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Isanti County Fair wraps up busy event month

STAFF REPORT
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This year, the Isanti County Fair will be running the “anchor leg” of a month-long summertime event “relay.” Taking place Wednesday through Sunday, July 16 - 20, the fair is loaded with appealing features for all ages.

Gates officially open at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16. The day is designated as “Veterans Day,” the kickoff features the official raising of the flag ceremony at 6 p.m. The live music on the opening day is by Kenny Krona & Rick Stener, who will be performing at 6 p.m. The grandstand entertainment will be motocross at 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 17 is designated as Seniors Day, with a special program running from 1 to 4 p.m. The live music will be from The Varsity Rejects, who will be performing starting at 8 p.m. The grandstand entertainment is the popular “Night of Destruction.”

Friday is Kids Day, with special features for the youngsters from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. during that time, there will be games, a drawing for a new bike,



Both Captain Jack Sparrow and Roarie the baby dinosaur will be making intermittent appearances throughout all five days of the Isanti County Fair.

Balloon Art, the Kindsci Pedal Pull, plus more including free ice cream. A new addition to the events is the Isanti County Historical Society’s annual

Heritage Day, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The live music Friday night will be from the band Ragtown at 8 p.m. The grandstand entertain-

ment will be a tractor, diesel, pickup, and semi pull. Saturday is 4-H Day. There will also be several contests throughout the day including

the Blue Ribbon Beard Contest, a Lego building contest, hot dish contest, and dessert bar contest. A new addition to Saturday’s lineup is professional wrestling matches at the grandstand at noon. The live music at 8 p.m. will be from the Red Letter Band. The main grandstand entertainment will be “Night of Chaos”

The fair wraps up on Sunday, with the traditional church service, car show, and free corn feed.

Carnival rides will be running throughout the entire duration of the fair. On Wednesday, all rides are \$2. Friday and Sunday feature unlimited ride wristbands for \$25.

Other attractions throughout all five days include “Grand Illusions by the Blooms,” a family of master magicians and illusionists; “Captain Jack Sparrow,” and “Roarie,” the baby dinosaur from The Dinosaur Xperience.

Admission is \$5 for 8 years-old and up. Kids under 7 years-old are free. Grandstand admission is \$10 for 8 years-old and up. Kids under 7 years-old are free.

Cambridge to use recruitment program for hiring officer

BY BILL STICKELS III
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As the recruitment of qualified police officer candidates continues to be increasingly difficult, the Cambridge Police Department is turning to a state initiative that supports non-traditional pathways into law enforcement.

According to Cambridge Police Chief Shawn Machin, the Minnesota Innovative Community Policing Officer Education and Training Program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety’s Office of

Justice Programs. It allows law enforcement agencies to hire individuals who are not yet Peace Officer Standards and Training licensed but meet eligibility criteria. Agencies sponsor an individual through training and certification, with state grant funding covering most of the associated costs.

According to Machin, the program includes 20 to 22 weeks of accelerated academic and skills-based peace officer training, training at Alexandria Technical & Community College or

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Additional work to be done on County Road 5

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Taking advantage of the lower-than-estimated bids for the County Road 5/East Dual Blvd roundabout project, Isanti County is now planning on doing more extensive reconstruction between Highway 65 and the railroad tracks.

According to Isanti County Highway Engineer Justin Bergerson, part of the original discussions for the project included resurfacing that stretch of County Road 5. However, in the interest of minimizing costs, it was taken out of the final project plans. After discovering the project would leave roughly \$400,000 in local road improvement project grant money unused, Bergerson and Isanti City Engineer Jason Cook got together to figure out how they could use that leftover money.

Bergerson said they put in a change order with the winning bidder for the roundabout project, asking how much adding in the resurfacing would cost. He said they came back with an amount of \$496,859.

‘The base bid, plus this change order would put us right back at where we were with the engineer’s estimate of the project.’

Justin Bergerson
Isanti County Highway Engineer

“The base bid, plus this change order would put us right back at where we were with the engineer’s estimate of the project,” Bergerson said.

Bergerson also said the amount of money the county would have to pay “out-of-pocket” for the project, including the additional work, would be approximately \$450,000, which is the maximum amount the commissioners had dedicated from ARPA savings for the project.

“From a financial standpoint, there is no change for the county,” Bergerson said. “(And) we would be getting the full scope of what we wanted to get a better end product.”

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Podcast series featuring Pine County cult leader debuts

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Many Minnesotans remember learning of River Road Fellowship cult leader Victor Barnard and the abuses that occurred in rural Finlayson through the testimonies of his victims during his 2018 trial. Now, this story will be told for the world to hear through a new podcast series.

The 10-part weekly podcast will be featuring Barnard’s case, prosecution, subsequent fleeing, capture and finally imprisonment of Barnard.

The podcast is titled “The Turning - River Road” and produced by Rococo Punch. It can be found on iHeart True Crime +, Apple podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your

podcasts.

Bernard’s story will be featured in season three of the award-winning podcast. It features testimonial from Lindsay Tornambe, a key witness in the trial, and Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

When Tornambe was 13 years old, she was chosen by the leader of her family’s commune for a “special role.” She became one of the youngest maidens of the River Road Fellowship. At the time, she didn’t know what that really meant for her. After a ritualistic ceremony that married her and other girls in the group to their adult leader, she endured more than a decade of mental and physical abuse hidden from outsiders.

When Tornambe and a

friend decided to escape, they became the whistle-blowers that prompted an international manhunt in 2014 that would bring the entire cult crumbling to the ground and an eventual capture of Barnard overseas.

However, when Barnard pled guilty to sexual assault in 2016, Tornambe and her fellow maidens’ stories were not heard by the public. Nearly a decade later, Tornambe — now herself a mother — will tell the story on her own terms through the podcast series.

Elin Lantz Lesser, host and producer at Rococo Punch, took an interest in this case because as a team they have been creating audio documentaries on communities with dangerous power dynamics or where some kind of lofty goal was pushed on a group of people in unusual extremes. The two previous seasons had been on similar topics.

“When we stumbled across this story in the media and realized something like this happened so close to where we lived and where we grew up as sisters in Minnesota, we felt like we had to explore it further,” said Lantz Lesser. “Once we started talking to Lindsay and heard her mind-blowing story, we decided to do an entire season on River Road and Lindsay’s experience. Once we went deeper, we uncovered so many interesting layers.”

Lantz Lesser added they’ve observed the dynamics of personal relationships mixed with community hierarchies leading to some shocking results.



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Lindsay Tornambe as a youth with Barnard.

“We explore questions of who was to blame,” she said. “Lindsay’s story in particular was fascinating because she was one of the two people to spark an international manhunt and take the whole thing down. We feel this is an important story that is worth telling, and we’re hoping people will listen.”

Senior producer Erika Lantz feels it’s important to examine how leaders can use religion and people’s belief systems to get them to do more and more extreme things and convince them of almost anything and how a community can revere and harbor that leader/abuser.

“I hope people who hear the podcast can reflect not only what happened in this cult, but also on their own lives or the communities they’re a part

of, and think about how they can keep an eye out for abusive situations and provide support and compassion to victims who need it,” said Lantz.

Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson, who was the prosecutor in the Barnard case, said he is looking forward to the series himself.

“I believe Lindsay’s story is important to hear,” he said. “This podcast will shine a new and thought-provoking light on that story. Elin and Erika are two of the most impressive people I’ve met in media, so I have no doubt that this will be an amazing series.”

The trailer for the podcast can be found at <https://rococopunch.com/>. The first two episodes came out July 8.



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Minnesota DNR invites people to share pheasant, turkey observations

BY NATE HUCK
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Minnesotans are encouraged to report observations of ring-necked pheasants and wild turkeys in a citizen science effort by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

People can report any pheasant and turkeys they see in the wild now

through Sunday, Aug. 31. Information from the reports will help the DNR monitor pheasant and turkey population trends, evaluate conservation efforts and make decisions about harvest regulations.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, people can enter information on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildlife/sightings/brood-survey.html).

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Comprehensive PLAN REVIEW

Open House

Tuesday, July 15 • 6:30pm

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Residents and property owners of North Branch are invited to participate in the City of North Branch Comprehensive Plan review process, at an open house on

July 15, 6:30pm, at FTLA conference room at NB Middle School.

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Parkinson's

SUPPORT GROUP

July 17

Thursday, July 17, 3–4 pm

Welia Health
Conference Rooms
301 S Hwy 65
Mora, MN 55051

Visit WeliaHealth.org/SupportGroups or scan the QR code for details on upcoming Parkinson's Support Group dates, as well as all Welia Health Support Groups.

Everyone is welcome to these **FREE** sessions.

Questions? Call Rehabilitation Services at 320.225.3646.

MON, WED & FRI

Exercise with Connie

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

MON & WED

500 Cards

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

MON & THUR

Alcoholics Anonymous

7p.m. Main Street Church 6500 Main Street, North Branch, MN. Enter east door. Informational Hotline is 763-312-1088

MON - FRI

Senior Dining

North Branch, Chisago County Senior Center 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance call 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An annual registration form is required before dining.

