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‘Jolly old St. Nicholas, lean your ear this way’

A boy whispers something into Santa’s ear as his sister waits her turn to give Santa her wish list during a “drive-thru” Santa visit at the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office on Saturday, Dec. 5. Santa’s rare (for this year) appearance was part of a toy donation drive put on by the Sheriff’s Office, along with other local law enforcement departments.

Cambridge winter parking rules changes slightly

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Cambridge residents who park their cars on city streets and fail to remove them overnight in the winter will now get a very brief warning to remove their vehicle before receiving a ticket or having their car towed.

Effective immediately, any car observed parked on a city street after 10 p.m. between Nov. 1 through March 31 will first be given an “administrative citation” that warns the car’s owner to remove the car within the next four hours. Any cars not removed will then be subject to a fine or possible towing if a plowable snowfall is expected that night. Previously, no advanced administrative citation was issued.

According to City Administrator Lynda Woulfe, the change was brought on following a Cambridge Police Officer’s watching of an on-line class regarding the towing of vehicles. During the class, the question of the legality of the city’s winter parking restrictions came up, so city staff requested an outside legal opinion. Woulfe said the opinion that was made indicated that while the city’s winter parking ordinance was legal, certain changes should be made to strengthen it to meet statutory requirements.

“State statute requires that a four-hour notice

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Despite mostly minimal levy increases, property taxes continue to rise

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With COVID-related financial strains at the forefront of their minds, local governments felt even more pressure to keep their upcoming 2021 expenses at a minimum. However, despite their best efforts, a majority of residents continue to see an increase in their property taxes. This was the primary theme as local government entities made their annual presentations for their 2021 levies during mandatory Truth in Taxation meetings.

NORTH BRANCH

The City of North Branch will be approving a 1.96% increase to their levy. The total levy amount will go from \$4,852,661 in 2020 to \$4,947,604 in 2021, an increase of \$94,943. According to Finance Director Joseph Starks, this represents the smallest levy increase by the city since at least 2016. According to Starks, the main causes for this

increase include unknown factors associated with COVID-19, first year payments for the city’s new fire truck, increases in expenditures for existing personnel and services, and debt payments.

Starks said the levy increase would equate to an increase of \$33 for the year for a property valued at \$225,000. That amount, however, isn’t concrete because of two opposing factors. First, the city’s tax rate continues to decrease as its tax base increases. What that means is more properties are paying taxes, so all properties will have to pay less.

On the opposite hand, however, property values as a whole continue to increase, which means a person’s property taxes will increase, oftentimes at a greater rate than the tax rate decreases.

CAMBRIDGE

After approving a preliminary levy increase of 5% in September, the City of Cambridge approved a 2% increase for their final levy. The total amount of the levy was set at \$5,566,449.

According to Finance Director Caroline Moe, the city kept their levy increase low due to the redistribution of some employees’ duties, including the elimination of the Economic Development Director position upon the retirement of Stan Gustafson at the end of 2020. His duties will be rolled over to the new Assistant City Administrator.

Like North Branch, Cambridge’s tax rate decreased due to an increase in its tax base, which theoretically would lead to a decrease in the city’s portion of a resident’s property taxes. However, not only did property values continue to increase, Moe pointed out the property values of many business properties continued to decrease, placing an added burden onto residences.

ISANTI COUNTY

The 2021 tax levy for Isanti County is approximately \$24.3 million dollars, an increase of approximately \$1.3 million over the 2020 tax levy of approximately

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Christmas STAR

The *Isanti-Chisago County Star* is inviting readers to submit photos or videos of their favorite area Christmas displays in order to help spread much-needed holiday cheer.

Our favorite photos will appear in each of the December physical editions, with all submissions posted on our website.



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This house, located right across the street from Central Park in North Branch, proves you don't need a giant yard to pack a ton of holiday spirit into one display.



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The above two displays were award winners for the Braham Area Chamber of Commerce's outdoor lighting contest. The top photo is of the winner of best use of color. It is located on Horsehoe Lane. The bottom photo is the winner for "enchanted glow of white lights." It is located at 4th Street NE.

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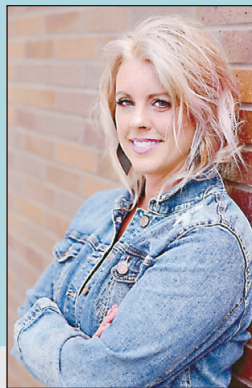
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CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACEBOOK PAGE

A Chisago County Sheriff's Office squad was totaled after being hit from behind by an alleged drunk driver. Fortunately, the officer, who was making a traffic stop at the time, wasn't seriously injured.

Officer receives minor injuries from alleged DWI crash

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A Chisago County Sheriff's Deputy walked away with only minor injuries following a two-vehicle crash involving a driver who was allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

According to a press release from The Chisago County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Kyle Puelston was working on a "Towards Zero Deaths" traffic stop on Friday, Dec. 4 when at approximately 10:30 p.m. his squad was struck from behind by a truck at the intersection of St. Croix Trail and Hemmingway Ave. in North Branch. Sgt. Puelston was subsequently taken to a local medical center, where he was treated and released with minor injuries.

The driver of the truck was identified as Jessica Anne Kepner, who was taken into custody under suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

Cambridge suspends liquor license fees

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Based on a suggestion emailed to Cambridge Mayor Jim Godfrey, the Cambridge City Council has unanimously approved the temporary suspension of the fees associated with applying for a liquor license for six restaurants who currently have a liquor license. Those businesses are Applebee's, Cambridge Bar and Grill, Chapala, Leader, Pizza Pub, and Sidelines.

"One of our citizens, and it wasn't anybody who had anything to do with any of these businesses, it was just some citizen who said 'hey, I saw' I think it was Buffalo, New York, 'had waived the fees because their restaurants had been shut down for so long,'" Godfrey said. "And it's like, you know, that's not a bad idea."

According to City Administrator Lynda Woulfe, each license is \$2,700, which would result in a budget deficit to the city of \$16,200. This deficit would go on 2020's budget since the licenses are renewed in November of each year, so the associated fees are part of the city's presumptive revenue for that year. To make up that difference, Woulfe proposed the city transfers an additional \$16,200 from Northbound Liquor's profits to the general fund.

"If you look at the report we got, the liquor store profits are much higher than they have been in the past," Godfrey said. "I'm going to assume that is partially because those liquor sales aren't taking place in our small businesses. So I think it's only fair that we help them stay open. If we waive that \$2,600 fee, that might get them another month or two."

Following the unanimous vote, Godfrey complimented the unnamed resident for making the suggestion.

"This is where transparency in government really pays off at times," he said. "They just used my email address that is on the city's

website and gave me this idea. I really encourage the citizens to get engaged in local government if there's something they think could be happening now. Let us know. Great ideas are out there and we can't act on them if we never hear about them."

ODDS AND ENDS

In other council action, the council:

- Approved a contract with Summit Fire Protection for the installation and monitoring of a cellular dialer for the existing fire alarm system at the new library. According to Woulfe, a glitch with the current system has caused nearly 100 trouble alarms with the Fire Alarm Panel. She said this solution should stop those alarms.
- Approved a loan to Herman's Bakery in the amount of \$4365.25 from the downtown business grant and loan fund for the purchase of a used delivery van to replace one that just broke down. Currently, a majority of their revenue comes from deliveries since there is no inside seating allowed due to COVID. At first, Herman's asked for a grant, however the council felt it didn't fit the parameters of their grant program, but they could make it fit for a low-interest loan.
- Heard an update on the outdoor hockey rinks. According to Woulfe, they are currently open to the public, however because of the governor's orders putting a pause on all organized sports, the city can't accept reservations for exclusive use of one of the two rinks.

Additionally, based on residents' feedback, the city will be implementing different reservation fees depending on if the person or organization is based in Cambridge. Beginning in 2021, residents who wish to reserve one of the rinks will be charged \$40 per hour, while non-residents will be charged \$100 per hour.

Liquor store manager frustrated with new building delays

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After rejecting a design and build proposal from city engineer Jason Cook of Bolton and Menk at its last meeting, Isanti City Council directed Cook to draft a proposal to write and administer a request for proposals for general architectural services for a new municipal liquor store building. Cook presented the proposal at the Dec. 1 city council meeting, stating he first wanted to clarify some things.

In the request for proposal, the proposed scope of the work will be described and a lump sum fee will be requested to include cost estimating, structural engineering design, mechanical engineering design, electrical engineering design, plumbing design, HVAC design, fire sprinkling design, exterior and interior design, and other related design services, Cook explained.

"This is laid out to essentially solicit for proposals in the exact same manner that the Brunston Architects one was, where it is all combined into one service package, just due to the fact that the city wouldn't be planning to act as the general contractor and individually solicit for all those services," Cook added, noting the process to solicit proposals from other companies is expected to add three to four months to the process due to the cost of the project and the time to advertise for proposals.

Council Member Steve Lundeen and Mayor Jeff Johnson reiterated their frustrations with the proposal received from Brunton Architects, such as the interior design fee, the cost of a pitched versus flat roof, and the use of concrete walls, which Lundeen said would not be energy efficient.

"Before you say anything, while you were going to college, I was working on those things. It's ridiculous," Lundeen said to Cook. "He's asking for things, to me, I wouldn't put in my doghouse."

A stick frame building with spray foam insulation, would produce a better building, Lundeen noted.

Johnson proposed creating a special building committee, which would include city council, the city administrator, liquor store manager, and Cook.

At that point, Isanti Municipal Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi spoke up. "I just want one input on this thing. I want you all to understand what this is doing to us right now. The day before Thanksgiving, we did as much as New Year's Eve. Do you know what that is doing to my staff?" he said, noting his concerns with COVID-19 in such a small building during busy times.

"I've got people coming in arguing with me that I can't get their beer. Why? Because I've got no place to put it. I don't have half the damn bourbon that people are asking me for. I can't put it in there. I don't have room," Jacobi continued. "I need this thing to move and I need it to move fast, and my customers are asking me for it. That's what I'm asking you."

Lundeen said he understood what Jacobi was saying, but he did not want to build a store for \$500,000 to one million dollars more than it should be.

"I understand that, but we need to get moving. I don't want this thing to stall," Jacobi said. "We already got the land, it's sitting there. I want to move. I want to get my customers happy. I'm going to lose them. I'm losing them already."

In order to keep things moving forward, Cook suggested meeting with

Brunton Architects to discuss options for the building project as it pertains to types of walls, roof, and other things. He explained that another route could be hiring a project manager to manage the project, and find and hire companies to do all aspects, but that would cost more than hiring a design/build firm to oversee the project.

Lundeen told the council that he knew of a company that could submit a proposal that would be less costly than the proposal from Brunton Architects.

If that is the case, and a different company can propose a design the city likes better, manage the team, and have a cost less than what is currently proposed, things could continue moving forward, Cook said, noting that would be kind of like getting a second opinion. Since this is not bids for actual construction of the building, the city is not obligated to solicit bids from numerous companies, he added.

Seeking requests for proposals with the exact same wording as the Brunston Architects proposal would probably not come back satisfactory to the city, and even if there were a 10% reduction in proposed cost, it did not seem cost effective, Cook noted. "We spent \$5,000 for me and 12-15 hours of staff time messing around with it, and we're going to end up with the same result," he said. "And, in the end we just lost six months and we didn't really come out ahead on cost."

Ultimately, the council agreed to let

Lundeen contact the business he knows for a second estimate.

COUNCIL AGREES TO REDUCE LETTER OF CREDIT TO LEGACY PINES

The developer for the Legacy Pines 2nd and 3rd addition, Everpine Land Holdings, has submitted a request to amend its letter of credit for the project, reducing the amount of cash the city is holding. Community Development Director Sheila Sellman told the council this is not something city staff recommends, as it puts the city at risk financially if the project is not completed and sets a bad precedent.

Bob Machacek of Everpine Land Holdings told the council he understands the development agreement, and why cities put them in place. "I'm not going to sit here and debate Jason (Cook) on what all is left here, but when there's \$150,000 worth of work left to do, and you guys want to hold \$400,000 for the next six months, I'm just asking for reasonableness," he said, noting he has been doing everything he said he would do for the project.

Cook explained that the city could reduce the letter of credit on some of the items that are completed, estimating it could be reduced by about \$100,000.

The amount the council decides to reduce the letter of credit depends on how much liability it wants to take on. "I don't doubt Bob is going to do what he says he's going to do, but we don't know that, that's why it's called a guarantee," Sellman said.

The council asked Finance Director Mike Betker his recommendation. He told the council that if it did amend the development agreement, to make sure it is clear why the council did it for future reference.

The council decided to reduce the letter of credit to 10% on accepted finished work, stay at 20% on things that are installed, but not yet accepted, and maintain 125% on anything not yet completed.

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John Jacobi
Isanti Municipal Liquor Store Manager

If you don't have anything nice to say...

During this latest round of shutdowns of bars and restaurants, I, like many people are doing what we can to help support local establishments. As part of that, I have even posted commentary about my purchases on social media, which is something I normally won't do. But I figure word of mouth can be that much more helpful to these businesses that are going through an extremely rough stretch (again).

As I scour through some of the other similar social media posts, however, I have come across a rather disturbing trend of negative posts. These posts have come in three different forms; ones that outright complain about a business, ones that push for patronage of certain businesses over others, and the most disturbing ones that jump onto positive posts about a business to offer their opposing opinion.

While under normal circumstances I cringe at reading these sort of posts, in today's trying times, these posts are downright infuriating. These businesses are trying to do their very best under strange circumstances that are constantly changing with little to no advance notice. There's bound to be some hiccups in service or quality.

Last week, I ordered from one of the local restaurants only to have to wait not quite twice as long as they projected to get my food. When they came to my car, they apologized for the delay, stating they got unexpectedly busy. My reaction was there was no need for apologies. In fact, them being busy is exactly what I like to hear.

Don't get me wrong. There are cases where bad service or bad food is simply based on incompetence. And a customer certainly has the right to get upset. But in those instances, I have always felt the best thing to do is complain directly to the business, and if still not satisfied, a person has the right to not patronize that business. Those remedies are the same today. The government-imposed limitations to their business doesn't absolve them from trying to give good service.

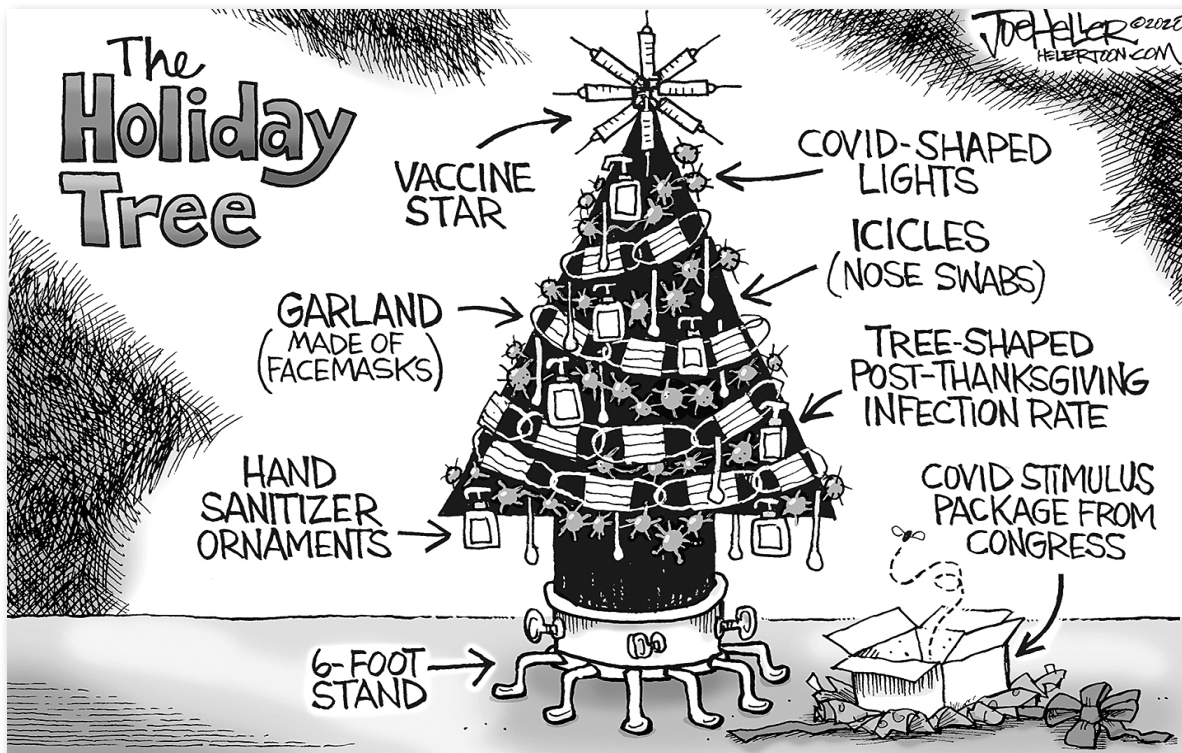
The thing with those public critiques is that it seems the purpose of them is to run those establishments out of business. That is not what we should be doing now. My hope - as I believe everyone's should be - is that we come out of this pandemic with 100% of the businesses staying open. It doesn't matter if they are a local, owner-run business or a nationally known corporate name. They all do their part to make our communities better. At the very least, they employ local residents. At the worst, their closing might cause a negative chain reaction that impacts everyone.

So, how about if everyone does me (or rather the businesses) a favor? Go ahead and get upset about bad food or service. Don't order from them again. Order from someone else and rave about how great that business is. But when it comes to publicly lambasting a business, just keep your mouth shut. There will be plenty of time after the pandemic is over for you to try and customize the area's businesses to your standards.

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Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lions appreciate community support

To the editor,

The North Branch Lions have finished up a busy couple weeks since Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving we delivered 200 turkey dinners complete with all of the trimmings to those who might not had a meal otherwise. We could not have done this without the help of a lot of gracious donors and numerous volunteers who showed up to help to prepare and deliver the meals.

The day after Thanksgiving we opened our annual Christmas Tree Stand at Members Cooperative Credit Union parking Lot. Due to Covid-19 this was our first and only fundraiser of 2020. We sold 185 trees in two weekends.

We are overwhelmed and thankful for the community support that we have received and look forward to further serving our community in 2021.

John Dolin
North Branch Lions Secretary Lion

A letter from Funeral Homes

To the editor,

As the executive director of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association, I have the privilege of working with funeral directors and understand, as much as a layperson can, what they encounter on a daily basis. We are currently receiving many inquiries about funeral service and the impact of COVID-19, and I want to take this opportunity to help everyone understand the current situation, and funeral service overall.

Funeral homes are very busy keeping the families they serve and funeral home staff safe. Their main goal is to assist families in a way that allows for dignity, respect, and the beginning of shared grief. This all takes time.

However, this is not new because of the pandemic; it is what funeral directors have done from the beginning of time.

Funeral homes continue to use the protocols set by Governor Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health Mortuary Science Section in an effort to keep everyone safe. Currently, funeral homes do have the capacity to serve the number of deaths. Obviously, this could change as fatality numbers are increasing. For some perspective, in 2019 the total number of deaths in Minnesota were 45,395, which was an increase of .015% over 2018. For 2020, as of September 30, the total deaths statewide were 36,488. We do anticipate the numbers to be higher by the end of the year, but not by a significant margin.

Funeral directors, as medical professionals, know they can reach out to other funeral directors for assistance when necessary. This professional community includes physicians, medical examiners, the Minnesota Department of Health Mortuary Science Section and Department of Vital Records.

We all hear about our many healthcare workers on the front lines of this pandemic, and we truly owe them a debt of gratitude. They are the first responders. But we also need to remember our last responders, our funeral directors and others working with grieving families right now. They are the final encounter many of these families will have after having gone through what is surely a tremendously difficult time with their loved one dying. Our funeral directors are among the most compassionate, kindest people you will ever meet, in a profession they love and take great pride in. They do this work because they care for the families they work with.

