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Events of 9/11 more than just history

BY STACY VERDICK CASE
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Twenty-five years later, Sept. 11 is part of history. Or so the calendar says.

I remember the day vividly, not just because what I was watching was an attack on the United States. What I was watching was the deaths of people whose names I knew.

On September 11, 2001, I was working for a British company as an Principal Liaison Officer, which is a fancy way of saying I was an exporter. I moved freight out of the country to locations around the world. I worked with semiconductor companies throughout the United States, and New York City was an important hub. Most of the people I worked with were just voices on the telephone. They were not family, or people I'd sat down to have a dinner with. But it's incredible how well you can come to know someone through hundreds of phone calls.

On September 11, 2001, some of those voices disappeared.

My most vivid memory of that day was a feeling of complete helplessness and confusion. I remember making phone calls trying to find information and, in the days after, trying to make contact with people, and the great relief I felt when some of them answered.

I also remember the emptiness of the ones I never spoke to again.

For years, I've struggled to make sense of what happened. I have tried to find an explanation.

There isn't one.

9/11 was the first time in my life I understood what the word "senseless" actually meant. Twenty-five years later and I'm still struggling to understand. I can't make sense of how nearly 3,000 people could leave home one morning and never come back.

I have visited New York several times since the towers fell, but I had never been to the memorial. There was always a reason. We were too busy this trip. I didn't want to ruin a girls' trip. There are so many other things to see. The truth is, I didn't want to go.

This past April, when I planned a trip to New York with my daughter, my husband thought it was time. He suggested I take her to the 9/11 memorial. He thought that visiting might be cathartic for me.

I did not.

I talked about the possibility of visiting the memorial at work and that it would be a struggle for me. During one of the conversations, my editor, Bill, brought up the idea of a possible column for the 25th anniversary this year. He

asked if I thought I would be up for it. I said I would try if I decided to go.

OCULUS WORLD TRADE CENTER

There was one part of the World Trade Center site I did want to see. Years after Sept. 11, I worked for a company that was involved in the construction of Oculus World Trade Center.

Technically a subway hub, the Oculus World Trade Center is an engineering marvel whose ribs extend up over the building and create a memorial each year on 9/11 at the exact time the first plane struck the first tower. The ribs filter the light coming through the glass ceiling into two towers on the floor. A beautiful reminder of what was.

Part of me felt like my small efforts in supporting the creation of the Oculus World Trade Center was my full circle moment.

I was content with that.

VISITING THE POOLS

Earlier in the trip, I met with a former coworker who had been with me through the events of Sept. 11. We had been a lifeline for each other. Again, dozens of phone calls back and forth to see if either of us had heard from anyone.

I told her we were thinking of going to the memorial and asked if she wanted to join us. She shook her head. "I can't. It's too painful."

I understood. Part of me still wasn't sure if I would go.

Finally, the day came when we had planned to visit Trinity Church just a few blocks from where the towers stood in Lower Manhattan. I had to make a choice. Either we were going, or we would hit the subway and go back to our hotel.

As we walked down Fulton Street, I noticed that my daughter was getting further and further ahead of me. I wasn't consciously slowing my pace, but I wasn't trying to catch up.

Keeping up meant arriving at a place I spent 25 years artfully avoiding.

I wanted to yell, "No," I could feel the pressure at the base



VICTORIA CASE

The Oculus World Trade Center.

of my throat holding the word back.

I kept walking across Church Street. The Oculus World Trade Center was on my left and the reflecting pools were straight ahead. A few more paces and I was there.

I wish I could say it was a healing moment for me. It wasn't. I was irrationally angry. At the edge of the memorial, people were taking selfies. People were laughing and talking. How could anyone be laughing here? Almost 3,000 people died here, and they were laughing and taking selfies.

HINDSIGHT

I stayed angry for a while after that. It's only with the benefit of four months of hindsight that I could process how people could smile in a place that felt so heavy to me.

Most of the people I saw were

too young to remember 9/11. They probably weren't even born back then. For them, Sept. 11 is a piece of history; a tourist stop on their way to the Statue of Liberty.

They know what happened. They might know the significance of this place, but knowing isn't the same as remembering.

What I understand now is that 25 years have not been enough time to turn Sept. 11 into history for me.

Standing on the site of the towers didn't bring me closure. Although it would be a great way to end this story, it's not the truth.

There is still pain in remembering. Maybe less with time, but I think it will always be a part of me. As are the people whose voices were silenced that day.



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Isanti Council balks at some staff changes

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The city of Isanti will be implementing three changes within city staff, as recommended by City Administrator Josi Wood. However, the council needs more time to consider a fourth change recommended by Wood.

Two of the changes surround the resignation of Finance Director Nick Solberg, effective Sept. 16. Solberg has accepted the position of finance director for the city of Arden Hills.

Wood recommended naming Assistant Finance Director Pamela Dahlheimer the interim Finance Director. Dahlheimer is to be paid an additional four dollars per hour above her regular wage.

“Pamela has served with the city since Aug. 1, 2019, and her existing knowledge of city financial operations provides an immediate and practical solution during the transition,” Wood said.

Wood said the city would first conduct an internal search for a permanent finance director, with Dahlheimer being the logical choice if she wants the position. Wood added this wasn’t an option in March 2025 after the unexpected death of Mike Betker, because Dahlheimer didn’t have the proper training to take over the finance director position.

“This last year, they’ve (Solberg and Dahlheimer) done a lot of cross-training,” Wood said.

As a backup for aspects of the finance director position Dahlheimer may not be familiar with, Wood also recommended contracting with Solberg as needed, along with hiring a temporary accountant through a staffing agency. Solberg would be compensated \$100 per

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Luke Merrill
Isanti Mayor

hour for his assistance.

Wood said if Dahlheimer doesn’t want the position and an external search needs to take place, it may take over six months to hire someone. She said competition among cities for qualified financial directors is fierce. She noted Cambridge is currently looking for an assistant finance director ahead of current Finance Director Caroline Moe’s retirement in December, and Cambridge is offering a salary that is not much lower than what Solberg is making.

Both of these recommendations were unanimously approved by the council.

The council wasn’t as amiable with Wood’s other two recommendations, however.

The first was extending a part-time administrative assistant position through 2027. Currently, that position is held by Emily Stahl.

“Due to the upcoming staffing changes and anticipated workload, staff recommends continuing the position two to three days per week through 2026 and 2027,” Wood said, adding when the position was created, it was anticipated to continue through 2027. The cost in the 2027 budget would be \$25,695.66.

Most of the council, however, was hesitant to dedicate that much money for what they considered a “short-term staffing issue.”

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Josi Wood
Isanti City Administrator

“I’d be hesitant — it depends on a lot of things — to say in 2027 we would want that same position. I think we should see how it goes through this short-term issue,” Mayor Luke Merrill said.

Ultimately, Wood offered a compromise of keeping the position through the end of 2026. The council approved that proposal unanimously.

The final recommendation was to create a new Administrative Services Director position, which would replace the current Human Resources Director position — in essence giving current HR Director Katie Grotte a promotion along with added duties.

“The position is intended to provide additional organizational leadership and administrative capacity while consolidating several functions currently spread across the organization,” Wood said. “Katie will continue performing the duties of the Human Resources Director and Assistant City Administrator while assuming the additional responsibilities outlined in the new position description.”

The cost to the 2026 budget would be \$4,139, and the 2027 budget would be \$14,004.

“The more money we are spending, are we going to get that much more productivity out of them?” Council member George Hemen asked rhetori-

cally regarding the last two recommendations.

“This is a forever change for a short-term solution of having to fill a finance director position,” Merrill added. “Once we do this, we can never go back from it.”

“It’s not just a short-term solution for that,” Wood responded. “It is a bigger plan that I did pitch back in November 2025. We need to have a succession plan, and we need to have people be able to assist as having only one person doing each task doesn’t always work as well, especially when you are going to have someone out on something like paid family leave. It’s a shifting of duties that seems to put all the puzzle pieces together at this time. The moving to an administrative services director isn’t for a short-term fix of a problem. It is long-term gain to stay with the same full-time staff we have had for the last six years.”

“I hate to go there, but I know we gave a fairly significant raise because you (Wood) are great at your job and you do a significant amount,” Merrill said. “It’s hard to now come back and say taxpayers need to give more money to have staff. It’s a tough sell. I think it is a lot to try and do at one time. I think city staff is great, but it makes me nervous. It is a long-term change that needs more discussion.”

Ultimately, the council approved tabling a vote on creating an administrative services director position until the Sept. 15 meeting on a 4-1 vote, with Council member Erika Zdon voting nay. Zdon and Council member Steve Lundeen indicated they were completely in favor of the change; however, they appreciated the rest of the council needing more time to make a decision.

MDA Opens Applications for AGRI Works Grant

Competitive grant supports projects that strengthen Minnesota agriculture

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Works Grant Program. This grant program supports organizations and institutions working to strengthen Minnesota agriculture, horticulture, and rural communities through development, education, research, or marketing.

The MDA expects to award between five and 15 grants totaling about \$485,625 through a competitive review process. Grant awards will range from \$5,000 to \$75,000. Priority will be given to legislatively created entities and to organizations and projects that are not eligible for other MDA grant opportunities. Applicants must be in good standing with the State of Minnesota and may choose to apply in collaboration with other organizations.

“We are very pleased with the projects funded through the first round of AGRI Works,” said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen. “Through investments like this, the Walz-Flanagan administration is helping organizations across the state create lasting

benefits for Minnesota’s farmers and rural communities. I look forward to seeing what applicants propose this year.”

AGRI Works is a reimbursement grant that requires a dollar-for-dollar match. Grant recipients must document all project expenses before receiving reimbursement. Expenses incurred before the grant contract is signed by all parties are not eligible.

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, employee salaries, contracted services, and equipment, supplies, and materials needed to complete project objectives. Full eligibility requirements, application instructions, and information about previously funded projects are available on the AGRI Works Grant webpage. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29.