MONDAYS

Bridge

1 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Scrabble (2nd Monday)

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

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

Mahjong

Noon to 3 p.m. at Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

Family Groups meets Monday's 7 - 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org

Book Club

Third Monday 11 a.m. to noon at Isanti SAC, 140 Buchanan St., N. #164 Cambridge. Isanti County Library lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For info: sacs@midconet-work.com

TUES & THURS

Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For info. call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

Alzheimer's Support



FACEBOOK

On July 17, Austin Healy Band performs as part of the Discover Downtown Concert Series.

Third Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info call Lyndsey Larson 763-691-6172.

Memory Cafe

First Tuesday of every month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at GracePointe Crossing Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. Contact Julie at 763-306-5066 for info.

Music

Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave. Music provided before the meal 11:15 a.m.

Dominos

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10 a.m.

Dominoes

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage

9 to 11 a.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Wizard

11 a.m. to noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Pinochle

12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Mahjong

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Alanon

7 p.m. at the Isanti Alano Club, 790

Heritage Blvd. Isanti. 763-444-4605

Chisago County Drop-In Center

Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmentalhealth.org.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For info. call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for info.

Parkinson's Support Group

Third Thursday of the month – 1-2:30 p.m. The Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for info call 763-325-0100

Bingo

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10a.m.

Hand and Foot

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

500

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

Bunco

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For info. call 612-251-6556 or email acanorthbranch@gmail.com

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

From 7-8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street, North Branch. Visit minnesota-al-anon.org for info.

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

Third Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Get your questions answered by trained agents. (763) 689-7390 or ecrlib.org for info.

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

JULY 12

Car Wash Fundraiser

The Cambridge-Isanti High School Gymnastics Team will be holding car wash a to raise funds for our upcoming season. The car wash will be held from 9 a.m. – noon in the parking lot of Security Bank and Trust (off Hwy 95 behind Culvers). Donations are appreciated.

Pie & Ice Cream Social

The annual Pie Social will continue at Faith Lutheran Church, 109 2nd Ave. N, Isanti, on Saturday, from 11 am - 3 p.m.

Bike Rodeo

9-11 a.m. at Cambridge-Isanti High School west parking lot 430 8th Ave NW, Cambridge. For First through 5th graders. Participants receive a free helmet and t-shirt while supplies last. Bring your own bike.

JULY 15

Kid's Book Club

Kids 8-12 years old are invited 1 p.m. at Dana's Bookstore, 120 Heritage Blvd NE, #3, Isanti for book club at Dana's Bookstore! We will be discussing Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. Kids should read the book before we meet and be ready to chat about it.

JULY 17

Austin Healy

Discover Downtown Concert Series. 5:30 p.m. food trucks, booths and activities. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. band please at the intersection of 2nd Ave S and Main Street Downtown Cambridge. Bad weather backup location is Cambridge City Center Mall. Limited seating bring a camp chair.

Romantasy Book Club

5:30pm at Dana's Bookstore, 120 Heritage Blvd NE, #3, Isanti. We'll be discussing Quicksilver by Callie Hart.

Heritage Day at the Isanti County Historical Society - during the Isanti County Fair

While you're visiting the Isanti County Fair, join us at the Isanti County Historical Society for Heritage Day on Friday, July 18 at 10 a.m. We will be celebrating our heritage with storytime at the cabin, games, and activities that have been enjoyed by residents through the years. There will

be music at the cabin, a Native Drum and Dance presentation, and demonstrations on how to loom and use a spinning wheel.

All ages event. No registration required, but you will need to pay admission into the fair.

Special Musical Guests, Fendrick and Peck will be

performing on the porch of the 1870's cabin at 11 a.m. Fendrick & Peck (Madeline Fendrick and Brian Peck) have put together what can only be described as a variety show of songs, poems, and stories. Their music is all harmony... exquisite lyrics and composition with a certain unbridled

delight and beauty that sets them apart. Frequent instrument swapping, quirky tales of their exploits, and sudden dives into deep heart stuff will leave you bubbling at the end of a concert.

Native Hoop Dance will be presented by Mattias BigBear, accompanied on Hand Drum

by his Grandfather, Joe Big-Bear at 1 p.m.

Dressing up in period-appropriate costume is encouraged, but not required.

Isanti County Historical Society - located on the north west end of the Isanti County Fairgrounds - East Central Regional Library

Referendum's price tag is large, but justified

Regular readers of this column won't be surprised to find out I am in favor of a "yes" vote for the upcoming Cambridge-Isanti Schools referendum questions. Multiple times in this space, I have bemoaned the need for updated facilities, particularly at the high school. Specifically, I've brought up the poor conditions of the football/soccer field, the high school gymnasiums — especially in terms of the space for gymnastics, plus other issues.

I will openly admit when I first saw the extensive list of projects proposed and the corresponding nearly \$123.6 million price tag, I experienced more than a little sticker shock.

But then I started looking at each school buildings' itemized lists. A vast majority of what is being recommended in question #1 is not only needs but long-overdue needs. I attended kindergarten at Cambridge Elementary (now Primary) School 50 years ago. In the Cambridge Primary, Intermediate, and High Schools, there is much that has gone unchanged in those 50 years. And while I don't have as extensive of a history with Isanti Primary and Middle Schools, I've been told the story is the same there.

For question #1, there really isn't one single large project that accounts for a significant percentage of the \$87 million price tag. The most expensive project is an addition to the Isanti Primary School that would include a new cafeteria, kitchen, main entrance, etc. at a cost of \$7.4 million. And while there are a few other projects over \$1 million, I would give a rough estimate at least 70% of the projects coming in under \$1 million.

Comparing this referendum to North Branch's 2017 referendum that was approved, C-I's question #1 is only about \$10 million more than North Branch's total referendum cost. This fact is more impressive considering North Branch has only four buildings, compared to Cambridge-Isanti's 11, all of which have at least a couple of projects tied to them.

To me, that says there is very little "fat" that could be trimmed should question #1 fail in November, forcing the district to attempt a second referendum vote sometime in the future.

In terms of question #2, I will be very honest. If the fieldhouse/community fitness center were the only project, I would probably stay neutral on it. There is no doubt there has been a vocal section of the community who have been advocating for this very thing for the past 10 to 15 years. This is their opportunity to prove their position is in line with the majority of the community.

However, question #2 also includes a new practice and competition space for the gymnastics program. It is no secret I have close ties to the gymnastics program. However, I think even an outsider can see how unsafe the program's space is for both practices and meets. That in itself moves my needle to endorsing a yes vote on question #2 as well.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOP has shown what they really care about

To the editor,

Today (July 3) Congress passed President Trump's spending/tax bill. From what I read during the weeks prior to the House's July 3 vote, several Republicans had difficulty making the decision to either side with Trump or vote NO to the atrocities contained within its language.

It's bad enough that some 18 million Americans will now lose Medicaid health insurance, millions more will be cut from SNAP benefits, hospitals and clinics will close, and the ailing elderly in senior facilities will be sent back home because of inadequate funding.

What's almost as bad is that GOP members of Congress ignored the 60% of citizens who did not approve of this bill. Each one is, after all, the representative of hundreds of thousands of American citizens who now must suffer this bill's insensibilities. They lacked courage and ignored their responsibility.

Congressional Republicans chose to gut social programs and cut food assistance to children, the disabled, and the elderly. They chose to raise the debt ceiling by another \$4 trillion. The party of "no more wars" chose to increase military spending and ICE operations which have been responsible for the deportation of people who have worked in this country — some for decades — and paid

income and social security taxes all along. They chose to thwart efforts to rein in climate change by removing support for green energy sources (which hold energy prices down) and continuing to throw money at the oil and gas industry.

Simply put, they did this so that millionaires and billionaires can get massive tax cuts.

Those people who think the United States is a Christian nation must now take a close look at this choice. Those who think the GOP is a party of family values and fiscal conservatism must now realize that is not the case.

This is a sad time for seniors and all who have worked to support them. This is a sad time for the disabled, for veterans, for children and all those who care for them.

The GOP has shown us what they truly care about. Unfortunately, it is not the lower- and middle-income American citizens. It is not the needy. It is not families.

Loren Brabec
Braham

Political view points

To the editor,

I too agree with Bill Stickels' column on name calling from both sides. I have always and will continue to provide the true clear differences between Democrat policies vs. Republican policies. Locally I have two Democratic supporters that were friends of mine. I worked with both of these two for years.

One would start lecturing me in public restaurants with his friends and large shopping centers in Cambridge. I tried to ignore him and change the subject, did not work. I finally had enough of his hatred and put him in his place. The other one would just grumble when I tried to talk with him and walk away from me over my political views, then print lies on Facebook. These two chose politics over friendship in which I would never do. I will easily write both of them off. Personally, I have had several conversations with Democrat supporters and have great conversations/relationships with them without discussing politics or using hatred towards one and other.

Now for my political view points: Average social security recipient receives \$1,223 per month after working 50 years. Illegals receive \$3,874 per month plus housing full medical after illegally breaking into our country. Illegal means prohibited by law; against the law; illicit, not authorized or sanctioned, as by rules. Fraudulent means; In a way that intends to deceive by doing something dishonest and illegal. Synonyms: crooked, deceitful, dishonest, false, double dealing. I certainly hope this helps anyone understand our issues with violent illegals. Chris Wray, former FBI agent even admitted we have red lights flashing all over the USA from illegal nationalists that want to

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Investing in the future together

There is something truly special about a community that comes together to envision its future. In Cambridge-Isanti, we are doing just that with hope, pride, and purpose as we prepare for an upcoming bond referendum that has the power to transform our school facilities for generations to come.



