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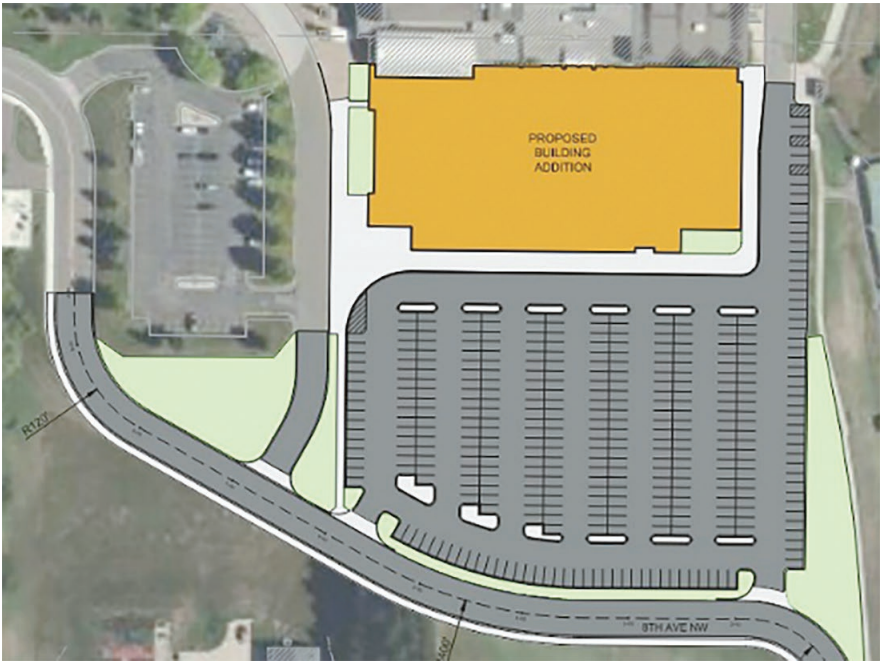
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I've been slimmed

Kirsten Schneider reacts to getting slime poured over her head by Jeff Klatt, owner of Cambridge Pizza Pub. The Nickelodeon-themed event was the reward for the downtown Cambridge branch eclipsing its school supply drive goals. In total, the branch collected over \$1,700 in school supplies. Klatt was given the honor of slimming by being the top donor.



The fieldhouse would be located along the south side of the activities section of the high school.

Fieldhouse main portion of referendum question 2

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of articles regarding the upcoming Cambridge-Isanti Schools' bond referendum vote, with this one focusing on question #2.

In contrast to the 150-plus projects proposed in question 1 of the Cambridge-Isanti Schools' bond referendum vote, question 2 has a "mere" seven projects, with six of them tied to one main project. That one project, however, has a projected cost of just over \$29.5 million, with the total amount of question 2 coming in just under \$36.5 million.

The main project is a four-court fieldhouse. Encircling the courts would be a competitive running

track that could be used for indoor track and field competitions and practices during inclement weather. The four courts could be used for basketball, volleyball, or even tennis during inclement weather.

Scott Lindell, who is a member of the Facilities Task Force along with a youth basketball coach, noted how the youth sports organizations are struggling to attract visiting teams from outside the area for tournaments. One of the main reasons for that is there is no central location for tournaments to be held. He said teams get confused and frustrated from bouncing around from school building to school building for their games.

SEE REFERENDUM, PAGE 2

Unofficial detour giving neighborhood headaches

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No sooner has one traffic issue associated with the Cambridge South Main Street reconstruction project been solved when another issue springs up. Last Friday, the first phase of the project, which included the construction of

a roundabout at the intersections of the Kwik Trip parking lot and 40th Ave SW, was completed. This allows traffic to exit Highway 65 onto South Main Street and get as far as the new roundabout. It also reopens 40th Ave SW. Phase 2 of the project now begins, with South Main Street closed from just north of the roundabout to 24th Ave

SW. The official detours continue to be Highway 65 to Highway 95 for north-bound commuters getting to downtown Cambridge, or 11th Ave SE to Garfield Street to Highway 95 to Highway 65 for those wanting to leave the city going south. As soon as access to South Main Street and by extension Highway 65 via

40th Ave SW was established, however, commuters savvy with city streets started taking their own, unofficial detours via Holly Street in Goldenwood. According to residents along Holly Street, the amount of traffic has greatly increased, and with that, an increase in the number of vehicles speeding.

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SCHOOLSIDE VILLAGE in North Branch



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REFERENDUM: Fieldhouse to include competitive, recreational tracks, four courts, added gymnastics space

FROM PAGE 1

“As a father and a coach of kids going through sports, we’ve attended many different sporting events and seen how beautiful their facilities are and how far behind we are,” Lindell said.

Additionally, the main fieldhouse is proposed to have a walking path on an upper level. This walking path would be open and accessible to the public even while school is in session.

“There really is no good place to walk (during inclement weather),” Facility Task Force member Cathy Smitz said. “We currently walk around Menards, which they probably don’t appreciate.”

Attached to the east end of the fieldhouse, but separated by a curtain or removable wall, would be a new, expanded space for the high school and community education gymnastics programs. Currently, gymnastics is housed in a gym in the lowest level of the high school that is too small for proper training of difficult skills or holding a gymnastics meet.

“For every high school meet, we have to move our vault and bars

‘There really is no good place to walk. We currently walk around Menards, which they probably don’t appreciate.’

Cathy Smitz
Facilities Task Force member

equipment up to a section of the main gym,” Bluejacket head coach Wendy Rooney said. “Halfway through the meet, everyone has to then move down to our primary gym for beam and floor.”

Even that arrangement doesn’t alleviate all the safety issues.

“We have spectators sitting inches away from our competition floor on two sides, which is dangerous for the gymnasts if they fall out of bounds during a tumbling pass,” Rooney said.

With the new space for gymnastics, the wrestling program, which also practices in unsafe conditions in another lower-level room, would

move into the current gymnastics space.

Additionally, team rooms, additional storage, a new corridor, restrooms, a community room, and the Activities Department office would be constructed. The cost of that project is estimated at \$3,351,000.

REPLACING PARKING SPOTS

An offshoot of constructing the fieldhouse is that it would take away a number of parking spots at the high school — something which is already in short supply. To rectify this, the district is proposing expanding the parking lot to the south. However, this would also require moving a portion of 8th Ave NW to the south as well. The estimated cost of that is just under \$3 million.

Finally, two art rooms that are currently along the south side of the building would need to be moved to the northwest section of the building at a cost of \$1,186,000.

The passing of question 2 is contingent on question 1 passing. In other words, if question 1 fails, question 2 automatically fails even if it receives over 50% yes votes.



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Bluejacket gymnast Zoe Klocksien competes on the floor during a meet last winter, with spectators sitting inches away from the competition area.

Braham community comes together for one of its own

BY HOPE MURRAY
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It’s a Wednesday afternoon at the Braham Event Center, and Nancy Vander Heyden has been here since 6:30 a.m.

A group of volunteers has just served a noon meal to around 100 pharmacy students from the University of Minnesota, and they are now enjoying a little lunch themselves.

Meanwhile, Vander Heyden is cleaning up in the kitchen. She stops to sit for a visit with this reporter, but then gets up abruptly. She needs to make sure all of the helpers at the Event Center have had a chance to eat. So she’s off, stopping in the office to tell Tracey Brewer to get a plateful.

Vander Heyden volunteers regularly for Braham Event Center activities and for the Braham Area High School Theater Department. And anyone who knows her will tell you this: She puts others first. Always.

In July, however, it was time for Vander Heyden to come first. On the 23rd, friends gathered at the Braham Event Center for a fundraiser to help Vander Heyden, who lost her home in a fire on June 1.

“For those in our community who cross paths with Nancy Vander Heyden, please plan to join the party ... to support her as she finds a new home,” the announcement for the fundraiser read.

The event featured a spaghetti dinner; cornhole tournament; theatre trivia and photo booth; and a pie auction and silent auction.

THE FIRE

According to a news release from the Braham Police Department, at approximately 3:09 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, a fire was reported to Isanti County 911. The fire was at Vander Heyden’s home on lot 17, 811 Central Drive West.

By the time Braham officers and Isanti County Sheriff deputies arrived, two adjacent homes were also on fire. Officers evacuated these homes, and rescued Vander Heyden and one of her cats. It is thought her other cat perished in the conflagration. Vander Heyden was displaced, and her house was a total loss.

“It started underneath another trailer,” Vander Heyden said. “They were fixing it up, but they don’t really know for sure how it started.

HELP FROM HER FRIENDS

Since the fire, Vander Heyden has been staying with friends. She prefers not to name them to protect their privacy. She also prefers not to have her picture taken because of her aversion to being in the spotlight. When Brewer mentions the beautiful work Vander Heyden does when painting sets for the Braham Area High School theater department, Vander Heyden demurs, noting that if it weren’t she volunteering,



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Firefighters assess the damage to Nancy Vander Heyden’s home on June 1.

someone else equ

Being part of a fundraiser for her benefit was difficult, she said, since she abhors being the center of attention. But she wanted to ensure that everyone who attended the event knows how grateful she is.

In a prepared statement, Vander Heyden thanked everyone for the “generous donations of food, silent auction items, and the pie auction. Thank you all that donated time and effort to put on the benefit for me. Thank you to all that donated money, gift cards, and all the encouraging words to help me get on my way to a new start after the loss of my home.”