Funding for the AGRI Works Grant is made available through the MDA’s AGRI Program, which administers grants to farmers, agribusinesses, schools, and more throughout Minnesota to advance the state’s agricultural and renewable energy sectors. - Minnesota Department of Agriculture

We R Able to host Fall Arts and Music Kick-off

We R Able will host its fourth annual Fall Arts Kick-Off on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Chisago County Senior Center in North Branch.

The event is open to all and will begin with a meal at 5 p.m., followed by music and visual arts.

Craft leader Sue Deluney and painting instructor Sue Weh-

renberg will display craft work, paintings and artwork from a recent painting series that collaborated with bird photographer Joe Sausen. Guests also will be able to sing along with three performing groups that have become We R Able favorites.

We R Able asks guests to pre-reg-

ister by Monday, Sept. 14, so it can plan for enough food. Provide Care is sponsoring the meal, which will include breaded chicken and a mac and cheese buffet. A donation is encouraged.

For more information or to pre-register, call 320-358-3616 and ask for Mary. - We R Able

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MON & THUR
Alcoholics Anonymous
7p.m. Main Street Church 6500 Main Street, North Branch, MN. Enter West 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
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

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

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

TUES & THURS
Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS
Braham Parkinson's Support
3 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.



Fish Lake Lutheran holds their annual quilt bingo on Sept. 19. Proceeds support local nonprofits.

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 McKenna Dold 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.

Grief Share
Faith Lutheran Church, 109 2nd Ave. NW, Isanti. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. 763-444-9201.

Celebrate Recovery
At First Baptist in Cambridge(304 Main St S.) every Tuesday. There is a light meal at 5:45 p.m., large group at 6:30 p.m., and small groups at 7:30 p.m. Visit Celebraterecovery.com for more info.

Knitting Night
hosted by the North Branch Library. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All forms of

needlework welcome. Recommended for adults. No registration required.

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

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

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

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 eclib.org for info.

Baby Storytime
co-hosted by Cambridge Library and ECFE. Begins at 9:30 a.m. at Cambridge Library through May 21. Recommended for ages birth to 23 months. No registration necessary.

Spring bowling with We R Able

We R Able offers drop-in bowling every other Thursday evening from 4 to 6 p.m. at JJ's Bowl and Lounge, 6427 Ash St., North Branch. The spring season dates are: May 14, 28, June 11, and 25. Balls and shoes are included in the fee. For more information call 320-358-3616.

SATURDAY
Joyful Walking Club
The 1st Saturday of each month, from 9-10 a.m., around the perimeter of Joy Lutheran's ball field in Cambridge. Contact Mary Schuett, 561-222-3347, for more information.

SEPT 13
Kids Archery Day
11 a.m – 2 p.m. at the Isanti Archery Range.

SEPT 18
Cambridge Customer Appreciation Event
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Held in downtown Cambridge. Free hot dog meal, music, car show, business vendor booths, scarecrow contest.

SEPT 18–20
Cambridge City-wide Garage Sale
Throughout the week-end across the city. No registration is required to participate.

SEPT 19
Recycling Day
At City Hall, 300 3rd Ave NE. Items can be disposed of for a fee (cash or check only).

Annual quilt bingo
Fish Lake Lutheran Church hosts quilt bingo. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. at 43353 Cedarcrest Trail, Stark. Supports local nonprofits.

SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

CAMBRIDGE
140 Buchanan Street
Mondays
Bridge - 1 to 3 p.m.
Mahjong - noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays
Dominoes - 10 a.m. to noon
Coloring - 9 a.m.
Hand and Foot - 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays
Cribbage - 9 to 11 a.m.
Wizard 11 a.m. to noon
Pinochle 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Mahjong noon to 3 p.m.
Thursdays
500 - 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Bunco - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Third Thursday of month)

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Monday & Wednesday
500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesdays
Music - provided before the meal - 11:15 a.m.
Dominoes - starting at 10 a.m.

Thursdays
Bingo - starting at 10 a.m.
Hand and Foot - starting at 12:30 p.m.
Fridays
Cribbage - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Fare For All sale set Friday in Rush City

The Fare For All low-priced food sale will return to Rush City High School at Door 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. A selection of Hot Buys will be available, along with \$25 Mega Meat Packs and \$10 Produce Packs. The sale is open to all, with no eligibility requirements or pre-registration required. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit and EBT cards. Checks will not be accepted. - Rush City School District



Irving and John Anderson County Park Fall Festival

The Isanti County Parks Department and Friends of Anderson Park will host their 15th annual Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Irving & John Anderson County Park. The free event will include live music, nature bingo, pumpkin painting, a photo booth, a naturalist-led interpretive walk, an Isanti County

SWCD booth and live animals from the Wildlife Science Center. Free refreshments will be available. Irving & John Anderson County Park is located at 27241 Furman St. NE in North Branch. The park is in Oxford Township on both sides of County Road 18, one-quarter mile north of County Road 9 and 2 miles south of County

Road 5. The annual festival is sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park, whose mission is to preserve the park's natural beauty and primitive nature and assist Isanti County with planning, development and maintenance of facilities. A flyer is available at co.isanti.mn.us/184/Parks-Recreation. - Isanti CountyParks

Minute memories of September 11

Every generation has their “I remember where I was when I heard about...” moment. For my parents, it was the JFK assassination. For my generation (Gen X) and Millennials, it is obviously September 11.

But for me, and probably many others, that terrible day 25 years ago is more than remembering hearing about it or seeing it live. We can recall many minute details about that entire day, some of them rather odd.

I remember hearing about both collisions while driving into work at a one-hour photo store via “Dave Ryan in the morning” on KDWB. Once at work, we spent the entire day watching it unfold on a TV our boss typically only let us turn on for the High School Hockey Tournament. We had maybe five customers all day.

I left work to go cover a Bluejacket girls’ tennis match, which turned out to be the most surreal sports event I have ever covered. All the players from both teams were just going through the motions. Even during breaks, there was no talking about strategy. It was all relaying what they had gone through at school — even to the point of comparing experiences with their opponent.

Probably the oddest memory I have is I decided I wanted pigs in a blanket for dinner and having to go to Cub Foods (which might have been County Market back then) for crescent rolls and hot dogs. Everyone had to pay cash for their purchases since credit cards went down.

Then it was a full night of watching the news. It pretty much was impossible to do anything but that. Even though we as a society were years away from mass usage of the internet and specifically social media, it is amazing how unavoidable repeatedly seeing images from New York or even hearing news updates on the radio was. Every TV station — ESPN, MTV, etc. — were simulcasting one of the major news outlets. Likewise, all the radio stations had abandoned their usual music format for nonstop news.

I also remember that after several days of this constant exposure to the events at Ground Zero, mental health experts were advising people to simply turn it all off and do something, anything else. I can recall being frustrated with that assertion. My go-to diversion was sports, and all the major sports were on a hiatus out of respect for the tragedy.

It blows my mind that all of this took place well before any of the current students were even born. Heck, some of the youngest teachers weren’t even alive. Because of that, I really hope 9/11 is included in schools’ curriculum so that those who didn’t live through that day will have some sort of understanding of the significance of the tragedy.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



School bus stops on a divided highway



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Question: I saw in one of your recent articles talking about stopping for a school bus. In the article you stated, “Motorists are not required to stop for a bus if the bus is on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median, etc.) — but they should remain alert for children.” Can you explain the “etc.” as I still have questions.

Answer: Excellent question and yes, I can. Minnesota state statute says:

Exception for separated roadway: A person driving a vehicle

on a street or highway with separated roadways is not required to stop the vehicle when approaching or meeting a school bus that is on a different roadway.

“Separated roadway” means a road that is separated from a parallel road by a physical barrier, raised median, or depressed median.

As I mentioned in my previous article as I can not repeat it enough, watch and remain alert for children.

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What Matters Most

Each new school year brings a renewed sense of optimism. There is something special about the first days of school—the excitement of seeing friends again, meeting a new teacher, walking into a different classroom, or beginning a new chapter.



C-I School News
Dr. Nate Rudolph

As we welcome students back to Cambridge-Isanti Schools this week, I have been thinking about what matters most in their education.

Our students are growing up in a world that is changing incredibly quickly. Technology continues to reshape how we work, communicate, create, and connect with one another. Artificial intelligence is accelerating that change and opening possibilities we are only beginning to understand. We don't know exactly what the world will look like when today's kindergarten-

ners graduate in 2039. But perhaps that uncertainty makes some parts of our work even clearer.

Our students need strong fundamental skills. They need to be able to read deeply, write clearly, understand mathematics, solve problems, and communicate effectively. They need to think critically, consider different perspectives, evaluate information, and make thoughtful decisions. They need curiosity to ask good questions, confidence to wrestle with difficult problems, and perseverance when things don't come easily.

And alongside all of that, they need something that is at the heart of a great education: authentic human connection.

Relationships have always been central to strong schools. In a world where so much of life can happen through a screen, those relationships may be more important than ever.

Every student deserves adults who know them—not just their name, but their story. Adults who recognize their strengths, notice when something isn't quite right, challenge them to do more, and encourage them when things get difficult.

Sometimes that person is a teacher who sees potential in a student before the student sees it in themselves. Sometimes it's a paraprofessional who patiently helps a child through a difficult moment, a coach who teaches perseverance after a tough loss, a food service worker who knows a student's name, an after school advisor who encouraged a student to continue to build their skills and passions, or a bus driver whose morning greeting helps start the day on the right foot.

Those moments don't always show up in a lesson plan or a report card, but they are an important part of what makes a school a community.

Our responsibility is to help students grow academically and as people. We want them to leave our schools prepared for whatever comes next, but also prepared to be thoughtful classmates, coworkers, neighbors, family members, and citizens. We want them to have knowledge and skills, but also confidence, character, compassion, and the ability to build meaningful relationships with others.

That work doesn't belong to schools alone. It happens in partnership with families and with a community that continues to invest its time, talents, and care in our young people.

