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Rain not appreciated during annual event

Normally, Main Street in downtown Cambridge would be filled with a sea of people during the annual Customer Appreciation Day. However, because of a steady rain for the duration of the event, this year's scene featured rows of empty chairs and tables as those who chose to venture out despite the weather mainly stuck to eating under one of the business' awnings.

Council lets police chief have final say on hunting exceptions

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The Cambridge City Council is putting its trust in the police chief's judgment when it comes to giving advanced written permission to hunt within city limits.

According to Police Chief Shawn Machin, the current ordinance forbids the hunting of any animal with any weapon — all the way down to slingshots and boomerangs, "unless written permission is obtained from the city." The problem, according to Machin, is there are no clear benchmarks or criteria for giving advanced written permission. That, he said, could lead to inconsistent treatment of requests.

"It appears back in 2008, the city council appeared to want to completely ban hunting, but they never came back to it," Machin said.

Machin gave the council two possible remedies for this problem: completely forbid hunting within city limits with no advanced written permission, or revise the ordinance to set clear standards. A couple examples Machin offered were a minimum property size, or the type of weapons used.

Council member Aaron Berg asked how many requests for exceptions does the city usually receive. Machin said not many, maybe one per year up to a high mark of five. He said he currently has one request, which is what

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Isanti County moving forward on new highway department facility

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On the very same day Cambridge-Isanti School District voters will decide the fate of the district's bond referendum (Nov. 4), Isanti County Commissioners will be deciding which route to take to pay for the construction of a new highway department facility; which may include another referendum vote as early as November, 2026.

According to Isanti County Highway Engineer Justin Bergerson, there are three possible ways to pay for the approximately \$21 - \$23 million facility: A local option sales tax; a property tax levy increase; or a combination of funding sources, which would include both a local option sales tax (LOST) and levy increase. Of those, Bergerson said the local option sales tax is looking to be the best source of funding.

According to Bergerson, a LOST of one quarter of one percent (.25%) would raise approximately \$1.8 million per year. However, of that amount, roughly \$500,000 would come from non-residents shopping in Isanti County retailers. For a median household in Isanti County, the approximate cost would be \$67 per year. That amount does greatly depend on the shopping habits of the household.



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Isanti County Highway Department equipment in need of maintenance are creatively wedged into one of the areas inside the main building, causing tripping and other safety hazards.

One of the biggest negatives to a LOST is at two different times throughout the process, the county would have no say in implementing the sales tax. Based on the most recent state legislature actions, a local governing body wishing to impose a LOST must first get the state's approval to hold a referendum vote. If that permission is granted, then a referendum vote would need to take place where there would need to be over 50% of

the voters say yes to imposing the LOST.

As of late, the state hasn't been too keen on allowing a LOST referendum vote, to the point of imposing a moratorium on them. If, however, the county was successful in imposing a LOST, collection could begin in April, 2027.

By comparison, paying for the facility via a property tax levy would

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FACILITY: Preferred funding source to be decided November 4

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simply require a majority vote from the commissioners. However, the entire fiscal burden would fall on property owners. Using the same \$1.8 million per year amount, a median household of \$313,000 would pay \$97 per year.

WHY A NEW FACILITY

Just take a look around the current highway department facility, and it will be obvious why a new facility must be constructed. The 75 year-old main building is in poor condition, is way too small for the department’s current needs, has many safety hazards, has a crumbling infrastructure, and in general has simply outlived its useful life.

Specifically, Bergerson points to a lack of space for the current fleet of vehicles, especially when trucks have plows attached to them. There is currently only enough space to do repairs to a couple vehicles at a time. During the winter, especially after a snowfall, the trucks have to wait their turn to get washed down. Additionally, many of the floor drains are failing, which makes the

space unusable or at the very least, prone to water pooling.

Other safety issues include cramped spaces, poor lighting, and air circulation issues. The lack of space also leads to having to scatter equipment such as signs in multiple locations, which wastes staff time trying to locate the needed items. Finally, there is little room for simple employee comforts. The “break room” is tucked into the corner of one of the repair spaces, complete with a microwave inserted into shelves holding mostly tools and other misc. parts. There also isn’t ample space in the conference room to conduct proper training sessions.

According to Bergerson, a recent space needs study revealed the need for approximately 75,000 square feet of total building space, which should be able to serve the county for 75 years. There should be enough inside space for over 40 fleet units. It should have dedicated bays for maintenance, welding, fabrication, and a full wash bay. There should also be enough space for modern offices, a shared training room and conference space, upgraded staff ameni-

Criteria	0.25% LOST Increase	Property Tax Levy	Comment
Projected annual revenue	*\$1.86M	*\$1.86M	Both fully fund debt service
Non-resident contribution	*\$0.50M (27%)	\$0	Advantage: LOST
Median household cost (Improved Residential Median Value for 2025 is \$313,000)	*\$67/yr	*\$97/yr	LOST more affordable
Equity	Consumption-based, spend more = pay more	Fixed asset-based on property value	LOST seen as more equitable
Revenue growth	Tied to spending	Static unless raised	LOST may grow faster
Admin complexity	Moderate for setup	Low	LOST requires admin effort to implement
Visibility	Low (purchases)	High (tax bill)	LOST less visible

*Preliminary figures based on estimated project costs and figures

A comparison of collecting revenue for the new highway department facility through a local option sales tax or property tax levy shows the advantages of a sales tax.

ties including locker rooms, a dedicated break room, and meeting and training areas.

Fortunately, the county has already found the land that nearly perfectly fits its needs. Just recently, the county finalized the purchase of the land from the city of Cambridge in the city’s Industrial Park to the north of Highway 95 and to the east of the Highway 65 bypass.

If all goes according to plan, construction will be set to begin in the spring of 2027, with “substantial completion” in the fall of 2028.



A makeshift “breakroom” features a microwave placed in a shelving unit filled with tools.

HUNTING: Council split between leaving ordinance alone, clarifying wording

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prompted him to ask for clarity from the council.

Berg also asked what types of animals were to be hunted. Machin said in the past, it was things like duck hunting. The current request is for hunting coyotes. Machin added the requester owns about 13 acres of land right on the city limits border.

Council member Bob Shogren made a motion to not offer advanced written exceptions, meaning absolutely no hunting would be allowed.

“I’m not against hunting,” Shogren said. “The chief is looking for clarity.”

Mayor Jim Godfrey made a motion to amend the original motion to instruct staff to establish specific criteria and bring an amended ordinance before the council. While the motion to amend the original motion passed 3-2, the motion to instruct staff to work on an amended ordinance failed 3-2, with Godfrey and Council member Mark Ziebarth voting yes. Since there was no further motions, the topic was dropped and the ordinance will stay as it is currently written.

“Chief, I trust your judgment and your opinion,” Berg said. “Use it as you see fit.”

‘I’m not against hunting. The chief is looking for clarity.’

Bob Shogren
Cambridge Council Member

‘Chief, I trust your judgment and your opinion.’

Aaron Berg
Cambridge Council Member

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION STARTING SOON

According to Community and Economic Development Director Marcia Westover, Centra Homes, the developer who purchased the land from the city, commonly known as the former Munkberg farm, is ready to begin construction on the first phase of the development. The first phase will include 50 single-family homes on approximately 28 acres. In addition, a street leading into the housing development, to be named Pioneer Trail SE, will be constructed in Phase 1. This street will also eventually provide access to the proposed Cambridge Shores Park.

Westover said if all goes according to plan, Phase 2 will begin in 2026 and Phase 3 will begin in 2027. Once all three phases are completed, there will be a total of 311 new houses in the development.

North Branch Public Works Director resigns

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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A familiar face is missing from City Hall as Shawn Williams, the city’s long-time director of public works, has resigned.

Williams was on leave as early as Monday, Aug. 25, according to City Administrator Matthew Hill. The city council approved a separation agreement as part of the council’s consent agenda at its Sept. 9 regular meeting.

Williams has worked for the city of North Branch since 1995. The council hosted a 30-year rec-

ognition ceremony at a meeting earlier this year.

The separation agreement, provided in response to a public data request to the city, does not provide any information on the reason for the resignation. It does specify that neither Williams nor the city “admits to any legal liability or violation of any contract or law, or... engaged in any wrongdoing in this matter.”

According to the agreement, Williams received it on Sept. 2 and signed it on Sept. 5.

Williams will receive a lump sum payment equivalent to four

months of his city salary. He may not apply for employment with the city again.

Reached via text message on Saturday, Sept. 13, Williams said he has started a new job. He did not provide further information by press time.

The agreement contains a clause prohibiting Williams and the city from making any “defamatory or disparaging statements concerning any aspect” of Williams’s employment with the city.

Talking fall allergies with University of Minnesota

As fall approaches, many people begin to experience allergy symptoms triggered by seasonal changes. Neal Godse, MD, with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview, talks about the triggers of fall allergies, common symptoms and advice on how to manage them.

Q: What are the most common allergies people experience during the fall season?

Dr. Godse: Common triggers for allergies in late summer and fall include grasses, ragweed and molds as leaves begin to fall and break down. As temperatures cool down and people start their heating, dust in air ducts and furnaces can also cause problems.

Q: What are the typical symptoms of fall allergies?

Dr. Godse: Common allergy symptoms include sneezing, itchy or watery eyes, runny nose, difficulty breathing through the nose, headache, facial pressure and ear fullness/popping. I expect that these issues may be worse this season, given the issues we’ve had with air quality as well.

Q: How can someone distinguish fall allergies from a cold or flu?

Dr. Godse: Allergies tend not to cause symptoms like fevers, chills, muscle aches and sore throat. Additionally, allergic nasal drainage tends to be clear to white/yellow, whereas nasal drainage from infections, like the cold and flu, tends to be very cloudy and can be yellow-green.

Q: How can people combat their fall allergies?

Dr. Godse: Avoiding known triggers and using

air purifiers can help reduce the allergen burden that people encounter in the fall. Oral antihistamines, nasal antihistamines and nasal steroids are generally the best medications for reducing the inflammation that causes allergies. Saline sprays and rinses, like a neti pot, can help remove allergens from the nose for natural decongestion. Lastly, people should be careful when using oral and nasal decongestants, as these medications can make congestion worse over the long term and do not treat the allergic inflammation at all.