Vander Heyden indicated that she tried to speak to everyone at the benefit to thank each personally.

She said she was “appreciative and amazed” at how community members and friends from the Event Center and theater department gathered to help her.

“If I didn’t get to speak to you personally,” she wrote, please note it was a bit overwhelming for me, since I’m really not used to being in the limelight,” she said.

Naturally.

“It’s been an anxious and uncertain road that I am forced to travel,” Vander Heyden said. With help from those who have expressed concern, she added, “I know that I can (and) will get through this.”



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The interior of Nancy Vander Heyden’s Home was a total loss on one end.

MON, WED & FRI
Exercise with Connie
At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. From 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Scrabble (2nd Monday)
10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families
7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church , 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon
Family Groups meets Monday's 7 - 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minnesotan-

orth-al-anon.org

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

TUES & THURS
Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

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

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

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

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

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

Dominoes
10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

WEDNESDAYS
Cribbage
9 to 11 a.m. at the Cam-



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Cambridge Customer Appreciation takes place Sept. 12 and will again include the scarecrows created by area businesses.

bridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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

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

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

Alanon
7 p.m. at the Isanti Alano Club, 790 Heritage Blvd. Isanti. 763-444-4605

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

THURSDAYS
East Central Baby Cafe
Free drop-in breast-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting
7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For info. call 612-251-6556 or email acanorthbranch@gmail.com

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

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House
Third Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Get your questions answered by trained agents. (763) 689-7390 or ecrlib.org for info.

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

SEPT 6
Happy Dog Days
10 a.m.–2 p.m., Happy Dog Lodge, 31158 Palisade St. NE, Cambridge. Free. Activities for the family. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. More info: happydoglodge.com.

SEPT. 8
Coffee hour
Come to the North Branch Library from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for an hour of socializing and free coffee. This program is geared toward ages 50-plus. No registration required.

Mad Science with Mr. F.
Two sessions at the Cambridge Library: 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m. This month's project

is building a super spinner. Geared for kids in grades 3 - 8. Registration is required by going to ecrlib.org.

SEPT. 9
PrimeTime Singers
Rehearsals begin at 1:30 p.m. in the choir room at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old North Main St. Open to all singers age 60 and over. No cost or audition. Fellowship and coffee follow rehearsals. For more information, call 612-619-2111.

SEPT 10
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.

SEPT 11
Fall bowling We R Able
4–6 p.m., JJ's Bowl and Lounge, 6427 Ash St., North Branch. Balls and shoes included. Info: 320-358-3616.

Isanti County Master Gardener Tour
6 p.m., Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, East Bethel. Kara Baldwin leads a tour of oak savannas, fire's role in the landscape, and species such as bison and red-headed woodpeckers.

Yoga at the Library
Join the North Branch Library at 6:30 p.m. for 45 minutes of gentle, slow-flowing yoga open to all levels. Registration is required by going to the events tab at ecrlib.org.

SEPT 12
Cambridge Customer Appreciation Event
Main Street, 4-8 p.m. Free food, giveaways, kids' activities, classic car show, scarecrow contest, fire and rescue display, and live music.

New bookstore opening in North Branch

STAFF REPORT
NEW@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A new chapter is about to begin for North Branch as The Enchanted Quill, an independent bookstore and tabletop gaming venue, prepares to open its doors Saturday, Sept. 6, in The Shops of Gateway North. The Enchanted Quill is an independent bookstore and community space in North Branch, MN, offering new and used fiction books, author events, book clubs, and tabletop gaming in our dedicated game room. It's a place for readers and gamers to connect, explore, and be inspired. As part of their grand opening events they will host a special author signing event on Saturday, September 6 at 1 p.m. The event, which is free to attend, will feature authors Jess Lourey, Kristi Belcamino, and Sarah Stonich, who will be available to sign copies of their latest books. Copies of the books will be available for purchase. For more information visit their website https://www.enchantedquillmn.com.



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Upon further review, still not a Fair fan

About this time last year, I proclaimed in this space how I am not a fan of going to the Minnesota State Fair. Part of the column mentioned how it would take a Grandstand concert from one of my most favorite bands to get me to go back. Sure enough, one of those bands — Def Leppard, was added to the concert lineup for this year.



**Worth a
Thousand
Words**

Bill

Stickels III

Also in last year's column, I mentioned if it wasn't quite as crowded, I wouldn't mind wandering around for a few hours. Well, considering the Def Leppard concert was on a Tuesday, which is traditionally the lowest attended days, and quite frankly my needing some sort of extended diversion from my horrible previous several days (see last week's column), I decided to head down early Tuesday afternoon.

From the perspective of the crowds, it was just fine. I easily got into one of the parking lots attached to the fairgrounds. And while if you looked into the distance of a street it looked like nothing but a sea of people, walking around you didn't feel overcrowded. It allowed me to get to several of the spots I mentioned last year I would like to see: the DNR exhibit (side note, only in Minnesota can a pond filled with a bunch of fish attract such a huge crowd), the Miracle of Birth, the Minnesota Vikings and Wild tents, plus at least passing by each of the local news stations.

Ultimately, though, the conclusion I reached was that was a whole lot of walking for little reward. Excluding chicks and ducklings, there were more pregnant animals looking miserable than actual babies. And the Vikings and Wild tents featured very few merchandise options. Therefore, I can safely say if one of my favorite bands is scheduled for the Grandstand, I will return to going just long enough to grab a corn dog before the show.

ROCK, ROCK TIL YOU DROP

Def Leppard, however, made up for the overall State Fair disappointment. From the very first time I heard them in concert many, many years ago, I proclaimed almost anytime they are performing in Minnesota, I will get a ticket. I've lost count of how many times that has been now, but it has to be somewhere around a dozen.

One of the criticisms of the band is lead singer Joe Elliott's voice isn't what it used to be. I will admit that is true. After all, he is 66 years old. But that's not enough to discourage me from going. If I wanted perfect sound quality, all I have to do is put in my earbuds and pull them up on Amazon Music.

I go to the concert for the experience, to sing along at the top of your lungs, and to dance around the confined space in front of your reserved seat. The band's fifth album was titled "Adrenalize." That sums up their concerts well. After every one of their concerts, I leave feeling absolutely worn out, but in a good way.

At the conclusion of every one of their concerts, Joe Elliott makes the same farewell speech: "So, until next time, and there WILL be a next time..."

It's going to be a sad day when that doesn't prove to be true.

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GUEST COLUMN

State law targets distractions behind the wheel

Question: I know the distracted driving law has been around for a while now, but can you please talk about it some more?

AnsWER: Driver distraction or inattention is a leading factor in crashes in Minnesota, accounting for at least 25 percent of all crashes annually. Distracted drivers fail to recognize potential hazards on the road and react more slowly to traffic conditions, decreasing their margin of safety.



**Ask A
Trooper**
Jesse Grabow

Types of driver distraction:
• Visual: Looking away from the road.
• Mechanical/physical: Taking hands off the wheel.
• Cognitive: Being "lost in thought."

Distractions inside the vehicle

Distractions inside the vehicle can include activities such as: using a cell phone, using a GPS, reaching for items, eating and drinking, adjusting

the radio, talking to other passengers, and reading maps and other materials. Even when you are watching the road, behaviors such as looking at a crash scene or daydreaming can divert attention from your driving responsibilities. For safety, give the task of driving your full attention at all times.

Illegal driver behaviors in Minnesota

Certain driver behaviors are illegal on Minnesota roads. These include using a cell phone or wireless computer device for text messaging, emailing or accessing the internet while driving, including while stopped in traffic. Drivers under age 18 with an instruction permit or provisional license are prohibited from using a cell phone, whether handheld or hands-free, except to call 911 in an emergency. It is also illegal to wear headphones or earphones in both ears simultaneously to listen to a radio or other sound-producing device.

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).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER:
Referendum will cost more than claimed

To the editor,

In the official C-I School Ref-erendum Fact web page it states that the two referendums will only be an “INCREASED” cost to the average household of \$16 per month. In fact they even split it up and say the larger one will only be an “INCREASE” of \$5 per month and the smaller (\$36.9 million) will be an “INCREASE” of \$11 per month. They even have a large image of a house with the largest numbers on the page being \$0.53 per day. However, the actual cost of these referendums is actually more than \$50 per month if both questions are passed, for the aver- age district household for the next 25 years.

In viewing the dozens of web pages on the fact website, no- where was the full cost of \$50 noted. It could have easily been included on the FAQs page under “WHAT WILL THIS REFER- ENDUM COST THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER” but no, again they only mention the \$5 and the \$11 “INCREASES.” Was that an oversight? The reason the literature states “INCREASE” is because they are planning to use the monies the taxpayers are currently paying for referendums that were passed 10 or 20 years ago and are now reaching matu- rity, as the base for the current bonds. When the taxpayers originally voted for those original referendums they did so with the understanding that they were for a specific amount of money and they would eventually be paid off and not continue to be a burden on the taxpayers. They didn’t vote all those years ago for the cost of those bonds to be paid in perpe- tuity (FOREVER). Technically, when old bonds are retired (paid off) the taxpayers could (and should) see a reduction in their tax liability. Then if the district wants new money the true cost would be acknowledged. This would be complete transparency!