As another school year begins, I am grateful for that partnership and excited about what lies ahead.

The world our students are entering will keep changing, and our schools will change with it. But through that change, our purpose remains steady: give students a strong foundation, help them learn to think for themselves, surround them with people who care about them, and prepare them well for whatever their next chapter holds.

That is the work we begin again this week. And I can't think of more important work for us to do together.

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Opportunity in action

September is National Workforce Development Month, and North Branch has a lot to celebrate.

Across our community, schools, employers, postsecondary institutions, workforce organizations, economic development partners, and families have built an ecosystem that connects students to opportunity.

The evidence is visible in the experiences available to our

students. Approximately 90% of North Branch Area High School students participate in one or more career pathway experiences, supported by more than 25 employer partners. Students can earn college credit through more than 20 College in the Schools courses, participate in work-based learn-

ing, explore careers alongside local professionals, earn industry credentials, and pursue apprenticeship opportunities.

Our partnerships continue to expand what is possible for our students. Local employers welcome students into workplaces and classrooms. Postsecondary partners connect high school learning with certificates, credentials, and degree programs. Workforce and economic development partners help create experiences and remove barriers. The city partners and the North Branch EDA include NBAPS and workforce development in strategic conversations about our region's economic future.

Throughout Workforce Development Month, we will highlight individual students whose experiences provide some of the best evidence of the progress we are making together and our commitment to every student graduating with a plan for what comes next.

Tori, a senior, recently shared her story at this month's North Branch Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. A varsity

volleyball, hockey, and softball student-athlete, Tori is also earning college credits right at North Branch Area High School. She is pursuing her interest in nursing through Pine Technical & Community College while working toward her Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification before she graduates.

Her experience reflects what becomes possible when schools, colleges, employers, and community partners build pathways together. Students can explore an interest, gain real experience, earn credentials and college credit, and begin building their futures right here in our Viking community.

Tori is one example. Throughout September, we look forward to introducing our community to more students and the many different pathways they are pursuing.

Each story is another example of opportunity in action.

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

The importance of School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers play an important role in creating safe, welcoming schools while building positive relationships between law enforcement, students, staff, and families. For the Cambridge Police Department, Officer Dan Owl and Officer Kevin Gross serve as School Resource Officers throughout the Cambridge-Isanti School District, working each day to help ensure students have a safe environment in which to learn and grow.

Officer Dan Owl has served as a School Resource Officer for three years and is assigned to Cambridge Middle School, Cambridge Intermediate School, Cambridge Primary School, and the Woodland Campus. Working with students of different ages gives Officer Owl the opportunity to build relationships with young people early in their school years.

Officer Owl enjoys his role as an SRO because of the relationships he is able to build with students. Being present in the schools each day allows him to get to know students outside of traditional law enforcement situations. He values helping students work through life's challenges and providing guidance and support. His role also extends to working with parents and guardians as they help their children through difficult situations, while also supporting teachers, administrators, and other school staff.

Officer Kevin Gross has served as a School Resource Officer for seven years and is assigned to Cambridge-Isanti High School. Officer Gross loves being in the school because he enjoys interacting with students every day, building trust with them, and helping them work through life's challenges. Sometimes that means offering guidance, answering questions, helping with a difficult situation, or simply

being someone students know they can talk to.

Officer Gross also has a special partner who accompanies him to the high school each day — K9 Jack, a therapy dog with the Cambridge Police Department. Jack provides another way for the SRO program to connect with and support students and staff. Students and staff may experience stress, personal struggles, family difficulties, or simply have a bad day. Jack can provide a calming presence and positive interaction for someone who may be having a difficult time.

An effective School Resource Officer is much more than a police officer assigned to a school. The National Association of School Resource Officers, or NASRO, promotes the SRO Triad Model, which identifies three important roles for an SRO: Law Enforcement Officer, Public Safety Educator, and Informal Counselor/Mentor.

As law enforcement officers, SROs help maintain a safe environment, respond to emergencies, address criminal activity when necessary, and assist with safety planning. As educators, they talk with students about safety, laws, responsible decision-making, and consequences. As informal counselors and mentors, they build relationships and provide support to students, families, and school staff.

Those relationships are also an important part of school safety. A student who knows and trusts their SRO may be more willing to approach the officer about concerns involving themselves, a friend, or something happening in the school.

Through Officer Dan Owl, Officer Kevin Gross, and K9 Jack, the Cambridge Police Department's SRO program shows that school safety is about more than responding to emergencies. It is about relationships, prevention, education, mentoring, and creating an environment where students and staff know they have someone they can turn to when they need help.

Kevin Gross and Dan Owl are Officers for the Cambridge Police Department. If you have questions related to this column, please feel free to reach out by email at KGross@ci.cambridge.mn.us or DOwl@ci.cambridge.mn.us, or by phone at (763) 689-9567.

Interested in sports, news, school events, special features & community events? Sounds like you need to pick up the Star and read all about it!



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OBITUARIES

Frederic Syrdal



Frederic Syrdal of Cambridge, MN formerly Columbia Heights passed peacefully at age 82 on August 23,2026

Fred was born in St. Paul on September 28, 1943. He was chosen by parents Rolf and Borghild and sister Ellen to become part of the Syrdal family. He was raised in faith and love of the Lord. He attended St. Olaf College and later worked in HVAC, beginning his own company in the 80s. He married Janice in 1967 and had two children Paul and Kris and lived in their house in Columbia Heights for 55 years.

Fred loved cars even from an early age of watching them from his crib and playing with toy and model cars. As an adult he owned hundreds over the years of interesting makes and models over his lifetime. He owned a slot racing shop in the 60’s and enjoyed racing full size ones at various tracks around the Twin Cities. He belonged to many clubs including the Classic Car Club, Packard, Crosley, Buick, Riviera and Lincoln. While he definitely enjoyed the cars it was the people and countless friends he made that were most important. He treasured sharing stories, advice and knowledge and was always willing to help. He especially enjoyed driving his cars with his wife Jan and their dog. Family was dear to Fred. He enjoyed an extended family and attended many Roe family reunions and cherished spending time with relatives. The highlight was in Norway in 2005 accomplishing his lifelong dream to visit. He savored the time he spent at the family cottage. Fred met his birth family in 2000 and expanded the circle of relatives even more.

Fred was a member of Salem Covenant Church from the 70s and taught generations of Salem members Sunday School. Faith guided him throughout his life and he always strived to follow the teachings of God. He was always the first to offer help and a safe space, and assisted others without judgment and with love.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents and wife of 58 years, Jan. He is survived by son Paul and daughter in law Donna, and daughter Kris along with nieces and nephews, siblings, cousins and many friends.

The family would like to express our gratitude to GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge along with Allina Hospice for the compassionate care and kindness to our beloved father.

Memorials can be made to Salem Covenant Church or a charity of one’s own choosing.

In Loving Memory of my father, Roy William Hammerstrom who passed away twenty years ago on September 12, 2006

“Every Man Dies.....Not Every Man Truly Lives”



*This day is remembered and quietly kept
No words are needed, I shall never forget.
For those we love don't go away,
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God has you in His keeping; I have you in my heart.
Lovingly remembered by his daughter, Judy Hammerstrom*



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NEWS

Harris resident receives Minnesota State Fair scholarship

Caden Grossman of Harris is among 22 recipients of the 2026 Minnesota State Fair Scholarship.

The scholarship program annually awards up to 22 scholarships of \$1,000 each to rural youth or those enrolled in an agriculture program in 2025-26.

Recipients are selected based on leadership and achievement in youth agriculture programs and involvement in their local communities, according to the Minnesota State Fair.

The scholarships are funded by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Since the program began in 1994, more than \$600,000 has been awarded. ~ Minnesota State Fair

Minnesota Humanities Center announces \$4,868,000 available in Cultural Heritage Legacy grants

The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) is now accepting applications for the Cultural Heritage grant opportunity.

These grants, consistent with legislative intent, will work to create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the many diverse cultural groups that make up Minnesota, including but not limited to Indigenous organizations, communities whose culture and heritage have been historically underrepresented, recent immigrant communities, and veterans.

Individuals and organizations can request up to \$300,000 in their application. The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$4,868,000 (less allowable administrative fees) to MHC to grant in total. The application for Cultural Heritage grants will close on October 26, 2026.

MHC CEO Kevin Lindsey remarked, “Artists, poets, writers, musicians, filmmakers, cultural organizations, and institutions, have all benefited from cultural heritage grant funding, and everyone at MHC is amazed at the breadth and depth of programming being created throughout the State of Minnesota.”

More information about the grant cycle, virtual information sessions, and the link to apply can be found at mnhum.org/grants. ~ Minnesota Humanities Center

Help Minnesota’s state tree grow DNR seeks red pine cone collectors ahead of anticipated bumper crop

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is asking the public for help collecting red pine cones and has increased its payment to \$95 per bushel for clean, ripe and closed cones. This year’s crop is expected to be the best the state has seen in a decade. Cones will be ready for collection from early September through October.

Red pine, sometimes called Norway pine, is Minnesota’s state tree. It produces a good seed crop every few years but only has a true bumper crop like this year about once every 10 years. The DNR needs help from Minnesotans this season to collect as many ripe, closed cones as possible to build a strong red pine seed supply for plantings in future years. DNR processes the cones it purchases to extract seeds, which are sown into nursery beds at the State Forest Nursery in Akeley to grow seedlings for reforestation projects. Annually, the DNR reforests roughly 2,000 acres of red pine, which takes nearly 1 million seedlings.

“Red pine plays a major role in our forests. Their height provides great nesting sites for eagles, they provide food for wildlife, and red pine timber helps support Minnesota’s economy,” said Jarrod Amundson, DNR seed and cone consultant. “Every year, Minnesotans collect cones to help reforest the state. With a bumper crop of red pine cones this year, we need people’s help more than ever. We hope to purchase 1,000 bushels of red pine from collectors.”

