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C-I Schools operating referendum, one NB school board seat up for election

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Unlike most odd-numbered years, voters in the Cambridge-Isanti and North Branch Area School Districts will have a reason to get out and vote on Nov. 2.

C-I SCHOOLS OPERATING REFERENDUM

For the second-straight year, the C-I School District is asking residents to approve an operating referendum in order to increase their revenue. According to the district, C-I Schools continues to lag behind a vast majority of the districts in the state when it comes to per-student revenue and spending. According to the most recent statistics, the district is in the bottom 7% in the state in those two categories. As a result, the district has cut \$8.5 million from their budget over the last three years, which is approximately one-seventh of the district’s \$60 million budget.

Unlike last year’s referendum, this year’s is broken up into two questions. The first question is labeled as “Authorization to Hire/Retain High-Quality Teachers and Support Students.” If approved, this question will increase the district’s revenue by \$565 per pupil, and would be applicable for ten years.

The second question is labeled “Additional Authorization to Support Vocational Technology and College Readiness.” If approved, it will increase the district’s revenue by \$121 per pupil, and would also be applicable for ten years. Question 2 can only pass if question 1 passes.

According to the district, the impact on a home valued at \$200,000 would be an increase in its property taxes by \$12 per month. Passing of the referendum would also trigger approximately \$500,000 in additional revenue from the state.

WHAT IF IT DOESN’T PASS?

Until recently, the primary focus of the district’s information centered around how passing the referendum would be for “student support, hiring/retaining high-quality teachers, reducing class sizes, and enhancing career readiness.” Last week, howev-

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er, the district started emphasizing what would happen if it again failed.

“Without new revenue, we can expect another \$1 - 1.7 million in reductions,” said Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph in an email to students’ parents, which he also read at the Oct. 14 School Board meeting. “We can’t trim around the edges. We need to look at significant restructuring and changes for the future.”

While not being able to go into specifics on what those changes will be, some of the possible most impactful cuts would be the reduction of elective courses offered at the high school. “With the additional cuts, fewer classes would be available to students and more electives would be cut, up to 75%.”

Rudolph explained 52 credits are required to graduate, with 36 of those credits being required classes, leaving 16 credits for electives. Calculated out, the cuts would eliminate four to 12 elective credits.

“Cuts would impact career-technical education, family and consumer science, personal finance, business, world languages, art, band, choir, physical education, and electives in English, math, science and social

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Maintaining a high-fiber diet

At the encouragement of the vendors, shopper Bri Merkwan of Mora handles yarns to get an accurate feel for the fibers’ texture, stretch and strength during the annual Minnesota Fiber Fair held at the Isanti County Fairgrounds on Oct. 16. Approximately 30 vendors were on hand selling hand-dyed yarns, homespun wools, angora fleeces and many other pleasurable fibers to touch. The event also featured demonstrations in spinning, knitting and other crafts. More information about the event can be found at www.minnesotafiber-festival.com.

North Branch finds new way to fund street sweeper

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The North Branch City Council had to get a little creative in finding a way to purchase a new street sweeper.

Previously, during the April 13 council meeting, the council had authorized staff to pursue the purchase of a new street sweeper, with part of the funding coming from grant funds. Unfortunately, according to Finance Director Joseph Starks, the city wasn’t awarded any such grants, meaning 100% of the money would have to come from the

city.

In light of that, Starks proposed a method of paying for the sweeper that while being a unique method to the city, it could ultimately increase the city’s buying power for future expenses, such as the planned purchase of a new snow plow/grader. The method Starks presented is an interfund loan - essentially the city is loaning itself money from one fund to another at a very small interest rate.

Starks told the council the loan

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North Branch celebrates completion of community-created mural



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North Branch Mayor Jim Swenson (with scissors) cuts the ribbon during the dedication ceremony of the mural, which is on the south wall of the North Branch Water & Light building, located at 6388 Maple Street. The main design was created by artist Alison Price (not pictured), with much of the colors being painted by residents. The mural was made possible through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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The mural encompasses the entire side of the building.



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A tribute to Brian Fields, a Public Works employee who recently died, is part of the mural.



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Bailey Peterson, daughter of Chisago County HRA-EDA Program Manager Sara Peterson, points out one of smaller details in the mural, which can only be seen by looking close-up at the mural.

ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Oct. 11-15. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Curtis T. Lee (DOB 02/20/1967) of Grantsburg, WI, was charged Oct. 11 with theft - take/use/transfer movable prop - no consent.

Lawrence Carver Hodges (DOB 02/03/1953) of Braham, was charged Oct. 11 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Savon Lawrence Hicks (DOB 09/16/1994) of St. Paul, was charged Oct. 13 with two counts domestic assault.

Joshua Bruce Hitzemann (DOB 09/22/1975) of Blaine, was charged Oct. 13 with two counts of threats of violence, and one count of stalking.

Jerry Bennet King (DOB 06/07/1967) of Cambridge, was charged Oct. 15 with predatory offender - knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement.

Jerry Bennet King (DOB 06/07/1967) of Cambridge, was charged Oct. 15 with false imprisonment - intentional restraint.

Greymann Wonzayll Ford (DOB 03/17/1989) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 15 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 11-15. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Marissa Jo Chamernick (DOB 01/25/1997) of Stacy, was charged Oct. 11 with one count criminal vehicular operation - substantial bodily harm - driver who causes collision leaves scene; and one count criminal vehicular operation - substantial bodily harm - under influence alcohol.

Alex Edward Orcutt (DOB 12/30/1992) of Center City, was charged Oct. 12 with fugitive from justice from other state (extradition waived).

Christopher Michael Hanson (DOB 06/19/1978) of Stanchfield, was charged Oct. 12 with receiving stolen property.

Dylan Jakub Davis (DOB 10/21/1997) of Spring Valley, was charged Oct. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Glass etching at the Cambridge Library

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Enjoy beverages in style with drinking glasses designed by you. Learn to master the fun technique of glass etching at the Cambridge Public Library. Each attendee will create two customized glasses, each with a different design (Minnesota Nice and Book Nerd).

This event is set for Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Cambridge

Public Library. It is recommended for ages 18 and up, and registration is required on the Events Calendar at ecrlib.org. Space is limited. It is being sponsored by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library and Play Inc. Arts.

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



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OUT & ABOUT

TUESDAYS

Evening Storytime

The Cambridge Library will be hosting an evening storytime from 5-5:30 p.m. through Oct. 26. Storytime is recommending for kids ages 5-8. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required by going to ecrlib.org and clicking on the events tab.

TUES & WED

Vaccination clinics

Isanti County Public Health will be holding COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Isanti County Government Center from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. All three vaccines will be available, however at this time they are not administering booster doses. Walk-ins are accepted, but preregistration at <https://prepmo.health.state.mn.us/appointment/en/clinic/search> or by calling 763-689-4071 is encouraged.

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool Storytime - North Branch & Cambridge

The North Branch and Cambridge Libraries will be hosting a storytime for kids ages 3-5, with siblings also welcome, from 10:30 - 11 a.m. North Branch's storytime runs through Dec. 15, and Cambridge's runs through Oct. 27. The event will feature "fun, singing songs, reading books, and learning." Afterward, there will be time for crafts, activities, or play. No preregistration is required. Call 651-674-8443 (North Branch) or 763-689-7390 (Cambridge) for more information.

THURSDAYS

Braham Farmers Market

The Braham Farmers Market will be open each Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at the south end of the Frandsen Bank parking lot. New vendors are always welcome.

SATURDAYS

Cambridge Farmers Market

The Cambridge Farmers Market, located in the City Center Market parking lot, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

North Branch Farmers Market

The North Branch Farmers Market will be open through Oct. 30. The market will be located again at the Members Cooperative Credit Union and be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

OCT 21

Defensive Driver Class

Seven County Senior Federation is offering a four-hour defensive driver refresher course from 12-4 p.m. at Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. NW. Masks are requested if not vaccinated. Cost is \$25 for members or \$30 for non-members. Call 320-679-4700 to register.

Cambridge Book Club

The Cambridge Library will be hosting their monthly book club from 6:30-8 p.m. This month's book is "Alone at the Top: Climbing Denali in the Dead of Winter," by Minnesota author Lonnie Dupre. Copies of the book are available for checkout. No registration is necessary.

Parkinson's Support Group

Walker Methodist Levande, located at 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, is hosting a Parkinson's Support Group from 1-2:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. RSVPs are appreciated but not required. Contact Shay or Kim at 763-325-0100 for more information.

Blood Drive

Isanti Community Center, 208 1/2 1st Avenue NW, Isanti, is hosting a blood drive from 12-6 p.m. Go to www.mbc.org to make an appointment.

Board of Aging Meeting

The annual Board on Aging meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Ave, North Branch. Voting for president, secretary and four directors will take place. Any Chisago County resident 50 years old or over may vote.

OCT 22

Virtual author meeting

As part of the 2022 Cambridge Community-wide Read, participants can meet the author of this year's book, "Alone at the Top," Lonnie Dupre, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Sign up is required by going to ecrlib.org and clicking on the calendar tab.

Blood Drive

Trinity Lutheran Church, 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch, is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Appointments can be made by going to RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Age Well Expo

Chisago County Age Well is hosting a senior expo, with the theme of "Finding Meaning in Retirement," from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Chisago Lakes High School Performing Arts Center in Lindstrom. The expo includes free health screenings, flu and COVID vaccinations, and a keynote speech by Bob Koehler, founder of "Authentic Aging." Arrowhead Transit is offering free bus rides to the expo. To schedule a ride, call 800-862-0175 and pick option 13. Masks are recommended for this event. For more info., go to www.chisagoagewell.org.

OCT. 23

Children's Halloween Party

Isanti VFW, 410 Railroad Ave SE, Isanti, is hosting a children's Halloween Party from noon - 2 p.m. Activities include best pumpkin carved/designed contest.

Informational Buckthorn session

Chisago County Master Gardeners is hosting a free session on identifying and removing Buckthorn, an invasive species. The session will be held at Clayton Anderson Family Memorial Nature Park, 38689 Hemmingway Ave., North Branch from 10 a.m. - noon. Contact 651-277-0151 or humb0025@umn.edu for more info.

OCT. 24

Bingo

Christ the King Knights of Columbus is hosting cash Bingo starting at 2 p.m. at their parish hall, 314 Fern Street North, Cambridge. Pizza, popcorn and ice cream will be offered for a free-will donation.

OCT. 26

Triad meeting

Isanti County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the monthly Triad meeting at 10 a.m. at 2440 S. Main Street, Cambridge. This month's speaker will be Will Pennings from Cambridge Fire Department talking about fire prevention and slips, trips and falls.

OCT 27

Community Dinner

The Journey New Life Church will be hosting a community dinner every last Wednesday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti. This dinner is free and open to the public as an opportunity to make connections with others in the community. Call 763-689-4471 for more information.

Trunk or Treat

NorthBrook Church, 6197 Main Street, North Branch, is holding a Trunk or Treat from 5-7 p.m. in their parking lot.

OCT. 28

'Orange Frog' training workshop

Isanti County is hosting a community workshop featuring "The Happiness Advantage," which is a wellbeing initiative, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Isanti County Historical Society, 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge. This workshop is free for any Isanti County residents. Email julia.lines@co.isanti.mn.us to register.

Trunk or Treat

The Art and Science Academy, 903 6th Ave Ct NE, Isanti, is hosting a Trunk or Treat from 5-6 p.m. at the elementary school parking lot, and a "haunted hallways" at the middle school afterwards.

OCT. 29

Business Trick or Treating

Local businesses will be offering trick or treating from 3-6 p.m. A location list will be available Oct. 25. For more information or to register a business who will be participating, go to www.north65chamber.com.

OCT. 30

Family Fun Day

Step Up for C-I Education is sponsoring a Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. across the street from Cambridge-Isanti High School, featuring mini horses in costumes, horse rides, a bounce house, and games and prizes. Kids are encouraged to dress up in costume. Adults receive free Dairy Queen treat with an "I voted" sticker.

Halloween Nerf Wars

Access Church, 4359 392nd St., North Branch, is hosting a Halloween Nerf Wars for kids K-5th grade. Bring your Nerf blasters, protective eyewear, and a cool costume. There are two time slots: 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 4-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 online (accessmn.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1047347) or \$25 at the door.

