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Shot put teammates Erin Baker, Evelyn Wilttrout, and A'Nyiah Pressword celebrate Wilttrout's advancing to the state track and field meet.

Wood chosen as new Isanti County Administrator

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Josi Wood

After five months and two rounds of candidate searches for the new Isanti County Administrator, it took the Board of Commissioners less than five minutes following finalist interviews to make their choice between the two finalists.

Originally, the board was prepared to conduct five finalist interviews during its June 6 meeting. However, two of the finalists — Kenneth Cammilleri and James Greene, withdrew their names from consideration late last week. The third finalist, current Becker County Administrator Pat Oman, contacted Deputy County Administrator/HR Director Amanda Usher asking if it was possible to delay his interview due to the Becker County Commissioners holding their meeting that same day and then he would need to commute three hours for the interview.

Usher asked the board if they wished to grant his request or to reject it and “save him the gas and time.” The board was unan-

imous in stating that based on Oman's resume, initial interview, and their individual research, he was already their third choice of the remaining three, so it would probably be best to let him withdraw as well.

That left the board with a choice of two finalists — former Isanti County Veterans Services Director Dan Meyer (who was also a finalist when Julia Lines was hired), and current Isanti City

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All's well that ends well

Wilttrout advances to state following tumultuous two days

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Even without last week's section eligibility controversy, Bluejacket senior Evelyn Wilttrout is having a track and field season fit for the pages of a storybook. The plot twist of last week, however, raised the story to the level of some sort of made-for-TV movie, with the ending not quite being written.

A GIRL JUST WANTS TO HAVE FUN

Entering the final sports season of her senior year, Wilttrout was looking for a change of pace. The former softball player admitted she wasn't enjoying the sport anymore.

“I was having a really hard time with my mental health during softball,” she admitted. “I put too much pressure on myself. I just needed a change for my senior year.”

As a result, she decided to go out for the sport many do for fun — track and field. Given her height and physical build, the throwing events (shot put and discus) were a natural fit. At first, her inexperience showed in short distances such as 28 feet, 10.5 inches at the Norm Ayen Invite — the

first outdoor meet of the season.

Wilttrout's work ethic, however, quickly paid off as day-by-day her technique improved, as did her distances.

“I wanted to compete,” she simply said. “I showed up each practice ready to learn. I'm just really proud of the work I put in.”

By the time the Section 5AAA True Team meet came around a month later, she had increased her distance to a respectable 34 feet. Then came the Mississippi 8 Conference Championships, where Wilttrout captured first place with a throw of 36 feet, 9.5 inches — the second-longest toss recorded among Section 7AAA competitors all year.

Buoyed by those results, Wilttrout's competitive nature kicked in even more as the senior realized she had a legitimate shot at advancing to state. That's when the plot twist came into play, almost dashing those newly-discovered dreams.

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A day before the first day of the two-day Section 7AAA meet, an error was discovered in the Cambridge-Isanti section roster. When filling out the up to 74 names for

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Initial survey points to desire for a closer Community Wellness Center

BY BILL STICKELS III
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If you build it, they probably will come. In a nutshell, that is the result of an initial feasibility study on constructing a Community Wellness Center somewhere in Isanti County.

According to Jon Commers, Managing Principal of Visible City, who was hired to conduct this initial survey, easily the top factor in why survey responders currently don't go to some sort of Community Center is the nearest ones are too far away. Commers said the initial survey yielded just under 1,400 responses.

“A strong majority — 82%, across all age groups answered they would be willing to travel 10 to 20 minutes to reach a wellness center,” Commers said. “Very few were willing to travel farther than a half-hour. The majority of respondents indicated that the availability of facilities and distance is currently their top barrier to accessing programming and amenities that are important to them. Nearly

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Eighth graders complete art project for fairgoers

BY LEE ANN FALEN
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Three NBAMS eighth graders had the opportunity to work on a BIG, fun project over the past few weeks. Amanda Cook, who is a teacher at the North Branch ALC and the middle school, is also a member of the Chisago County Fair Board and coordinator of the “Little AGventures” educational exhibit at the fair. She was looking for students who could design and paint three “photo boards” for people who attend the Chisago County Fair. These are the wooden boards that have face-size holes cut out so people can take souvenir photos of their friends and family member’s faces with a colorful and engaging background.