So, yes, they are busy. Yes, it is just as hard on them as on other medical professionals and other families who are working to keep their loved ones safe while continuing to provide essential services. I am so proud to be a small part of this industry, and to call so many of these people friends.

Darlyne L. Erickson
CAE Executive Director
Minnesota Funeral Directors Association

CLARIFICATION

The days and times for Vikings Vittles pickups was changed after last week's edition of the Star went to press. The new times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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City of Cambridge snow removal FAQs

The first snowfall of the year is always followed by a number of questions concerning the City’s rules concerning the removal of that snow that has just fallen on your sidewalk or driveway. Here are a few of the questions that are most frequently asked. For a complete list of the ordinances concerning snow and ice removal requirement within the City limits, please access the City web site at www.ci.cambridge.mn. Or call Public Works at (763) 689-1800.

What happens when it starts to snow?



Cambridge City Views

Todd Schwab

Crews monitor the conditions and apply salt and sand to intersections and bridge decks as needed. Once the snow depth approaches a depth of 3” or more the streets are plowed and once again salted and sanded.

Why do certain streets get more attention than other streets?

Some streets have been designated snow emergency routes. These streets are important because they provide a route to and from critical locations within the city; hospital, schools, businesses, neighborhoods.

Why do they plow my driveway closed after I just cleaned it out?

Crews plow 61 miles of streets and each plowing event averages 7 hours to plow from curb to curb. The timing of the snowfall does not always allow staff to finish plowing before the driveways are cleared.

Why can’t I park on the street overnight?

There are overnight parking restrictions in place every winter. No resident is allowed to park on a city street between the hours of 2 a.m. - 7 a.m. from November 1 – March 31. *(Editor’s note: see article on page 1 for recent modifications to this policy.)* The regulations have been put in place to facilitate the removal of snow, and to allow safe passage of emergency response vehicles.

Am I responsible for keeping my sidewalk shoveled?

If you are in the “Downtown Area” (The boundaries of the downtown area are defined on the City Web Site). Owners and occupants are required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk adjacent to property prior to 9:30 a.m. on Mondays through Saturdays and shall be removed by 10:00am of the same day. City staff will periodically remove snow and ice from downtown sidewalks but only when the amounts exceed 3” in depth.

Snow and ice should be removed at least every 4 hours or when the ac-

cumulation reaches 1” between the following Hours:

Monday through Friday:

- From 8:00 a.m. or when the business opens (whichever is earlier).
- From 6:00 p.m. or when the business closes (whichever is later).

Saturday:

- From 8:00 a.m. or when the business opens (whichever is earlier).
- From 12:00 noon or when the business closes (whichever is later).

If you are located in the Sidewalk Improvement District the City of Cambridge staff will remove snow and ice that has fallen and accumulated on sidewalks. The listing of the sidewalks that City of Cambridge staff clears is located on the City web site.

If you are not located in the Downtown Area or the Sidewalk Improvement District than the snow and ice that has fallen or accumulated must be removed within 48 hours by the owner or tenant of the property that abuts the sidewalk.

Am I responsible for keeping the fire hydrant in front of my house clear of snow?

City staff does periodically clear snow in front of fire hydrants, but the Fire Department would appreciate any assistance from homeowners. The City water system contains 675 fire hydrant, all of which are very important to the Fire Department. The fire hydrant

closest to your residence will be used if you or any of your neighbors should have a fire, so the ability to access that hydrant in case of a fire is very important. If each residents clears snow from a nearby hydrant it would ensure that every hydrant is accessible if needed.

Can I ride my snowmobile or ATV on city streets?

Residents are allowed to drive on city streets to enter or exit the City limits, or to gain access to a designated snowmobile/ATV trail. The operator is required to drive as close to the right hand curb or road edge as possible. The operator is not allowed to drive on sidewalks, boulevards, or any trail provided for pedestrian travel.

Will the City replace my mailbox if it is damaged?

The City of Cambridge will not replace your damaged mailbox unless the plow actually physically strikes the mailbox. The weight of the snow breaking off the mailbox does not constitute a replacement from the City. If the mailbox is cleared properly and is in good condition to start the winter season than it should remain standing after the plows have passed.

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Therapeutic fibbing

In an effort, to raise awareness, educate our community and assist families who have been touched by Alzheimer’s disease, this month’s article will explore the technique of Therapeutic Fibbing and why experts recommend applying it to assist communicating with someone experiencing dementia.

Stepping into someone’s reality is not the same as lying. Honesty is not always the best policy when it comes to someone with Alzheimer’s or other related form of dementia. Their brain may experience a different version of reality. Dementia damages the brain and causes progressive decline in the ability to understand and process information. Forcing someone to abandon their version of reality and join our “real world” can cause confusion, pain, anxiety, fear, and anger. Dementia care experts often recommend a technique called therapeutic fibbing. It helps you step into their current reality and spare them unnecessary upset and distress. This technique takes some getting used to because going along with your older adult’s new reality can feel like you are lying to them. Using white lies to validate their feelings and reassure them is certainly not the same as lying for a malicious reason. Using therapeutic fibs can provide real comfort and reassurance.

Most of us our taught at a young age that any kind of lying is horrible and dishonest. So, when we hear about using therapeutic fibbing to lie to someone with dementia, it may seem cruel and wrong. Always sticking to the truth, especially about an emotional subject or something trivial can cause the older adult real pain, confusion, and distress. Dementia prevents people from properly processing and retaining information. Having short-term memory issues mean they will probably soon

forget the conversation, so it will come up again. Telling the truth each time forces them to experience fresh distress over and over again.

Here is an example that illustrates the difference between being completely honest and using therapeutic fibbing.

BEING COMPLETELY TRUTHFUL

Mom: School is over. My mommy is coming to pick me up now. I need to go outside and wait for her!

You: You’re 89 years old. You haven’t been to school in decades. And don’t you remember that your mom died 25 years ago? You don’t need to go outside because she’s not coming to pick you up.

Mom: What? What do you mean my mom is dead? No! She can’t be dead!! I saw her this morning! She told me she would pick me up!!! I need to go outside and wait!! (She’s crying, agitated, and screaming.)

USING THERAPEUTIC FIBBING

Mom: School is over. My mommy is coming to pick me up now. I need to go outside to wait for her!

You: Oh yes, it’s almost time to go. Your mom asked me to give you a snack first so you won’t get hungry on your way home. Let’s have some juice and crackers while we wait.

Mom: Ok, I’ll have a snack.

You: Use this distraction as an opportunity to occupy her with the snack and a fun activity until she lets go of or forgets about the idea of her mother picking her up.

What works one day, may not work on another but this is one option to try as you journey through caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementias.

For more information about Therapeutic Fibbing and local resources to assist you in caring for yourself, and the person you are caring for, contact Jayne Mund, Caregiver Consultant at 651-257-7905 or email her at jaynem@familypathways.org.

FOR MORE RESOURCES and guidance in caring for someone with dementia, contact Jayne Mund, Caregiver Consultant, at 651-257-7905 or email jaynem@familypathways.org.

Planning for students’ return to school

North Branch Area Public Schools is up and running with remote learning and I have been so impressed with the staff’s efforts to make this period as successful as they can for each student. The patience and grace of staff and families has been greatly appreciated!

As we begin planning to receive students for in-person instruction in January, the ability to address COVID-related staff shortages is a priority for the school district. It is imperative we have enough subs on call to prevent sudden and unforeseen changes due to staffing issues. To that end, we have designed a short survey seeking community members interested in serving as subs for both teachers and support staff. Through “Viking Support

Stars,” we hope to generate a pool of potential subs to cover a variety of roles and relieve some of the pressure on existing staff when shortages occur. If you are interested in being a Viking Support Star, please complete this short survey: <https://forms.gle/vdA3iSXnsWDYZiyk9>. It is also available at the school district’s Return to Learn website: www.isd138.org/returntolearn.

The first virtual information sessions occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 8, but more sessions will follow on Tuesday, Dec. 15. I will be available at the following times:

- 9 - 10 a.m.
- Noon - 1 p.m.
- 6 - 7 p.m.

If you are interested in joining a session, you can do so at this link: <https://meet.google.com/rpx-rmjn-zcy>.

We are so grateful to serve you. Please keep sharing your thoughts on how we can be better together!

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



NB School News

Sara Paul

The world needs you today

My alarm went off. As I lay in bed with my mind still muddled, my husband leaned over to speak the first words I would hear that day. What he said surprised me:

“You do important things. It’s time to get up. The world needs you today.”

It was the first morning in a long time where I didn’t grumble, and it struck me that more people may need to be reminded of the same.

This year, the hurt and struggles others are feeling in this world struck me hard. I literally felt my chest tighten and my heart rise up into my throat with an aching need to help alleviate some of the worlds pain.

I called up a friend who lives in Minneapolis and told her I needed a long walk

and a long talk. We scheduled to meet in East Bethel at the Fish Lake Nature Trails — an ideal place to see red-headed woodpeckers.

As we walked, I expressed this new, deep-seeded need to have more direct, hands-on involvement in helping others.

My friend stopped, looked me straight in the face and said, “Kirsten, you already are. By calling me, setting this date and driving to meet me here ... you really helped me today.”

We often underestimate the impact we have in the lives of others. For everyone out there: Remember to check in with each other and be kind to everyone—including yourself.

You do important things. It’s time to get up. The world needs you today.

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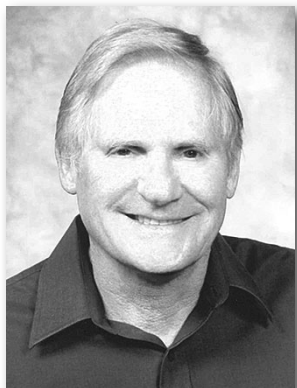
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OBITUARIES

Roger A. Sundvall

Roger Allen Sundvall went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 2, 2020. He was 84 years old.

He was born in Stratton, Ontario, Canada on Sept. 14, 1936. His parents were Herman and Mathilda Sundvall and were homesteaders on the Canadian side of the Rainy River.



They could see Minnesota from their front yard. It was a very interesting life, farming and cutting pulp. It was very difficult to get to school, especially in the winter. The road they lived in Canada is now named Sundvall Road.

Roger enlisted in the US Navy in 1954 and honorably discharged in 1958. He went to work as a carpenter until retirement at 62. He was united in

marriage to Janet Sweden in June 1959. They were married 61 years. To this union they had three sons; Clayton (Sandra Doebling), Wayne (Melissa Usher) and Brad. Roger was industrious. There weren't many things he couldn't figure out and do. He only had an eighth-grade education but he did very well with his talented hands and work ethic. He loved to cut wood and go out in the woods with his old Ford tractor. He was definitely an outdoor person. He did a lot of fishing and deer hunting with his sons. Roger had a talent for carpentry. He built his own home and helped many relatives and neighbors with their projects.

Roger and his wife Janet traveled somewhere every year. They were able to go to Europe twice and drove the Alkan (Alaska) highway in 1975. He was proud of his musical family and loved to hear them making music together in his living room. He would be seen tapping his foot to the music. Although he didn't have the gift of music, he would be seen carrying instruments when the family was performing somewhere. Roger enjoyed his grandchildren Scott, Kara, Max, Erica, Coty, Jared, Becca and step grandchildren Samantha Mark and Joey Mark.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Mathilda Sundvall; his brothers Harold, Marvin, Lorne, Roy, Jim; and sister Mavis.

A Celebration of Roger's life will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Springvale Baptist Cemetery. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements are with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

David L. Williams

David Lowel Williams, passed away peacefully on Nov. 25, 2020, at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge, MN after a long battle with progressive supranuclear palsy. He was 69 years old.



David was born on Aug. 15, 1951, to Matthew James and Mary Ann M. (Bodin) Williams in Mora, MN and was one of seven children. Eventually the family moved to South Minneapolis where David finished high school. David served his country in the Navy before enjoying civilian life back in Minnesota. He made his home in Dalbo, Duluth, and finally Brooklyn Center. David could often be found at his cabin on Ann Lake in Ogilvie, MN, enjoying one of his favorite pastimes, fishing.

David was preceded in death by his wife Marthana (Marte) Williams, grandparents, parents, brother-in-law Roger Neal, sister-in-law Rebecca Williams, and fishing buddy Gordy Anderson.

David is survived by daughters Wendy Williams of Forest Lake, MN, Renee Williams of Cambridge, MN; granddaughters Savannah, Shelby, Kelly, and Taylor; He is also survived by siblings Fern Neal of St. Paul, MN, Sandra (Arden) Wehmanen of Ainsworth, IA, Shirley Noble of St. Cloud, MN, James (BettyJo) Williams of Cambridge, MN, Clifford Williams of Harris, MN, and Paul Williams of Stanchfield, MN.

A bedside service was held at GracePointe Crossing with Pastor Chuck Knutson officiating. David's wishes are that no other service will be held.

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home 763-689-2244. Online condolences can be shared at www.carlsonlillemoen.com.

Marlys Rooker

Marlys (Hagen) Rooker, of Cambridge, MN, passed away Dec. 2, 2020, following a lengthy illness. She was 79 years old.

Marlys was raised in Albert Lea, the daughter of Emery and Thelma Anderson. She married young to a wonderful man, Gary Hagen. From this union, three beautiful children were born; Ellie or Eloys, Elaine (Randy), and Blake (Gretchen).

Following Gary's death, Marlys thought there could be no greater pain, but then, tragedy struck soon after, with the devastating death of her first child and close friend Ellie at only 23. Her heartbreak was overwhelming. Her challenged life now

brought about almost insurmountable obstacles for her and the children, but despite it all, she was always known for her strong shoulders, soft heart, and the willingness to help others, many shared the warmth and comfort of her home, and her voice of wisdom.

Her needs never came first, and her spirituality and humor molded her into a survivor. After 12 years of turmoil and hardship, she met and married Tom Rooker, who she cherished and often called her earth angel. They had a beautiful marriage.

Despite the illness and troubles in her life, she walked with Jesus every day. She began each morning with the Lords Prayer and continued to pray throughout the day. Together Marlys and Tom for over 30 years, called Bill W. a lasting friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gary, her strong and beloved brother E. John Anderson (Skip).

Marlys, the eldest of her siblings, is survived by her sister and friend, Marleen Hinrichs (Hank); her husband Tom; step children Todd Rooker (Julie), Christopher Rooker (Sheree), and Collen Jenson (Jeff); 16 grandchildren; Alice Tottingham (Troy), Shanna Maxa Hagen, Willard Greb, Tanner Hagen (Caylee), Kendle, Stella, and Clara Hagen; shared grandchildren Alex (Gabriel), Aaron, Alaina, Sydney, and Amelia Rooker; Austin St. Cyr, Jake, Mason, and Dawson Jenson; great grandchildren, Ellie May and Victoria; special nephews Billy and Danny Heinrichs; special niece Shana Anderson; and many other wonderful nephews and nieces.

There will only be a graveside service at Fort Snelling for the immediate family.

Michael J. Doran

Michael James Doran, of Blaine, passed away Nov. 27, 2020, at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. He was 36 years old.

He was born Jan. 11, 1984, in Breckenridge, Minnesota to Dennis and Kathleen (Voshart) Doran.

He spent his childhood in Danville, Illinois, then graduated from Cambridge-Isanti High School in 2002. He earned a BA in Economics and Finance from the University of St. Thomas, followed by an MBA from Hamline University, and had a successful career in finance- or, as he called it, "day-long math problems."

An avid outdoorsman, Mike spent countless long weekends fishing and hunting (and winning card games) with his family and friends. Mike was a self-taught home chef, and loved to use his world travels to inspire his creations in the kitchen.

Mike was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents Grace and Elmer Doran, and by his wonderful mother Kathleen. He is survived by his wife Rachel (Brenk) and daughter Veronica James, father Dennis (JoAnn) Doran, brother Christopher (Courtney) Doran, brother Benjamin (Suzy) Doran, parents-in-law Jeff and Maureen Brenk, and a gaggle of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at a later date. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements are with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

David C. Johnson II

David Charles Johnson II, of Cambridge passed away on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020, at Cambridge Medical Center. He was 66 years old.

He was born on Dec. 1, 1953, in Sidney, Montana to David and Margaret (Kries) Johnson and moved



to Aberdeen, Maryland in 1954 when Dave Sr. was called to service. The family returned to Minnesota 2 years later, finally settling down roots in Cambridge, MN. David attended Cambridge public schools, elementary through high school (graduation class of 1972), during which he managed Springvale Campground and organized/started and played hockey at Cambridge High School and was pitcher for

the Cambridge High School baseball team.

David and his wife, Nancy (Hilgendorf), met at Drake University, Des Moines, IA, where they attended the College of Pharmacy from 1972-1977, and were married on Aug. 7, 1976. After living and working in Mason City, Iowa for almost three years after graduation, they moved to Isanti, MN in February 1980 to establish Isanti Drug, a dream of David's since high school. Together they owned and operated Isanti Drug for almost 30 years where David was a pharmacist and became a pillar of the community, caring deeply about those around him and serving the Cambridge-Isanti area. After closing Isanti Drug in 2009, David went on to manage the pharmacy at Cub Foods in Cambridge and from there, the pharmacy at Coborn's in Isanti in 2017 where he remained until his retirement in 2020.

David had a beautiful voice and loved music, almost any time of the day you could find him belting out his favorite tunes or singing along to the radio. He was active in his church throughout his life and enjoyed singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School.

David's passion for flying started early and he completed his first solo flight in October, 1970. After completing college and starting business and family, he returned to the air and purchased his beloved 1967 Piper Cherokee Six (call sign N4159W) in 2001. One of the things David enjoyed most was taking his plane to local fly-ins and pancake breakfasts where he spent time talking and listening to stories of others who shared his love for flying. The Cherokee plane was the source of many adventures for David and his family over the years, including trips to Wisconsin, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Kansas and over the Rocky Mountains to Montana.

After flying, tending to his impressive vegetable gardens and orchard, tooling around on his John Deere, and spending time at the family cabin on Green Lake in Princeton, MN filled his life with enjoyment and satisfaction. But above all else, David loved having his family together; nothing brought him more joy than when those he loved surrounded him. Family gatherings were frequent and full of tradition and laughter.

David is preceded in death by his father David C. Johnson I and is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter Lisa LaPlante (Doug Small) of Brooklyn Park; son Nathan (Bre) Johnson of Lakewood, CO; daughter Lana (Nicholas) Kuchinski of Westminster, CO; six grandchildren, Madeline, Lauren and Burke, Selah, Kingston and Lucian; mother Margaret Johnson Barr of Princeton, MN; brothers Kevin (Heidi) Johnson of Blaine, Steven Johnson of Bloomington; sister Debbie (Bob) Johnson-Hill of Carbondale, CO; as well as many nieces and nephews.

An intimate family burial is planned for Jan. 20, 2021. A memorial and celebration of life for friends, community and extended family is planned for early 2021 with details coming at a later date. Should you wish to donate in David's honor, please consider a memorial in his name to Long Lake Lutheran Church in Isanti, MN. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements are with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

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Isanti Churches

Baptist

First Baptist Church
304 S. Main St., Cambridge,
763-689-1173. Call the church office
or visit our website for current service
times and programs.
firstbaptistcambridge.org

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

South Isanti Baptist Church
3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.
763-444-5860, Pastor Bob
Venneman. Sunday Worship 9:30am.
Wednesday “Life & Light” Bible stud-
ies for all ages. Adults & children. For
info call or go to
southisantibaptist.org.

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

Catholic

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: annseton76@gmail.com.
Mass: Tues. & Wed. 7:30am. Sun.
8:30am. stelizabeth-isanti.org.