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Throughout the past year, a 60-member Facility Task Force, made up of parents, students, educators, business owners, city and county leaders, and community members, worked together to study the condition and capacity of our current facilities. They examined needs, reviewed data, toured buildings, asked hard questions, and thoughtfully weighed options. They engaged in a collaborative process rooted in transparency and shared responsibility. Their work was guided by our mission, to educate, empower, and inspire every student, every day, in partnership with our community.

Thanks to their dedication, our School Board has unanimously approved a comprehensive facility plan and placed a bond referendum question on the November 4 ballot. This proposal is aligned to our district's Strategic Plan and addresses five key areas studied by the Community Task Force: deferred maintenance, safety and security, capacity for growth in early learning and elementary spaces, modernization of learning environments across the district, and enhancing athletic, recreation, and activities spaces. These improvements aren't just for today, they are designed to support current and future Bluejackets and will benefit the entire community for decades to come.

This is a moment of possibility. In this moment, we can ensure our spaces are safe and equipped to meet the needs of 21st-century learning. We can expand access to recreation and activities, benefiting students, families, and community members of all ages. And we can do all of this with a minimal tax impact to the community by replacing retiring debt with this new investment.

There is great excitement ahead and great pride in knowing that we, together, are taking bold steps to ensure our schools reflect the strength, values, and vision of our community. As we look toward November, we'll continue sharing information, listening to questions, and engaging in many conversations.

We encourage everyone to visit our website to review the facts, explore the full scope of the plan, and reach out with any questions. It's important to be informed about this decision, one that will impact the future of our students, schools, and community for decades to come.

It's a great day to be a Bluejacket!
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NEWSPAPER

The joy and purpose of Summer School

Summer learning is well underway along Viking Way, bringing a strong sense of focus and momentum throughout North Branch Area Public Schools.



NB School
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Sara
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Summer school is a clear reflection of our district's priorities: helping every student stay on track, build confidence, and continue progressing toward their goals. Over 130 K-8 students are engaged in learning experiences that are both supportive and inspiring. Summer school provides an extended

opportunity to reinforce key academic concepts, explore new strategies, and build confidence to carry into the next school year. NBAPS also hosts Project SEEK, an accelerated summer program for students in grades 1-7. Activity-oriented classes offer in-depth explorations in a number of interdisciplinary areas. Across NBAPS, teachers are creating warm, responsive classrooms where students feel seen, encouraged, and empowered to succeed. Each moment of growth builds momentum, and the progress being made this summer will catapult continued success.

At the high school level, close to 100 students are working hard to finish courses and recover credits. The atmosphere is one of focus and determination, with staff providing guidance, mo-

tivation, and the personalized support students need to reach their goals. We are especially proud of our Viking students who are seizing this opportunity to graduate. Their perseverance speaks volumes about their character and their future, and it reminds us why flexible, responsive programming matters.

Summer programming reflects our commitment to support each student by providing extra time, strong relationships, and focused support. The learning, growth, and joy taking place throughout our buildings serve as a powerful reminder that when we lead with purpose and believe in our students, anything is possible. SKOL! Vikings!

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

What is lane splitting?

Question: I heard some talk about a new law of July 1st that allows motorcycles to drive through traffic. Can you explain this as a lot of my friends are talking but I can't get the same answer from any of them.

Answer: Motorcycle lane splitting and filtering are legal on Minnesota roads as of July 1. The new law, passed by the Legislature in 2024, allows motorcycles to share lanes with cars for the first time in the state, with notable restrictions on speed and where lane sharing can be performed.

It is the responsibility of motorcyclists to perform these actions safely and legally. Motorists need to be aware of motorcycles that are splitting and filtering and cannot get in their way, however they are not obligated to accom-



Ask A
Trooper
Jesse Grabow

modate them.

- Lane splitting allows a motorcycle to share a lane with and pass a vehicle in slow-moving traffic at no more than 25 mph, and no more than 15 mph over the speed of traffic. Once traffic gets back up to 25 mph, the motorcycle must go back into their own lane of traffic.

- Lane filtering allows motorcycles to move through traffic that is stopped, such as at a stoplight or in a traffic jam. The motorcyclist cannot go more than 15 mph as they filter toward the front of the line of traffic.

- Splitting and filtering are prohibited in roundabouts, school zones, freeway on-ramps and work zones where traffic has been funneled down to a single lane.

For more information: <https://dps.mn.gov/news/ots/lane-splitting-filtering-begin-mn>

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IMAGE Art Show returns for 38th year

STAFF REPORT
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The East Central Regional Arts Council will host its 38th annual IMAGE Art Show Aug. 22-24 at the Grand Event Center in Mora.

Now in its 10th consecutive year under ECRAC's leadership, the non-juried show celebrates visual artists and culture bearers across Region 7E, which includes Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine counties, as well as the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe lands.

Participation is free and open to artists age 18 and older who reside in the region. All submitted artwork must be original, completed within the past three years and never before exhibited in an IMAGE show. Artists must submit entries online by noon on Aug. 7. Late entries will not be accepted.

The IMAGE Art Show will be open to the public Friday and Saturday from noon to 7 p.m., and

Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. An awards ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, and the People's Choice Award will be announced after the show closes on Sunday.

More than \$9,000 in awards will be presented, including two Judge's Choice awards of \$750 each and 10 Excellence Awards of \$450. People's Choice will receive \$550, and 10 Merit Awards will be awarded at \$350 each. Winning artists will be invited to exhibit at a future date in the ECRAC Gallery in Hinckley.

Artwork drop-off is scheduled at the Grand Event Center on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from noon to 7 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All work must be picked up Sunday, Aug. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m.

For entry forms and additional details, visit www.ecrac.org. Questions may be directed to image@ecrac.org or (320) 336-0200.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

destroy our country.

Rioting protests and colleges allowing hatred towards the Jewish people. These people should not be allowed in this country. If you burn our flag and/or wave your country's flag, may I suggest support the country you live in or live in the country you support, get out.

The great beautiful bill passed. S&P 500, Nasdaq closing at record highs after great jobs data. Nvidia market cap nears 4 trillion. MAGA!

Democrats voted against the largest tax cut in history for working Americans, against ice agents getting illegal murders out of our country, against securing our borders, against Medicaid, welfare fraud — i.e. people whom are capable of employment but chose to live very comfortably off hard working tax payers.

Jerry Grell
Cambridge

Devastated by bill's passage

To the editor,

I have no words for the decision made last Thursday. I ask myself how could society have gotten to the point that there is such disregard and contempt for the poor and disabled, that they are willing to cut medical care, food support, and services to children, seniors, and disabled individuals.

Because these are the victims of the greed shown today.

This doesn't just hurt people on Medicare and Medicaid. This will drive up private

insurance premiums. Rural Healthcare is going to shut down, nursing facilities that have the majority of their fees paid by Medicare, Medicaid are going to go away. Medicare replacement will be gone.

Food assistance, single mothers, elderly and even families where both parents work; they will lose their food assistance. They are denying food to these people, for what?

Let's not even talk about the federal deficit and tax increases to the lower and middle

class.

All for greed, to give themselves and their ultra rich associates the highest tax break: \$1.3 billion.

Coincidentally the cuts they just made equals 1.3 billion.

To the senators and congress people that voted for this, I put the starving humans and the needless deaths of people unable to get medical treatment at your feet.

I am devastated.

Sheryl Davidson
Isanti

OBITUARIES

MILESTONES

Wilma Dianne (“Dede”) Phillips

Wilma Dianne (“Dede”) Phillips, 88, of Cambridge, passed away on Wednesday July 2, 2025 at Grace Pointe Crossing in Cambridge.

She was born on July 26, 1936, at Abbott hospital in Minneapolis, to Luther Forest Davis and Miriam (Stokes) Davis. Dede grew up in Wadena, Minnesota, the oldest of seven children. During World War II, her father, a general practitioner, served in the Army Medical Corps and the family was assigned to several locations in the northwest and southwest US. While living in Wadena, Dede’s family split their time between their home in town, and a cabin on Blanche Lake, where they spent the summer months. In her school

age years, Dede, an avid reader, was active in girl scouts, band, choir, declamation and cheerleading; she graduated from Wadena high School in 1954. Following high school, she attended Macalester College in Saint Paul and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and English.

On August 24, 1957, she married Charles (“Charlie”) Phillips, her high school sweetheart, in Wadena. They lived in St. Paul for a few months while Charlie worked as a pharmacist intern, before moving to Bemidji, and eventually to Cambridge in May 1960, when Charlie was hired as a pharmacist at Anderson Drug. Dede had been pursuing a teaching credential when she and Charlie were

married, but she delayed her teaching career to raise a family. She would restart her training a few years later, when the youngest of their three sons started school. She substitute-taught initially, before landing a position at Cambridge High School, where she taught speech, English and debate. After a handful of years at CHS, she took a break from teaching, when she and Charlie took on the role of Presidents of the US Air Force Academy Minnesota Parents Club. Dede would return to the classroom a few years later, teaching speech at Anoka Ramsey Community College. She also worked part time as a buyer for the Anderson Drug gift department.