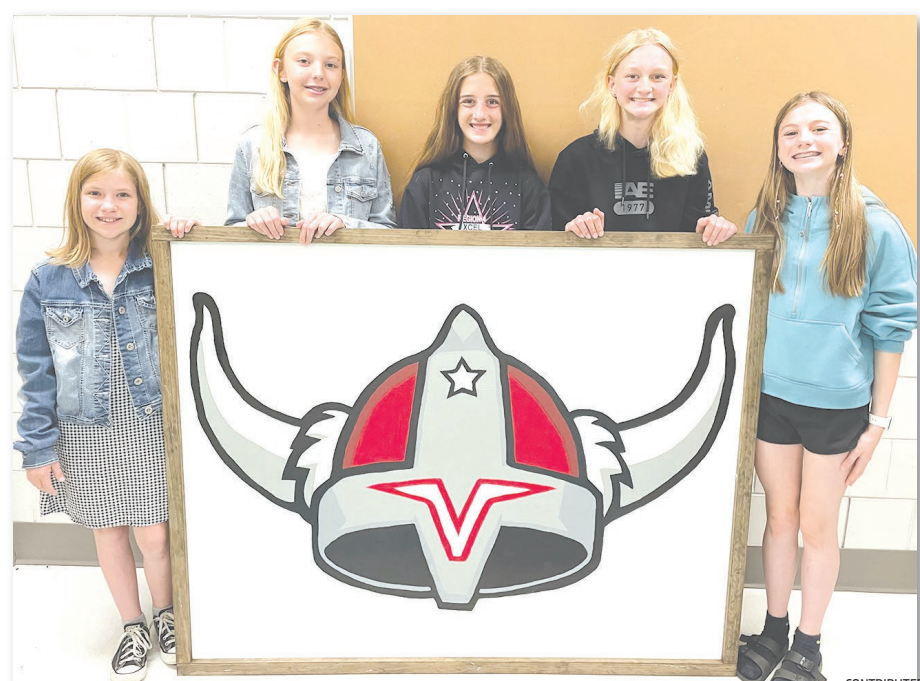
North Branch eighth grader, Brianna Bjerketvedt, was the student leader of this project, designing and picking the paint colors for all three pieces. Rosina Gilkerson and Ava Gardner were also involved, being a huge help in the painting process. These fair boards are a colorful depiction of the classic county fair experience, including a farmer on a tractor surrounded by corn, a prize-winning sheep with a cow and



CONTRIBUTED

North Branch eighth graders created colorful cutouts for the Chisago County Fair.

a pig in front of a barn, and children in the midway area with an ice cream cone and a corn dog. Middle school art teacher, Lee Ann Falen, helped guide the girls through the designing and painting process. Check out these photo boards in person at the Chisago County Fair this summer in Rush City from July 20-23!



CONTRIBUTED

Viking helmet painting completed

Six NBAMS seventh grade students completed a 4' x 5' painting of the North Branch Viking helmet logo. Lauren Thiel, Jillian Anderson, Morgan Pell, Ava Witkowski, Brie Detzler and Kyra Shepard painted this symbol of our school pride. Thanks to She's Crafty for donating the wood, plus making and staining the frame for this project. The helmet will be installed in a middle school hallway over the summer. Middle school art teacher, Lee Ann Falen, guided the students with the design process throughout the project.

Historical Grandy Church to hold open house

BY SAM KLOCKSIEH
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The Grandy Church was organized in the 1880s by local Swedish immigrants. The church first started as a Seventh-Day Adventist denomination and was one of two Adventist churches in the area. For the better part of its early existence, nestled within an early pioneer cemetery at the church's first location in Section 11 of Cambridge Township, the simple one room country church held religious and school services spoken in Swedish.

After the railroad arrived in Isanti County in July of 1899, the church was moved to its current location. In the winter of 1905, it was lifted and transported by skids, rollers, and a team of horses roughly 1.25 miles northwest into the rapidly growing Village of

Grandy. Upon its arrival, church services were continued and opened up for all denominations where it became known as the Grandy Union Church.

Services continued at the new location in Grandy, and over the years, additions were made to the church to accommodate its diverse congregation. One of the more notable local organizations had the longest community involvement in the church. The Grandy Good Cheer Guild was organized in the 1940s and held several popular fund raising events at the church for decades. In 2017, the Grandy Good Cheer Guild reached out to the Isanti County Historical Society to discuss the church's future. After some discussion and long-term goal-setting, ownership was transferred to the Historical Society.

Thanks to many local donations, one

of the first projects after the change of ownership was to replace the aging roof in 2020. Before being able to open the doors once again, it was important to address the interior paint. After securing a grant through the Legacy Amendment and the Minnesota Historical Society, the interior metal walls and ceiling were stripped and repainted in June of 2022.

Moving forward, plans include incorporating a small exhibit space inside the church to share not only the history of the church but Grandy as well. With the impending future changes in infrastructure along Highway 65, a contingency plan that includes a second historical move to the Historical Society grounds in Cambridge will be explored. But for now, it will remain as an important community landmark in Isanti County and a testament to the



past.

If you'd like to learn more about the church's history, please join the Isanti County Historical Society at the Grandy Union Church as they open the doors to reveal a stunning interior transformation. Come enjoy some free refreshments and learn about the history of this wonderful community landmark. This free event on Sunday, June 11 from 2 to 4 pm is open to the public. The church is located just five miles north of Cambridge on Highway 65 at 36758 Highway 65 N.E.



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MONDAYS

North Branch – Fresh Beginnings Al-anon Family Groups

From 7 to 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street. Free childcare is provided. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org.

Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Bridge 1-3 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

TUES & THURS

Boxing for Those with Parkinson's

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

In-person Senior Dining

Braham Event Center at 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling North Branch Catholic Charities at 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

TUESDAYS

A Memory Café

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Heritage Center at GracePointe Crossing, 322 River Hills Place North Cambridge, MN

Braham Parkinson's Support Group

7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For more information call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info contact Lyndsey Larson at 763-691-6172.

Music

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch Area musicians and vocalists donate their time and talents to provide music before the meal 11:15 a.m.