Converge

Springvale Church
Service On Facebook:
springvalechurchmn
763-689-1373

Evangelical Free

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church
37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN
55056. Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72, SE of
North Branch. 651-583-3281.
Pastor, Josh Jensen
Kost Student Ministries Mondays
6:30pm. Worship Service Sundays
9:30am. More info: www.kostefc.org

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church
9am Sunday Worship Service,
Sanctuary seating, broadcast to
parking lot, Facebook live- Safe
distancing Practiced
Pastor Leroy Scheumann
29237 Roanoke St NW
Isanti, MN 55040
www.oxlip.org
763-444-5134

Lutheran

**Braham Evangelical Lutheran
Church (ELCA)**
320-396-2755
West Central Drive & County Road 4,
Braham
Pastor Julie Beck
Sunday: 9:30 am Worship Service
on KBK 95.5 FM;
Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Live Worship
Service on Facebook
Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
at Braham Lutheran
Office hours 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Tuesday thru Friday

**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran
Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10am Worship with nursery available.
11am Fellowship
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

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763-689-1211

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

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
109 Second Ave NW, Isanti
763-444-9201
Pastor Ian Coen-Frei
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Virtual Kingdom Kids - Wed 6pm
Grades 1-6 (see website for more
info)

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Home of Heavenly Sunshine
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email:
office@faithlutheranisanti.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
651-674-4498. Handicapped
accessible. Pastor Scott Simmons.
Sunday Worship 9:30am, with
Sunday School 10:30am coffee
and fellowship.
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

**Long Lake Lutheran Church
(ELCA)**
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5315. Pastor Sue Olson
Worship Sundays at 8am & 10am
Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd
Sundays
Wednesday Worship, Children's
Church, and Confirmation beginning
at 6:00pm
longlakeluth.org

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fellowship after worship
www.salemlutherandalbo.com

**Spring Lake
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8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958,
North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of
Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one
block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.
sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
**Thursday, December 10th -
9:00am** Men's Coffee
7:00pm Women of Grace
**Saturday, December 12th -
8:00am** Daisy Circle
9:00am WELCA Workday
**Sunday, December 13th -
8:30am** Worship, Sanctuary & Zoom
**Thursday, December 17th -
7:00pm** AA Meeting

**St. John Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)**
28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch
Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5;
(or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co.
Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12.
763-444-5988, Paul Anderson,
Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship;
10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday
6:30pm Bible study. Email:
stjohnlutheran@att.net

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church (LCMC)**
31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079

651-462-5115.
Pastor Ben Hollingstead.
8am and 9:30am Services,
Sunday School during 9:30am
Service.
Email
stjohns@midconetwork.com.
Website -
stjohnslutheranchurch-stacymn.org

**St. John's Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)**
980 West 4th Street, Rush City,
Pastor Tim Renstrom 320-358-3623,
Sunday 8:45am Worship, 7:30am
Rise & Shine Bible Study, Monday
10am Longer Look Bible Study.
stjohnsrushcity.org

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)**
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box
37, Braham. 320-396-3103.
Tim Renstrom, Pastor.
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible
Study. 10:30am Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch
651-674-7047. Pastor Jon Yurk
See our website for worship
information. Messages are also
posted on our facebook page.
Email:
office@trinitynorthbranchl.org
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Methodist

**Common Ground - A United
Methodist Community**
404 North Cypress St. North,
Cambridge. 763-689-2071. Pastors
Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday
9:30am Worship. Livestream of
services and more info at
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**Spirit River Community
A United Methodist Church**
1321 Heritage Blvd. NE,
Isanti, MN 612-888-4255.
Reverend Pastor Guy E. Sederski.
Sunday Worship Service and
Christian Education 10:30am.
spiritrivercomm.org

Non-Denominational

Bethesda Church
38180 Hemingway Ave., North
Branch, MN 651-674-5873.
Pastor Mark Huber.
9am Worship Service.
10:30am Sunday School
and adult Bible studies.
bethesdachurchnb.com

Lakeside Christian Church
32393 Rendova Cir. N.E., Cambridge
(3 mi. E of Cambridge just off Hwy.
95). 763-689-3649. Ministry
Coordinator Jeff Bonkoski.
Administrative Assistant Sharon
Dahl. Sunday 9:30am Worship.
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Email:
lakesidesecretary@gmail.com.
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651-600-9878.
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com.
Sunday fellowship 9am
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Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street,
NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.

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River of Life Church
Meeting at 150 Birch St. N., Ste 170,
Cambridge. (Across from Minnco
Credit Union) Mark Radeke, Pastor.
763-689-5115.
Sundays 9am & 10:30am
Nursery at both services
River Kid's for ages 4 yrs to 5th gr at
the 10:30am service
riveroflifehome.com

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
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Sunday 6pm Family Worship.
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Family demands footage of Pine County shooting

BY MIKE GAINOR
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Family, friends and supporters of a 25-year-old man shot and killed by a Pine County Sheriff's Office deputy are demanding to see camera footage of the incident, and making calls for the firing and prosecution of the deputy involved. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is continuing its investigation of the case, and has identified the deputy involved in the incident as Deputy Joshua Pepin, who has been with the Pine County Sheriff's Office for five years.

SHOOTING ON OCT. 9
According to the BCA, Pepin shot and killed Anthony Michael Legato, 25, of Oak Park during a confrontation on Interstate 35 on Friday, Oct. 9. The incident happened in the northbound lanes of Interstate 35 near mile marker 180 and the Mora exit. The BCA reports that Pine County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a 911 call on Friday around 1:45 p.m. from the victim of an alleged domestic incident at the Grand Casino Hinckley. On their way to the casino, the deputies spotted the suspect's vehicle and began to

pursue it. Legato entered I-35 the wrong way, driving south in the north-bound lane. Shortly after this, Legato pulled to the side of the highway and exited his vehicle. Pepin was driving north-bound on I-35 and pulled over immediately south of Legato's vehicle. As Pepin exited his squad, Legato then reentered his vehicle and began to pull out into oncoming traffic. The BCA states that Pepin fired his weapon at some point during the confrontation, and struck Legato. Portions of the incident were captured on body cameras and squad cameras. Legato's vehicle rolled forward, crashing into an oncoming vehicle and then came to a stop in the median. Deputies provided immediate medical assistance, but EMTs pronounced the Legato deceased at the scene. He was taken to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for identification and autopsy. The driver of the other vehicle was not seriously injured. No officers were injured during the incident. The victim of the alleged domestic incident was not injured. The Minnesota State Patrol and a DNR conservation officer assisted at the scene. A portion

of I-35 was closed until the area was cleared. Pepin was placed on standard administrative leave. Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson said that the Minnesota BCA is "actively and thoroughly investigating" the shooting. The BCA investigation includes evaluating the body camera and squad camera footage of the incident and interviewing incident participants and witnesses. Frederickson said he anticipates that the investigation will be completed in 2-3 weeks and submitted to the Pine County Attorney's Office for review once it is finished.

SPEAKING OUT
During the open forum of the Dec. 1 meeting of the Pine County Board of Commissioners, several people called for action as they addressed the board members. Legato's sister, aunt and friend made calls for the body camera and squad camera footage to be released, and for Pepin's firing and prosecution. Michelle Gross, with the group Communities United Against Police Brutality, argued that the body camera footage is public under Minnesota statute.

"Squad and body camera footage can be held during an ongoing investigation, but need not be," Gross said. "We would encourage you strongly to release that footage to the family to give them some peace of mind." Gross alleged that Pepin sped past other deputies in order to be the first on the scene, then shot Legato, who was unarmed and moving away from him. "He put others in danger in the process," Gross said. She also called for Pepin to be prosecuted. "Anthony Legato is deeply missed by his parents, his sisters, his cousins, his grandmother and his friends," she said. "Most importantly, Anthony's son Vinnie will not get a chance to grow up with his dad. Anthony's family is grieving, and they deserve truth, justice and answers." Pine County activist Aileen Croup also spoke at the meeting. "I hope this case goes forward ... as it is supposed to," Croup said. "Somebody driving the wrong way on the freeway put so many lives in danger. I think our deputies did what they needed to do at the time. I support them."

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

- Steven Douglas Nelson** (DOB 04/15/1980), of Isanti, was charged Nov. 30 with one count assault - 3rd degree - substantial bodily harm, and one count assault - 5th degree - 2/more prev. convict. in 3 years.
- Robert Nicholas Hansen** (DOB 09/03/1985), of Cambridge, was charged Nov. 30 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,34 - not small amount marijuana.
- Westley Scott Larsen** (DOB 08/08/1986), of Isanti, was charged Dec. 2 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.
- Greymann Wonzayll Ford** (DOB 03/17/1989), of Isanti, was charged Dec. 3 with one count receiving stolen property, and one count drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

- Matthew Russell Dickey** (DOB 04/22/1987), of Sandstone, was charged Nov. 30 with one count theft - take/use/transfer movable prop - no consent, and one count drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.
- Richard James Stanley** (DOB 02/09/1977), of Shafer, was charged Nov. 30 with damage to property - 1st degree - value reduced over \$1,000.
- Aaron John Gruber** (DOB 08/08/1983), of North Branch, was charged Nov. 30 with dangerous weapons - reckless discharge of firearm within a municipality.
- Elizabeth Christine Bailey** (DOB 02/27/1988), of Minneapolis, was charged Nov. 30 with check forgery - offer/possess w/intent to defraud.
- Gabino Barrera** (DOB 06/17/1996), of Lino Lakes, was charged Nov. 30 with violate no contact order - within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.
- Andrew Joseph Ballweber** (DOB 03/13/1993), of Stacy, was charged Dec. 3 with mail theft - intentionally removes mail from depository without claim of right.
- Bridget Jaclyn Clermont** (DOB 12/22/1998), of Stacy, was charged Dec. 3 with mail theft - intentionally removes mail from depository without claim of right.

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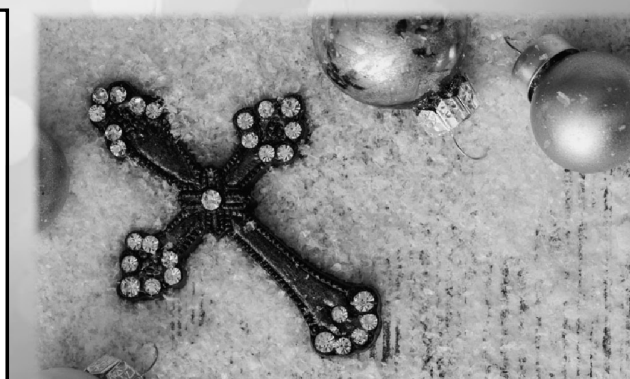
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The Christmas Star - 2020

BY DONNA TATTING

CHISAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDNERS

For at least three seasons of the year, I'm looking down. By that I mean for the Spring, Summer and Fall I'm constantly looking at the various stages of growth and beauty among my many gardens. From the first emerging of my wildflowers, to all my ornamental perennials breaking their dormancy, to the blossoming of my lilacs and other shrubs, my eyes are feasting on what's going in the plant world. But this time of year, my eyes are lifted upward because there's a whole other show going on up in the night-time sky. On those clear cold nights, the stars and planets are brilliantly on display.

Of course, the further away from any city lights, the better the show is. But as I write this article, even that interfering illumination can't block out some of the stand out celestial attractions. Mars, which is mostly just a wee bit above the horizon, is up there and proud with its hues of red making it distinguishable from the other planets. And Saturn and Jupiter are so close they could be kissing cousins. And that recent full moon was breathtaking as it began its rise and those few thin clouds around it only made the show more

thrilling.

But on December 21, we are in for a spectacular treat as those celestial bodies put on a show we haven't seen since the Middle Ages. We are going to be gifted with a "conjunction" which is when two objects in space appear to be close to one another, as observed from Earth. In the reality of space, they're still hundreds of millions of miles apart. And those two planets are Jupiter and Saturn. The last time Jupiter and Saturn came this close was 1623, but that conjunction was too near the sun to be seen by Earthlings. Therefore, 1226 is actually the most recent time that such a close conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn was visible to humans.

So Earthlings, this special gift for all to see is being called the "Christmas Star" and what a way to celebrate the Winter Solstice! Weather permitting (fingers crossed) we should make every effort to bundle up and enjoy the show. With so much worry and stress from our current worldwide situation, being able to witness something like the Christmas Star will help lift our spirits. For more information about the Minnesota Night Sky, I highly recommend you visit the website theskylive.com.



FIVE STAR STORIES

Here are the five most-read stories on our website from Nov. 29 - Dec. 5.

1. Major North Branch road construction project scheduled
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Sunrise: **James Gosiak**

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Middle School: **Ethan Kester**

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Trying to keep a holiday tradition alive

North Branch Mayor Jim Swenson gives the command to light the city's official Christmas tree during an abbreviated ceremony in Central Park Tuesday, Dec. 8. The normal ceremony, which included a parade, caroling and Santa put on by the North Branch Beautification Association, had to be canceled due to COVID concerns.

LEVIES: Finance Directors cite continued increases in property values for rise in taxes

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\$22.9 million, according to Isanti County Finance Director Kelsey Lakeberg. This is an increase of 5.78%.

The proposed tax rate decreased from 2020, meaning the county tax base increased at a higher rate than the property tax levy, Lakeberg noted. Setting aside any other changes such as valuation and classification, that means the same property would pay less county property taxes in 2021 than 2020, she explained.

Some of the factors that went into structuring the 2021 county budget included personnel costs, organizational and compensation studies, and COVID-19, Lakeberg informed those tuning into the hearing.

ISANTI

The 2021 tax levy for the City of Isanti is approximately \$3 million dollars, which is an increase of \$304,757 over the 2020 tax levy of approximately \$2.7 million, according to Isanti Finance Director Mike Betker. This is an increase of 11.2%. Betker noted that the tax rate for taxpayers in the city stayed the same from 2020 to 2021 at 61.18%.

Betker explained that best practice to fiscally manage a municipal budget is small, steady increases to the levy and tax rate over time, not having large increases or decreases. He pointed out several things taken into account when setting the budget for the city, such as:

- Staff and employee wage and benefit

increases, as well as increase in operating costs for city owned property;

- Capturing revenue for future capital projects in order to avoid bonding for those projects and taking on debt; and,
- Capturing revenue for future capital maintenance and replacement of city-owned property according to the city's 20-year plan.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS

One of the exceptions to the general theme of minimal tax increases is from the Cambridge-Isanti School District. As predicted with the failed operating referendum, the district continues to find itself in a overall revenue shortage that previously forced them to make drastic budget cuts over the last two years.

The offshoot of this revenue problem is, according to Finance Director Chris Kampa, for the first time in several years, the district will be imposing a "significant levy increase" of \$1.1 million, which equates to an increase over last year of 10.2%.

Despite that large increase, Kampa says that based on the tax rate, it will equate to a 2% increase on an average household valued at \$200,000. Again, this number is based on the assumption of no property valuation increases.

Kampa said the levy increase is being caused in part by a shift from state aid to local levy, the first year of full debt service on the new building, and enrollment adjustments that are reviewed going back three years.

PARKING: City council, staff prefer no parking over declaring snow emergencies

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is needed prior to a vehicle being towed," Woulfe told the Cambridge City Council during their Dec. 7 meeting.

Cambridge Police Chief Todd Schuster told the council this change wouldn't put any additional burden on his officers since they already patrol the streets at night, so this would just mean they might have to double-back to certain streets after four hours.

SNOW EMERGENCY AS ALTERNATIVE REJECTED

As long as they were on the subject, Woulfe did tell the council an alternative to the administrative citation would be to eliminate the winter parking regulations altogether in favor of declaring snow emergencies whenever a snow event requires plowing, which is something some residents have been asking for. That option, however, was quickly rejected.

According to Woulfe and Public Works Director Todd Schwab, there are many drawbacks to going with snow emergencies.

"This (declaring a snow emergency) will never reach all people within the City of Cambridge and there will be cars parked on the streets," Woulfe said while explaining some sort of public alert system would have to be set up.

Schwab added plow drivers would have a hard time plowing curb-to-curb with a snow emergency. Plow drivers would have to plow around any parked

'In an effort to be efficient, I would like to be able to plow everything when we go out once instead of having to go back to twenty or thirty locations to clean those piles.'

Todd Schwab
Cambridge Public Works Director

cars, leaving a plow line closer to the center of the street. They would then have to go back around and re-plow those lines at a later time.

"In an effort to be efficient, I would like to be able to plow everything when we go out once instead of having to go back to twenty or thirty locations to clean these piles," Schwab said, adding that it could take three or four trips before the car that was initially there is removed.

In the meantime, Schwab said compaction of these plow lines would require additional efforts to remove them.

"We have to go out and scrape them," Schwab said. "It's not only really hard on the pavement, we also have to put salt down (and) we are kind of violating what the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) is trying to enforce



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The Cambridge City Council enacted possible snow emergencies to be declared if a plowable snowfall takes place before Nov. 1 or after March 31 in order to avoid scenes like this during the area's early snowstorm last October.

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Woulfe concluded by saying going to snow emergencies would only lead to a greater perception that the city doesn't do an adequate job in plowing city streets.

SOME SNOW EMERGENCIES WILL BE DECLARED

While the prospect of declaring snow emergencies instead of having winter parking restrictions wasn't appealing to the council, language was included in the ordinance amendment to allow

for snow emergencies to be declared should a significant snowfall take place before Nov. 1 or after March 31.

The language of this portion of the amendment reads "The Public Works-Utilities Director or designee may declare a snow emergency and require all cars to be removed from the streets between the hours of 2 a.m. to 7 a.m."

How the public will be alerted for these early or late season snow emergencies was not discussed at this time.

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Lester W. Lindstrom

Lester W. Lindstrom, of Stanchfield, MN died Nov. 24, 2020, at Good Shepherd Home in Sauk Rapids of complications from COVID-19. He was 92 years old.

Lester was born Dec. 6, 1927, to Walfred and Cece-lia (Larson) Lindstrom. He grew up in the Murdock area and helped farm with his father and brothers.

Lester served in Korea from 1951-1952. On return-ing home he met his future wife; he heard that pretty, single nurses socialized at a local dance hall near Willmar. And he hit the jackpot. Lester married Vera Ysker May 2, 1953, in Windom, MN. As newly-weds, Lester studied weld-ing at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, MN. Their first child, Carol was born

followed by Debbie, Myron and Jed. While living in Murdock, Les drove bus for the Murdock School District and worked at Murphy Mfg. The family moved to the cities for several years, but Les and Vera longed for the country. By the mid '70s, they found a hobby farm near Cambridge, MN. This kept them (most of the time) happily busy. Both were active members at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Besides fixing things with whatever was on hand, Lester enjoyed fishing and playing cribbage. Love for family brought the Lindstrom gang together often, just for the heck of it and for good old-fash-ioned fun. Many Sunday dinners, picnics, holidays were spent with extended family and many serious Pinocle and Whist games took place.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Vera (2002); parents; brothers and sister, Augie, Wilford, Rich-ard, Walter, Eunice and Marvin.

Lester is survived by children; Carol (Dean) Jese-ritz of Herman, MN, Deborah of St. Cloud, Myron of Cambridge, Jed (Jan) of Peachtree City, GA; Godchild, Connie Ryski of Eden Prairie; grandchil-dren, Lucas (Chelsey) Lindstrom of Duluth, Kelsey (Casey) Thielges of Moorhead, MN, Aaron Jeseritz of Lafayette, IN; great-grandchildren, Caden and Lydia Lindstrom and Jack Thielges.

Memorial services are pending. Memorials pre-ferred to Calvary Lutheran Church, Rush Point, MN. Online condolences can be placed at Strike-LifeTributes.com.

Larry Bollin

Larry Bollin, of Isanti died Dec. 7, 2020 at Cam-bridge Medical Center. He was 70 years old.

Larry Dale Bollin was born July 6, 1950, in Dulu-th, Minnesota to John and Jeanne (Porter) Bollin. He grew up and attended school in Minneapolis,

MN. Larry married Au-drey Marie Wilke on Oct. 18, 1969. They resided in Isanti and Larry worked as a mechanic. Larry enjoyed traveling with his family, loved sports and watching his wrestling. He loved spending time with his grandkids/great grandkids. He always looked forward to visiting with family and having a beer with his best friend/brother in law Marvin Bylund.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and John.

Larry is survived by his wife, Audrey; daughter, Tina (John) Rakowiecki; son, Chris Bollin; two sisters, Gail (Bob) Wilke, Darla (Kevin) Westerlund; brother, Andrew (Carolyn) Bollin; sister-in-law, Sue; 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and by other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti. Visitation 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Tuesday at Strike Life Tributes in Isanti. Interment Isanti Union Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.