In a new requirement this year, collectors must register as a supplier before they can sell cones to the DNR. Payment will be provided through a mailed check or direct deposit. Detailed instructions for registration are available online (mndnr.gov/seedcone), and collectors are encouraged to complete the process before collecting.

People should check in with their local DNR Forestry area office before collecting to ensure the office is still accepting cones. Offices can also help collectors identify state forests or other places to collect in. Only high-quality, ripe, closed cones free of stems and debris are eligible for purchase. Do not confuse red pine with Scotch, Austrian and Ponderosa pine. For identification help, please see the DNR’s red pine guide (mndnr.gov/forestry/nursery/red-pine-seed-collection-guide.html).

The University of Minnesota, in collaboration with the DNR and other partners, is hosting several in-person workshops throughout the state to train seed collectors. The workshop focused on red pine is Sept. 10 from 3-5:30 p.m. at a Carlton County Red Pine Tree Orchard in Otter Creek. Workshops are free, but registration (treeseed.umn.edu/workshops-and-events) is required. For a full list of their workshops, please visit the website.

For more information, including how to register as a supplier, find a buying station location, learn about other tree seeds the DNR needs, and locate in-person training workshops, visit the DNR’s seed and cone collection webpage (mndnr.gov/seedcone). ~ MN DNR



Every step matters

PICK’M Up Suicide Prevention Coalition invites public to run/walk for mental health, suicide awareness

BY HOPE MURRAY
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September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and the PICK’M Up Suicide Prevention Coalition hopes to bring residents from across East Central Minnesota together to turn a difficult conversation into a message of hope.

The coalition invites the public to lace up for the 2006 Suicide Prevention Community Awareness Run & Walk. The annual event, planned for Saturday, Sept. 19, in Mora, is open to anyone ready to walk in support of mental health and suicide awareness.

Additionally, the event is a way to honor loved ones who have died by suicide; a memory wall will be on hand where friends and families can share images and memories.

This year’s walk will begin at 9 a.m. at Mora High School and head south along Grove Street, with a turnaround just south of the Kanabec History Museum. Walkers and runners will then return to the high school.

“We have multiple vendors that have signed up to join us this year that will have information and resources available for participants and community members,” said East Central Regional Suicide Prevention Coordinator Brianne McClellan.

Additionally, organizers hope to offer kid- and family-friendly activities.

“We already know that there will be bubbles and a football toss as well as other fun activities,” McClellan said, adding that water, coffee, fruit and other refreshments, such as granola bars, will be available courtesy of Kwik Trip. Participants in the run/walk will get a T-shirt, while supplies last.

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According to the Minnesota Department of Health, preliminary data from



FILE PHOTO

Participants in the Suicide Prevention Community Awareness Run & Walk, such as the walkers pictured above at the 2025 event at Pine City’s Robinson Park, receive a free T-shirt, refreshments, and the satisfaction of helping raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention.

2025 indicate more than 800 Minnesotans are estimated to have died by suicide in each of the last five years.

“However, rates have been lower for three years after peaking in 2022,” MDH reports. “Projected totals, based on death certificates filed in Minnesota for the state’s residents, estimate the age-adjusted suicide rate in 2025 was 14.3 per 100,000 people.”

More males died by suicide than females. The male suicide rate was 23 per 100,000, almost four times higher than the rate for females, 5.8 per 100,000. Rural areas also had a higher rate of suicide.

The 2025 numbers are subject to change when MDH finalizes the report.

NECESSITY

McClellan stressed the importance of the walk, saying its purpose is to “raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health issues. We want people to know that they aren’t alone and that there is help available to them. We also want to help build connection within the community.”

PICK’M Up intends to rotate the walk each year through the five counties the organization represents: Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs. Last year’s walk was in Pine County; next year, it is expected to take place in Isanti County.

“The walk, as well as other resources provided by PICK’M, is funded through

grants as well as generous donations from organizations and community members,” McClellan said.

PICK’M Up requests that participants pre-register to ensure enough refreshments and resources are available, but it is not required. To pre-register, scan the QR code accompanying this article.

“Same-day registration is absolutely an option,” McClellan said. “We want anyone and everyone to be able to participate.”

JOIN UP!

McClellan further added that PICK’M Up “is always looking for new members, from all sectors, not just mental health or public health, to join us. The more perspectives we have, the better we can serve the community.”

The coalition meets on the third Friday of every month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Most meetings are held virtually; once a quarter, they are held in person, rotating locations throughout the five counties. In-person meetings run from 9 to 11 a.m.

“Even if people are not able to attend the meetings but would still like to participate in other ways, we also welcome feedback and input,” McClellan said. “People interested in joining the coalition or simply being added to the listserv can reach out to pickmupc@gmail.com”

Donations to the coalition are always welcome and help fund events like the annual run/walk. Cash-only donations will be accepted during the Sept. 19 event.

For more information, visit the PICK’M Up Facebook page or its Instagram.

If you or someone you love is in need of immediate support, call or text 988, text “MN” to 741741, or call Crisis Help at 800-523-3333.

University of Minnesota team tests new approach to treating high blood pressure

For patients whose blood pressure stays high despite medication, University of Minnesota Medical School researchers are studying an option: a procedure that targets nerves connected to the kidneys.

The clinical trial focuses on renal denervation, which aims to lower blood pressure by interrupting nerve signals that may contribute to hypertension. The team includes Dr. John Osborn, a cardiovascular physiologist and professor in the Department of Surgery; Dr. Sabine Karam, an associate professor in the Department of Medicine’s Division of Nephrology and Hypertension; and Dr. Michael Borofsky, an associate professor of urology and head of the University’s endourology fellowship.

The study brings together three areas of expertise: blood pressure, kidney disease and procedures inside the urinary tract. According to Dr. Karam, “The kidney plays a central role in the etiology of hypertension.”

Dr. Borofsky says his role comes from his work as an endourologist. “I do endoscopic surgery, with a telescope and a camera inside the urinary tract.”

The procedure involves the sympathetic nervous system, also known as the body’s fight-or-flight system. “When the sympathetic nervous system is too active, it can cause a lot of things like increasing your heart rate, constricting blood vessels, and elevating your blood pressure,” explains Dr. Osborn.

The idea comes from a long-running question in

hypertension care.

“There’s an idea that maybe the nerves going to the kidneys are the problem and causing high blood pressure,” Dr. Osborn says.

Renal denervation is meant to interrupt those signals by denervating, or disabling, nerves connected to the kidneys. Current renal denervation procedures usually reach those nerves through an artery, but this trial takes a different route through the urinary tract.

That route is familiar to Dr. Borofsky, who often works inside the kidney while treating kidney stones. The new device uses that access point in a different way.

“All this time, there’s these nerves that sit under the surface of where we’re working,” Dr. Borofsky says. “The goal is to use the access, use the familiarity of working inside the kidney, to ablate those nerves.”

Because the route is already familiar to endourologists, the procedure may be easier for specialists to adopt. “Essentially, for an endourologist like me, it’s very technically familiar and very technically similar to what we do day in and day out,” Dr. Borofsky says.

Dr. Osborn adds one appeal of renal denervation. “The patients don’t have to remember to do anything or take anything. It’s just a one-time procedure.”

The work also connects to the University of Minnesota’s history. “The entire field of endourology really began at the University of Minnesota,” Dr. Borofsky

explains. “It was literally where the field developed.” Dr. Karam adds, “We are the first site doing this procedure endourologically.”

The trial is enrolling patients whose blood pressure remains uncontrolled while taking two medications. So far, six patients have undergone the procedure at the University of Minnesota. Across sites, the goal is to enroll 60 patients.

Two out of three participants receive the actual procedure, and one receives a fake procedure. Dr. Borofsky says this design helps the team know whether the treatment itself is making the difference. “You really want to make sure that it’s the intervention, not just the act of undergoing anesthesia.”

The stakes are high. “Hypertension is the leading cause of cardiovascular disease,” Dr. Karam says. It can lead to strokes, heart attacks and kidney disease. “It is what we call a silent killer, by essence.”

The team hopes the trial can help open another path for patients. In an early pilot study using this technique, Dr. Karam says it, “not only dramatically lowered the blood pressure, but there was actually a small improvement in the glomerular filtration rate,” meaning kidney function also improved.

If those results can be repeated, she says, “I think it will be a life-changing procedure in many different ways.” - University of Minnesota



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C-I's Addy Sullivan focuses intently on the ball while following through on a backhand shot during her first doubles match against Annandale. Unfortunately, a brief downpour put a premature end to the Jackets' match against the Cardi-

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH SCOREBOARD: SEPTEMBER 2 - 8

September 2

C-I girls soccer 1, Forest Lake 4
C-I boys soccer 1, Forest Lake 5
NB girls soccer 1, Hibbing 5

September 3

C-I girls cross country @ Princeton Invite - 4th/11 teams
*Top finisher: Esther Larson - 2nd place (20:00.9)
C-I boys cross country @ Princeton Invite - 3rd/10 teams
*Top finisher: Jeremiah Guldseth - 4th place (17:23.2)
C-I girls tennis vs. Annandale - rained out

C-I volleyball 1, Forest Lake 3 (25-16, 13-25, 19-25, 20-25)
NB boys cross country @ Rock Ridge - 6th/12 teams
*Top finisher: Caleb Rueter - 3rd place (17:20.2)
NB girls cross country @ Rock Ridge - 10th/11 teams
*Top finisher: Lyla Stiner - 18th place (22:57.3)
NB girls tennis 6, Grand Rapids 1

September 4

C-I football 14, Sartell 6
NB football 20, Two Harbors 28 (OT)

September 8

C-I girls tennis 7, Princeton 0
C-I girls soccer 1, Becker 6
C-I boys soccer 1, Becker 1
C-I volleyball 1, Andover 3 (25-18, 24-26, 14-25, 23-25)
C-I girls swim & dive x, Milaca x
*First place finishers:
NB girls tennis x, Big Lake x
NB girls soccer 1, Zimmerman 4
NB boys soccer 0, Zimmerman 1
NB volleyball 3, Forest Lake 0 (25-21, 25-14, 25-18)

Low water levels create challenges for boat launching

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources advises boaters to take extra care at public water access sites where ongoing drought conditions continue to cause low water levels.

