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Cambridge sells land to Isanti County for new Highway Department facility

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The Isanti County Highway Department has found a new home to replace its outdated, 75-plus-year-old facilities, located at 232 Emerson Street North in Cambridge.

Isanti County will purchase two parcels of land in the Cambridge Opportunity Industrial Park, which will house the new facilities. According to Cambridge City Administrator Evan Vogel, the county will pay the city \$750,000, plus it will convey via easement the current Highway Department property. Vogel said the easement gives the city the necessary right-of-way to extend Garfield Street to the north.

"This deal is an excellent opportunity for both public entities," Vogel said. "The city is able to secure an important easement for future road construction, and will receive a significant lump sum payment, and the county is getting a significant amount of land at a great value. This transaction shows mutual commitment to strong partnerships from both the city and the county."

Isanti County has been searching for a new site for the Highway Department for a couple of years. In March 2024, a facility study revealed a litany of issues with the current facilities, including buildings unable to house day-to-day operations. That same report labeled the Industrial Park site as a preferred new location.

"There's lots of pluses," Chad Oster of CBS Squared said of the Industrial Park site while presenting the report results to Isanti County Commissioners in March 2024. "The size is great, enough to go out to 100 years (of growth)."

Oster added the site had easy access to roads in all four directions and it was near the Minnesota Department of Transportation's area site.

The next step for the county will be to start site plans for the new facility. According to the 2024 report, the main building should be at least 75,000 square feet. At that time, the preliminary cost of the new facility was around \$20 million, not including the land purchase price.

Editor's note: To read the full article on CBS Squared's facility report, see the link on this article's version on the Star's website.

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Evan Vogel
Cambridge City Administrator



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There's just one drawback

A coach from the Cambridge-Isanti Archery team helps a youngster take aim at the target during the city of Isanti's first-ever Kids Archery Day held at the city's outdoor range next to the Rum River BMX track. Kids of all ages and levels of experience were able to give archery a try, with instructions being provided by team members.

Isanti fourth graders pen kids' health book

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With the help of Isanti County Public Health and the Bethel University Nursing Program, a group of 16 Isanti Intermediate School students have joined the ranks of published authors with the release of "Substances and Our Bodies: Making Choices for a Healthy Life."

According to Health and Human Services Director Jodi Donnay, the book was born out of HHS' desire to reach kids about the dangers of substance abuse at an earlier age.

"Preventing substance use and misuse is one of our top priorities," Donnay said. "For years, prevention efforts have



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Greg Bockrath from Isanti County Public Health hands over several copies of the book to the Cambridge Public Library, which will be distributed throughout all the East Central Regional Library branches.

focused on middle and high school students. But the long-term impact hadn't been what we hoped for. So we asked ourselves, 'What if we start earlier?'

"The goal was to reach

children in fourth grade and younger before they encounter harmful substances by teaching healthy habits and protective behaviors in an age-appropriate way," Donnay continued.

The first step in accomplishing this was to find a group of kids and a teacher to lead them, said Public Health Planner Avi Bahadour-Yetman. That was the easy part. Isanti Intermediate teacher Kate Goebel has self-published five children's books and was excited to take this project on.

"I said, 'I've written a couple books, I'm a writing teacher and I love my students, so — yes,'" Goebel said about the offer to spearhead the project. "I pretty much skipped out of her (Principal Sara Edwards) office."

Since Goebel couldn't take time away from her regular in-school

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Cambridge twin receives bone donation from late sister

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Chloe Nelson will always keep a spiritual part of her late twin sister with her as she holds dear to 21 years of memories. Unexpectedly, though, she is also now carrying a physical part of her, thanks to organ donation.

Faith Nelson and her friend died in a snowmobiling accident on New Year's Day 2023.

"I like to describe Faith as everything good in this world," said their mother, Karen Nelson. "She truly was the kindest and most generous soul that you could meet."

A year and a half later, Chloe was hunting with her boyfriend when they both fell 20 feet to the ground from a hunting stand.

"Chloe injured her ankle and sustained a pretty severe fracture; once we got the pieces back where they belong, it left some voids in the bone that were going to need something, and I most commonly use donor bone to fill that," explained orthopedic surgeon Joseph Bellamy, MD, of Allina Health Orthopedics.

"The moment he said, 'donor bone,' I couldn't tell you what he said after that because my mind went to Faith," Chloe recalled.

At the time of her death, Faith's

family had made the life-giving decision to donate Faith's organs, which included donor bone chips.

After making many calls, Karen was able to track down the last bag of Faith's bone chips. She coordinated with Dr. Bellamy and the Allina Health Orthopedics team, and they scheduled the surgery to ensure Chloe received Faith's donor bone.

"I got to see them and hold them and now they're somewhere in my leg," Chloe said.

At a follow-up appointment at Allina Health Brooklyn Park Clinic, Chloe and Karen watched as Dr. Bellamy pointed to imaging and explained how Faith's bones are now part of Chloe's.

"To know that Faith was able to help her twin sister out in this way. It was just incredible," said Karen.

Chloe said this physical connection has added to the healing process for her.

And with a sisterly twinkle in her eye, Chloe added, "I think Faith would think that the only way my leg is healing is because of her."

Editor's note: To see a video version of this story, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.

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Chloe Nelson
Donor Recipient



Chloe (right) with her twin sister Faith.

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Karen, Chloe, and Scott Nelson in the hospital with Faith's donated bone.

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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.

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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

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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.



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

TUESDAYS 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.

Music

Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch Area musicians and vocalists donate their time and talents to provide music 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

PrimeTime Singers Rehearsal

Senior citizens, age 60 and over. 1:30 p.m., at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old N. Main St, downstairs in the Choir Room. No auditions or fees required; new members

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. located at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. This is a place to spend time with peers in planned activities and groups. Our staff is also available to assist with connecting to resources and services. More info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmentalhealth.org.

THURSDAYS East Central Baby Cafe

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

Parkinson's Support Group
Third Thursday of the month - 1-2:30 p.m. Walker Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more 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.

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

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

Stop in to the Cambridge Library the third Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. to get your questions answered by trained agents. 763-689-7390 for more information or visit eclib.org.

FRIDAYS Cribbage

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

MAY 10

Concert Fundraiser

4 p.m. At Faith Lutheran

Church, 109 2nd Ave NW Isanti. All ages are welcome Free will donation to attend performance featuring piano, violin, and trumpet, along with vocal performances See Faith Lutheran Isanti Facebook event page for more info.

MAY 12

Mad Science with Mr. F

From 4:30-6p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library This event is recommended for kids in grades 3-8. Registration is required for each attendee, as space is limited. Register on ECRL's Events Calendar at eclib.org or by calling the library (763) 689-7390 or visit eclib.org

MAY 13

Super Storytime and Craft

At the Cambridge Library from 4-5 p.m. for a fun evening of stories, songs, crafts, and more!

Recommended for children ages 5-8 and their siblings. No registration necessary! (763) 689-7390 for more information or visit eclib.org.

Homeschool Connections

Visit the Cambridge Library at 10:30am for Homeschool Connections! Registration is required so we can provide the best activities for those in attendance. Register on ECRL's Events Calendar at eclib.org or by calling the library. (763) 689-7390. /eclib.org

MAY 14

Advisory Council on Mental Health

1-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, North Branch. Get involved in Mental Health Planning for the community. Call 651-213-5600 for more info.

MAY 15

Romantasy Book Club

Join us Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. at Dana's Bookstore for our first Romantasy Book Club meeting. We'll be discussing Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros. All are welcome.

Touch A Truck

4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Isanti County Fair Grounds. Celebrate national Public Works Week by getting a close-up with your favorite rigs and emergency vehicles. Food trucks available on site.

East Central Pride celebrates 20 years of community and inclusivity in Pine City

East Central Minnesota Pride will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year with a milestone event in Pine City. The celebration, set for Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Robinson Park, will feature a day filled with performances, vendors, food trucks, and more, with additional events planned nearby.

"Celebrating 20 years is a testament to the lasting impact Pride has had in our rural community," said Aaron Bombard, chair of the planning board. "This event is open to all LGBTQ+ individuals and allies, regardless of where they live or how they identify." This year's event will feature a diverse lineup of performances, including

The Big Wu, a nationally recognized jam band known for its high-energy rock and intricate vocal stylings. They will be joined by SaltyDog, a six-piece band from Duluth, famed for its funky grooves and catchy songwriting, Folk singer Barb Ryman, and The Harlow Pennies, a folk duo from Pine City.

The event will begin with a land acknowledgment and drum song by the Oshkii Giizhik Singers, a women's group from the Fond du Lac/Duluth area. This cultural moment will honor the Indigenous heritage of the land and its historical significance, setting a respectful tone for the celebration. Performer Martina Marraccino will serve as the event host.

Following the daytime event, a post-Pride block party will take place at Three Twenty Brewing Co. from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The party will feature a drag show, drag bingo, and a food truck.

On Sunday, June 8, the weekend will conclude with an LGBTQ+ affirming interfaith service at 10 a.m. at Pine Center for the Arts, led by Reverend Amy Riesenber.

East Central Minnesota Pride has grown from its humble beginnings in 2005 to become an annual celebration that attracts attendees from across the state and beyond. What began as a small gathering has evolved into a major event that highlights how LGBTQ+ pride can thrive in rural communities.

"Twenty years ago, I was nervous about moving from the city to a small town, thinking we'd never find the same acceptance. But meeting a few local LGBTQ+ folks and allies sparked our first small Pride event," said Julie, formerly of Rock Creek, who serves on the board. "Now, we're preparing to welcome a crowd far larger than we ever imagined. It's amazing to see how far we've come, and it fills my heart to watch this little town become a true beacon of pride and acceptance."

For more information, visit www.EastCentralMinnesotaPride.org. -East Central Minnesota Pride

Working like a dog

Each Thursday or Friday — and sometimes on other days — nearly all office work comes to a screeching halt as we get paid a visit from a certain special dignitary. No, it's not a local official or a "company big-wig." It is Emmie, the Shih Tzu of one of our loyal readers.