The State of Minnesota guide- lines on school bonds and levies states the following:

“Bond Repayment: Once the bonds are fully repaid, the debt service levy for that particular referendum is no longer needed. This means that portion of your property taxes should disappear or decrease”

I had a very astute local busi- nessman whom I respect, call me after my first letter to the editor and ask me if I really had a problem paying \$5 per month for these important initiatives. I now realized why they stuck to the “INCREASE” idea and why they split it into two parts. This local businessman knows the Director of Finance and Operations for the District, Chris Kampa, and he set up a meeting for me to meet with Kampa last Tuesday morning.

At that meeting I met with Kampa, Christina Thayer Ander- son (Director of Communications and Community Education) and Jodie Zesbaugh who is a financial consultant for the District. In the discussions, Chris agreed that the actual cost of the two referen- dums over a 25 year term is in fact \$50 per month for a homeowner with a home valued at \$300,000. This is a cost to that homeowner of \$15,000 over the term of the bond. Furthermore, if your home is valued at \$450,000 your month- ly cost will be \$80 or \$24,000 over the term of the bond. A home valued at \$600,000 will cost the

homeowner \$113 per month or \$33,750 over the term of the bond. A business that has an estimated market value of \$1,000,000 will pay \$348 per month or \$104,400 over the term of the bond. As a board member of the Isanti Coun- ty Economic Authority I know this will be hardship for our businesses (these numbers have been confirmed by Chris Kampa, Director of Finance for C-I School District 911).

And these costs don’t include any ongoing costs. Nowhere in the C-I Schools sponsored referendum information website does it men- tion the ongoing costs of these ex- penditures. How much is it going to cost to staff the new fieldhouse or the classroom addition? It’s not just going to sit there without supervision. How much is it going to cost to heat and cool these facilities? What will the annual maintenance cost be? What is the cost for the daily cleaning etc.?

This brings up the operating budget. Over the last four years, district enrollment has decreased every year according to the C-I website with a total decrease of 3%. However, the operating ex- penses have gone up 40% from \$57 MILLION to more than \$80 MIL- LION. In the meeting last Tues- day I asked about this tremendous increase and Thayer-Anderson explained that those costs were driven by state mandates. During that same time frame, Eden Prai- rie had an increase in enrollment, yet they only had a 10.7% increase in their operating expenditures.

I do want to point out that in our meeting they did agree that the large graphic of a house with “\$0.53 per day” on the first page of the “Referendum Facts” page was misleading and they said they would remove it, although they would not commit to putting the actual full cost of these ref- erendums on that page, only the increase.

Please don’t get me wrong. I am absolutely for a referendum for RESTORATIVE maintenance! Something has to be done to the district’s aging facilities. In fact, in looking at the pictures on the fact website I would question why many of these items have not been addressed through normal operating maintenance over the years, especially with the huge increases to the operating budget. Where is the oversight?

VOTE NO TO BOTH REFER- ENDUMS and ask the district leadership to propose a realistic referendum to take care of the true “NEEDS” (restorative main- tenance) of the C-I School District.

Keith Kersten
Stanford Township

Appreciates North Branch Library

To the editor,

I want to give a big shout out to the North Branch Library and the helpers that knit the yoga mats for the stuffed toys. Also, for the ones that did it last year that make scarfs for the little stuffed toys. The kids love it! The kids can’t wait to see all the activities that the toys get to do while kids are away. I know it takes time, but it is truly loved. Thanks also to all the libraries workers that keep them going and bring in or do activities for every age. We are so lucky that we get to use this great resource.

Danielle Furney
Shafer

The First Week of School: Excitement, responsibility, and hope

The first week of school always brings excitement—new faces, fresh goals, and a sense of possibility. Entering my 18th first day as an educator, I can say with certainty that the joy and antici- pation never fade. From our preschoolers to our seniors, these first few days are filled with a mix of eagerness and, for some, a few nervous butterflies. There is nothing quite like the feeling of full buses, bustling hallways, classrooms buzzing with curiosity, and fields and programs overflowing with energy. Our schools come alive in these first days, and the sense of community and possibili- ty is truly remarkable.



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At the same time, we are reminded of the profound responsibility we carry. Every day, parents and guardians entrust us with their most precious hearts—their children. That trust is humbling. Each morning I send my own four children to three dif- ferent schools and daycare, and like every parent, I hope for their safety and sense of belonging. In light of last week’s tragedy in Minneapolis, this responsibility feels even heavier. Safety and belonging are not guaranteed, but they can be intentionally strengthened when we work together. In our community, we must continue to build a culture of respect and care for all, leaning into compassion, decency, and collective strength.

Our District’s Strategic Plan, developed in 2022 by the Community Task Force, guides us in this important work. This year, our focus areas include:

- Ensuring effective implementation of our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) so every student gets the right sup- port they need, at the right time.

• Exemplifying our Bluejacket character traits by fostering welcoming and inclusive environments where all learners and fami- lies feel seen, valued, and respected.

- Strengthening our Comprehensive School Mental Health System to support positive climate, social-emotional learning, and well-being for students and staff.
- Building stronger systems for onboard- ing and training new employees, so every adult in our district is equipped to serve with clarity, confidence, and care.

Entering year three of the Strategic Plan, we are seeing signs of progress. Proficiency rates are improving in many areas, and we are focused on ensuring consistent and continued growth for every student, every day. In literacy, our youngest learners are making real gains—kindergarten reading growth jumped nearly 10 percentage points in one year, and second grade has shown two years of consistent improvement. In math, a renewal of instruction is under- way, with updated curriculum, expanded professional development, and greater alignment across grade levels.

Beyond academics, we continue prepar- ing students for college, career, and life. From college credits earned in high school, to industry certifications in high-demand fields, to the arts, athletics, enrichment, and community service, our learners are developing the skills and confidence to thrive. At graduation, when each senior stands to show their post-high school plan, we see the power of partnership between families, schools, and community in shap- ing bright futures.

Just as our mission statement includes, in partnership with the community, let’s continue to build bonds that strengthen us all. As a Bluejacket community, let’s enter this new chapter with hope, humility, and connection. Together, we will make this a year filled with learning, growth, and collective kindness.

Chirstina Thayer Anderson is director of Community Education of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. She can be reached at 763.689.6220 or canderson1@c-ischools.org.

East Central Crisis Ser- vices (ECCS) has reported a 400% increase in mental health referrals from the Isanti County Sheriff’s Of- fice as well as Isanti County 911 dispatch. This signif- icant rise is attributed in part to the implementation of the Travis Law, a Minne- sota statute that requires law enforcement to involve mental health crisis teams when responding to individ- uals experiencing a mental health emergency.

This strengthened part- nership between Isanti County law enforcement and ECCS ensures that more individuals in crisis are connected to timely, compassionate care. ECCS clinicians are dispatched from Canvas Health’s North Branch clinic, which also provides clinical mental health services to the com- munity.

ECCS serves residents of Chisago, Isanti, Pine, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs

counties, as well as mem- bers of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Services include 24/7 mobile crisis response, emergency intervention, stabilization, and referrals to ongoing support—re- gardless of age, back- ground, or ability to pay.

“Mobile Crisis Services are tailored to help meet people where they are both physically and emotionally in moments of crisis,” said Kelsey Yale, MSW, LICSW, Manager of Mobile Crisis Services at Canvas Health.

The Isanti County Sheriff’s Department has partnered with Brianne McClellan, East Central Coordinator for the Min- nesota Suicide Prevention Regional Coordination, to make mental health re- sources more accessible in the community. A QR code linking to local support services is now featured on county squad cars, offering a discreet and immediate way for individuals to find

help.

“As law enforcement, we often encounter people in their most vulnerable moments,” said Wayne Seiberlich, Isanti County Sheriff. “The Travis Law has helped us respond more effectively by connecting individuals to trained men- tal health professionals. Our partnership with East Central Crisis Services is saving lives, and the QR code initiative is another step toward making help more accessible.”

The QR code magnets are now in circulation across the county, and ECCS encourages community members to use them to access support.

To access services and mobile crisis numbers in Minnesota, visit [www. Crisis.org](http://www.Crisis.org) or call the East Central Crisis Services number at 1-800-523-3333. - Canvas Health

Travis Law fuels surge in Isanti County sheriff, 911 dispatch crisis calls

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OBITUARIES

Edith Mildred Hemmelgarn

Edith Mildred Hemmelgarn, 95, of East Bethel, MN passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025 at Cedar Creek Senior Living.

She was born June 3, 1930 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Robert and Edith (Earsley) Macy.



Mildred and Wally Hemmelgarn were married and started their life in Clear Lake, MN in 1948. From there, they moved to the cities. In 1960 they moved to the farm in East Bethel, with seven children and were blessed with two more sons. Going to church was a very important part of their lives. Her rosary was always close by.

Mildred was a hard-working woman who loved to tell people "I have nine kids!"

Mildred worked a few jobs in her lifetime including Carlos Avery Nursery, Control Data, and the Arsenal. She finished her working career of 30 some years at Nabisco Cream of Wheat. Her favorite was driving the forklift, among other jobs there. She stayed working as long as she could, they finally closed the plant, so she had no choice but to retire at age 72.

Loved her polka music and was quite the dancer! Enjoyed Bingo, was an avid Tiger Woods fan and started golfing at age 72. She golfed in a women's league at Grandy Nine and loved to golf in our family fun 4th of July golf tournament in Bigfork every year.

She also loved to sew, made clothing, baby doll clothes (dressed several little dolls), knit, crochet, embroider and quilt - made enough for all the kids and grandkids to get one. (Plus, many more!) Donated many of her projects to churches and such. She also proudly donated 9 gallons of blood over her lifetime.