Q: How does your research at the University of Minnesota impact clinical care?

Dr. Godse: Our research at the University is focused on understanding how a variety of types of inflammation, including allergic inflammation, can affect the nose and sinuses, particularly in patients with chronic rhinosinusitis.

Dr. Neal Godse is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a rhinologist and skull base surgeon at M Health Fairview. His research focuses on better understanding and treating patients with cancer of the nasal cavity and skull base. He is also interested in the novel applications of emerging technologies to patients with these issues and chronic inflammatory sinus disease. - the University of Minnesota Medical School

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

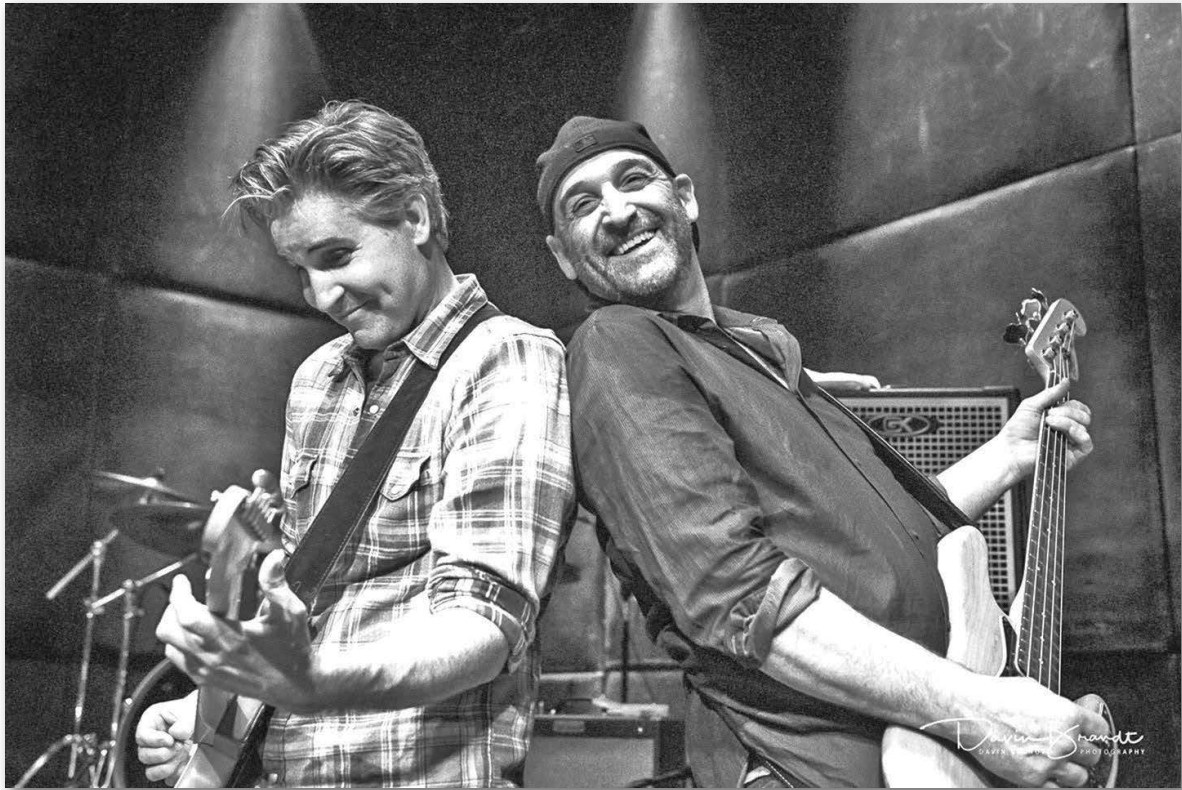
Book Club

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@midconetwork.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,



CONTRIBUTED

Martin Zeller and the Hardways perform at Rhythm of the Rapids on Sept. 18.

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

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 Adultmental-health.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

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ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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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 eclib.org for info.

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

SEPT 18

Rhythm of the Rapids

Concert fundraiser at Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Coon Rapids featuring Martin Zeller and the Hardways, 5-8:30 p.m. Includes

raffle prizes, food trucks, kids' activities, pumpkin sale, and more. Tickets: rhythmoftherapids.com

Saving and Recovering History Workshop

Featuring historian Doug Ohman. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Cambridge Public Library. Metal detectors and equipment available to try.

SEPT 21

PFLAG Meeting

East Central MN PFLAG monthly meeting, 2 p.m., Common Ground United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress St. N., Cambridge. Info: ecmnpflag.org.

NorthBrook Church

Grand Opening

NorthBrook Church will celebrate its grand opening at 10 a.m. with a service, followed by a free meal and family activities at 6943 St. Croix Trail, North Branch. For more information visit northbrookonline.org.

SEPT 22

Cambridge Cub Scouts hike

Boys in grades K-5 and their families are invited to a hike at Becklin Homestead County Park, 34605 Holly St. NW, Cambridge, 5:30-6:30 p.m. For questions: cubpack235mn@gmail.com.

SEPT 23

Breakfast for dinner

4:30-7:30 p.m. at Helios Masonic Lodge, 343 2nd Ave. SW, Cambridge. Tickets are available at the door. Info: helioslodge273.org

AARP Smart Driver class

For drivers 55 and older. Earn a certificate for possible insurance discounts. 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Isanti Community Center. Register by calling 612-750-1496 or online at aarp.org/findacourse.

GriefShare support group

GriefShare will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 109 2nd Ave. NW, Isanti. The group addresses common struggles and provides tips, encouragement, and support. For more information call 763-444-9201.

SEPT 25

Fall bowling We R Able

4-6 p.m., JJ's Bowl and Lounge, 6427 Ash St., North Branch. Balls and shoes included. Info: 320-358-3616.

Submit information for upcoming events to: editor@countystar.com



Rain dampens this year's Customer Appreciation

ast Friday featured a first for this area. For the first time in the 20 years of its existence, the Cambridge Customer Appreciation Day featured rain throughout almost the entire duration of the event. Other years have seen light rain just before or after the event, or for a brief period at the very start or conclusion. But never has it had such a steady rain for that long.

A few people on social media complained organizers should have postponed or outright canceled the event due to the weather. At the very least, some said it should have been moved indoors. However, that is far easier said than done, especially considering last Friday's scenario.

If the weather forecast on Thursday or earlier had indicated a strong likelihood

of rain, maybe alternative plans could have been made. As it was, though, I watched two different weather forecasts Friday morning and there was only a chance of isolated showers. I believe even one of the meteorologists proclaimed it wasn't a big enough chance to prompt changing outdoor plans.

Even as late as noon to 1 p.m., volunteers noted how they were setting up in bright, sunny conditions. It wasn't until closer to 2 p.m. when the skies started looking ominous. About a half-hour later, the first wave of rain came through, complete with a little bit of lightning.

That lightning was another reason why some said it should have been canceled. However, after that first line went through, there wasn't a single sign of lightning or thunder. Even youth sports events would have restarted based on this.

Getting back to the postponement suggestion, yes, the next day was beautiful. However, it would have been very tricky to round up enough volunteers at the last minute, on a Saturday no less. There's also the issue that technically, Main Street was only allowed to be closed on Friday.

As for moving it indoors, based on the large crowds and multitude of business booths that typically envelop downtown, there isn't a large indoor space to properly hold it. Maybe if we had something like a fieldhouse, that option could be considered.

It really is unfortunate the rain put a major damper on this year's event. It truly is one of the best "small town" events around. Perhaps organizers can take this year as a learning experience and in the future try to come up with a "plan B" in case similar or worse weather besieges the event.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



GOODNIGHT SUNDANCE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Death of Charlie Kirk

To the editor,

I want to thank the people who were kind to me at the Isanti County Fair after the death of Melissa Hortman. One lady sent me some blue frosted cookies for our booth and the chair of the local GOP came over to me and said that we were all neighbors and that we needed to work together and be kind to each other.

With the death of Charlie Kirk, I am sorry for the people who loved him and believed in him. He was a young man with a family and he did not deserve what happened to him. I do not share his political beliefs or religion, but his death was a tragedy. I hope that people who loved him or were inspired by him find some kind of solace and that we all find better ways to deal with our differences.

Barbara Kruschel
Cambridge

Why the violence and hate?

To the editor,

What is happening in this country with this latest assassination, that has affected so many in our country? A man gunned down in his youth ministering to young people on college campuses, helping them find truth among all the indoctrination, and encouraging them to embrace freedom and free speech and finding and helping them open up to their God.

President Trump was nearly killed once and another attempt

was discovered. He barely escaped death. We thank God he was so miraculously saved from that bullet.

Are we so divided that speech we disagree with, we can silence and even assassinate the one speaking? We have Freedom of Speech it's our First Amendment right.

Turning Point USA is all about dialogue. Mr. Kirk wanted those that disagreed with him to state why and what they believed. They would have a back and forth dialogue.

His arguments were so convincing he won many to his cause. This is why his organization has grown so large and popular; but many who don't even know him, call him names and denigrate him, I guess because they don't have good arguments, so they try to denigrate and lie about him; and now someone believed all these lies and tragically killed him. So very very sad. So many are heartbroken and grieving.

I do hope this is the bottom of how low some have fallen. This was a very good man and very brave to take a stand for his beliefs.

This is about Free Speech which is protected in the First Amendment to the Constitution. It seems some want censorship and shutting down opponents. Some are celebrating his murder. We all know this is wrong, but some don't care, no compassion. Charlie was trying to bring that to the forefront, to listen to each other, and have a dialogue.

Many are seeing this now; but will there be a difference? Charlie was about loving others, telling the truth, Jesus—will his opponents

ever admit their failures and show compassion and apologize. It's the only way—Jesus forgave us all of our trespasses and sins and died for all of us. Can't we all be forgiving and respectful? God loves us all. We are One Nation under God.

Judy Hansen
Cambridge

PAID LETTER:

An optimistic perspective on our school referendum

To the editor,

Cambridge-Isanti Schools currently carries voter-approved debt from past facility investments. Without new bonds, school taxes — about \$34/month on a \$300,000 home — would gradually decline through 2040 as debt is retired. However, this reduction would be slow, and the cost of inaction far outweighs temporary savings.