This means fall boaters, especially those operating larger watercraft with longer trailers, may experience difficulties launching and retrieving them at shallow boat ramps. Low water levels may also expose additional or unmarked obstructions at the ramp, including stumps, rocks, holes, sand bars, and other damage caused by power loading. While the DNR continues to repair and extend boat ramps where possible, options to address access challenges are limited on many lakes.

Boaters who rely on lifts or private docks should stay alert to changing water levels and be familiar with the boat removal options available locally. Removing watercraft ahead of further water decline might be a good option to prevent future complications. Professional lake service providers may be able to assist using specialized equipment.

Boater checklist for low-water conditions

Inspect the ramp end for holes, drop-offs or mounds before launching or removing watercraft.

- Assign a spotter to watch trailer wheels and boat axles.
- Use idle speed only; do not race the motor on the ramp.
- Use the trailer winch instead of power loading.
- Back in just far enough for the boat to start floating.
- Wear a life jacket if entering the water.
- Confirm water depth before lowering the motor.
- Consult lake maps to avoid shallow zones and new obstructions.
- Monitor water levels and plan an early or alternate removal if needed.

For public water access maps, state water trail maps and boating information, go to the DNR's public water access webpage (mndnr.gov/water_access).
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



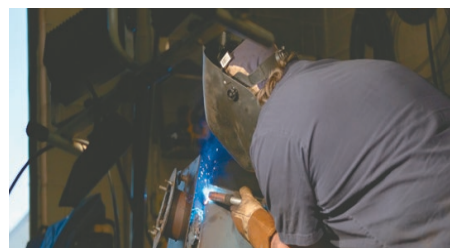
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North Branch’s William Determan tries to elude Two Harbors’ Zeke Gomez during the Vikings’ season-opening game against the Agates.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH HOME SCHEDULES: SEPT. 10 - 19

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.gobound.com. Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

Thursday, Sept. 10

- C-I girls tennis vs. Monticello (4 p.m.)
- C-I girls soccer vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)
- C-I boys soccer vs. St. Francis (7 p.m.)
- NB girls soccer vs. Monticello (5 p.m.)
- NB boys soccer vs. Monticello (7 p.m.)
- NB volleyball vs. Cloquet (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 12

- NB volleyball home invite (9 a.m.)

•NB boys soccer vs. Legacy Christian (1 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 15

- C-I volleyball vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)
- NB girls tennis vs. Chisago Lakes (4 p.m.)
- NB girls soccer vs. Mankato Loyola (7 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 17

- C-I girls tennis vs. North Branch (4 p.m.)
- C-I girls swimming & diving vs. Big Lake (5:30 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 18

- C-I football vs. Monticello (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 19

- NB boys soccer vs. Forest Lake (1 p.m.)

Pheasant index up nearly 20% from 2025

BY STEVEN WOODLEY
MINNESOTA DNR

Oct. 10.

HABITAT FACTORS

Suitable pheasant habitat fluctuates in response to agricultural conservation program enrollment, such as in the Conservation Reserve Program. Habitat set-aside programs, and especially the CRP, play a large role in providing habitat for pheasants in Minnesota.

The CRP, authorized under the federal Farm Bill, pays farmers to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and restore vegetation that reduces soil erosion, improves water quality, and provides habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

From 2025 to 2026, there were roughly 42,000 fewer acres of private lands in Minnesota enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. There were no changes in the number of private lands enrolled in the Reinvest in Minnesota program; however, public WMAs managed by the Minnesota DNR did increase by about 13,000 acres from 2025. Additionally, private lands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (a different program than the CRP) increased by about 2,000 acres compared to 2025. Overall, there was a net loss of about 22,500 acres of protected wildlife habitat compared to 2025.

The full report, which includes data for other surveyed species, along with a map of pheasant hunting prospects and information on hunting regulations and bag limits are available on the Minnesota DNR pheasant hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/pheasant).

The Minnesota pheasant index is up nearly 20% in the 2026 Minnesota August Roadside Survey, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

“The increase in the pheasant index across the state and within several regions is good news for pheasant hunters this fall,” said Steven Woodley, DNR senior wildlife research biologist. “Our warmer winter likely helped the overwinter survival of hens, and the drier and warmer spring and summer created better conditions for nesting and brood-rearing relative to last year.”

This year’s pheasant index was 90 birds per 100 miles of roads driven, compared to 75 birds in 2025. Observers counted more broods, which generally bodes well for pheasant numbers. There were 93 broods per 100 hens, an increase from 82 broods per 100 hens in 2025. Those who were observing counted an average of four chicks per brood, the same as in 2025.

“The increase in brood numbers for a second year in a row is welcomed after their decline in 2024 due to wet spring conditions,” Woodley said.

Weather and habitat are the main influences on Minnesota’s pheasant population trends. Weather causes annual fluctuations in pheasant numbers, while habitat drives long-term population trends. This year’s median hatch date of June 11 was about a week earlier than last year and the 10-year average.

The Minnesota pheasant hunting season opens 9 a.m. on Saturday,

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ECE collects \$30,000 in classroom supplies

Before students ever walked through the door this fall, local teachers were already investing their own time and money to get classrooms ready.

For more than a decade, East Central Energy has worked to ease that burden through its Teacher Totes initiative. This year, ECE and financial partner CoBank provided \$30,000 in classroom supplies, bringing the program's total impact to more than \$165,000.

"Teachers often tell us, 'It's like Christmas!'" said Desiree Cuda, who administers the program for ECE. "You can see the relief and excitement on their faces."

Teacher Totes provides practical items educators can use right away, from student headphones and lami-

nators to classroom snacks. Schools are visited on a three-year rotation, allowing ECE to reach educators throughout its 14-county service area.

The program reflects Concern for Community, one of the seven cooperative principles that guides ECE. "We live here, too," Cuda said. "These are our schools and our communities. Being able to show up for them is what being a co-op is all about."

"The need doesn't stop when we leave," she added. "If you're looking for a simple way to help, reach out to your local school. A donation of classroom supplies or bulk snacks can go a long way for teachers and their students." -East Central Energy



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Teacher totes were handed out at Cambridge Intermediate School. ECE and CoBack provided \$30,00 in classroom supplies to help teachers this school year.

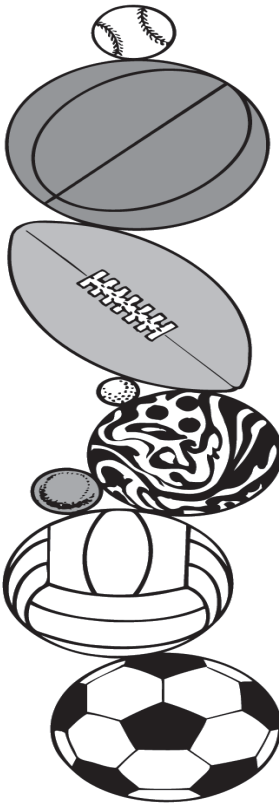
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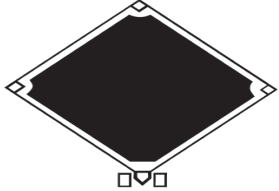
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5. Audited Circulation, Distribution and Net Press Averages - Print Edition

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Fall: the perfect season for perennials

The months from September through November are perhaps the most beautiful and certainly the most practical for garden lovers. While nature slowly winds down, this is actually the ideal time to start working with perennials. By planting, pruning, and doing some smart maintenance now, you lay the foundation for a garden that will come back next year even stronger, more beautiful, and more colorful.

SEPTEMBER: THE IDEAL MONTH FOR PLANTING PERENNIALS

Perennials are true powerhouses: they come back every year, grow stronger, and create a garden that blooms for months and is full of life. September is the perfect month to plant them. Why? The soil is still warm, so roots can grow quickly.

There's regular rainfall, so you don't need to water as often.

Plants have plenty of time to root, so they get off to a strong start in spring.

The result? A garden full of strong, healthy perennials that burst into growth with energy in the new season.

Practical tip: Plant the root ball generously and press the soil down lightly.

SMART FALL PRUNING? SOMETIMES!

Whether you prune in fall depends on the plant and on your garden style. Some perennials can be cut back now, while others—such as ornamental grasses or plants with beautiful seed heads—are better left standing all winter.

WHAT TO PRUNE IN FALL

Plants that have completely died back and collapsed, such as hostas (Hosta), sneezeweed (Helenium), autumn asters (Aster), coneflower (Rudbeckia), joe-pye weed (Eupatorium), and knotweed (Persicaria amplexicaulis).

Plants that are sensitive to fungal diseases if they stay too wet, such as garden phlox (Phlox paniculata), bee balm (Monarda), peonies (Paeonia), delphiniums (Delphinium), and the leafy stems of lavender (Lavandula).

Cut dead stems back to about 4 inches (10 cm) above the soil so the crown of the plant stays protected.

BETTER LEFT UNTIL SPRING

Ornamental grasses such as fountain grass (Pennisetum), maiden grass (Miscanthus), or moor grass (Molinia).

Perennials with decorative seed heads such as Jerusalem sage (Phlomis) or stonecrop (Sedum).

Perennials that give structure and interest to the winter garden.

These plants provide a beautiful winter silhouette and offer shelter for insects.

Tip: Not sure what to do? Leave the plant as it is. In spring, you can easily prune away dead parts as soon as new shoots appear.

EASY MAINTENANCE FOR A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE GARDEN

Perennials are low-maintenance by nature—that's the beauty of them. But a bit of fall maintenance makes them even stronger.

1. Divide and renew: splitting for fresh energy

Many perennials benefit from being divided every few years. This is especially true for plants like cranesbill (Geranium), asters (Aster), sneezeweed (Helenium), and lady's mantle (Alchemilla).