OCT. 31

Drive-thru Trick or Treating

The Isanti Fire District is hosting their second Drive-thru Trick or Treating from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Grounds. Vehicles

should enter at 430 1st Ave NW, Isanti.

NOV. 4

Memory Cafe

Come with your loved one or care companion to share concerns and experiences with memory loss from 10-11:30 a.m. at Heritage Center at GracePointe Crossing, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge, with coffee, treats, activities, companionship. No set fee, but donations accepted. For info call Julie Tooker at 763-306-5066 or jaeftooker@aol.com.

NOV. 5

Bountiful Boutique after hours

Rush City's Bountiful Boutiques is offering a free event from 7-9:30 p.m. at Chuckers Spare Room. This event will feature music by Rachel Bigelow and the Heritage Players, door prizes, half-price bottles of wine, chocolates, games, and shopping specials. Proceeds from the silent auction, games and more will benefit the Rush City Food Shelf.

NOV. 5-7

Bountiful Boutiques

The 6th-annual pop-up boutique will feature more than 40 local artists, cooks, and crafters at six locations around Rush City. The boutique will be open 3-7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday. Fill out a passport at each location to be eligible for gift baskets. Proceeds to towards the Rush City Food Shelf. See rushcitysbountifulboutiques on Facebook for more info.

NOV. 6

Glass Etching

The Cambridge Library is hosting a class on how to master glass etching from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the patio. Each attendee will receive two glasses, each with a different design. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration is required by going to ecrlib.org and clicking on the events tab.

Felt tree ornaments

The North Branch Library is hosting a class on making felt ornaments. The program is for ages 14 and up. Masks will be required for this event and tables will be spaced out. Registration is required by going to ecrlib.org and clicking on the events tab.

Pancake Breakfast

The Braham VFW is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Braham Event Center from 7-10:30 a.m.

NOV. 8

Science Hacks

The Cambridge Library is hosting a science class featuring everything from perpetual motion to the science of music through interactive games. The event is recommended for grades 3-8. All participants will leave with a record player they make. Registration is required by going to ecrlib.org and clicking on the events tab.

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Gruden’s sadly more like his nickname

I have always been a Jon Gruden fan. As a coach, he was fiery and represented good old, hard-nosed football. Add to that a fun nickname (“Chucky” based on when he scowled it looked just like the main character in the “Child’s Play” horror movies), and it was hard not to like him. I was even more a fan of him as an announcer. His enthusiasm for the game, good-natured commentary and knowledge made him appear to be the next-coming of John Madden.

When the news first broke about a single email sent by Gruden that was very derogatory towards NFL Players Association Executive Director DeMaurice Smith, I was disappointed, but probably more so at how quickly people were willing to drag someone’s name through the mud over one email ten years ago. After all, everyone has done something in their history they could potentially be persecuted for in today’s hyper-sensitive society. Those feelings were only magnified when Gruden’s former announcing partner Mike Tirico repeatedly proclaimed Gruden’s overall positive character, stating “I probably know Jon better than anybody in the league on a personal level.”

Then came Monday’s revelation that it wasn’t just a single email ten years ago, but a multitude of emails over years. Those emails not only were laced with racism, but bigotry towards gays, women, and of all things, attempts to make the game of football safer for players.

As it turns out, Gruden was exactly like his nickname - innocent and playful looking on the outside, but sinister on the inside. The only difference between Gruden and Chucky was that Gruden’s preferred method of killing was with words.

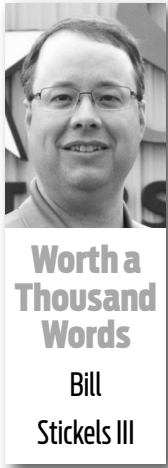
I have read a few commentary pieces stating this is the exact M.O. for people like Gruden, which is also the reason why it is so hard to expose them. They only unleash their true nature when your back is turned or they feel comfortable that the people surrounding them are of like minds. But these people also seem to wind up getting sloppy, or too comfortable.

It’s ironic, but yet not totally surprising that Gruden’s true nature was exposed during an investigation not directly against him, but of another person who appears to share the same sentiments. And the thing is, if these sentiments had merely been spoken over the phone or in person, nobody would be any the wiser. But they were sent via email, which is essentially permanent. Sure you can delete them from your own computer, but as any techie will tell you, they are never completely gone. As Judge Marilyn Milian of “The People’s Court” frequently says, “Say it, forget it. Write it, regret it.”

But what comes out of all of this? Some commentators have half-seriously stated this will actually help the causes of minorities, gays and women in football, stating how the Raiders will in essence fall all over themselves to distance themselves from Gruden’s line of thinking. However there are still plenty of “old school” football thinkers out there. While there isn’t always a direct connection between them and bigotry, it certainly seems like they follow a similar path.

There has already been others who are doing damage control for allegedly similar lines of communication. Hopefully that is all it is - damage control to prevent guilt by association. Because the last thing we need is to find out there are many more “Chuckys” in the NFL.

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Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for successful 20th anniversary

To the editor,
North Chisago County Historical Society had a successful and fun 20th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 3 at the museum in Rush City. Over 60 people attended, enjoying wine from North Folk Winery of Harris and cheese from Eichten Cheese of Center City. Nathan Johnson spoke and signed his new book, titled “Images of Highway 61 through Minnesota.”

We want to thank all who attended and participated, especially the Rush City Fire Department, Rush City Library, the Museum Board especially Deb Dahlberg, President, and her husband Mayor Dahlberg, who decorated the tent with gorgeous fall decorations.

We welcome all to visit the museum on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you have any historical artifacts from the Rush City, Harris, Stark, Rushseba, North Branch, Fish Lake, Nessel or the Sunrise area, we would enjoy having you loan or give them to the museum at this time. We are in the process of developing a data base of all our items, improving our website and Facebook page and would welcome any help in this area as well.

**Martha Arnold, Vice President
North Chisago County Historical Society**

Classes have been invaluable for people with Parkinson’s disease

To the editor,
My husband, Nick, was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease over 14 years ago. Our motto throughout these many years has been “We are a team and we WILL fight this together.”

Last March, Nick joined a Rock Steady Boxing class that is managed and coached by K. C. Bohn, a long-time resident and business owner in Cambridge.

The mission of Rock Steady Boxing, a nationwide non-profit organization, is to empower people with Parkinson’s disease to fight back by teaching a non-contact boxing routine. Research has proven that there are ways in which people with Parkinson’s disease can enhance their quality of life and even build strength, flexibility, and speed.

I have attended these invaluable classes with my husband and have personally seen the improvement in the participants...areas including strength, balance, flexibility, endurance. Another major benefit is the camaraderie shared by those whose lives have been changed by Parkinson’s.

Coach K. C. is completely dedicated to helping improve the lives of each person in his class. To be sure, it is hard work, but it’s also fun and very rewarding.

Rock Steady Boxing is for anyone, at any level of Parkinson’s. There are two options for this one hour class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. One in the morning from 10:15 - 11:15 and one evening

class from 5-6. Please contact K.C. at cambridge@rsbaffiliate.com if you have any questions.

Come and observe. The door is always open during classes. I guarantee you will feel welcome.

**Sandie Ordahl
Cambridge**

Editor’s note: See the Star’s April 15, 2021, edition for an extensive article on these classes titled “Boxing program helps knock out effects of Parkinson’s Disease.”

We need to talk

To the editor,
Do you feel as if your head is spinning over all that is happening in our world today? Does it seem like, if you could get hold of at least some of the issues around you and find a way to speak into them that would have a positive impact for change, at least a modicum of sanity could return into your life?

Most of us do not have the ability or opportunity to speak directly into the gigantic overarching issues and agendas that affect our lives today. But what about the more localized, immediate, in-our-face things that control our lives and shape our thinking? Are we becoming automatons just accepting our sad state of affairs because we have no say so in the matters that count to us as humans and Americans? Have we been manipulated into this position by those in authority who believe (often sincerely) that they know what’s best for us, and that our opinions are irrelevant as compared to their intellectual prowess and superior reasoning abilities?

So, what happened to the days when Town Hall meetings were an integral part of our local communal way of governance...when our local leaders believed that the only way to truly serve their constituents was to meet with them in free and open dialogue about their opinions, concerns, and ideas? Well, here in Isanti County, those days seem to have gone by the wayside. The County Commissioners used to hold one of their two monthly meetings in the evening to make it more available to the people. But, for reasons that I’d rather not say, they decided to have all of their meetings at times that make it very difficult for the people they serve to attend.

There have been several significant decisions made by this board this year, without deliberately seeking public opinion, that have involved taking away our right to vote (Auditor/Treasurer position) and spending \$675,000 on a short-term band-aid approach to our mental health crisis. I believe that, had these issues been brought before the public with an open-minded attitude, better and healthier decisions would have been made.

It is time for our county citizens and leaders to work together once again. We must have Town Hall meetings at a publicly convenient time on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. I urge every Isanti County Citizen to contact the commissioners and say, “We need to talk.”

**Gary Lantz
Cambridge**

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in the Oct. 14 edition the C-I girls tennis team had advanced to the team’s first-ever section semifinals. The Jackets had actually reached the semifinals in 2017, making this their second-ever semifinals appearance. The Star apologizes to the talented 2017 team for this oversight.

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What’s at stake for Cambridge-Isanti Schools?

Last week I answered a few questions related to the upcoming school district referendum. This week, I’d like to address the three biggest questions:

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1. If the referendum passes, how will the money be spent?
 2. Who will make sure the referendum funds will be used for student learning?
 3. What happens if the referendum does not pass?

How will the money be spent?

C-I School News

Dr. Nate Rudolph

Since January, a Community Task Force has been studying our finances and their impact on students. They were very clear and direct in our need for additional funding, and urged the district to keep things simple. The legal language for the referendum is very direct and binds the district to a legal contract with voters.

On the ballot, Question 1 states “Authorization to Hire/Retain High-Quality Teachers and Support Students.” If question 1 is approved, we will be obligated legally to hire and retain teachers, reduce class sizes and support student learning. That means we will purchase more classroom supplies, books and learning materials to support students in the new teachers’ classrooms, and we will provide additional support for students.

Question 2 states “Authorization to Support Vocational Technology and College Readiness.” We will be legally obligated to maintain (avoid cutting) and expand vocational and career technical classes, and we will increase opportunities to earn college credits while in high school. We will add apprenticeships and provide training and mentoring to prepare graduates for success in careers and college.

Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 passes because as much as the Task Force values vocational-technical classes, they could not justify adding programs at the high school when the basics of how many students are in a classroom are unacceptably high.

Who will make sure the spending is on learning?

Last January, we expanded the School Board’s Finance Committee to become a Citizens Financial Advisory Council. Community business leaders joined to increase transparency, oversight and accountability. The Board commits to maintaining the Citizens Financial Advisory Council over the duration of the approved referendum authorization.

In addition, the official resolution calling for the referendum specifically stated the funds will be used for student learning, hiring and keeping high-quality teachers, reducing class sizes, and enhancing career and college readiness. This language is in the title of the ballot question. This is a legally binding commitment by the School Board and is subject to independent financial audits.

What will happen if the additional funding is not approved?

After cutting \$8.5 million over the last three years, we have cut all the fat and are down to the bone. We already know state funding (approved last June for the next two years) will not keep pace with inflation. Without new revenue, we can expect another \$1-\$1.7 million in reductions. This will be the fourth year of budget cuts; we can’t trim around the edges. The Community Task Force prioritized the following cost-cutting measures:

- Schedule changes at the high school and elimination of more electives
- Students currently register for 60 possible credits over 4 years with 52 credits required to graduate —16 are elective credits. With additional budget cuts, electives would be cut up to 75%. Cuts would impact career-technical education, family and consumer science, personal finance, business, world languages, art, band, choir, physical education, and electives in English, math, science and social studies. Such a change will likely impact K-8 options and schedules as well.
- Reduce academic support programs, those that provide a lifeline to students who are below grade level. Many of these federal or grant funded programs require matching funds from the district, and if district funds are eliminated grant funds will be gone the

next year. This includes targeted reading supports, smaller group interventions and supports.

- Increased facility use fees to cover utilities and custodial services for groups who rent or use our buildings. Youth sports fees will increase, community education class fees will go up, scouts and other non-profits who use our buildings will have to pay more.