This referendum reflects years of community input from residents, parents, business owners, and civic leaders. Nearly 60 members of a Community Task Force helped shape the plan, urging the district to act now to avoid more expensive problems later.

If the community chooses to invest:

- Inflation won't add ~\$6 million annually to future construction costs.
- Deferred maintenance won't lead to emergency repairs that divert funds from classrooms.
- Outdated buildings won't worsen

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The power of community

As humans, we are meant to live in community with one another. We are built for connection, for working together, and for supporting one another through times of celebration and times of challenge. The past several weeks have brought difficulties and hardship both close to home and across the country. In moments like these, it is critical to remember that here in Cambridge-Isanti, we are stronger together.

Despite differences of opinion or perspective, there is far more that unites us than divides us. We share a common hope for our families, our neighbors, and our future. We all want safe and welcoming schools, thriving communities, and opportunities for our children to grow into responsible and compassionate leaders. When we come together in community, we live out these shared values in ways that not only strengthen our present but also shape our future.

Part of that strength comes from honoring our roots. Cambridge-Isanti is a community built on generations of people who have worked hard, cared for one another, and supported the common good. From the farmers, small business owners, and civic leaders who laid the foundation for our towns, to the parents, grandparents, and educators who built strong schools, our story is deeply rooted in the values of connection and care. We honor those who came before us by continuing to carry those values forward.

At the same time, our focus must remain on the future. Our students today will be tomorrow's leaders—guiding our communities, state, nation, and world. Every day, in our classrooms and on our fields, in the arts and through service projects, we see young people developing the skills, resilience, and compassion that will carry us forward. They are living proof that the strength of community today will shape the possibilities of tomorrow.

One of the traditions that reminds us of this connection between past, present, and future is Homecoming. The week of September 29, our schools and community will celebrate Homecoming together. Homecoming is about more than a football game or a dance. It is about remembering who we are, honoring where we come from, and celebrating what makes us special as Blue-jackets. It is a time to reconnect with old classmates, colleagues, and friends, support our learners, and remind ourselves of the pride we share in being part of this community.

In times of challenge, it can be easy to feel unsettled or divided. But our community gives us strength. When we lean on one another, when we choose kindness, respect, and compassion, we find the resilience we need to face challenges together. That is the heart of the Bluejacket Way—and it is at the core of what makes our community strong.

As we look ahead, let us continue to honor our roots, support one another in the present, and work together to build a future filled with promise. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are a community.

GO BIG BLUE!
DR. NATERUDOLPH is superintendent of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. He can be reached at 763-689-6202 or nrudolph@c-ischools.org.



C-I School News
Dr. Nate Rudolph

Join us for Walk and Roll Viking style

What a beautiful time of year to get outside. Outdoor activity not only boosts physical health but also reduces stress and lifts your mood. So come join us for some fresh air and Viking fun!

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7:05 a.m., we'll gather at St. Gregory's Church (38725 Forest Blvd.) and kick-off the morning with a group walk and bike ride. Our route will take us east on Maple Street and then south on Grand

Avenue all the way to Sunrise River Elementary School.

Walk and Roll to school is also an important part of putting a

priority on safety. Safety begins the moment a student steps out their front door and makes their way to school. That's why safe routes matter so much, and why we work in partnership with our city and county to create them.

The City of North Branch and Chisago County are in the final stages of completing a major project along Forest Boulevard, which includes adding sidewalks that provide safer paths for walking and biking. Sidewalks might seem like small details in the big picture of education, but they are not. They make the difference between a dangerous trip and a safe one. They give families confidence, promote healthier lifestyles, and connect neighborhoods.

When we join forces, we make real progress that benefits every student and family. We're proud to partner with The City of North Branch, Chisago County's

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), and we'll be joined by city leaders, SHIP staff, and members of the North Branch Police and Fire Departments.

If you'd like to join us on October 8, meet us at the St. Gregory Church Parking Lot at 7:05 a.m. You can experience the new sidewalks and see first hand the road improvements. We'll begin walking and rolling at 7:15 a.m. Everyone's welcome, so bring your family, friends, or neighbors and let's make this a memorable morning.

Walk and Roll Viking style, it's one more way we come together for a great purpose and show our Viking pride. I look forward to seeing you there.

Vikings, let's Walk and Roll!
SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.



NB School News
Sara Paul

Bus stop safety reminder for Minnesota drivers

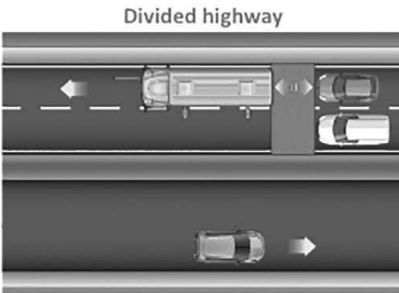
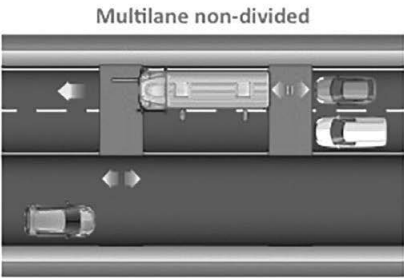
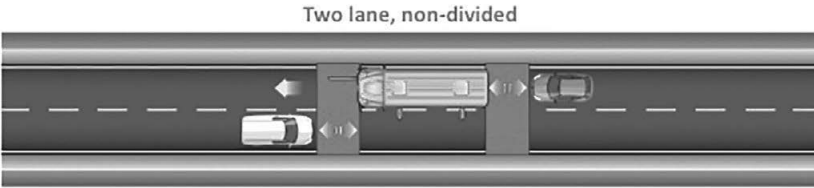
Question: I read your last article about school buses and flashing lights. Can you do a reminder on passing a school bus?

Answer: It is illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and its stop arm is extended. If you are driving on a divided roadway, you do not need to stop for a school bus with red lights flashing if it is on the opposite side of the divider. A law enforcement officer with probable cause to believe you have violated this law may arrest you within four hours of the violation.

When your vehicle is used to violate the school bus stop arm law, you are guilty of a petty misdemeanor if you own or lease the vehicle. However, if you can



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow



prove that another person was driving the vehicle at the time, the driver will be charged with the violation.

When you apply for a driver's license, you must certify, by signing the application, that you understand the requirement to stop for a school bus and are aware of the penalties for violating this law.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related

laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

energy inefficiency, safety, or learning conditions.

•Time-sensitive funding opportunities won't be lost, avoiding full cost burdens later.

Minnesota provides only \$1/sq ft for facility upkeep — far below the \$4/sq ft recommended by national standards. Community-approved bonds have historically bridged this gap, ensuring safe, functional schools.

School taxes are the smallest portion of most property tax bills but have the biggest impact on our future. Think about it: nearly every aspect of our daily lives — homes, food, healthcare, transportation — is shaped by the education of future generations. Students educated in our schools become the builders, caregivers, innovators, and leaders of tomorrow.

This referendum proposes a modest \$16/month increase (based on a \$300,000 home) to the current tax commitment if both questions pass. It's a proactive investment in the educational experience of our children and the long-term vitality of our community.

It will also provide a positive impact on our economy and community. If approved, the bond will generate \$36.5 million in construction investment,

creating 200 – 250 jobs and \$58 million in economic activity. New facilities will attract over 8,700 annual visitors for sports and arts events, injecting \$6.5 million into the local economy over ten years.

Upgrades to the Performing Arts Center and a new fieldhouse will expand regional events, boosting local dining, lodging, and retail. These are outside dollars coming into our community — supporting businesses, creating jobs, and enhancing quality of life.

Research shows every \$1 invested in schools increases home values by \$20. Let's be a community that supports, sacrifices, and stays optimistic. Vote YES — for our schools, our economy, and our future generations.

PAID LETTER:

What about after 25 years?

To the editor,

My purpose here is not to advocate for or against the proposed bond issue for Cambridge-Isanti schools. That depends on what voters think about whether the proposed projects are worth what they cost.

Dr. Bill Berg
Cambridge

I just want to point out that the graph on page 9, County Star, September 11 (tax burden of existing bonds shown in blue, taxes to repay proposed bonds shown in red) requires a careful reading. The graph could be misread to say that taxes to repay the proposed bonds abruptly end in 2050.

Not so. Just as taxes for the present bonds have a "tail" ending in 2039, taxation for the proposed bonds would have a tail ending 25 years after the last bonds are issued, i. e. 2040 plus 25 years.

Chuck Baynton
Cambridge

PAID LETTER:

Would like to see assurances and transparency

To the editor,

I have been following the commentary about the two referendum questions for the C-I schools. The information and photos provided by the schools leaves little doubt that work is needed, however I wonder why this maintenance has been neglected for so long? I understand school districts are funded differently than government organizations, but it seems maintenance could

still be planned to prevent deterioration to the level they are experiencing today. It leaves me with the belief that the schools have not been good stewards of our money. My feeling of mistrust is strengthened by the alleged deception on their website showing only a \$5 - \$16 increase but failing to show the true cost of the referendums. Thankfully the paid letter from Mr. Kersten clearly articulated this last week.

I would like to vote yes for both referendums, however, I would like to see assurances and transparency from the district on how our money has been spent and how they will plan to spend it in the future. What needs did they share to get the last referendum passed and were they completed? Simply providing a laundry list and pictures of needs is not sufficient. I have doubts the money will be spent on the areas of greatest need and managed responsibly. Additionally I have doubts that future maintenance requirements will be planned and implemented to prevent being in this same situation in another 10 years. If they want my vote, transparency and accountability are needed.

Steve Johnson
Cambridge

OBITUARIES

Bernetta L. Browen

Bernetta L. Browen, age 96, of Cambridge passed away September 9, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Karmel Covenant Church with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment to follow at the church cemetery.



Bernetta Lucille Diede was born on July 22, 1929 on their family farm near Wetonka, South Dakota to Emilia (Kallenberger) and Christian Hugo Diede; the second of eight children. She met her husband, LeRoy, while waitressing at a restaurant in Alexandria, SD. They were married on June 14, 1951 and moved to Isanti County in 1952 where they purchased their Springvale Township farm.

In addition to raising six children and working on the farm, she also cared for residents at Cambridge State Hospital and Sunbergs Nursing Home (now Gracepointe Crossing). Health issues for Roy resulted in their early retirement from farming. This reality began over 40 years of passion for serving the community and others through volunteering. A passion second only to the time spent with their family and each other. They were an inseparable team.