Lift the plant with a spade. Split it into several sections. Replant the best pieces.

This keeps the plant fresh, compact, and vigorous.

2. Weeds? Easy to remove now



Because perennials are going dormant, it's much easier to spot and remove unwanted plants—roots and all.

This is also the perfect time to plant ground-cover perennials. If you give species like barren strawberry (Waldsteinia), periwinkle (Vinca), or bugleweed (Ajuga) a place now, they can settle in before winter. By spring, they form a dense, strong carpet that leaves little room for weeds and fills your borders with fresh green foliage.

3. Build light, nutritious soil

Adding a layer of compost in fall supports both soil structure and soil life. A healthy soil means healthy perennials.

Compost improves aeration, helps the soil hold moisture, and slowly releases nutrients—exactly when plants start growing again in spring.

4. Watering: less than you think

Newly planted perennials need some water, but thanks to fall rains they often need far less than spring plantings. Just check that the soil doesn't dry out.

When you water, give a deep drink in one go instead of frequent splashes. This encourages roots to grow down deeper into the soil.

A GARDEN THAT KEEPS BLOOMING—EVEN NEXT YEAR

With perennials you choose ease, sustainability, and long-lasting color. By planting now and doing a bit of smart pruning and maintenance, you'll enjoy fresh growth and months of color next spring. Whether you prefer a natural, relaxed garden or a sleek, modern border, there's always a mix of perennials that fits your style.

DISCOVER YOUR FALL PERENNIALS

Visit www.perennialpower.eu for inspiration, planting combinations, maintenance tips, and ideas for every type of garden. Let yourself be surprised by the power of perennials and give your garden an early head start for next season. - Perennial Power

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City of Cambridge Recycle Event

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Seasonal standout events are scheduled at MNHS historic sites across Greater Minnesota

Fall brings vibrant backdrops, cooler temperatures, and plenty of events and experiences at Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) historic sites. Mark your calendar for our quarterly Free Admission Day on Sept. 19, and be sure to keep an eye on our calendar for new events.

Jeffers Petroglyphs, Comfrey



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Jeffers Petroglyphs in Comfrey

Archaeology Day at Jeffers Petroglyphs, Sept. 12

Guests at Archaeology Day will learn about the archaeology of the Red Rock Ridge. We will celebrate all things discoverable through archeology and more. Participate in pottery making, atlatl throwing, and many other hands-on activities.



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Statewide Star Party is Sept. 19

Statewide Star Party, Sept. 19

Jeffers Petroglyphs is partnering with the Bell Museum for the 2026 Statewide Star Party. All across the state, folks will gather to stargaze. This year's theme is: Ursa Minor: Celebrating Minnesota's Official Constellation. Join us as we use our Unistellar telescopes to view our beautiful dark skies.

Author Event: Audrey M. Thayer and Colette A. Hyman, Weaving Community: Indigenous Women and Leadership in the Twin Cities, Sept. 26

Authors Audrey M. Thayer and Colette A. Hyman will discuss their book, Weaving Community: Indigenous Women and Leadership in the Twin Cities, a compelling history of the often overlooked work of contemporary Native American women who took action to strengthen the bonds within and among urban communities.

Author Talk: Learn about Lichen with the Bell Museum, Oct. 17

Like lichen? Learn to love them. Tag along with lichen expert Tanner Barnharst, author of Minnesota Lichen Guide, and identify the unique lichen species covering the exposed rock at the petroglyphs site.

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, Onamia



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Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post in Onamia

Wild Rice Processing Demonstration, Sept 26

Head to the lakeshore to watch museum staff process wild rice using traditional methods, including parching, threshing, and winnowing the rice. See the entire process from raw to finished product during 20-minute demonstrations offered on the hour.

Family Fun Day - Oct 16

Bring the whole family out to the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post to enjoy family friendly activities all day. With paid museum admission, everyone can design their own shoulder bag to bring home. You can also try your hand at lacrosse, or try hitting a target with an atlatl, which is an ancient type of hunting tool. There will be snacks and of course tours of the Four Seasons Room.

Oliver Kelley Farm, Elk River



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Prairie Sugar Day is Sept. 26 at Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River.

Step Back in Time: An Afternoon of Food, History, and Nostalgia with Sarah Peterson, Sept 12

Meet Minnesota cookbook author Sarah Peterson as she discusses how family recipes connect generations through storytelling, vintage design, and shared history. Hear the tales behind the recipes from Sarah's new book, Dish and Tell: Recipes from the Heart. Guests are encouraged to bring nostalgic items to display, such as family recipe cards, vintage recipe boxes, old family snapshots, or written stories.

Prairie Sugar Day, Sept. 26

Help strip the leaves off the sorghum canes, press the canes through a horse-powered press to extract the juice, and stir the juice as it boils down to make a sweet, syrupy molasses. Then, enjoy a sweet treat of molasses confections such as gingerbread and molasses candy.

Fall Foraging for Wild Edibles, Oct. 3

In this introductory class about common wild edibles, we will explore the fall landscape in search of late-season fruits, nuts, and seeds. Then we'll head to the kitchen where we will learn to process our harvested finds.

Junior Chef Breakfast Club: Muffins and Crepes, Oct. 15, 16 and 17

This hands-on class introduces young chefs to essential pastry and baking techniques. Students will learn the science of custards while baking sweet bread pudding muffins, master the delicate pan control required for French crepes, and explore aeration by whipping homemade cream from scratch.

Harvest Days, Oct. 16 and 17

Help finish up the field work, put produce in the root cellar, and make your very own corn husk doll. After all of that hard work, grab a warm beverage and take in the farm's lovely fall colors on a tractor ride through the woods.

Halloween on the Farm, Oct. 31

This family-friendly Halloween celebration will feature trick-or-treating, chicken jack o' lantern carving, seasonal treats, and more. Stop at our crafting station in the visitor center to make your own custom trick or treat bag.

Split Rock Lighthouse, Two Harbors



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Split Rock Lighthouse in Two Harbors

Keepers Tour, Through Fall

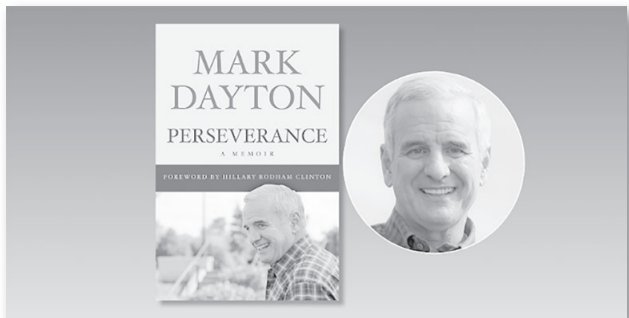
Experience the site like the keepers and their families did and immerse yourself in their stories. This private 60-minute guided tour of the historic site includes the lighthouse and keeper's house, plus general admission access.

Statewide Star Party, Sept. 18

Split Rock Lighthouse is partnering with the Bell Museum for the 2026 Statewide Star Party. All across the state, folks will gather to stargaze. This year's theme is: Ursa Minor: Celebrating Minnesota's Official Constellation. Join us as we use our Unistellar telescopes to view our beautiful dark skies.

Photography & Art at the Rock: Featuring Shawn Malone, Sept. 29

Meet artist Shawn Malone, a landscape photographer and visual artist whose work has been inspired by the Lake Superior region for more than 25 years. Best known for her immersive aurora and night sky photography, Shawn creates images and time-lapse films that reveal the beauty of the natural world in ways often hidden from the naked eye.



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Mark Dayton Signs copies of his Memoir "Perseerance"

Book Signing: "Perseverance: A Memoir" by Mark Dayton, Oct. 6

Join former Minnesota Governor and US Senator Mark Dayton for a presentation of his memoir, Perseverance. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Photography & Art at the Rock: Featuring Molly Siebenaler, Oct. 17 & Nov. 10

Meet Minnesota landscape artist Molly Siebenaler, whose oil paintings are inspired by a lifelong love of travel and the beauty of the natural world. Molly creates vibrant landscapes that invite viewers to slow down and appreciate the beauty found in both grand vistas and quiet moments.

Edmund Fitzgerald: A Great Lakes Memorial, Nov. 10

This annual event commemorates the sinking of the freighter SS Edmund Fitzgerald and the total loss of the 29 crew members aboard on Nov. 10, 1975. It is also a time to reflect on the memory of all lives lost on the Great Lakes.

Forest History Center, Grand Rapids



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Horse drawn History tours at Forest History Center in Grand Rapids

Horse-Drawn History Tour, Through Fall

Join this scenic one-hour historic tour, where two strong and gentle draft horses pull a wheeled trolley through the Forest History Center. Learn about the geology, the natural history, and the human history that make up our 200-acre site.

Pontoon History Tour, Through Fall

During this scenic one-hour tour, guides share fascinating facts about the river's ecology and history, and its significance today. Learn about the creation of the Mississippi River, the many animals who use the river to survive and thrive, the history of humans and the Mississippi, and how the river is used by people today.

Cambridge library programs offer music, history

Japanese Taiko Drums

Join us at the Cambridge Public Library on Thursday, September 17 at 6pm as we learn about Japanese Taiko Drums!

TaikoArts Midwest is a Minnesota based world class taiko ensemble who delivers loud, energetic performances that combine music, dance, culture, and pure athleticism. Taiko is the Japanese word for drum and refers to the modern style of playing these drums. Wadaiko (in Japan) and kumi daiko (in North America) is movement infused, heart-pounding, dynamic group drumming.

TaikoArts Midwest uses the art form of taiko to empower and strengthen their local community by



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enveloping the audience in the experience of power, rhythm, and grace. Experiencing a taiko performance has been compared to “feeling the heartbeat of the world” and leaves many touched, moved, and inspired as they feel the pounding of the large Japanese drums in their chests during a performance.