- Eliminate more middle school activities and increase activity fees.

Some middle school activities have already been cut and combined with high school teams. More could be eliminated completely or fees would need to increase. This year First Bank and Trust of Cambridge donated \$10,000 to avoid activity fee increases for students, and we appreciate their generosity.

- Eliminate specialty choice programs and reconfigure school grade levels.

Over the last two year, we eliminated the middle school year-round school (MN Center) and the year round schedule for School For All Seasons, but kept the students together with a focus on science and the environment. Without additional funding, this program can no longer be sustained. We’d also start to plan for reconfiguring grade levels and shifting some boundaries for increased efficiencies in administration, district supports, and transportation.

- Reduce Transportation with a Two-Mile Walk Zone

State funding is intended to pay for transportations for students who live two miles or more from school. This will likely increase traffic congestion around each of our schools.

Over the last three years, the district has reduced expenses by \$8.5 million (on a \$60 million budget). Budget reductions have resulted in larger class sizes, less individual attention for students, higher student fees, fewer teachers and staff, and reductions in critical support for students who struggle.

We hope all voters will get the facts before you vote. Visit our website www.c-ischools.org/referendum. Call me with any questions you have.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our community.

DR. NATE RUDOLPH is superintendent of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. He can be reached at 763-689-6202 or nrudolph@c-ischools.org.

An update on NBW&L transition

Recently North Branch Water & Light made the decision to wind down the utility and transferred all



Branching Out
Shawn Williams

water management to the City of North Branch Public Works Department. My number one goal has been and continues to be to increase efficiencies of the water department with my ultimate goal with reducing our water rates. We listened to the concerns of citizens that water rates are high. The facts show from a study commissioned by the City’s EDA that the water rates are high. I have been working over the past 2 months to increase efficiencies of the water department in order find ways to reduce water rates. This list of efficiencies and outcomes include:

- Improving Billing Efficiency. Before it took two people a week to read all the water meters in the City. We are updating meters using technology to read meters remotely. This technology is used in most cities and should take two people one day to read water meters – improving efficiency.
- We are monitoring bills. If we noticed a significant change, we call and let the homeowner know as a leaky toilet can mean a huge water bill and a terrible use of water resources.
- Water Tower 2 rehab project

is complete, which included a new paint job, inside and out along with the updated City logo and it looks great, but the better part is there are many more years of use from this water tower. Maintenance of a water tower is similar to maintenance of your vehicle or home, a good maintenance plan will add more years of service and more long term economic efficiencies.

- The two water employees are now City of North Branch employees. Cross-training of water employees and public works employees has and will continue to occur. For the North Branch taxpayer, this has reduced the need for two new public works employees which is a taxpayer savings. This provided the water employees with a better work life balance. Before they were on-call every other week, now every 12 weeks.

- The Water Policy Plan is being updated. Water as we all know is a very precious resource that we need to manage well for our future. The Water Policy Plan covers important areas including: wellhead protection, water treatment and capacity, trend analysis, plans for emergencies, and future water planning.

So, increasing efficiencies is one of many ideas I am implementing to bring the water rates down. The entire Public Works team with our new water department will continue to explore new options for efficiencies for our customers.

SHAWN WILLIAMS is Public Works Director for the City of North Branch. He can be reached at shawnw@ci.north-branch.mn.us or 651-674-8493.

Update on schools’ Safe Learning model

Health and wellness of students and staff continues to be our priority at North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS). We value flexibility and choice for families



NB School News
Sara Paul

to decide what is best for each child: distance learning or 5-day, in-school option. Our Safe Learning plan provides predictability of daily schedule, instructional model and learning environments to meet the holistic needs of each student during this challenging time. This update incorporates feedback from students, families, and staff members as we continue to engage in an ongoing planning process. We truly are better together!

On Monday, Oct. 11, NBAPS shifted from a Level 1 COVID response to a Level 2. Primarily, the change increases communication between the school district and affected families to assist them in making informed decisions when conducting self-assessments.

- Here are the highlights of the move:
- There will be no change to school start and end times.
 - The change to Level 2 includes classrooms preK-5 receiving classroom notification letters, and students grades 6-12 receiving close contact notification letters. Recipients will not be required to quarantine.
 - Free COVID-19 screening kits are available to staff and families to assist with assessing COVID symptoms.
- NBAPS is providing free COVID-19 screen-

ing tests to staff and families. These COVID-19 screening tests are a great tool to assist in conducting health assessments to ensure students and staff stay home when they have COVID-like symptoms that are not connected to an alternative diagnosis.

If you would like to review all of the details involved with Level 2, they are available to the general public here: www.isd138.org/Page/441. NBAPS will continue to report confirmed COVID-19 test results in its COVID dashboard.

As we work in consultation with our county public health officials to review weekly COVID-19 cases, it is assuring that our data continues to affirm that schools are not a super-spreader of COVID-19 and I am so thankful for our amazing staff and students for adhering to our mitigation measures. We continue to be thankful for community support of our 2017 bond referendum that proactively allowed us to invest in top of the line ventilation systems. Many school districts are not as fortunate to have this critical layer of mitigation in place and we are so grateful!

The effects of the pandemic response over the last 18-plus months has had adverse effects on children and students of all ages. Our students have been very fortunate to have had less disruption due to our ability to provide in-person learning. We are determined to keep kids in school on a normal schedule as long as we can safely do so. On behalf of all of us here at NBAPS, thank you for all of your continued support and partnership in that mission!

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

Notice regarding election-related letters, columns

Editor’s note: As per our standard policy, this edition is the last one in which we will publish any election-related letters to the editor or columns. The Oct. 28 edition is reserved for any needed corrections/clarifications to previously published information.

OBITUARIES

Carol G. Ryberg

Carol G. Ryberg, of Cambridge passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, at GracePointe Crossing. She was 79 years old.

She was born Sept. 17, 1942, in Stillwater, MN to Norman and Esther (Waldow) Scheel. Carol grew up in Stillwater and graduated from Stillwater High School in 1960. After high school she moved to St. Paul and worked for State Farm and American Family insurance companies for a few years.

Carol met Paul Ryberg, who was just discharged from the Army, while roller skating at the rink in Forest Lake. They were married on May 28, 1966, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stillwater. The couple made their home in Cambridge they would later buy a home in Edgewood and raise their two sons Scott and Eric.

Carol started her own in-home day-care service and in 1991 they moved to Goldenwood where she continued to work, retiring in 2002 after nearly 30 years. She was once asked how many kids she cared for over the years, and said 385 without even having to think about it.

Carol was an active member of Cambridge Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, was active in the women's circles, in charge of the church prayer chain, the quilting club, and was involved with the craft and bake sale during the church Lutefisk Suppers. Carol survived ovarian cancer in 1993 and was the Relay for Life team leader at church. When her boys were younger, Carol was a 4-H Leader. She enjoyed crafting, scrap booking, making greeting cards, doing cross stitch. The family enjoyed camping at the many Minnesota State Park Campgrounds. Carol and Paul also went on several group bus tours as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Carol is survived by her husband Paul, sons Scott (Ann) Ryberg of Eagan and Eric (Jennifer) Ryberg of Cambridge; four grandchildren, Rebecca Ryberg (Marques Words), Jonathan Ryberg (Emily Futhey), Joshua and Jackson Ryberg, great grandson Mad-dex Words; step great grandson MacLain Words; brother Lyle (Sue) Scheel of Brainerd; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service 11a.m., Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Private interment at Oak Grove Cemetery in Harris. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

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Saturday, November 6th from 1pm - 4pm
At the Isanti VFW's event center

(410 Railroad Ave. SE, Isanti, MN 55040)

for Eleanor Olson's birthday open house. A light lunch provided. Your presence is all that is needed to make this a happy day. In observation of the MN COVID ruling, please wear a mask.



Olivia Soto Medina

Olivia Soto Medina, of Cambridge, passed away on Oct. 13, 2021, in Coon Rapids. She was 55 years old.

Olivia was born in Chihuahua, Mexico to Galo Soto-Chacon and Manuela Medina Gutiérrez. She went to school in Camargo, Chihuahua. Upon graduation, she attended beauty school in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua. She married Eulogio Alvarado on June 8, 1990, in Camargo, Chihuahua and was a housewife.

In 1991, they immigrated to the United States. The following year, 1992, they moved to Longview, Washington. This is where she gave birth to her first two sons, Erik and Eddy.

In 1999, Olivia moved to Minnesota with her family. Here, she gave birth to her two youngest sons, Elian and Cristian.

In 2001, the family bought a home in Braham. Olivia lived there until 2008, when her family moved to Cambridge. Here she began working as a self-employed CNA. Olivia loved caring for others. She made and cherished many relationships through her work. Olivia was also very devoted in her faith and never hesitated to share God's word with others. This led to her developing many close friendships. Olivia also loved and enjoyed caring for her two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother Luli and her sister Teresa. She is survived by Eulogio; her children, Erik, Eddy, Elian, Cristian; her siblings, Manuel, Mariaelba, Lalo, Marialuisa, Rosalia, Rosa, Ines, Gloria; and her grandchildren, Emiliano and Luca.

The family of Olivia wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff at Mercy Hospital for the care they provided.

Funeral Services will be held in Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Local arrangements are with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Florance Olson

Florance Olson, of Cambridge, died Oct. 16, 2021, at GracePointe Crossings. She was 91 years old.

Florance Olson was born July 16, 1930, in Springvale to August and Elvera (Chilstrom) West. She was raised in Springvale and then the family moved to Isanti. Florance married Ralph Olson on Sept. 15, 1951, at North Isanti Baptist Church. They made their home in Cambridge and later moved to Isanti.

After Ralph's death she moved to Anoka and then back to Cambridge. While in Anoka she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and was now a member of Cambridge Lutheran Church. Florence volunteered at Shalom Thrift Store in Cambridge. She was an avid quilter, sewer and an excellent cook. She was known as Grandma Florance to the neighborhood children.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Kevin; husband, Ralph; and by 10 brothers and sisters. She is survived by three children, Cheryl Olson of Cambridge, Mike Olson of Fullerton, California, Joni (Brad) Elmstrand of Cambridge; a grandson, Barry Elmstrand of Cambridge; and by many other relatives and friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.



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As part of "Plus It Forward," the Cambridge Affinity Plus branch donated a new mixer to the Cambridge Senior Activity Center. Employees also delivered donuts to each school, along with the bus garage and district offices.

Affinity Plus branches across the state 'Plus It Forward' for the ninth year

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AFFINITY PLUS

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union (Affinity Plus) held its ninth annual 'Plus It Forward Day' on Monday, Oct. 11, 2021. Every year on the second Monday in October, all Affinity Plus branches close to give more than 560 employees a meaningful opportunity to give back to their local communities in ways that matter most to them.

"We look forward to Plus It Forward Day every year," said Dave Larson, President and CEO of Affinity Plus. "It's a day dedicated for our employees to give back to their communities and themselves. We care deeply about our communities and our employees so it's a way for those two entities to come together. All acts of kindness, both big and small, were felt throughout this day, and we encourage everyone to get out in their communities and spread kindness – it matters."

Some of the ways Affinity Plus employees spent Plus It Forward Day 2021 included: Planting trees, cleaning up parks, raking leaves, making tie blankets, delivering gift baskets to first responders and teachers, giving out coffee, and more.

It's a day all about kindness and randomly spreading it across Minnesota. That kindness has grown every year, so much so that in 2017 the day expanded into CU Forward Day – a day where Affinity Plus joins other Minnesota credit unions in giving back and spreading kindness. This year more than 64 credit unions came together to spread kindness.

In 2013, Affinity Plus hosted the first organization-wide Plus It Forward Day. Since then, it's a movement that's grown into CU Forward Day, where Affinity Plus joins other Minnesota credit unions to give back and spread kindness. This year, CU Forward Day had a record number of participation with 64 credit unions and partnering organizations with over 2,300 employees volunteering 10,000+ hours impacting more than 540,000 people all over the state.

BIRTHS

Ava Marie Soligny

Ava was born on Oct. 12, 2021, and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. Parents are Elizabeth and Darin Soligny. Grandparents are Tim and Becky Elliott of Isanti, Rocky Soligny of Port St. Lucie, FL, and Jennifer Skurdalsvold of Pine City.