Dominos

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

BINGO

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

WEDNESDAYS

Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Cribbage 9-11am, Wizard 11-12:30, Pinochle 12:30-3 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

DivorceCare

Feb. 8 – May 10, 6:30 – 8p.m., in the Fireside Rm and follow the same schedule as the kids/student programming so will not meet on MAR 15 or APR 5. Families with children K-12 are encouraged to utilize our kids and student ministry options. Call First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street South,



FACEBOOK IMAGE

Magician Mike Dunn will be the inaugural entertainment for the city of Isanti's new Family Summer Entertainment Series. He will perform June 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bluebird Amphitheater.

Cambridge to register at 763.689.1173. www.firstbaptistcambridge.org

an St N #164, Cambridge, MN

500 Cards

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

Viking Vittles

Available for pickup every Wednesday starting June 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 3-5pm, & Wednesday June 21 from 10-noon at North Branch Central Park. Distribution goes through August 31st.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the upper-level conference room at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For more information, call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

Parkinson's Support Group

3rd Thursday of the month – 1-2:30 p.m. Walker Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more information call 763-325-0100

Jammin' with Joe

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Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m. 140 Buchan-

Available for pickup every Thursday starting June 15 at Stacy Lions Park from 3-5 pm Distribution goes through August 31st.

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

JUNE 8

Isanti County Master Gardeners

6:30 p.m., in the upstairs training room at the Isanti County Government Center. Authors Phyllis Root and Kelly Povo will appear virtually to discuss their book Searching for Minnesota's Native Wildflowers: A Guide for Beginners, Botanists, and Everyone in Between. Attend in person or via Zoom. If you have questions or for a Zoom link, contact the Isanti County Extension Office 763-689-8254.

JUNE 9

Red Cross community blood drive

Isanti 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 207 Whiskey Road NW. Drive schedule is subject to change. To see the latest, go to RedCrossBlood.org.

JUNE 11

Grandy Union Church Open House

Please join the Isanti County Historical Society at the Grandy Union Church as they open the doors to reveal a stunning interior transformation. Come enjoy some free refresh-

ments. From 2-4 p.m. 36758 Highway 65 N.E.

JUNE 12

Coffee Talk

American Legion Post 290 from Noon to 2 p.m. A representative from the Isanti Co. Veterans Service Office will be available to provide assistance regarding veterans related issues. Open to all vets. Call the Isanti County Veterans Services Office for more info: (763) 689-3591

JUNE 13

Caregiver Essentials

1—2:30 p.m. at Chisago County Senior Center, 3890 6th Ave North Branch MN. To Register or for more information Collette Colucci at collette@familypathways.org or call 651-257-7905 Or call Carol at 651-675-8658

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

Part of the North Branch Summer Concert Series at North Branch High School stadium - 38175 Grand Ave. Food trucks & fun begin at 6pm - concert starts at 7 p.m. http://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us/residents/parks/concerts_in_the_park.php

Family Summer Entertainment Series

5-7 p.m at Bluebird Amphitheater featuring Magician Matt Dunn. For more information <https://www.cityofisanti.us/parks-recreation-culture/pages/events-family-programs>

JUNE 14

SALAD LUNCHEON

First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rush City will host a salad luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a free will offering, and the public is invited located at 1000 S. Jay Ave. in Rush City.

Flag Day Ceremony

The Cambridge American Legion Post 290 will hold a Flag Day Ceremony including the retirement of damaged flags at the American Legion building beginning at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow provided by the Cambridge Bar & Grill.

JUNE 15

Senior dance

At Chisago County Senior Center from 1-4 p.m. Music by Wes "Squeazy" Miller. A light lunch will be provided. the cost is \$7.00. All are welcome. Location is 38790 6th Ave. North Branch, MN.

Red Cross community blood drive

Braham 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. SW. Drive schedule is subject to change. To see the latest, go to RedCrossBlood.org.

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Hopefully positives will come out of track controversy

will admit when I first heard about the Cambridge-Isanti girls track team's snafu (see article, page 1), I was of a split mind. I am enough of an "old-school" mindset when it comes to sports in particular that my initial inclination was "rules are rules and if you don't follow them, well too bad."

At the same time, though, I know the Wiltrouts, having covered the twins the last several years and interacting with mom, Shari, in her involvement in a myriad of local organizations. So I really felt bad for specifically Evelyn and in general for everyone considering I am also a proud alum of CIHS.

I do understand the Minnesota State High School League's perspective as well, to a point. The process for listing a school's section roster and subsequent seeding process is vital to achieving a fair and organized execution of section meets. As I took a closer look at the process and heard how this isn't exactly as

remote of a situation as MSHSL was making it out to be, though, I became completely behind allowing them to compete.

As noted in the front page article, by my calculation each head coach has up to 74 slots to fill with names of competitors. Additionally, there are very specific rules about such things as how many events any one individual can compete in, plus if an individual has met a qualifying standard. Then there is a certain amount of gamesmanship involved. For the athletes who have competed in a wide variety of events throughout the regular season, which events give them the best chance for success at sections?

When you add all of that up, it is easy to see how innocent mistakes can be made, especially considering there is no opportunity to double-check entries after the deadline. That's where the system needs to be tweaked. My idea is to simply insert a brief, maybe one-hour window after the seedings have been released in order for coaches to double-check for such mistakes. To avoid potential "maneuvering" by coaches, specific reasons for any changes must be given. I think doing this would only add an hour, maybe two in the process and unfortunate situations like this would be minimized.