In 2003, she was selected as the women’s Isanti County Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. While the Minnesota’s Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year award was ultimately given to her husband, he immediately brought her to the stage to

share in the honor. This award celebrated her many years of service with Seven County Senior Federation, Isanti County Commission on Aging, Senior Partners Care Program, Senior Dining Site Council, Senior Activity Center (SACs), One More Time Clothing Center, Foster Grandparents, VA Hospital, Women’s Missionary Society, Vacation Bible School and many other volunteer activities. This quote from her nomination described her well “Bernetta is the kind of person who quietly has given of herself tirelessly and without hesitation. She truly cares about others and puts their needs before her own”. She continued this approach to life as long as she was able and enjoyed many wonderful years at Mill Ridge Terrace Independent Living as she took new residents under her wing, spent countless hours crafting for fundraisers, developed her love of calling and playing bingo, watering outdoor plants, baking for coffee and other activities while still managing to fit in her love of puzzles, playing pinochle, bridge and other games.

Bernetta passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at GracePointe Crossing surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy; grandson, Nathan Schleicher; parents, Emilia and Christian Hugo Diede; sisters, Viola Liedle and Betty Farm; and brother, Roy Diede.

Bernetta is survived by her children - Diane Thompson (Mike) of Princeton MN, Gary Browen (Cheryl) of Andover MN, Donna Auth (Jeff) of Cambridge MN, Greg Browen (Luanne) of Dalbo MN, Dale Browen (Patty) of Opole MN, and Julie Weeks-Freedman (Dave) of Maple Grove MN; 20 grandchildren - Amy Dronen (Marc), Jenna Thompson (Tim), Matthew Thompson (Leah), Brian Thompson (Angela), Melissa Harper (Ja-

son), Heather Fenwick (Dustin), Justin Browen (Hannah), Danett Manders (Jay), Kevin Auth (Kalyn), Tim Browen (Aleasha), Mandy Kazmerzak (Paul), Tony Browen (Shelly), Chelsea Johnson, Craig Browen (Julie), Derek Browen, Ethan Weeks (Rian), Kally Marschall (Travis), Sydney Thielen (Evan), Nicole Freedman, and Avery Freedman; 47 great-grandchildren - Emmy (Austin), Addy, Ivy, Isaac, Levi, Lydia, Micah, Caleb, Julia, Ava, Carter, Arika, Rakayla, Wyatt, Ella, Mason, Maddy, Lilly, Hayden, Kinsley, Kathryn (Ashton), Kaylie (Lucus), Cody, Ellie, Owen, Peyton, Alexis, Cade, Maelie, Dawson, Aaliyah, Makenna, Camden, Lilah, Theo, Dillon, Kira, Madden, Niko, Tucker, Trevyn, Tate, Taylin, Teddy, Charlotte, Harper and Palmer; three great-great-grandchildren - Finley, Remi and Bennett. Also survived by her sister, Norma Hoffman of Aberdeen SD; 3 brothers, Harvey Diede of Aberdeen SD, Melvin Diede of Sublimity OR, and Roger Diede of Independence, OR; and many other relatives and friends.

Special thanks to the GracePointe Crossing staff and volunteers, Optage Hospice and specifically Jane Brodeen. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do. The work you do is truly a gift and we will always be grateful.

Her family will miss most her smirk-like smile, Christmas baking, her potato salad and apple pie, her crazy love of bingo and, most of all, the love and support that she showed each of us in every aspect of our lives.

Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories. ~Ronald Reagan

Online condolences can be placed at: StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Paul Jevne Tatting

Paul Jevne Tatting, age 89, of Cambridge, MN, died unexpectedly September 11, 2025, at Cambridge Medical Center.

Paul was born June 17, 1936, in Columbia Heights, MN, to Frederick and Frances Jevne Tatting. He grew up with a father who was a school principal and mother who was a school teacher, influences that likely led to Paul following his own career path in education. Many in the Cambridge-Isanti community recall him being their principal at Isanti Elementary School, a post he held for 22 years until he retired (for the first time) in 1998. He absolutely loved his job and even the challenges that went with it.

He married Alvera Elsie Hebeisen on April 10, 1960, in her hometown of Swanville, MN. She was no doubt the love of his life, and he cared for her up until his passing. They had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last April.

Paul’s childhood revolved mainly in Columbia Heights. He fondly remembered the 1930s and ‘40s when he waited for the next delivery of ice, covered in sawdust to keep it cool; watching the trolley go up Reservoir Boulevard to the water works; finding anything with iron and getting money for it; recalling the rationing of sugar and gasoline; and playing games like kick the can and pom pom pullaway.

His faith, music, and sports were his main interests throughout his life. His family was musical,

starting with a father who played the violin and mother on the piano. Paul played the clarinet and piano quite well. He enjoyed his time as a longtime member of the Cambridge Lutheran Church Senior Choir. He also loved his time with the Cambridge-Isanti Grad Band and attending many concerts at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. In sports, baseball was his favorite in high school. He pitched and played the outfield and helped his team win the suburban championship. Later in life, he was instrumental in expanding the number of tennis courts at Cambridge-Isanti High School and petitioning the school to add Bluejacket tennis teams for both girls and boys. That ultimately happened.

Paul graduated from the University of Minnesota where his studies focused on elementary education. In 1959, he began teaching sixth grade at Mounds View School District. He discovered teaching school was fun working with the kids. By 1963, he and Alvera had three children Dawn, Paul, and Ann. His first principalship took place in Cokato, MN. The family moved back to the Cities in 1971 when Paul became an intern principal at his old school, Pike Lake. During his second stint at Mounds View, he served as principal, math department chairman for 12 elementary schools, district evaluator, and fifth grade teacher.

In 1976, Paul was hired as the principal at Isanti Elementary in the Cambridge-Isanti School District. Again the family had to move, but this time his youngest son, Jonathan, had joined the family. In his 22 years at Isanti Elementary, many changes took place. The reading curriculum stressed whole learning. Parents became more involved in policies. Special Education changed the most with the individualized education plan (IEP). To this day,

community members will approach family and talk about the impact he had on their own educational careers and time spent as his student.

Paul retired from Cambridge-Isanti Schools in 1998, but he was not ready to completely retire. That summer he was asked if he would like to apply for the interim principalship at Grantsburg Middle School. He quickly said yes, and the position lasted two years. In the year 2000, he retired for the second time but still agreed to substitute teach as needed for Cambridge-Isanti Schools until 2019.

In his second retirement, he definitely enjoyed more time golfing at the Purple Hawk, fishing and hanging out with his long-time friends, and being the best husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather he could be. His family loved him very much, which makes this time most difficult. But he had a good life, touching so many people in positive ways. He definitely left his mark on the community he loved.

Paul is survived by his wife, Alvera; brother, Fred D. Tatting (Vicki); four children Dawn E. Crowe (Rob), Paul Jeffrey Tatting, Ann Smith (Steve), and Jonathan Tatting (Rachel); nephews Brian, Dieter and Troy; nieces Terri, Chris, Nena, Molly, Sarah, and Steph; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Warren Tatting and Bradley Tatting, and sister, Jean Tatting.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Eric Berglund

Eric Berglund, 66, of Warren, MN, went to meet his Lord on Monday, September 15, 2025.

CELEBRATION of LIFE: Friday, September 26, 2025, at 2 p.m., in HOPE Church of Grand Forks, ND.

VISITATION: One hour prior.

RECEPTION: To follow, with cake, ice cream, and sharing of memories.

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION: Sunday, September 28, 2025, 2-3:30 p.m., in First Baptist Church of Cambridge, MN, in the Fellowship Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS: DuBore Funeral Home of Warren, MN.

GUESTBOOK: www.DuBoreFuneralHome.com

Anthony “Tony” Robert Tempesta

Anthony “Tony” Robert Tempesta, age 95, of Isanti passed away at home on Sept. 13. Full notice to follow. Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family. www.SkinnerFH.com full obituary and details to follow.

Delores J. Bremer

Delores J. Bremer, age 91, of Cambridge, passed away peacefully on September 7, 2025, at Cambridge Medical Center.

Delores was born on November 23, 1933, in River Falls, Wisconsin. She moved with her family to Cambridge in 1945 and made it her lifelong home. On June 9, 1951, she married the love of her life, Wesley Bremer, in Cambridge. Together

they built a life full of family, love and community.

She worked for 30 years at Cornelius Co. in Anoka. Outside of work, Delores enjoyed crocheting, gardening and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Ceil Peterson; her sister, Donna Shoens; and her brothers, Larmen and Merle Peterson.

Delores is survived by her husband, Wesley of Cambridge; daughters Diane (Edward) Wetterstrom and Peggy (Gordie) Steele, both of Ham Lake, and Vicky (Donald) Funfar of Cambridge; her brother Kenneth (Pat) Peterson of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A remembrance of life will be held at a later date.



OBITUARIES CONTINUED

David Hedman

David Hedman, age 84, of Isanti died September 8, 2025 at Prairie Senior Cottages in Isanti, MN.

David Arnold Hedman was born January 14, 1941 in Rhinelander Wisconsin to Shirley R (Gilman) and Henry A. Hedman. David attended one room school houses, Shepard Lake and Bernstein followed by Pine Lake then Rhinelander High until he joined the navy in 1959. He took various classes throughout life, in 1987 he got an Associates Degree. From age 11 to 18 years old David and our great stepdad, Dick Hale, belonged to Boy Scouts of America - Pine Lake Troop 195 then becoming Troop 595. This was a good foundation for life and many good times.

At 18, David's first hitch (1959-1963) in the navy he was assigned to the USS Arneb (AKA-56) an amphibious cargo vessel. It's destination was the Antarctic, "Operation Deep Freeze". They had many stops along the way and then a cruise around the world recording data for science on the way back to the US port. He went on this trip three times. This is the experience he talked about most over the years. There were other ships and hitches that had civilian time in between. His Performance Evaluation Reports were quote "Exceptional". David retired at 70 after 23 years with Pinkerton in California. Pride in his work was again evident by impressive evaluations.