WORSHIP *guide*

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS NOW ALLOWING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO CONTACT YOUR INDIVIDUAL CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN.

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.nib-
church.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship Service (traditional
style) 10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

South Isanti Baptist Church
3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.
763-444-5860, Pastor Bob Venneman. Sunday Worship
9:30am. Wednesday "Life & Light" Bible studies for all
ages. Adults & children. For info call or go to
southisantibaptist.org.

Springvale Baptist
Merrill Olson, Interim Pastor
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
763-689-1373
springvalechurchmn.org

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

Catholic

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: annseton76@gmail.com. Mass: Tues. & Wed.
7:30am. Sun. 8:30am. stelizabeth-isanti.org.

Converge

NorthBrook Church
Meeting at GTI North Branch Theatre (38450 Tanger Dr,
North Branch, MN 55056)
Church Office: 651-277-0100
Frank Gomes, Pastor.
Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Worship
Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. (during the
school year)
Nursery for infants & Children's Church (2 yrs old-K)
during worship.
Email: office@nbchurchmn.org
Website: nbchurchmn.org

Evangelical Free

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church
37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN 55056. Jct. of CR 11 &
CR 72, SE of North Branch. 651-583-3281.

Pastor, Josh Jensen
Kost Student Ministries Mondays 6:30pm. Worship
Service Sundays 9:30am. More info: www.kostefc.org

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church
9am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary seating, broad-
cast to parking lot, Facebook live- Safe
distancing Practiced
Pastor Leroy Scheumann
29237 Roanoke St NW
Isanti, MN 55040
www.oxlip.org
763-444-5134

Lutheran

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
West Central Drive & County Road 4, Braham
320-396-2755
Pastor Julie Beck
Sunday: 9:00 am Sunday School
Sunday: 9:30 am Worship Service on KBEK 95.5 FM
Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service - BELC
Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service Live on Facebook
Wednesday: 3:30 pm Confirmation
Office hours 9:00 a.m. to Noon Tuesday thru Friday

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr. 10am Worship with
nursery available. 11am Fellowship
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class
10:30am
www.christcambridge.com

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
109 Second Ave NW, Isanti
763-444-9201
Pastor Ian Coen-Frei
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool
email:
office@faithlutheranisanti.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
651-674-4498. Handicapped
accessible. Pastor Scott Simmons. Sunday Worship
9:30am, with Sunday School 10:30am coffee
and fellowship.
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge
Pastor Daniel Lewis
763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
8 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315.
Pastor Sue Olson
Worship Sundays at 9am in-person, in parking lot or
online
Wednesday Worship 6pm in-person
longlakeluth.org

Salem Lutheran Church
4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687
Join us for worship every
Sunday at 10:30am, Sunday
school for 3 yrs to 6th gr.
begins at 10:30am. Coffee
fellowship after worship
www.salemlutherandalbo.com

Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN
55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one
block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.
slchurch.org
Email: sl.l.church@gmail.com
Thursday, October 21st -
7:00pm AA Meeting
Friday, October 22nd -
6:00pm Friday Night Fellowship
Sunday, October 24th -
8:30am Worship in person & via Zoom
9:30am Fellowship
Tuesday, October 26th -
8:00am Men's Breakfast
6:30pm Property Committee
Wednesday, October 27th -
10:00am AA Meeting
5:30pm Meal for Confirmation Students
6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday, October 28th -
9:00am Men's Coffee
7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study

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

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)
31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079
651-462-5115.
Office Hours - 9:00am - 1:00 pm
9:00am Services,
Sunday School following Service (10:15am).
Email - stjohns@midconetwork.com.
Website - stjohnslutheranchurch-stacymn.org

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
980 West 4th Street, Rush City, Pastor Tim Renstrom
320-358-3623, Sunday 8:45am Worship, 7:30am Rise &
Shine Bible Study, Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study.
stjohnsrushcity.org

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham. 320-
396-3103.
Tim Renstrom, Pastor.
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 10:30am
Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch
651-674-7047. Pastor Jon Yurk
In-person and online Worship Sundays at 8 a.m. and
10 a.m.
Sunday School is at 9 a.m.
Email:
office@trinitynorthbranchl.org
or visit www.trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

Common Ground - A United Methodist Community
404 North Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday 9:30am
Worship. Livestream of
services and more info at
commongroundumc.org.
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Non-Denominational

Bethesda Church
38180 Hemingway Ave., North Branch, MN 651-674-5873.
Pastor Mark Huber.
9am Worship Service.
10:30am Sunday School
and adult Bible studies.
bethesdachurchnb.com

Lakeside Christian Church
32393 Rendova Cir. N.E., Cambridge (3 mi. E of Cambridge
just off Hwy. 95). 763-689-3649. Ministry Coordinator
Jeff Bonkoski. Administrative Assistant Sharon Dahl.
Sunday 9:30am Worship.
Retreat house & personal retreat cabins available. Call
for reservation. Email:
lakesidesecretary@gmail.com.
lakesidechurchcambridge.org

Journey of Faith
Bible based worship.
651-600-9878.
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com. Sunday fellowship
9am
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All
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763-689-6987
34006 Petersburg St NE, Cambridge MN
justpassinihs@gmail.com
Justpassinthro.net
Pastor Tom Bakke
Sunday mornings at 10 am
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

River of Life Church
Meeting at 150 Birch St. N., Ste 170, Cambridge. (Across
from Minnco Credit Unon) Mark Radeke, Pastor. 763-689-
5115.
Sundays 9am & 10:30am
Nursery at both services
River Kid's for ages 4 yrs to 5th gr at the 10:30am service
riveroflifehome.com

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
Sunday 10am Worship &
the Word & Kids' Church.
Sunday 6pm Family Worship.
Wednesday 7pm Family Breakout Classes.
763-689-4471
Thejourneynlc.org

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Cambridge adjusts revolving business loan fund

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In an attempt to improve the city's business retention and expansion efforts, the Cambridge City Council has modified their Revolving Loan Fund to differentiate between the manufacturing and the downtown revolving loan funds.

According to Assistant City Administrator Athanasia Lewis, there have been inquiries about sites in Cambridge, and their willingness to purchase participation in a loan to the potential business as an incentive for that business to move to Cambridge. However, since the current guidelines were limited, the city was not able to extend such an offer.

The city's revolving loan fund was made possible based on a grant the city received and subsequently loaned out for the sale of Cambridge Metal and Plastics back in 2007. The interest on that grant loan, which totaled \$114,315, was retained by the city to use at their discretion for other business incentives. The city still has approximately \$66,000 remaining of that money.

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, the proposed modifications would be additional benefit to the city since direct participation in loans would enable the city to be in a better financial position should the loan get defaulted on.

"In the event of a default, where we would usually take a significantly subordinate position (meaning the city would be a lower priority for recouping money), we're taking a position that puts us on a prorated basis with the other, larger notes," explained Vogel. "So if we're \$50,000 of a \$200,000 note, we're 25% of that. Should something default, we would get a quarter of that amount that was collected through the default process."

LIBRARY AIR CONDITIONING IMPROVED
Play Inc Arts, who rents a section within the new Cambridge Library, is getting hot

reviews, but not in a good way. "We were notified by Play Inc Arts that they were having heating issues this summer, and the cooling in the space was inadequate," Vogel said.

According to Vogel, the current configuration doesn't allow for the temperature to be controlled within their space, and since that space has several windows facing east, the space heated up in the morning much quicker than the rest of the library. Vogel said in talking with Air Conditioning Associates, Inc, who originally installed the air conditioning in the library, they could add a new AC system for this space that would provide the tenant control over the temperature of the unit.

"Looking at the lease agreement with Play Inc, I think it is absolutely our responsibility to take care of this issue," Vogel told the council.

According to Finance Director Caroline Moe, the money for this fix, which comes to \$9,957, would come from the \$100,000 fund established by the city for needed repairs to the library.

"That was one of the reasons why we advocated for setting up that fund," said Moe. "Because invariably, when we do a building project, there's something not quite right and we have to come back and do some fixing. This is a perfect example of why we should be doing that."

Moe added that the city adds \$5,000 a year to the fund to keep a large enough balance for future fixes.

As a side question, Council Member Mark Ziebarth asked why that fund wasn't used to pay for the new handicapped parking spot and reserved parking signage in the east parking lot?

Moe explained that the city's policy is that capital expenditures must be over \$5,000. "Since the those library signage issues were less than that, it's not appropriate to take it out of a capital fund."



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Minnco breaks ground on new corporate center

Representatives from Minnco Credit Union, the City of Cambridge, BJ Baas Builders, and DW Company commemorate the beginning of construction of Minnco's new corporate center building, which will be located just east of Aldi's and just south of Kohl's. The building will house another bank branch, their call center and training center. According to Minnco, while the future of the Cub Foods branch is undetermined at this time, the downtown Cambridge branch located west of Main Street on Highway 95 will remain open.

REFERENDUM: At least \$1 million in further budget cuts expected if question one doesn't pass

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studies."

Rudolph added which classes would remain would depend on which classes see the largest student enrollment.

According to Rudolph, besides those cuts, there would also be a reduction in academic support programs, an increase in facility use fees, further elimination of middle school activities and/or an increase in activity fees, the possible complete elimination of the School for all Seasons program (which had previously seen its schedule changed from a year-round calendar to a traditional calendar, plus their number of grade levels), plus increasing the distance where students are able to take the buses from one mile to two miles away. (For a more detailed explanation of the possible cuts, see Dr. Rudolph's column on page 5 or go to c-ischools.org for full details of the referendum).

WHERE TO VOTE

Currently, early voting is available at two locations. The first is the C-I Schools District Office, located at 625A Main Street North, Cambridge. Voting hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Nov. 1.

The second location is Cambridge-Isanti High

School at 430 8th Ave NW, Cambridge, using the main entrance. Voting hours are weekdays, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., except for Thursdays when voting hours are extended to 8 p.m. There will also be voting available from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. On Monday, Nov. 1 it will also be extended to 5 p.m.

On election day, since it is only the two ballot questions, not all of the typical polling locations will be open. Voters within the Cambridge-Isanti School District will either go to the Cambridge Fire Hall or Isanti Community Center (see sidebar on page 1).

NORTH BRANCH SCHOOL BOARD

For residents in the North Branch Area Public School District, there is one seat on the school board up for election, which will fill the remaining term of Kirby Ekstrom, who resigned after moving out of the district last January. The board appointed Jesse LaValla to fill that seat until a special election could be called on Nov. 2. Lavalla is the only person to officially file for election, and nobody has openly declared a write-in campaign.

For those wishing to vote, the only polling place will be located at Main Street Church, located at 6500 Main Street, North Branch.

SWEEPER: City to utilize interfund loan to pay for new, \$319,000 street sweeper

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would be from the sewer fund to the stormwater fund, plus the possible proceeds from the sale of the current street sweeper.

"The sewer fund is in healthier shape as it relates to cash/net position," Starks said. "The loan resolution contains a reimbursement bond clause to preserve the right to pay ourselves back with tax-exempt bonds. The benefit is that the city would not do a small debt issuance, unless we decide not to pursue a larger issuance in early 2022."

Starks said this method would save roughly \$15,000 on bond issuance costs right now. It would also increase the city's marketability for the future, larger bond, which would also potentially lead to lower interest rates on the potential future bond.

"This funding arrangement allows us flexibility to purchase the street sweeper now while preserving the right

'This is very creative. I don't think we've ever done something like this before.'

Kathy Blomquist
North Branch City Council Member

to save on bond issuance and interest costs should there be a larger debt issuance next year," Starks concluded.

The term of the loan would be one year "or very likely less than that," according to Starks. "It would not impact our ability to potentially provide relief to sewer rates."

Starks said interfund loans generally have to have an interest rate attached to them, and based on calculations he assigned a rate of 1%. "The interfund actually acts as an investment for the sewer fund, and that's looked upon favorably when you're doing these

arrangements, that's why we attach an interest rate," he added.

The total cost of the sweeper is \$319,006.50.

"This is very creative," said Council Member Kathy Blomquist. "I don't think we've ever done something like this before."

"I've talked to Shawn (Williams, the city's Public Works Director), and there should be a small town that might be interested in that street sweeper, because there's still life in it and they don't have 107 miles of roads to go on, or 90 miles of tar," said Mayor Jim Swenson. "If we can something for it, that would be great, otherwise you guys when you street sweep, you should have no excuses with two of them."