Another favorite thing she loved was mowing her yard with her JD tractor; she was meticulous with her lawn and flowers.

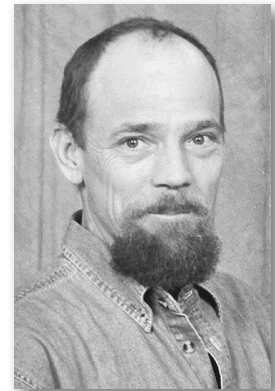
A major accomplishment for Mildred at the age of 88, was when she received her High School Diploma at the Cambridge High School Graduation Ceremony, August 2, 2018. Not only was she proud, but her family was proud for her.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Wally in January 1981; two daughters - infant Linda Hemmelgarn and Judy Jones; son-in-law Jerry Weissman; granddaughters Baby Girl Hass and Julie Jones; grandsons Rickie & Randy Jones and Travis & Jared Hemmelgarn; great grandson Parker Peterson; and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children Edie Hemmelgarn of Andover, Ed (Bonnie) Hemmelgarn of Crown, (Rick Jones) of East Bethel, Nancy (Rick) Hass of Crown, Rick (Wendy) Hemmelgarn of Alexandria, Susie (Dean) Whittlef of Crown, Joanie (Steve) Smith of Knife Lake Mora, Steve (Shelly) Hemmelgarn of Marcell, Scott (Jen) Hemmelgarn of East Bethel; 25 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandkids; siblings Marge, Mark, Mary, Michelle and Robyn, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m., Thursday, September 4, 2025 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Isanti. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment Sunset Memorial Cemetery. Condolences www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Martin J. Moos of Isanti, MN, passed away on August 26, 2025, at the age of 66, after a long battle with COPD. He was born on January 11, 1959, in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, to Lawrence and Mable Moos.



Marty was a one-of-a-kind brother and friend, the kind of person you never forgot. He was a creative soul, who loved working with his hands. He was quick with a pen and paper to capture the art in his mind and he enjoyed tinkering with things just to see how they worked. In his early years, he was a true free spirit, living out the words to the song "Freebird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd; hitting the open

Sheila Rae Grams (Anderson)

April 27, 1956 – August 28, 2025

Sheila Rae Grams (Anderson), a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and valued community member, passed away peacefully on August 28, 2025. Born in Braham, Minnesota, on April 27, 1956, she grew up primarily in Blaine, then spent a short time in Fairhaven before her family moved to Isanti prior to her 7th grade year. Sheila graduated from Cambridge High School in 1974.



Sheila was preceded in death by her parents, Janet and Lee Anderson. She is survived by her devoted husband, Daniel Grams; her children, Erica (Jim) Stiller, Edward (Rebecca) Grams, and Elisha (Garrett) Long; her grandchildren, Kaylea (Cody) Nelson, Jaden, Jaxon, Emma, and Owen;

her great-grandson, Crue; and her siblings, Roger (Dona) Anderson, Greg (Debra) Anderson, Michelle (Greg) Becker, and Lona Hill; and many nieces and nephews. Her family was the heart of her existence, and her love for them was immeasurable.

After high school, Sheila attended Anoka-Tech for culinary school and began her career as a dietitian at a nursing home located in New Brighton. She later worked as a receptionist and eventually as a personal assistant at Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis. After meeting and marrying Danny, she became a full-time mother. Sheila dedicated her time as a "room mother," going above and beyond to create engaging and memorable experiences for her children's classrooms. She also volunteered at church, teaching Bible school for many years, where her enthusiasm and dedication inspired countless children.

Known for her warmth, generosity, and vibrant spirit, Sheila had a unique talent for making every holiday unforgettable, especially Christmas, leaving behind a legacy of joy that will be cherished for generations. She found solace in gardening and enjoyed relaxing summer days by her pool, embracing life's simple pleasures.

A graduate of culinary arts from Anoka-Tech, Sheila was celebrated for her cooking skills, often bringing family and friends together over delightful meals filled with laughter and love. Her kindness, welcoming nature, and radiant smile left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Sheila's faith was a cornerstone of her life; she loved the Lord and often shared stories about Jesus with her family. She found inspiration in her Bible readings and enjoyed watching TV sermons by her favorite pastors.

Sheila Rae Grams will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched. Her legacy of love and devotion will continue to inspire everyone who knew her.

A funeral service in honor of Sheila's life will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025, starting at noon, with a visitation an hour prior, at Zion Lutheran Church in Crown, Minnesota. Friends and family are invited to gather and celebrate her remarkable life and the memories she leaves behind. The funeral will be live-streamed, view at:

<https://watchitlivestream.com/s-grams/>
Online condolences can be made at:
StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Martin J. Moos

road and seeing the world on his own terms. He walked to the beat of a different drum, often having a unique perspective and the "other right answer," to the questions of this life, a quality that endeared him to the people he met.

He was a simple man who found joy in the small things, especially the deep bonds he shared with his close friends, who stood by him through thick and thin. He loved his pets, especially his dog Rudy. He was a kind spirit, with an infectious laugh, and an optimistic belief that things would always work out. He will be deeply missed.

Marty was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Mable, and his sister Susan. He is survived by his loving sister and brothers: Patty (Sid), Tim (Becky), Christopher (Cathy), and Paul, as well as nieces, nephews and a great niece.

"Catch you on the rebound," Marty! You will be in our hearts and minds forever.

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

Yvonne "Vonnie" Claire Johnson

Yvonne "Vonnie" Claire Johnson passed away peacefully at the age of 98. She was born in Rush City, Minnesota to Clarence and Clara Jonason on March 18, 1927. She graduated from North Branch High School in 1945 and married James "Jimmy"



Johnson in 1947 in Las Cruces, NM while he was serving in the US Army.

Yvonne "Vonnie" Claire Johnson passed away peacefully at the age of 98. She was born in Rush City, MN to Clarence and Clara Jonason on March 18, 1927. She graduated from North Branch High School in 1945 and married James "Jimmy" Johnson in 1947 in Las Cruces, NM while he was serving in the US Army.

Vonnie dedicated 30 years to the ASC office in North Branch and claimed she knew the names of all the farmers in Chisago County. Vonnie had a strong Christian faith and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for 82 years. She took part in weekly bible study and volunteered her time to many church projects. She was also a 75-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary. In her early years she helped sell poppies and made pies for the food stand. Vonnie loved music and enjoyed playing her organ. She and Jimmy played together at the local senior center and entertained the residents. At our Christmas Eve gatherings, it was a family tradition to sing carols as Vonnie played.

Her hobbies included fishing at the family cabin in Grand Marais, golfing, sewing, making jam, apple butter and pies. She was also an avid Gophers and Twins fan as well as a fan of the local high school teams. Vonnie loved her children, grand and great grandchildren and spent as much time as she could with them. She enjoyed having coffee and dessert with her friends especially the "Silver Bells".

Vonnie is survived by her children, Steve (Bev), Dennis, Mary Jo (Harry) Fleming and Jeff (Cleo). Five grandchildren Troy (Kristy) Fleming, Kajsa (Jim) Genzel, Doug (Nicci), Stacy (Sean Cole), and Eric (April), 12 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Lorie Wenzel and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband Jimmy and sisters Mary Anne Solle and Joanne Christine Tell. Also seven brother-in-laws, four sister-in-laws, five nephews and one niece.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church in North Branch with Rev. Paul Cannon officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at church on Saturday. Interment will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in North Branch.

Memorials in Vonnie's memory may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Grandstrand Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Branch. Condolences may be expressed online at www.grandstrandfh.com.

Ronda Kay Snow

Ronda Kay Snow, age 68 of Princeton, MN, passed away peacefully on August 22, 2025 with her family by her side.

Ronda was born on December 20, 1956 to Ronald and Caroline Torell. She grew up in the Cambridge area and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1975. While working at Crystal Cabinets in Princeton she met the love of her life Donald Snow. After marrying him in 1978, Don and Ronda spent their lives in Princeton raising their family.

Ronda loved to fish and even more so loved her grandchildren, attending every event that they were in that she possibly could. She was extremely devoted

to her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Ronda is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Nathan (Karen), Tanya (Jason); stepson, Michael (Jodi); seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; nephew, Daniel; sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Dar Durant.

Stanley Roy Erickson

Stanley Roy Erickson, 81, of Jacobson, MN formerly of Braham, MN and Mora, MN, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at his home after a long battle with cancer. He was born September 7, 1943 in Anoka, MN to Elmer and Viola (Calson) Erickson.

Stanley was raised one of five children on a farm in Andover, MN and graduated from Anoka High School in 1961. He was a member of the Minnesota National Guard and worked for over 30 years with Adolphson-Peterson Construction Company. He and first wife Patricia settled on a farm in rural Braham, MN in 1967 where he farmed while also working construction for A & P in the metro area. On that farm, he helped to raise three sons, Jim, Brian and Brad. He was a member of the Braham Moose Lodge #1544 and was a league bowler at The Braham Lanes. After Patricia's passing in 1989, Stanley married Mariesther Conley

of Mora, MN in 1993. Shortly thereafter, they bought a cabin on their beloved Wakefield Lake in Aitkin County. A few years later, they moved to their new permanent residence just across Highway 65, a log home on the Mississippi River. Another cabin, this time on the Angle Inlet way up at the North-west Angle, came calling. It was there that he acquired the monicker "Tin Shack Stan" and was proudly one of the first ever owners of a Snow Bear ice fishing vehicle. He loved the outdoors and fishing and hunting. Stan was known for his strength, humor and steady presence. His trusty John Deere tractor always at the ready to pull someone out of the ditch or clear a clogged culvert. He faced his illness with courage, never losing his quick wit or the care for those around him.