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Collecting toys for area girls and boys

Isanti County Chief Deputy Lisa Lovering, along with other members of the Sheriff's Office, Safety and Rescue, Sheriff's Reserves, and Cambridge Police collect toys that will be distributed to area youth as part of the Isanti Lions Toys for Tots drive. According to Lovering, somewhere around 100 cars stopped by to donate toys, food, and money during the two-hour drive on Saturday, Dec. 5, which also featured an appearance by Santa. Enough toys and food were collected to fill over half of a trailer, plus close to \$500. Lovering said they are still accepting new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, and cash donations at the Sheriff's Office building at 2440 Main Street South in Cambridge until Dec. 18.

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getting out only where they are comfortably distanced from others. Those having an active bird feeder, counting the maximum number of each species seen throughout the day on Dec. 19 would be of great help. The Audubon Society really needs home based birdfeed counters during this pandemic year. Read “How to Count Birds at a Bird Feeder” on wildriveraudubon.com for instructions. For more information text, call or email Joe Sausen at 651-210-4368 or joe.c.sausen@gmail.com.



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Monthly food distribution scheduled

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Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution will be distributing food at the Isanti County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., or until food runs out. Participants are asked to not arrive before 1 p.m. and to not park on Highway 95 and wait. Registration will take place from peoples' vehicles and groceries will be placed into trunks or hatchbacks. Organizers also ask for no more than two families or individuals per vehicle. For those who live outside of Isanti County and have not received food in the last two months, they need to call 612-402-6100 to check for eligibility. Anyone who hasn't registered in 2020 needs to present a photo ID and one current utility bill at the time of registration.



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WEEKDAY MORNING												
	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	Ready Jet Go!	Arthur	Molly of Denali	Wild Kratts	Hero Elementary	Xavier Riddle	Curious George	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Elinor Wonders	Sesame Street	Pinkalicious
4 WCCO	WCCO 4 News This Morning at 6		CBS This Morning				WCCO Mid-Morning		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
5 KSTP	5 Eyewitness News at 6am		Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Ryan		The View		5 Eyewitness News Midday	
9 KMSF	FOX 9 Morning at 6AM		FOX 9 Morning at 7AM		FOX 9 Morning at 8AM		FOX 9 Buzz		The Jason Show		FOX 9 News at 11 a.m.	
11 KARE	KARE 11 News Sunrise		Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Rachael Ray	
23 WUCW	The Doctors		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Family Feud	Be a Millionaire	Judge Jerry	Judge Jerry	Paternity Court	Couples Court
29 WFTC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wommack	Dateline		Judge	Judge	Divorce	Divorce	Hot Bench	Hot Bench
31 KPXM	Law	Varied	Law	Varied	Law & Order		Law & Order		Varied Programs			

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON													
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Dinosaur Train	Clifford-Dog	Sesame Street	Elinor Wonders	Hero Elementary	Let's Go Luna!	Nature Cat	Wild Kratts	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Odd Squad	Arthur
4	WCCO	News	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	CBS Evening News
5	KSTP	GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Twin Cities Live		Twin Cities	5 Eyewitness News	News Live at 5	ABC World News
9	KMSP	The Wendy Williams Show		The Real		TMZ Live		The Dr. Oz Show		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	FOX 9 at 5p	FOX 9 at 5:30p
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
29	WFTC	The Jason Show		Access Daily		Wendy Williams Show		25 Words	25 Words	TMZ Live		Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy
41	KPXM	Varied Programs											

MONDAY PRIME TIME							DECEMBER 14, 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)		Antiques Roadshow "New Orleans Hour 3"		Minnesota Exp	Minnesota Exp	Wild Travels: America's Most Unusual		Independent Lens "The Force" The Oakland Police Department.		POV Shorts	
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise "The Perils of the Plea" (N) (cc)		Bull Bull and Izzy reach an impasse. (N)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden	
5	KSTP	News	News	The Bachelorette "The Men Tell All" (N) (cc)			The Good Doctor (cc)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)	
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	L.A.'s Finest "Thief" (N)		Cosmos: Possible Worlds (cc)		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 "Live Finale Part 1" The final artists perform. (N) (Live) (cc)			Nurses Keon confides in a former friend. (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers	
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2020 The annual concert event. (N) (cc)			Whose Line Is It?	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										DECEMBER 15, 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)		Ella Wishes You a Swinging		Christmas Carols With Lucy Worsley (cc)		Frontline "Return From ISIS" (N) (cc)		NOVA Human activity in space. (cc)		Blue Sky Metropolis "The Big Chill" (cc)	
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Play On: Celebrating the Power of Music		NCIS Ziva surprises Gibbs. (cc)		FBI A photographer dies in a car crash.		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	The Bachelorette (N) (cc)				Big Sky Cassie visits Merilee. (N)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)
9 KMSF	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	Cosmos: Possible Worlds A baby is born.		NEXT Shea reaches her breaking point. (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 A look back at finale performances.		The Voice "Live Finale Part 2" The winner is revealed. (N) (Live) (cc)				News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Swamp Thing "The Anatomy Lesson" (N)		Tell Me a Story "Sweet Dreams" (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: Vikings at Buccaneers			
31 KPXM	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME							DECEMBER 16, 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 Cross-species relationships.		NOVA "Einstein's Quantum Riddle"		Secret Cities "Paris: The Sacre-Coeur"		NOVA "The Impossible Flight" Two pilots fly a solar-powered airplane. (cc)			
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Amazing Race (N) (cc)		SEAL Team "Shock-wave" (N)		S.W.A.T. "Hopeless Sinner" (N) (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	The Great Christmas Light Fight Egg Harbor Township, N.J.; Lehi, Utah. (N) (cc)				For Life "Collars for Dollars" (N)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)
9 KMSF	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	The Masked Singer "Road to the Finals"		The Masked Singer (N) (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	The Voice "The Voice Holiday Celebration"		Saturday Night Live Popular Christmas-themed sketches. (cc)				News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Devils Massimo defeats Dominic. (N)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us (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	Under Cen	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Dateline		Dateline	
41 KPXM	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods "Rectify"		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods "Identity"	

THURSDAY PRIME TIME							DECEMBER 17, 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 Old House	Ask This Old House	Father Brown "The Jackdaw's Revenge"		To Be Announced			You Are Cordially	East-Enders	East-Enders
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Young Sheldon	B Positive (N) (cc)	Mom (N) (cc)	The Unicorn (N)	Star Trek: Discovery "Despite Yourself" (N)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	Station 19 Ben confronts a tough loss. (N)		Grey's Anatomy A controversial surgery.		A Million Little Things "The Talk" (N)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)
9 KMSF	Vikings Live (N)	NFL Pre-game	NFL Football Los Angeles Chargers at Las Vegas Raiders. (N) (Live)							FOX 9 News (N) (cc)		Dish Nation (N) (cc)
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Movie: *** Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors (2015) (Alyvia Alyn Lind, Jennifer Nettles)				Dateline NBC (N) (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Dogs of the Year (N) (cc)		Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	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	Dateline		Law Order: CI	
41 KPXM	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	

FRIDAY PRIME TIME							DECEMBER 18, 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)		Almanac (cc)		The St. Olaf Christmas Festival: A New		Christmas With the Tabernacle		American Masters "Eero Saarinen" (cc)		Hollywood's Architect Paul R. Williams
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	MacGyver (N) (cc)		Magnum P.I. "No Way Out" (N) (cc)		Blue Bloods "Atonement" (N) (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc) James Corden	
5	KSTP	News	News	Olaf Adventure	Shrek the Halls	20/20 (N) (cc)			5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc) Nightline (N) (cc)		
9	KMSF	Pac-12 Championship Pregame (N) (Live)		College Football Pac-12 Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							FOX 9 News (N) (cc) Dish Nation (N)	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Weakest Link (cc)		Dateline NBC (N) (cc)			News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Seth Meyers		
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	The Christmas Caroler Challenge "Four to the Finals" The final four compete. (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	Enough	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	
41	KPXM	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	

SATURDAY								DECEMBER 19, 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	Steven Raichlen's	Kitchen Queens:	Simply Ming (cc)	Scandinavian	How to Cook Well	How to Cook Well	Sara's Weeknight	Nick Stelino	Jacques Pépin	Lidia's Kitchen
4 WCCO	CBS This Morning: Saturday (N) (cc)				WCCO 4 News Saturday Morning (N) (cc)		Lucky Dog "Griffin"	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstoppable	All In With Laila Ali	College Basketball Iowa vs Gonzaga. (N)	
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	
9 KMSP	Xploration Space	Awesome Planet	FOX 9 Morning Saturday (N)				FOX 9 Gopher Pre-Game (N)		Big Noon Kickoff (N)		College Football	
11 KARE	Today (N) (cc)			A New Leaf (EI)	KARE 11 News Saturday (N) (cc)				Earth Odyssey	Earth Odyssey	Vets Saving Pets	Premier Soccer
23 WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wild America (EI)	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.	Big Noon Kickoff (N)		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
41 KPXM	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	

NOTICES

CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Cambridge City Council is seeking one (1) individual to serve on the Planning Commission. The City will use the list of interested applicants to fill any Commission vacancies that may arise during 2021. Individuals must be City of Cambridge residents.

The Planning Commission is an advisory board to the City Council and is responsible for the administration of the City's comprehensive plan, development of ordinances, reviewing development projects, and hearing requests for conditional and interim uses and variances. The Planning Commission conducts a regular monthly meeting and additional meetings as needed. Planning Commission terms are three years. For information on residency or questions about serving on the Cambridge Planning Commission, please contact Marcia Westover, City Planner, at 763-552-3207 or mwestover@ci.cambridge.mn.us.

If you are interested in serving on the Cambridge Planning Commission, please contact Marcia Westover for an application. Applications may also be obtained at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE or online at www.ci.cambridge.mn.us. **The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2020.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to qualified Voters of Cambridge Township, Isanti County, State of Minnesota, that the filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period beginning December 29, 2020 and ending January 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing fee is \$2.00.

Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are for one Supervisor for a term of three years and one Treasurer for a term of two years.

Affidavits of candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at the Cambridge Township Office at 3568 337th Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008.

Please call for an appointment: 320-496-5636 or attend the required open filing period of 1-5 p.m. on January 12, 2021 at the above address.

Darrell D. Vosika
Clerk of Cambridge Township
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CITY OF ISANTI ORDINANCE NO.741

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 273, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2002 AND ORDINANCE NO. 341, ADOPTED ON MAY 3, 2005 AND ORDINANCE NO. 524, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2012 AND TITLED TRAILS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1 – Amendment.

Ordinance 273, Ordinance 341, Ordinance 524, Ordinance codified in Chapter 300 of the City Code, are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 300 TRAILS

§ 300-1. Purpose.

§ 300-2. Trail location.

§ 300-3. Snow removal on trails.

§ 300-4. Construction.

§ 300-5. Motorized transportation prohibited.

§ 300-6. Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail.

§ 300-7. Violations and penalties.

§ 300-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the proper location, construction, operation, and maintenance of both City and regional trails. This will allow our citizens the ability to walk, bicycle, and other means of non-motorized use to go from place to place within the City and region. We recognize the importance of trails in and around our City for the safety of our citizens, the health of our citizens, and for the betterment of our community.

§ 300-2. Trail location.
Trails shall be placed as shown on the most current Trail Map. City staff can modify the location of trails to the other side of the roadway in order to promote contiguous nonmotorized movement. All new subdivisions/ developments are expected to install trails, at the developer's

expense. Trails may be located in any zone.

§ 300-3. Snow removal on trails.
Snow removal on bituminous trails is the responsibility of the City Public Works Department. It is understood that snow removal along these routes does not take precedence to snow removal along streets. Trails will be plowed when snow is more than two (2) inches and in accordance with the City's Snow Plowing Policy by Resolution. Earthen, woodchip or gravel trails will not have snow removal.

§ 300-4. Construction.
A. Trails shall be at least eight feet wide.
B. Trails must be constructed of concrete or bituminous. In some instances, the City may allow for a wood chip trail especially along environmentally sensitive areas. Trails through wetlands may be constructed to boardwalk/bogwalk requirements as indicated in the City Engineering standards in lieu of filling in wetlands or wetland mitigation.
C. Trails shall be constructed as the City Engineer dictates.
D. Concrete pedestrian curb ramps per ADA compliance shall be installed on all street corners according to MNDOT and City Engineer specifications.
E. The City Engineer and/or Building Official, or their designee, shall inspect trail construction.
F. All materials, workmanship, and details of the construction of trails on the public rights-of-way of the City shall be in accordance with the current city engineering standards.

§300-5. Motorized transportation prohibited.
Due to the wear on the trail, noise they make, and dangers they induce to bikers and walkers, no motorized vehicles are allowed on City trails, such as, mopeds, four-wheelers, snowmobiles, motorcycles or similar types of motorized transportation. This does not refer to designated four-wheel or snowmobile trail routes on City streets.

§ 300-6. Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail.
The implementation and enforcement of rules and regulations governing the use of the Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail shall apply as approved by resolution of the City Council, as amended from time to time.

§300-7. Violations and penalties.
Violators of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both, plus costs of prosecution in either case.

Section 2 -Effective Date.
This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.
Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of December 2020.
Mayor Jeff Johnson
Attest:
Katie Brooks
Human Resources/City Clerk
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Dec. 10, 2020

CITY OF ISANTI ORDINANCE NO.742
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 227, ADOPTED ON MARCH 4, 2003 AND ORDINANCE NO. 313, ADOPTED ON APRIL 6, 2004 AND ORDINANCE NO. 602, ADOPTED ON APRIL 21, 2015 AND ORDINANCE NO. 701, ADOPTED ON MAY 7, 2019 AND TITLED PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:
Section 1 – Repealer.
Ordinances 273, 341, and 524, titled Parks and Recreation Areas, codified in Chapter 230 of the City Code, are hereby repealed in their entirety and replaced with the ordinance set forth below.
Section 2 – Ordinance. The following Chapter 230 is hereby adopted:
Chapter 230
Parks and Recreation Areas
§ 230-1. Purpose; applicability.
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§ 230-1 Purpose; applicability.
A. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the safety of people using

the park system and their amenities.
B. This article shall apply to all park and recreation areas controlled by the City of Isanti.
§ 230-2 Park rules and regulations.
A. There shall be no alcoholic beverages, unless otherwise permitted by the City Clerk through the City Council of Isanti.
B. No littering. All refuse and trash related to park use shall be placed in trash and recycle receptacles; provided, however, that residential, commercial, or construction trash or debris shall in no event be placed in such receptacles.
C. There shall be no use of vehicles except on park roads unless otherwise authorized.
D. Pets must be leashed and in compliance with Chapter 87-4.
E. All pet owners are responsible for the proper disposal of pet waste.
F. In any park and recreation area, including trails, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, or corporation to use any restroom in any park in other than a clean and sanitary manner.
G. A permit is required if a person wants the exclusive use of a specific area, building, shelter, other park facility or for a special event. Any person with a permit must follow rules and regulations within this Chapter as well as any special conditions listed on the permit.
H. Disturbing, harassing or interfering with any person in possession of a valid permit is prohibited.
I. A permit is required for the use of tents, large canopies, inflatables, large games and rides, dunk tanks, etc in park areas.
J. Registration is required for all caches placed in City parks related to a geocaching program.
K. Park hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise.
L. In any park and recreation area, including trails, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, or corporation to:
(1) Possess or discharge firearms, air rifles, BB guns, sling shots, bows and arrows, other weapons, explosives or fireworks.
(2) Be present in a park or recreation area after 10:00 p.m. or before 7:00 a.m. on any day unless permitted through a special event permit issued by City Council.
(3) Camp in, or erect, a tent or other structure, unless permitted through a special event permit issued by the City Council.
(4) Bring in, dump, deposit, leave in or on, or burn on any park land or water or water contiguous to any park any glass bottles, broken glass, discarded vegetation, trash, waste, rubbish, etc.
(5) Advertise, sell or attempt to sell, or solicit for private gain or cause, or operate non-authorized commercial operations without the City's approval.
(6) Start or maintain a fire, except in grills provided as part of the park facility, unless permitted for a city sponsored event approved through City Council. A person responsible for a fire must safely and completely extinguish the fire before leaving.
(7) Possess controlled substances.
(8) Engage in offensive, obscene, or abusive language, or in boisterous or noisy conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger or resentment in others; or to engage in brawling or fighting; or to engage in conduct creating or tending to create a disturbance or annoyance to other park users, or that interferes with their use or enjoyment of park lands and waters.
(9) Remove, break, destroy, injure, mutilate, deface or in any way damage any structure, monument, fence, flagpole, vehicle, bench, natural growth, ruin, relic, geological formation, or any other City of Isanti park property located in or on City of Isanti parks and park system.
(10) Not clean up after pets.
(11) Injure, molest, pursue or endanger wildlife on any park land and park system land in the City of Isanti.
(12) Hunt or trap on any park land owned by the City of Isanti.
(13) Use of recreational vehicles, including, but not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, and motorcycles, on parks or park system land.
(14) Non- motorized bicycles in park areas or trails, natural or paved, that are not signed as permitted.
(15) Use a golf club to hit, drive, or otherwise propel a golf ball or other object into or onto City park land.
(16) Interfere with the orderly conduct of games or other recreational activity in a park or park facility.
(17) Overnight parking unless permitted by the City Administrator

or designee.
(18) Disturbing, damaging, or destroying any trees or planted areas.
(19) Removal of wood from natural park areas unless permitted by the City Administrator or designee.
(20) Park on grass or other non-designated parking areas unless requested and approved for special events.
§ 230-3 Skatepark rules and regulations.
A. Helmets are required to be worn at all times in the skatepark.
B. Knee and elbow pads are suggested to be worn at all times in the skatepark.
C. Altering of skatepark ramps or equipment is prohibited.
D. No bikes are allowed in the skatepark.
E. Users assume risk of injury
F. All other rules for park and recreation areas in the City apply to the skatepark facility.
§ 230-4 Dog park rules and regulations.
A. Dog park hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
B. Dogs must be in visual sight and voice control of their handler or owner at all times.
C. All pet waste must be cleaned up and disposed of in designated waste receptacles.
D. Dogs must be on leash when entering or exiting the fenced dog park facility.
E. No aggressive dogs are allowed in the dog park facility. At first sign of aggression, dogs must be leashed and removed.
F. Declared dangerous dogs are not allowed in the dog park facility.
G. Female dogs in heat and dogs under the age of four months are prohibited from the dog park facility.
H. Users of the dog park facility do so at their and their dog's own risk. The City is not responsible for any injury or damage caused by or to a person or their dog in the off-leash area.
I. The limit for dogs under one handler or owner is three dogs for each visit or use of the dog park facility.
J. All children under the age of 14 shall be supervised by an adult.
K. All personal property brought in the dog park facility shall be removed when the handler or owner has completed their visit or usage. In no case shall the personal property remain on site for over one day and must be removed by park closure at 10:00 p.m. that day.
L. Dogs are not permitted to dig or otherwise damage the dog park facility. Dogs identified performing this damage shall be prohibited from using the dog park facility.
M. All other rules for park and recreation areas in the City apply to the dog park facility.
§ 230-5 Outdoor pleasure rink rules and regulations.
A. Outdoor Pleasure rink hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
B. No offensive, obscene or abusive language.
C. No abusive behavior either verbal or physical.
D. No hockey or broomball while people are open skating.
E. No bikes, sleds, cars, or snowmobiles on the ice.
F. No fighting or snowball throwing.
G. No pushing other skaters.
H. Users assume risk of injury.
§ 230-6 Sledding hill rules and regulations.
A. Users assume risk of injury
B. Adults must supervise children
C. Use caution
D. Be considerate of others
E. Do not sled when icy
F. Do not alter sledding hill
G. Sled in designated areas only
§ 230 Violations.
Violators of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
§ 230-12 Enforcement.
A. The City Administrator and his/her designees may, in connection with their duties imposed by law, enforce the provisions of this chapter, and the City Administrator or his/her designees shall have the authority to:
(1) Eject from any park a person acting in violation of this chapter. In addition to immediate removal from a park following a chapter violation, the City Administrator or his/her designee may continually exclude such person(s) from any or all City of Isanti park and park system areas.
(2) Seize and confiscate any property, animal, thing or device in any park used in violation of any of the provision in this chapter.
B. The City Administrator or his/her designees are specifically authorized to issue administrative citations, and City of Isanti Peace Officers may issue citations for violations of this chapter.