ODDS AND ENDS

In other action, the council:

•Approved on a 4-1 vote, with Swenson casting the lone nay vote, to a formal travel policy for elected officials. As

part of the policy, the event, workshop, conference, or assignment related to the possible travel expenses must be approved in advance by the City Administrator and must include the estimated cost of travel. Approval will be contingent on such things as if the distance traveled, each way, is greater than 30 miles from the city limits, if remote attendance isn't an option, and if the city has sufficient funding available, among other considerations. Previously, the city had no formal policy.

•Received a finance update from Starks, along with an update on the status of the "winding down" of North Branch Water & Light (see the city's column on page 5 for more information on NBW&L).

•Approved a gambling premises permit for Church of St. Gregory the Great for a raffle event on Dec. 5, 2021.

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2021 Fall Home Improvement

Types of home insulation and where to install them

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves, is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials

are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to home improvement stores. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls, such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.



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Viking football clinches section #1 seed

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FOOTBALL

It took an impressive offensive output, plus just enough timely defensive stands for North Branch to squeak out a 50-42 win over Hermantown, thus keeping their undefeated season alive and locking them into the #1 seed for the upcoming Section 7AAAA playoffs. The Vikings spotted the Hawks a 13-point lead in the first quarter, however three touchdown runs by Ashton Labelle, which were made possible by two successful on-side kicks, gave the Vikings a 22-13 lead midway through the second quarter. Hermantown responded with two long touchdown runs, giving the Hawks a 28-22 lead at halftime. A touchdown run by An-

drew Thauwald briefly tied the game at 28, but another long touchdown run by the Hawks quickly gave them the lead back. Following Samuel Robillard's TD run and a successful two-point conversion, the Vikings regained the lead at 36-35. But again, that didn't last long as Hermantown's 64-yard pass made the score 42-36. North Branch gained their next touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Thauwald to Adam Johnstone, making the score 42-42. That was when the defense stopped the Hermantown offense for the first time all game on four plays and setting the Vikings up with a short field, which was converted into another Thauwald to Johnstone touchdown pass with just six seconds remaining in the game.

The Vikings attempted to complete their perfect regular season on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Cloquet, after this edition of the Star went to press. The #1 seed guarantees North Branch a Section 7AAAA quarterfinals bye and a home game on Saturday, Oct. 30 against the winner of the #4 vs. #5 seed game on Tuesday, Oct. 26. A win in the semifinals will send the Vikings to their second-ever section championship game, which will be played at Duluth Denfeld on Friday, Nov. 5.

The Bluejackets suffered their third-straight narrow defeat, this time falling to Coon Rapids 19-18. The Jackets trailed the entire game as the Cardinals scored the first touchdown late in the first quarter. C-I responded with a touchdown run by Devin Larson, but the two-point conversion was unsuccessful. Coon Rapids scored the next two touchdowns to extend their lead to 19-6. C-I again responded with a touchdown pass from Ari Sullivan to Andre Hall, but the extra point was no good.

The final score of the game came midway through the fourth quarter on Larson's second touchdown run, however once again, the two-point conversion was unsuccessful. And also for the third straight game, a final Jacket drive to take the lead late in the game was stifled by an interception. C-I played their final regular season game on Wednesday, Oct. 20, versus Andover, after this edition of the Star went to press. The Jackets' first section game will be on Tuesday, Oct. 26, most likely at St. Francis.

VOLLEYBALL

C-I's lone match of the week was at Lakeville South, where the Jackets lost 3-1 by scores of 14-25, 25-23, 19-25, 18-25. Their last regular season match was



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North Branch's Adam Johnstone makes a leaping catch in the endzone for the game-winning touchdown over Hermantown.

on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Chisago Lakes. Their section tournament will begin on Oct. 28.

North Branch's only match of the week was also a loss, as the Vikings fell to Andover 3-2 by scores of 25-17, 15-25, 17-25, 25-21, 15-17. Their final match was also on Tuesday, at Big Lake. NB's section tournament begins on Friday, Oct. 29.

GIRLS TENNIS

The Jackets successful season came to an end with a 6-1 loss to #2 seed Pequot Lakes. The only C-I victory came from the first doubles team of Maddie Lawrence and Maddie Troolin.

CROSS COUNTRY

North Branch competed in the Princeton "Last Chance" meet last week, with both the boys and girls coming in 11th out of 11 teams. Cora Hudella

came in 54th for the girls and Zachary Johnson came in 65th for the boys.

The Jackets had a very successful "Last Chance" meet, which was held at Mora. Both the boys and girls took first place out of four teams. Makena Sjoberg was the winner of the girls race, with Kendyl Izzo coming in fourth and Molly Larson coming in fifth. On the boy's side, Jaxon Jones came in second, Hunter Jacobson came in fourth, and Blake Roberts came in fifth.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Jackets competed in the Section 7AA True Team meet last week, coming in eighth out of eight teams. C-I's top finish came in the 200 medley relay, which came in 11th. The Jackets now take their traditional competition break before sections, which is Nov. 11-13.



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North Branch's Rylee Ramberg tries to place a kill between two Andover blockers during the Vikings' final regular season home match.

JACKET ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Makenzie Coplan | Senior | Volleyball
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From the coach: Makenzie has been the heart and soul of our team for the past 4 years. She has grown as a leader and brings so much emotion to our team that will be missed once she graduates. She has such a tremendous work ethic and is always willing to help her team mates on varsity and also the younger girls coming through our program. She is the type of athlete and person that every coach wants the opportunity to coach.



Favorite thing about sports: The girls that I get to play with. My other family that I get to see every day. The memories that we make and that we'll cherish forever. And of course traveling and all competition.

Person who has influenced you: My parents, because they have always pushed me to do better and thanks to them I'm where I'm at now. I'm a better athlete, person, student, friend, daughter. I couldn't have done anything without them.

How do you prepare for a game or meet?: Stretching and rolling out. I'll also listen to music, that helps get rid of any nerves that I have and it gets me pumped up for the game.

Highlight of athletic career: Being able to travel to many different states and competing against the best.

Future goals: To play volleyball in college. To become a personal trainer or do something sports related.

VIKING ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Paige Peaslee | Senior | Volleyball
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From the coach: Paige is a leader on and off our court and has been for several years. She leads by her communication, work ethic, dedication, commitment, teamwork and passion for the game. She continues to prove that she is an asset to the team while on and off the court! We look forward to spending our last month of our season with her.



Favorite thing about sports: Getting to spend so much time with all my best friends. I love how my team comes together in hard times, and I really wouldn't choose anyone else to be beside me on the court.

Person who has influenced you: My coaches, Mike and Minke have definitely influenced me the most in volleyball. Without their help and belief in me, I never would've given volleyball a try. Volleyball has shaped me into the person I am today and I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. I am beyond grateful to them.

How do you prepare for a game or meet?: I get my hair braided and play some good throwback songs for pump up music.

Highlight of athletic career: Getting on the all-tournament team at state my sophomore year. Or committing to play basketball at Winona State University.

Future goals: I want to have a successful athletic and academic career at college and have lots of fun! I also want to get a degree in the exercise science field.

Viking girls soccer falls in section finals

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The young, but talented North Branch Viking girls soccer team had fought hard throughout the season to achieve their best results since their state tournament runs in 2016 and 2017. Despite their best efforts, however, the team fell just one game short of making the school's third-ever state appearance with a 3-0 loss to Cloquet in the Section 7AA championship game played in Duluth on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The Lumberjacks, who were the two-time defending Section 7A champions, stopped the Vikings cold on a lukewarm fall evening in Duluth. Cloquet's stingy defense and excellent execution of passing prevented the Vikings from putting on any sort of consistent pressure on the Lumberjack goalie, who spent a majority of the game as another spectator of the action being played in front of her.

What also didn't help was the Vikings came into the game at less than full strength, as was evidenced by the large knee brace being worn by senior Lilly Johnson, which was obviously hindering the speedy forward from breaking away for attacks on the goal.

Cloquet would get the only goal they would need nine minutes into the game. The Lumberjacks would add two more goals in the last 20 minutes of the game to secure their third-straight section championship.

SECTION QUARTERFINALS
The Vikings came into the section tournament as

the #3 seed, hosting Hibbing in the opening round at home. And it didn't take long to establish their dominance over the Bluejackets, building a 2-1 lead at halftime on a pair of goals by sophomore Eva Gerten.

North Branch put the game away in the second half, scoring three unanswered goals to secure a 5-1 win. Gerten would score two of those three goals for a four-goal game, with Johnson adding the final score.

SECTION SEMIFINALS

The Vikings could have very easily placed a claim for being named the #2 seed in the tournament, as they had played Grand Rapids, who was awarded the second seed, to a scoreless tie earlier in the season. As it was, the only difference was North Branch having to travel up north to prove their point, rather than having one last home game.

This "tie-breaking" game was equally tight, featuring a number of yellow cards as the referee tried to limit the physical play. In the end, Gerten's goal in the first half proved to be the only scoring either team would be able to achieve for a hard-fought 1-0 win over the Thunderhawks, and thus setting up the previously mentioned championship game.

While the Vikings graduate five key seniors from this team, the core group of players, including eighth-grade goalie Sharis Garcia Velazquez, who recorded seven shutouts this season, will be around for another two years or more as the team has only one junior on the roster.



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North Branch sophomore Danna Garcia Velazquez (#10) tries to use some fancy footwork with the ball to get past the tight defense of Cloquet's Olivia Macaulay during the teams' section championship game at Duluth Denfeld.

Late-season boaters encouraged to play it safe

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Minnesota's waterways were unusually deadly this year, with 17 people losing their lives in boating-related drownings and crashes—the highest number since 2005. And with weeks of open water left this year, there's a chance that total could climb higher.

"Any life lost on the water is one too many, and we hope we've seen the last of these terrible tragedies," said Lisa Dugan, DNR recreation safety outreach coordinator. "Too many families have had their lives immeasurably altered while their loved ones were taking part

in what should be a fun and memorable activity."

Of the 17 people who died, 16 were not known to be wearing life jackets when they went into the water. Some of them fell unexpectedly into the water, while others jumped in and experienced some sort of trouble that prevented them from getting back to their boat. The DNR recommends people always wear a life jacket when they're on the water, but it's especially important during the cold-water season, when expected falls in can incapacitate even the strongest swimmers in a matter of minutes.

While air temperatures have been above normal for much of the fall, the

water temperature has dropped below 70 degrees, which is the threshold for classifying water as cold. Each year, about 30 percent of boating-related fatalities happen during the cold-water periods of spring and fall.

Anglers and hunters tend to be the primary people on the water at this time of year, but paddlers and others also venture onto the water to enjoy the relative solitude of the water after the summer crowds have parked their boats.

Following are other safety reminders as people head out onto cold water:

- Wear a life jacket (foam life jackets are more effective than inflatable life

- jackets during the cold-water season).
- Distribute weight in the boat evenly and abide by manufacturer's weight limits to reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.
- Have a means of communication. Boaters also should let other people know where they're going and when they plan to return.
- Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.
- Wear an engine cut-off device if the boat is equipped with one.

For more information on staying safe on or around cold water, see the DNR's cold water webpage.