David married Elizabeth Carol in Christ Church, New Zealand in the early 60's. They were together for two weeks then David had to ship out. Their marriage didn't last. Back in Rhinelander, he fell in love with and married Jennifer Harper on July 26, 1969. They had a son, Douglas Henry, born in March 1970. They moved to Bremerton, Washington in 1973. Jennifer and David separated in 1976. David missed a lot of Doug's childhood but treasured the times they were together. In 1980, he married Estrella Rojo in Cebu City, Phillipines. They lived in California mostly. Estrella died in 2018 in Cebu City.

Over the years David enjoyed old music, playing cards, a variety of puzzles, fishing and a good chew! He didn't smoke, drank very little and was friendly, playful, cheerful and liked animals.

David is survived by son, Douglas of Washington; sister, Edna Carlson of MN; nieces and a nephew; aunt, Karen Statzney (Jim) of WI; uncle, Dennis Miller (Karen) of WI; and many cousins. He is preceded in death by wife, Estrella; sister, Jennie and brother-in-law, William Guolee.

A special thank you to Prairie Senior Cottages for the wonderful care they gave to David.

There will be a graveside service at Forest Home Cemetery in Rhinelander on September 26, 2025 at 1pm at his mother's grave site. Online condolences can be placed at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Patricia Marie Buck

Patricia Marie Buck, Age 84 of Cambridge, MN went home to her Lord Jesus Christ on September 9, 2025. Born on July 10, 1941 in Minneapolis, MN to Roger and Ruth O'Conner. She grew up in Edina, MN and graduated from Edina High School in 1959.



She married Wayne Buck while he was serving in the USAF in 1960.

Pat and Wayne moved to Bethel, MN in 1965. Pat was a stay at home mother of three. She enjoyed camping, sewing and day trips.

In 1980 she and her husband started a family business and worked side by side for the next 30 years. Pat and Wayne moved to Cambridge, MN in 2011 after retirement.

Pat had so much love for family, close friends and any animal she ever met; she was loved and adored immensely.

Pat is survived by her husband Wayne; Daughter Lisa (Joe Frattalone), son Mark (Wendy Buck) and daughter Jodi (Jay Meade); six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A celebration of Pat's life will be planned for a later date.

To our many friends and family members who were there spiritually as we grieved the loss of our fallen hero and beloved, Daniel A. Hiljus. He was a true samaritan and a friend to anyone who crossed his path in and around the globe. Please keep your loved ones close as if there's no tomorrow.

Wife, Linda M. Hiljus
Pensacola, FL
Mother, Joyce Smeja
Cambridge, MN

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Cambridge Local Library, LEX
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County Yellow Ribbon Support Group



STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

Ryan Thunstrom, of Isanti; Richard Harrison, of Cambridge; and Kayla Lind, of Braham (President's) from Southern New Hampshire University.

Find it in the Parks Medallion Hunt winner

While daily clues lead Nolan Wotachek to look at Springvale County Park most of the week, the final clues brought him to Vegsund Family County Park. The clues mentioning "aspen" and "mail" lead him to the spot that the medallion was hidden, which was hanging from a young aspen branch just off the gravel trail in the Southeast part of the park. This annual event would

not happen without all of the generous sponsors including Crawford Equipment, Cambridge Family Dental, Larson's Cycle, Walmart, Coborn's, Mills Fleet Farm and Cub Foods. In total, Nolan was awarded \$1,000 in local business donations!

Thank you to all who participated in the 11th annual medallion hunt within Isanti County Parks. - Isanti County Parks



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Become a Master Gardener in 2025

Think globally, act locally. It's a phrase that applies so well to University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners in Isanti County.

We're the University of Minnesota on the ground—often literally—delivering science-based practices to our communities. As volunteers, Master Gardeners learn not only from scientific research, but from one another and the communities we serve.

And sometimes we surprise people. Many are familiar with Master Gardeners as reliable resources for questions about flowers or grass because horticulture skills are a cornerstone of our work.

But did you know that Master Gardeners also focus on local foods and sustainability? Or that we teach about practices that restore Minnesota's native prairies and protect our precious water?

Or that volunteering as a Master Gardener gives people a chance to spread their wings in photography, writing, community speaking and more?

There's a lot in the Master Gardener program that helps us learn, grow, and share.

We inspire change to promote healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet.

Masters Gardeners come from all ages and backgrounds. We're especially excited to see the new generation of Master Gardeners embracing opportunities with enthusiasm.



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Isanti Master Gardeners tour Green Valley Greenhouse

Learn more about becoming an Extension Master Gardener by visiting isanticountymastergardeners.umn.edu or extension.umn.edu/master-gardener. Or contact Katie Hagen (hagen@umn.edu or 763-689-8254), the Agricultural & Natural Resource Extension Educator supporting the Master Gardener Volunteers in Isanti County. Applications will be accepted online until Oct. 1. Come learn, grow, and share with us. - Isanti County Master Gardeners

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The Isanti County Mounted Patrol horses were a big hit with the kids during the event.

(Right photo) Attendees got to get an up-close look at a few of the critters that might be found in the park.



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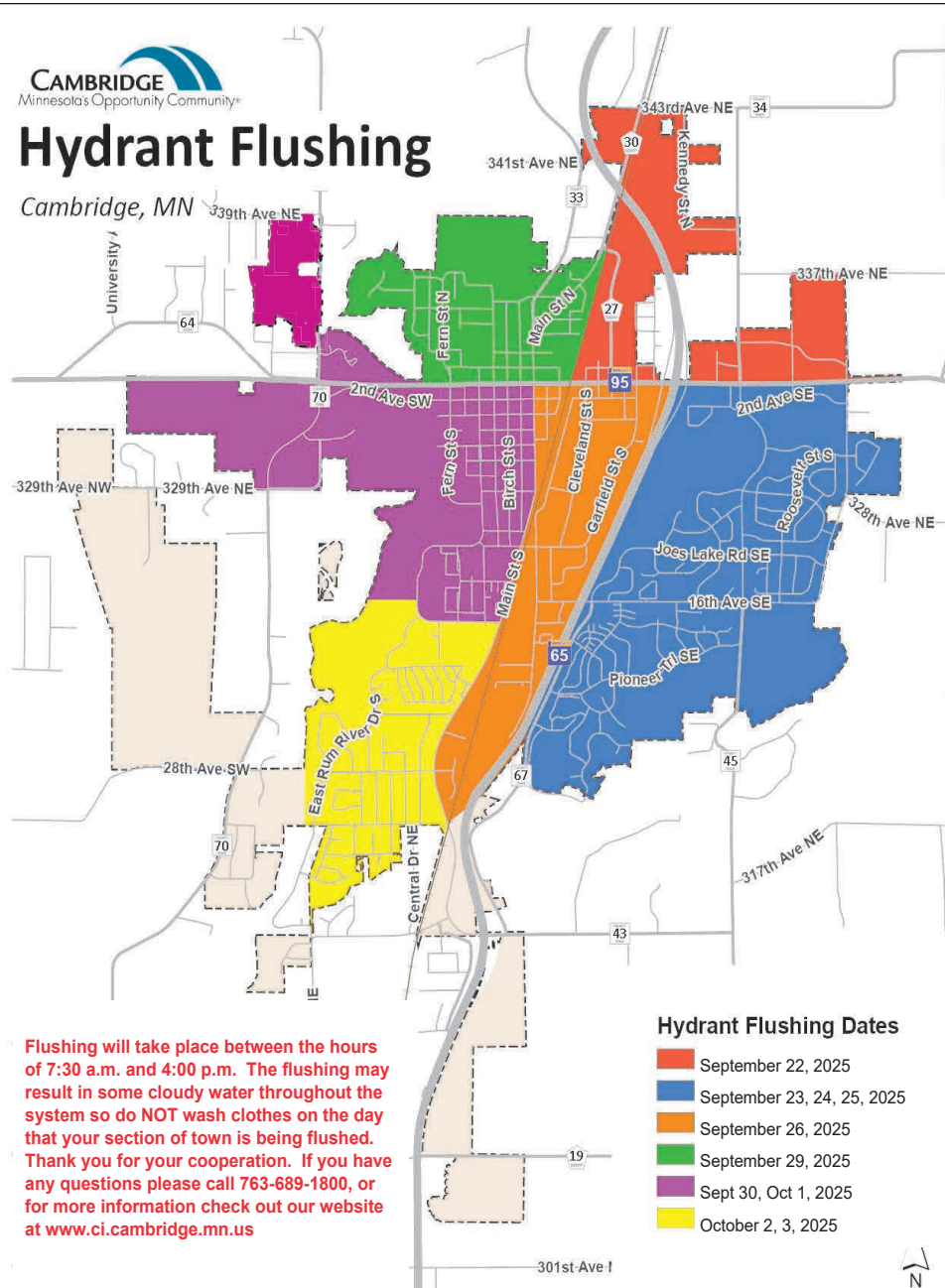
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Not everyone stayed away

(Far left) M&H Appliance won first place in the scarecrow contest for their entry made of spare washing machine parts. (Near left) A much shorter than normal line of people wait to get their free hot dog dinner. (Below) The Mystery Mountain Boys tried to keep dry under a tent while playing.