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III

Everyone here in the Star office are dog people. So we have no problem with having a four-legged ball of fur zooming around our offices, which is a large space. I'm not sure when she first started visiting. My office is on the opposite end of the building from our front doors. One day, as I was working on something or other, I heard jingling. Curious, I walked out into the main area and spotted Emmie running around at full speed.

Naturally, I had to greet this unexpected (for me) visitor. Upon seeing me, Emmie performed a mock charge at me, coupled with a "ferocious" bark. Now, I have a good sense of judgment for how a dog acts. Plus, my mom calls me a "dog whisperer" as there are very few canines who don't take a liking to me in short order. So, I immediately could tell Emmie was playing a game with me. And I reciprocated with my mock charge at her, which predictably was met with her turning tail, scampering away, still barking.

Some of my coworkers and Emmie's owner, not knowing my "dog whisperer" abilities, thought this meant she didn't like me. "Nope, we're just playing a game," was my response. For her part, Emmie accepted pets from me once she was "safe" in her owner's arms.

A couple of weeks later, my analysis proved accurate. Once again, I was in my office, but this time I was in the middle of a video meeting. All of a sudden, I heard the jingling again. But this time I couldn't leave my office. All of a sudden, Emmie bounces into my doorway, lets out a couple of barks, and then dashes away. Obviously, she was saying "C'mon Bill, it's time to play!" I leaned out my doorway and shouted to the front that I couldn't visit as I was in the meeting.

This has now become our standard routine. And luckily, I haven't been tied up in a video meeting again.

After each of Emmie's visits, someone in the office laments that we should get a company dog. It's not that this wouldn't be allowed. Several of our sister newspapers have one or more company dogs. Some of us in our office even have a dog at home, but none of them have the right temperament, or like in the case of my Ms. Mollie, she physically couldn't manage the grind of being an office dog.

It's also a matter of I don't think any of us are in the position to take on a dog after work hours. I personally would love to, but dogs aren't allowed to live in my apartment.

So, I guess for now we will have to settle for our weekly visits from Emmie. Plus, if any of our loyal readers want to stop by accompanied by man's best friend, feel free to do so. Just be warned, someday one of us might just follow through with our impulse to not let them leave.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We asked for this

To the editor,

Do you think all those media voices, and Democrats calling for democracy really know what it is? A Government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

We had an election, and we the people choose our new president and his policies to implement in our nation. Most of the things he ran on and said he would do are being done right now.

A few are a closed border, parents' rights over their children, no men in women's bathrooms and no men in women's sports, respecting and supporting police and firemen and armed forces, stopping censorship, not allowing schools to push sexual material on school children even down to kindergarten, giving illegal immigrants special privileges and benefits before citizens, not enforcing the law, allowing crimes to go unpunished, school reform, freedom of speech, cut waste and abuse — just a few.

What I want to say is this is democracy in action. The people have chosen. Not just a man but the policies he campaigned on. Most of these are 80% issues. So if you are against these what are you for? I think alot of the Democratic Party are Socialists. Socialism destroys countries.

Take all the taxpayer dollars and spend it on spe-

cial projects like climate change and waste to help out their friends. So they really don't care about the American people, they just want taxpayer money. Socialism is big government, it takes over everything, and controls even what you can say. The private sector is what this administration is supporting, you and me, small business, new ideas to make this country better, removing regulations and allowing freedom for new businesses to prosper.

Another thing that Dems are talking about is chaos, blaming the President while they are disrupting Republican town halls, and encouraging destruction of Teslas and encouraging college campus hateful demonstrations.

If we don't cut spending, we will go bankrupt as a nation. This is serious. America is a pillar, and if we go down the whole world will be affected. We have been a leader and helper to all nations. As Reagan said a city on a hill, a light to the nations. Reagan defeated communism, but it's sneaking back again.

Pray for America and those who hate, to change their hearts to love America. Socialism, Communism, Marxism, will destroy us. Is that what we want?

Judy Hansen Cambridge

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Two big days of spring

For Minnesota, one of the days is the opening of fishing on May 10. The other special day is Mother's Day on May 11. Opening day for Wisconsin fishing is traditionally the first Saturday in May. For some species, dates can vary.



About the Town
Gene Johnson

Free fishing weekends are always held the third full weekend in January and the first full weekend in June. Children under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license. A fishing license for seniors 65 years and older in Wisconsin costs \$7.00, whereas in Minnesota once you have reached the age of 90 there is no charge.

I have celebrated the opening of walleye season in Minnesota for almost 70 years. It started with my first father-in-law, Hilding Ostrom of Turtle Lake, inviting me along with three of his close friends to camp out at Cut Foot Sioux to fish Big Winnie. We slept in a tent, rain or shine, cooked our meals outdoors and, of course, the walleyes that were caught on opening day were in the pan for that evening's dinner. Generally, if they were available, we used shiners and fished over Bowens Flats and the rock piles on the north shore of Big Winnie.

As time went on, we rented a cabin on Cut Foot Sioux and fished with newspaper publishers.

Eventually we moved over to Leech Lake and stayed at Bud Crowell's Benedict Lake Resort. He had a 24-foot launch and served as our guide as we fished the northwest shore of Leech Lake.

Then it was on to Lake of the Woods and eventually Canada fly-ins.

Fletcher Lake Lodge in Ontario was a lovely setting. They told us if we didn't catch 50 walleyes in a day we must be sleeping in the boat.

I also fished at Miminiska in Canada where the fishing was very good. There is only Liddle's Lodge on the Albany River.

We experienced all kinds of weather. Some years it required a snowmobile suit and it was snowing when we went out on the lake to our favorite spot. Of course, we had to sing Jingle Bells on the way.

Shore lunches were wonderful and memories last. It was especially good times when I was with our family. Sometimes it was grandpa and grandma Struckmann. Other times it was just the boys, Cameron and Carter, and our son Eiji from Japan.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The history of celebrating Mother's Day goes back to the 19th century. Ann Reeves Jarvis established Mother's Day week to help educate women about child care and promote unity. Since then, the holiday has evolved with Julia Warden Howe's Mother's Day proclamation urging the promotion of peace. Anna Jarvis, Ann's daughter, spearheaded the official celebration and national recognition of the holiday.

Like a lot of other holidays, it has been commercialized. Today the tradition includes gift giving, handmade cards, special meals and family time. Some mothers are treated with breakfast in bed, a bouquet of flowers, a spa day and/or a special dinner out.

Mothers and fathers are important to a family. Mothers provide comforting care and concern and lots of encouragement in ethics, health care and education.

When there is an emotional need, special advice, or just a hug, mothers are there and meet the need with comfort.

I found over the years that mothers have certain instincts that fathers don't have. On serious issues around the home, or even in business, mothers provide very helpful information.

Everyone who has a living mother might do well to cuddle up and talk about what they have learned in this life and what they think might be important for you. And don't forget some of those favorite recipes. They need to be passed down as well.

My birth mother died six months after I was born. I was fortunate to be adopted by my family, the Johnsons of White Bear Lake. They found so many ways to encourage and practice a Christian life.

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One week, countless stories, infinite impact

At North Branch Area Public Schools, you don't have to look far to see the difference our staff makes—it's in every hallway, every classroom, and every smile.

Over the past week, I took note of the impact of our incredible staff and how it unfolds in quiet, powerful ways across every grade level. It starts early in the morning, as a kindergarten student bounds off the bus and eagerly high-fives staff at the front door, excited for another day of learning. Inside Sunrise River Elementary School, a first-grade class beams with pride as they receive the "Golden Plunger" award—recognition for taking responsibility and keeping the restrooms clean. Their sense of ownership and teamwork is nurtured by the adults around them. A second grader stands tall with pride as his teacher notices his new glasses.



NB School News
Sara Paul

In a third-grade classroom, a student who once hesitated to pick up a pencil now lights up at the chance to create art—his education assistant saw his spark and encouraged his artistic gifts. Meanwhile, down the hall, a fourth grader reaches a personal milestone, proudly graduating from academic intervention after hitting his growth goal, thanks to the persistence and belief of his intervention teacher. A fifth grader, newly inspired by a visit from the middle school band teacher, decides to join band, opening a new world of music and connection.

At North Branch Area Middle School, sixth graders work side-by-side, collaborating to tackle a complex scientific phenomenon, guided by teachers who believe in the power of hands-on exploration. Kindness and lead-

ership shine just as brightly. A seventh grader chooses to spend gym class helping classmates with physical needs, demonstrating empathy, encouragement, and maturity beyond his years. An eighth grader proudly passes a Spanish proficiency test, ready to start Spanish II as a freshman—because a teacher helped her believe she could.

At North Branch Area High School, dreams begin to take shape. A ninth grader competes on a varsity team, balancing the demands of school and sport with support from coaches and staff. A tenth grader looks forward to an upcoming field trip, a chance to connect real-world learning to classroom discussions. An eleventh grader registers for college-level courses in her senior year, ready to take on the challenge because teachers have prepared her. And a twelfth grader walks through the hallways smiling after a memorable prom weekend, eyes already set on the future that graduation will bring. A student at the Norse Area Learning Center celebrates another credit recovered while a student at the Distance Learning Academy celebrates a personal victory as she gets support from her teacher.

All of these moments remind us of a powerful truth: the influence of our staff is immeasurable, but its evidence is everywhere. In every triumph, every breakthrough, every newly discovered passion—there is a staff member behind the scenes helping it happen.

As we mark Viking Staff Appreciation Week, we celebrate what our staff does and we celebrate who they are: Champions of learning. Builders of confidence. Believers in kids.

To our staff: thank you for showing up, lifting up, and never giving up. The future walks through our doors each day—and because of you, it walks out stronger.

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

Pros, cons of in-ground vegetable beds

Joe Lampl aka "Joe Gardener" has long been a proponent of raised beds for growing vegetables. Since he lives in Georgia where there is an abundance of heavy red clay soil, I'd want raised garden beds too. However, they aren't always the best choice. I've created a Pros and Cons of in-ground gardening. I've spent approximately 30 years in-ground gardening and the last 15 years with raised beds. Next week I'll list the Pros & Cons of Raised Bed gardening.