Section 3 -Effective Date.
This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.
Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of December 2020.
Mayor Jeff Johnson
Attest:
Katie Brooks
Human Resources/City Clerk
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Dec. 10, 2020

CITY OF ISANTI ORDINANCE NO. 743
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 576, ADOPTED ON APRIL 16, 2014 AND ORDINANCE NO. 690, ADOPTED ON JUNE 5, 2018 AND ORDINANCE NO. 705, ADOPTED ON JUNE 4, 2019 AND TITLED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:
Section 1 – Amendment.
Ordinance 576, Ordinance 690 and Ordinance 705, codified in Chapter 65 of the City Code, are hereby amended as follows:
Chapter 65
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
§66-1 Purpose
§65-2 Alternative methods of Enforcement
§65-3 General Provisions
§65-4 Authority to issue order to correct letters and administrative citations
§65-5 Administrative citations
§65-6 Administrative hearing
§65-7 Recovery of civil penalties
65-1. Purpose.
The City Council determined that there is a need for alternative methods of enforcing the City Code. While criminal fines and penalties have been the most frequent enforcement mechanism, there are certain negative consequences for both the City and the accused. The delay inherent in that system does not ensure prompt resolution. Citizens resent being labeled as criminals for violations of administrative regulations. The higher burden of proof and the potential of incarceration do not appear appropriate for most administrative violations. Accordingly, the City Council finds the use of administrative citations and the imposition of civil penalties a legitimate and necessary alternative method of enforcement. This method of enforcement is in addition to any other legal remedy that may be pursued for City Code violations.
65-2. Alternative methods of enforcement.
A. The administrative hearing process provided for within this Article shall be in addition to any other legal or equitable remedy available to the City for City Code violations.
B. The City may initiate a civil enforcement action to obtain code compliance before, during or after an administrative enforcement proceeding.
C. If the final adjudication in the administrative penalty procedure is a finding of no violation, then the City may not prosecute a criminal violation in district court based on the same set of facts. This does not preclude the City from pursuing an administrative penalty or a criminal conviction for a violation of the same provision of the City Code based on a different set of facts. A different date of violation shall constitute a different set of facts and a separate offense.
65-3. General provisions.
A. A violation of a provision of the City Code or a violation of the terms and conditions of a City approval, including permits and licenses, required and granted under this Code is an administrative offense that may be subject to an administrative citation and civil penalties. Each day a violation exists constitutes a separate offense.
B. An offense may be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per separate offense.
C. The City Council will adopt by Ordinance a schedule of penalties for offenses initiated by administrative citations. The City Council is not bound by the schedule when a matter is appealed to it for administrative review.
D. The City Council may adopt a schedule of fees to be paid to administrative hearing officers for their services.
65-4. Authority to issue order to correct letters and administrative citations.
The following City employees and agents are authorized to issue compliance letters and administrative citations for violation of the City Code and other associated Ordinances:
A. Licensed peace officers of the

Isanti Police Department;
B. Reserve Officers of the Isanti Police Department;
C. Community Development Director;
D. Community Development Specialist;
E. Animal Control Officer;
F. Building Official;
G. MS4 Technician; or
H. Community Service Officer.
65-5. Administrative citations
A. A person authorized to enforce provisions of the City Code may issue an administrative citation upon belief that a code violation has occurred. The citation must be issued in person or by first class mail to the person responsible for the violation. The citation must state the date, time, and nature of the offense, the identity of the person issuing the citation, the amount of the scheduled fine, and the manner for paying the fine or appealing the citation. The administrative citation shall be deemed served upon deposit in the U.S. mail to the address of the violator. A certificate of service shall be completed by the official issuing the citation. If the City seeks to impose more than one fine for a continuing violation, a separate citation shall be issued for each violation date.
B. The person responsible for the violation must either pay the scheduled fine or request a hearing within ten (10) calendar days after issuance of the citation. Payment of the fine constitutes admission of the violation. A late payment fee of ten (10%) percent of the scheduled fine amount will be imposed. The fines may be rescinded if compliance is achieved by the compliance date provided.
C. A hearing request must be made in writing and executed by the property owner or person with an ownership interest in the property. It must minimally state the name and mailing address of that person, the person's relationship to the property involved, and a brief statement why the citation is in error and a hearing is being requested. A filing fee, as set forth in the City Fee Schedule, shall accompany the application. The application is not valid unless the fee is paid. The filing fee is non-refundable.
D. A property owner may request an extension to come into compliance, which may be granted or denied by the City. If an extension to come into compliance is requested and granted, and the property owner does not come into compliance by the extension date, the administrative fine imposed with the citation for the violation shall not be rescinded. Additionally, a request for an extension to the compliance deadline shall constitute an admission to the violation, and a waiver of a right to request a hearing under subpart C above.
65-6. Administrative hearing.
A. The hearing officer shall be a neutral third party appointed by the City Council. The hearing officer is authorized to hear and determine any controversy relating to administrative offenses of the City Code.
B. Notice of the hearing must be served in person or by mail to the person responsible for the violation at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the hearing, unless a shorter time is accepted by all parties.
C. The hearing officer shall conduct an informal hearing to determine if a violation occurred. The hearing may be recorded but official minutes of the proceeding will not be taken. At the hearing, the parties will have the opportunity to present testimony and question any witnesses, but strict rules of evidence will not apply. The hearing officer must receive testimony and exhibits. The officer must receive and give weight to evidence, including hearsay evidence, which possesses probative value commonly accepted by reasonable and prudent people in the conduct of affairs.
D. The hearing officer has the authority to determine that a violation occurred, to dismiss a citation, to impose or modify (increase or decrease) the scheduled fine, and to modify, stay, or waive a scheduled fine either unconditionally or upon compliance with appropriate conditions. When imposing a penalty for a violation, the hearing officer may consider any or all of the following factors:
1. The duration of the violation;
2. The frequency or reoccurrence

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of the violation;
3. The history of the violation;
4. The seriousness of the violation;
5. The violator's conduct after issuance of the notice of hearing;
6. The good faith effort by the violator to comply;
7. The economic impact of the penalty on the violator;
8. The impact of the violation upon the community; and
9. Any other factors appropriate to a just result.

E. The hearing officer's decision and supporting reasons are final and as practically as possible be provided in writing to both parties within ten (10) days of the hearing. Any fines or penalties imposed must be paid no later than ten (10) days of the date of the Hearing Officer's order.

F. The failure to attend the hearing constitutes a waiver of the violator's rights to an administrative hearing and an admission of the violation. A hearing officer may waive this result upon good cause shown. Examples of "good cause" are death or incapacitating illness of the accused; a court order requiring the accused to appear for another hearing at the same time; and lack of proper service of the citation or notice of the hearing. "Good cause" does not include forgetfulness and intentional delay.

65-7. Recovery of civil penalties.

A. If a civil penalty is not paid within the time specified, it constitutes:

1. A personal obligation of the violator in all cases;
2. An obligation of the person or business conducting an activity on the property if the violation relates to that activity;
3. An obligation of the owner of the property on which the violation occurred; and
4. A lien upon the real property upon which the violation occurred, if the property owner was found responsible for that violation and the lien can be assessed under Minnesota Statutes 429.101, as amended from time to time. Prior to assessing the lien against the property, the City must attempt to obtain voluntary payment of the administrative penalty and provide the property owner listed on the tax record with notice and an opportunity to be heard.

B. The personal obligation or lien may include the administrative, collection agency and legal costs incurred by the City in connection with collecting the unpaid administrative penalty.

C. A personal obligation may be collected by any appropriate legal means, including use of a collection agency.

D. A late payment fee of ten (10%) percent of the fine will be assessed for each thirty (30) day period, or part thereof, that the fine remains unpaid after the due date.

E. During the time that a civil penalty remains unpaid, no City approval will be granted for a license, permit, or other City approval sought after by the violator or for the property.

F. Failure to pay a fine is grounds for suspending, revoking, denying, or not renewing a license or permit associated with the violation.

G. The City reserves the authority to use the abatement process as outlined within Chapter 216 Nuisances, in lieu of or in addition to the process outlined within this Chapter.

H. In the event of unpaid civil penalties, the City reserves the right to pursue a criminal penalty under the applicable section of the City Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of December 2020.

Mayor Jeff Johnson

Attest:

Katie Brooks

Human Resources/City Clerk

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**CITY OF ISANTI
ORDINANCE NO. 744
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 123, ADOPTED
ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1984
AND ORDINANCE NO. 170,
ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 17,
1992 AND ORDINANCE NO. 209
ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 17,
1998 AND ORDINANCE NO. 389
ON FEBRUARY 6, 2007 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 411 ADOPTED
ON AUGUST 30, 2007 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 424 ADOPTED
ON DECEMBER 27, 2007 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 425 ADOPTED
ON JANUARY 24, 2008 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 431 ADOPTED
ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 452 ADOPTED
ON FEBRUARY 17, 2009 AND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 538 ADOPTED
ON AUGUST 8, 2012 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 553 ADOPTED
ON JUNE 4, 2013 AND ORDINANCE
NO. 580 ADOPTED ON JUNE 17,
2014 AND ORDINANCE NO. 676
ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2017 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 710 ADOPTED
ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND
TITLED NUISANCES.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI
DOES ORDAIN:**

Section 1 – Repealer. Ordinance 123, 170, 209, 389, 411, 424, 425, 431, 452, 538, 553, 580, 676 and 710, codified in Chapter 216 of the City Code, are hereby repealed in their entirety and replaced with the ordinance set forth below.

Section 2 – Ordinance. The following Chapter 216 is hereby adopted:

**Chapter 216
NUISANCES**
§216-1. Definitions.
§216-2. Public affecting health, safety, comfort or repose.
§216-3. Public nuisances affecting morals and decency.
§216-4. Public nuisances affecting peace, safety and general welfare.
§216-5. Public Nuisance.
§216-6. Duties of City officers.
§216-7. Abatement.
§216-8. Recovery of cost.
§216-9. Violations and penalties

§ 216-1 Definitions.
As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DYNAMIC BRAKING DEVICE
Any device primarily used on trucks, for the conversion of the engine from an internal combustion engine to an air compressor for the purpose of braking without the use of wheel brakes; also commonly referred to as Jacob's brakes, Jake brakes, engine brakes, or compression brakes.

GRAFFITI
Any unauthorized inscription, work, figure, painting, symbol, or other defacement that is written, etched, marked, scratched, sprayed, drawn, or engraved upon any surface of public or private property.
NOISE
Any sound not occurring in the natural environment, which shall include, but is not limited to, sounds produced by aircraft, highways, motor vehicles, and/or emanating from residential, commercial, and industrial sources.

§ 216-2 Public nuisances affecting health, safety, comfort or repose.

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health:

A. Exposed accumulation of decayed or unwholesome food or vegetable matter. This includes all composting consisting of yard waste and/or kitchen waste which has been left unattended and which causes offensive odors, attracts rodents and/or pests or is unsightly and does not meet the requirements of Chapter 273, Article II.

B. All diseased animals running at large.

C. All ponds or pools of stagnant water.

D. Carcasses of animals not buried or destroyed within 24 hours after death.

E. Accumulations of manure, refuse, or other debris. An accumulation of tin cans, bottles, trash, uprooted tree stumps, logs, limbs, brush, and other cut vegetative debris, or other debris of any nature or description and the throwing, dumping or depositing of any dead animals, manure, garbage, waste, decaying matter, ground, sand, stones, ashes, rubbish, or other material of any kind on private property.

F. Privy vaults and garbage cans which are not rodent-free or fly-tight or which are so maintained as to constitute a health hazard or to emit foul or disagreeable odors.

G. The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream, or body of water by sewage, industrial waste, or other substances.

H. All noxious weeds grass in excess of 8 inches and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property.

(1) Noxious weeds and rank vegetation shall include but not be limited to: alum (allium), Buckthorn, Bur Cucumber, Canada Thistle, Corncockle, Cressleaf Groundsel, Curly Dock, Dodder, Field Bindweed, French Weed, Hairy Whitetop, Hedge Bindweed, Hoary Cress, Horsesnail, Johnson grass, Leafy Spurge, Mile-A-Minute Weed, Musk Thistle, Oxeye Daisy, Perennial Sow thistle, Poison Hemlock, Purple Loosestrife, Quack grass, Russian Knapweed, Russian Thistle, Serrated Tussock, Shatter Cane, Sorghum, Wild Carrot, Wild Garlic, Wild Mustard, Wild Onion, Wild Parsnip;

(2) Grapevines when growing in groups of 100 or more and not pruned, sprayed, cultivated, or otherwise maintained for two consecutive years;

(3) Any weeds, grass, or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers, or

other ornamental plants, growing to a height exceeding 12 inches.

(4) Rank vegetation includes the uncontrolled, uncultivated growth of annuals and perennial plants.

(5) The term Weeds does not include shrubs, trees, cultivated plants or crops.

(6) In no event shall cultivated plants or crops include plants which have been defined by state statute or administrative rule as being noxious or detrimental plants.

(7) Property owners are responsible for mowing adjacent to their property in the right -of-way to the curb if there is a sidewalk or boulevard.

I. Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas and soot, or cinders, in unreasonable quantities.

J. All public exposure of persons having a contagious disease.

K. Any offensive trade or business as defined by statute not operating under local license.

L. Any outside storage of rubbish, salvage materials, junk, vehicles without current license plates, not in street operable condition, or not currently insured; or miscellaneous refuse when the same is construed by the City Council to be a menace or a nuisance to the public health, safety, or general welfare and to have a depressing influence on property values in the area.

M. Outdoor smoking near the entrances to buildings. Outdoor smoking areas shall meet the following regulations:

(1) Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, or open window to a building and within 15 feet of a public sidewalk.

(2) Appropriate receptacles for rubbish, garbage, cigarette paraphernalia, etc., shall be provided.

N. Any obstruction to the free flow in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter, or ditch with trash, grass, other yard waste or other materials.

O. Depositing or storage of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way, public property, or on adjacent private property.

Q. Snow clearing or removal from a private property must be contained within the property of which the snow originated or hauled and deposited in an approved location.

§ 216-3 Public nuisances affecting morals and decency.

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting public morals and decency:

A. All gambling devices, slot machines, and punch boards, except as otherwise authorized by ordinance.

B. Betting, bookmaking, and all apparatus used in such occupations.

C. All houses kept for the purpose of prostitution or promiscuous sexual intercourse, gambling houses, houses of ill fame, and bawdy houses.

D. All places where intoxicating liquor is manufactured or disposed of in violation of law or where, in violation of law, persons are permitted to resort for the purpose of drinking intoxicating liquor, or where intoxicating liquor is kept for sale or other disposition in violation of law, and all liquor and other property used for maintaining such a place.

E. Any vehicle used for the transportation of intoxicating liquor, or for promiscuous sexual intercourse, or any other immoral or illegal purpose.

F. Graffiti.

(1) Use of graffiti prohibited. It shall be unlawful to apply graffiti to any natural or man-made surface on any publicly or privately owned property without the owner's permission.

(2) Graffiti as nuisance. The existence of graffiti on public or private property shall be declared a nuisance, which is destructive to the rights and values of property owners as well as the entire community and is subject to removal and abatement procedures.

(3) Removal by owner. It shall be the duty of the owner of the property upon which any graffiti is placed to remove such graffiti within 90 days upon written receipt of notice issued by the City to remove the graffiti.

(4) Removal by City. If the property owner fails to remove graffiti within the time allotted, the City shall abate and remove the graffiti. The property owner shall be billed for the cleanup.

G. Public urination – prohibited.

(1) Any person who urinates or defecates on any public street, alley, sidewalk or floor of any building or of any building where the public gathers or has access, or in any other place, whether public or private, where such act could be observed by any member of the public, except in such place that has been designated as a restroom, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) The enforcement provision of this subsection shall not apply to the following individuals who may not be able to adequately control the bodily functions that control urination or defecation:

(a) Children five years of age or younger;

(b) Persons of any age who violate this section due to a verified medical condition.

§ 216-4 Public nuisances affecting peace, safety and general welfare.

A. Prohibited nuisances affecting public safety and peace.

(1) All snow and ice that is not removed from public sidewalks within 48 hours after public works has completed removal of a snow event. It is the adjacent property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and hazardous ice and apply de-icing agents if necessary. Reference Chapter 284-14.

(2) Use of the municipal water system for lawn sprinkling in noncompliance with regulations regarding such usage.

(3) Any well, hole, or excavation left uncovered or in such condition as to constitute a hazard to a child or other person, being or coming upon the premises where the same is located, or any discarded or unused device formerly used for refrigeration purposes that restricts the free flow of air, or other similar device or object, which is left outside or in such condition as to be accessible to any child or other person being or coming upon the premises where the same is located.

(4) Materials placed on streets, alleyways, sidewalks, and other public ways which encumber, interfere with, or impede the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic and/ or impede the unobstructed lawful use thereof, as prohibited pursuant to § 284-16.

(5) All commercial parking lot facilities shall be maintained and operated in compliance with applicable engineering design and safety standards, including, but not limited to, applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any such parking lot that fails to meet said standards as to surfacing, curbing, drainage system, lighting or accessibility, or is otherwise in such disrepair so as to be reasonably deemed to constitute a public safety hazard, as determined by the City Engineer or his or her designee, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. Nuisances constituting an immediate safety hazard shall be subject to immediate abatement. Otherwise, alleviation of nuisances shall be in conformance with timeframes set by the City Engineer or his or her designee.

(6) All trees, hedges, billboards, or other obstructions which prevent people from having a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection.

(7) All wires and limbs of trees that are so close to the surface of a sidewalk or street as to constitute a danger to pedestrians or vehicles.

(8) Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary public use of streets, alleys, sidewalks, or public grounds, except under conditions as are permitted by this ordinance or other applicable law.

(9) Any use of property abutting on a public street or sidewalk or any use of a public street or sidewalk that causes large crowds or people to gather, obstructing traffic and the free use of the street or sidewalk.

(10) All hanging signs, awnings, and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks, so situated as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as provided by ordinance.

(11) The allowing of rainwater, ice, or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or to flow across any sidewalk.

(12) Accumulations in the open of discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies or other materials in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin, or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated, or in a manner creating fire, health, or other safety hazards from such accumulation.

(13) Any well, hole, or similar excavation that is left uncovered or in such other condition as to constitute a hazard to any child or other person coming on the premises where it is located.

(14) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter, or ditch with trash or other materials.

(15) The placing or throwing on any street, sidewalk, or other public property of any glass, tacks, nails, bottles, or other substances that may injure any person or animal or damage any pneumatic tire when passing over such substance.

(16) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or on adjacent private property.

(17) Reflected glare or light from private exterior lighting exceeding 0.5 footcandles as measured on the property line of the property where the lighting is located when abutting any residential parcel, and one footcandle when abutting any commercial or industrial parcel.

(18) All other conditions or things that are likely to cause injury to the person or property of another.

(19) Building Maintenance and Appearance: Buildings, fences, and

other structures which have been so poorly maintained that their physical condition and appearance detract from the surrounding neighborhood are declared to be public nuisances because they: 1) are unsightly, 2) decrease adjoining landowners and occupant's enjoyment of their property and neighborhood, and 3) adversely affect property values and neighborhood pattern.

B. Prohibited noise affecting public health, peace, safety or welfare.

(1) General prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to make or cause to be made any distinctly and loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort's repose, health, peace, safety, or welfare of any persons; precludes their enjoyment of property; affects their property's value; affects the peace and quiet of any neighborhood; or which cause discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity residing in the area.