As a side note, while an incident like this might lead to improvements to the system, which is a good thing, there were several negatives about this whole situation that left a bad taste in my mouth. For one, it completely overshadowed the accomplishments of the rest of the Bluejackets — admittedly even by myself, which I hope to rectify with stellar coverage at the state meet.

Second, and more importantly, Head Coach Mike Galligan has received way too much heat for making an unfortunate mistake. Galligan has always been exceptionally accommodating to me in my coverage of his teams. He is well-liked by his students. Ask anyone involved in this controversy and they will say they don't blame or hold any ill-will towards him for making an honest mistake. So all the calls for punishing him — which are exclusively coming from people who don't know anything about the situation outside of the headlines and snippets of articles they've read or heard — are completely uncalled for.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A waste of time and money

To the editor,

As I suspected, the recent 2nd Amendment support resolution passed by the county board appears to have been a piece of performance art. In reading the resolution, I sadly expected the Isanti County Board to spend our tax dollars to initiate legal action against the Red Flag Law that Governor Walz recently signed. For those unfamiliar, a Red Flag law allows a judge to order removal of firearms from people who may be an imminent threat to harm themselves or others. I also sadly expected that they would spend our tax dollars fighting the law that Governor Walz signed for expanded background checks.

I expected legal action due to the wording of the resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Isanti County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Isanti County

Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a Dedicated County for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Isanti County to keep and bear arms;"

As I read the resolution quoted above, it promises to waste our tax dollars to oppose any restrictions on gun ownership noted in the two laws outlined above.

Lacking any legal action, I can only assume that the 2nd Amendment resolution was just a piece of performance art and a waste of the county board's time and salaries, county staff time and salaries and county attorney time and salary.

Jeffrey Benny
Cambridge

Our country is at a crossroads

To the editor,

Last year you ran an article

about how wonderful it was that the Allina Hospital raised a rainbow flag in honor of the LGBTQ community. I have nothing against people who are sick and need help. But, to use a whole month to honor what God calls an abomination is a dicotomy. The Fourth of July, which is a one-day celebration is more worthy of what we deem the Freedom of America.

Let's look at this from another viewpoint. I used to go to the old clinic on "95" when I was having my children. All the doctors who established our clinic and hospital back in the early 60s were Christian. We need to play a flag honoring them for what they did for our community.

I think our country has reached a crossroad. Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by God and that was the reason for the flood that destroyed everyone but Noah and his family and all the animals. I know it was true. I went to Israel several years ago and we went to Sodom and Gomorrah

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This is graduation season - it's exciting, fast-paced, and emotional. We celebrate the next step intentionally, and not just for our Senior Class. In C-I Schools, events have been happening all month and even continue into the summer. We celebrate preschoolers moving to kindergarten, 5th graders who move to middle school, 8th graders who move to high school, seniors at CIHS and Woodland, young adults in the Moving Forward program, and all ages of adult learners in the ABE program. We love to recognize our learners! These events honor the commitment our learners have to their growth and excellence, and the families, support systems, and educators that have helped them get there. We celebrate and lift up these significant transitions in learners' lives and hope you will join us, too!



C-I Schools Community Ed
Christina Thayer Anderson

In thinking about this year in particular, and our seniors at CIHS and Woodland Campus, it is hard to believe the incredible challenges these students have overcome in the past four years. Most of them started their high school journey in the Fall of 2019 in a very different world. And now, as we are about to celebrate the

completion of their high school careers, we can confidently say there is no other class that has experienced as much change, surprises, challenges, and successes as this group has.

Thinking back to Fall and the Holiday Season of 2019, what were your hopes for the new year? Had you imagined spending more time with family and friends, growing a skill, trying out something new, taking the trip of a lifetime? For this year's graduating seniors, the Fall of 2019 brought the excitement of a new school, new learning, new opportunities - it was an entirely new chapter they were embarking on. What they (and we) thought we knew about what a school year would look like all came to a halt in the spring of 2020. There was a cascade of drastic, frequent, and rapid changes happening all around them and life was suddenly so different.

This year's seniors overcame adversity, quickly learned to navigate new systems, demonstrated that "different" and "unprecedented" wasn't always a bad thing, and have come to this point as successful, technology-savvy, and flexible young adults. We have graduates who excelled in academics, athletics, and activities, committed to serving their country, earned college credits, made commitments to post-secondary institutions, entered the workforce and skilled trades, navigated the loss of loved ones, made connections in new ways, and so much more - all while navigating a whole new landscape at a critical point in their academic and personal lives. It is truly and wholly awe-inspiring, and absolutely a reason to celebrate! Congratulations to our class of 2023, and a tremendous thank you to the parents, caregivers, educators, and support systems that walked alongside them. Graduates, we can't wait to see what you will do next!

Each Viking graduate has a story

It is an exciting time of year for North Branch Area Public Schools as we celebrate graduation milestones. I am so proud to work in a school district that provides multiple options for students to achieve their goals. In addition to our comprehensive high school, we provide the Norse Area Learning Center and Distance Learning Academy - not common offerings in other districts. The



NB School News
Sara Paul

Chisago County Schools' Life Work Center (LWC) extends learning for students ages 18-21 continuing to work on life skills in their personalized education plans.