Master Gardener
Sue Kirchner

Pros:

- Easy to establish by identifying a sunny area in the yard where you can remove the lawn/smother it with cardboard, add a bit of compost & start planting.
- The garden can be as large or as small as you'd like.
- Easier to grow to scale. Allows growing enough to preserve food.
- More economical than building raised beds & filling them with soil.

Cons:

- Keeps you physically active.
- Easier to grow perennial fruits like strawberries, raspberries, blueberries etc.

- Easier rotation of crops from year to year.

- More space for vining crops like cucumbers, squash & melons.

- Allows the use of mechanical equipment to manage larger scale gardens.

Cons:

- The soil may be heavy clay, too sandy or the soil PH may not be optimum for growing vegetables.

- Difficult to grow root crops in heavy clay soil.

- More exposed to pests, soil borne diseases and rodents.

- Deer, and Bunnies can more easily feast on your veggies.

- Costly fencing of a larger area may be required to keep critters out.

- More weeding will be needed because weed seeds exist in the soil.

- Can be more labor intensive (getting up and down or crawling along a lengthy row of carrots to thin them can be physically challenging).

- Soil is slower to warm in Spring.

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.

Conezone fines what to know

Question: I know road construction season is starting. Do fines for speeding double in the work zones?



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

moving or stationary. Road

workers set up zones with signs and road markings to direct traffic. Motorists must understand and react to these directions.

Reduced speeds are often posted in work zones. Motorists who violate the posted speed limit in work zones when workers are present will be assessed a \$300 fine.

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 X @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

A musical evening with the Decibelles at Cambridge Library

Join the Cambridge Library on Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. for a special musical evening with the Decibelles. The Decibelles are a local women's acapella singing group organized by Play Inc Arts. Under the direction of Shannon Shogren, The Decibelles are made up of talented singers who have forged friendships and harmony through their mutual love of song.

Join us as we take a trip through the decades! From The Beatles and Roberta Flack to The Corrs and Ed Sheeran, The Decibelles are sure to put a smile on your face!

The concert will be held in the Great Northern Room, no registration needed. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Cambridge Library. - East Central Regional Library

OBITUARIES

Daniel Richard Guenther

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the unexpected passing of Daniel Richard Guenther. Dan was born to William and Sherry Guenther on February 1, 1986 in Cambridge, MN and passed away on May 3, 2025 at the age of 39.



Dan graduated from Forest Lake High School in 2004. On April 15, 2016, Dan and Christine Boudouris welcomed their son Ethan James. Dan was currently working as a site manager for Arcon Credit Solutions.

Dan was an avid Packers and sports fan and loved to spend his free time golfing with his friends, he loved being able to spend time with his family, but the thing he loved to do most was spend time with his

son Ethan. Ethan was the light in his life, and he loved being a dad. He would always tell people that being a dad was easy for him, and that was evident to everyone around him.

Dan is preceded in death by his grandparents William and Sandra Guenther, and Richard and Eleanor Lindberg. He will forever be loved and missed by his son Ethan; parents William Guenther and Sherry Guenther; brothers David (Cassie) Guenther and Wyatt (Breea) Atchley; sisters Jenny (Danny) Osip and Joleen Guenther (Ben Liljedahl); and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Linwood Covenant Church, 6565 Viking Blvd NE, Wyoming, MN. Family will be greeting friends from noon-2 p.m., prior to the service at the church.

Jeffrey David Kenops

Jeffrey went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at his parents home in Meridian, Idaho at the age of 55. He passed peacefully with parents and family members by his side.

Born May 19, 1969 in Cambridge, Minnesota. He lived and worked in Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. He attended Sentinel High School, Missoula, Montana, and graduated from Crescent Valley High School, Corvallis, Oregon.

Jeffrey was a kind and gentle soul, and his dry humor attracted many friends. He loved the mountains where he lived in the West's remote Ranger Stations, rural towns and cities.

He loved traveling, fishing, being outdoors, golf, Little League baseball, college ice hockey tournaments, bowling and evening campfires. He will be missed by his extended family, here and abroad, and by many friends.

He is survived by his parents Lynn and Darrel Kenops, brother Scott, and sisters Christine and Heidi and their spouses; nieces and nephews. The Kenops family appreciates the outpouring of love from caregivers and friends during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Jeffrey's Life will be held May 23, 2025 from 2-4 p.m. MDT, at Bowman Funeral Home, 10254 W. Carlton Bay Drive, Garden City, Idaho 83714, www.bowmanfuneral.com

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please make them to the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, Montana, Mt. Sentinel Little League Baseball teams in Missoula, Montana, or charity of your choice.

Muriel Iva (Johnson) Paulson

Muriel went home to be with Jesus, April 26, 2025, at 8:45 p.m. She was born to Elmer and Dora Johnson on June 20, 1936, in Beaver Township Polk County, Wisconsin. She loved family and was part of a family of six kids. She had two older sisters,



Evelyn and Maxine, two older brothers, Elmer Jr. and Ellsworth, and one younger brother, David.

She graduated from Balsam Lake High School in 1954. While roller skating with her two older brothers, Junior and Ells, she met the love of her life, Ivan Paulson. She didn't like the name Ivan so she told him she would call him Ike, which she did. They were married on September 24, 1955. They began

life together in Shakopee, MN, where Muriel was a bookkeeper for a local garage. In 1957, they became parents to Kerwin. Now Muriel's focus was first a wife and then a mother. Pamela came 21 months later in 1958, Sharon in 1962, and Valerie in 1970. Muriel's desire was to instill faith in Jesus in her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Muriel loved to sew, bake, and help out in the church they were attending. Her sewing skills were evident in the look-alike dresses and pajamas. Her love of baking was enjoyed by family, especially her homemade bread, cookies, a special chocolate cake, and later her special cut-up birthday cakes with the yummy frosting. In the churches they attended, she served in many capacities: Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, Deaconess, Confirmation teacher, Mother's Club leader as well as singing in the choir. She worked in the fabric shop

in North Branch and then as a bookkeeper for Stacy TV while holding down her job as our mother and then a grandmother. Later in life, she and our Dad became short-term missionaries with Revival Fires and World Mission Alliance traveling to Jordan, Israel, Syria, Egypt (where she rode a camel), China, and Russia. She would give her testimony and hand out Bibles. At home, she was a member of the Gideons Auxiliary. She and Dad passed out Gideon Bibles at the county fairs. Her career as our mother and grandmother led her to host many holiday parties and birthday celebrations.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Paulson; parents, Elmer and Dora Johnson; sister, Evelyn (Bert) Amonett; brothers, Elmer Jr. (Darlene) Johnson, and Ellsworth (Arlene) Johnson; brother-in-law, Donald Berndt; in-law parents, Newell and Hertha Paulson; brothers-in-law, Carl Paulson and Alvin Paulson, and sister-in-law, Phyllis Paulson.

She is survived by her children, Kerwin (Cindy) Paulson, Pamela (David) Nyquist, Sharon (Steve) Jennisch, and Valerie (Erik) Johnson. Her grandchildren, Melissa (Scott) Peterson, Adam (Lynnea) Paulson, Katie (Adam) Bergdahl, Joshua (Mesa) Nyquist, Joseph (Sharon) Nyquist, Mary (Tim) Peterson, Stephanie (Phil) Hugill, Brandon (Sara) Jennisch, Logan Johnson, Cole (Olivia) Johnson, and 19 great grandchildren; sister, Maxine Berndt; brother, David (Judy) Johnson, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

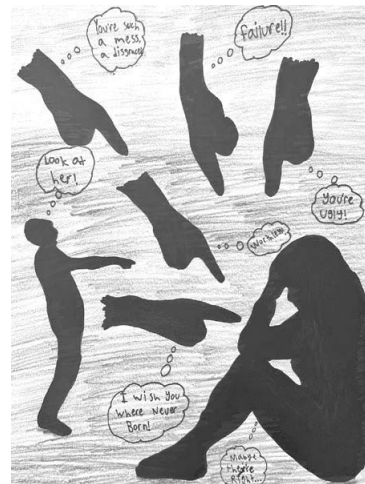
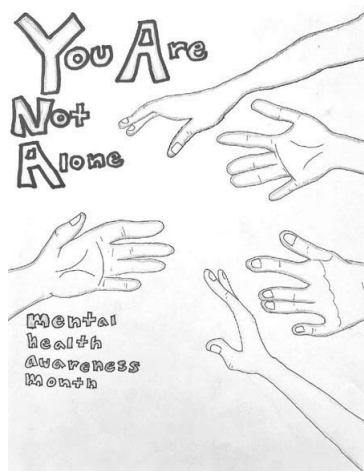
Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Main Street Church in North Branch. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at Grandstrand Funeral Home on Thursday, May 15, 2025 and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Family interment will take place at Fridsborg Cemetery in East Bethel at a later date.



CONTRIBUTED

Hearts campaign raises thousands for children's hospital

Members of Minnco Credit Union present a \$45,062.61 donation to Gillette Children's Hospital, raised through the CU4Kids Hearts Campaign. The funds will support pediatric patients with medical care, resources and support.



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Three North Branch students recognized for posters

Chisago County Public Health held a mental health awareness poster contest. Three of the winners were North Branch Area Middle School students: right to left 1st Daylynn Unrein-8th grade, 2nd Sydelle Jasmer-7th grade; 3rd Abigail

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Keep up with your community!





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Isanti County Commissioner Todd Christensen gets one of the young authors to sign his copy of the book during a book launch ceremony held at Cambridge Public Library.

BOOK: Public Health obtained enough donations to print 155 copies to be distributed to other area schools

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teaching schedule, the Bethel Nursing students were brought in to work one-on-one with the fourth-graders.

“Every semester, I bring six senior nursing students to learn from our fantastic role models at Isanti County Public Health,” said Dr. Debbie Solomon, Professor of Nursing at Bethel University and Isanti County resident. “And we’re always looking at ways to benefit Isanti County. So when Avi presented this novel idea, it was like ‘yes!’ We want to cooperate with these young people to do something positive; to help keep kids healthy and safe.”