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	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Xavier Riddle	Arthur	Molly of Denali	Wild Kratts	Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger	Donkey Hodie	Elinor Wonders	Sesame Street	Pinkalicious
4	WCCO	WCCO 4 News This Morning at 6		CBS Mornings				WCCO Mid-Morning		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News at 6am		Good Morning America				Minnesota Live		The View		5 Eyewitness News Midday	
9	KMSP	FOX 9 Morning at 6AM		FOX 9 Morning at 7AM		FOX 9 Morning at 8AM		Fox 9 Good Day		The Jason Show		FOX 9 News at 11 a.m.	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News Sunrise		Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Live with Kelly and Ryan	
23	WUCW	The National Desk		The National Desk		Spine Surgery	Family Feud	The Drew Barrymore Show		The Steve Wilkos Show		Maury	
29	WFTC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wommack	Dateline		The Dr. Oz Show		Divorce	Divorce	Hot Bench	Hot Bench
41	KPXM	NCIS: N.O.	Varied	NCIS: N.O.	Varied	NCIS: N.O.	Varied	NCIS: New Orleans		Varied Programs			

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON													
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Dinosaur Train	Clifford-Dog	Sesame Street	Donkey Hodie	Daniel Tiger	Let's Go Luna!	Nature Cat	Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Xavier Riddle	Odd Squad	Arthur
4	WCCO	News	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	CBS Evening News
5	KSTP	GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Twin Cities Live		Twin Cities		5 Eyewitness News	ABC World News
9	KMSP	The Wendy Williams Show		Nick Cannon		TMZ Live		You Bet Your Life	You Bet Your Life	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	FOX 9 at 5p	FOX 9 at 5:30p
11	KARE	Days of our Lives		Rachael Ray		Daily Blast Live	Daily Blast Live	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	KARE 11 News	Jeopardy!	KARE 11 News at 5	Nightly News
23	WUCW	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		Relative Justice	Judge Jerry	The Drew Barrymore Show		Family Feud	Funny You Ask	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
29	WFTC	The Jason Show		Access Daily		Wendy Williams Show		The Dr. Oz Show		25 Words	25 Words	Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy
41	KPXM	Varied Programs											

MONDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Antiques Roadshow "Tearjerkers" (N) (cc)		Minnesota Experience		American Experience		POV A 16-year-old wants to live as a woman. (N) (cc)		On Story (cc)	
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Neighborhood-Abishola		NCIS "1mm" (cc)		NCIS: Hawai'i A team of international thieves.		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden	
5 KSTP	News	News	Dancing With the Stars "Horror Night" (N) (Live) (cc)		The Masked Singer "All-Time Countdown"		The Good Doctor "Rationality" (N)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline (N) (cc)	
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	The Masked Singer "All-Time Countdown"		The Big Leap (N) (cc)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere" Ed Sheeran serves as the mega mentor. (N) (cc)		Ordinary Joe "Always Do the Right Thing"		News		The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers	
23 WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	All American Spencer faces a major decision.		4400 Civil servants deal with the refugees.		The National Desk (N) (Live)		The National Desk (N) (Live)		Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Law & Order: SVU	
41 KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	

TUESDAY PRIME TIME								OCTOBER 26, 2021					
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Finding Your Roots With Henry		American Veteran "The Crossing" (N)		Frontline Police training and accountability.		NOVA Exploring the insect food industry.		Nature A cameraman films bees.	
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	FBI A man is killed by an explosive package.		FBI: International "Secrets as Weapons"		FBI: Most Wanted "Vanished" (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden	
5	KSTP	News	News	The Bachelorette (N) (cc)			Queens Jill decides to stop living a lie. (N)			5 Eyewitness News (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)	
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	MLB Pregame	2021 World Series Game 1: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (cc)					FOX 9 News (N) (cc)		Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	The Voice "The Knockouts Part 2" (N)		La Brea "The Fort" (N) (cc)		New Amsterdam (N) (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers	
23	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	DC's Stargirl Pat tries to protect Rick. (N)		Supergirl "I Believe In a Thing Called Love"		The National Desk (N) (Live)		The National Desk (N) (Live)		Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Chicago Fire (cc)	
41	KPXM	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire	

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME										OCTOBER 27, 2021			
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Nature "Season of the Osprey" (N)		NOVA Details about the sun's history. (N)		Secrets of the Dead "Lady Sapiens" (N)		Plants Behaving Badly/ Pitcher plant's survival.		Plants Behaving Badly (Part 2 of 2) (cc)	
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Survivor (N) (cc)		Tough as Nails "Facing Fear" (N) (cc)		CSI: Vegas A body is found in a luau pit. (N)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden	
5	KSTP	News	News	The Goldbergs (N)	The Wonder Years	The Conners (N)	Home Economics (N)	A Million Little Things "Crystal Clear" (N)		5 Eyewitness News (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)	
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	MLB Pregame	2021 World Series Game 2: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (cc)					FOX 9 News (N) (cc)		P.J. Fleck Show	Dish Nation (N)	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Chicago Med (N) (cc)		Chicago Fire "Dead Zone" (N)		Chicago P.D. "End of Watch" (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers	
23	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) (cc)		Batwoman "Freeze" (N) (cc)		The National Desk (N) (Live)		The National Desk (N) (Live)	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)	
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	P.J. Fleck	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Dateline "Life Inside"	
41	KPYM	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods	

THURSDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		This Old House (N)		Ask This Old House		Poirt Stolen U.S. submarine plans. (cc)		Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private		East-Enders	East-Enders
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Young Sheldon	United States	Ghosts (N) (cc)	B Positive (N) (cc)	Bull "Uneasy Lies The Crown" (N) (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden	
5 KSTP	News	News	Toy Story of Terror!		Movie: *** Toy Story 4 (2019) (Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen) Premiere. (cc)		The Wonder Years		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline (N) (cc)	
9 KMSP	Vikings Live (N)	NFL Pre-game	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Arizona Cardinals. (N) (Live) (cc)				FOX 9 News (N) (cc)				Dish Nation (N)	
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	The Blacklist "The Skinner, Conclusion"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Organized Crime		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers	
23 WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Walker Walker realizes his life is at risk. (N)		Legacies (N) (cc)		The National Desk (N) (Live)		The National Desk (N) (Live)	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)	
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Dateline	
41 KPXM	Chicago P.D. (cc)		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D. (cc)		Chicago P.D. (cc)	

FRIDAY PRIME TIME									OCTOBER 29, 2021				
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BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Almanac (cc)		Antiques Roadshow "Kooky & Spooky" (N) (cc)		Great Performances (N) (cc)		k.d. lang – Landmarks Live in Concert: A Great Performances		Lowertown Lne	
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	S.W.A.T. "Local Heroes" (cc)		Magnum P.I. Higgins is abducted. (cc)		Blue Bloods "Redemption" (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden	
5	KSTP	News	News	Shark Tank (N) (cc)		20/20 (N) (cc)				5 Eyewitness News (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)	
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	MLB Pregame	2021 World Series Game 3: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (cc)					FOX 9 News (N) (cc)		Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Home Sweet Home "Art Is My God" (N)		Dateline NBC (N) (cc)			News		The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers	
23	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You Now! (N)		Nancy Drew "The Secrets That You Keep"		The National Desk (N) (Live)		The National Desk (N) (Live)		Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	Enough	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Chicago P.D. (cc)	
41	KPXM	Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)	

FORECLOSURES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 10, 2017 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$221,645.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jonathan C Jeske and Sarah C Jeske, spouses married to each other. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Waterstone Mortgage Corporation TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1003715-0000433249-8 SERVICER: SN Servicing Corporation LENDER: Waterstone Mortgage Corporation DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, on March 1, 2017, as Document No. A464840. ASSIGNED TO: Matrix Financial Services Corporation by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 12/20/2017 and recorded on 12/20/2014 as Document No. A472106 Waterstone Mortgage Corporation by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 03/14/2018 and recorded on 03/16/2018 as Document No. A473820 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/11/2019 and recorded on 01/22/2019 as Document No. A481203 U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/06/2020 and recorded on 05/19/2020 as Document No. A492496 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Bungalow Series IV Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/13/2020 and recorded on 05/19/2020 as Document No. 492497 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The West 262 feet, as measured along the South line, of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 36, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6767 325th Avenue Northwest, Princeton, MN 55371 PROPERTY I.D.: 13-034-0303 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Thirty-Five and 61/100 (\$256,035.61) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on November 18, 2021 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2022, or the next business day if May 18, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: September 16, 2021 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Bungalow Series IV Trust Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/ Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook

Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 21MN00015-3 A-4734803 09/16/2021, 09/23/2021, 09/30/2021, 10/07/2021, 10/14/2021, 10/21/2021

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NOTICES

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE ASSUMED NAME I CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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

Assumed Name: ACP
Principal Place of Business: 495 2nd Ave SE, Cambridge, MN 55008
Name holders: Advantage Collection Professionals, LLC, 495 2nd Ave SE Cambridge MN 55008

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

Signed by: Corey Bustrom
Email Address for Official Notices: cbustrom@advantagecollections.com

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ASSUMED NAME: LoAnn's craft & vendor Boutique
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 105 West Central Drive Po Box 23 Braham MN 55006 USA
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: LoAnn Marie Herold
Address: 3166 385th Ave NW Stanchfield, MN 55080 USA
By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: LoAnn Herold
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: loannsboutique@gmail.com
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CAMBRIDGE SELF STORAGE

This is notice of intent to sell

property located at Cambridge Self Storage and Isanti Self Storage East locations. If Joe Bauer A90, Mark Curtis K6 and J49, Savanna Hoffman J48, Ron Lundy F21 and G28, David Ruth E14, Cathy Dial C46, Danny Scott I39 and K20, Adam Zroka E19, Jordan Tholen E137, and Jennifer Hoffarth E143 fail to pay their balances in full by November 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. online auctions will be held November 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. online at www.storageauctions.net. The units appear to contain household and garage items.

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PUBLIC HEARING

NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

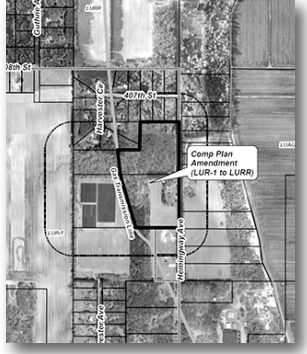
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold a meeting for a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public to give testimony regarding a request to modify the Comprehensive Land Use Map- changing the land use and the Urban Service Area. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony have been received.

Applicants: Steven M Schmidt and Therese A Schmidt

Property Owners: Steven M and Therese A Schmidt

General location: West of Hemingway Ave, East of the Gas Transmission line, South of the homes on 407th Street

Parcel ID Numbers: 11.00161.00 and 11.00862.68



Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written or oral comments on this matter at or before the Public Hearing.

For the Planning Agency
Carla Vita Community Development Director - carlav@ci.north-branch.mn.us 651.674.8113

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO APPOINT THE OFFICE OF RECORDER

Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, in the Board Room of the Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008, to obtain public comment on the County's intention to appoint the office of County Recorder, Pursuant to Minnesota Statute §375A.1205.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to Julia Lines, County Administrator, at 763-689-3859. Written testimony may be sent to the County Administrator's Office, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008, and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2021.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 6th day of October, 2021.

Julia Lines
County Administrator
Proposed Resolution for Appointment of the Office of Recorder

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §375A.1205 allows a County Board to appoint certain offices including the County Recorder; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners recognizes the benefit to having appointed persons in the position of the County Recorder because it promotes efficiency and consistency of County business with individuals qualified to oversee a broad spectrum of complex issues within the Recorder's Office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375A.1205, Subd. 1, the County Board intends to appoint a

County Recorder under the following circumstances:

1. There is a signed contract with the County Board and incumbent Recorder that the incumbent officer will be appointed to the position and retain tenure, pay, and benefits equal to or greater than length of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby notifies the public of its intent to appoint the office of the County Recorder, effective thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. during its regular board meeting regarding appointment of the County Recorder with said appointment taking place by signed contract with the incumbent County Recorder.

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NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold a meeting for a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public to give testimony regarding a request to approve an application for a Preliminary Plat to be called Industrial Estates 6th Addition The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony have been received.

Applicant: NB Group LLC
Property Owners: NB Group LLC

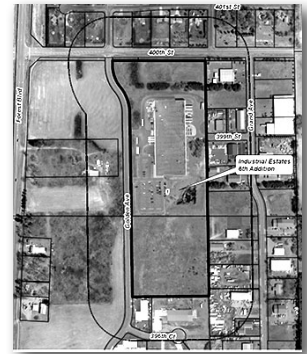
General location: Southeast corner of Golden Ave and 400th Street

Legal Description: Lot 2, Block 1, Industrial Estates 2nd Addition, Chisago County, Minnesota.

AND
That part of Lot 1, Block 1, Industrial Estates 2nd Addition, according to said plat on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, Chisago County, Minnesota, which lies Easterly of a line drawn parallel with and distant 30.00 feet Easterly of the following described line:

Beginning at the intersection of a line drawn parallel with and distant 105.00 feet West of the East line of said Lot 1, and the South line of said Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 55 minutes and 28 seconds West, assumed bearing along said parallel line, 829.97 feet; thence Northerly and Northwesterly, 201.75 feet, along a tangential curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 300.00 feet and a central angle of 38 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds, to the point of reverse curvature; thence Northwesterly and Northerly, 207.76 feet, along a tangential curve, concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 300.00 feet and a central angle of 39 degrees 40 minutes and 45 seconds; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 25 seconds East, tangent to the last described curve, 63.43 feet, to the North line of Outlot A, in said plat and said line there terminating.