(2) All obnoxious noises in violation of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7030, as it may be amended from time to time, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this code, are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety.

(3) Additional standards may be considered when determining a violation of this section, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Volume of the noise;
- (b) Intensity of the noise;
- (c) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- (d) Volume and intensity of background noise, if any;
- (e) Proximity of the noise to residential sleeping;
- (f) Nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (g) Density of inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (h) Time of day or night the noise occurs;
- (i) Duration of the noise;
- (j) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant; and
- (k) Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or noncommercial activity.

(4) Specific noises prohibited. The following noises shall be declared to be nuisance noises in violation of this chapter. This listing shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

(a) Horns, signaling devices, sirens, etc. It is unlawful for any to sound any horn, siren, or other signaling device on any vehicle except as a warning sign or emergency.

(b) Radios, phonographs, television sets, and similar devices. It is unlawful for any person to use or operate or permit the use or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, paging system, machine or other device for the production or reproduction of sound in a distinctly and audible manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of any person nearby. Operation of any such device as outlined within Subsection B in a manner as to be plainly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, in the hallway or apartment adjacent or at a distance of 100 feet if the source is located outside a structure or building shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

(c) Loudspeakers, amplifiers, and sound trucks. It is unlawful for any person to operate or permit the use or operation of any loudspeaker, sound amplifier or other device for the production or reproduction of sound on a street or other public place for the purpose of commercial advertising or attracting the attention of the public to any commercial establishment or vehicle.

(d) Human noise. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or of persons in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel/motel, or other place of residence, or in the vicinity of the source.

(e) Exhaust. It is unlawful for any person to discharge the exhaust, or permit the discharge of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary combustion engine, motor boat, motor vehicle or snowmobile, except through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom and complies with all applicable state laws and regulations.

(f) Defective vehicles or loads. It is unlawful for any person to use any vehicle so out of repair or so loaded as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or any other noise.

(g) Loading, unloading, and packing. It shall be unlawful for any person to create loud or excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading or unpacking any vehicle; or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and containers.

(h) Loud parties or gatherings. It shall be unlawful for any person

to participate in any party or gathering of people giving rise to noise, disturbing the peace, quiet, or repose of another person during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. weekdays and 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekends. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section if the sound of the party or gathering is clearly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, in the hallway or apartment adjacent or at a distance of 100 feet if the source is located outside a building, or if the noise meets the standards as presented in Subsection B(3). Any person who participates in a party or gathering which generates nuisance noise shall be guilty of maintaining a public nuisance. Every owner or tenant of the premises who has knowledge of the disturbance shall make every effort to see that the disturbance is stopped.

(i) Schools, courts, churches, hospitals. It is unlawful for any person to create any excessive noise on a street, alley or public grounds to any school, institution of learning, church or hospital when the noise unreasonably interferes with the working of the institution or disturbs or unduly annoys its occupants or residents and when conspicuous signs indicate the presence of the institution.

(j) Dynamic braking systems. No person shall use motor vehicle brakes that are in any way operated or activated by the compression of the engine in any motor vehicle upon any public ways located within the City limits of Isanti, including, but not limited to, highways, streets, alleys, easements, or right-of-way.

(k) Domestic power equipment. No person shall operate a power lawn mower, power hedge clipper, chainsaw, mulcher, garden tiller, edger, drill or similar domestic power maintenance equipment except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday. Snow removal and street sweeping equipment is exempt from this subsection.

(l) Refuse handling. No person shall collect or remove garbage or refuse in any residential district except between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday.

(m) Construction activities. No person shall engage in or permit construction activities involving the use of any kind of electric, diesel, or gas powered machine or other power equipment, manual tools, movement of equipment, and other activities except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday.

(5) Exceptions. The following shall be declared to be exceptions from the provisions of this Subsection B. This listing shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

(a) Emergency work. Operations and acts performed exclusively for emergency work to preserve the safety, welfare or public health of the citizens of the City or for emergency work necessary to restore public service or to eliminate a public hazard shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection. Persons having performed emergency work under this subsection shall inform the Police Department at the time of the need to initiate the work or if during nonbusiness hours of the City offices than upon resumption of business hours of the City. Any person responsible for emergency work shall take all reasonable actions to minimize the amount of noise pollution or vibration.

(b) Approved work. Upon timely application being made and the necessity therefore being established, the City Council may suspend the operation of this section for a specific purpose at a specific location and for a specific length of time by Council action and by giving public notice of the nature and limits of the suspension. The City Engineer may also authorize an exception for dewatering, mass grading, road construction, and other activities for Council approved projects.

C. Prohibited nuisances affecting general welfare.

(1) A violation of any provision of Ordinance No. 445, Zoning, or of a condition imposed under the authority of Ordinance No. 445, Zoning, is considered a public nuisance affecting the general welfare. Such public nuisance may be abated pursuant to the abatement provisions provided within this chapter.

(2) A violation of any provisions of Chapter 227, Parking and Storage, Article III, Parking and Storage of Vehicles and Other Equipment, is considered a public nuisance affecting the general welfare. Such public nuisance may be abated

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pursuant to the abatement provisions provided within this chapter.

§ 216-5 Public Nuisance.

Whoever, by act or omission, causes a nuisance as defined in sections 216-2, 216-3 or 216-4 is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and may be subject to abatement and/or prosecution as provided herein.

§ 216-6 Duties of City officers.

City officials may apply and enforce any provision of this ordinance relating to public nuisances within this jurisdiction. Any peace officer, community service officer or other designated city official shall have the power to inspect private premises and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the commission and maintenance of public nuisances. Except in emergency situations of imminent danger to human life and safety, no peace officer or designated city official will enter private property for the purpose of inspecting or preventing public nuisances without the permission of the owner, resident, or other person in control of the property, unless the officer or person designated has obtained a warrant or order from a court of competent jurisdiction authorizing entry.

§ 216-7 Abatement Process.

A. **Procedure.** Whenever the officer charged with enforcement determines that a public nuisance is being maintained or exists on premises in the City, the officer shall notify, in writing, the owner or occupant of the premises of such fact and order that such nuisance be terminated and abated. The notice shall specify the steps to be taken to abate the nuisance and the time, not exceeding 30 days, within which the nuisance is to be abated. If the notice is not complied with within the time specified, the enforcing officer shall report that fact forthwith to the Council. Thereafter, the Council may, after notice to the owner or occupant and an opportunity to be heard, provide for abating the nuisance by the City.

B. **Notice.** Written notice of the violation; notice of the time, date, place, and subject of any hearing before the City Council; notice of the City Council order; and notice of motion for summary enforcement hearing shall be served by a peace officer or designated official on the owner of record and occupant of the premises either in person or by regular, certified or registered mail. If the premise is not occupied, the owner of record is unknown, or if the owner of record or occupant refuses to accept notice, notice of the violation shall be served by posting it on the premises.

In the event a nuisance is abated to the satisfaction of the City but recurs within 180 days after such abatement, such recurrence shall be deemed to be a continuation of the same nuisance, and the council may proceed without additional notice or hearing to provide for abatement of said nuisance by the City. In such event, the City shall be entitled to recovery costs in the same manner as for the original abatement, as provided for in § 216-8 of this chapter.

C. **Emergency procedure; summary enforcement.** In cases of emergency, where delay in abatement required to complete the procedure and notice requirements are set forth in subdivisions A. and B. of this section will permit a continuing nuisance to unreasonably endanger public health, safety, or welfare, the City Council may order summary enforcement and abate the nuisance. To proceed with summary enforcement, the peace officer or other designated official shall determine that a public nuisance exists or is being maintained on premises in the city and that delay in abatement will unreasonably endanger public health, safety, or welfare. The officer or designated official shall notify in writing the occupant or owner of the premises of the nature of the nuisance, whether public health, safety, or welfare will be unreasonably endangered by delay in abatement required to complete the procedure set forth in subdivision A. of this section and may order that the nuisance be immediately terminated or abated. If the nuisance is not immediately terminated or abated, the City Council may order summary enforcement and abate the nuisance.

D. **Immediate abatement.** Nothing in this section shall prevent the city, without notice or other process, from immediately abating any condition that poses an imminent and serious hazard to human life or safety. Property/item(s) valued over \$100, as determined by the enforcing officer, will be held by the City for seven (7) days. Recovery of all costs incurred for the abatement must be paid by the owner prior to collecting any property/item(s).

E. **Unlawful parties or gatherings.** When law enforcement determines that a gathering is

creating such a noise disturbance as prohibited under Section Four, Subdivision B, the officer may order all persons present, other than the owner or tenant of the premises where the disturbance is occurring, to disburse immediately. No person shall refuse to leave after being ordered to do so by law enforcement. Every owner or tenant of such premises who has knowledge of the disturbance shall make every reasonable effort to see that the disturbance is stopped.

F. **Abatement of noxious weeds, rank vegetation, and tall grasses.**

(1) Notice. Written notice of the violation; notice of time, date, location, nuisance, which may include a height measurement of grass, will be sent to the property owner of record of the nuisance lot by posting a notice on the premise door and by mail. On identified foreclosed properties, a property contact will be attempted if the City has record of a party that is involved with the property. This contact is not necessary to effect establishment of a date certain for weed, vegetation, or grass nuisance abatement. The notice will identify a date certain for which the property must be mowed not to exceed 7 working days. The notice will also include the date of which a 7 working day re-inspection will occur.

(2) Abatement Process. If the owner of the property fails to comply within 7 days, the City shall provide for the abatement of the nuisance and authorize the City contracted mowing service or public works to mow the lot. The officer charged with enforcement shall keep records of the cost of abatement and shall provide information to the City Administrator or designee for assessment against the property in accordance with § 216-8.

(2) Reoccurrence. Once the nuisance has been abated on the property, the property will be monitored by re-inspection on a reoccurring 7 day cycle. If the property has no further noxious weed, rank vegetation or tall grass violations after being re-inspected twice, it will no longer be monitored. If the property continues to have the violation, the property will be abated every 7 days without written notification.

G. **Judicial remedy.** Nothing in this section shall prevent the city from seeking a judicial remedy when no other adequate administrative remedy exists.

§ 216-8 Recovery of cost.

A. Personal liability. The owner of the premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the City, or a person who has caused a public nuisance on property not owned by that person, shall be personally liable for the cost to the City of the abatement, including administrative costs. As soon as the work has been completed and the cost determined, the City Administrator or other city official shall prepare a bill for the cost and mail it to the owner. Thereupon the amount shall be immediately due and payable at the office of the City Administrator.

B. Assessment. After notice and hearing as provided in Minn. Stat. § 429.061, as it may be amended from time to time, if the nuisance is a public health or safety hazard on private property, the accumulation of snow and ice on public sidewalks, the growth of weeds and rank or tall vegetation on private property or outside the traveled portion of streets, or unsound or insect-infected trees, and noncompliant lawn sprinkling, the City Administrator or designee shall, on or before September 1 next following abatement of the nuisance, list the total unpaid charges along with all other such charges as well as other charges for current services to be assessed under Minn. Stat. § 429.101 against each separate lot or parcel to which the charges are attributable. The Council may then spread the charges against such property under that statute and other pertinent statutes for certification to the County Auditor and collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installment, not exceeding 10, as the Council may determine in each case.

§ 216-9 Violations and penalties.

Any person convicted of violating any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, plus the costs of prosecution in either case.

Section 3 – Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of December 2020.

Mayor Jeff Johnson

Attest:
Katie Brooks
Human Resources/ City Clerk

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**CITY OF ISANTI
ORDINANCE NO.745
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 109, ADOPTED
ON OCTOBER 20, 1984 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 256, ADOPTED
ON MAY 7, 2002 AND ORDINANCE
NO. 502, ADOPTED ON MARCH
16, 2011 AND ORDINANCE NO.
553, ADOPTED ON APRIL 4,
2013 AND ORDINANCE NO.
549, ADOPTED ON APRIL 16,
2013 AND ORDINANCE NO. 600,
ADOPTED ON APRIL 7, 2015 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 605, ADOPTED
ON APRIL 21, 2015 AND TITLED
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI
DOES ORDAIN:**

Section 1 – Amendment.
Ordinance 109, Ordinance 256,
Ordinance 502, Ordinance 553,
Ordinance 549, Ordinance 600,
Ordinance codified in Chapter 284 of
the City Code, are hereby amended
as follows:

**Chapter 284
Streets and Sidewalks
ARTICLE I**

**Street Naming and Numbering
§284-1. Treatment of existing
street names.**

§284-2. Official Map.
**§284-3. Type and placement of
numbering on buildings.**

**§284-5. Street naming plan to
be shown on preliminary plats.**

**§284-6. Naming and numbering
policy.**

**§284-7. Powers of the Zoning
Administrator or his/her designee.**
**§284-8. Violations and
penalties.**

**ARTICLE II
Location and Maintenance of
Sidewalks
§284-9. Purpose.**
**§284-10. Sidewalk location;
exemption.**

**284-11. Maintenance required;
replacement of damaged
sidewalks.**

§284-12. Notice to repair.
**§284-13. Failure to repair; cost
of repair made by City.**

§284-14. Snow removal.
**§284-15. Construction
specifications.**

**§284-16. Materials on streets,
alleys, sidewalks, or public way.**
**§284-17. Violations and
penalties.**

**ARTICLE III
Traffic Regulations**

**§284-18. Minnesota Statutes
adopted by reference.**

§284-19. Exhibition driving.
**§284-20. Violations and
penalties.**

**Article I
Street Naming and Numbering
§ 284-1 Treatment of existing
street names.**

All of the present names of the streets and public ways within the corporate limits of the City of Isanti as assigned and the designations formerly applied to said streets and ways, and whether the same have been fixed by dedication of plats as they appear on file in the office of the County Recorder of Isanti County or by common consent, or otherwise, are hereby revoked, set aside, and extinguished to the extent they are in conflict with the City of Isanti Street Naming and Lot Number Map referenced below.

§ 284-2 Map.

A. From and after the adoption, approval, and publication of this article, there is hereby established a City of Isanti Street Naming and Lot Numbering Map (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "map"), which will be updated from time to time and is the responsibility of the Community Development Director or his/her designee to maintain. This map will be on permanent file for public inspection in the office of the Community Development Director or his/her designee. It shall be the responsibility of the City to maintain said map

B.
**§ 284-3 Type and placement of
numbers on buildings.**

A. New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Where required by the fire code official, address numbers shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address numbers shall be maintained.

B. In case a principal building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate front entrance of such principal building shall bear a separate number, to include a unit number or suite number, if so

assigned.

§ 284-5 Street naming plan to be shown on preliminary plats.

The developer, builder, or person making application for preliminary plat shall submit a street naming plan as hereinabove set forth, for review by the Community Development Director or his/her designee. The assignment of names and numbers by the Community Development Director or his/her designee shall be final.

§ 284-6 Naming and numbering policy.

A. City streets shall not be required to fall into any pattern of alphabetical sequence.

B. Major emphasis shall be given to avoiding duplicate and similar sounding names.

C. For all future developments, east-west streets will be designated as streets, and north-south streets will be designated as avenues. Upon approval by the City Council, other designations may be approved, such as parkways, boulevards, trails, courts, etc.

D. Existing street names shall be extended where practical. Avenues shall be numbered and placed within sequential order from the zero starting point.

E. The intersection of the Burlington Northern Railroad line and Main Street shall be considered the zero starting point for the purpose of the lot-numbering system.

F. Numbers shall be assigned to each block in increments of 100 for each block progressing northerly, easterly, southerly, and westerly from said zero starting point.

G. Even numbers shall be assigned to lots on the north side of streets running east-west and on the east side of avenues running north-south.

H. Odd numbers shall be assigned to lots on the south side of streets running east-west and on the west side of avenues running north-south.

I. Where, in the past, odd and/or even numbers have already been assigned along the majority of a street segment and they are not in accordance with the regulations provided in this article, the Community Development Director or his/her designee may continue to assign numbers in accordance with the existing numbers provided.

J. Ordinals shall be placed at the end of each street name, to include NW, SW, NE, or SE, depending upon the location of the street within the City of Isanti street grid system.

K. Street names located on the east side of Trunk Highway 65 shall be consistent with those street names located on the west side of Trunk Highway 65.

L. The City of Isanti has been granted authority through joint resolution with Isanti County to re-address in accordance with this article any property in the Tier One Area. When it has been identified by the appropriate public safety authority that public safety will be enhanced by renumbering and establishing new street names in accordance with this article, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider such proposals and make recommendations to the City Council for re-addressing in the Tier One Area.

§ 284-7 Powers of the Community Development Director or his/her designee.

A. The Community Development Director or his/her designee shall keep an up-to-date record of all names and numbers assigned under this article.

B. The Community Development Director or his/her designee shall assign to any property owner in the City of Isanti, upon request, a number for each principal building or separate front entrance to such building. In doing so, he/she shall assign only those names and numbers assigned under the provisions of this article; provided, however, that the Community Development Director or his/her designee may assign additional names or numbers in accordance with the system established on the City of Isanti Street Naming and Lot Numbering Map whenever the property has been subdivided, a new front entrance opened, or undue hardship has been worked upon any property owner.

§ 284-8 Violations and penalties.
Violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both, plus costs of prosecution in either case.

**Article II
Location and Maintenance of
Sidewalks**

§ 284-9 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to ensure the proper placement, location and maintenance of sidewalks. This will allow our citizens the ability to walk, bicycle, and other means of nonmotorized vehicle use to go from place to place within the City.

§ 284-10 Sidewalk location; exemption.

A. Sidewalks shall be placed on the west side and the north side of every street, cul-de-sac, or other necessary area within the City. City staff can modify the location of sidewalks to the other side of the roadway in order to promote contiguous sidewalks and safer pedestrian movement.

B. Industrial Zones are exempt from placing sidewalks, but placing City trails is allowed.

§ 284-11 Maintenance required; replacement of damaged sidewalks.

It is the duty of the property owner abutting on any sidewalk to maintain said sidewalk in a clear, safe and walkable condition.

§ 284-12 Notice to repair.

Whenever any public sidewalk becomes broken, cracked, raised or otherwise in disrepair so as to constitute a hazard to the public passage due to the act or omission of the property owner or the owner's family, agents or guests, or due to plant roots, the Public Works Department shall give notice in writing of such condition to the owner of the premises abutting the sidewalk. The owner of the property shall be given 30 days from the receipt of the notice to make repairs.

§ 284-13 Failure to repair; cost of repair made by City.

A. If the owner of the premises fails to make such repair within 30 days of being so notified, the Council shall order the necessary repairs made.

B. The cost of such repairs shall constitute a lien against the premises. If the cost of such repair is not paid to the City by September 15 following the making of repairs, the cost shall be certified to the County Auditor as a special assessment against the premises, to be collected in the same manner as any other special assessment.

§ 284-14 Snow removal.

Unless exempted by the City Council, no person shall permit an accumulation of snow or ice to build up or remain on any public sidewalk abutting or otherwise serving lots or parcels located in the City of Isanti 48 hours after public works has completed the removal of a snow event for the purposes of this section, "person" means the owner of record of the lots or parcels or in the event that the premises of any given parcel is under the control of a person other than the owner through a lease or rental agreement, then in that event the lessee or renter shall be responsible for the snow removal required in this article, unless by written agreement the owner is obligated to remove snow and ice from affected sidewalks. If snow or ice is not removed, the City will consider this a nuisance violation in accordance with Chapter § 216. Depending on the severity, the City may have public works or hire a company to remove the snow accumulation and/or ice and bill the property owner for such cost. Any snow and/ or ice events less than 2 inches, in which case the Public Works may not clear, is the property owner's responsibility.

§ 284-15 Construction specifications.

A. Sidewalks shall be five feet wide with six-foot boulevards.

B. Sidewalks must be constructed of portland concrete four inches thick; five inches thick where the sidewalk is part of the driveway.

C. Sidewalks shall be constructed on a three-inch sand cushion. The sand shall be equal to MNDOT regulations and the Isanti engineering design standards.