Dede was active at the local United Methodist Church for the entire time she lived in Cambridge. She volunteered in several roles, including Church Council member and Sunday School Superintendent, and sang in the choir’s alto section for over 50 years. In recent years, she even proofread the weekly bulletin. Notably, she anchored the annual “Hanging of the Greens” event at the church each Advent Season for many years, authoring and delivering many of the readings. Dede was also involved in the local installation of the Order of the Eastern Star; not only acting as a district level instructor for 15+ years, but also as the Grand Chaplain for the state of Minnesota, from 1983-84.

Dede was also a lifetime member of the Purple Hawk Country Club, golfing in the women’s league for many years. She loved fishing, and she and Charlie made a number of trips to the Lake of the Woods for Muskie fishing! Another favorite was an annual trip to Maui, which they continued until their retirement, after which they wintered each year in Arizona. Dede was active in their retire-

ment park community in Tucson, joining the choir as well as writing and storytelling groups. She continued to travel to Tucson in the winter, following Charlie’s death in 2010, but eventually her lack of mobility made those trips more difficult. During her solo years, she volunteered at the hospital, reading to patients in memory care, and was a regular volunteer at the Shalom Thrift Shop in Cambridge. She also made a trip to France and Normandy beach, an item that had been on her and Charlie’s “bucket list.” Dede moved to Grace Pointe Crossing in November 2023.

Dede was known—and will be remembered for having the “gift of gab.” In her own words, she spoke “in paragraphs, not sentences!” She was always engaging others, even complete strangers, in conversation, often brightening their day—and making new friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Charlie. Dede is survived by all 6 of her siblings, sons Chuck and wife Mim of Edmonds, Washington, Gregg and wife Jill of Woodbury, Michael and wife Kristen of Apple Valley, eight grandchildren Micah, Wesley, Noah, Rachel, Megan, Emily, Austin and Madeline, and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Saturday, July 26, 2025 at Common Ground A United Methodist Community in Cambridge. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Private interment in Cambridge Union Cemetery. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Dallas Ray Henderson

Dallas Ray Henderson passed away peacefully on Sunday June 29, 2025 at the age of 66.

A celebration of life will be held August 5 at 11 a.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church. A time for visiting will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.



A devoted family man, Dallas was born in 1958 in Rapid City, SD. He was the youngest of seven children born to Walter and Vera Henderson. He married his high school sweetheart, Sally (Sorenson), in 1977 before moving to the Cambridge-Isanti area in 1984, where they raised their five children.

When he wasn’t attending events for his children or grandchildren, Dallas spent countless evenings and weekends helping others in the community by repairing their cars, trucks, lawnmowers, bicycles and anything else with an engine or wheels. He took great joy in his work and loved helping others where he could.

Outside of his family, Dallas was most well-known for his tremendous work ethic. After spending 15 years as a welder at Arrow Tank & Engineering in Cambridge, he became a proud member of the 49ers union as an Operating Engineer playing with “big boy toys” as he liked to say. Some notable projects he took pride in working on with the 49ers included the 35W bridge and the light rail system around the Minneapolis Airport.

Dallas passed away just days prior to celebrating 48 years of marriage while traversing life’s ups and downs with his wife, their five children and eight grandchildren. Dallas is survived by his wife Sally; his children- Steven (Kate) Henderson, Michael (Greta) Henderson, Lisa (Joe) Dietsch, Amy (Kurt) Williams, and April (Eric) White; his grandchildren- Aiden, Emily, Elizabeth, Malory, Jonah, Brita, Leo and Miles; and his older siblings Carrie (Clifford) Davis, Karyl Ann (George) Putnam, and Jim (Jean A.) Henderson, and his father-in-law Russell Sorenson.

Dallas was preceded in death by his parents, three older brothers: Lee Wayne, Charlie, and Teddy, and his mother-in-law June.

The family would especially like to thank the staff in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at Abbott Northwestern Hospitals for their loving care and tireless work. Over the past few weeks their devoted care for Dallas helped make his passing as peaceful and comfortable as possible while also providing unwavering support to his family.

Online condolences can be made at: StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Carolyn Voss

Carolyn Voss, age 83, of Cambridge passed away peacefully and comfortably while receiving hospice care at Milaca Meadows on June 29, 2025.

Carolyn Ruth (Roseland) Voss was born September 28, 1941 in Anoka, Minnesota to Olaf and Julia (Putnam) Roseland. She grew up in Constance, Minnesota and graduated from Anoka High School in 1959. In her four years of high school she earned 4-H Keys for being so involved. On June 23, 1962 Carolyn married Henry Voss in Anoka. Carolyn worked at Marquette National for many years in Minneapolis. In 1968 Henry and Carolyn moved to Cambridge and Carolyn worked at Cambridge State Bank for

35 years, retiring in 2004. The next year she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer from 2004 until she beat it in 2006. She was a member of Cambridge Lutheran Church and was involved in the Braham Moose Lodge. Carolyn was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend who would always make sure everyone was fed and happy. She loved taking pictures of her family, dancing, traveling around the US, going to amusement parks and riding roller coasters and loved the thrill of all rides. She was determined and strong and also had a special sense of humor. Carolyn also went with the flow, and would be good with “whatever”. She was loved very much and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her children, Dean (Ronda) Voss, Jolene (Darrell) Platz, and Gayle Voss; grandchildren, Joey, Nicole (Danny), Zach (Ashley), Matt (Logan), Derek (Kayla), Rachel (James), Kristina, Kaelyn (Chase) and Brandi (Jacob); great-grandchildren, Rylee, Avah, Bentley, Braxten, Brayden, Olivia, Kreed, Axel, Emersyn, Everly, Hendrik and Dominic; and by many other relatives and friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; brother, Carl; sister, Joyce; and granddaughter, Amber Rose Platz; and great-granddaughter, Mally Marie Jensen.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 14 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. A time for visiting will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Karen Alice Blake

Karen Alice Blake, was called to be home with her Heavenly Father and earthly Father and Mother on Father’s Day, June 15, 2025, after a long battle with cancer.

Karen was born in Minneapolis to Ward E. Blake, Jr and Ethel A. (Sigurdson) Blake on March 8, 1957. She moved with her family to suburban Henriette in 1960 and graduated from Pine City High School in 1975.

Karen is survived by her sister Katherine (Tim) Panula of Farmington and her brother Daniel (Joanne) Blake of Pine City; nieces Kristen (Bryan) Gerber of Farmington and Jennifer Panula of Antioch, Tennessee; nephews Nathan Panula of Superior, Wisconsin, Andrew (Ashley) Blake of Chisago City, John Blake (Hannah Heimer) of Steven’s Point, Wisconsin, Ryan Blake and Matthew Blake of Pine City; great nieces Grace Gerber and Lucy Gerber. Karen is also survived by her good friend Bob Anderson of Cambridge.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Ward E. Blake, Jr. and Ethel A. Blake.

Pastor Greg Anderson will officiate funeral services for Karen: 11 a.m.; Friday (7/11) at Swanson Funeral Chapel in Pine City with one-hour of visitation prior to the service. Karen will be interred in the Henriette Cemetery.

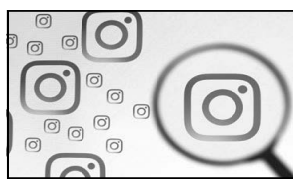
Funeral arrangements for Karen Blake are entrusted to the: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City ~ Swanson Chapel www.FuneralAndCremationService.com

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OBITUARIES CONTINUED

Kimberly Dawn (O’Claire) Reichel

Kimberly Dawn (O’Claire) Reichel peacefully passed away on Friday, April 25, 2025, in the comfort of her husband’s loving arms at their home. She was 63 years old.

Kim was born on December 17, 1961, at University Hospital in Minneapolis, a beloved daughter of Kenneth and Velma (Ritchie) O’Claire. As the fourth of seven children. Kim attended school in Braham, where she graduated in 1981, and went on to pursue a degree in Commercial Baking at Anoka Technical College. Throughout her life, Kim held various positions, including working in the deli at Erickson Grocery Store in Cambridge, Reichel’s in Isanti, and Coborn’s in Willmar. Despite facing health challenges, she demonstrated remarkable resilience and held several housekeeping jobs.

In 1988, Kim met Duane when he hired her to work in the deli department at Reichel’s. They forged a strong bond and, in 1994, moved to Spicer. They celebrated their love with a heartfelt wedding on September 14, 1996. Their wedding took place at Kettle Falls in Voyageurs National Park, was made even more special as a Justice of the Peace traveled 20 miles by boat to officiate. Surrounded by their best friends, Jon and Kris Stull, were their witnesses. To commemorate their union, Duane surprised Kim with a memorable four-day houseboat rental. They continued making memories at their home on Nest Lake in Spicer, Minnesota.

Kim became seriously ill in December 2003 when a virus attacked her liver, requiring a full liver transplant, which she received on January 17, 2004. The illness also resulted in a traumatic brain injury that left her with aphasia. However, through determination and strength, Kim devoted herself to months of therapy, working tirelessly to regain her independence and manage her household. Her spirit as a go-getter never wavered. Duane’s job led them to move to Park Rapids, where they lived until his retirement in 2021. Over the years, they spent their winters vacationing in Florida, which Kim loved so much that they ultimately decided to move there in 2021.