This program is for all ages and everyone is welcome, though registration is required, as space is limited. Walk-ins will be welcome as space allows. Register on the library’s Events Calendar at eclib.org or by calling the library.

This program is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Soldiers of the American Revolution

Join us at the Cambridge Public Library on Wednesday, September 23 at 6pm as Arn Kind presents his program Soldiers of the American Revolution, with a multi-media interactive presentation.

The AMERICAN REVOLUTION was America’s first civil war. It would split the country between Loyalists (those who wanted to stay loyal to the king) and Patriots (those who wanted to separate from Great Britain to become an independent nation). How could we, as a people, go from being proud members of the British empire- the greatest in the world- to wanting our independence from the mother country, in the span of just ten years?

Through drama, role-playing and living history experiences, Mr. Kind’s multi-media presentation will give participants an understanding of this turbulent time and make history come alive for everyone.



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Pre-registration is required for this event, as space is limited. Walk-ins will be welcome as space allows. Pre-register on the library’s Events Calendar at eclib.org or by calling the library.

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The Cambridge Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 111 Dellwood St. N., Cambridge, and can be reached at (763) 689-7390. For more information, visit eclib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@eclmn).

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Baptist

First Baptist Church

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

North Isanti Baptist Church

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

Catholic

Christ the King

305 Fern Street N
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-1221
Tuesday 6 pm Mass
Friday 8:30am
Saturday 4pm
email brigitte@isantiacc.org
Website: isantiacc.org

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN. 763-444-4035
Email: brigitte@isantiacc.org
Mass: Wed. 8:30am.
Sun. 8:30am.
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Evangelical Covenant

Karmel Covenant Church

5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN 763-389-3169
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson
Sunday School for All Ages (school year only): 9-10 a.m.
Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Programming (school year only):
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org
Pastor Josh Jensen
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm
Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
9am Worship Service
10:45am Christian Education
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 to 7:30pm

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12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

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

Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Traditional | 8:30 am
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www.cambridgelutheran.org
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Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.
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www.christcambridge.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt
Sunday Worship 9:20am
Coffee & fellowship following service
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge 763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
Pastor James Ritter
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch
651-674-5576
Pastor Glen Kleppe
Sunday Worship 8am
Sunday Adult Bible Study 9am
www.livingbranch.org
email: office@livingbranch.org

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8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
8:15am Worship with fellowship following

St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch
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Sunday 9am Worship;
10:20am Adult Bible Study;
Thursday 6:30pm Bible study.
Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), Braham 320-396-3103
9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.
8am Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
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9 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

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37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080
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Service: 10:00am
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INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED
1. Date of Mortgage: August 23, 2019
2. Mortgagors: Tracey Setterlund; Unmarried
3. Mortgagees: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, its successors and assigns.
4. Recording Information:
Recorded on August 27, 2019, as Document Number A485815, in the Office of the ? County Recorder ? Registrar of Titles of Isanti County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any:
Assigned to LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, by written assignment recorded on March 8, 2024, as Document Number A529058 in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.
INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES
6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 150480280
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:
Lots 1 and 2, excepting the West 45 feet of Lot 2, Block 6, Conger's Addition to the Village of Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota.
Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ?
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 609 2nd Ave Sw, Cambridge, MN 55008.
OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA
9. The person holding the Mortgage:
? is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are loanDepot.com, LLC
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, its successors and assigns
100853706001327632.
INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$ 156,905.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$147,375.84.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota, at public auction on 10/07/2026, 10:00 AM., 2440 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. On

04/08/2027.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IFA JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNE-SOTA 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.
Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
loanDepot.com, LLC
Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 8530 Eagle Point Blvd. Suite 100 Lake Elmo, MN 55042 26-002314-1
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on August 13, 20, 27; September 3, 10, 17, 2026

PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 30-PR-26-62
Case Type: Informal Probate Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors
In re the Estate of Mark Alan Schmidt a/k/a Mark A. Schmidt a/k/a Mark Schmidt, Deceased
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated May 20, 1996 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: Lisa Jean Schmidt
Address: 32067 Hornsby Street NE North Branch MN 55056
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 SARAH ELIZABETH BERGER Attorney License No.: 393547
Sarah Berger Law PLLC 2738 West River Parkway Minneapolis MN 55406 Telephone: 612-548-1544 E-Mail: sarah@sarahbergerlaw.com
Probate Registrar
Dated: August 26, 2026 Erin Boettcher, Court Administrator
Dated: August 26, 2026
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 3,

10, 2026
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 30-PR-26-63
In Re: Estate of Paul LaMarr Nelson, aka, Paul L. Nelson, Decedent.
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 10/13/2026 REMOTE at 2:00PM a hearing will be held in this Court at 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Melissa Stauffer, whose address is 6029 307th Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.
Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.
Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 08/21/2026
Klossner, John (Judge)
Judge of District Court
Dated: 08/21/2026
Erin Boettcher
Court Administrator
JOSLIN & MOORE LAW OFFICES, P.A.
Clark A. Joslin
MN# 52802
221 NW 2nd Avenue
Cambridge, MN 55008
Telephone: (763) 689-4101
Facsimile: (763) 689-9794
e-mail: cjoslin@joslinmoore.com
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 3,10, 2026
STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 30-PR-26-63
Case Type: Formal Unsupervised
Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing
In re the Estate of Paul LaMarr Nelson , Deceased
You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse.
Hearing Information Probate Hearing October 13, 2026 2:00 PM
The hearing will be held via Zoom and appearance shall be by video unless otherwise directed with Judicial Officer Carrie A. Doom, Isanti County District Court.
The Minnesota Judicial Branch uses strict security controls for all remote technology when conducting remote hearings.
You must:
• Notify the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.
• Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.
• Click the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.
• Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.
• Contact the court at (651) 213-7010 if you do not have access to the internet or are unable to connect by video.
• If you need an interpreter, contact the court before the hearing date to ask for one.
To join by internet:
• Type https://zoomgov.com/join in your browser's address bar.
• Enter the Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode (if asked): Meeting ID: 161 642 3439 Passcode: 633567
• Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.
Notice of Parent Education Program Requirements
Parenting education may be required in all custody or

remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.
• Contact the court at 763-290-7020 if you do not have access to the internet or are unable to connect by video.
• If you need an interpreter, contact the court before the hearing date to ask for one.
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• Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.
• Click the Join Audio icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.
• Click Start Video.
Para obtener más información y conocer las opciones para participar en audiencias remotas, incluído cómo enviar pruebas, visite www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings.
Booqo www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings oo ka eego faahfaahin iyo siyaabaha aad uga qeybgeli karto dacwad-dhageysi ah fogaan-arag, iyo sida aad u soo gudbineyso wixii caddeymo ah.
Important!
You may be connecting from home, but it is still a court hearing. Pay attention and follow all rules.
Dated: August 24, 2026
Erin Boettcher
Isanti County Court Administrator
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 3, 10, 2026
NOTICES
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FAMILY DIVISION
Case Type: Custody
Court File No.: 13-FA-26-180
SUMMONS
In Re the Matter of: Caitlin Shea Fox, Petitioner, and William Arthur Fox, Co-Petitioner, and Marla Jean Baird-Adams Respondent Parent A, and Cary Barry Kessel, Respondent Parent B.
To the above-named Respondents:
This summons is an official document that affects your rights.
A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. Read this summons and attached Petition carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.
1. Petitioners have filed a lawsuit asking the court to decide custody and parenting time of the minor child.
2. You must serve upon Petitioners, and file with the court, a written Answer to the Petition.
3. If Petitioners are requesting child support, you must file a Financial Affidavit along with your Answer.
4. You must pay the filing fee. If you have a low income and can't afford to pay the fees, you can ask the court to waive them. For information about fee waivers, go to the Fee Waiver Help Topic on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website mncourts.gov/help- topics/ fee-waiver-ifp.
5. All court forms are available from your local courthouse and on the Court's website at mncourts.gov/forms. Go to Child Custody / Parenting Time in the Category List.
6. You must serve your Answer and Financial Affidavit upon Petitioner **within 21 days** of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your Answer and Financial Affidavit, the court may grant Petitioner everything they are asking for in their Petition.
Notice of Parent Education Program Requirements
Parenting education may be required in all custody or

parenting proceedings. You may contact court administration for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.
Date: August 27, 2026
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
/s/ Summer J. Nelson
Summer J. Nelson, #0400593
NELSON LAW OFFICE LLC
12705 Lake Blvd,
PO BOX 577
Lindstrom, MN 55045
Ph: (651) 300-0036
summer@nelsonfamilylawoffice.com
Attorney for Petitioners
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 3, 10, 17, 2026
STATE OF MINNESOTA CHISAGO COUNTY DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
File Number: 13-FA-26-180 Case Type: Custody
Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing
Caitlin Shea Fox, William Arthur Fox and Marla Jean Baird-Adams, Cary Barry Kessel
You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse.
Hearing Information Review Hearing October 30, 2026 9:00 AM
The hearing will be held via Zoom and appearance shall be by video unless otherwise directed with Judicial Officer Bridgid E. Dowdall, Chisago County District Court.
The Minnesota Judicial Branch uses strict security controls for all remote technology when conducting remote hearings.
You must:
• Notify the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.
• Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.
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• If you need an interpreter, contact the court before the hearing date to ask for one.
To join by internet:
• Type https://zoomgov.com/join in your browser's address bar.
• Enter the Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode (if asked): Meeting ID: 160 053 1093 Passcode: 948640
• Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.
• Click the Join Audio icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.
• Click Start Video.
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Booqo www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings oo ka eego faahfaahin iyo siyaabaha aad uga qeybgeli karto dacwad-dhageysi ah fogaan-arag, iyo sida aad u soo gudbineyso wixii caddeymo ah.
To receive an eReminder for future court dates via e-mail or text, visit https://mncourts.gov/hearing-ereminders or scan the QR code below to enroll.
Dated: July 30, 2026
Mallory Pasiowitz