AND
Lot 1, Block 1, Industrial Estates 5th Addition, Chisago County, Minnesota.



Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written or oral comments on this matter at or before the Public Hearing.

For the Planning Agency
Carla Vita Community Development Director - carlav@ci.north-branch.mn.us 651.674.8113

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SCHOOL BOARD

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 (NORTH BRANCH AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 138 (North Branch Area Public Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of electing one (1) individual to fill a vacancy in term of school board member expiring January 2, 2023. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Special Election Ballot November 2, 2021

Instructions To Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

SPECIAL ELECTION
FOR SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER
to fill vacancy in term expiring
January 2, 2023
Vote for One
☐ Jesse LaValla
☐ write-in, if any

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NOTICE OF LOCATION WHERE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 (NORTH BRANCH AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges for Independent School District No. 138 shall count the ballots cast in the School District's November 2, 2021 special election at the following location:
COMBINED POLLING PLACE:
Main Street Church
6500 Main Street
North Branch, MN 55056
Dated: August 12, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Kevin Bollman
School District Clerk
Independent School District No 138
(North Branch Area Public Schools)
State of Minnesota

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NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, ROOM 816 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 23, 2021
The Policy Committee met on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 816 at the North Branch Area Middle School.

Members in Attendance: Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender, Kevin Bollman, Superintendent Paul, Todd Tetzlaff, David Treichel, and Arle Chambers

Policies Reviewed
Policy 496-NB - Teacher Substitute Pay (NB policy; recommending changes)

Policy 496-NB was discussed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading. The following language is being recommended be added to the policy.

For the 2021 - 2022 school year only, substitute teaching staff will receive incentive pay to work additional days. This incentive will increase with additional days of service and the incentive will be payable at the end of the school year based on the total number of days worked.

Policy 520 - Student Surveys (Review only - No MSBA changes)
Policy 520 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination (Review only - No MSBA changes)
Policy 521 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policy 531 - The Pledge of Allegiance (Review only - No MSBA changes)
Policy 531 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policy 532 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policy 533 - Wellness (Review only - No MSBA changes)

Policy 533 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policy 612.1 - Development of Parent Involvement Policies for Title I Programs (Review only - No MSBA changes)

Policy 612.1 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policy 722 - Public Data Requests (Review only - No MSBA changes; contact information needs to be changed)

Policy 722 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading. The data practiced contact information is being changed in the policy.

Policy 903 - Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites (Review only - No MSBA changes)

Policy 903 was reviewed and will be presented at the October 14 regular board meeting for a first reading.

Policies Discussed
Policy 504-NB - Student Dress and Appearance

Policy 504-NB was discussed and there will be language changes to this policy. It will be brought forward at an upcoming Policy Committee meeting with the language changes. The meeting concluded at 5:16 p.m.

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NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER SCHOOL BOARD WORKING SESSION

September 23, 2021
The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Working Session on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the North Branch Area High School.

Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender, Kevin Bollman, Tanya Giese, Jesse LaValla, and Superintendent Paul

Absent: Heather Osagiede
Others in Attendance: David Treichel, Todd Tetzlaff, Pat Tepoorten, and Arle Chambers

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Work Session Topics
Superintendent's Update
Superintendent Paul gave an update on the 2021-22 Safe Learning Plan, COVID testing options, student voice, high school redesign, and the importance of policy work. She also talked about ESSER III funding, social interaction programming (homeschool and DLA K-5 students), ECMECC's upcoming broadband conferences, and the September 24 staff development day.

After Action Review: PK-8

Welcome Days
Superintendent Paul reported there was 95% attendance at Welcome Days for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade.

Superintendent and School Board Goals

Superintendent Paul discussed draft superintendent and board goals for 2021-22. Board members need to contact Superintendent Paul and Arle Chambers by September 30 for any changes to these goals.

Chair MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

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CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the Education Services Center, Cambridge-Isanti Schools, 625A Main Street North, Cambridge, MN, or at our website, www.c-ischools.org.

The Regular School Board Meeting of Cambridge-Isanti Schools September 23, 2021.

Member Present: Chair Tim Hitchings, Vice Chair Aaron Berg, Clerk Lynn Wedlund, Treasurer Heidi Sprandel, Directors Gary Hawkins, Nikki Johnson, and Carri Levitski; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph.

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Absent: None

- Chair Hitchings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Motion to approve revised agenda made by A. Berg, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by L. Wedlund, seconded by H. Sprandel. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report subject to audit made by A. Berg, seconded by G. Hawkins. Motion carried.
- Resolved to accept gifts and donations from the following individuals and businesses: Rebecca & George Lieser, John & Janet Wheelock, Kellie Hanck, Anytime Fitness, Members Cooperative Credit Union, First Bank & Trust, & anonymous donor. Motion to adopt

the resolution to accept gifts, grants or devise of real or personal property made by A. Berg, seconded by C. Levitski. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- Motion to approve the Preliminary 2021 Payable 2022 Property Tax Levy at the maximum made by N. Johnson, seconded by T. Hitchings. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to holding a Truth in Taxation Meeting on December 2, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the Education Services Center made by L. Wedlund, seconded by C. Levitski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to adopt resolution of parameters for Awarding sale of Certificates of Participation, Series 2021A made by A. Berg, seconded by N. Johnson. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.
- Motion to approve the MOU between C-I Schools and Education Minnesota made by A. Berg, second-

ed by H. Sprandel. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion to approve the K-5 and 6-8 C-I Online Student Handbooks for the 2021-22 school year made by L. Wedlund, seconded by G. Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve Policy 519 as presented made C. Levitski, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve Policy 529 as presented made G. Hawkins, seconded by A. Berg. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve Policy 532 as presented made A. Berg, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve Policy 533 as presented made L. Wedlund, seconded by C. Levitski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to adopt Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the

November 2, 2021 School District Special Election and Exhibit A made by L. Wedlund, seconded by C. Levitski. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- Motion to adopt Resolution Approving Return to Learn Plan and Delegating Authority to Superintendent made by C. Levitski, seconded by G. Hawkins. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.
- Motion to move to closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13.D.05, Subd. 3 at 7:55 p.m. made by A. Berg, seconded by H. Sprandel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to move to open session at 8:15 p.m. made by N. Johnson, seconded by H. Sprandel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by H. Sprandel, seconded by C. Levitski to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unani-

mously.

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The Special School Board Session of Cambridge-Isanti Schools October 7, 2021.

Member Present: Chair Tim Hitchings, Vice Chair Aaron Berg, Clerk Lynn Wedlund, Treasurer Heidi Sprandel, Directors Gary Hawkins, Nikki Johnson, and Carri Levitski; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph.

Absent: None

- Chair Hitchings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Motion to approve the amended Exhibit A to appoint a head election judge for the Isanti Community Center combined polling location made by N. Johnson, seconded by C. Levitski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Resolution Ratifying the Award of Sale of \$1,720,000 Refunding Certificates of Participation, Series 2021A made by L. Wedlund and seconded by A. Berg. Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.
- Motion made by H. Sprandel, seconded by C. Levitski to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in regular session on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Branch Area Middle School Media Center.

Board Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender, Heather Osagiede, Tanya Giese, and Superintendent Paul

Absent: Kevin Bollman and Jesse LaValla

Others in Attendance:

Bill Stickels III, Denise Martin, Rachel Kytonen, David Treichel, Todd Tetzlaff, Pat Tepoorten, and Arle Chambers

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Grovender, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Paul gave an update on Welcome Week and the Senior Community Member Lifetime Activity Passes. She also talked about using district data to drive decisions regarding COVID, the 2021-22 “Return to In-Person Learning, which includes ventilation, disinfecting and cleaning, face coverings, self-assessment expectations, no-cost COVID testing, expectations for student activities, physical distancing, and COVID information and reporting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Grovender, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the following consent items.

- A. Minutes of August 12, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting
- B. Minutes of August 19, 2021 School Board Retreat
- C. Minutes of August 26, 2021 Work Session
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Activity
 - Accounts Payable, Bank 07 – \$1,230,891.38
 - Auxiliary, Bank 12 - \$22,495.00
 - Payroll, Bank 13 - \$1,370,996.45
 - Scholarship, Bank 18 - \$0.00
 - High School Student Activities, Bank 31 - \$954.28
 - Middle School Student Activities, Bank 32 - \$0.00
- E. Personnel
 1. Glen Stevens, retirement effective December 22, 2021, as Assistant Principal at North Branch Area High School
 2. Nicole Sanders, resignation effective June 14, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area High School
 3. Thomas Terhaar, resignation effective June 14, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area High School
 4. Ann Perelli, resignation effective August 1, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area High School
 5. Dawn Follmer, resignation effective August 23, 2021, as SPED Assistant at Life Work Center
 6. Lori Zengler, resignation effective August 26, 2021, as Lunchroom/Playground Assistant at Sunrise River Elementary School
 7. Cindy Jutz, resignation effective August 31, 2021, as Lunchroom/Playground Assistant at Sunrise River Elementary School
 8. Peggy Haapoja-Toussaint, resignation effective September 3, 2021, as Early Childhood Secretary at North Branch Area Education Center
 9. Shannon Graupman, resignation effective September 10, 2021, as SPED Assistant at Life Work Center
 10. Jodiann Fanth, request to be released from her contract for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, contingent upon the district hiring a suitable replacement, as English/Language Arts Teacher at North Branch Area Middle School. Contract release granted.
 11. Elizabeth Huselid, request to be released from her contract for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, contingent upon the district hiring a suitable replacement, as Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School. Contract release granted.
 12. Jerome Huselid, request to be released from his contract for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, contingent upon the district hiring a suitable replacement, as Elementary Teacher at North Branch Area Middle School. Contract release granted.
 13. Allison Mantel, contract release granted for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, as Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School
 14. Kyle Pagel, contract release granted for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, as Instrumental Music Teacher at North Branch Area Middle School
 15. Rachel Bailey, BS, Step 7, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as SPED Teacher at North Branch Area High School
 16. Stephanie Olson, BS, Step 4, beginning September 2, 2021 as English/Language Arts Teacher at North Branch Area Middle School
 17. Amanda Cook, BS, Step 5, beginning September 7, 2021, as 0.5 FTE Distance Learning Teacher at North Branch Area Public Schools
 18. Jamie Dary, BS, Step 1, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School
 19. Alan Grund, MA, Step 4, employment effective September 7, 2021, as Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School, includes temporary long-term assignment as Second Grade Teacher from September 7, 2021 through October 29, 2021 at Sunrise River Elementary School
 20. Jake Harren, BA, Step 5, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School
 21. Thomas McCarthy, MA+60, Step 17, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Academic Dean for Student Success at North Branch Area High School
 22. Cole Nichols, BA/BS, Step 8, one-year contract for 2021-22 for a Tier 1 License for Industrial Tech/Tech Ed Teacher at North Branch Area High School
 23. Benjamin Paro, BM+15, Step 7, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Instrumental Music Teacher at North Branch Area Middle School
 24. Caitlin Podratz, Step 1, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Community Education Early Childhood Instructor at North Branch Area Education Center
 25. Natalie Sandstrom, MA, Step 1, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School
 26. Kristi Stoltz, Step 1, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as Community Education Early Childhood Instructor at North Branch Area Education Center
 27. Jennifer Gibbs, BS, Step 2, position change beginning with the 2021-22 school year, from Community Education Early Childhood Instructor at North Branch Area Education Center to Elementary Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School
 28. Erin Vorpahl, MEd, Step 14, employment beginning with the 2021-22 school year, as 0.3 FTE DLA Teacher at North Branch Area Public Schools
 29. Mikaela Matheny, employment effective August 23, 2021, as School Age Care Adult Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 30. Juliane Bartel, employment effective September 1, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 31. Xin Lan Connett, employment effective September 1, 2021, as Early Childhood Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 32. Alexandra Graves, employment effective September 1, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area High School
 33. Mallory Miller, employment effective September 1, 2021, as Lunchroom Assistant at North Branch Area Middle School
 34. Michelle Mitchell, employment effective September 1, 2021, as Lunchroom/Playground Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 35. Jolene Schulte, employment effective September 1, 2021, as Lunchroom/Playground Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 36. Joanie Tjomsland, employment effective September 1, 2021, as Schoolkeeper at North Branch Area Public Schools
 37. Kayleigh Nudell, employment effective September 2, 2021, as SPED Assistant at Sunrise River Elementary School
 38. Allysha Ness, employment effective September 7, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 39. Shelby Soule, employment effective September 7, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center
 40. Jennifer Aguirre, position change beginning August 30, 2021, from SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center to Early Childhood Secretary at North Branch Area Education Center
 41. Brent Lundgren, position change beginning with the 2021-22 school year, from SPED Teacher at North Branch