Donnay said this turned into a two-way learning opportunity, as the Bethel Nursing students were able to build practical skills in community health education. And for the fourth-graders, “it was a chance to think about what healthy choices look like in their own lives, and to share those messages with their families and their friends.”

The entire book was written and illustrated last

school year by the then-fourth graders — now in fifth grade — for one hour a week for “several” weeks, according to Solomon.

Once the book was completed, however, Bahadoor-Yetman said they had to figure out how to be able to distribute it. She said Goebel provided valuable insight into which self-publication program was best to use. Then, it was a matter of funding it.

After what Bahadoor-Yetman said was nearly a year of grant submissions and donation requests, they were finally able to raise enough money to publish and print 155 copies. She singled out East Central Energy’s “Operation Roundup” campaign, the Grandy Lions, and Bethel University’s Nursing Program as being the main fund contributors.

Several copies were donated to the Cambridge Public Library to be distributed throughout the entire East Central Regional Library system. The remainder may be distributed to other schools to help spread the message of healthy behaviors and practices.

North Branch High School briefly locked down

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

North Branch Area High School was briefly placed on lockdown Tuesday, May 6 due to the reported sighting of a gun on campus.

According to a press release from the North Branch Police Department, at approximately 10 a.m., the School Resource Officer on duty at the high school was alerted to a social media post that appeared to depict a weapon within the building. Officers with the North Branch Police Department and deputies with the Chisago County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to the school.

After a brief search of the building, a 16-year-old student was arrested and a replica firearm was recovered. The lockdown was subsequently lifted and students returned to their

normal schedules.

“We know that hearing about a lockdown can be distressing,” said Superintendent Sara Paul in an email to parents. “Please know that the situation was handled swiftly and professionally, thanks to the coordinated efforts of our staff and the North Branch Police Department.”

“This incident underscores the effectiveness of our district safety protocols. Our staff and students followed procedures as trained, and our strong partnership with the North Branch Police Department ensured the situation was handled quickly and safely.

“We thank our students, staff, and local law enforcement for their vigilance and professionalism. We will continue to communicate safety-related incidents through official channels to ensure accurate and timely information.”

Former Isanti officer sentenced to one year, one day in jail

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A former Isanti police officer has reached a plea deal and will serve one year and one day in prison for sending lewd photos to a minor.

In August 2024, 31-year-old Nicholas Irvin Martell, who at that time was an officer with the Isanti Police Department, was arrested and charged with distributing via electronic communication material that relates/describes sexual conduct to a child. According to the complaint, Martell sent photos of his penis to a then 13-year-old female who was the daughter of a friend of Martell’s.

Martell admitted he was given the girl’s cell phone number by her father under the premise Martell would assist her with a problem she was having at school of being bullied, along with other mental health concerns.

Shortly after being arrested, Martell

resigned from his position with the Isanti Police Department.

On Feb. 24, 2025, Martell entered a Rule 15 guilty plea to the single charge. In his plea statement, Martell admitted to sending the photo via Snapchat. He also admitted he had been drinking at that time, however, “I do not make the claim that I was so drunk or so under the influence of drugs or medicine that I did not know what I was doing at the time of the crime.”

Further, Martell admitted he made a phone call while he was on duty in an attempt to coerce her into claiming it was someone else who had sent her the photo.

The plea deal, which was made between Martell’s attorney and the Isanti County Attorney’s Office and approved by an Anoka County judge on May 5, 2025, was

above the state’s sentencing guidelines due to the victim’s mental capacity and Martell’s abuse of his position as a law enforcement officer.



Nicholas Irvin Martell

Talking tick season with University of Minnesota

This spring, Minnesotans are eager to get out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Unfortunately, warmer weather also ushers in pests like ticks. Many ticks can carry bacteria, viruses and parasites that can harm humans, including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Associate Professor Jon Oliver with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health answers questions about the outlook for this year’s tick season, including how people can avoid ticks and what to do if they find one on themselves.

Q: Will there be a lot of ticks this year?

Prof. Oliver: It is always a good bet that there will be plenty of deer ticks in Minnesota in the spring and summer. We see fewer ticks during years with dry weather and low humidity. Wet weather in summer 2024 means that immature ticks were able to thrive. This year, those ticks will have grown to be adults, also called nymphs. Based on last year’s numbers and the typical winter temperatures we experienced this year, I expect we will have a fairly average year for deer ticks and that means there will be plenty of them around. Warm days in April mean that

adult ticks are already out and about, especially when daytime temperatures exceed 60 degrees.

Q: What types of ticks are most common in Minnesota?

Prof. Oliver: Deer ticks and American dog ticks are common in Minnesota and both commonly bite people and pets. Although both species can potentially transmit diseases, deer ticks are more concerning because they are often infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease.

Q: Where are ticks most prevalent?

Prof. Oliver: Deer ticks require a refuge with a high humidity level, such as the forest leaf layer, so they are most often found in forested areas. Deer ticks are now found in every forested county in the state, so people should be vigilant while enjoying the outdoors. Adult deer ticks are active April through June and September through November when temperatures are above freezing and there is no snow. Immature ticks are considered more of a disease risk because they are smaller and harder to notice, so they often remain attached and feed for longer. Immature ticks are mostly active in May through July in Minnesota.

Q: What can people do to avoid getting ticks on themselves and what should someone do if they find one?

Prof. Oliver: Tick-borne diseases are more easily prevented than cured. Insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved repellent chemicals are effective at repelling ticks. If you spend a lot of time in tick habitats, it may be worth treating a suit of clothes with permethrin, a repellent/insecticide that works on ticks. Tucking pants legs into your socks can help keep ticks on the outside of your clothes making them easier to spot. The bacteria that cause Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases usually take hours to enter your body after a tick attaches to feed. Daily tick checks will greatly reduce your chance of getting Lyme disease even if you are bitten.

If you find a tick biting you:

Use tweezers to grab the tick by its mouthparts where they enter your skin.

Pull the tick straight off. Avoid crushing its body.

After a tick bite, be mindful of your body’s health. If you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms, visit your doctor about the tick bite.

Q: What are you doing to advance

research on ticks?

Prof. Oliver: My research focuses on the interactions of ticks and the bacteria they carry, as well as the distribution of ticks on the landscape of the Upper Midwest. New pathogens are discovered relatively often in Minnesota’s deer ticks, and our lab is working to find out how and where new diseases arise.

One exciting new project we are working on aims to bring detection tools to the field for much more rapid identification and discovery of pathogens in ticks and rodents. Using an innovative mobile laboratory in the field, we can use these tools to detect pathogens within hours instead of days. We can also use the new tools to detect a full range of tick-borne pathogens at the same time, where previous tools could only detect one pathogen at a time. Testing the sensitivity and reliability of this new surveillance system will be a major focus of our summer activities this year.

Jon Oliver is an associate professor in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. He specializes in the relationship between ticks and emerging tick-borne pathogens relevant to human health. - University of Minnesota School of Public Health

C-I, NORTH BRANCH SCOREBOARD: APRIL 30 - MAY 6

April 30
 C-I boys tennis 6, Andover 1
 C-I boys tennis 7, Hibbing 0
 C-I girls golf @ Elk River - 4th/9 teams
 *Top finisher: Hannah Westman - 5th place (95)
 C-I boys golf @ Purple Hawk - 9th/9 teams
 Top finisher: Tanner Jones - 35th place (89)
 C-I girls track & field @ White Bear Lake
 1st place finishers: Lydia Smisson (1600), Makenna Sjoberg (3200), Zoe Klocksien (high jump), Aubrey Wilson (pole vault)
 NB girls golf @ Elk River - 3rd/9 teams
 *Top finisher: Ashley Bistodeau - 1st place (85)
 NB boys golf @ Purple Hawk - 1st/9 teams
 Top finishers: Nicholas Melvin - 2nd place (75); Tyler Minke - 5th place (78)
 NB softball 11, Coon Rapids 13
 NB baseball 0, Cloquet 7
 NB boys tennis 0, White Bear Lake 7

May 1
 C-I softball 6, Big Lake 9
 C-I baseball x, Big Lake x
 C-I boys tennis vs. Sartell & Fergus Falls - postponed
 NB girls golf @ Pebble Creek - 5th/10 teams
 *Top finishers: Ashley Bistodeau & Jenna Minke - 6th place (90)
 NB boys golf @ Pebble Creek - no team score (all but one player didn't complete all 18 holes)

May 2
 C-I girls golf @ Mora - 6th/15 teams
 *Top finisher: Amber Grecula - 6th place (82)
 C-I boys tennis 7, White Bear Lake 0
 NB girls golf @ Mora - 8th/15 teams
 *Top finisher: Hailea Koep - 10th place (87)
 NB girls track & field @ Coon Rapids
 *1st place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (100, 200), Ella Dick (pole vault)
 NB boys track & field @ Coon Rapids
 *Top finishers: Jordan Stumm (800), Brody Rothe (pole vault) - 2nd place
 NB boys tennis 1, Pine City 6
 NB softball 2, Hermantown 4

May 3
 NB baseball 9, Hinckley-Finlayson 1

NB baseball 0, St. Anthony 10
 NB boys tennis 2, Cloquet 5
 NB boys tennis 2, Hibbing 5

May 5
 C-I girls golf @ Pebble Creek - 4th/9 teams
 *Top finisher: Hannah Westman - 7th place (93)
 C-I boys golf @ Purple Hawk Invite - 10th/12 teams
 *Top finisher: Sullivan Weibel - 42nd place (89)
 C-I softball 7, Zimmerman 1
 C-I baseball 0, Sartell 10
 NB girls golf @ Pebble Creek - 5th/9 teams
 *Top finisher: Ashley Bistodeau - 5th place (90)
 NB boys golf @ Purple Hawk Invite - 4th/12 teams
 *Top finisher: Nicholas Melvin - 3rd place (73)

May 6
 C-I girls golf @ Bulrush - 6th/9 teams
 *Top finisher: Hannah Westman - 12th place (98)
 C-I girls track & field @ Forest Lake (Section True Team Meet) 6th/9 teams
 *Top finishers: Annabelle O'Brien (2nd), Aubrey Wilson (3rd), Abigail Kryzer (4th) - pole vault
 C-I boys track & field @ Forest Lake (Section True Team Meet) 2nd/9 teams
 *1st place finishers: Jackson Ziebarth (200), Calvin Piescher (pole vault)
 C-I boys tennis 5, Chisago Lakes 2
 *Bluejackets clinch Mississippi8 Conference championship
 C-I baseball 0, St. Francis 2
 C-I softball 4, St. Francis 2
 NB girls golf @ Bulrush - 4th/9 teams
 *Top finisher: Ashley Bistodeau - 1st place (79)
 NB girls track & field @ Cloquet (Section True Team Meet) 2nd/9 teams
 *1st place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (100, 200, 400), 4x200 relay, Ella Dick (pole vault), Dakota Esget (triple jump)
 NB boys track & field @ Cloquet (Section True Team Meet) 6th/9 teams
 *Top finishers: Brody Rothe (110 hurdles), Ethan Holmberg (discus), Josh Halseth (long jump) - 3rd place
 NB softball 3, Chisago Lakes 10
 NB baseball 2, Chisago Lakes 5
 NB boys tennis 1, Monticello 6



Twenty six Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket seniors have signed on to continue competing in a sport after graduating from high school. To see the list of all the students and their chosen college and sport, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com/sports.