Chisago County Court Administrator
cc: Caitlin Shea Fox; William Arthur Fox; Marla Jean Baird-Adams
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 3, 10, 17, 2026
STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 30-JV-26-54
Case Type: CHIPS
Summons and Notice – Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Sara Melinda Callin, Legal Custodian; Paige Kathleen Gruber, Mother; and Tucker Dylan Stromgren, Father
NOTICE TO: Sara Melinda Callin, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).
• A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) is/are in need of protection or services.
• **This is your notice** that this Child in Need of Protection or Services case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 555 18th Avenue SW Cambridge Minnesota 55008, on October 05, 2026 at 2:00pm or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.
• **YOU ARE ORDERED** to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.
• You have a right to be represented by counsel.
• If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.
Dated: September 02, 2026
Erin Boettcher
Court Administrator
Isanti County District Court
555 18th Avenue SW
Cambridge Minnesota 55008
763-290-7020
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 10, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
You are hereby notified that the City Council for the City of East Bethel will hold a public hearing to review the following:
The City is considering an amendment to Appendix A - Section 25 of the Zoning Ordinance relating to fence height and certain placement requirements. The proposed amendment would permit fences six feet in height or less within a required front yard when the front yard abuts a County Highway, provided the fence complies with all applicable traffic visibility requirements. The proposed amendment would also make corresponding organizational and numbering changes to the existing fence regulations.
The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Monday, September 28th 2026, at or about 7:00 pm
If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to Eric Johnson - Eric.Johnson@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or via US MAIL to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE. City of East Bethel, MN 55011
Date: 9/3/26
Eric Johnson
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on September 10, 2026

ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Aug. 30 - Sept. 5. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.
Ashley Louise Miller (DOB 10/24/1988) of Elk River, was charged Sept. 2 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
Patrick John Gadbaw (DOB 01/23/1978) of Becker, was charged Sept. 3 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
Tony Luke Fisher (DOB 10/11/1969) of Isanti, was charged Sept. 3 with one count of Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more

a narcotic drug other than heroin; and one count of Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence.
Savannah Moriah Raquel Hjellming (DOB 09/17/1989) of Isanti, was charged Sept. 3 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
Christopher Theodore Stoll (DOB 12/16/1982) of Isanti, was charged Sept. 4 with two counts of Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Aug. 30 - Sept. 5. All individuals are presumed

innocent until proven guilty.

Elliot Morrow Michael Larson (DOB 06/04/1997) of Hastings, was charged Sept. 3 with Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions; and on Sept. 4 with a second count of Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.
Karen Collynn Neuroth (DOB 11/01/1984) of Forest Lake, was charged Sept. 4 with two counts of Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk.

Cambridge

City Wide

GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19

#1 – 470 N Pine Lake Rd • Harris

Friday & Saturday, 8am – 5pm

Large Garage Sale – Boy’s, Men’s, & Women’s Clothes (Size: Small to 2X), Household Items, Furniture, John Deer Lawn Tractor: Accessories (snow Blower, 54” Mower Deck). Sports Equipment, Toys, Young Living, Partylite and Much More!

#2 – 1015 32ND Ave SW • Cambridge

Model Car Kits, Housewares, Home decor, Dining Room Light, Fluorescent Lights, Clothing, Garage/ Auto, Books, Bed Sheets, Yard/Garden, Plywood, (3) rolls Woven Field Fence, CD’s and misc.

#3 – 508 5th Ave NW • Cambridge

Vintage to modern clothes for every body XS - 5XL, men’s and Women’s. Home decor and more. Lots of \$1 items! No baby stuff.

#4 – 33861 Riverside Dr NE • Cambridge

Dishes, table, bedding, craft supplies, sewing machine, pottery, some antiques, scooters for handicapped, and more.

#5 – 1445 32ND Ave SW • Cambridge

Craft + Garage Sale. Crocheted gift items, sewn book/kindle covers, also toddler clothes, baby toys, holiday décor, craft supplies, women’s clothing, and more. Shop for the holidays! Cash and Venmo Accepted.

#6 – 1038 Honeysuckle Lane SE • Cambridge

Wednesday, Sept. 16th – Saturday, Sept. 19th
7am – 5pm

Pokémon & Sports cards, memorabilia, music, collectibles, kitchen, Men’s & Women’s clothing, video games. Multi-family.

#7 – 2225 White Pine Dr • Cambridge

Multi-family Garage Sale. Clothing, Sporting Goods, Christmas + Easter Deco, Tools, and Tupperware.

#8 – 1131 24th Ave SW • Cambridge

Big Garage Sale!!! Lots of great finds for everyone. Clothing, household items, home décor, tools, kids’ items, misc treasures & more. Something for everyone and priced to sell. -Come check it out!

#9 – 410 319th Ave NE • Cambridge

Discounted laundry soap, cleaners + toiletries. Yarn, Singer sewing drawers, Sewing Machine, household goods, clothes, wooden highchair, 6.25” square pavers, hose.

#10 – 1491 311th Ln NE • Cambridge

Estate Sale + Garage Sale

#11 – 1444 311th Ave NE • Cambridge

Tools, Fishing, Hunting, Welder, Household, Corn Stove.

#12 – 4982 336th Lane NE • Cambridge

Furniture, home decor, bedding, curtains, purses, women’s clothing, holiday, dishes, vintage sports equipment, collectibles.

#13 – 1420 32nd Ave • Cambridge

Thursday - Saturday 8AM - 2PM.

Household items, sewing/quilting items and tools, electronics, vintage and antique items.

City of Cambridge

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Free Items

FREE SKIS – downhill and cross country, 10 pairs and some boots. Dale, 651-433-5592.

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Services

Alterations and clothing repairs, 25 years experience. 320-396-4152 Contact Rosemary. Braham

Designs by Jeff: Custom airbrushing, vehicle wraps, fleet graphics, signs, logo designs. Over 35 years of experience. DesignsByJeff.com 763-443-3135

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Lawn Care

P&G Outdoor Seniors' Lawn Cleanup Special. Lawn mowing, rough terrain mowing, tree branch waste removal, pole saw work, trail grooming, odd jobs. 320-679-3375 or 608-547-3054.

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Tree Service

Tree Fellers – Tree removal, trimming, stump grinding (even if we don't cut your trees!), hazard limbs, yard friendly equipment. 30+ years experience. Insured. Call for free estimate 763-443-2631

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Help Wanted

ANDERSON'S COLLISION, MECHANICAL & TOWING in Grantsburg is hiring an Automotive Mechanic. Competitive pay + commission, weekly direct deposit, IRA match, paid training, flexible scheduling. Call (715) 463-5275 or email autofix613@gmail.com. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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Help Wanted

CITY OF SCANDIA seeks full-time Maintenance Worker for streets, parks, buildings, utilities, drainage. HS diploma, driver's license required. \$29.44-\$32.77/hr plus benefits. Apply by Sept 21, 2026 at cityofscandia.com/jobs. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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Help Wanted

GRANTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT has an immediate opening for a GMS Special Education Aide. Apply at www.gk12.net. EOE. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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Help Wanted

GRANTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT is hiring a full-time, 10-month Special Education Admin. Assistant to support students and instructional teams in multiple schools. Apply at www.gk12.net. EOE. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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For Sale

For Sale: Bicycles- Trek 7300 hybrid, 57 cm frame, well maintained \$300; Trek 7300 hybrid, 48 cm frame with extra soft seat, well maintained \$300; Nishiki Mount-tour, 26", \$100; a pair of Thule roof mount bike racks, never used- bought new for \$250 each, selling for \$300. Kids inflatable rubber raft, brand new still sealed in the box- \$30. Cash only. 763-350-3540.

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Firewood

2 cord loads of 16" mixed hardwood, oak, or birch \$475. 2 cord loads of 20" oak \$450. Delivery charge over 25 miles. 320-679-1815.

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Miscellaneous

Buying sports card collections call Tom 612-701-7396

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Auctions

Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:02 am. On Site Live Auction. Jack Tharp Estate (Rita Tharp, Owner). 1847 Sundet Rd., Mora, MN. Tractor, Boat, Draft Horse Equipment, Draft Horse Tack Items, Wagons, Buggies & Carts, Riding Horse Items, Misc. Horse Items, Special Mention Items, Vintage-Collectibles, Furniture, Household & Misc. Items. Auctions by Norby, Col. Kevin C. Norby Auctioneer, Lic. #33-03, 320-279-0712, midwestauctions.com/norby, auctionsbynorby.com.

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Auctions

Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:02 am. On-Site Live Auction & Real Estate Auction. Jack Tharp Estate (Rita Tharp, Owner). 1847 Sundet Road, Mora, MN. Farmfall 'H' Tractor, '930' Case Tractor, 8x14 Hay Wagon, Manure Spreaders, Square Bale Elevator, Mobile Home Frame Trailer, Haybine, Farm Items, Tools & Misc. Items. Real estate being sold is at 1829 Sundet Road, 5 acres, Manufactured Home, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 stall garage w/loft. Auctions by Norby, Col. Kevin C. Norby, Auctioneer Lic. 33-03, 320-279-0712, midwestauctions.com/norby, auctionsbynorby.com.

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Rentals/ Residential

Mora Apartments 1 bed, 1 bath, \$875/month. Studio \$740/month. Washer/Dryer on-site. No pets, no smoking/vaping/e-cigs. 612-470-3319, moratroveproperty@gmail.com

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Share Rent

Male roommate wanted \$750/month. All utilities included and washer and dryer to share. Own ½ bathroom. Call James Between 3:30p.m. &7p.m. for more 952-217-7705

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Garage Sales

Garage Sale Sept. 17-19, 9-4. Great stuff for guys and gals. 800 Riverside St., Mora.

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Real Estate Wanted

Recently married Army Veteran looking to buy 10+ acres to build a home or purchase an existing home to raise a family. Preferred location Isanti or Chisago County. Call or text 651-278-5882

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Reach potential customers easily with a display ad.

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OR EMAIL starclass@countystar.com

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