Stanley is preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia (Jack) Erickson; his second wife, Mary Esther (Conley) Erickson; Mother and father, Elmer and Viola (Carlson) Erickson; brother, Marvin Erickson and sister, Violet Erickson.

Stanley is survived by three sons, Jim Erickson and wife Chrissy of Otsego, MN, Brian Erickson and partner Carrie Robinson of Hopkins, MN and Brad Erickson of Anchorage, AK; brothers, Rodney Erickson and wife Karen of Huntley, IL and Larry Erickson and wife Karen of Anchorage, AK; many extended family members and friends.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, September 6, from 2 to 6 p.m. at The Sandy Beaver, 51866 224th Pl, McGregor, MN. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: www.srtfuneral.com. Arrangements are with McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service, McGregor.



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Eagle Scout receives thanks from city

Eagle Scout Christopher Capaul receives a certificate of appreciation from the North Branch City Council for his Eagle Scout project of placing benches and access paths to the Riverwalk Park Dome.

North Branch council approves indoor cannabis grower

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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The farming history of North Branch will get a little greener as a local grower prepares to add cannabis to their crops.

Craig Johnson and Brandon Zehrer of Greenworld Greenhouses successfully sought re-zoning for a 40-acre parcel on the west side of the city's southern border. The parcel was zoned Rural Residential, matching the properties surrounding it, some of which are used for farming, according to the staff report.

Greenworld Greenhouses, located at 36000 Evergreen Avenue, has been in business 55

years, according to its website, selling flowers, ornamentals, art and more.

City zoning code allows for indoor cannabis cultivation only in industrial and agricultural districts, the latter of which now applies to the parcel in question. All existing agricultural parcels in the city were located in the north-east corner, directly opposite the parcel.

Adjacent landowners were notified of the request, including those to the south in Stacy. The only parties present at the public hearing were the applicants, and the planning commission recommended approval, which the council granted unanimously.



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DETOUR: Problem deemed temporary

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Jeff Andres, speaking on behalf of multiple residents, wrote emails to the Cambridge City Council, asking them to do something to mitigate this new traffic problem. He suggested temporarily reducing the speed limit to 20 miles per hour, plus increasing police presence to enforce the speed limit.

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, there isn't much the city could do to limit the increased volume of traffic on Holly Street.

"It's a public roadway during a construction project," Vogel said.

As for the speeding issue, Vogel and the council offered several suggestions, including decreasing the speed limit, increasing enforcement of the speed limit, posting the 30 miles per hour speed limit (there currently aren't any speed limit signs along Holly), doing an informal speed survey, or even adding speed bumps.

The speed bumps were immediately rejected as it would require them being mounted into place, thus damaging the two-year-old pavement. The increased enforcement would result in the city paying an officer overtime. Even though cities do have the authority to implement speed limits on most city streets, Vogel said, the fact that Holly Street isn't an official detour for the project, he didn't think the city could justify reducing the speed limit.

"A constraint you have (with reducing the speed limit) is it must be done in a consistent and understandable manner," Vogel said. "What you have to think about is why is this request different than others."

Additionally, Vogel said changing the speed limit doesn't change how fast vehicles travel. "Ask any engineer, police officer, or transportation professional, and they will tell you the same thing," Vogel said.

It was Vogel's suggestion that the city

'Ask any engineer, police officer, or transportation professional, and they will tell you the same thing (regarding reducing speed limits).'

Evan Vogel
Cambridge City Administrator

at most conduct an informal speed study, which would entail an officer sitting in an unmarked car recording vehicles' speeds during a certain time of day. A report of the findings would be presented to the council at the next meeting. Police Chief Shawn Machin said the survey would not require overtime pay.

Council member Bob Shogren asked if Towards Zero Deaths funds could be used to cover the overtime costs of additional law enforcement presence. Machin said it could, however, he didn't think there were TZD funds still available for this year.

During discussion, it was also brought up that this is only a temporary problem. Once all of South Main Street is reopened at the end of October, the traffic volume along Holly Street will return to normal.

Ultimately, the council decided to post temporary 30 miles per hour signs along Holly to remind commuters of the speed limit, to conduct the informal speed survey, and to alter officers' patrol routes so they are in the area more frequently without causing the city to pay overtime.

"This will be helpful in terms of our next street project. If there is another busy road, how is this one impacted by something similar?" Council member Mark Ziebarth concluded.

Committee advising DNR on fish, wildlife management asks for public input

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee is inviting people interested in fish and wildlife management to share their perspectives at an upcoming webinar.

Newly established in 2025, the committee comprises Minnesotans who review outcomes achieved from Game and Fish Fund expenditures and make recommendations regarding Minnesota DNR's fish and wildlife work to the DNR commissioner and the Minnesota legislature.

Committee members are appointed by the DNR commissioner, and the committee is responsible for completing a report each September. Reports in odd-numbered years focus on outcomes related to protecting habitat, fish and wildlife population management, monitoring and research, and communications and engagement, while even-numbered year reports focus on biennial budget outcomes achieved from Game

and Fish Fund expenditures.

In a webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m., committee members will present findings and recommendations from their 2025 report. The committee will also ask participants to review its proposed priorities related to fish and wildlife investments for the 2026 reporting period.

A link to join the webinar is available on the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee page (mndnr.gov/faw_advisory_committee) of the DNR website.

Additional information about the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/faw_advisory_committee), including past reports.

The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee replaced the citizen oversight committees that operated from 1994 to 2024. Information about all the DNR's standing advisory groups is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/input/advisory-groups.html). - MNDNR

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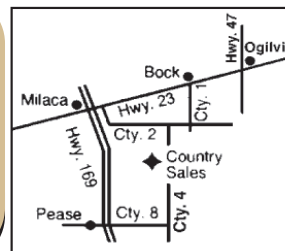
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New playground equipment finished

Representatives of the city of Isanti hold a commemorative ribbon cutting for the completion of new playground equipment in Bluebird Park. The new equipment and the ground surface were chosen to be more accommodating for those with mobility issues.



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August 28
C-I girls tennis 5, Forest Lake 2
C-I girls tennis 6, Mora 1
C-I girls cross country @ Zimmerman
*Top finisher: Makenna Sjoberg (2nd place)
C-I boys cross country @ Zimmerman
*Top finisher: Hunter Jacobson (5th place)
C-I football 21, Sartell 14
NB boys soccer 1, Legacy Christian Academy 0
NB girls tennis 2, Pine City 5
NB volleyball 1, Rush City 3
NB girls soccer 5, St. Agnes 0

August 29
NB football 22, Two Harbors 10

September 2
C-I girls tennis 7, Princeton 0
C-I boys soccer 1, Becker 2
C-I girls soccer 3, Becker 4
C-I volleyball 0, Anoka 3
NB girls tennis x, Big Lake x
NB girls soccer 8, Zimmerman 2
NB boys soccer 1, Zimmerman 1
NB volleyball 0, Forest Lake 3



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Cambridge-Isanti's Peyton Coplan breaks several Sartell tackles for a good gain during the Bluejackets' season-opening game against the Sabres. C-I topped Sartell 21-14.

C-I, NB HOME GAMES
SEPTEMBER 4 - 12

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

Thursday, Sept. 4
•C-I girls swimming & diving vs. Chisago Lakes (5:30 p.m.)
•NB girls tennis vs. Becker (4 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 5
•C-I football vs. Chisago Lakes (7 p.m.)
•NB football vs. Hibbing (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 6
•C-I boys soccer vs. Willmar (2 p.m.)
•NB volleyball home invite (9 a.m.)

Monday, Sept. 8
•C-I boys soccer vs. Big Lake (5 p.m.)
•C-I girls soccer vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)
•NB girls soccer vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)
•NB boys soccer vs. St. Francis (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 9
•C-I girls tennis vs. St. Francis (4 p.m.)
•C-I girls swimming & diving vs. Milaca (5:30 p.m.)
•NB volleyball vs. Monticello (7 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 11
•C-I girls soccer vs. Monticello (5 p.m.)
•C-I boys soccer vs. Monticello (7 p.m.)
•NB girls tennis vs. C-I (4 p.m.)
•NB boys soccer vs. Big Lake (5 p.m.)
•NB girls soccer vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 12
•NB football vs. Cloquet (7 p.m.)



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

C-I's Allie Troolin takes aim at a backhand return during her second doubles match against Forest Lake. Troolin and her partner Addy Sullivan defeated their Ranger opponents 6-3, 6-3.



JORGE PERALES | COUNTY STAR

North Branch's Jade Knoespel tracks down a ball deep in the back-court during the Vikings' match against Rush City. The visiting Tigers topped the Vikings 3-1.



Talking AI and the future of education with the University of Minnesota

As generative artificial intelligence (AI) continues to evolve, it is raising fundamental questions about how education might change.

As students return to classrooms this fall, many will have spent their summer using ChatGPT for everything from writing emails to learning new skills. George Veletsianos, a professor in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota, shares his expertise on critical questions these technological changes pose for teaching, learning and the future of education.