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- **The College** was run by President Robert Musgrove
- **Online learning platform D2L** created hybrid and online learning options
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September 11
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C-I boys cross country @ St. Francis
*Top finisher: Hunter Jacobson (4th place)
C-I girls tennis 4, North Branch 3
*Team-winning match: Cassidy Millender, 4th singles (6-2, 5-7, 6-2)
C-I girls soccer 1, Monticello 6
C-I girls swim & dive 89, Big Lake 97
*1st place finishers: 200 medley relay, Anika Michaelis (diving), Alison Willits (100 backstroke), Sophia Jensrud (100 breaststroke)
C-I boys soccer 0, Monticello 6
C-I volleyball 0, Monticello 3
NB boys soccer 2, Big Lake 1
NB girls soccer 1, Big Lake 1

September 12
C-I girls tennis 5, Duluth East 2
C-I football 0, Monticello 48
NB football 30, Cloquet 16
NB volleyball 0, Benilde-St. Margaret's 2
NB volleyball 2, Rocori 0

September 13
C-I girls tennis @ Hibbing Invite - 3rd place
*Top finisher: Elle Chesla (first place, 3rd singles)
NB girls tennis 6, Roseau 1
NB girls tennis 7, Big Lake 0
NB girls tennis 7, Willmar 0
NB volleyball 2, St. Peter 0
NB volleyball 0, Cretin-Derham Hall 2
NB volleyball 0, Grand Rapids 2

September 15
C-I girls tennis 5, Chisago Lakes 2
C-I girls soccer 0, Chisago Lakes 2
C-I boys soccer 1, Chisago Lakes 0
C-I volleyball 1, Blaine 3
NB girls tennis 7, Zimmerman 0
NB girls soccer 1, St. Cloud Tech 2
NB boys soccer 3, St. Cloud Apollo 4

September 16
C-I girls cross country @ Chisago Lakes
*Top finisher: Makenna Sjoberg (2nd place)
C-I boys cross country @ Chisago Lakes
*Top finisher: Hunter Jacobson (1st place)
C-I boys soccer 8, Proctor 0
*Xander Levitski & Brayden Furlong - 2 goals
C-I girls tennis 5, Becker 2
C-I volleyball 2, Chisago Lakes 3
NB girls tennis 5, Princeton 2
NB girls cross country @ Chisago Lakes
*Top finisher: Ava Witkowski (18th place)
NB boys cross country @ Chisago Lakes
*Top finisher: Caleb Rueter (6th place)
NB girls soccer 1, Becker 1
NB volleyball 3, Becker 0



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Cambridge-Isanti's Jade Heifort goes up for a kill during the Bluejackets' match against Chisago Lakes.



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C-I's Evie Porta hits a return during her first singles match versus Chisago Lakes.



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North Branch's Logan Raine cruises into the endzone during the Vikings' game against Cloquet.



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Cambridge-Isanti's Allie Nystrom converges with a Monticello player for a loose ball during the Bluejackets' game against the Magic.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH HOME SCHEDULES: SEPTEMBER 18 - 25

Below are the scheduled dates for the home competitions for each of the Cambridge-Isanti and North Branch fall sports. To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.mississippi8.org. Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

Thursday, Sept. 18

- C-I girls tennis vs. St. Francis (4 p.m.)
- C-I girls swimming & diving vs. Monticello (5:30 p.m.)
- C-I volleyball vs. Princeton (7 p.m.)
- NB girls tennis vs. Monticello (4 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 19

- C-I football vs. Spring Lake Park (7 p.m.)
- NB football vs. Rock Ridge (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 20

- NB girls soccer vs. Cloquet (1 p.m.)

Monday, Sept. 22

- NB girls soccer vs. C-I (5 p.m.)
- NB boys soccer vs. C-I (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- C-I boys & girls cross country @ Purple Hawk (4 p.m.)
- C-I girls tennis vs. Centennial (4 p.m.)
- NB girls tennis vs. St. Francis (4

p.m.)

- NB volleyball vs. C-I (7 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 25

- C-I girls soccer vs. Princeton (5 p.m.)
- C-I girls swimming & diving vs. Becker (5:30 p.m.)
- C-I boys soccer vs. Princeton (7 p.m.)
- NB boys soccer vs. Chisago Lakes (5 p.m.)
- NB girls soccer vs. Chisago Lakes (7 p.m.)

Indigenous fire stewardship shapes North American forests

Indigenous knowledge and Western science are coming together to develop diverse, resilient and just fire restoration practices that support our forests, which is critically important in navigating a warming future with increased wildfires.

New research published in PNAS analyzed about five centuries of data from tree rings, as well as traditional ecological knowledge from Indigenous communities, to show how Indigenous fire stewardship shaped North American forests and how contemporary Indigenous management can decrease wildfire risk, foster landscape diversity and support tribal sovereignty. The research was a collaboration between the University of Minnesota, tribal partners and others.

"Indigenous knowledge offers unique insights that reflect millennia

of intimate engagement with local landscapes, while Western science can offer additional understanding of the emergence of climates and ecological conditions that are novel at evolutionary timescales," said lead author Michael Dockry, an associate professor in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences.

Their findings tell a more complete history of human engagement with the places commonly referred to as Wisconsin and Minnesota Points at the head of Lake Superior.

They found:

Informed by oral histories, archaeological records and tree-ring data, the research demonstrates how Anishinaabe fire stewardship maintained ecologically and culturally significant communities of pine barrens along the shores of Lake Superior in central

North America.

The tree rings clearly show that the tribes were using fire across the landscape but that land loss during the treaty era (mid-1800s) coincided with a dramatic reduction in fire.

The cessation of fires, driven by colonial policies that suppressed Indigenous practices, disrupted these systems, threatening their diversity and resilience.

"Braiding Indigenous knowledge and Western science highlights the need to reintroduce cultural fire to support these rare socio-ecological systems. This provides a globally relevant model to support Indigenous fire use that recognizes Indigenous sovereignty and land-tending practices to enhance landscape diversity and resilience in the face of climate change. We hope other areas build upon this work by empow-

ering Indigenous fire use," said Dockry.

The team is working with tribes in the Great Lakes region on a series of listening sessions to develop long-term research supporting tribal fire use practices to enhance forest management, landscape diversity, reductions in uncontrolled wildfire and cultural revitalization. The vision is that collaboration among tribes in the region; University of Minnesota faculty, students and staff; the University of Wisconsin; Michigan State University; the US Forest Service; the Lake States Fire Consortium; local tribal colleges and others will transform prescribed fire training, support cultural fire use, and develop models for Indigenous and Western fire practices in the Great Lakes and beyond.

- The University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

East Central Energy explains rash of outages

BY MOLLY WHELAN
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Think before you blame East Central Energy for recent electrical unreliability in North Branch. That's the message ECE representatives are sending to its North Branch customers.

The energy co-op says it had its work cut out for it when it bought the electrical utility from North Branch Water & Light in 2023, and it's in the thick of undoing dangerously poor work on the city's former equipment.

ECE's Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Andy Olson, shared photos with the North Branch City Council at its Sept. 9 regular meeting of the equipment the co-op inherited from NBW&L.

"There was a lot of issues with the equipment out there that we couldn't see when we purchased the system," Olson said, "and probably that some knew were happening, but they didn't quite know how to address it around the time of the sale."

Olson walked the council through an example of an ECE switch box, which looked clean and showed no loose wiring or open banks — any unused terminals were covered with insulated caps.

The North Branch switch is visibly dirty and disorganized in the picture ECE provided.

"The boxes were in a deteriorated state with holes in them," Olson said. "There's cables in there that aren't even hooked up to anything, and we didn't even know where they went or what they're doing."

"Those covers on the unused terminals are actually just dust caps that come from the manufacturer, that are not insulating or safe in any way."

Further photos showed burned equip-

ment and holes in equipment housing large enough that a person could reach in.

"We didn't know what to do with these things," Olson said. "They weren't safe, they were failing just under normal conditions."

On finding enough of these issues, Olson said the co-op decided it needed to check every piece of former North Branch equipment around town, fixing the most dire situations as they came up and scheduling non-urgent maintenance (such as new stickers) for a later time.

As of the Sept. 9 meeting, Olson said the crew was halfway done.

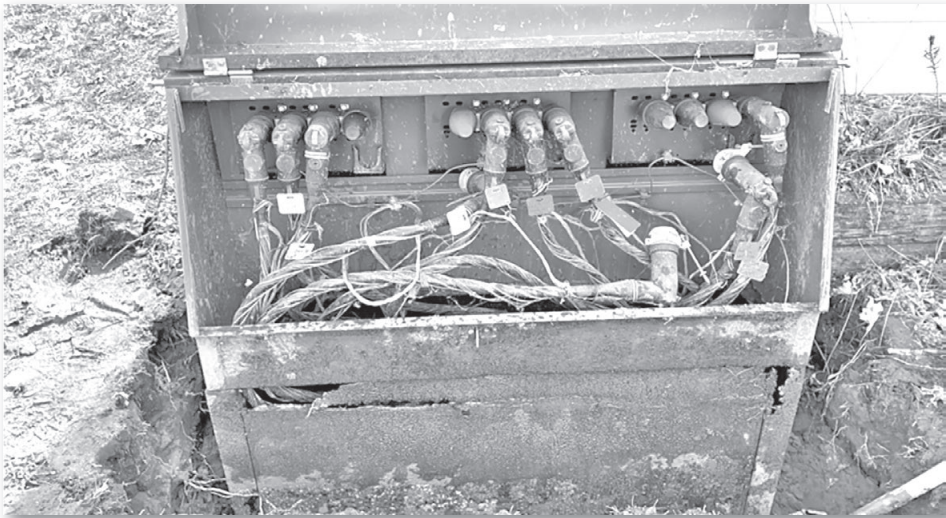
The equipment condition is one of five reasons behind recent "electric reliability issues" in North Branch, according to Olson, all of which ECE has corrected or is correcting.

"We know that this, probably, to the residents, seems like, 'everything was fine until ECE bought it, now we're getting all these outages,'" Olson said. "I guess I can't blame someone for thinking that, because that's probably how it seems."

A rate hike is coming soon as the three-year freeze included in the sale contract expires in February, Olson reminded the council.

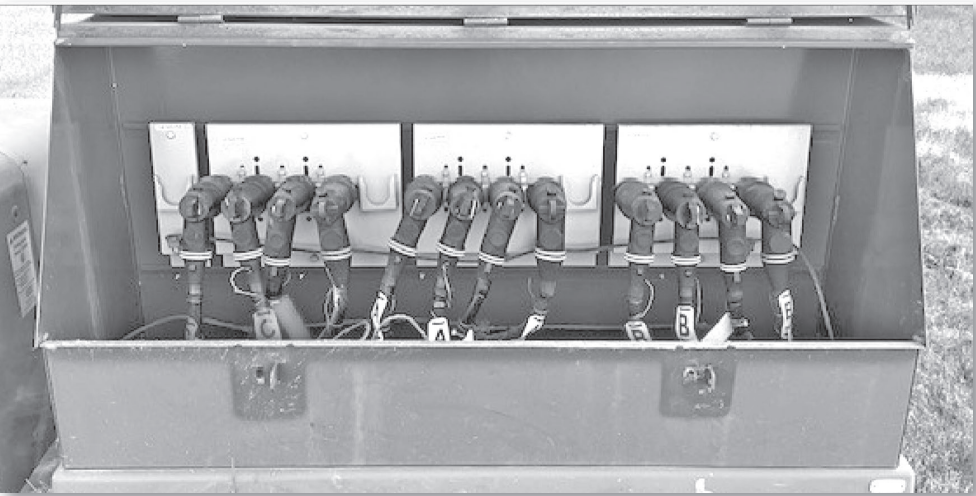
The rate per kilowatt hour was higher through NBW&L, but the basic charge is higher with ECE, partially because it covers a much larger system, Olson said.