Kim found immense joy in entertaining family and friends at her lake home. She cherished simple pleasures like barbecuing, cooking, baking, and swimming. Kim took pleasure in growing flowers and watching various birds, especially hummingbirds, which she lovingly referred to as “hummers.” Music was a cherished part of her life. Kim loved to dance and was particularly fond of Bob Seger’s songs. One of her childhood memories was taking her little sister, LuRinda, to the county demolition derbies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Jessica Vorel, brother Mark O’Claire, great niece Alivia Hasser, brother-in-law Loren Reichel, and sisters-in-law Elizabeth Reichel and Sandra Reichel.

Kimberly is survived by her loving husband, Duane; sons Brandon (Cindy) Reichel and Joshua Reichel; brother Andrew O’Claire; sisters An-tonette (Henry) Hasser, Dawn (William) Johnson, Stacy (Darold) Lindman, and LuRinda (Steve) Johnson; sisters-in-law Linda (Shannon) Stepp and Lois (Herman) Oestreich; brother-in-law Daniel (Bonnie White) Reichel; grandchildren Kaitlyn Reichel, Joseph Reichel, and Riley Kram; and many nieces and nephews; and special friends Jon (Kris) Stull.

Though her journey was filled with challenges, Kim’s legacy of love, resilience, and joy will forever live on in the hearts of those she touched.

A Gathering of family and friends will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at the Grandy Community Center and Pavilion from noon – 3 p.m. This event will also honor Kim’s daughter, Jessica Vorel, who passed away in March 2025.

Nancy Elaine Peterson

Nancy Elaine Peterson, passed away on June 24, 2025, at the age of 69, at her cherished home on the farm in Isanti, MN. She was a loving wife, devoted mom, cherished grandma, extraordinary nurse, dear friend, talented homesteader, and faithful fol-lower of Jesus Christ.



Nancy was born in Den-ver, Colorado, on July 19, 1955, to Kenneth and Shir-ley Hooker. Nancy started her incredible 45-year nursing career in 1975 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado, and spent 41 years of her nurs-ing career at the Cambridge Medical Center, where she left a lasting impact on just about everyone she met.

Nancy met Lyle Peterson, a teacher and farmer, in 1978, and they were married in Colorado on July 28, 1979. During their 45-year marriage, they en-counter many wonderful times and many hard times, as the life of a nurse and a farmer is not easy. Together, they raised three girls, Jill, Susie, and Nikki, on the family farm in Isanti, Minnesota, and later on, enjoyed their 10 grandchildren together. Nancy was active in her church, First Baptist of St. Francis, faithfully serving in many ways.

On July 24, 2025, surrounded by her Lyle and her girls at her cherished home on the farm, Nancy was ushered into the presence of Jesus and made whole after suffering with behavioral variant frontal tem-poral dementia since 2022.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Shirley Hooker; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenny and Bettie Peterson, her brother, Ken Jr. (Skip), two heavenly babies, and three heavenly grandbabies.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Lyle, her three daughters, Jill (Ben Johnson) of St. Francis, Minnesota, Susie (Caleb Dickens) of Isanti, Minnesota, and Nikki (Randy Vawter) of Lakewood, Colorado; her 10 grandchildren, Canon, Lucas, and Alex Johnson, Bradee, Kobe, Beckham, and Zico Dickens, and Peyton, Jackson, and Stella Vawter, a brother, Richard Hooker (Jan) of Oregon, a sister-in-law, Sue (Colorado), a brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Leny & Joyce Greenberg (Cambridge, MN), a brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Russ & Barb Peterson (Isanti, MN), and many cousins, nieces, and nephews, whom she loved and cherished.

A celebration of Nancy’s life will take place at First Baptist Church in St. Francis, MN, on Satur-day, July 12, at 3 p.m., with a visitation time at 2 p.m. Cemetery Interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Isanti to follow the light lunch fellowship after the service. In lieu of flowers, please direct all memorials to Saint Francis Christian School, the place where all three of Nancy’s girls graduated from, and where seven of 10 grandchildren have, do, or will attend. Nancy was extremely generous and also extremely practical, and while she loved flowers and plants, she would want something tangible and useful to be directed in her memory. Online condolences can be placed at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Special thanks to Brian Strike and Strike Life Tributes for the final care of our beloved Nancy.

Jessica Jo (Reichel) Vorel

Jessica Jo (Reichel) Vorel passed away unexpect-antly on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at her home in Park Rapids. She was 36 years old.

Jessica was born on March 11, 1989, to Duane Reichel and Shareen Biggins in Cambridge. After graduating from Cambridge High School in 2007, she embarked on a journey to pursue a degree, but unfore-seen health challenges led her to rethink her aspira-tions.

In March 2010, Jessica was blessed with the birth of her daughter, Riley, who brought immense joy and love into her life. The bond they shared was incredibly special, filling their days with laughter and adven-ture. Although Riley was

the center of Jessica’s world, she also found love with Ryan Vorel, whom she married on June 12, 2021, in a heartfelt and intimate ceremony at her father’s home in Park Rapids. The couple chose to build their lives together in this community. De-spite her chronic health challenges, which made life more difficult at times, Jessica’s home radiated warmth and laughter. Her husband, Ryan, became her personal care assistant, and a special blanket was purchased for Jessica to keep her comfortable.

Birthdays meant a great deal to Jessica, partic-ularly because she shared hers with her cousins, Chris and Austin. This unique connection made for celebrations to be more meaningful.

As a devoted mother to her beloved daughter, whom she affectionately called RiRi, Jessica poured her heart into nurturing and supporting Riley. She cherished moments spent with family and friends, finding joy in walks, fishing, and creating lasting memories. Her warm smile and passion for the outdoors reflected her spirit, especially during cozy evenings by the bonfire.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lloyd (Lorraine) Reichel and Edsel (Deloris) Big-gins; stepmother, Kim Reichel; uncles, Loren Re-ichel and Steve Biggins; and aunt, Beth Reichel.

Jess is survived by her beloved husband, Ryan; her cherished daughter, Riley Kram; parents: Duane Reichel and Shareen (Tom Erickson) Biggins; mother-in-law Cindy (Guy) Senley; Father-in-law Jeff (Margaret) Vorel; brothers, Brandon (Cindy) Reichel and Joshua Reichel; brother-in-law Matthew (Allison Smith) Vorel; sister-in-law Rhonda (Kyle) Lewis; aunts & uncles: Linda (Shannon) Stepp, Lois (Herman) Oestreich, Danny Reichel, Sheila (Dale Forslin) Biggins, Stoney Biggins, and Debby Big-gins, along with many other relatives and friends.

Jessica’s resilience reminds us to cherish the moments that fill our hearts with love, helping us to find joy even in challenging times.

A Gathering of family and friends will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at the Grandy Community Center and Pavilion from noon – 3 p.m. This event will also honor Jessica’s Stepmother, Kimberly Reichel, who passed away in April 2025.

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Hennepin Technical College, a conditional job offer from the agency before training begins, a full salary for the cadet during the training process and tuition, materials, uniforms and some housing costs, which are covered by the state.

Machin said the city would have to apply for the grant, which would be for up to \$50,000 per candidate. He said most agencies have been able to be fully reimbursed for mandatory expenses, depending on the wage assigned to the cadet position. He added if the department was awarded the grant, but then decided to decline participation, there would be no financial penalty. “I would just contact them and they would take it back.”

Machin added the department currently has one opening, and he knows of someone locally who is not only eligible to go through this program but who has expressed an interest in doing so.

During the discussion, Council member Aaron Berg noted his son had recently gone through this very program with the Waseca County Sheriff’s Office, resulting in him going through the training academy debt-free.

The council unanimously approved applying for the grant.



Isanti Council requires proposed apartment complex to pay for full street improvements

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The Isanti City Council is going against previously established policy, requiring the developers of a proposed 28-unit, market-rate apartment complex to pay the entire amount of improvements to the street adjacent to the property.

According to Community Development Director Stephanie Hillesheim, staff has been working with the developer to construct the apartment complex on vacant land along Centennial Drive SW, just to the south of the Isanti Middle School. She said Centennial Drive is already in poor condition, doesn’t include a cul-de-sac, and due to the vacant lots, is low-priority when it comes to snow removal.

However, if the complex were built, the city’s policy advises the road be upgraded to current standards due to the anticipated increased traffic. Hillesheim said the assessment policy also states the cost of the street improvements would be split between the city and the developer, with in this case the city paying approximately \$144,000 and the developer being assessed approximately \$125,000.

She added the city could treat this as if it was like a new road being constructed, in which case the developer would be responsible for the entire amount. However, if the council went with that option, it “could prevent the project from going forward.”

‘We’re going to have to upgrade the street anyway. So actually, this (project) helps us save money.’

Stephanie Hillesheim
Isanti Community Development Director

A third option would be to just allow the project to move forward without any street improvements being made at this time. However, Isanti City Engineer Jason Cook stated the street would already be assessed as being “failing.” Plus, the absence of a cul-de-sac makes snow removal much more difficult.

After a brief discussion, the council was unanimous in insisting on the developer paying for the entire cost of the street improvement.

“Even if it prevents the project from going forward?” asked Hillesheim, adding that multi-family housing was the city’s best way to grow its tax base.

“Yes,” Interim Mayor Luke Merrill bluntly responded. “When you’re subsidizing a housing development, it has a long-term cost to taxpayers.”

Both Hillesheim and Cook emphasized to the council that the street is already part of the city’s short-term capital improvement plan.