D. Pedestrian curb ramps for ADA compliance shall be installed on all corners according to MNDOT and City Engineer specifications.

E. The City Engineer and/ or Building Official must inspect sidewalk construction.

F. All materials, workmanship, and details of the construction of sidewalks on the public rights-of-way of the City shall be in accordance with the current plans and specifications of the City Administrator or designee.

§ 284-16 Materials on streets, alleys, sidewalks, or public way.

A. No person shall encumber any street, alley, sidewalk, or other public way with barrels, boxes, cans, articles, or any other substances or objects that interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof. For the purposes of this section, "person" means the responsible owner of record, renter, or occupant of the abutting lot parcel, or building. Such items shall be immediately removed, upon notice from the City to do so. Any such encumbrance shall be deemed a public nuisance in accordance with Chapter § 216 of City Code. Any items deemed to constitute a serious and immediate public health or safety concern may be immediately abated by removal by the City, without prior notice of such abatement, provided notice of such abatement shall be provided to the offending owner of record, renter or occupant of the adjacent lot, parcel or building as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

B. Exceptions. Authorized commercial loading zones and

community events approved through the appropriate City process and which utilize public streets, alleys, sidewalks, or other public ways are exempt from these provisions.

§ 284-17 Violations and penalties.

Violation of this article shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both, plus costs of prosecution in either case.

**Article III
Traffic Regulations**

§ 284-18 Minnesota Statutes adopted by reference.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the regulatory and procedural provisions of the Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 168 and 169 (commonly referred to as the "Highway Traffic Regulation Act") and Chapter 171 as amended are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference, including the penalty provisions hereof.

§ 284-19 Exhibition driving.

A. Prima facie evidence. It shall be prima facie evidence of exhibition driving when a motor vehicle stops, starts, accelerates, decelerates, or turns at an unnecessary rate of speed so as to cause the tires to squeal, or gears to grind, or sand, gravel or soil to be thrown or an engine to backfire or fishtailing or skidding, or as to two- three- or four-wheeled vehicles, the front tire(s) to lose contact with the ground or roadway surface.

B. Unlawful act. It shall be unlawful for any person to do any exhibition driving on any street, parking lot, or other public or private property, except when an emergency creates necessity for such operation to prevent injury to persons or damage to property; provided that this section does not apply to driving on a licensed racetrack with permission and under the auspices and direction of the licensee.

§ 284-20 Violations and penalties.

Violation of this article shall constitute a petty misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$300, plus the costs of prosecution.

Section 2 -Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of December 2020.

Mayor Jeff Johnson

Attest:

Katie Brooks
Human Resources/City Clerk

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PROBATE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ISANTI
DISTRICT COURT**

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 30-PR-20-64

In Re: Estate of

Wendy J. Balzer,

Decedent.

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND
INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Court Administrator, along with a Will dated October 19, 2007. The Court Administrator accepted the application and appointed David J. Balzer, whose address is 150 300th Trail NE, Isanti MN 55040, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

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

Dated: December 2, 2020
Peggy Zdon
Registrar
Mehan Bergman
Court Administrator
Isanti County District Court
555 18th Avenue SW
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ISANTI JUDICIAL DISTRICT: TENTH
Court File Number: 30-PR-20-58
Case Type: Informal Probate
Estate of: Thomas D. Hollingsworth, Decedent.
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent.
Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated November 12, 2019, has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.
Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Tommie L. Hollingsworth, whose address is 3848 Regent Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.
Any objections to the probate of the estate or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.
Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated December 2, 2020
Peggy Zdon
Registrar
Megan Bergman
Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Emilie Youngren
Kelsey Law Office
100 Buchanan Street N., Suite 1
Cambridge MN 55008
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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 2680 28th 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.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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REQUEST FOR BIDS
CITY OF ISANTI OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
The City of Isanti is seeking bids for the designation of official newspaper for year 2021. Submitted bids should include the costs of the publication of legal notices *by column inch, font size, and include costs for font size used for typical legal publications.* Circulation numbers within the City of Isanti must be included with your bid. The City Council will be considering bids at the January 5, 2021 City Council meeting. Bids must be received by noon on Monday, December 28, 2020 and sent as follows: Newspaper Bids, Attn. City Clerk, Isanti City Hall, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN 55040. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all the bids or offers.
Jaden Moore
City Clerk
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COUNTY BOARD

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Per Minnesota Statutes 375.12 Publication of Proceedings.
Meeting held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. – Government Center Boardroom & Via WebEx
A detail of the entire minutes are available for public inspection in the Isanti County Administrator's Office or by visiting our website at www.co.isanti.mn.us
Members Present: Chairperson Greg Anderson; Commissioners Susan Morris, Terry Turnquist, Dave Oslund, and Mike Warring
Members Absent: None
Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, C Caulk, P Messer, M Jensen, C Struss, K Lakeberg, T Marttila, T Bergloff (Reporter: J Kotila)
OOo Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
OOo Public Comment Session. There was no public comment.
20/11-14 Morris/Turnquist, to approve the November 18, 2020, County Board Agenda. Carried.
20/11-15 Oslund/Warring, to approve the November 4, 2020, County Board Meeting Minutes. Carried.
20/11-16 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the following Personnel Action Items (on file). Carried.
20/11-17 Morris/Turnquist, to approve the labor contract and memorandum of understandings with LELS #209. Carreid.
20/11-18 Warring/Oslund, to approve the 2020-2021 Isanti County Affirmative Action Plan. Carried.
20/11-19 Turnquist/Warring, to approve advertising for newspaper bids for the 2021 publishing services. Carried.
20/11-20 Oslund/Morris, to approve the following Utility Permit: Permit No. 20-11-46: East Central – underground power line on CR 32, to serve 80456 CR 32. Carried.
20/11-21 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the application to conduction off-site gambling to the Isanti County Sportsmens Club for a raffle at the Isanti County Fairgrounds, located in Isanti Township, Isanti County; further to waive any waiting period. Carried.
20/11-22 Morris/Warring, to award the following Small Business and Non-Profit COVID-19 Relief Grants using CARES funding (on file). Motion carried. Abstain: Turnquist.
20/11-23 Warring/Anderson, to approve the following claims and warrants:
ALCA Travel Ltd \$10,000.00
Anchor Full Service Travel \$10,000.00
Arc Retreat Community \$10,000.00
Braham Barber Stylist \$3,336.26
Braham Country Floral \$9,767.16
Bridal Emporium \$4,495.41
Cambridge Compet. Curling Club \$3,685.00

Cambridge Isanti Arena Corp \$6,883.00
Clear Lake Fitness II LLC \$10,000.00
Comprehensive Health Clinic \$10,000.00
Early Years Academy \$10,000.00
Family Pathways \$10,000.00
Game World \$10,000.00
GCT Trucking LLC \$10,000.00
Guetschoff Theatre Mgmt Corp \$10,000.00
Hockert Sales \$10,000.00
Isanti Co Ag Society \$10,000.00
Isanti Co Commssision on Aging \$3,887.54
Isanti Co. 4-H \$193.46
Isanti Co. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon \$10,000.00
Isanti Co. Historical Society \$10,000.00
Jacket Hoop Boosters \$5,329.57
Melissa Hutchens DDS PA \$10,000.00
New Pathways \$10,000.00
Newstar Car Wash DBA Star 95 \$10,000.00
Park Café \$10,000.00
PHASE Inc. \$10,000.00
Pregnancy Resource Cntr. \$8,863.75
Rum River BMX \$10,000.00
Rum River VFW Post 2735 \$9,479.05
Salon 311 Inc \$7,434.86
Siloa Evangelical Lutheran Church \$10,000.00
Summit Ventures DBA Perkins \$10,000.00
Trans Mississippi Bio. Supply \$10,000.00
Tusen Tack \$10,000.00
Zender Concrete \$10,000.00
Total Claims & Warrants \$313,355.06
Carried.
20/11-24 Morris/Turnquist, to set a Public Hearing for the Isanti County Sheriff's Department Use of a Drone Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 629.19 on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center at 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.
OOo Mark Jensen, Fiscal Supervisor, presented the agency's monthly financial report to the Board.
20/11-25 Turnquist/Warring, to ratify and approve the write off over \$5,000.00 for Vendor Number 14245 in the amount of \$37,795.89 - unable to collect as statute of limitations expired and no longer in business. Carried.
20/11-26 Warring/Oslund, to approve the contract with Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services (CMJTS) for employment services as required by the Minnesota Family Investment Services (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP). Carried.
20/11-27 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the contract with Country Services, Inc. for On-Call Emergency Social Services. Carried.

20/11-28 Morris/Turnquist, to approve the contract with the Department of Human Services for the Children's Mental Screening Grant. Carried.
OOo The Board was advised that the number of Income Maintenance cases as shown by the MAXIS system as of October 31, 2020, was 2,232.
20/11-29 Warring/Anderson: 1) Approval was given for all public assistance and social service actions, public assistance and social service expenditures, and social welfare expenditures as listed on the agenda of this meeting and as detailed in supporting documents maintained in the Family Services Department and 2) Payment of the following Family Services Department claims for Public Assistance, Administration, and Social Services was approved: Canvas Health \$40,137.37
Central MN Housing Partnership \$12,500.00
Dept of Human Services \$81,125.13
Isanti County Attorney \$23,154.30
Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer \$26,976.00
Isanti County Family Services \$5,558.34
Kanabec Co. Family Svcs Agency \$23,394.50
Kunze Construction \$21,923.13
Lighthouse Child and Family Svcs \$5,033.95
Auditors \$148,967.27
Moose Lake RTC \$5,203.91
Next Chapter Technology \$89,984.00
Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing \$6,061.20
Resources Training & Solutions \$15,287.96
Rise Incorporated \$39,940.25
Therapeutic Services Agency \$6,754.17
Village Ranch \$18,048.86
Total Family Services Vouchers \$570,050.34
Carried.
20/11-30 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the following resolution: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (on file). Carried.
20/11-31 Turnquist/Morris, to set a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the 2021 County Fee Schedule on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.
20/11-32 Turnquist/Morris, to approve the purchase of RSA Key Fobs for \$18,803.70 from CDWG. Carried.
OOo At this time a Public Hearing was held to amend the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance, Section 6, Agriculture/Residential District, Subdivision 2, Permitted Uses #19b. Julia Lines, County Administrator, read the following published Public Notice into the record: NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue Southwest, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008 to amend the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance, Section 6, Agriculture/Residential District, Subdivision 2, Permitted Uses #19b. A full copy of this proposed ordinance can be viewed on the county website @ http://www.co.isanti.mn.us and/or the County Auditor's Office. By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of October, 2020. Public comment was made and written comment was received.
20/11-33 Warring/Oslund, to close the Public Hearing (9:39 a.m.). Carried.
20/11-34 Morris/Turnquist, to approve the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 6, Agriculture/Residential District, Subdivision 2, Permitted Uses #19b. The ordinance as amended will read as follows: SECTION 6. A/R Agriculture/Residential District. Subdivision 2. Permitted Uses. 19. Single family homes in the Agriculture/Residential district are subject to the following regulations (on file). Carried.
20/11-35 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the following resolution: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT (on file). Carried.
20/11-36 Oslund/Warring, to approve the final plat of Dennis's Acres, Section 26, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township, with the following conditions (on file). Carried.
20/11-37 Turnquist/Anderson, to approve the final plat of Domino Ridge 2, Section 35, Range 36, Township 23, Cambridge Township. Carried.
PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS
20/11-38 Turnquist/Morris, to approve the request of Kerby Skurat, 37956 Variolite Street NW, Dalbo, MN 55017, to present a preliminary plat of Cove Chalet by Still Waters. Legal description is Lot 3 Block 1 North Stanchfield Lake Shores of Section 33, Township 37, Range 25, Dalbo Township. Carried.
20/11-39 Morris/Warring, to allow Chad Struss, Auditor-Treasurer to process and pay any CARES funding related claims. Carried.
20/11-40 Turnquist/Morris, to adjourn (10:12 a.m.). Carried.
Julia Lines, County Administrator
By: Halee Turner, Administrative Assistant II
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MAJOR RECIPIENTS OF ISANTI COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The following is a list of the recipients of Isanti County expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more during 2019. The list does not include salaries paid to county employees, payments to medical providers under the self-funded portion of the county's employee health insurance, or federal, state, or county human services aid paid to individuals.	Chisago County HHWF	10,524.00	Herman, Kathryn J.	8,700.00	Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative	141,789.79
A Place For You	Chisago County Treasurer	90,112.72	Herness Construction Co LLC	5,625.00	Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust	566,698.66
AAA Striping Service Corp.	Cintas Corp.	5,549.57	Hildi Inc.	6,800.00	Minnesota County Attorneys Association	7,607.20
Aadland, Steve	CircuitWorks	10,743.00	Hoisington Koegler Group Inc.	20,717.31	Minnesota Department of Corrections	68,899.31
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc.	CivicPlus	8,387.40	Holiday Stationstores LLC	68,613.47	Minnesota Department of Revenue	10,819.05
All City Elevator Inc.	Clay County IT Department	10,500.00	House, Nathan J. & Susan C.	13,850.00	Minnesota Department of Transportation	49,016.95
Allied Blacktop Corp.	Commercial Asphalt Co.	48,251.17	Huffcutt Concrete LLC	38,751.54	Minnesota Equipment	8,701.92
Allina	CBHH – Alexandria	8,712.00	Identisys	28,677.97	Minnesota Girls Academy	56,265.77
Amazon	Compass Minerals America Inc.	78,456.92	Information Systems Corp	56,011.00	Minnesota Monitoring Inc.	5,780.25
Anoka County Juvenile Center	Consolidated Telephone Company	38,500.00	Innovative Office Solutions LLC	43,056.86	Minnesota Office of IT Services	91,212.14
Anoka County Treasury Office	Cotech Engineered Solutions LLC	65,284.53	Isanti County Agricultural Society	5,000.00	Minnesota Paving & Materials	9,856.80
Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center	Country Services Inc.	23,989.45	Isanti County Commission On Aging	30,000.00	Minnesota Sex Offender Program	60,158.00
Arts & Science Academy	County Star	9,520.15	Isanti County Court Administrator	43,108.72	Minnesota Sheriffs' Association	12,072.10
Aspen Equipment Co.	Cragun's	6,192.37	Isanti County Historical Society	26,100.00	Minnesota State Auditor	47,151.70
Aspen Mills	Cremation Society of Minnesota	5,640.00	Isanti Soil & Water Conservation District	124,365.00	Minnesota Unemployment Insurance	10,370.90
Association of Minnesota Counties	D&G Electric Inc.	45,022.51	Isanti Township	50,467.23	Minuteman Press	6,252.27
Athens Township	Dalbo Township	19,021.28	Jeff's Outdoor Services	51,635.00	MJL Contracting Inc.	50,340.00
Aurora Plains Academy	DDA Human Resources Inc.	18,000.00	Johnson's Decorating Center Inc.	16,453.00	MN Paving & Materials	1,579,860.17
Autism Advocacy & Law Center	Deere Credit Inc.	5,872.82	Juettner Marketing	8,623.85	Morin, Jeremy C. & Michele L.	5,500.00
Axon Enterprise Inc.	Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota	174,229.90	Kanabec County Family Services Agency	240,011.98	Morris Electronics Inc.	87,861.57
Beaudry Oil & Propane	Department of Human Services	478,097.35	Kendle, Michael & Kelly	17,780.00	Motorola Inc.	99,270.00
Belson Outdoors LLC	Deputy Registrar #90	11,021.44	Knife River Corporation	2,023,309.21	Mystic Riders	53,088.97
Berts Auto Body	Design Electric Inc.	154,693.25	Kremer, Paul M. & Stacy K. Christian	13,600.00	NAC Mechanical	74,089.07
BI Inc a GEO Group Co.	Dirtworks Inc.	25,212.23	Kris Engineering Inc.	11,528.00	NAPA Central MN	30,796.34
Blaine Brothers Inc.	East Central Energy	248,047.95	Larson, Danny H.	14,034.43	Nelson, Michael R	12,000.00
Bloomquist Electric Inc.	East Central Regional Library	437,566.16	Larson's Auto Body Inc.	7,598.30	NeoGov	16,005.05
Bob Barker Company Inc.	Economic Development Services Inc.	32,651.85	Larson's Cycle Inc.	10,865.00	New Horizons Minnesota	11,607.20
Boettcher Excavating	EDI	11,697.20	Latcham-Lind Lumber Inc	30,000.00	Newman Traffic Signs	18,939.88
Bond Trust Services Corp.	Election Systems & Software Inc.	9,968.67	Law Enforcement Technology Group LLC	72,615.07	Next Chapter Technology Inc.	92,063.00
Boyer Trucks	Emergency Equipment Connections Inc.	70,850.50	Leaf's Towing & Recovery	5,245.00	Nexus-Kindred Family Healing	71,486.94
Bradford Township	Emergency Physicians PA	7,025.00	Lighthouse Child and Family Services	87,464.27	North Branch Township	31,124.26
Braun Intertec Corp.	Enterprise FM Trust	269,060.22	Lillie, Dean	13,890.00	North Central Bus Sales	79,872.00
Breezy Point Resort	Enterprise FM Trust - Car Sales	11,867.35	Linwood Group Meetings LLC	10,197.47	North Homes Children and Family Services	53,844.46
Brice Norton, Norton Law LLC	Environmental Systems Research Institute	13,182.00	Little Falls Machine Inc.	7,238.67	North Memorial Ambulatory Surgery	24,650.67
BroMax Contracting LLC	Envirotech Services Inc.	36,550.86	Loffler Companies Inc.	15,100.46	Northern Business Products	11,091.11
Cambridge Drift Dusters	Fairline	5,006.25	LSS of Minnesota Guardianship	20,607.60	Northland Fire Protection	8,807.45
Cambridge Medical Center	Fairview-University Medical Center	6,224.00	Madden Galanter Hansen LLP	20,068.99	Olson, Deanna Lee	8,344.69
Cambridge Township	Families in Transition Services Inc.	7,219.45	Maifinance	8,154.36	Omegon Inc.	14,516.80
Cambridge, City of	Family Alternatives	38,404.02	Maney International Inc.	12,120.08	On-Line Retrievers	5,433.00
Canvas Health	Family Pathways	29,588.00	Maple Ridge Township	18,274.00	Optumhealth Financial Services	104,720.00
Cargill Incorporated	Federated Co-Ops	154,612.37	Marco Technologies LLC	53,314.59	Oxford Township	17,542.12
Carlson, Lana S	First American Title Insurance Company	662,796.00	Marketing Ideas for Printers.com	6,737.20	Palme, Donald and Mary Jane	31,629.55
CDW Government Inc.	First Call for Help of Itasca County	26,460.00	Maury, Jeffrey M. & Toni L.	12,000.00	Phase Inc.	45,255.67
CEIA USA	Foundation Appraisals Inc.	7,760.00	McDonough, Mark	15,500.00	Phyxius	20,899.34
Centerpoint Energy	Galls LLC	5,115.42	McKinnis & Doom P.A.	43,499.96	Pine Technical College	295,437.37
Central Applicators Inc.	Gerard Academy	18,061.49	McMahon Counseling & Consultation Services	16,012.50	Plaisted Companies	26,600.95
Central Minnesota Housing Partnership	GM St Cloud	6,437.77	Medica	2,676,056.51	Port Group Homes	21,414.62
Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation	Government Management Group	5,200.00	Melissa L Hutchens DDS PA Corp.	5,389.00	Prairie Lakes Detention Center	67,103.63
Central Minnesota Mental Health	Grafix Shoppe Corp	6,445.28	Menards	21,109.50	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	31,113.62
Centurylink	Grainger	7,115.80	Metro Sales Inc.	98,548.25	Premier Biotech Inc.	6,979.78
Champ Software Inc.	Grandy Northern Lites	17,335.20	Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors Inc.	436,408.12	Public Employees Retirement Association	1,565,997.98
Children's Dental Services Inc.	Granite Electronics Inc.	19,420.45	MG Cabling LLC	17,950.00	Ramage, Barry & Judy	14,000.00
	Greater MSP	5,000.00	Michael Keller Psychological Service Associates		Ranger Chevrolet	27,162.60
	H & L Mesabi	14,866.60			Ratwik Roszak & Maloney PA Corp.	25,958.29
	Hall, Dennis	5,520.00			RDO Equipment Co.	10,102.00
	Hansen Surveying	73,511.40			Regents Of University Of Minnesota	84,870.03
	Hearth Connection	442,725.00				
	Hennepin County Accounts Receivable	19,013.66				