NBAPS hosts the LWC for students across school districts in Chisago County for additional employment, life and social skill building. The recent LWC graduation ceremony honored 10 graduates. Students have multiple touch points with industry partners while in the program and several are already gainfully employed when they graduate.

The confidence each graduate displayed as they walked across the stage was testament to the positive impact of the LWC program.

NBAPS also offers alternative programming through our Norse Area Learning Center (NALC). Students have the opportunity to recover credits and get personalized support to achieve their graduation milestone. If needed, students can extend their learning for several years to earn their high school diploma, and NBAPS stays with each student, no matter how long it takes, to support them. This week, 21 students received their diplomas at the NALC.

Students from our Distance Learning Academy and North Branch Area High School will be celebrated in our Graduation Commencement Ceremony this Sunday. Each graduate has a story and it has been exciting to see each student explore the numerous doors open to them and begin to choose a direction to amplify their passions and purpose. Learning is happening in and out of the classroom every day. The vast majority of our students are involved in activities, and many students are in multiple sports and activities. Viking students are often on the

go and thriving in activities and academics.

We have students going straight into full-time employment right out of high school in opportunities that embed trades certification.

Research indicates that taking three college classes while in high school is strongly correlated with completion of a post secondary degree. Eighty nine students are graduating having taken three college classes while at the high school. These students found success in accessing some college courses while maintaining balance and involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities.

We also have 16 students simultaneously earning a high school diploma and an Associates college degree. So much to celebrate.

With all the graduation success across our district, I look back with great pride in each of our Viking graduates, their families, and the staff who navigated an ever-changing landscape to realize this outcome. Congratulations to each and every graduate, and thank you for inspiring us with your stories.

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

Talking Medicare and Medicaid at Cambridge Library

BY EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Kirk is a Medicare agent with a twist. His true passion is to help people navigate their way through the process. He is also a two-time breast cancer survivor, so he brings his own experiences to the table to help people, as well.

Kirk and his wife, Jackie, also his agency partner, have developed a process and a commitment to helping as many people as they can. They aim to do exactly that during a trio of sessions this summer at the Cambridge Public Library.

The sessions will cover the same topics on these dates: Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, July 22 at 10 a.m.; and Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. They will discuss:

- Medicare 101
- How to apply for Medicare?

- What is Part A, B, C, and D?
- When do I need to apply for Medicare?
- What options do I have?
- When can I switch if I want to?

Together, Kirk and Jackie love to explore the state of Minnesota, with their passion being the waterfalls of the North Shore. In their spare time, Jackie is an accomplished crafter and Kirk is a sports announcer, recently retiring from the University of Minnesota.

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

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and there was ashes and brimstone where the town stood near the Dead Sea. Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt. That's why all the salt is in the Dead Sea. She looked back at the city burning after God said not to.

This is not a small thing in His eyes. Romans I says they turned the truth into a lie and God turned them over to their lusts and vile affections and God turned them over to a reprobate mind.

Target is an example of how vile they have become, selling clothing for children with "gay pride" messaging. They are the losers. They've already lost billions of customers' money. Also Kohls is joining in. Disney is an example of how they are grooming our children. But, they are going down also.

I feel that we as a Christian nation need to stand for righteousness, and not put our stamp of approval on this aggressive agenda by going to these stores.

Karin Gallagher
Cambridge

Commissioners: Get on with your jobs

To the editor,
For several months we have

read your paper's reporting on the circus-like antics of our elected county commissioners as they have apparently struggled to do the job for which they were elected. Many hours have been wasted on debating and voting such inappropriate and unnecessary items as becoming a "First Amendment County" and a "Second Amendment County".

Meanwhile we have seen the resignation of key county employees. This culminated with the announcement of the resignation of our county's Chief Financial Officer/Auditor/Treasurer Chad Struss and his withdrawal as a candidate for the position of Isanti County Administrator. For over sixteen years Chad has demonstrated impeccable effective leadership in our county administration. His resignation is a great loss to our county. (Thank you, Chad, for your service!)

Perhaps an appropriate first item for your next commissioner's meeting would be a review of the charge for which you were elected. Please, commissioners, lay aside the foolish discussions and get on with your jobs. We expect no less.

Paul S. Sanders M.D.
Cambridge

Drivers should prepare for summer with a survival kit

Question: I know you talk about winter travel survival kits when it is that time of the year. But with summer upon us, can you talk about that and things motorists should have?

Answer: Great idea! Motorists need to be prepared when traveling at any time or anywhere. Here is some information that is shared from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA.)



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Even a well-maintained vehicle can break down, so it's advisable to put together an emergency roadside kit to carry with you. A cell phone tops the list of

suggested emergency kit contents since it allows you to call for help when and where you need it. Recommended emergency roadside kit contents include:

- Cell phone and charger
- First aid kit

- Flashlight
- Flares and a white flag
- Jumper cables
- Tire pressure gauge
- Jack (and ground mat) for changing a tire
 - Work gloves and a change of clothes
 - Basic repair tools and some duct tape (for temporarily repairing a hose leak)
 - Water and paper towels for cleaning up
- Nonperishable food, drinking water, and medicines
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- Maps
- Emergency blankets, towels and coats

For additional information please visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/summer-driving-tips>

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

OBITUARIES

Harley Duane Linder

Harley Duane Linder, 77, of Cambridge, MN died Saturday May 27, 2023 at Grace Point Crossings Presbyterian Home in Cambridge.