Q. What are the impacts of AI in schools?

Prof. Veletsianos: After 20 years of studying educational technology, I've learned to be cautious about claims of something revolutionizing education. AI won't transform education overnight — but it will bring many small, meaningful changes.

Schools and universities will largely look the same from the outside — we'll still have teachers, classes, labs, performances and homework. But behind the scenes, things will shift. Students may chat with AI when they are stuck, schools can translate online courses to multiple languages, and teachers could adapt lessons for different reading levels. These small changes could matter more than any big overhaul.

Let's compare AI to GPS.

GPS didn't replace driving, but it completely changed how we navigate. We don't memorize directions anymore and can navigate new areas easily. AI might do the same for education. Will some people learn about a topic one-to-one with AI tutors? For sure! For some topics and in some cases that will happen, much like they already learn via YouTube or online communities. But dramatic, system-wide change is unlikely.

Q. What's the biggest misconception about generative AI in education?

Prof. Veletsianos: People tend to see AI in black and white. They see it either as a miracle cure for all of education's problems or as a threat that will destroy education. The reality is that AI will neither fix nor devastate education. Its impacts are going to be far-reaching, but the long history of learning technologies tells us that those impacts are not going to go in a single direction. Online courses were supposed to make elite education free for everyone, but they mostly helped people who already had degrees. iPads in classrooms were going to revolutionize learning, but they mostly just replaced textbooks.

Something similar is likely to happen with AI. Schools will adopt it, and teachers will adjust to it. Students will write papers and do research with the assistance of AI, and

teachers will also grade them with the help of AI. But our classrooms will remain largely familiar.

Q. What concerns should we have?

Prof. Veletsianos: AI is tempting to use. It gives us instant answers, but that speed comes with a hidden cost. When students skip the mental work that actually builds understanding, they miss the real work of learning. It's about wrestling with problems, sitting with confusion and slowly piecing things together.

Think about it this way: You can't become a skilled architect, designer, artist or researcher by just reading answers. All of these fields require deep understanding that only comes from working through problems yourself. You need expertise to judge whether AI's confident-sounding answers are actually correct. And you can't build that expertise if you're always taking shortcuts. When we constantly outsource our thinking to AI, we risk losing crucial mental abilities: focusing deeply on hard problems, connecting complex ideas and thinking for ourselves.

Q. What becomes possible if we use AI wisely?

Prof. Veletsianos: AI could ease daily burdens for teachers and personalize learning for students. Imagine teachers spending less time on paperwork and more time actually

talking with students. Picture getting difficult engineering concepts explained through your personal interests — whether that's football, painting or movies.

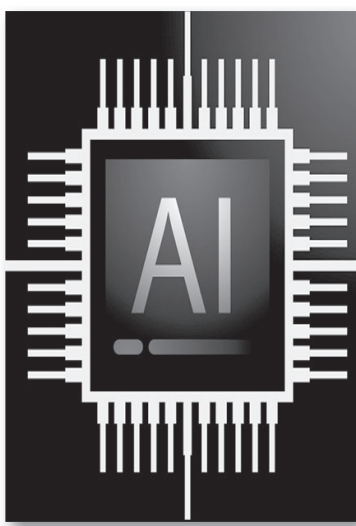
But what really excites me is that AI might push us to develop neglected skills. If AI-generated summaries are everywhere and sometimes wrong or misleading, we'll all need stronger critical thinking. We'll have to constantly question: Is this accurate? What's missing? What's the bias? These are essential skills.

AI also gives us a reason to revisit big questions: What is education for? Who does it serve? How can we make it better?

Real change happens when work with communities to imagine solutions that meet their needs, not just adapting solutions that serve the tech industry's vision of the future.

Q: How does your work at the University of Minnesota support AI in schools?

Prof. Veletsianos: I teach and research in the Learning Technologies program. At the graduate level, these programs prepare students to conduct research about educational technology, and design, develop, implement and evaluate technology-enhanced learning. At the undergraduate level, our learning technologies minor and major prepare students to become responsible, knowledgeable and skilled leaders in



leveraging new and emerging digital technologies.

Right now, my research focuses on how students and faculty are using — or not using — generative AI in learning, teaching and research. Who's using it, how, and why?

My goal is to improve teaching and learning not just based on new developments, but in applying what we have learned through decades of research on technology in education.

George Veletsianos is a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and Human Development. His areas of interest include the intersection of people, learning and technology, with special emphasis on emerging technologies in education. - The University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development



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\$1.35 million available for Farm to School in Minnesota

Minnesota schools, early childhood education (ECE) centers, and licensed in-home family child care providers looking to serve locally sourced meals can apply for funding now through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) Farm to School and Early Care Grant and Local Tots Cost-Share programs. The grant and cost-share program both offer reimbursement for local food purchases of Minnesota grown and raised foods.

The MDA expects to award approximately \$1.35 million through our FY 2026 AGRI Farm to School and Early Care programs. We expect to award approximately \$200,000 to the Local Tots Cost-Share program, with the remaining funds going towards First Bite, Full Tray, and Equipment grants. “Farm to School and Early Care is one of our most popular grant programs, and it’s been great to see strong bipartisan support for expanding it,” said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. “This funding not only brings fresh, local foods to students across Minnesota, it also creates real market opportunities for farmers producing everything from fruits and vegetables to cheese, meat, and other specialty crops. It’s a win for kids and a win for Minnesota agriculture.”

The First Bite Farm to School and Early Care Grant is intended for Minnesota K-12 school districts and ECE centers that are new to buying local foods and want to build skills and experience. Applicants may request a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$5,000 in funding, with no match requirement.

The Full Tray Farm to School and Early Care Grant is intended for school districts and ECE centers that have some experience buying local food and want to expand their offerings. Applicants may request up to \$35,000 based on the number of meals served as a part of federal meal programs, including the National School Lunch Program or the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The Local Tots Cost-Share program is intended for family child care providers. It does not require a cash match for new participants. For participants who received a Local Tots Cost-Share award during the program’s first year in fiscal year 2025, a 1:1 cash match is required. We anticipate awarding approximately \$1,000 per provider, but the final amount will depend on overall demand.

Schools and ECE centers applying for either the First Bite or Full Tray grants can also request up to \$25,000 for kitchen equipment to process and prepare

local foods. Equipment funding must be part of a grant request for local food purchases and cannot be requested on its own. A 1:1 cash match is required. This opportunity is not currently open to Local Tots Cost-Share participants.

The MDA will prioritize projects that increase purchases of a wide range of agricultural products, including culturally relevant foods and specialty crops (e.g., fruits, vegetables, culinary herbs, and horticulture products like maple syrup and honey) and applicants that provide a clear plan to source a variety of agricultural products.

Grant applications and cost-share letters of intent must be submitted by 4 p.m. Central Time (CT) on Thursday, October 23, 2025. Visit the Farm to School and Early Care Programs webpage for eligibility and application details.

Funding for the Farm to School and Early Care and Local Tots Cost-Share programs is made available through the MDA’s Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program, which administers grants to farmers, agribusinesses, schools, and more throughout Minnesota to advance the state’s agricultural and renewable energy sectors. - MN Department of Agriculture

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

North Isanti Baptist Church

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

Springvale Baptist

Pastor Zane Hall
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
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springvalechurchmn.org

Sunrise Bible Church

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

Catholic

Christ the King

305 Fern Street N
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-1221
Friday 8:30am
Saturday 4pm
email brigitte@isantiacc.org
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Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m.
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Evangelical Free

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

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
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Pastor Josh Jensen
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School
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29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
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10:45am Christian Education
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6:30 to 8pm

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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

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320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
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my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
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www.cambridgelutheran.org
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Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:30am
www.christcambridge.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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www.firstlutheranharris.org

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Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.slchurch.org
Email: slchurch@gmail.com
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stjohnsrushcity.org

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38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 10, 2020 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$238,400.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Larry D. Byars and Barbara F. Byars, Husband and Wife, and Lorrel Deanne Dewanz, An Unmarried Woman, as joint tenants MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Bay Equity LLC, its successors and assigns TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#:1006166-0004121453-8 SERVICER: BSI Financial Services LENDER: Bay Equity LLC. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on December 11, 2020, as Document No. A499107. ASSIGNED TO: SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/15/2025, recorded on 01/17/2025 as Document No. A535069. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 5, Rum River Meadows 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1206 Rum River Drive SW, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY I.D.: 16.111.0310 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and 80/100 (\$230,707.80) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on September 23, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2026, or the next business day if March 23, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: August 7, 2025 SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 23MN00045-3 A-4849246 08/07/2025, 08/14/2025, 08/21/2025, 08/28/2025, 09/04/2025, 09/11/2025
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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NUMBER: 30-PR-25-55 CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

In re the Estate of Eugene V. Sitzmann, Jr a/k/a Eugene Valentine Sitzmann, Jr, Deceased (Ancillary Probate)

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

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: Leigh-Alexandra Basha
Address: 9002 Lupine Den Dr Vienna VA 22182

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.

Attorney for Personal Representative
WILLIAM J BERENS
Attorney License No.: 7055
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
50 South Sixth Street
Suite 1500
Minneapolis MN 55402
Telephone: 612-340-2621
E-Mail: berens.bill@dorsey.com
Probate Registrar _____
Date 8/26/2025
Date Erin Boettcher
Date 8/26/2025
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PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Hearing on September 16th, 2025

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, September 16, 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 Isanti Grappling Club for a Conditional Use Permit for 101 Isanti Parkway NE, Suite E operate of a martial arts studio under City Ordinance 445 Section 21.

