoon, he was taught that having fun outdoors requires focus, and that it occasionally comes with a cost. That's a full day for anyone whose nearly six!

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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Nov. 9 - 13. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Madison Rae Amundson (DOB 07/24/1998), of Cambridge, was charged Nov. 9 with criminal vehicular homicide - operate motor vehicle in grossly negligent manner.

Robert Thomas Joyce (DOB 05/04/1981), of Vadnais Heights, was charged Nov. 9 with one count fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, and one count theft - intent to exercise temporary control.

Gerald Thomas Elling (DOB 08/14/1967), of New Brighton, was charged Nov. 13 with drugs - 1st degree - possess 50 grams or more - cocaine or methamphetamine.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Nov. 9 - 13. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Donald Anthony McCoy (DOB 05/22/1991), of Brooklyn Center, was charged Nov. 9 with assault - 3rd degree - substantial bodily harm.

Caring trees continue despite COVID

STAFF REPORT
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While the pandemic has forced for the cancellation of holiday events, opportunities still exist to help spread a little holiday cheer through Caring trees at two locations.

Minnco Credit Union will be offering their "Angel Tree" virtually this year.

"In 2020, a lot of things have gone virtual," said a press release. "Things may be changing but one thing remains the same, we want to make the holidays merrier for children in our communities."

Anyone interested in making a donation of Christmas gifts from a list can simply go to minnco.com/minncos-holiday-moments and click on the link to send them to a wish list. People can also email angeltree@minnco.com to be sent a wish list.

Wrapped and labeled gifts can be dropped off at the Cambridge office on Monday, Dec. 7 from 3-6 p.m., or the Isanti office on Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 3-6 p.m. Gifts can also be dropped off at any Minnco location by Dec. 8.

RUSH CITY CARING TREE

The Christmas Caring Tree will

be set up at a different location this year, in the entry of Creek Side Cafe. The tree will be set up from Monday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Dec. 11. It will be decorated with Christmas Wish tags from children in the Rush City School District.

Individuals can simply select a tag, purchase gifts for the child and bring them unwrapped back to Creek Side Cafe by Dec. 11. The cafe hours are Sunday through Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any questions can be directed to Millie at 320-358-3432 or Shari at 320-358-3432.



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4. C-I High School immediately switching to distance learning, K-8 students to follow next week
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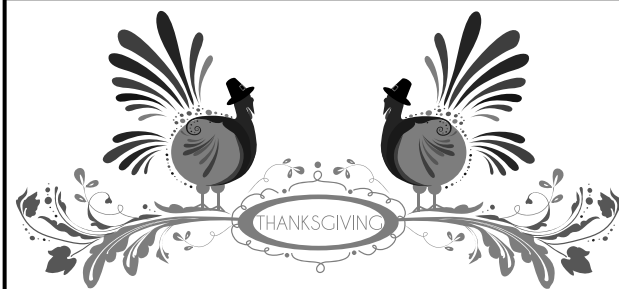
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11	KARE	Days of our Lives		The Drew Barrymore Show		Daily Blast Live	Daily Blast Live	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	KARE 11 News	Jeopardy!	KARE 11 News at 5	Nightly News
23	WUCW	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		The Steve Wilkos Show		Jerry Springer		Maury		Be a Millionaire	Funny You Ask
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11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 2" Artists perform against each other. (N) (cc)				Weakest Link (N) (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers	
23	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life "Winter" Rory visits; Lorelai keeps busy. (N) (cc)			Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)	Daily-MailTV (N)		
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		
31	KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		