Harley was born March 07, 1946, in Mora, MN to Andrew Linder and Elvira Linder. He graduated from Cambridge High School in 1965. Harleys first job was digging potatoes at the Green Barn and then he worked at the Egg Plant in Cambridge. After that he did construction work. On March 4, 1967 Harley married Sandy Linder (Mattson). They were married for 25 years. They raised their three kids in Ogilvie, MN. Harley was also a volunteer firefighter for 10 years in Ogilvie. Harley loved music (especially classic country) and learned to play guitar and he was a drummer. He was in a band with Sandy, his brother Vern, and friend Gary Turner for many years. He knew how to sing the laughing polka really well and had many requests to sing it.

Harley married Shirley Linder (Muster) in 1997. Harley started working at Multi-Tech Systems in February of 1994. He worked there for 15 years and then on-call until he retired. In 1995, Harley and Shirley started doing karaoke at many different places and continued with it for many years. Harley also liked to follow the Killer Hayseeds band around. He loved to sing so much he even sang in a competition up in Duluth, MN. He won a first place award!

Harley lived at Grace Point Crossings in Cambridge for the past two years. He loved visiting with the staff there, watching the Vikings play, and he enjoyed doing karaoke for the residents and brought so much joy to them! Harley and Shirley both sang and they loved that so much!! Harley enjoyed spending time with family and friends and going to eat at the Brass Rail (his favorite).

Harley is preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Elvira Linder; brother Willie Linder, sister Lila, sister Clarice, brother Delorne Linder, sister Eleanor Englund, Step-son Michael Muster, granddaughter Danielle Dresser.

Harley is survived by Shirley Linder (Muster) Sandy Horrigan (Linder); daughter Shelley Lemon (Jeff, Jessica, and Josh), daughter Tara Dresser (Linder)and Doug (Grace, Greta, and Grant), son Lonnie (Amy) Linder, (Justin, Katie, and Eric), stepdaughter Michelle Peterson (Marisa and Kyle), stepson Mark (Ladonna) Muster (Christopher, Elizabeth, and Rebecca); sister Verna (Robert) Pankan; brother Vern (Cheryl) Linder; six great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

A private service will be held at a later date.

The family prefers Memorials to charity of choice in Harley Linder's name.



Mona K. Zimmerman

Mona K. Zimmerman age 68 of Cambridge, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on May 19, 2023 in Cambridge.

Mona was born in Fergus Falls, MN to Jerome and Lois Zimmerman on Feb. 23, 1955. She attended school in Fergus Falls and after graduation, she attended Cambridge Community College. Mona worked for more than 15 years at Cub Foods as a Florist and Cashier. She received a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship for school and she beat cancer while graduating from college.

She loved to spend time in her garden, nurturing her flowers and plants but her pride and joy was her French Bulldog, Floyd.

Mona was preceded in death by her parents Jerome and Lois Zimmerman; sister Brenda Zimmerman and her grandparents.

She is survived by her son Myles Zimmerman (Kelly Kost); granddaughters Jasmine Dahl, Brittany, Kayla and Emily Kost; great-grandchildren Everly, Rory, Olivia, Oliver and Nova and brother Scott Zimmerman as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mona's family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home for helping guide us during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 4-7PM, Thursday, June 8, 2023 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home in Cambridge.

Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.



Donna M. Schleif

Donna M. Schleif, age 93 of Princeton, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 4, 2023, at Sterling Pointe Senior Living in Princeton.

Visitation for Donna will be from 5 -8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Williams Dingmann Funeral Home in Princeton, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church of Crown, with visitation one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Church of Crown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred

and will be donated to charitable organizations in honor of Donna. Full obituary at williamsdingmann.com.



STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

Student Achievement Lists

Jeffrey Carl Anderson, Nathaniel Bauer, Andrew Head, and Tucker C Kolb of Cambridge; **Madison Jo Lee** of Isanti; **Sarah Grace Barnes, Alexander D Webster, and Amber Rose Wright**, of North Branch; **Alysa Rose Becker, Alexandria Nicole Karst, and Marshal Motter**, of Nowthen; **Jessica Karel, Lucia Aileen Potter, and Gabrielle Rae Tiegen**, of Stacy; **Garrett Brian Bengtson, and Laura Olivia Cameron** of Stanchfield (Dean's) From North Dakota State University

Kyle Warzecha of Braham; **Makayla Stromgren** of Cambridge; **Mackenzie Campbell, Cody Cottrell, Brooke Hogie, and Heather Wilson** of Isanti; **Macy Brodin, Isabelle Dufeck, Logan Murphy, Paige Peaslee, Alixandra Petrik, and Abigail Scott** of North Branch; **Natalie Berg, Isaac Erdman, and Elizabeth Groen** of Rush City; (Dean's) from Winona State University

Alexa Sutherland of Cambridge (Dean's) from Northern State University in Aberdeen

Henry Baxter, Bridget Broda, and Cody Randall of Isanti; **Gabrielle Belland** of Rush City, **Elise Hintermeister** of Cambridge; **McKenzie Keeney, and Natalie Yackley** of Lindstrom; **Chelsea Knutson, Matthew Stuber, and Jordyn Waldenburg** of North Branch; **Savannah Kunshier, and Kate Tomlinson** of Braham; and **Isabella Wood** of Stanchfield (Dean's) from The College of St. Scholastica

Isabel Linnerooth of Stacy (Dean's) from the University of Sioux Falls.