FROM PUBLIC NOTICES , PAGE 19		Spencer Brook Township	28,994.42	ThrivePass	23,490.00	WaterGuards LLC	38,793.75
Reliable Tree Service Inc.	5,000.00	Springvale Township	25,216.72	Tilleskjoir, Todd J. & Debbie L.	10,000.00	Watson Company	36,256.75
Reliance Telephone Inc.	12,763.00	Sprint	14,441.22	Towmaster	44,384.02	Wellness in the Woods Inc.	15,906.00
REM Minnesota Community Services Inc.	50,044.25	Stanchfield Township	24,395.36	Traffic Marking Service Inc.	130,041.82	West Safety Services Inc.	5,500.00
Resource Training & Solutions	86,503.25	Stanford Township	30,372.23	TriMin Systems Inc.	32,340.00	Willow Grove of North Branch LLP	6,617.00
Reverence For Life & Concern For People	6,793.50	Star Quality Glass Corp.	7,148.96	Twin Cities Orthopedics PA	6,319.00	Woodland Centers	10,800.00
Rippley Richard Real Estate Development	5,000.00	Stellar Services LLC	24,269.07	United States Department of Treasury	1,250,991.41	Woodland Hills	141,820.88
Rise Incorporated	409,497.84	Steps of Success Group Home - Andover	15,579.06	United States Postal Service	62,000.00	Wright Express Fleet Services	129,219.61
Rivard Stone	9,972.61	Steve's Tire Inc.	32,773.69	Upper Midwest American Indian Center	29,707.08	WSB & Associates Inc.	12,672.50
Royal Tire Inc.	12,097.42	Stillwell, Richard H. & Joan C.	10,000.00	Varidesk	5,418.00	Wyanett Township	27,370.53
RS Eden Corp.	32,953.63	Streicher's	14,842.46	Verizon	69,098.37	Ziegler Inc.	98,452.84
RTVision Inc.	7,665.00	Summit Food Service LLC	196,001.56	Village Ranch Inc.	87,992.16	Ziegler, Michael J. & Ladonna V.	48,300.00
Schneider Geospatial LLC	6,994.60	Sunshine Printing	7,835.65	Voight, Richard A. & Cecilia L.	12,400.00	Zoro	6,217.74
SeeCoast Manufacturing Company Inc.	8,788.33	Telin Transportation Group	79,494.00	Volunteers Of America	21,302.80	Zuercher Well Drilling Inc.	13,550.00
Shah Software Inc.	32,850.00	The Hartford	6,186.60	Wally Carlson & Sons Inc.	5,601.67	Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Dec. 10, 2020	
Shi International Corp	6,522.50	The Masters Touch LLC	23,880.64	Walmart	12,784.14		
SiSida Jr., Steven J.	9,950.00	The Schneider Corporation	15,150.00	Washington County Financial Services	16,367.87		
Siemens Industry Inc.	10,120.50	Therapeutic Services Agency Inc.	142,735.92	Waste Management	56,719.85		
		Thomson Reuters-West	45,785.45	WatchGuard	35,165.55		

ISANTI COUNTY 2019 SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ISANTI COUNTY

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Isanti County for interested citizens. These summary financial statements are being published annually as required by Minnesota Stat. 375.17. For more timely financial information or questions about this report please contact **Chad Struss, Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer at (763) 689-1644.**

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CO.ISANTI.MN.US.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Position	Name	Phone
Commissioners		
1 st District	Dave Oslund	(612) 282-6222
2 nd District	Terry Turnquist	(320) 396-4134
3 rd District	Greg Anderson	(763) 444-4497
4 th District	Mike Warring	(763) 444-4261
5 th District	Susan Morris	(763) 689-8199
Officers		
Elected		
Attorney	Jeffrey R. Edblad	(763) 689-2253
Auditor-Treasurer	Chad Struss	(763) 689-1644
Recorder	Karen Long	(763) 689-1191
Sheriff	Chris Caulk	(763) 689-2141
Appointed		
Administrator	Vacant	(763) 689-3859

A User's Guide to County Financial Statements

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Isanti County's basic financial statement consists of three parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis and certain budgetary comparison schedules are required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, are included as required supplementary information in the full and complete set of Isanti County's financial statements.

A PROFILE OF ISANTI COUNTY

Key Indicator	Total 2019	Total 2018	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Estimated Population	40,566	39,932	1.59%
Total Tax Capacity	\$33,730,260	\$31,813,667	6.02%
Percent of Property Taxes Collected	98.73%	98.78%	(0.05)%
Total General Revenues	\$26,362,299	\$24,122,214	9.29%
Total Program Revenues	\$23,208,053	\$22,691,758	2.28%
Total Expenses	\$42,883,426	\$42,764,074	0.28%
Capital Assets	\$97,626,403	\$94,231,606	3.60%
Total Long Term Liabilities for General Obligation Bonds and Notes	\$9,139,417	\$10,186,786	(10.28)%
Total Long Term Liabilities for Compensated Absences	\$1,166,508	\$1,146,664	1.73%
Bond Rating on Most Recent General Obligation Bond Issue	Aa3	Aa3	
Total Government-Wide Net Position	\$83,684,668	\$76,997,742	8.68%
Total Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees	308.75	306.65	.68%

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Government-wide financial statements display information about the county's financial reporting entity as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements should present separate information for the governmental activities of the county (primary government) as well as its component units.

Fund financial statements display separate financial information for the county's governmental and fiduciary funds. Information for governmental funds is presented separately for major funds. Fiduciary fund information is presented in aggregate by fund type.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional detail and disclosure for information in the financial statements. These notes may be found in the full and complete set of Isanti County's financial statements available upon request.

Governmental activities are generally activities of the county financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. These activities are usually reported in governmental funds.

Financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (county), other organizations for which the county is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The primary government, the county, is the nucleus of the county's financial reporting entity.

Primary government is a term used in connection with defining the financial reporting entity. The primary government is the focus of the financial reporting entity. For the county, the primary government represents the financial activities, funds, or accounts directly under the control of the county board.

Component unit describes a legally separate organization for which the county board is financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Isanti County classifies the Isanti County Economic Development Authority (EDA) as a component unit, but the EDA has not conducted any financial operations and, therefore, is not included in the county's financial statements.

County Governmental Fund Types

The **General Fund** is the general operating fund of the county. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specified purposes. The county reports two special revenue funds: the Road and Bridge Fund and the Human Services Fund.

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal, interest, and related costs of general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to the used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

County Fiduciary Funds

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the county as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, or other county funds (such as taxes collected and held by the county for a school district).

Character Classification of County Expenditures

The county's governmental expenditures are classified by character or the periods expenditures are presumed to benefit. The county has the following character classifications:

Current operating expenditures are presumed to benefit the current fiscal period.

Debt service is presumed to benefit prior fiscal periods as well as current and future periods and includes amunt expended for the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with debt.

Capital outlays are presumed to benefit current and future fiscal periods and include amounts expended for the construction or acquisition of county capital assets.

Intergovernmental expenditures represent resources transferred by the county to other governments.

Classification of County Functions

Functions are a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the county is responsible. The county has the following function classifications:

The **General Government** function includes expenditures for general county activities such as the county commissioners, county administration, county attorney's office, county auditor-treasurer's office, county assessor's office, court administration, the planning and zoning office, and other county general service offices.

Public Safety relates to the objective of protection of persons and property and includes expenditures for corrections activities, operations of the sheriff's department, the county jail, and emergency services.

Highways and Streets includes expenditures relating to the construction and maintenance of county highways and streets.

Human Services represents activities designed to provide public assistance and institutional care for individuals unable to provide for their own essential needs. These programs include child support collection, child welfare, chemical dependency, medical assistance, and others.

Health involves all activities involved in the conservation and improvement of public health. This function includes expenditures for the county public health department, nursing services, maternal and child health, supplemental nutrition programs, and programs to protect public and private water systems.

Culture and Recreation involves cultural and recreational activities maintained for the benefit of county residents and visitors. These activities include county libraries, parks, and other recreation programs.

Conservation of Natural Resources involves activities designed to conserve and develop such natural resources as water, soil, and forests and includes such programs as soil and water conservation and county extension.

Economic Development activities are directed toward economically developing the county and providing assistance to (and opportunity for) economically disadvantaged persons or businesses.

Transit activities include public transit programs conducted by the Chisago-Isanti Heartland Express.

A Summary Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds December 31, 2019

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Human Services Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	
Assets						
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 6,081,989	\$ 4,135,667	\$ 3,463,448	\$ 1,494,975	\$ 490,321	\$ 15,666,400
Petty cash and change funds	4,010	-	-	-	-	4,010
Departmental cash	33,810	-	-	-	-	33,810
Receivables						
Taxes	329,095	46,225	101,435	26,634	-	503,389
Special assessments	85,586	-	-	-	-	85,586
Accounts	392,894	-	1,057,970	-	-	1,450,864
Leases	83,882	-	-	-	-	83,882
Loans	164,031	-	-	-	-	164,031
Interest	8,239	-	-	-	-	8,239
Due from other funds	56,187	15,964	22,053	5,676	-	99,880
Due from other governments	1,194,392	1,642,158	1,737,563	-	-	4,574,113
Inventories	-	492,455	-	-	-	492,455
Prepaid items	490,022	26,915	79,460	-	-	596,397
Total Assets	\$ 8,924,137	\$ 6,359,384	\$ 6,461,929	\$ 1,527,285	\$ 490,321	\$ 23,763,056
Liabilities						
Payables						
Accounts	\$ 370,364	\$ 334,499	\$ 277,778	\$ -	\$ 96	\$ 982,737
Salaries	410,383	47,491	180,207	-	-	638,081
Contracts	-	214,687	-	-	117,048	331,735
Due to other funds	43,693	4,168	52,019	-	-	99,880
Due to other governments	246,174	97,757	396,811	-	-	740,742
Deposits held for others	-	3,780	-	-	-	3,780
Unearned revenue	88,085	710,059	-	-	-	798,144
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,158,699	\$ 1,412,441	\$ 906,815	\$ -	\$ 117,144	\$ 3,595,099
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Unavailable revenue	\$ 1,603,335	\$ 1,400,465	\$ 1,133,782	\$ 19,861	\$ -	\$ 4,157,443
Prepaid property taxes	9,789	1,233	2,901	741	-	14,664
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,613,124	\$ 1,401,698	\$ 1,136,683	\$ 20,602	\$ -	4,172,107
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable	\$ 490,022	\$ 519,370	\$ 79,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,088,852
Restricted	1,607,592	1,748,045	7,477	1,506,683	373,177	5,242,974
Committed	589,895	-	2,076	-	-	591,971
Assigned	503,833	1,277,830	4,329,418	-	-	6,111,081
Unassigned	2,960,972	-	-	-	-	2,960,972
Total Fund Balances	\$ 6,152,314	\$ 3,545,245	\$ 4,418,431	\$ 1,506,683	\$ 373,177	\$ 15,995,850
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 8,924,137	\$ 6,359,384	\$ 6,461,929	\$ 1,527,285	\$ 490,321	\$ 23,763,056

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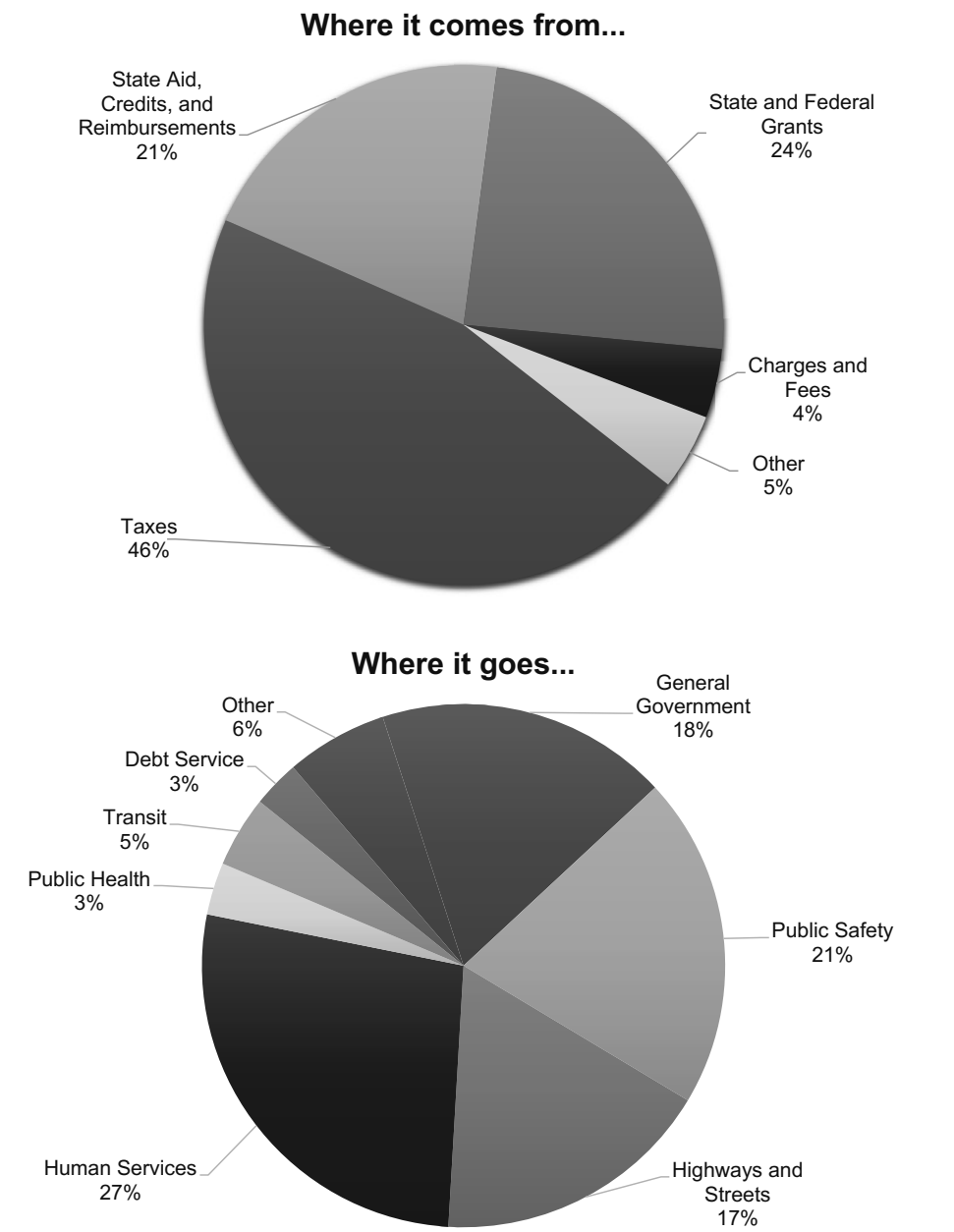
Summary of Isanti County's Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2019			
	Expenses	Program Revenues	Net
Functions/programs			
Primary government			
Governmental activities			
General government	\$ 9,024,832	\$ 2,240,611	\$ (6,784,221)
Public safety	10,260,578	1,620,931	(8,639,647)
Highways and streets	5,399,146	5,495,575	96,429
Human services	12,793,047	9,604,858	(3,188,189)
Health	1,560,447	828,177	(732,270)
Culture and recreation	903,743	793,550	(110,193)
Conservation of natural resources	366,828	197,688	(169,140)
Economic development	79,495	-	(79,495)
Transit	2,277,239	2,426,663	149,424
Debt service	218,071	-	(218,071)
Total primary government	\$ 42,883,426	\$ 23,208,053	\$ (19,675,373)
General revenues			
Property taxes			\$ 21,716,707
Other taxes			1,363,330
Other general revenues			3,282,262
Total general revenues			26,362,299
Net change in net position			\$ 6,686,926

Summary of Isanti County’s Statement of Net Position December 31, 2019		Primary Government
		Governmental Activities
Assets		
Cash and investments	\$	15,704,220
Current receivables		6,689,739
Other current assets		1,088,852
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		
Land		7,773,252
Construction in progress		315,926
Infrastructure		70,628,901
Buildings and improvements		12,813,917
Equipment		6,094,407
Other assets		180,365
Total Assets	\$	121,289,579
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred pension outflows	\$	3,242,624
Deferred other postemployment benefits outflows		401,369
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	3,643,993
Liabilities		
Payables	\$	2,758,115
Other current liabilities		3,780
Unearned revenue		798,144
Long term liabilities		
Due within one year		2,259,683
Due in more than one year		8,325,311
Net pension liability		13,776,869
Other postemployment benefits liability		7,123,929
Total Liabilities	\$	35,045,831
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Prepaid property taxes	\$	14,664
Deferred pension inflows		5,874,603
Deferred other postemployment benefits inflows		313,806
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	6,203,073
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	\$	89,120,721
Restricted		4,804,349
Unrestricted		(10,240,402)
Total Net Position	\$	83,684,668

A Summary of Fiduciary Funds Net Assets As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2019		Agency
Assets	\$	1,105,148
Liabilities	\$	1,105,148

A Summary of Governmental Funds Revenues and Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31, 2019						
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Major Funds Human Services Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Taxes	\$ 14,374,813	\$ 3,185,355	\$ 4,256,483	\$ 1,279,972	\$ -	\$ 23,096,623
Special Assessments	8,237	-	-	-	-	8,237
Licenses and permits	621,235	-	-	-	-	621,235
Intergovernmental	7,289,768	6,692,419	8,518,838	21,103	-	22,522,128
Charges for services	1,543,640	118,195	499,385	-	-	2,161,220
Fines and forfeits	45,792	-	-	-	-	45,792
Gifts and contributions	158,886	-	6,000	-	-	164,886
Investment earnings	276,105	-	-	-	-	276,105
Miscellaneous	724,338	5,483	540,182	-	-	1,270,003
Total Revenues	\$ 25,042,814	\$ 10,001,452	\$ 13,820,888	\$ 1,301,075	\$ -	\$ 50,166,229
Expenditures						
Current						
General government	\$ 8,601,891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,601,891
Public safety	9,767,206	-	-	-	-	9,767,206
Highways and streets	-	8,242,419	-	-	-	8,242,419
Human services	-	-	12,952,990	-	-	12,952,990
Health	1,538,937	-	-	-	-	1,538,937
Culture and recreation	1,177,946	-	-	-	-	1,177,946
Conservation	365,722	-	-	-	-	365,722
Economic development	79,495	-	-	-	-	79,495
Transit	2,097,630	-	-	-	-	2,097,630
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	596,539	596,539
Intergovernmental	426,627	350,662	-	-	-	777,289
Debt service						
Principal retirement	91,236	14,230	7,045	1,015,000	-	1,127,511
Interest	32,568	3,302	2,225	216,650	-	254,745
Administrative (fiscal) charges				2,140		2,140
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,179,258	\$ 8,610,613	\$ 12,962,260	\$ 1,233,790	\$ 596,539	\$ 47,582,460
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 863,556	\$ 1,390,839	\$ 858,628	\$ 67,285	\$ (596,539)	\$ 2,583,769
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Capital leases	\$ 105,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,025
Transfers in	134,556	-	-	-	-	134,556
Transfers out	-	-	-	(134,556)	-	(134,556)
Insurance proceeds	26,706			-	-	26,706
Sale of capital assets	35,945	14,150	-	-	-	50,095
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 302,232	\$ 14,150	\$ -	\$ (134,556)	\$ -	\$ 181,826
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 1,165,788	\$ 1,404,989	\$ 858,628	\$ (67,271)	\$ (596,539)	\$ 2,765,595

Isanti County’s 2019 Governmental Funds’ Finances



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