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Bluejacket shortstop Taitum Kostecka makes a strong throw from her knees to record an out during Cambridge-Isanti's game against Zimmerman. The Jackets defeated the Thunder 7-1.

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MAY 8 - 15 HOME SCHEDULES

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, May 8
 •NB boys tennis vs. Totino Grace (4 p.m.)

Friday, May 9
 •NB baseball vs. St. Francis (4:30 p.m.)
 •NB softball vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)

Saturday, May 10
 •C-I boys tennis vs. Blaine, Brainerd (9 a.m.)

Tuesday, May 13
 •C-I boys and girls track home quad (4 p.m.)
 •C-I softball vs. North Branch (5 p.m.)
 •C-I boys tennis @ TBD - Section 7AA first round
 •NB baseball vs. C-I (4:30 p.m.)
 •NB boys golf @ Rush City (noon)
 •NB boys tennis vs. St. John's Prep (4 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 14
 •C-I girls golf @ Purple Hawk (noon)
 •NB baseball vs. Hermantown (4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, May 15
 •NB softball vs. Cloquet (4:30 p.m.)

GREEN THUMB - Lawn & Garden Guide

Companion planting can help you to achieve some important goals in the garden.

Saving space - Planting early, short-season crops in the same beds as later maturing crops is a way to conserve space and grow multiple successions of plants in the same space. Examples include: planting lettuce, spinach, or basil early in the season, and transplanting peppers or tomatoes into the same bed as the early season crop matures.

By the time the early season crop is harvested, the canopy of the later season crop will begin to fill in. This is not only efficient but can help with weed management and soil health by keeping living roots in the soil and a plant canopy above the soil surface.

Soil health - By planting plants with different root structures together, you can aerate the soil and allow plants to pull nutrients from different parts of

the soil profile.

- Plants with taproots or tubers like carrots or potatoes can help to break up compaction in the soil.
- Deep-rooted crops like melons and tomatoes pull water and nutrients from deeper in the soil profile.

Adding legumes like peas, beans and clover to your garden is another great way to maximize soil health.

- Legumes fix nitrogen from the atmosphere and reduce your total fertilizer needs.
- Legumes such as snap peas or green beans can be planted as a crop you plan to harvest, or you can sow a legume cover crop underneath your main crop, such as sowing cowpeas under sweet corn in a garden bed.

SAVING SPACE, SOIL HEALTH & MUTUAL SUPPORT

Mutual support - Some companion plants can physically support each other, reducing the need for staking or trellising. The most famous example of this is the three sisters model, which integrates corn, squash and beans.

- Corn provides a stalk for beans to climb, as well as a visual deterrent for squash insects such as squash vine borer.
- Beans provide nitrogen.
- And squash can be a deterrent to vertebrate animals like raccoons, which often eat sweet corn.

The three sisters model first emerged in Mesoamerica and has been used by many indigenous communities including Pueblo, Mandan and Iroquois tribes for hundreds of years. This model of combining corn, beans, squash and other vegetables is still the foundation of milpa farming systems in Mesoamerica today.

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During fishing opener weekend and always: Clean, drain, dispose every time

BY KELLY PENNINGTON
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The approaching walleye fishing season comes with a reminder from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to always follow state laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Most anglers and boaters in Minnesota take the clean, drain, dispose steps for invasive species prevention every time they leave a lake or river. DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said prevention takes action by anglers and boaters, watercraft inspectors and enforcement, and partnerships with governments and organizations.

“Minnesota is nationally recognized for its AIS prevention successes and that’s due in large part to the powerful partnership model we have in place in the state,” said Commissioner Sarah Strommen. “We’re grateful for the partnerships with nonprofits, local governments, the University of Minnesota, and lake associations that are essential to helping prevent the spread of AIS and keeping our lakes clean and healthy.”

DNR Invasive Species Program Supervisor Kelly Pennington said people need to take prevention steps whether an enforcement officer or watercraft inspector is present or not.

“All anglers and boaters in Minnesota are required to take three simple steps: clean, drain, dispose,” Pennington said. “It’s not only the best way to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, but it’s also the law in Minnesota.”

Whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minnesota law requires people to:

- Clean watercraft, trailers and gear to

- remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during transport.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minnesota waters.
- Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one water body to another.

These additional steps reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:

- Decontaminate watercraft, trailers and gear – find free stations on the courtesy decontamination webpage of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/decon).
- Spray watercraft, trailers and gear with high-pressure water or rinse with water.
- Dry watercraft, trailers and gear for at least five days before using in another water body.

The DNR appreciates the efforts and collaboration of everyone engaged in aquatic invasive species prevention and management, including Wildlife Forever, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee, the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, lake service providers and other outdoor recreation businesses, lake associations, recreation and hobbyist groups, tribal natural resource managers.

People should contact a Minnesota DNR aquatic invasive species specialist (mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html) if they think they have found an invasive species that was not already known to be in the water body.

More information is available on the aquatic invasive species webpage of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/ais).



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How Low Can You Go?

Besides the group of Polaris Battalion Sea Cadets, only a couple adults were brave enough to attempt to limbo during the Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon’s annual dinner/dance, held at the Armed Forces Reserve Center on Saturday, May 3. This year’s theme was “The largest beach party in Isanti County.”

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Participants in the annual Braham Girl Scouts color run toss the remaining color packets into the air for the grand finale color blast. The end result was many being covered head-to-toe in colored powder. This year's event had to have a modified run/walk route as much of the previous route is currently under construction.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS



IPS: Eli Johnson

Second grade student, Eli Johnson, is an amazing young man to be recognized as one of our two IPS Student Achievers. Eli demonstrates all five of the Bluejacket characteristics every day. He is a wonderful friend to everyone and he is one who will ask you how you are doing when saying hello in the hallway. Eli is a hard worker and wants to do his best. He is a great role model to all of our students at IPS. Eli loves to play outside with his neighborhood friends. One of his hobbies is sports, and he is a huge Minnesota Vikings fan. Eli is going to do great things in life and we are very lucky to have him at IPS.



Art and Science Academy: Chloe Christensen

Fourth grade student Chloe Christensen was recently recognized as a STAR student for the month of April at Art and Science Academy. Though the focus for the month of April was respect, Chloe demonstrates all of the qualities of a STAR student here at Art and Science Academy and is a shining example to her peers. She is always including others and making sure all feel welcomed in and out of the classroom. Chloe has a big heart and shows it to all students and staff. She's willing to try new things and never turns down a challenge. Her passion for learning is evident as well as her passion for kindness and friendship. Amazing job Chloe! We are so very proud of you.



NB AREA ED CENTER: Juniper Hedin

Kindergartner Juniper Hedin, daughter of Natasha and Levi Hedin of North Branch, has been recognized as a standout student in Mrs. Heath's class. Described as responsible, respectful, and always smiling, Juniper brings a positive energy to the classroom every day. Juniper is a kind and hardworking student who consistently sets a great example for her peers. "She tries her best in everything she does," said Mrs. Heath. "Juniper is motivated to learn, embraces challenges with a growth mindset, and truly enjoys discovering new things. I am incredibly proud of her accomplishments this year." Juniper's favorite subject is math because she loves learning about numbers and how they work. Outside the classroom, her favorite part of the school day is recess—she enjoys playing and having fun with her friends. When asked about her future, Juniper says she wants to become a teacher so she can help others learn!



IPS: Jade Bostrom

Second grade student, Jade Bostrom is a student that showcases our character traits each and every day. This year Jade helped work on a picture that is on our wall that shows her pride for our school. She takes part in our enrichment class with Mrs. Guldseth and is an amazing role model to all of our students each day. Jade's work ethic is noticeable in all areas of the school, and she is going to do great things in life. She is very active with activities outside of school, some include 4-H, dance class, and she loves painting and drawing at home.



Art and Science Academy: Dylan Phang

Fourth grade student Dylan Phang is an Outstanding Learner in our class at Art and Science Academy. Dylan shows us what it means to be an engaged, active learner who consistently follows directions. He is highly motivated to learn and demonstrates this enthusiasm in all subject areas. Outside the classroom, Dylan maintains this same dedication through his athletic pursuits - he plays soccer with great team spirit, is in swimming where he continues to improve his techniques, and just finished running a 5k, showcasing his perseverance and determination. His balanced approach to academics and physical activities makes him a wonderful role model for his peers.



SUNRISE: Matthew Lutz

Matthew Lutz - Grade 2 Mrs. Fortuna Matthew is kind to everyone. He always takes the time to hug his sister Paige in the hallway. He also has been working hard to improve his reading skills. He has gained more confidence with his skills and will be exiting our Reading Corps program. I am so proud of his reading improvement and also the way he is such a good role model - showing the Sunrise Way every day!