Olson directed customers to ECE's billing and budgeting tools to deal with the increased cost.



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The above photo shows the deteriorated condition of the equipment ECE inherited from North Branch Water and Light. Below is a photo of the replacement switch box that ECE installed to correct what Andy Olson, Vice President and Chief Operating officers of ECE called unsafe.



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Apple trees for every Minnesota yard

A tradition many people look forward to in autumn is an outing to the apple orchard. Pick-your-own apples, hay wagons, corn mazes and apple cider along with soaking up the Sept-Ober sunshine, gently ease us into the cooler season. Some folks take it a step further and wish to create some of this experience in their very own backyard.

Apple trees prefer a location with at least eight hours of sun per day. In order for a successful pollination (many thanks to the bees & butterflies), two varieties of apple trees must be planted within 50 to 100 feet of each other (one of them can be a crabapple tree).

Apple trees come in three different sizes: dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard. Most trees for sale at nurseries are dwarf or semi-dwarf, and grow between eight and fifteen feet high at maturity. Although these trees produce fewer apples than a standard rootstock, two to three of them can fit into a smaller area, thus making up the difference. Dwarf and semi-dwarf rootstocks are much easier to prune, thin and harvest, but the biggest advantage is that they bear fruit within only two to four years.

Standard apple trees are the stately trees we remember picking from in our youth and can yield almost a dozen bushels of apples per year. Although robust and beautiful, they are challenging to care for and pick from given their size and stature. Another disadvantage is that they can take eight years to begin bearing fruit!

Apple trees must be spaced correctly to reduce fungal and bacterial diseases. Planting too closely will decrease sun exposure and reduce fruit yields. Best practice is spacing based on height, therefore a tree expected to be ten feet high should be planted at least ten feet apart. New growth on fruit trees is a favorite for deer to nosh on, so six-foot fencing can be very useful.

The U of MN apple-breeding program has released 29 varieties since 1878. Many of these blush, robust beauties have gained world-wide fame. Early-season varieties include ‘Zestar!’, which is known for large, crunchy fruit with a sprightly, sweet-tart flavor. ‘SweeTango’ carries hints of fall spices. ‘Beacon’ is a beloved, old-fashioned staple with mildly-sweet, soft flesh. Mid-season superstars include ‘Sweet Sixteen’ that boasts a spicy cherry candy flavor, but not to be outshined by the highly-celebrated ‘Honeycrisp’, which is recognized for outstanding crispness and juiciness. As a bonus, ‘Honeycrisp’ apples will store for seven months or more. Late-season bounties are worth



the wait and include the classic baking apple, ‘Haralson’, the golden beauty, ‘Honeygold’ with its sweet and juicy yellow-green fruit, ‘Frostbite’, a small apple known for exceptional cold hardiness, and my very favorite, the savory ‘Snowsweet’, a sweet apple with slightly-tart overtones. It’s also an excellent choice for homemade apple cider.

Apple trees certainly require maintenance, including branch pruning, apple thinning, young-tree staking, fencing, watering, mulching and, of course, harvesting. It’s very much worth it when

you finally twist off a shiny, sun-ripened fruit, smell the fragrant aroma of fall and crunch into the crisp flesh with juicy nuances that evoke feelings of vitality and satiety. One of life’s simple pleasures, bar none.

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.

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You Should Know:

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 - Home valued at \$600k will be assessed \$113/month
 - Business valued at \$1m will be assessed \$348/month
- Enrollment has decline each year over the past 4 years (according to the District 911 website)
- The District’s total General Fund Expense has increased from \$57,873,445 in 2022 to \$80,340,799 that is proposed this year (according to the official District 911 Budget and Finance website)

You Should Know the Answers to These Questions:

- Why didn’t the District put the actual costs on the District’s referendum’s website?
- Is it true that a majority of the 60 member “community – based” guiding committee that is highlighted on the District’s referendum literature was either employees of the District or receives some type of compensation from the District?
- What has the District estimated as additional “on-going” costs for the building additions, tennis courts, and artificial turf etc., proposed in both of the referendums such as additional staffing, heating and cooling, additional cleaning and maintenance etc.? There is no mention of these.
- Artificial turf:
 - Is it true that the life expectancy of the \$2 million turf is only 8 to 10 years?
 - Is it true that the turf will require annual maintenance from an outside firm with a cost that exceeds \$20,000 each year?
 - Is it true that there is a 16.4% increase in football injuries when using artificial turf?
 - Is it true that there is a 25% increase that the injury will be season ending on artificial turf?
- Proposed “Private” restrooms and showers:
 - How many of these type of restrooms and showers are proposed?
 - Will these types of restrooms and showers be in all the schools in the District?
 - Who are these types of restrooms and showers for?
- If the annual General Fund Expenses increase of approximately 40% is correct why are the District facilities in the disrepair noted on the District’s referendum website?
- Is it the District’s role to provide a “multi-purpose area at Adult Education Center to provide daytime access to recreational and fitness activities?” (This is planned in the primary referendum)

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Hunting small game is a great way to introduce kids to hunting. Kids learn how to tell where wildlife have been, how to properly and safely handle firearms and how to access hunting land.

Anyone who wants to learn how to hunt can find helpful how-to guides on the Minnesota DNR learn to hunt webpage (mndnr.gov/gohunting) and watch a recorded webinar about how to get started small game hunting ([youtube.com/watch?v=Y-GP0ASgC0w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-GP0ASgC0w)). Small game hunting season details are available at the Minnesota DNR small

game hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/smallgame) and hunting regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR hunting and trapping regulations webpage (mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting).

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out a field log after each hunt. The field log will remain open through the end of 2025.

More information on the field log is available on the Minnesota DNR web-

site (mndnr.gov/mammals/deer/management/hunter-field-log.html). ~ MNDNR

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8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
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Sunrise Bible Church
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Wyanett Evangelical Free Church
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www.christcambridge.com

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1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge 763-689-4355
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8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.slchurch.org
Email: slc.church@gmail.com
8:15am Worship with fellowship following
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)
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham 320-396-3103
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.
10:30am Worship.
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Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
In person and online worship
8 & 10 am Worship
9 am Coffee Hour
9 am Sunday School
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

Common Ground - A United Methodist Community
404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.
Sunday 9:30am Worship.
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Non-Denominational

Grace Gospel Church
37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080 763-308-5618
Coffee fellowship: 9:45am
Service: 10:00am
Pastor: Tim Miller
www.gracegospelmn.org
info@gracegospelchurchmn.com
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651-600-9878.
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com
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JustPassinThru IHS Ministries
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763-228-0883
Meeting at Crossroads Commons
1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN
justpassinihs@gmail.com
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Pastor Tom Bakke
Sunday mornings at 10 am
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
Sunday 10am Worship & the Word & Kids' Church.
Sunday 6pm Family Worship.
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763-689-4471
Thejourneynlc.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 4, 2020 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$170,848.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Amy Helget and Hans Solberg, both single MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Bay Equity LLC, its successors and assigns TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#:1006166-0004098637-5 SERVICER: BSI Financial Services LENDER: Bay Equity LLC. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on May 11, 2020, as Document No. A492285. ASSIGNED TO: SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/06/2023 and recorded on 06/09/2023 as Document No. A523820.LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 9, Woodcrest Park, Isanti County, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 33560 Rochester St NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 PROPERTY I.D.: 03.058.0330 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight and 15/100 (\$160,198.15) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on October 28, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 2026, or the next business day if May 4, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: September 11, 2025 SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 25MN00142-1 A-4852242 09/11/2025, 09/18/2025, 09/25/2025, 10/02/2025, 10/09/2025, 10/16/2025 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 12, 2001 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,473.76 MORTGAGOR(S): Todd L. Robyn and Kelly Ann Robyn, husband and wife, as joint tenants MORTGAGEE: MBNA America (Delaware), N.A. SERVICER: SN Servicing Corporation LENDER: MBNA AMERICA (DELAWARE), N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on November 15, 2001, as

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$197,100.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jesse A. Hertz, A Single Person MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100032412193940324 SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC. LENDER: United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on December 2, 2019, as Document No. A488484. ASSIGNED TO: United Shore Financial Services, LLC D/B/A United Wholesale Mortgage, a Michigan Limited Liability Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 08/19/2022 and recorded on 08/22/2022 as Document No. A518532. Onslow Bay Financial LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/27/2023 and recorded on 10/05/2023 as Document No. A526250 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 3, Savannah Run PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1006 Marion St SE, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY I.D: 16-117-0070 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Five and 18/100 (\$217,605.18) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on November 4, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2026, or the next business day if May 4, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: September 18, 2025 Onslow Bay Financial LLC Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 25MN00129-1 A-4852871 09/18/2025, 09/25/2025, 10/02/2025, 10/09/2025, 10/16/2025, 10/23/2025 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025