‘We’ve seal-coated it just to try and make it last longer. But if we are about to do the (improvement) project and this (housing) project doesn’t happen, well, then we are running the whole show.’

Jason Cook
Isanti City Engineer

“We’re going to have to upgrade the street anyway,” Hillesheim said. “So actually, this (project) helps us save money.”

“The road is already filled,” Cook added. “We’ve seal-coated it just to try and make it last longer. But if we are about to do the (improvement) project and this (housing) project doesn’t happen, well, then we are running the whole show.”

He concluded by saying he came up with the \$125,000 figure based on how that property would have been assessed like any other street improvement assessment.

The council, however, went unswayed and unanimously approved mandating the developer pay for all of the street improvement costs if the housing project goes forward.

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Dalbo native makes waves

Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Emily Hannan, from Dalbo, Minn., assigned to Navy Intelligence Operations Center, Georgia, participates in an outreach event during the Duluth Navy Week in the Navy Talent Acquisition Group Northern Plains area of responsibility, June 30, 2025.

The Star is now on Instagram!

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Student Achievement Lists
Logan Westman of Stanchfield (Dean's) from Carthage College

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Mariah Martin of Isanti; **Alexis Curtis**, **Annika Gunderson**, and **Madi Whitman** of North Branch (Dean's) from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls

•
Preston Moss of Isanti; **Oscar Pendergrass**, **Alyson Moos**, and **Lily Atkins** of Cambridge; **Faith Bonngard** of North Branch (President) St. Cloud Technical & Community College

Sarah Wick of Isanti; **Hazelle Franke**, and **Lyle Nelson** of Braham; **Emma Andres**, **Cameron Noyes**, and **Sean Williams** of Cambridge (Dean's) St. Cloud Technical & Community College

Degrees
Emma Anderson (Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude), **Desiree Peltola** (Bachelor of Science), **Kyla Schladweiler** (Bachelor of Elective Studies, Cum Laude), and **Claire Smith** (Bachelor of Science), of Cam-

bridge; **Noah Berglund** (Master of Business Administration), **Delenn Breeding** (Bachelor of Arts), **Logan Henderson** (Bachelor of Science), and **Kayla Zelinsky** (Bachelor of Arts) of Isanti; **Madilyn Goetz** (Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude), **Amarie Mueller** (Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude), **Heather Pommier** (Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude), and **Leah Romo**, (Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude) of North Branch from St. Cloud State University

Suspect arrested after statue theft in Chisago County

BY KYLE JONES
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On 07/05/2025, at approximately 6:50 a.m., Chisago County Emergency Communications received a call from the business owner at Rush Point Store, in Nessel Township, reporting that they had a statue stolen and damage to their property from an overnight incident. The life-size replica, Vietnam statue had been stolen from their front step area around 3 a.m. The statue was valued at \$3500.00.

Staff advised that video surveillance captured the theft, including the three suspects and their vehicle. Deputies were able to obtain the vehicle license plate from the video. While deputies were continuing their investigation, staff posted a clip of the surveillance video on social media.

Information was obtained by Rush Point Store staff and the Sheriff's Office that the suspects may attempt to return the statue after video was circulating online.

With deputies in the area, the statue arrived back on the property at approximately 11:20 a.m. Deputies arrived within seconds and confirmed one suspect was present from the early morning theft, along with the stolen statue. Deputies physically assisted the suspect with returning the statue to its original place.

Suspect #1, identified as Ryan Thomas Warling, 18, of Maplewood, MN, was arrested and transported to the Chisago County Jail where he was booked in for Theft – (Felony).

The Sheriff's Office is confident we have identified the additional two adult male suspects, (18 – Staples, MN) and (19 – St Croix Falls, WI).

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Talking running and health with University of Minnesota

Taking advantage of Minnesota’s summer weather, runners are lacing up their shoes and heading out to their favorite trails and paths. Whether you are a seasoned marathoner or giving running a try for the first time, the activity provides numerous benefits beyond burning calories.

David Supik, DO, with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview talks about the health benefits of running, common injuries and advice for new runners.

Q: How does running benefit our health and overall well-being?

Dr. Supik: There is an exhaustive list of benefits that running affords our health and well-being. Studies show that individuals who regularly engage in physical activities, such as running, have an average life expectancy that is about seven years longer than inactive individuals. Running can decrease the risk factors for some of the most common diseases and conditions we might face, including hypertension, obesity, elevated cholesterol, diabetes and osteoporosis. Running can even shrink risks for some cancers. From a mental health perspective, running can improve blood flow to the brain and help to combat our daily stresses of work or school. It can also improve cognition, fight depression and anxiety and decrease our risk for Alzheimer’s disease later in life.

From a personal standpoint, running improves my daily mental focus, decreases my stress, energizes me for the remainder of my day and allows me to sleep more soundly at night.

Q: What are some of the most common injuries runners experience? What tips do you have for avoiding injury?

Dr. Supik: Most commonly, we see overuse injuries related to overtraining — either by ramping up a new running program too quickly or not taking adequate rest or cross-training between runs. Each time we run, it places small stresses on ligaments, tendons, bones and muscles. If these structures don’t have time to repair themselves between bouts of exercise, stresses can compound, and it can lead to injury. These injuries most commonly include tendonitis, shin splints, runner’s knee, IT band syndrome and stress fractures.

Stretching and strengthening can help to avoid injury. Start slow when adopting a new running plan. Allow your body to rest and recover between runs. It can also be helpful to cross-train with a lower impact activity, such as biking or resistance exercise. Running “equipment,” such as supportive running shoes, also plays an important role in running safely.



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Be sure to adhere to a 300-400 mile lifespan for your training shoes. If you are unsure about which shoes are best for you, seek help at a local running store. They do a great job of recommending brands for your particular foot shape and running form.

Q: Are there any negative long-term impacts of running?

Dr. Supik: Like many of our favorite things in life, too much of a good thing can sometimes end badly. In the most extreme endurance athletes training for ultramarathons — races which are 30 to 100 miles — some studies have shown an increased risk for developing scarring and thickening in the muscular walls of the heart over time. However, for the vast majority of recreational or typical runners, the benefits wildly outweigh the associated risks. Some of the most prevalent negative beliefs about running have been

disproven in recent years. We used to believe runners increased their risks for knee or hip arthritis. However, recent studies have debunked this. We have also learned an adaptation to cartilage in runners’ joints can make them more resilient and less prone to developing arthritis.

Q: What advice do you have for beginners interested in running?

Dr. Supik: First, you should always get off on the right foot with the proper running gear. Fortunately, unlike other sports like hockey, you won’t break the bank. New running shoes and moisture wicking clothing are the basic essentials. If you will be running on busier streets or paths, consider opting for bright colors and reflective clothing for safety. A fitness tracker app or watch is not essential, but it can be a fun way to track your progress with different metrics like heart rate, calories burned, pace and total time running.

Getting out the door with your new shoes is the hardest part for many beginners, so set attainable goals for yourself, keep a regular schedule and try your best to follow it. If you miss a day, don’t sweat it and get back to your groove. It is important to start slow, and you may want to consider a run-walk program to get yourself started. There is no shame in walking! After a run, you can also always reward yourself in some way.

Q: How does your work at the University of Minnesota advance health in Minnesota?

As a sports medicine physician at the University of Minnesota, I strive to advance health by using my platform to educate patients about their ailments and emphasize injury prevention when able. I promote the philosophy “exercise is medicine” and work with my patient population to achieve these goals in a very individualized way. As a professor, I have the privilege to teach medical students and resident doctors about the tenets of sports and exercise medicine with the hope that my beliefs can be adopted by a new generation of healthcare providers to benefit their future patients.

Dr. David Supik is a family medicine and sports medicine physician and assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He also serves as the medical director for the Twin Cities Marathon. His clinical interests include acute musculoskeletal injuries involving bones, muscles and joints; osteoarthritis and degenerative joint conditions; and chronic tendon issues or tendinopathies. - the University of Minnesota Medical School

USPS delivering July price increase

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The United State Post office has announced that mail costs are going up again July 13. Stamps for regular letters move from 73 to 78 cents, a 6.4% bump. Marketing or bulk mail is going up 7.3%. Postcards increase from 56 to 62 cents. In-county Periodical mail increases 9.3%. Large volume packages known as Parcel Select go up 7.6%, while standard Ground Advantage packages have a 9.8% increase.

The USPS lost \$9.5 billion in 2024 and lost \$6.5 billion in 2023 while raising postage prices in both January and July both years. USPS expects to lose \$6.9 billion in 2025, due to declining mail volume and rising costs.

More frequent price increases have been part Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s 10-year plan for financial stability. DeJoy stepped down in March. The U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors appointed David Steiner, who has worked for Waste Management and FedEx, to be the new Postmaster General. The U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors expects Steiner to begin work at USPS in July after ethics and security checks.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office, or GAO, reports “(USPS) expenses are growing faster than its revenues, in part due to continuing declines in volume of First-Class mail – its most profitable product.” “Punitive rate increases have been counter-productive, only serving to destroy mail volume,” National Newspaper Association chair Martha Diaz Aszkenazy, publisher of The San Fernando (California) Valley Sun, said.

Volume of first-class mail, the USPS’ most profitable mail type, fell 4.8% in 2024, and 3.1% in 2023.