SUNRISE: Reilynn Carlson

Reilynn Carlson - Grade 1 Mrs. Hanegraaf This 1st grader is a wonderful example of the Sunrise Way! She always has a can-do attitude and never gives up even when things get tough. Her effort in all subject areas is inspiring to others in the class. Whether helping classmates or focusing on her own learning, her dedication stands out every day. She's a joy to have in class and shows us all what it means to give your best.

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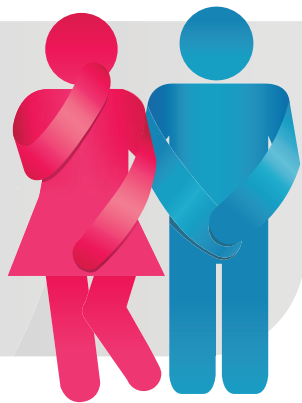
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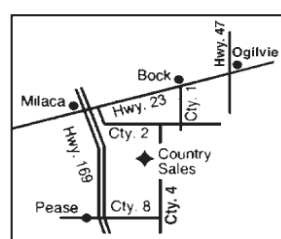
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A Cappella Mayhem erupts at Cambridge-Isanti High School

BY AARON KNUDSVIG
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Cambridge-Isanti's contemporary a cappella group the Unaccompanied Minors will be hosting a concert on May 10 at the the Performing Arts Center. The concert, A cappella Mayhem, will bring together five different performing groups for an evening of exciting vocal music.

A first of its kind at the high school, this concert will bring forward the style of singing made popular in movies like Pitch Perfect, the television show The Sing Off (that brought the group Pentatonix to global awareness), and by popular groups like Tonic Sol-Fa who used perform regularly here in Cambridge.

This year's concert is hosted by the Unaccompanied Minors. The Minors have invited three other groups to join in as well. The planning for the concert started after director Aaron Knudsvig was talking with 2001 CIHS graduate Greta (Lutterman)

Linton who has a group in Shell Lake, WI. Knudsvig wanted more performing opportunities for his ensemble and Linton was interested in having her group visit her old school. To fill out the evening Knudsvig invited two adult groups from Play Inc: The Decibelles, an all female group, and the Tonal Degenerates (formerly known as the Bottomless Boys). With songs ranging from the Beatles, the Eagles, The Greatest Showman, Ed Sheeran, Billy Joel, and many others. An additional group is performing one song. That group is a student led and assembled ensemble with a medley from Pitch Perfect that they prepared entirely on their own. The concert will end with all the performers together singing a great arrangement of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough"

The concert starts at 7 p.m. at the Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available in advance at www.cur8.com (search Cambridge-Isanti), but they will also be available at the door.



CONTRIBUTED

Unaccompanied Minors is the Cambridge-Isanti High School A Cappella group. They will perform May 10 at the Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center in Cambridge.

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PROBATE

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

Court File No.:
In Re: Estate of Douglas King Easter, a/k/a Douglas Easter, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 24, 2025 at 2:50 pm via zoom a hearing will be held in this Court in Cambridge, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated

December 1, 1981, and Codicil dated November 3, 2021, and Separate Writing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.2-513, and for the appointment of Darcy Lynn Fritche, whose address is 702 329th Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 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.

Dated: _____
Judge of District Court: Klossner, John (Judge)

Dated: _____
Court Administrator: _____
JOSLIN & MOORE LAW OFFICES, P.A.

Clark A. Joslin
MN# 52802
221 NW 2nd Avenue
Cambridge, MN 55008
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 30-PR-25-21
Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of Joan B. Lamberg, Deceased

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's

Last Will dated November 8, 2010 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name: Mary L. King
Address: 22622 Zion Parkway N,W, Bethel MN 55005

as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of

the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Probate Registrar
Date: 04/23/2005
Court Administrator: Erin Boettcher

Date: 04/23/2005
Attorney for Personal Representative

TODD H JOHNSON
Attorney License No.: 124618
Johnson Law Group PA
6465 Wayzata Boulevard
Suite 304
Minneapolis MN 55426
Telephone: 952-443-6560
E-Mail: tjohnson@johnsonlawgroup.com

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PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI

PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Hearing on May 20th, 2025
Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW;** the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following item(s):

1) Request by Carrington Development, LLC for a Vacation under Minnesota Statute 412.851 of an easement legally described as:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Outlot B 59 minutes 09 seconds East, along the south line of said Outlot B, a distance of 218.87 feet; thence North 03 degrees 35 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 52.10 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 03 degrees 35 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 20.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 122.52 feet to the Westerly Right-of-Way line of 7th Ave NE, a distance of 20.04 feet to a line which bears North 89 degrees 59 minutes 09 seconds East from said pint of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 122.53 feet to said point of beginning.; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.
Jared Haas
Associate Planner
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NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2025 Street Improvements
City of Cambridge, Minnesota
SAP 218-113-009
SEH No. CAMBR 182201

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Cambridge until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2025, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the 2025 Street Improvements along with Alternates A and B.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://bit.ly/Cambridge2025StImp>

Or call in (audio only)
+1 872-242-7640 United States, Chicago

Phone Conference ID: 761 306 582#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

Major quantities of the Work include approximately:

Quantity Unit Item
41,800 SY Full Depth Reclamation (P)
12,900 CY Common Excavation (CV)
3,100 CY Organic Topsoil

Borrow (LV)
13,000 Ton Bituminous Mixture
4,200 LF Storm Sewer & Culverts, 12" - 48" RCP & CS
4,200 LF Water Main and Services, 6"-8" DIP
3,700 LF Sanitary Sewer Mains, 8" PVC
15,200 LF Concrete Curb & Gutter
22,400 SF Concrete Walk
57,000 SY Seeding

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., 3535 Vadnais Center Drive, St. Paul, MN 55110, Zachary Schmitz, PE, 763.744.7808, zschmitz@sehinc.com

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the PROJECT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 9604638 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$30 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated March 17, 2025.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$95.00.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

Prevailing Wages for State Funded Construction Projects for Isanti County.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City.

Evan C. Vogel
City Administrator
Cambridge, Minnesota
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CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SITE PLAN, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND VARIANCES FOR EXTERIOR STORAGE AT 21476 JOHNSON ST NE (PID 08-33-23-34-0005)

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and variances for exterior storage. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant: Dan McConnell, 21476 Johnson Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

Owner: D & D Contracting, LLC, 7370 6th Street N, Princeton, MN 55371

Location: 21476 Johnson Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

PIDS: #08-33-23-34-0005

Request(s): A Site Plan, CUP and variances for exterior storage of a fenced gravel storage area at 21476 Johnson Street NE.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard
City Planner
City of East Bethel
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CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW OF A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AT PID #12-33-23-14-0002

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review a concept plan for "Cliffs Anderson Acres", a 3-lot subdivision at PID #12-33-23-14-0002. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: Sherco

Construction, 79 Lake Street North, Forest Lake, MN 55025

Location: 4xxx 217th Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

PID: #12-33-23-14-0002

Request(s): A concept plan review of "Cliffs Anderson Acres", a 3-lot subdivision on property identified as PID #12-33-23-14-0002.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard
City Planner
City of East Bethel
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CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCES FOR A SINGLE CAR GARAGE, METAL SIDING, AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AT 138 LAUREL ROAD (PID# 36-33-23-12-0142)

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider variances for garage size, metal siding, and impervious surface for property at 138 Laurel Road NE, East Bethel, MN 55092. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant/Owner: Greg Underdahl, 12383 Foresman Blvd, Pt. Charlotte, FL 33981

Location: 138 Laurel Road NE, East Bethel, MN 55092

PID: #36-33-23-12-0142

Request(s): Variances for a single car garage, metal siding, and impervious surface for property located at 138 Laurel Road NE.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard
City Planner
City of East Bethel
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CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO AMEND APPENDIX A (ZONING) SECTIONS

1, 10, 13, 14, 41 AND 42 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO "BARNDOMINIUMS" IN EAST BETHEL

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Appendix A of the City Code regarding Barndominiums. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.**

Applicant: City of East Bethel, 2241 221st Ave NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

Request(s): Consider Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (Appendix A of the City Code) to clarify or add regulations regarding "Barndominiums" and other related sections in East Bethel.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard
City Planner
City of East Bethel
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Isanti City Council has called Budget Work Session Meetings to be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 5:00 pm and Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Jaden Strand
City Clerk
Posted: April 29, 2025
Published: May 8, 2025
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ISANTI PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission Subcommittee will hold a working session to discuss revisions to the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance on Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upstairs Training Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008.

Trina Bergloff
Zoning Administrator
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2024 Annual Disclosure Statement

Name of Development Authority: Cambridge
Name of Municipality: Cambridge

Additional information regarding this district may be obtained from:

Name: Caroline Moe, Director of Finance
Address: 300Third Ave NE
City: Cambridge
State: MN
Zip Code: 55008
Phone: 7636893211 Enter as 6512962551
Email: cmoe@ci.cambridge.mn.us

The following information represents the annual disclosure of tax increment districts for the year ended December 31, 2024.