TUESDAY PRIME TIME							NOVEMBER 24, 2020							
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
BROADCAST STATIONS														
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Finding Your Roots With Henry		Rise of the Nazis (N) (cc)		Frontline The U.S. Supreme Court. (N) (cc)		NOVA Hagia Sophia survives earthquakes.		Life From Above "Changing Planet"		
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	NCIS How Gibbs was introduced to NCIS.		FBI A serial killer must be stopped. (N) (cc)		FBI: Most Wanted "Execute" (N) (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden	
5	KSTP	News	News	The Bachelorette (N) (cc)			Big Sky "Nowhere to Run" (N) (cc)			5 Eyewitness News (N) (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)	
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	Cosmos: Possible Worlds (cc)		NEXT LeBlanc gets honest with Abby. (N)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 3" (N)			Weakest Link (cc)		Transplant "Collapse" (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life "Spring" Rory has an affair; a therapy session. (N)				Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)	Daily-MailTV (N)	
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	NFL Football				
31	KPXM	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME								NOVEMBER 25, 2020				
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Nature Animals survive in Lapland. (N)		NOVA Rebuilding Notre Dame cathedral.		Secrets of the Dead "Building Notre Dame"		American Experience "The Pilgrims" Details about the arrival of pilgrims. (cc)		
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Amazing Race (N) (cc)		The Amazing Race (N) (cc)		S.W.A.T. "Memento Mori" (N) (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden
5	KSTP	News	News	The Goldbergs (N)	American Housewife	The Conners (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life "Homecoming" (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	The Masked Singer (cc)		I Can See Your Voice (cc)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	P.J. Fleck Show	Vikings Replay: Director's Cut (cc)
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Women of Worth (N) (cc)		Saturday Night Live Popular Thanksgiving-themed sketches. (cc)		News		The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life "Summer" Rory tries to save the Gazette. (N) (cc)				Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Under Cen	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Dateline (cc)		Dateline (cc)
41	KPXM	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods

THURSDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		10 Parks That Changed America		Vera "Muddy Waters" Death of an unidentified man. (cc)		Secrets of Royal Travel (cc)		R. Steves' Europe	East-Enders	East-Enders	
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Young Sheldon	B Positive "Pilot"	Mom (cc)	The Unicorn (cc)	Star Trek: Discovery "Context Is for Kings"		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	Olaf Adventure	Toy Story-Time	The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration A Disney holiday celebration.			5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)	
9 KMSP	NFL Football	NFL Postgame	The Masked Singer (N) (cc)		I Can See Your Voice (N) (cc)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)		TMZ (N) (cc)	Dish Nation (N)
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Football Night		NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Pittsburgh Steelers. (N) (Live) (cc)			News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon			
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life "Fall" Lorelai seeks wisdom; Rory has fun. (N) (cc)				Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV	Daily-MailTV
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Dateline (cc)		Law Order: CI	
31 KPXM	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	

2	KTCA - St. Paul	11	KARE - Minneapolis
4	WCCO - Minneapolis	23	KLGT - Minneapolis
5	KSTP - Minneapolis	29	KITN - Minneapolis
9	KMSP - Minneapolis	41	KXLI - Minneapolis

FRIDAY PRIME TIME								NOVEMBER 27, 2020				
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		This Town (cc)		All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914 (cc)		MN Original (cc)		American Masters "By Sidney Lumet" Director Sidney Lumet's life and career. (cc)		
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns (cc)	CBS News Sunday Morning (N) (cc)		Blue Bloods Eddie and her new partner fail.		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden
5	KSTP	News	News	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		20/20 (N) (cc)			5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)
9	KMSP	(3:30) College Football Stanford at California.		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)			FOX 9 at 9p (N)	Enough Said (cc)	Sports Now	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Grinch Stole	Minions Holiday	Dateline NBC (N) (cc)			News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	Enough	Vikings	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	
31	KPXM	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds

SATURDAY							NOVEMBER 28, 2020						
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Woodsmith Shop (cc)	American Woodshop	Project Fire	Kitchen Queens:	Simply Ming (cc)	Scandinavian	Joanne Weir	Mexican Table	Sara's Weeknight	Kevin Belton	Jacques Pépín	Lidia's Kitchen
4	WCCO	CBS This Morning: Saturday (N) (cc)				WCCO 4 News Saturday Morning (N) (cc)		Lucky Dog "Rio" (E)	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstop	All In With Laila Ali	Paid Program	Lucas Oil Off-Road
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Ocean Treks	Sea Rescue	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	
9	KMSP	Xploration Space	Awesome Planet		FOX 9 Morning Saturday (N)				FOX 9 Gopher Pre-Game (N)		Big Noon Kickoff (N)		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)
11	KARE	Today (N) (cc)			A New Leaf (E)		KARE 11 News Saturday (N) (cc)			Earth Odyssey	Earth Odyssey	Vets Saving Pets	Premier Soccer
23	WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wild America (E)	Teen Kids News (N)	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	This Old H.	Jewels of the	Tails of Valor (cc)	Luther Auto Show	Paid Program
29	WFTC	Life 2.0 (N)		Heartland	Biz Kid\$	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Jason Show (cc)	
41	KPYM	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU

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North Frontage Road Commercial Plat 5th Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota. The location is east of ALDI, Inc.

More information about these requests, including full legal descriptions, is available and questions can be answered by calling Marcia Westover at 763-552-3207. Cambridge Planning Commission Meetings are typically scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are open to the public. Marcia Westover
Community Development Director
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Nov. 19, 2020

**NOTICE
CAMBRIDGE SELF STORAGE
AUCTION**

This is notice of intent to sell property located in units J49, F20, K1, at Cambridge Self Storage. If Mark Curtis, Heather Munson, and Nick Neuschwander fail to pay the balances in full by December 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. online auctions will be held at www.storageauctions.net will be held December 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The units appear to contain household items.
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**NOTICE OF SALE OF STORED
PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given that the contents in the following storage unit will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy charges due for rent plus incurred costs by Braham Mini-Storage:
Ed Soltau- \$230.00
Contact Braham Mini Storage at 320-980-3267 for more information.
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County STAR on Nov. 19, 26, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ISANTI
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

December 1, 2020
Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020** immediately following the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting, **at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW, Isanti, Minnesota**; the Economic Development Authority will hold a Public Hearing on the following item:

1. Sale and subdivision of EDA Land located on East Dual Blvd. NE, PID 16.124.0020

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.

Sheila Sellman
Community Development Director
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Nov. 19, 2020

FORECLOSURE

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
SALE PURSUANT TO
VOLUNTARY MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT**
Date: November 3, 2020
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated June 24, 2020, executed by Platinum Land LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company as Mortgagor, to Alliant Finance, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, as Mortgagee, and filed for record July 10, 2020, as Document No. A494140 in the Office of the Recorder of Isanti County, Minnesota. Platinum Land LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, is the Mortgagor as that term is defined by Minn. Stat. §582.32,

Subd. 2(g). The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$235,000.00).

3. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

4. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notices and other requirements of applicable statutes.

5. At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Six and 44/100 Dollars (\$258,226.44).

6. This mortgage foreclosure is being conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Voluntary Mortgage Foreclosure Agreement dated October 27, 2020.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land legally described as:

Lot 3, Block 2, Strand's Sunny Oaks 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota

will be sold by the County Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's office, 2440 South Main Street, Cambridge, Minnesota.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is **two (2) months** after the date of sale. Each holder of a junior lien may redeem in the order and manner provided in Minnesota Statutes §582.32, Subd. 5(d), beginning after the expiration of the mortgagor's redemption period.

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

(1) Street Address of Property: 2621 Long Lake Drive, Isanti, MN 55040

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

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 12.150.0070

(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 March 8, 2021. 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.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE (5) 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 (5) UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Alliant Finance, LLC
HELLMUTH & JOHNSON, PLLC
Dated: November 3, 2020

By:
Joel A. Hilgendorf, I.D. # 315953
Attorneys for Mortgagee
8050 West 78th Street
Edina, MN 55439
(952) 941-4005
File No.: 25707.0020

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PROBATE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ISANTI
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION**

Court File No. 30-PR-19-49
Estate of
Anthony Reuben Bailey,
Decedent

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
HEARING
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

The Personal Representative of the Estate has filed a Final Account and a petition which requests formal allowance of the final account, an order of complete settlement of the Estate and an order or decree of distribution to the persons entitled to the Estate.