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Document No. 291277. ASSIGNED TO: Household Industrial Finance Company, a Minnesota Corporation by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 03/07/2002, and recorded on 03/08/2002 as Document No. A295940 LSF9 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 02/20/2015, and recorded on 02/23/2015as Document No. A448404 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 11/10/2017, and recorded on 11/15/2017 as Document No. A471204 Citibank, N.A. as Trustee for CMLT1 Asset Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/11/2018, and recorded on 10/09/2018 as Document No. A478803 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, DBA Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 04/15/2019, and recorded on 04/30/2019 as Document No. A483038 NWL Company, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/27/2019, and recorded on 11/15/2019 as Document No. A488036 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 04/17/2020 and recorded on 05/18/2020 as Document No. A492416. . . LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter distant 1,652.7 feet North of the South Quarter corner of said Section 20, (said West Line of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter Bearing North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes assumed), thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East a distance of 78.1 feet to the East right of way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway NO. 65 as now established and the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described; thence North 88 Degrees 23 minutes East a distance of 219 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes West a distance of 346 feet, more or less, to the South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter; thence West along said South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 219 feet to said East Highway Right-Of-Way Line; thence Northerly along said East Highway Right Of Way line a distance of 342 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and there to terminate; excepting therefrom that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter a distance of 1,652.7 feet, North of the South Quarter Line of said Section 20. (said West Line of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, bearing North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes assumed): Thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East a distance of 78.1 feet to the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 65 as now established and the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described; thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East a distance of 219 feet: Thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes West a distance of 142 feet; thence West parallel to the South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 219 feet to said East Highway Right Of Way Line: Thence Northerly along said East Highway Right Of Way a distance of 142 feet, more or less. To the point of beginning and there to terminate. Together with an easement for purposes of Ingress and Egress over a strip of land one rod in width along the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 65, the West Line of which is the following described Line; Commencing at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter a distant 1,652.7 feet North of the South Quarter Corner of said Section 20 (said West Line of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter. bearing North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes assumed) Thence North 88 Degrees 23 Minutes East and to the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 65 as now established: Thence North along the said East Highway Right-Of-Way Line a distance of 124 feet for the point of beginning of the line to be herein described: Thence Running Southerly along said Right-Of-Way Line a distance of 266 feet and there to terminate. Also Together with an easement for Public Road purposes over and upon the following described property: That part of the

Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner thereof; Thence East on the South Line thereof 78.1 feet and to the East Right-Of-Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No 65 as now established: Thence continuing East on the South Line thereof a distance of 219 feet for the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described: Thence North parallel to the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, 470 feet to the Northeast Corner of a tract of land conveyed by warranty deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds, Isanti County, Minnesota, in book "82" of deeds, page 679; Thence West on the North Line of said tract of land conveyed by warranty deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds, Isanti County, Minnesota, in book "82" of deeds, page 679, to its intersection with the Easterly Right of Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No 65 thence North on the Easterly Right of Way Line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No 65 to the Southwest Corner of that certain tract of land conveyed by warranty deed recorded in book "64" of deeds, page 31; Thence East on the South Line of said tract of land conveyed by a warranty deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds, Isanti County, Minnesota, in book "64" of deeds, page 31, a distance of 285 feet; Thence South and parallel to the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, 532 feet more or less, to the South Line of said Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 34, Range 23, Thence West on the South Line thereof 66 feet, more or less. To the point of beginning and there to terminate. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 24769 Aberdeen St NE, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY I.D: 01.020.2700 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Two and 50/100 (\$128,002.50) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on November 4, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2026, or the next business day if May 4, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: September 18, 2025 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 20MN00199-5 A-4852715 09/18/2025, 09/25/2025, 10/02/2025, 10/09/2025, 10/16/2025, 10/23/2025 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2025

NOTICES

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OSTATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case type: Other civil (Reformation of Instrument) Court File No. 30-CV-25-580 SUMMONS

Joshua T. Joyce and Danielle M. Joyce, Plaintiff,

v. Cheryl Sills, Cindy Hagen, Paul Janke, Mark Janke, David Janke, the unknown heirs of Inez L. Janke, Mark Janke, Paul G. Janke, as Trustee of Inez L. Janke Trust under agreement dated October 10, 1994and all other persons, known and unknown, claiming an interest in the property described herein,

DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case type: Other civil (Reformation of Instrument)

Court File No. 30-CV-25-580 SUMMONS

Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint has been filed with the Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights.

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

Bradley N. Beisel
Best & Flanagan LLP
60 South Sixth Street, Suite 2700
Minneapolis, MN 55402

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

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

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

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in the County of Isanti, State of Minnesota commonly known as 7116 337th lane, Princeton, MN 5537 1, and legally described as:

[Main Tract]
That part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Township 36, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South, on the west line of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 1029.15 feet; thence North 88 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 404.52 feet to the point of beginning of the property to be described; thence South 88 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds West a distance of 74.86 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 290.54 feet; thence South 4 degrees 39 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 77 feet, more or Less, to the shoreline of Green Lake; thence northeasterly

along said shoreline to the point of intersection with a line bearing South 00 degrees 43 minutes 35 seconds East from said point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 342 feet, more or less, to said point of beginning.

Subject to any easements, restrictions and reservations of record, if any.

[Road Easement]

Together with the following described easement:

A 25 foot easement for ingress and egress over and across part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Township 36, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota. The south line of said 25 foot easement to be described as follows; Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South, on the west line of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 1029.15 feet to the point of beginning of said south line to be described; thence North 88 degrees 17 minutes 27 seconds East and distance of 404.52 feet and said south line there to terminate. Said 25 feet to be measured at right angles to said south line.

[Driveway Easement]

Also: An easement not over 20 feet wide along the Easterly and Southerly sides of the following describe premises: that part of Government Lot One (1), Section 27, Township 36, range 25; described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot One (1); thence South along the West line thereof for 1037 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes East for 248 feet for a point of beginning of a tract hereby described; thence continuing North 88 degrees 44 minutes East for 65 feet; thence South for 367 feet more or less to the shore of Green Lake; thence Southwesterly along said Lake shore to a point due South from the point of beginning. Thence North for 378.5 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. The location of said roadway easement to be mutually agreed upon by the interested property owners. The cost of the maintenance of this road to be shared equally by the parties using the same.

(referred to as the "Subject Property" and the "Correct Legal Description").

8. The purpose of this action is to obtain an Order for the following relief:

1. Reforming the Janke Affidavit, Document Number 37852, the Inez Janke Deed, Document Number 337853, the Janke Trust Deed, Document Number A458752, and the Joyce Deed, Document Number A502705, nunc pro tunc, to change the Incorrect Legal Description to the Correct Legal Description.

2. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff.

Dated: July 18, 2025

BEST & FLANAGAN LLP

/s/ Bradley N. Beisel

Bradley N. Beisel (#6191)

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18, 2025

ASSUMED NAME

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Isanti Gems Photography**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **322 5TH AVE SW CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA**

APPLICANT(S):

Name: **Bailey Weibel**

Address: **322 5th Avenue Sw Cambridge MN 55008 USA**

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PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Bailey Weibel
MAILING ADDRESS: None
Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: isantigemsphotography@gmail.com

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 30-PR-25-70
In Re: Estate of Dennis J. Johnson a/k/a Dennis John Johnson, Decedent.
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT
Veronica L. Johnson ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.
It is Ordered that on October 28, 2025, at 2:20 p.m., a hearing will be held, remotely via Zoom, in this Court at 555 18th Ave. SW, Cambridge, Minnesota, on the peti-

tion.
The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court, determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.
Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.
Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:
Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.
Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(3).
BY THE COURT
Dated: August 11, 2025
/s/ Judge John Klossner
Judge of District Court
Dated: August 11, 2025
/s/ Erin Boettcher

Court Administrator
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 13-PR-25-104
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In Re: Estate of Stephen Michael Schwarten a/k/a Steve M. Schwarten, Decedent.
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 29, 2025 at

1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Chisago County Courthouse, 313 N Main St, Center City, MN 55012, remotely by Zoom (contact Court Administration at (651) 257-1300 for instructions on how to attend), on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated May 4, 1988, and for the appointment of Jorie Bauerly, whose address is 16770 136th Ave., Milaca, MN 56353 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.
Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.
Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all

creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: September 5, 2025
/s/ Bridgid E. Dowdal
Judge of District Court
Dated: September 5, 2025
/s/ Kris Cunningham
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\$14.5 Million in Grants Available for Solar Projects on Public Buildings

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is now accepting applications for a new round of funding for the Solar on Public Buildings program. Up to \$14.5 million in grants are available to local governments and Tribal Nations to install solar energy systems on or adjacent to publicly owned and operated buildings.
Grant funding is now available to public entities across Minnesota to install solar arrays up to 40 kW on buildings in any utility territory. When combined with federal Direct Pay incentives, up to 100% of the project can be covered.
Applications are due by Nov. 14, 2025, and project construction must begin by Dec. 31, 2025. Application support is available through the Clean Energy Resource Teams and Deloitte. For program details, eligibility, and the full RFP, visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at mn.gov/commerce. ~ The Minnesota Department of Commerce

The Last Bookseller author to appear at Cambridge Library

Minnesota author Gary Goodman will share stories from his career and discuss his book The Last Bookseller at the Cambridge Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 27.
The event runs from 10 to 11 a.m. and is free and open to the public. It is recommended for adults, seniors and teens.
Goodman has spent nearly 40 years as a used and rare book dealer in Minnesota. He co-founded St. Croix Antiquarian Booksellers and the Stillwater Book Center, helping Stillwater gain recognition in the 1990s as the First Booktown in North America. He is also the co-author of The Stillwater Booktown Times and The Secret History of Golf in Scotland.
The program is funded through Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. ~ East Central Regional Library

ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Sept. 7 - 13. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Lucas Lorenzo Shegog (DOB 01/28/1982) of Isanti, was charged Sept. 9 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.
Mason James Guernsey (DOB 09/27/1990) of Isanti, was charged Sept. 9 with Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.
Edward James Moebakken (DOB 03/20/1991) of Cedar, was charged Sept. 11 with one count of Criminal Sexual Cond-1st Degree-Penetration or Contact with Person Under 13-Actor >36m older; one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration - Victim Under 16-Significant Relationship; one count of Use Minors in Sexual Performance/

Pornographic Work - Minor under 13 years old; and one count of Use Minors in Sexual Performance/Pornographic Work.
Kennady Jamielynn Pankan (DOB 05/18/1995) of Cambridge, was charged Sept. 12 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Sept. 7 - 13. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Novotny Rose Mittun (DOB 06/09/1995) of St. Paul, was charged Sept. 8 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
Jason Daniel Utecht (DOB 12/03/1979) of North Branch, was charged Sept. 9 with one count of Traffic - DWI - Operate

Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours; and one count of Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol.
Michael James Nase (DOB 08/17/1987) of Shafer, was charged Sept. 11 with Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement.
Dean Michael Anderson (DOB 02/22/1960) of Lindstrom, was charged Sept. 12 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.
Jerome Thomas Clepper (DOB 02/07/1963) of North Branch, was charged Sept. 12 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.
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Items accepted include:

Computer Towers, laptops, tablet, cell phones	No charge
Lead acid batteries, household wire & cords, copper	No charge
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Straight 4' and under.....	\$1
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404 Garage Sales

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