	TIF 6-15	TIF 6-16	TIF 6-17	TIF 6-18	TIF 6-20
Current net tax capacity	\$ 104,351	\$ 43,058	\$ 76,819	\$ 16,534	\$ 95,701
Original net tax capacity	\$ 1,933	\$ 606	\$ 19,802	\$ 4,883	\$ 1,479
Captured net tax capacity	\$ 102,418	\$ 42,452	\$ 57,017	\$ 11,651	\$ 94,222
Principal and interest payments due in 2025	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax increment received in 2024	\$ 132,326	\$ 54,637	\$ 74,243	\$ 14,747	\$ 118,507
Tax increment expended in 2024	\$ 114,909	\$ 47,629	\$ 63,971	\$ 13,798	\$ 111,585
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	7/2015	7/2015	7/2018	7/2020	7/2020
Date of required decertification	12/31/2041	12/31/2041	12/31/2033	12/31/2045	12/31/2045
The total increased property taxes to be paid from outside the district if fiscal disparities Option A applies*	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

	TIF 6-21	TIF 6-22	TIF 6-23	TIF 6-24	TIF 6-25
Current net tax capacity	\$ 200,925	\$ 28,659	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Original net tax capacity	\$ 0	\$ 1,181	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Captured net tax capacity	\$ 200,925	\$ 27,478	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Principal and interest payments due in 2025	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax increment received in 2024	\$ 250,799	\$ 34,614	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 22
Tax increment expended in 2024	\$ 237,953	\$ 32,453	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	7/2023	7/2023	7/2025	7/2025	7/2026
Date of required decertification	12/31/2048	12/31/2048	12/31/2050	12/31/2050	12/31/2051
The total increased property taxes to be paid from outside the district if fiscal disparities Option A applies*	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

STATE OF MINNESOTA WADENA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 80-JV-24-635 Rescheduled SUMMONS Child In Need of Protection or Services Petition

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jennifer Rose Huotari and Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted, Parents Please take notice that on September 13, 2024, a Petition was filed with the above-named court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to be in need of protection or services.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT at the following date, time, and place where a hearing regarding the Petition and the best interests of the child(ren) will be held: June 4, 2025 Admit/Deny Permanency Petition Hearing :30 PM District Court Judge Doug Clark

Wadena County District Court Court Room 1 415 S. Jefferson St. Wadena MN 56482 218-631-7633 YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS because, pursuant to statute or court rule:

- You are a parent to the child(ren) named in the petition; or
You are a party to this proceeding pursuant to Juvenile Protection Rule 21.01 or an attorney for a party, or
You have legal custody of the child who is the subject of the Petition; or
You are a person whose presence the court believes is important to a determination concerning the best interests of the child(ren) who are the subject of the Petition.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING: The court may conduct the hearing without you; and The court may find that the factual allegations and statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved; and The court may enter an order

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Table with 3 columns: Party, Participant, Your Rights. Lists various rights such as receiving copies of the petition, attending hearings, and bringing evidence.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS should be addressed to your attorney or to the Court at any hearing

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF WADENA DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: TERMINATION OF PARENT RIGHTS In Re the Welfare of the Child of: Court File No. 80-JV-24-635 Jennifer Rose Huotari, Petitioner/Mother, and Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted, Respondents/Father. SECOND AMENDED PETITION TO TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS To: DISTRICT COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION

1. My name is Jennifer Rose Huotari (hereinafter "Jennifer Huotari"). I am the Petitioner in this matter. I am not a county attorney

granting the relief requested in the petition, which may include: removing the child(ren) from the home of the parent or legal custodian and placing the child(ren) in foster care; permanently severing the parent's rights to the child(ren) pursuant to a termination of parental rights petition; permanently transferring the child(ren)'s legal and physical custody to a relative; or an order for other permanent placement of the child(ren).

A STATEMENT OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IS ATTACHED, including the right to be represented by an attorney as authorized under the statutes and court rules. It is your responsibility to immediately notify the court administrator if your address changes.

There is more information under the Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) Help Topic on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/help-topics/CHIPS. There you will find: a child protection video (www.mncourts.gov/ChildProtectionVideo), information asking for a court-appointed attorney, and other tools and resources.

To receive an eReminder for future court dates via e-mail or text, visit www.mncourts.gov/Hearing-eReminders.aspx or scan the QR code to enroll.



ADVISORY OF PARTY AND PARTICIPANT RIGHTS - CHIPS WHO IS A PARTY

You are a party to this case pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure if you are one of the following: The child's legal custodian, including a parent or legal guardian who has sole or joint legal or physical custody of the child.

In the case of an Indian child, the child's parent, child's Indian custodian, or child's Indian tribe.

- The person or social services agency who filed the petition.
The social services agency when someone else has filed a termination of parental rights or other permanency petition.
The child's guardian ad litem.
A relative to whom the social services agency proposes to transfer the child's permanent legal and physical custody.
The child in a case where the only allegation in the petition is that the child is an habitual truant or a runaway.
The school district in a case where the only allegation in the petition is that the child is an habitual truant.
Any person who intervenes as a party pursuant to Rule 34 or who is joined as a party pursuant to Rule 35.
Any other person who is determined by the court to be important to a resolution that is in the best interests of the child.

WHO IS A PARTICIPANT

You are a participant to this case pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure if you are one of the following:

- The child who is the subject of petition.
The child's parent if you are not the child's legal custodian or if you are the child's alleged, adjudicated, or presumed father.
The child's grandparent if the child has lived with you at any time during the two years before the filing of the petition.
The child's relative or other person providing care for the child.
The child's foster parent or a person proposed as a long-term foster parent.
The child's spouse.
The responsible social services agency, when the responsible social services agency is not the petitioner.
The guardian ad litem for the child's legal custodian.
Any other person who is determined by the court to be important to a resolution that is in the best interests of the child.

7. Purpose of filing this Petition. I am filing this petition for the sole purpose of terminating the child's biological father's rights to the child, and I am NOT filing this Petition for the sole purpose of trying to change the custody between the child's parents.

8. Other Past or Pending Court Cases. I am aware of the following information about other past or pending court cases (such as divorce or dissolution, child support, paternity, child protection, or criminal) in Minnesota or other states relating to the child, parents, or legal custodians named in this Petition:

Child Support - Wadena County Court File Number 80-FA-14-81

9. Child's Information. This case involves one (1) minor child as follows: Skye Marie Olmsted, born August 6, 2013, female, a non-native, Caucasian child currently residing at 38562 Blueberry VW, Menahga, Minnesota, 56464.

10. Applicability of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The child listed above is not a member of an Indian tribe and is not eligible for tribal membership, and the Indian Child Welfare Act does not apply.

11. Child's Parents. The biological parents of the child are:

- a) Mother, Jennifer Rose Huotari, October 10, 1986, female, Caucasian, 38562 Blueberry VW, Menahga, MN 56464
b) Father, Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted, July 3, 1983, male, Caucasian, 48280 Arbor Ave. W, Stanchfield, MN 55080.

12. Parties and Participants. The name address of each party and participant identified in Rules 32 and 33 of the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure are as follows:

Parties Category Name Address Jennifer Rose Huotari, mother: 38562 Blueberry VW, Menahga, MN 56464 Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted, father: 48280 Arbor Ave. W, Stanchfield, MN 55080.

Child's legal custodians, if different from child's parents: N/A N/A Child's Indian custodian, if child is an Indian child and if different from parent: N/A N/A Child's Indian tribe, if the child is an Indian Child: N/A N/A Child's Guardian ad Litem: To be identified by the Court, if one is appointed To be identified by the Court, if one is appointed

County social services agency: Wadena County Social Services 124 1st Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482

Participants Category Name Address Children Identified in Question #7 Identified in question #7

County Attorney Guardian ad Litem for child's parent or legal custodian (if appointed) To be identified by the Court, if one is appointed To be identified by the Court, if one is appointed

Child's grandparents if child has lived with grandparents any time within last 2 years N / A N/A Relatives, or other persons providing care for the child, who requests notice of the court proceedings Derek Michael Huotari, stepfather 38562 Blueberry VW, Menahga, MN 56464

Foster parents of child, if child has been removed from home N/A N/A Child's spouse, if child is married N/A N/A

13. Parents Whose Rights Should Be Terminated. All parental rights of Parent, Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted, to the Skye Marie Olmsted, should be terminated.

14. Statutory Grounds for Termination of Parental Rights. All rights of the parent named above to the child named above should be terminated based upon the following Minnesota Statute grounds.

260C.301, subd. 1(a): With the written consent of a parent who for good cause desires to terminate parental rights

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(1): The parent has abandoned the child.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(2): The parent has substantially, continuously, or repeatedly refused or neglected to comply with the duties imposed upon that parent by the parent and child relationship, including but not limited to providing the child with necessary food, clothing, shelter, education, and other care and control necessary for the child's physical, mental, or emotional health and development, if the parent is physically and financially able, and either reasonable efforts by the social services agency have failed to correct the conditions that formed the basis of the petition or reasonable efforts would be futile and therefore unreasonable.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(3): A parent

has been ordered to contribute to the support of the child or financially aid in the child's birth and has continuously failed to do so without good cause. This clause shall not be construed to state a grounds for termination of parental rights of a non-custodial parent if that parent has not been ordered to or cannot financially contribute to the support of the child or aid in the child's birth.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(4): A parent is palpably unfit to be a party to the parent and child relationship because of a consistent pattern of specific conduct before the child or of specific conditions directly relating to the parent and child relationship either of which are determined by the court to be of a duration or nature that renders the parent unable for the reasonably foreseeable future, to care appropriately for the ongoing physical, mental, or emotional needs of the child. It is presumed that a parent is palpably unfit to be a party to the parent and child relationship upon a showing that the parent's parental rights to one or more other children were involuntarily terminated.

260C.301, subd.1(b)(5): Following the child's placement out of the home, reasonable efforts, under the direction of the court, have failed to correct the conditions leading to the child's placement. It is presumed that reasonable efforts under this clause have failed upon a showing that:

- (i) A child has resided out of the parental home under court order for a cumulative period of 12 months within the preceding 22 months. In the case of a child under age eight at the time the petition was filed alleging the child to be in need of protection or services, he presumption arises when the child has resided out of the parental home under court order for six months unless the parent has maintained regular contact with the child and the parent is complying with the case plan.
(ii) The court has approved a case plan required under Section 260C.212 and filed with the court under Section 260C.178.
(iii) Conditions leading to the out-of-home placement have not been corrected. It is presumed that conditions leading to a child's out-of-home placement have not been corrected upon a showing that the parent or parents have not substantially complied with the court's orders and a reasonable case plan.

(iv) Reasonable efforts have been made by the social services agency to rehabilitate the parent and reunite the family, and:

- (A) the parent has been diagnosed as chemically dependent by a professional certified to make the diagnoses.
(B) the parent has been required by a case plan to participate in a chemical dependency treatment program.

(C) the treatment programs offered to the parent were culturally, linguistically, and clinically appropriate.

(D) the parent has either failed two or more times to successfully complete a treatment program or has refused at two or more separate meetings with a caseworker to participate in a treatment program.