“NNA offers it congratulations, and we look forward to working with PMG Steiner to help change course and restore the confidence of publishers in the USPS,” Diaz Aszkenazy said. “The last five years have been a disastrous

... the pattern of service failures and twice-a-year punitive rate increases has driven publishers out of the mail. It has been no more beneficial for the USPS, which has experienced skyrocketing costs and financial losses. USPS cannot survive continued pursuit of higher rates and poorer service.”

With the July 13 increase, periodical mail used by newspapers and magazines increased 56% since the start of USPS’ financial stability plan in 2021, making subscription prices rise across U.S. periodicals. USPS postage increases had inflation-based price caps before its 2021 plan launched. The 10-year plan allows it to raise rates faster than inflation. The plan also slows its delivery standards, allowing USPS six days to deliver versus three days previously required.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES

While being a free-distribution newspaper, the price for a subscription of the Isanti-Chisago County Star outside its distribution area via First Class mail will increase to \$139 for a year.

The Star’s sister publications will also increase subscription prices, beginning Aug. 1. The Kanabec County Times is increasing home-delivery subscription prices from \$61 to \$64 per year for in-county subscriptions and from \$71 to \$74 for out-of-county subscriptions.

The Pine City Pioneer, North Pine County News, and Moose Lake Star Gazette will increase to \$59 per year for in-county and \$70 for out-of-county subscriptions. The Braham Journal, which is also a free-distribution newspaper, will increase to \$44 per year for First Class Mail delivery. In addition, all the above-mentioned newspapers will discontinue offering multi-year subscriptions.

Publisher Jeff Andres said, “Home delivery of the newspaper is still a value with the new rates. Home delivery subscribers get unlimited access to the paper’s website including the e-edition of the paper.”

DNR cautions lake, river property owners about improper hydraulic jet use

BY SHANE MCBRIDE
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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources frequently receives questions about devices that generate water current to blast muck and aquatic plants away. They have various trade names, but the DNR refers to these devices generically as hydraulic jets. Even though they can be purchased in Minnesota, they cannot be used in any way that disturbs the bottom of a waterbody or destroys plants.

A person may legally operate a hydraulic jet if it is placed at the surface of the water in such a way that it does not disturb the bottom or destroy rooted aquatic plants. It should be directed slightly upward toward the water’s surface. This can prevent dead vegetation and duckweed from collecting around docks and boat lifts.

“We want people to know why it’s important to protect aquatic plants,” said Shane McBride, DNR aquatic plant management consultant. “Plants are important to lakes and rivers because they help maintain water clarity, prevent erosion, stabilize the bottom of the waterbody, and provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Aquatic plants are protected under state law.”

Specific regulations govern aquatic plant removal and prescribe the situations that require permits from the DNR. Regulations and a guide to aquatic plants can be found on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html). To apply for an aquatic plant management permit, visit the Minnesota DNR’s permitting and reporting system (mndnr.gov/mpars).

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All hail the hardy Hosta

Hosta plants come in such a variety that the choices are only limited by your pocketbook. The size, foliage color and leaf shape offer so many opportunities to fill out the garden and improve the overall look of the bed.

As a northern gardener hostas are a staple in my gardens. I know they will reliably come back year after year. I love adding a new variety each year.

Hostas can be categorized as:

- Fragrant plants will have a sweet scent to their flowers, which make great cutting flowers for bouquets.

They tend to perform better in part to full sun. Examples are Stained Glass, Cathedral Windows and Fragrant Blue.

- Blue-Hued plants are a great way to add depth and mood to the landscape.

The genetics allow them to make a crystalline wax layer that shows off the blue color. Plant these hostas in the shade. Sunlight can damage the wax layer.

Examples are Blue Mouse Ears, Abiqua Drinking Gourd and Blue Hawaii.

- Slug-Resistant plants are available. Slugs are the number one enemy of hostas. These varieties are naturally slug resistant due to their thick leaves. Examples are Empress Wu, Liberty and Brother Stefan.

- Sun-Tolerant plants can flourish in many light settings. These hostas can handle more sun than most if they are grown in good soil and given adequate moisture. Examples are Curly Fries, Sum & Substance and Rainforest Sunrise.

- Ground-Cover plants are ideal for rock gardens, borders or that hard to grow spot in the yard. Examples are Silly String, Hush Puppie and Golden Tiara.

- Red Petioles plants have red stems, flower scapes and even flowers. There are anthocyanins in the genus Hosta.

The type of anthocyanin and the amount of it is what determines the strength of color. Examples are Fire Island Cherry Berry and Marilyn Monroe.

- Rippled Foliage plants seem to dance in the garden with the waves and ruffles in their leaf structure. Examples are

Silly String, School Mouse and Wiggles and Squiggles.

- Deer Resistant varieties don't really exist; however, deer seem to prefer eating non-variegated/ fully green varieties and those with fragrant flowers. If growing hostas, plan on utilizing some type of control method. (I tend to spray mine with a deer repellent and string fishline at knee height around my plants), several websites suggest planting the hostas among deer resistant plants. Rutgers University provides a list; <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/>

Nhhostas.com is a great place to see a large variety of available hostas and the site provides good information about each variety and how best to grow them. I use this site to create a list of hostas which I use when prowling my local garden centers. By doing a bit of research beforehand, I'm less likely to impulse buy.

Chisago County Master Gardeners is part of a collaboration between Chisago County and The University of Minnesota Extension to deliver practical education and research you can use at home, at work and in your community. You can reach Chisago County Extension services by email at mnext-chisago@umn.edu or by phone at 651-277-0151.

Block printing craft class at North Branch Library

Learn the art of block printing at the North Branch Area Library on Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m. In this block printing class, you will learn to make a one-of-a-kind block print to create your own canvas bag. You'll take home a custom-designed printing block, & one canvas bag. This class is beginner-friendly. Create, carve, and print your own block print creation.

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2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nibchurch.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
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8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
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Email: annseton76@gmail.com. Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am. Sun. 8:30am. stelizabeth-isanti.org.

Evangelical Covenant

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5799 County Road 6, Princeton, MN 763-389-3169

Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis

Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
Karmelcov.org

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church

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651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org
Pastor Josh Jensen
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm
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763-444-5134 oxlip.org
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10:45am Christian Education
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Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

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320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211
Traditional service: 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary service: 9:30 a.m.
www.cambridgelutheran.org -
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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

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.
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Sunday Worship 9:20am
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www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge 763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
Pastor James Ritter
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576
Pastor Glen Kleppe
Sunday Worship 8am
www.livingbranch.org
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Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.slchurch.org
Email: slchurch@gmail.com
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St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623
Sunday 8:45am Worship
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study
stjohnsrushcity.org

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.
10:30am Worship.
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Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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2025 ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
June 17, 2025; 6:00 pm – Government Center Board Room

Present: Chair Alan Duff, Commissioner Bill Berg, Commissioner Steve Westerberg, Commissioner Todd Christensen, Commissioner Kristi LaRowe, Auditor-Treasurer Angie Larson

Others: Assessor Elisha Long, Senior Appraiser Julian Cook, Appraiser Peter Blomquist, Appraiser Chase Wahl, Appraiser Justin Kent
Chairperson Duff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Isanti County Deputy County Administrator Heather Sward gave the oath of office to the members of the Board of Appeal and Equalization. Chairperson Duff informed the attendees of the ground rules for this meeting.

County Assessor Long began by introducing the appraisers. She then described what the purpose of this meeting is and the duties of the board. She presented a detailed PowerPoint explaining the valuation process that is required by the State of Minnesota to assess properties. The 2025 estimated market value assessment for Isanti County increased 8.22% compared to 2024.

James Duevel, parcel 16.151.0130, appeared before the board to appeal the 2025 assessment of his property located in the City of Isanti. He purchased the slab on grade property in 2024 for \$292,000. The original 2025 assessed value was \$315,200. After a reinspection of the property, the value was reduced to \$309,600. Assessor Long stated this property is valued consistent with other comparable sales. Motion by Christensen, seconded by LaRowe to decrease the estimated market value to \$304,340. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Thompson, parcel 09.024.1100, appeared the board to appeal the 2025 assessment of his property located in Spencer Brook Township. He recently met with Appraiser Cook, which resulted in a reduction of value from \$681,700 to \$673,500. The 2024 estimated market value was \$494,300. The property includes a residence, a secondary residence, a detached garage, and a commercial pole building. Thompson provided an appraisal with an opinion of value of \$500,000. Assessor Long said it was difficult to find comparable properties due to the extra buildings on this property. Motion by Christensen, seconded by LaRowe to decrease the estimated market value to \$550,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Donald Davies, parcel 12.006.0303, located in Stanford Township on Blue Lake, appeared before the board to discuss the increase of value from \$1,300 to \$119,800. He stated the vacant lot should not be valued based on lake frontage because the lake would need to be dredged for a boat to access the lake. Assessor Long stated the property was already being appraised at a lower price per foot then other properties on the lake. Appraiser Cook reviewed the property and determined the property is appropriately assessed in line with comparable lake lots. Motion by Christensen, seconded by LaRowe to decrease the estimated market value to \$64,000. Motion failed. In Favor: Christensen, LaRowe. Opposed: Westerberg, Berg, Duff, Larson. A second motion was made by Berg, seconded by Westerberg to decrease the estimated market value to \$95,000. Motion carried. In Favor: Berg, Westerberg, Duff, Christensen, Larson. Opposed: LaRowe.