IT IS ORDERED and notice is given that the petition will be heard on December 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. by this Court at 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by:
Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order by U.S. Postal Service at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.
Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with law by: Star Legal Newspaper.
BY THE COURT
Amy R. Brosnahan

Judge of District Court
Megan Bergman
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
Sarah J. Wentz
Fox Rothschild LLP
222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2000

Minneapolis, MN, 55402
Attorney License No: 0386996
Telephone: (612) 607-7000
FAX: (612) 607-7100
Email: swentz@foxrothschild.com
Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
November 2, 2020

This hearing will be held using remote technology. Please contact Isanti County Court Administration for remote hearing instructions. 763-290-7020.

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REQUEST FOR BID

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE HOUSE
REMOVAL/SALVAGE REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

The City of Cambridge is currently seeking proposals to move or salvage a home at 680 8th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota. Proposals are being accepted for the house, garage and shed to be moved off site and/or restored on your own lot. The house, garage and shed will be offered for sale by sealed bid, with preference given to move and restore the house. The request for proposal forms are available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.cambridge.mn.us> and at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue Northeast, MN 55008. Qualified contractors and interested parties should submit their proposals by noon on Friday, December 18, 2020.
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Free estimates – trimming, removal, and consultations. 763-227-8709</div></div> <div><div>159</div><div>Health Care</div><div>East Central Audiology Audiology and hearing aid care. Cambridge 763-689-2121.</div></div> <div><div>201</div><div>Child Care</div><div>Deb's Tiny Tots experience. Infant thru school ages. Certified CPR/First Aid. Braham. 763-333-4990.</div></div>	<div><div>305</div><div>Pets/Services</div><div>Pomeranian Purebred Puppies. Adorable. \$300. Call at 320.982.0097</div></div> <div><div>351</div><div>Antiques</div><div>2007 Chevy Avalanche LT. Leather interior, sunroof, DVD player. Meticulously maintained, 151k miles. \$10,500 or best offer. 320-396-2248</div></div> <div><div>355</div><div>Furniture</div><div>For Sale: Reconditioned washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators. Rick's Home Furnishings 320-679-4047.</div></div>	<div><div>358</div><div>Firewood</div><div>Oak Firewood: Heap-ing pickup load, \$130. Free local delivery. 320-241-6983.</div></div> <div><div>362</div><div>Miscellaneous</div><div>Looking for that perfect gift for an anniversary or birthday? Think about giving a subscription to the Kanabec County Times. Call our office today (320)679-2661 to start delivery – we accept Visa or MasterCard!</div><div>The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign begins 11/27/20. If you are interested in being a bell ringer please call Ginny Turner, 320-515-1403.</div></div> <div><div>369</div><div>Want to Buy</div><div>Used drums, cymbals & accessories. Adam 651-295-3172</div><div>The smart way to sell your stuff! Call 763-689-1181 or go to countystar.com - click on Classifieds place an ad!</div></div>	<div><div>401</div><div>Auctions</div><div>Sunday, Dec. 6 10:32 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Beverly Peterson. 1761 Atwater St., Ogilvie, MN 56358. Household, tools, garage, collectibles, lawn mowers, boats, outboard motors, trailers - need repair or for parts. Close parking. Auction will be quick. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. #33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin Norby, Lic. #33-03, 320-279-0712. www.norby.net Sunday, Dec. 6 11:02 a.m. Real Estate Auction. Beverly Peterson. 1761 Atwater St., Ogilvie MN 56358. 77.25 acres, mostly wooded. Great hunting/recreation land or building site. Inspection dates: Sun., Nov. 22 and 29, 11:02 a.m. – 3:02 p.m. Or by appointment. Auctions by Robyn and Norby. Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. #33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin Norby, Lic. #33-03, 320-279-0712. www.norby.net</div></div> <div><div>403</div><div>Boutiques</div><div>Local Studio & Boutique Tour November 7th, 14th, 21st (10am–4pm) Details @ Facebook.com/ex2handcrafted</div></div> <div><div>451</div><div>Rentals/Commercial</div><div>1-Bedroom apartment in Braham, available 12/1. \$800/month, includes water, heat, garbage. Call Diana 320-733-4962. 2 Bedroom upstairs apartment with detached garage located in the City of Pine City. Available December 15, 2020. Rent is \$850.00 per month. For more information call: Greg at 320-336-8978 or Carrie at 320-629-7537.</div></div> <div><div>506</div><div>Real Estate</div><div>I have buyers looking to purchase land. 218-831-0804, Eddie Odendahl, Land Specialist: Whitetail Properties.</div></div>	<div><div>453</div><div>Share Rent</div><div>Share 2-bedroom apartment and expenses in Ogilvie. Call 320-272-9980.</div></div> <div><div>Where those in the know go</div><div><i>Sell your stuff quickly in the Classifieds. It's simply the best way!</i> To place an ad, stop in at THE ISANTI-CHISAGO COUNTY STAR or CALL 763-689-1181 OR GO TO www.countystar.com CLICKONCLASSIFIEDS, PLACE AN AD</div></div>
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Burning down the house