2) Request by Carroll Holdings, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment and Site Review Plan for 16.030.0600 and 16.030.0700 to construct an apartment building under City Ordinance 445 Section 18.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.
Jared Haas
Associate Planner
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a proposed variance from North Branch City Code Section 66-943 Design Standards for permitted building materials and a Zoning Text Amendment and Conditional Use Permit for outdoor parking/storage at 39777 Flink Ave.

Applicant(s)
Loren Beach
Property Owner(s)
YHWH Holdings LLC
General Location(s)
East side of Flink Ave, West of Interstate 35, and South of 400th St
Legal Description
THAT PT OF E1/2 OF NW1/4 DES AS FOL: S 492 FT OF N 1542 FT OF THAT PT OF E1/2 OF NW ¼ LYING E OF W 700 FT THEREOF & LYING W' LY OF THE W'LY R/W LINE OF I35, Chisago County, Minnesota
PID(s)
11.00365.00
Pertinent information about

this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at ryans@ci.north-branch.mn.us.

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NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI IN DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Condemnation
Court File No.: 30-CV-25-508
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
TEND, LLC, et al.
Respondents.
IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES
NOTICE
To the Respondents hereinabove named:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on October 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge John D. Klossner, in the Courthouse at Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota, via remote hearing, the Petitioner will present a Petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. This hearing will not be in person at the Courthouse. Instructions for attending the remote hearing may be obtained from Isanti Court Administration. The remote hearing may be accessed by video at https://Zoomgov.com/join, or by phone at 833-568-8864. For either method, the Meeting ID is 160 612 4764 and the Meeting Password is 934219. A copy of the Petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that Petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to Petitioner of the parcels described in the Petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of November 13, 2025.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must VACATE THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 13, 2025. All advertising signs or devices located in the area being acquired must be removed by November 13, 2025.

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

Dated: June 11, 2025
KEITH ELISON
Attorney General
State of Minnesota
/s/Andrew Gross
ANDREW GROSS
Assistant Attorney General
Atty. Reg. No. 0395389
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 600
St. Paul, MN 55101-2134
(651) 757-1039 (Voice)
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ISANTI
DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Condemnation

State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
TEND, LLC, Higgins RE Portfolio, LLC, Village Bank, Timothy Magnuson, Jacob Magnuson, County of Isanti, Kristine L. Yerigan, as trustee of Kristine L. Yerigan Trust, Lynne M. Lero, Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank, Sabrina J. Mills, James R. Herdina, Kimberly K. Bomstad, Matthew G. Swanepoel, Rebecca Larson Nash, Any unknown tenants or occupants of 117 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008, Connie L. Knispel, Maggi

Nso Tarh, Paula Bananz Grauman, Higgins Homes, LLC, Falcon National Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to State Bank of Richmond and Community Pride Bank, Cameron Wilken, Susan Olson, MinnCo Credit Union, f/k/a Cambridge Co-op Credit Union, Arthur K. Volker, Leah W. Volker, RVDB, Inc., John R. Haase, Pamela R. Haase, Robert Haase, Stephanie Haase, Jean M. Jones-Edblاد and Gary R. Edblad, as trustees of The Dybvig Revocable Living Trust dated November 20, 2023, Local Pawn MN, LLC, Grandview Christian Home, Mill Ridge Commons, Unknown heirs of Edward Bjorklund, deceased, Unknown heirs of Herbert Bunker, deceased, Unknown heirs of Sidney S. Bunker, deceased, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.

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

PETITION

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

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

That it is duly covered by Right of Way Plat Orders numbered 100691, 100689, and 100727.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 52 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of the Northwest Quarter of Giles Block in Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 52 on Minnesota Department of

Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 13 square feet, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 52:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 52 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
Higgins RE Portfolio, LLC Fee
Village Bank Mortgage
Timothy Magnuson Lessee
Jacob Magnuson Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 56 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 11, BLOCK 1 OF GILES BLOCK, shown as Parcel 56 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 56:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 56 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
Kristine L. Yerigan, as trustee of Kristine L. Yerigan Trust Fee
Lynne M. Lero Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
Parcel 65 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of Lot 1, Block 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 65 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situate thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
TEND, LLC Fee
Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank Mortgage
Sabrina J. Mills Lessee
James R. Herdina Lessee
Kimberly K. Bomstad Lessee
Matthew G. Swanepoel Lessee
Rebecca Larson Nash Lessee
Any unknown tenants or occupants of 117 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008 Lessee
Connie L. Knispel Lessee
Maggi Nso Tarh Lessee
Paula Bananz Grauman Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 66 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 1, Block 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 66 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 66:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 66 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of

Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
Higgins Homes, LLC Fee
Falcon National Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to State Bank of Richmond and Community Pride Bank Mortgage
Cameron Wilken Lessee
Susan Olson Lessee
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 67 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lots 1, 2, and 4, Bock 2, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 67 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 67:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 67 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
MinnCo Credit Union, f/k/a Cambridge Co-op Credit Union Fee
Arthur K. Volker
Leah W. Volker
Possible Claimant of an Interest
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 68 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 68 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 68:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 68 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:
RVDB, Inc. Fee
County of Isanti Taxes
John R. Haase
Pamela R. Haase Occupant
Cambridge State Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Cambridge State Bank Occupant
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 69 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 2, Block 1, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIDGE, shown as Parcel 69 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 69:

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 69 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

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

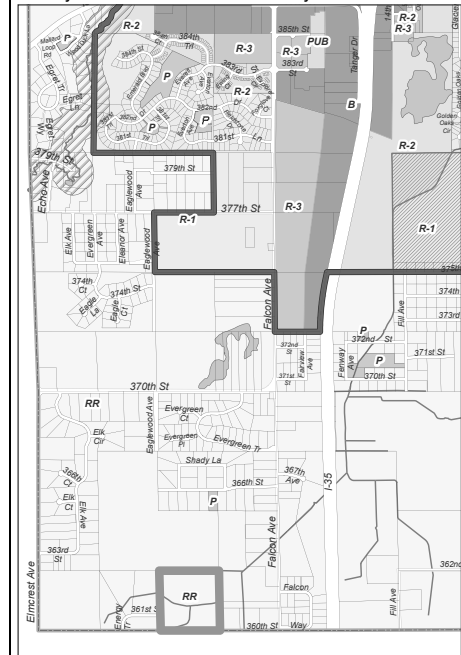
PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

Contract for Deed
John R. Haase
Pamela R. Haase
Contract for Deed
Jean M. Jones-Edblad and
Gary R. Edblad, as trustees of
Jean M. Jones-Edblad Trust under
Agreement dated October 17, 2019
Fee
RVDB, Inc. Possible Claimant of
an Interest
County of Isanti Taxes and
Special Assessments
Cambridge State Bank,
successor in interest by corporate
merger, consolidation, amendment,
or conversion to Cambridge State
Bank Occupant
Anytime Fitness, an unregistered
entity Occupant
Parcel 71 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
All right of access to Lot 11, Block
5, BUNKER'S ADDITION TO THE
VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE and Lot
53, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO.
8, as shown by the access control
symbol(s) as Parcel 71 on Minnesota
Department of Transportation Right
of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as
the same is on file and of record in
the office of the County Recorder in
and for Isanti County, Minnesota;
together with other rights as set forth
below, forming and being part of said
Parcel 71:
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for
highway purposes as shown on said
plat as to said Parcel 71 by the
temporary easement symbol, said
easement shall cease on December
1, 2030, or on such earlier date
upon which the Commissioner of
Transportation determines by formal
order that it is no longer needed
for highway purposes; excepting
therefrom the existing canopy situate
thereon.
Names of parties interested in the
above-described land and nature of
interest:
TTJ Properties, LLC, an inactive
limited liability company Fee
KWK Properties, LLC Claimant of
an Interest
County of Isanti Taxes
North Metro Auto Sales LLC
Occupant
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 72 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:

That part of Lots 9 and 12, Block
5, BUNKER'S ADDITION TO THE
VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE and Lot
53, AUDITOR'S SUB-DIVISION NO.
8 (also known as that part of the
Northeast Quarter of the Northeast
Quarter of Section 32, Township 36
North, Range 23 West), shown as
Parcel 72 on Minnesota Department
of Transportation Right of Way Plat
Numbered 30-67 as the same is on
file and of record in the office of the
County Recorder in and for Isanti
County, Minnesota; containing 112
square feet, more or less; together
with other rights as set forth below,
forming and being part of said Parcel
72:
Access:
All right of access as shown
on said plat by the access control
symbol(s).
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for
highway purposes as shown on said
plat as to said Parcel 72 by the
temporary easement symbol, said
easement shall cease on December
1, 2030, or on such earlier date
upon which the Commissioner of
Transportation determines by formal
order that it is no longer needed
for highway purposes; excepting
therefrom the existing building
situate thereon.
Names of parties interested in the
above-described land and nature of
interest:
KWK Properties, LLC Fee
Pine River State Bank Mortgage
TTJ Properties, LLC, an inactive
limited liability company Claimant of
an Interest
Monte Dybvig and Carol Dybvig,
as trustees of The Dybvig Revocable
Living Trust dated November 20,
2023 Easement
County of Isanti Taxes
Local Pawn MN, LLC Occupant
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 245 C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Government Lot 5
and the Southwest Quarter of
the Southeast Quarter of Section
29, and the Government Lot 1 of
Section 32, all in Township 36 North,
Range 23 West, and Lots 72 through
81, inclusive, AUDITOR'S SUB-
DIVISION NO. 8, shown as Parcel
245B on Minnesota Department of
Transportation Right of Way Plat
Numbered 30-65 as the same is
on file and of record in the office