Megan Brown of North Branch (Dean's) from Upper Iowa University

Tanya Peterson-Piatz of Braham; **Emma Hoffmann, and Gloria Hughes** of Cambridge; **Kayla Clabo and Alicia WyntersEnd** of Isanti; **Jeremy Child** of North Branch (Dean's) from St. Cloud State University

Garrett Korkowski of North Branch (High Honors) from UW-Stevens Point

Degrees

Blake Anderson, (Electrical Line Worker Technology-AAS) of Braham, MN; **Dawson Jansen**, (Construction Management-AAS) of Cambridge, MN; and **Brady Gaebel**, (Criminal Justice-AS) of North Branch, MN from Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

Bridget Broda (BS in Nursing) of Isanti; **Jean Mattson** (MED in Education)of Stanchfield; **Scarlet Pantlin** (BA in Communication) of Rush City; **Taylor Powers** (CERT in Teaching) of Cambridge; **Elizabeth Gladitsch** (BA in Biology), **Jacob Richards** (BS in Nursing), and **Matthew Stuber** (BA in Biology) of North Branch; **Kate Tomlinson** (BS in Nursing) of Braham from The College of St. Scholastica

G-I Alumni promoted to Army Colonel

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Raymond and Patricia Cronin of Athens Township, Isanti County are proud to announce the active duty, military promotion of their son Aaron to the rank of Army Colonel. Colonel Cronin was raised in Isanti, Minnesota, graduated from Cambridge High School in 1993, and received his Army officer commissioning in 1999 at Saint John's University.

Colonel Cronin currently serves as Program Chair, leading the U.S. Army - Baylor University's Doctor of Science in Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant Studies Program with duty at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington State. His mission is to advise the Army Surgeon General's PA Consultant on emergency medicine matters and force-generate world-class



PA clinician researchers for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The program he leads includes five, nationwide training sites.

Lord of the Rings Escape Room at North Branch Library

BY EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
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One ring to rule them all! You are invited to participate in a Lord of the Rings-themed escape room at the North Branch Area Library. Can you find the clues and solve the puzzles to restore peace to Middle Earth?

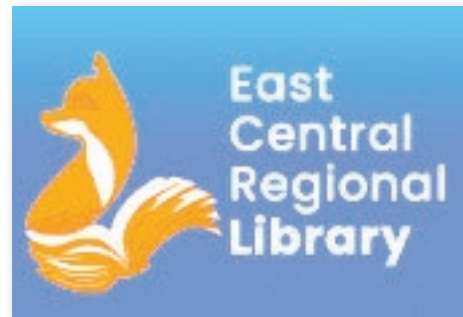
This event is geared to ages 11 to adult. Basic Lord of the Rings knowledge is helpful, but not required.

Advance registration is required for each player. Please only sign up for one session. Each session will take about 30 minutes to complete.

The Lord of the Rings Escape Room will be held:

Friday, July 7 (two sessions): 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 8 (three sessions):



11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

The North Branch Area Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 6355 379th St., North Branch, and can be reached at 651-674-8443. For more information, visit eclrlib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@eclrlmn).

Cool Junk opens its second location on Cambridge's east side

BY STACY VERDICK CASE
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Cool Junk opened its doors in Cambridge's historic downtown just over five years ago. Owners Christel and Rian describe their store's unique offerings as, "antiques, retro, cool junk, and weird stuff." On June 12, Cool Junk will have a second location on the city's east side in the same building as Abby Carpet.

When Cool Junk began in its current location on Ashland Street S it was in 400 square feet and grew from there expanding to the point of needing a larger space. "We wanted to expand where we're currently at, but that just hasn't been able to happen. And so this space came available. It's just the right timing. I mean, we've grown enough. We know that over on that side of (town), we'll get more visibility."

It was a career setback that caused Christel to pivot into the world of junk. "I worked in corporate for many years as an HR director. I lost my job because of a corporate merger. So I took my severance and I put it back into opening up some auctions. I had my own auction company."

Christel met her partner Rian not too long after. "Rian and I met nine years ago, almost nine years ago. And it was just good timing. He was getting out of trucking and I was getting out of auctioning. So we decided that it was



just a good time to just start our own business."

All the pieces in Cool Junk are hand-picked by Christel. "I know some people say it's a thrift store on steroids but it's not really a thrift store. I mean, everything that comes into the store is hand-picked by me. I go out and I buy stuff. It's not just like your garage sale type leftovers. We don't do any clothes unless it's vintage Metallica or Kiss t-shirts. We have everything from taxidermy to jewelry to signs to beer advertisements to, household to furniture to, I don't even know. It's just random."

When asked what the coolest Cool Junk they've had in the shop Rian choose Caribou Mounts, "They were humongous." And for Christel, it was a 1950's jukebox, "That's probably one of my tops."

North Branch Lions celebrate 50 years of service

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The North Branch Lions Club celebrated 50 years of serving the North Branch Community on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, at the Chisago County Senior Center. All attendees enjoyed a great evening of celebration and connection, while reflecting upon the impact the club has had since its charter was signed on June 22nd, 1973.