A member of the Isanti Fire District wets down a house during the final burn of practice fire training in order to keep it from getting out of control. Members of the Isanti Fire District, and Cambridge, North Branch, Dalbo, and Braham Fire Departments took part in the exercise. This house was one of two right along Highway 95 just east of the railroad tracks in Cambridge that were used, requiring traffic to be detoured around the site for a good portion of Saturday, Oct. 24.

Pigeon racing can take flight in Isanti

BY JENNIFER KOTILA
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On your mark, get set, go!
The City of Isanti approved an amendment to its zoning ordinance to allow the keeping of racing pigeons within the city in the R1A zone. The ordinance requires lots, coops, or enclosures for the racing pigeons that must:
•Meet all setback requirements for the zoning district of the property or be at least 10 feet from a side or rear property line, whichever is greater.
•Not be located in a drainage or utility easement or in a shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.
•Be at least 30 feet from any residential dwelling on any adjacent property.
•Comply with accessory structure zoning requirements.
•Be located 10 feet or further from any primary structure on the subject property.
•Be located in the rear yard only.
•Provide a minimum of one square foot of floor space per bird.
•Are prohibited on properties with multifamily structures.
Other requirements in the ordinance amendment include keeping the lots, coops, or enclosures in good condition and free from filth, storing weekly of animal waste, being in good standing with a pigeon club if birds are to fly, no more membership to the Isanti Police Department on an annual basis.

Missing woman's body found near Cambridge

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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A search for an 80-year-old woman with dementia came to a tragic end when her body was found just north of Cambridge Monday afternoon, Oct. 26. Andrew "Andy" Nyberg first went missing the evening of Friday, October 23.

According to Kanabec County Sheriff Brian Smith, Nyberg and her husband are from Elk River and were visiting a property in Brunswick, which is located northwest of Braham and south of Mora. Nyberg, who had dementia and did not drive, allegedly drove away in her car.

The Kanabec County Sheriff's Office

and KCSO Reserves drove the county's southernmost six townships road by road searching for her and enlisted an air search team. There were several possible sightings of her including one as far south as Hudson, Iowa — but they weren't accurate.

"We had a lot of dead ends from the credible sightings to know which way she went," said Smith. "We really had no start."

According to a press release from the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, she was found deceased Monday afternoon just north of Cambridge. Her car was discovered by a citizen who saw a red car in a corn field off of Jamestown Street and 343rd Ave NE. Isanti County Emergency Communications stated

the caller was concerned it might be Nyberg. "Upon arrival, deputies had a hard time locating the vehicle as the car had driven off a curve and deep into a corn field," read the press release. "Once they located it, they approached the vehicle and found it occupied by a female. They checked and found that she was deceased."

The release continued, stating the plate on the car matched the description of the one on the car Nyberg was identified the occupant as Nyberg. The Kanabec County Sheriff's Office released a statement thanking those who helped search for her: "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ny-



Andrea Nyberg

berg family during this difficult time. We would like to thank everyone that helped search for Andy since her disappearance. The number of volunteers that came out to help was simply amazing. Special thanks to United Legacy for their resources and the support they provided the Nyberg family. A death investigation is underway with Kanabec County and the MN BCA assisting the Isanti County Sheriff's Office and the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office.

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