of the County Recorder in and for
Isanti County, Minnesota; containing
3.66 acre, more or less, of which
0.83 acres is encumbered by an
existing highway easement; together
with other rights as set forth below,
forming and being part of said Parcel
245B:
Access:
All right of access as shown
on said plat by the access control
symbol(s).
Names of parties interested in the
above-described land and nature of
interest:
Grandview Christian Home Fee
Mill Ridge Commons Easement
County of Isanti Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 245A C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Government Lot 1
of Section 32, Township 36, North,
Range 23 West, shown as Parcel
245A on Minnesota Department of
Transportation Right of Way Plat
Numbered 30-65 as the same is on
file and of record in the office of the
County Recorder in and for Isanti
County, Minnesota; containing 0.05
acre, more or less.
Names of parties interested in the
above-described land and nature of
interest:
Unknown heirs of Edward
Bjorklund, deceased Fee
County of Isanti Taxes
Grandview Christian Home
Occupant
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 245B C.S. 3006 (95=132)
901
S.P. 3006-39RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 75, AUDITOR'S
SUB-DIVISION NO. 8, shown
as Parcel 245B on Minnesota
Department of Transportation Right
of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the
same is on file and of record in the
office of the County Recorder in and
for Isanti County, Minnesota.
Names of parties interested in the
above-described land and nature of
interest:
Unknown heirs of Herbert Bunker,
deceased Fee
Grandview Christian Home
Possible Claimant of an Interest
Unknown heirs of Sidney S.
Bunker, deceased Possible Claimant
of an Interest
County of Isanti Taxes
WHEREFORE, Your Petitioner

**ORDINANCE NO. 396-25
AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING
MAP OF THE CITY OF NORTH
BRANCH**
The North Branch City Council
hereby ordains as follows:
**Section 1. Rezoning to AG
Agricultural**
The official zoning map of the
City of North Branch is hereby



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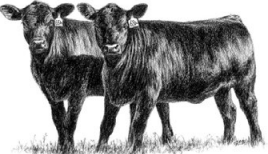
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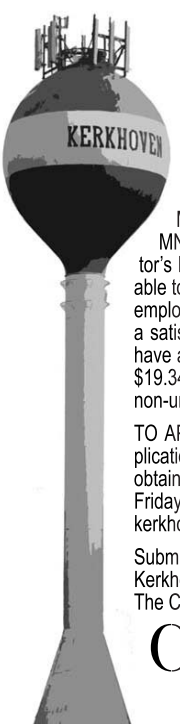


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The City of Kerkhoven, Public Works Department, is seeking a full-time Maintenance Worker starting immediately. A complete job description and benefits package is available upon request.

Minimum requirements: Possess or be able to obtain a MN Class D Water Operator's and Class C Sewer Operator's License within two years of employment. Possess or be able to obtain a MN Class B Driver's License within 6 month of employment. Have a valid MN Class D Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record. All applicants will be required to have a physical and are subject to a drug test. Starting wages \$19.34-\$21.28 per hour/DOQ, plus excellent benefits. This is a non-union position.

TO APPLY: All applicants must complete and submit an application for employment packet. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-noon or by calling 320-264-2581 or by email: kerkhovenclerk@gmail.com.

Submit completed applications in drop box or by mail to: City of Kerkhoven, 208 N 10th St, PO Box 116, Kerkhoven, MN 56252. The City of Kerkhoven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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GRAND OPENING ALL-CLASS REUNION

PTCC opened its doors in 1965, and has been changing lives ever since!

Join us as we celebrate 60 years of education, innovation, and community at Pine Technical & Community College!

The event will honor the College's six decades of progress and transformation while also showcasing the future with a **grand opening of PTCC's newest tech and trade lab spaces**. In addition, the event serves as an **All-Class Reunion**, bringing together students, staff, and faculty to reconnect and celebrate shared experiences.

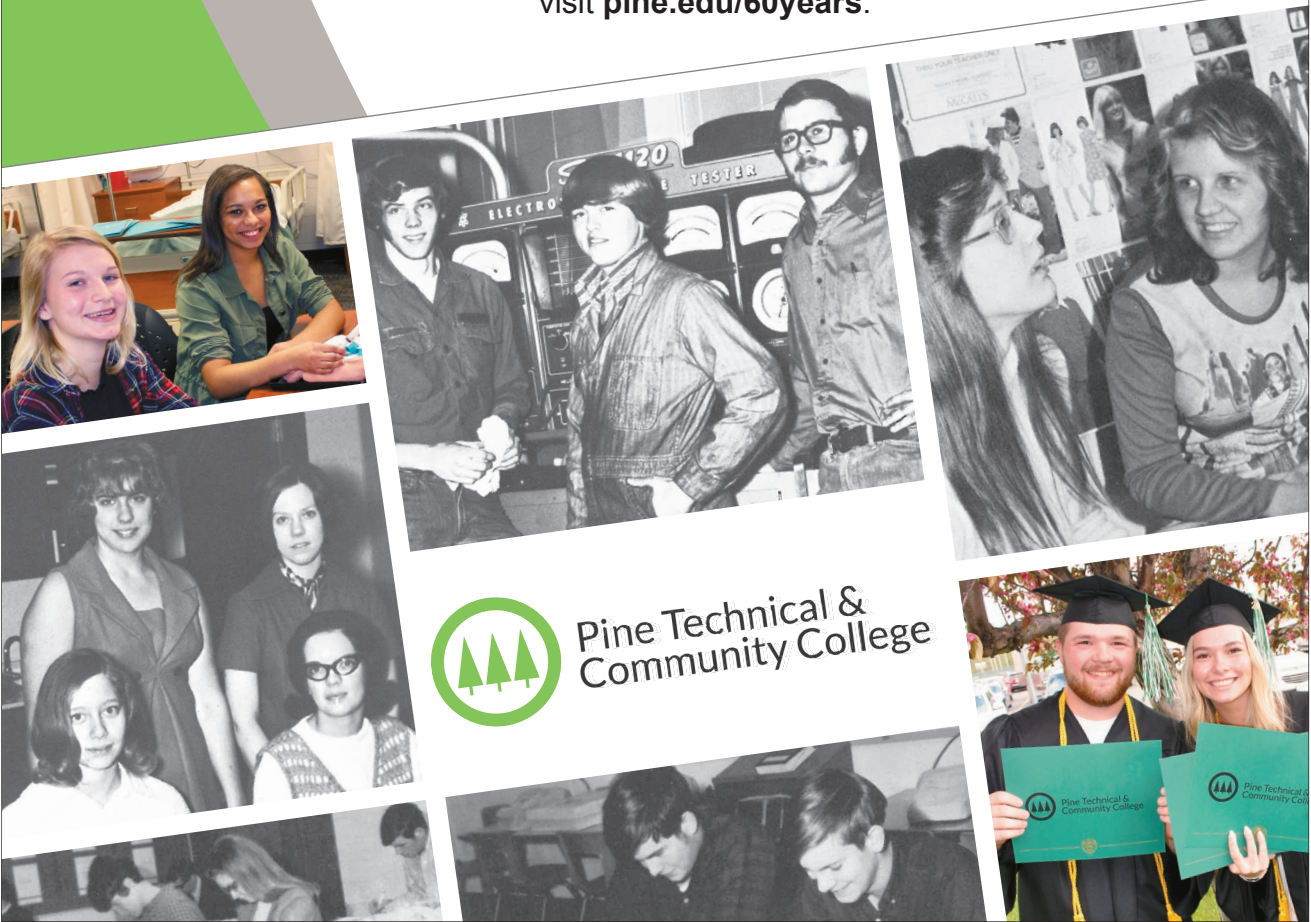
Friday, October 10
 4:00-6:00 PM
 Pine Technical & Community College
 900 Fourth Street SE, Pine City

The College invites alumni to share stories, photos, or memories from their time at PTCC by emailing 60years@pine.edu. Submissions will be included in a special archive featured during the celebration.

For more information about the event, visit pine.edu/60years.




Pine Technical & Community College





North Branch

Area Chamber of Commerce

651-674-4077 • 6063 Main Street, Ste B. North Branch, MN 55056



September 2025





SAVE THE DATE





LOCATION: American Legion
6439 Elm St, North Branch

CATERED BY: Dickey's BBQ

NEW: Luncheon Station Rotation
Please join us as we ask for feedback on important topics regarding Chamber benefits!

SEPTEMBER 9TH LUNCHEON
11:30AM - 1:00PM
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Welcome New Member!





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North Branch Area Chamber of Commerce

Fall Harvest Festival Business Expo

Saturday | September 27th | 10am-3pm
New Location! North Branch Area High School



Food Trucks
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Family Friendly

Enjoy a colorful mix of arts, crafts, goodies, local businesses, entertainment, and more. Whether you're here to shop, snack, connect, or just soak up the season, this is the one event you won't want to miss!

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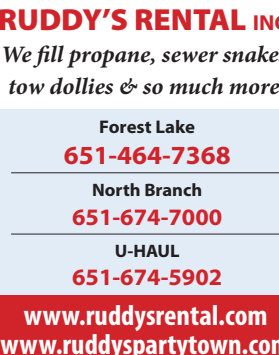


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