Donald Davies, parcel 12.140.0501, located in Stanford Township, appeared before the board to discuss the increase of value on his vacant lot from \$15,500 to \$68,300. The property owner does not believe the acreage being used for the assessment is correct. Appraiser Cook displayed the recorded plat on the screen and verified the acreage used was calculated correctly. Motion by Christensen, seconded by LaRowe to decrease the estimated market value to \$62,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Zachary Adams, parcel 12.009.0404 did not have an appointment however, had questions about the increase in estimated market value from \$497,900 in 2024 to \$829,400 in 2025. Assessor Long explained to the taxpayer that because the new construction on

this property was not complete by January 2, 2024, it was assessed at 50% of the estimated market value. Because the home was completed on January 2, 2025, it is assessed at the full 100% estimated market value. The taxpayer understood and withdrew the appeal.

Scott Flannigan, parcel 03.116.0020, initially attended the Cambridge Township Local Board of Appeals meeting to dispute the increase of estimated market value on his property for 2025. His request was denied by the local board of appeals. The next step in the appeal process, is to appear at the Isanti County Board of Appeals meeting. He stated the property value went from \$445,200 in 2024 to \$451,600 in 2025. He provided a market analysis with the opinion that this property was being overvalued. Assessor Long indicated the property was recently reviewed there was no discrepancies in the assessment. Motion by Berg, seconded by Christensen to decrease the estimated market value to \$439,000. Motion Carried. In Favor: Westerberg, Berg, Christensen, LaRowe. Opposed: Duff, Larson.

SPEC1975 LLC, parcel 13.062.0070, appeared in front of the board to discuss the valuation of her seasonal property located on Spectacle Lake. The cabin, which cannot be used in the winter, was built in 1957. Although no improvements have been made, the properties being constructed around her property are raising her values. Her 2025 estimated market value is \$364,700. Assessor Long said the property has 77 feet of shoreline on a highly sought out lake. The raise in assessment is in line with comparable sales on other county lakes. Motion by Berg, seconded by Christensen to decrease the estimated market value to \$340,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Landberg, parcel 02.001.1401, located in Bradford Township, withdrew his appeal.

Sheldon Beedle, parcel 08.008.0600, located in Oxford Township, appeared before the board regarding the estimated market value on his new construction property. The estimated market value for 2025 is \$1,079,100. The property owner provided insurance statements indicating the home is insured for \$850,000. Assessor Long explained that the property is rare due to size and is difficult to compare with other area property values and sales information within the county. Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Berg to decrease the estimated market value to \$1,000,000. Motion carried. In Favor: Westerberg, Berg, Duff, Larson. Opposed: Christensen, LaRowe.

Steven T. Hosch, parcel 08.017.0803, contacted the Isanti County Assessor office by mail requesting to appeal the 2025 estimated market valuation. Originally, the value was \$670,500 however, after a recent review by Assessor Wahl, the value was decreased to \$612,300. The property owner believes the value should be adjusted to \$588,000 after applying an estimated sales ratio of 98%. Assessor Long indicated to the board members that she is confident in the current assessment on this property. Motion by Duff, seconded by Christensen to make no change to the assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

The open book adjustments were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Christensen, seconded by Westerberg to approve the open book adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further matters brought before the Board of Appeal and Equalization, motion was made by Westerberg and seconded by Larson to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Larson
Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer/
CFO

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Items on the Agenda are: proposed projects in excess of \$5000.00, weed treatment updates, boat inspection updates, approval of assessments to satisfy budget requirements, approval of proposed budget for fiscal year, election of District2 and 3 positions on the board

of Directors & Take up and consider other new business & miscellaneous items.

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE LAKE FRANCIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

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

The Agenda will include:
• A reading of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting.

• A Report on the Activities of the Board in the past year

• Discussion of plans to treat selected areas of the lake for Aquatic Invasive Species in 2026.

• A vote to approve projects with costs expected to exceed \$5,000

• A vote to approve a budget for the fiscal year 2026

• A vote to approve property assessments to satisfy budget requirements.

• An Election for one executive board member

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

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

Tina Mendez, Petitioner, vs.

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

Judicial Officer: Richelle M. Wahi

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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

HEIMERL & LAMMERS, LLC
Dated: May 30, 2025
/s/Hunter N. Kinsey

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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER
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STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Condemnation
Court File No.: 30-CV-25-361

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

vs.
Jillian M D'Aigle, et al.

Respondents.

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

To the Respondents hereinabove named:

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

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

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

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

Dated: May 20, 2025
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Attorney General
State of Minnesota
/s/Andrew Gross
ANDREW GROSS
Assistant Attorney General
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ISANTI
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Condemnation

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

vs.

Jillian M D'Aigle, Steven D. D'Aigle, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, County of Isanti, Emmanuel Moreno-Ramirez, Ana Yely Moreno, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, U.S. Bank National Association, Jamie L. Yurich, PennyMac Financial Services, Inc., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., LeaderOne Financial Corporation, Casey's Retail Company, doing business as Casey's General Store, an active Iowa assumed name, CAMN2 LLC, doing business as Scotter's Coffee, an unregistered

assumed name, Luminate Bank, West Allis AAP Partners, LLC, Corner Home Medical, Inc., also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.

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

PETITION

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

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

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

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

With reference to Parcel 58, there appears a mortgage executed by Emanuel Moreno Ramirez, Isanti County, Minnesota, as mortgagors, to the United States of America, acting through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, mortgagee, and filed in the office of the County Recorder in Isanti, Minnesota, as follows:
Dated May 25, 2022
Date Filed June 3, 2022
Document No. 516327

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

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

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

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

III. That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Isanti County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your Petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your Petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 49 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

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

together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 49:
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 49 by the temporary easement symbol, said

easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

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

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

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

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

excepting therefrom the existing steps, railing, and landscape situated thereon.

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

Emmanuel Moreno-Ramirez Fee
Ana Yely Moreno Spouse
United States of America
Department of Housing and Urban Development Mortgage
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgage
U.S. Bank National Association Mortgage
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 64 C.S. 3006 (95=132) 901

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

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

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

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 64 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes;

excepting therefrom the existing building and fence situate thereon.

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

Jamie L. Yurich Fee
PennyMac Financial Services, Inc. Mortgage
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
LeaderOne Financial Corporation
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 43 C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901

S.P. 3006-39RW

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

AND

That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, described as follows: Beginning at a point 506 feet East and 66 feet South of the northwest corner of said Section 33; thence South 97 ½ feet; thence East 62 ½ feet; thence North 97 ½ feet; thence West 62 ½ feet to the point of beginning and there terminating; also known as Lot 1, AUDITORS SUBDIVISION OF LOTS IN NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County;

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

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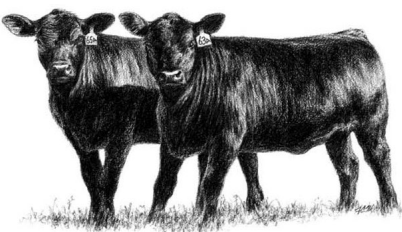
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MORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS #0332

Position: Technology Assistant, 1.0 FTE
Location: Mora High School
Immediate Supervisor: Technology Coordinator
Salary Range: \$19.00 - \$21.00 per hour, Auxiliary Group Agreement
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Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED; and basic technology-related experience required. 2-year degree or equivalent job experience, previous experience in a school setting preferred. Ability to pass a Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Background Check is required.
How to Apply: Mora Public Schools utilizes an online application system. Please complete an application via the Mora Schools Employment Page.

Hours Per Day: 8
Schedule: 204 day contract + 6 paid holidays

For more information contact
Duke Pancake, Technology Coordinator
at (320) 679-6200 or
dukepancake@moraschools.org



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The City of Cambridge is seeking applicants for a part-time receptionist for the Finance Department. Hours are generally 12:00 pm-5:00 pm during the months of June-August and 12:00 pm-4:30 pm during the months of September-May. May occasionally be requested to work additional hours to assist with back-up for staff or special projects.

Key responsibilities are greeting-assisting customers, answering a multi-line phone system, responding to inquiries, entering cash receipts into computer system, backing up utility billing clerk, filing, and electronic records management. Key competencies are excellent customer service, attention to detail, solid verbal and written communication skills, confidentiality, and the ability to organize priorities. Minimum qualifications are a high school diploma (or GED equivalent) and one year of clerical support work experience. Starting salary range is \$20.36 per hour.

Applications are available on-line at www.ci.cambridge.mn.us or by calling 763-689-3211. Applications should be submitted by email to cmoe@ci.cambridge.mn.us, or mailed to the City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Avenue NE, MN 55008 by 12:00 Noon on Friday July 25, 2025.

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June 19	SongBlast	dueling guitars
July 17	Austin Healy	southern rock
Aug 21	Divas Gone Country	country

KIDS' EVENTS

10am-2pm
Cambridge City Park

June 26	Bounce Houses in the Park
July 24	Art in the Park
Aug 28	Little Blue's Traveling Zoo & Snake Discovery

ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR & CHALK ART CONTEST

Saturday, August 16th
10am-3pm
City Center Mall

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

5pm-7pm
Cambridge City Park

June 27	Taylor's Version	A tribute to Taylor Swift
July 25	Lookin' Back	A tribute to Boston
Aug 29	Benny & The Jets	A tribute to piano rock

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