(E) the parent continues to abuse chemicals.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(6): A child has experienced egregious harm in the parent's care which is of a nature, duration, or chronicity that indicates a lack of regard for the child's well-being, such that a reasonable person would believe it contrary to the best interest of the child or of any child to be in the parent's care.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(7): In the case of a child born to a mother who was not married to the child's father when the child was conceived nor when the child was born the person is not entitled to notice of an adoption hearing under Section 259.49 and the person has not registered with the fathers' adoption registry under Section 259.52.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(8): The child is neglected and in foster care.

260C.301, subd. 1(b)(9): The parent has been convicted of a crime listed in Section 260.012, paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3).

260C.301, subd. 3: The child has been subjected egregious harm or is a sibling of another child of the parent who was subjected to egregious harm or is an abandoned infant.

15. Facts Supporting Termination of Parental Rights.

The facts supporting this petition for termination of parental rights are as follows:

- a) Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted has had minimal to no contact with the child for the past seven (7) years.
b) Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted has never filed a custody action to establish his parental rights. Chase Gordy

Lee Olmsted is ordered by this court to pay child support and currently owes over \$30,000.00 in arrears per the Minnesota Child Support and Collection Office and has been found in contempt.

c) Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted has refused to sign the Consent for the step-parent adoption of the minor child.

d) Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted has abandoned and deserted the child and does not show an intent to return to care for the child.

e) Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted has never provided food, clothing or education necessary for child's physical, mental or emotional health or development and reasonable efforts would be futile and are therefore unreasonable.

f) Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted has a consistent pattern of chemical behavior which has resulted in repeated incarcerations and has made him palpably unfit to parent or care for the ongoing needs of the child.

g) It is in the best interest of the child that reasonable efforts toward reunification not be undertaken as the child considers Derek Huotari her father and has a particular fear of any contact with Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted due to his history of violent crime and abuse upon Petitioner.

16. Best Interests of the Child. Termination of Parental Rights is in the best interests of the child because the child would be free to be adopted by her stepfather, Derek Michael Huotari.

17. Because of the conditions and surroundings of the child named above, the welfare and best interests of the child require that this Court immediately take the child into custody.

18. Amended Petition. The original petition was filed with the court on September 13, 2024, and the court requested an amended petition be filed. The Respondent has not interposed an answer in this matter.

19. Representation. Upon information and belief, Respondent is represented by Robert Roby, Esq. as indicated in the certificate of representation on file in Court file 80-FA-14-81. Mr. Roby has been e-served this filing on behalf of his client.

Requests Based on the information included above, I ask that:

1. A hearing be scheduled in this case regarding the Petition.

2. The Court issue an Order terminating all parental rights of the parent, Chase Gordy Lee Olmsted, as requested in this Petition.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

Date: 2/28/2025 Jennifer Rose Huotari, Petitioner 38562 Blueberry VW Menahga, MN 56464 County and State where signed: Attorney for Petitioner Katie M. Jendro, #0386498 Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A. 11070 183rd Circle NW, Suite A Elk River, MN 55330 (763) 241-4855 kjendro@hesslawoffice.net

Verification

I, Jennifer Rose Huotari, state that I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled action. I have read and know the contents of the Petition, and its contents are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116

Date: 2/28/2025 Jennifer Rose Huotari, Petitioner 38562 Blueberry VW Menahga, MN 56464 County and State where signed: Acknowledgement

I, Jennifer Rose Huotari, acknowledge that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.21, costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded to the opposing party or parties for actions I commence in bad faith; for any claim or defense that I assert that is frivolous and costly to the other party or parties; for any position I assert that is unfounded and meant solely to delay the ordinary course of the proceedings or to harass; or for any fraud I commit upon the Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116

Date: 2/28/2025 Jennifer Rose Huotari, Petitioner 38562 Blueberry VW Menahga, MN 56464 County and State where signed: Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on May 8, 15, 22, 2025

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City of Isanti, Minnesota
 Summary Financial Report
 Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations
 Governmental Funds
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Total		Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2024	2023	
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 3,936,206	\$ 4,058,213	(3.01) %
Licenses and permits	458,889	398,929	15.03
Intergovernmental	1,568,340	1,608,160	(2.48)
Charges for services	624,418	479,410	30.25
Fines and forfeits	34,018	32,402	4.99
Special assessments	41,582	68,138	(38.97)
Investment earnings	289,075	259,188	11.53
Miscellaneous	28,038	72,598	(61.38)
Total Revenues	\$ 6,980,566	\$ 6,977,038	0.05 %
Per Capita	\$ 945	\$ 968	(2.40) %
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	\$ 879,794	\$ 813,531	8.15 %
Public safety	2,931,647	2,752,048	6.53
Public works	538,653	552,200	(2.45)
Parks and recreation	467,290	538,227	(13.18)
Economic development	113,628	113,371	0.23
Capital outlay			
General government	202,177	1,415,975	(85.72)
Public safety	274,507	321,125	(14.52)
Public works	1,143,968	579,656	97.35
Parks and recreation	277,886	130,078	113.63
Economic development	-	525	(100.00)
Debt service			
Principal	220,000	210,000	4.76
Interest and other	25,919	30,328	(14.54)
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,075,469	\$ 7,457,064	(5.12) %
Per Capita	\$ 958	\$ 1,035	(7.44) %
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 1,105,000	\$ 1,325,000	(16.60) %
Per Capita	150	184	(18.69)
General Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 3,031,843	\$ 2,585,243	17.27 %
Per Capita	410	359	14.40

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Isanti to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Hall, 110 1st Avenue Northwest, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN 55040. Questions about this report should be directed to the Finance Director at (763) 444-5512.

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The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on April 27 - May 3. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Neil Andrew Munson (DOB 05/21/1989) of East Bethel, was charged April 28 with two counts of Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.
Olivia Mae Peterson (DOB 11/08/1998) of Cambridge, was charged May 1 with one count of Identity Theft-Transfers/Possesses/Uses Identity of Other Person; one count of Forgery-Offer Forged in Evidence in Trial/Hearing; one count of Forgery-With Intent to Injure or Defraud; and one count of Falsely Impersonating Another-Intent to Defraud.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on April 27 - May 3.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Karissa Lynn Depoe (DOB 03/23/1997) of Saint Joseph, MO, was charged April 28 with Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 25 grams or more, 100 dosage units or more; heroin or fentanyl.
Philex Andrew Stewart (DOB 03/30/1989) of Cambridge, was charged April 28 with Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling.
Shekita Shontae Scott (DOB 07/14/1989) of Eagen, was charged April 29 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
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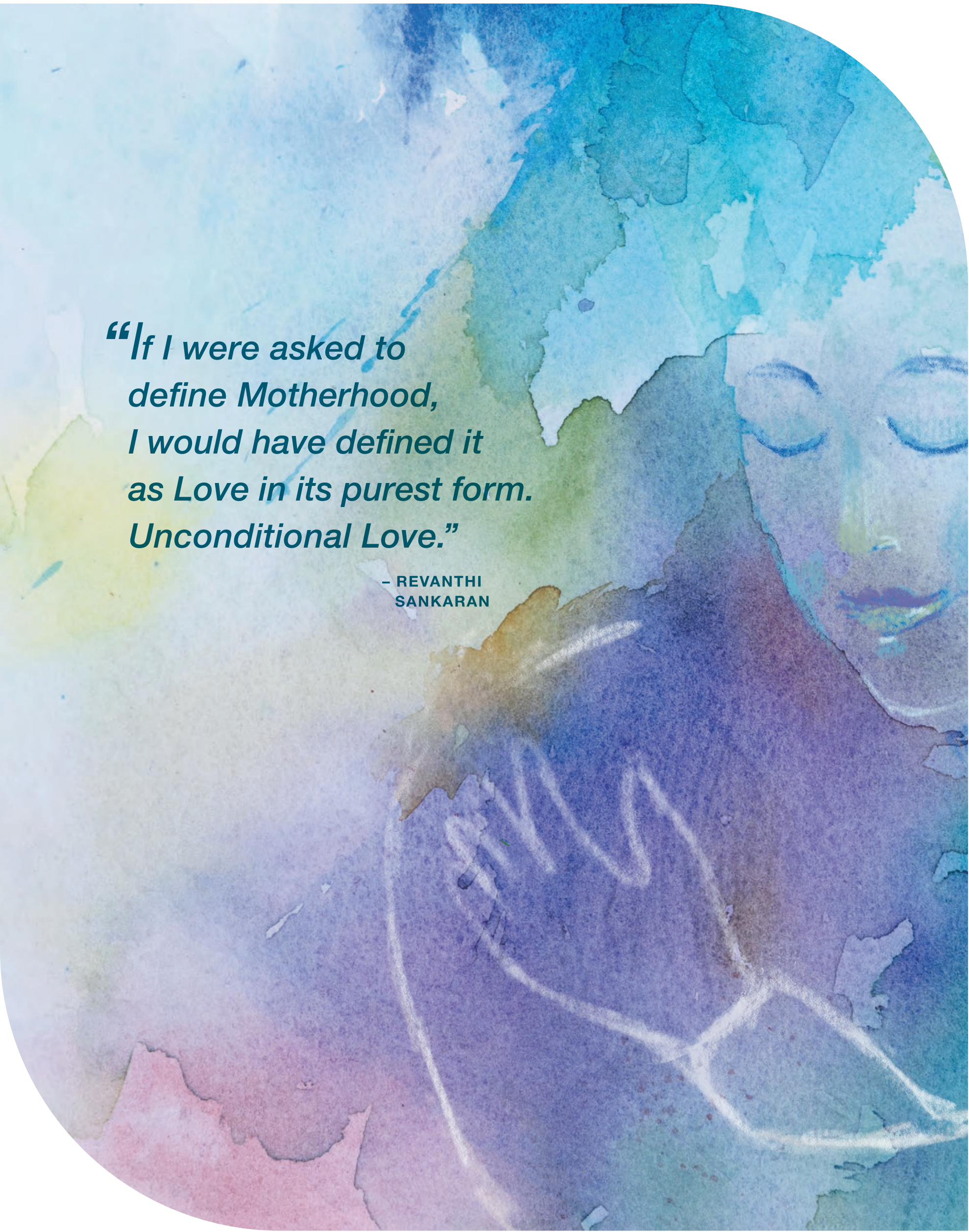
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