- Area High School to Elementary Teacher at North Branch Area Middle School
42. Kristin Mayne, position change beginning August 24, 2021, from Career Center Clerk at North Branch Area High School to Career Navigator at North Branch Area High School
 43. Brianne McClellan, BS, Step 5, position change beginning with the 2021-22 school year, from 0.67 FTE ALC Distance Learning Social Studies Teacher at North Branch Area Public Schools to 0.5 FTE ALC Social Studies Teacher at Norse Area Learning Center and 0.5 FTE Health Teacher at North Branch Area High School
 44. 2021-22 Extra Curricular Fall Coach Positions
 - a. Sean Huset, Class 3, Step 7, as Assistant Coach for Football
 - b. Jessica Konrad, Class 3, Step 3, as Assistant Coach for Volleyball
- F. Scoreboard Advertising Agreement Between North Branch Area Public Schools and the Following Business
1. North Branch Physical Therapy
 - G. Acceptance of Donations

Date	Donation From	Donation To	Amount	Use
Aug '21	Anderson Koch Ford – NB, MN	Sunrise River Elem		Donated Back to School Supplies for Students
Aug '21	Anytime Fitness – NB, MN	Sunrise River Elem		Donated Back to School Supplies for Students

OPEN MIC

No one signed up for open mic.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution of Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year

Moved by Grovender, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of Independent School District No. 138 (the “School District”) in the School Board; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the School District [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown time; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the MDH has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the School Districts has established a consultative process to inform decision making; and

WHEREAS, the School District has a Safe Learning Continuum that shows five levels of mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures, the current CDC, MDE, and MDH recommendations for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, the School District provided in-person learning throughout the 2020-21 school year and collected data to inform decisions; and

WHEREAS, the School District provided in-person learning during 2021 summer school programming at Level 1 on the Safe Learning Continuum with data indicating lack of COVID-19 spread; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent has recommended to the School Board that the school year commence at a Level 1 on the Safe Learning Continuum, and that staff, students, and visitors within the School District buildings, are encouraged to follow the strategies of physical distancing, hand-washing, respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, and staying home when sick. Staff, students, and visitors have the option to wear a face covering. The decision to get vaccinated is a personal health decision, and is not required by the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School

District No. 138 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following health and safety measures to open the 2021-2022 school year: Return to School at a Level 1 on the School District Safe Learning Continuum. Staff, students, and visitors who are present in School District buildings are encouraged to follow the strategies of physical distancing, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, and staying home when sick. Individuals may voluntarily wear a mask if they so choose. The decision to get vaccinated is a personal health decision, and is not required by the School District. Decisions to move to increasing levels on the Safe Learning Continuum will be guided by the level of COVID-19 spread within the School District as well as other relevant factors.

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures as reflected on the Safe Learning Continuum for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation of different health and safety measures.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District’s mitigation efforts and School District’s COVID-19 data and other matters deemed relevant by the Superintendent or School Board.

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

Voting for: MacMillan, Grovender, Osagiede, Giese

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

B. Approval of Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 2, 2021 School District Special Election

Member Giese moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 138, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The individuals specified on EXHIBIT A attached hereto, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district’s special election on November 2, 2021 to act as such at the combined polling place listed on said exhibit.

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Grovender.

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: MacMillan, Grovender, Osagiede, Giese

and the following voted against: None

COMBINED POLLING PLACE	EXHIBIT A ELECTION JUDGES	
Main Street Church	Head Election Judge	Lynn Wilson Dan Goldbloom Thomas Davis Jeanne Walz Kathleen Olson Dan Ostercamp Annette Boeser Rebecca Whiting Sandra Hewitt Lorraine Moeller Anna Gilkerson Rebecca Leuer Gloria Mechels Dianne Klund Jamie Kelley

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Alternates
Absentee Ballot Board Dan Goldbloom
Lynning Peterson
Barbara Vincent
Lynn Wilson

C. Approval of Renewal of Membership in Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)
Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to renew membership with Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) in the amount of \$3,881.00.

D. Approval of Certification of Proposed Property Tax Levy 2021 Payable 2022
Todd Tetzlaff, Director of Finance and Human Resources, presented the preliminary information on the property tax levy 2021 payable 2022. This information will be used by the auditor in preparing the property tax statements that will be mailed out in November. Mr. Tetzlaff recommended the board certify the levy to the maximum.

Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to certify the proposed property tax levy 2021 payable 2022 to the maximum.

E. Approval of Setting December 9, 2021 to Certify the Property Tax Levy 2021 Payable 2022
Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to set December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room C120 at the North Branch Area Education Center as the date to certify the property tax levy.

INFORMATION
The board reviewed the September 2021 issue of the Board and Administrator.

BOARD REQUESTS
None

COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. SEE (Schools for Equity in Education) – Board Member MacMillan reported the next SEE meeting is September 24.

B. Negotiations – Board Member Grovender reported that negotiations are currently underway with the North

Branch Education Association representing the teachers and SEIU Local 284 representing the custodians.

The next meeting with the North Branch Education Association will take place on Tuesday, September 14th and the next meeting with SEIU Local 284 will take place on Monday, October 11th.

C. MSBA Report – None

D. MSHSL – None

E. SCRED Report – Board Member Grovender reported the next SCRED meeting is scheduled for September 21 and the SCRED Legislative Forum is scheduled for December 14.

F. Staff Development Report – None

G. Community Education – None

H. Policy Committee Report – None

DATES TO REMEMBER
A. September 14, 2021, Negotiations Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, North Branch Area Education Center
B. September 14, 2021, NBEA Negotiation Session, 4:30 pm, North Branch Area Education Center
C. September 23, 2021, Work Session, 5:30 pm, North Branch Area Education Center
D. October 11, 2021, Negotiations Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, North Branch Area Education Center, Conference Room
E. October 11, 2021, Custodian Negotiation Session, 4:30 pm, North Branch Area Education Center, Conference Room
F. October 14, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, North Branch Area Education Center
G. October 28, 2021, Work Session, 5:30 pm, North Branch Area Education Center
Adjournment
Moved by Grovender, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:04 pm.
Kevin Bollman, Clerk

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SCHOOL BOARD-CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 911 (CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

School District Question 1
Authorization to Hire/Retain High-Quality Teachers and Support Students

The board of Independent School District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti Schools) has proposed to increase it's general education revenue \$565 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2022, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 911 be approved?

☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS
BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX
INCREASE.**

School District Question 2
Additional Authorization to Support Vocational Technology and College Readiness

The board of Independent School District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$121 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years, commencing with taxes payable in 2022, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law, and is contingent upon the passage of

School District Question 1.

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 911 be approved?

☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS
BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX
INCREASE.**

Passage of School District Question 1 will result in an increase in your property taxes. Passage of School District Question 2 will result in an increase in your property taxes. The passage of School District Question 2 is contingent on the passage of School District Question 1.

The annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the school district are as shown in the tables below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for School District Question 1 and School District Question 2 will be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes for School District Question 1 or School District Question 2 paid on the value of other agricultural lands and buildings. For seasonal residential recreational property (i.e. cabins), there will be no taxes paid for School District Question 1 or School District Question 2.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by the combined polling places will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE:
Cambridge Fire Hall
300 3rd Ave NE.

Cambridge, MN 55008
This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 911 located in City of Cambridge P-1, City of Cambridge P-2, Dalbo Township, Maple Ridge Township, Cambridge Township, Stanchfield Township, Springvale Township, Wyannett Township, Isanti County, Minnesota; and Fish Lake Township, Chisago County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE:
Isanti Community Center
208 1/2 1st Ave. NW
Isanti, MN 55040

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 911 located in the City of Isanti P-1, City of Isanti P-2, Athens Township, Bradford Township, Isanti Township, Oxford Township, Spencer Brook Township, Stanford Township, and North Branch Township, Isanti County, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling places designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling places on election day.

Dated: August 19, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Lynn Wedlund, School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 911

(Cambridge-Isanti Schools)
State of Minnesota
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Cambridge - Isanti Schools, ISD 911

Analysis of Tax Impact for Possible November 2021 Referendum

August 6, 2021

	Question 1	Reductions in Other Levies**		Net Change		Question 2	
		New Authority	Existing Levy Authority	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Revenue per Pupil Unit	\$565.00					\$121.00	
Estimated Change in FY 2022-23	\$3,139,027					\$672,252	
Estimated Net Increase in Total Revenue FY 2022-23 (including Estimated Reduction in Equity Revenue)	\$2,970,478	-\$1,575,000		\$2,970,478		\$636,208	

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Impact Taxes Payable in 2022*					
Residential Homestead	\$50,000	\$48	-\$16	\$32	\$3	\$12	\$1
	75,000	71	-24	47	4	19	2
	100,000	95	-38	57	5	25	2
	125,000	119	-52	67	6	31	3
	150,000	143	-66	77	6	37	3
	175,000	166	-80	86	7	43	4
	200,000	190	-95	95	8	50	4
	250,000	238	-123	115	10	62	5
	300,000	285	-152	133	11	74	6
	400,000	380	-209	171	14	99	8
Commercial/ Industrial	500,000	475	-262	213	18	124	10
	\$100,000	\$95	-\$79	\$16	\$1	\$25	\$2
	250,000	238	-222	16	1	62	5
	500,000	475	-484	-9	-1	124	10
Agricultural Homestead*** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	1,000,000	950	-1,008	-58	-5	248	21
	\$2,000	\$0	-\$0.23	-\$0.23	-\$0.02	\$0	\$0
	3,000	0	-0.36	-0.36	-0.03	0	0
	4,000	0	-0.47	-0.47	-0.04	0	0
	5,000	0	-0.59	-0.59	-0.05	0	0
Agricultural Non-Homestead*** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	6,000	0	-0.71	-0.71	-0.06	0	0
	\$2,000	\$0	-\$0.47	-\$0.47	-\$0.04	\$0	\$0
	3,000	0	-0.71	-0.71	-0.06	0	0
	4,000	0	-0.94	-0.94	-0.08	0	0
	5,000	0	-1.18	-1.18	-0.10	0	0
	6,000	0	-1.41	-1.41	-0.12	0	0

* The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the operating referendum, debt service, and other facility-related purposes only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax changes shown above are gross changes, not including the impact of the state Property Tax Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net tax increase for many property owners.

** If proposed ballot questions are approved by voters, the district intends to make reductions in other tax levies payable in 2022, which will result in a net reduction in taxes paid as show in this column. The intent of these reductions is to offset a portion of the tax increases from the proposed ballot questions.

*** For all agricultural property, estimated tax impact for 2022 includes a 60% reduction due to the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit. Under current law, the credit percentage will increase to 70% by taxes payable in 2023; this will cause a reduction in taxes in future years. Average value per acre is the total estimated market value of all land & buildings divided by total acres. If the property includes a home, then the tax impact on the house, garage, and one acre of land will be calculated in addition to the taxes per acre, on the same basis as a residential homestead or non-homestead property.

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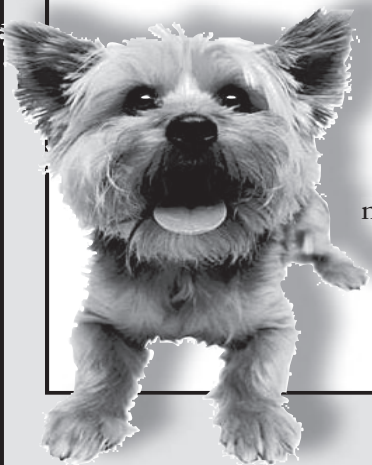


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