The North Branch Lions Club members extend a sincere thank you to all their community partners, from the city level to local businesses, and individ-



Twenty Melvin Jones Foundation Awards have been presented to North Branch Lions Club members in the last 50 years.

uals. Thanks to their generosity and partnership, the club has been able to live their motto of "We Serve" in the North Branch Community in many ways. The Lions Club members look forward to the next 50 years of Lions

serving in the community. If you're interested in learning more about the North Branch Lions Club or becoming a Lion, please reach out to nblionsmnpresident@gmail.com.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on May 28 - June 3. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

- Wayne Lee Mann (DOB 05/15/1990) of Crystal, was charged May 30 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.
- Jamie Savannah Dykhoff (DOB 10/18/1983) of Stacy, was charged May 30 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.
- Samuel Richard Hope (DOB 08/22/1991) of Rush City, was charged May 30 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.
- Kristopher Daniel Schwabe (DOB 08/25/1978) of North Branch, was charged May 31 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.

- Eric Thomas Leintz (DOB 04/08/1987) of Center City, was charged May 31 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.
- Andrew John Franklin (DOB 07/03/1989) of Balsam Lake, WI, was charged June 1 with fugitive from justice from other state (extradition waived).
- Mark Allen Reed (DOB 03/24/1972) of Rush City, was charged June 2 with Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol.
- James Skrypek (DOB 07/19/1962) of St. Paul, was charged June 2 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.
- Carson Jerome Davies (DOB 08/08/1995) of Stacy, was charged June 2 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on May 28 - June 3. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

- Jashawn Jamall Jackson (DOB 03/07/1994) of North Branch, was charged May 30 with domestic assault - by strangulation.
- Moses Bonuke Onkoba Momanyi (DOB 09/28/1977) of Cambridge, was charged May 31 with criminal sexual conduct - 3rd degree -

- force or coercion.
- Andrew David Arendts (DOB 09/04/1984) of Saint Augusta, was charged June 2 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.
- Theodore James Gust (DOB 06/26/1988) of Isanti, was charged June 2 with one count of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon; and one count of Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk.

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is this Friday-Sunday

BY MN DNR
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During Take a Kid Fishing weekend (Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11) Minnesota residents can fish without licenses if they take children 15 or younger along, and participate in one among many ways to enjoy June as the 2023 Great Outdoors Month.

Youth 15 and younger do not require fishing licenses at any time of the year, though they must observe all fishing seasons and other regulations. Take a Kid Fishing weekend allows adult

Minnesotans to fish without a license as long as they take a child fishing with them.

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is one among many other outdoor opportunities available to Minnesotans during Great Outdoors Month. During the month.

The DNR's Learn to Fish page (mndnr.gov/gofishing) covers fishing basics, where to fish, how to catch different types of fish, and the importance of fishing ethics and being stewards of Minnesota's natural resources.

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EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

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AD DEADLINE is NOON Monday, July 3

Our offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

WOOD: After interviews, Board makes decision on their choice in mere minutes

FROM PAGE I

Administrator Josi Wood.

Following the two interviews, with Meyer going first and Wood going second, the board wasted little time making their decision.

"Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion," stated Vice Chair Alan Duff a mere seconds after Wood left the boardroom.

"Is there any discussion before we make a motion," asked Chair Mike Warring.

"We only have two candidates," Warring said, answering his own call for discussion. "One has lots of experience and has a lot of great ideas. The other is very professional, but has much less experience. In my view, we need experience."

One of the questions asked of the candidates was what experience they had dealing with Unions. Meyer acknowledged he had no experience with Unions, while Wood said she currently works with three of them. Meyer also acknowledged he had no experience with mediation or arbitration, while Wood knew the exact number of times she had been through both.

"I appreciate (Dan) for his service to the county and service to the country and desire to work in the position and bring what they have learned and perspective," said Commissioner Bill Berg. "But I agree with the experience of (Josi)."

Berg added he appreciated the "fun factor" of Wood's approach to her job. "She was the only one during the phone interviews that mentioned fun or I heard a little laughter."

'We only have two candidates. One has lots of experience. The other is very professional, but has much less experience. In my view, we need experience.'

Mike Warring

Isanti County Commissioners Chair

"What stood out to me for Josi was her passion for public service," Duff said. "And for her, as you said Commissioner Berg, to smile and say 'I'm in this because I have a lot of fun.' That's fun to see people with that kind of vibrancy. I see her as a proactive problem-solver. I see her as a strong, direct communicator. She's obviously a proven leader in our county."

With that, Duff made a motion to offer the position to Wood, which was unanimously approved.

According to Usher, the county personnel committee will meet with Wood within the next week to discuss a contract. If all goes well, the board would be able to vote on a final contract at its next regular meeting on June 20. At this time, it is not known when Wood would be able to start. Interim County Administrator Chad Struss' last day is on July 22.

SURVEY: Distance, costs listed as top barriers to joining a community center

FROM PAGE I

three-quarters of respondents would join a facility if these barriers were eliminated."

Commers said the other significant issue among responders was the cost, with 38% indicating it is a barrier. Additionally, family discounts (66%) and no joining fee (56%) were listed as the top two perks to incentivize membership.

As far as what services a community center would offer, the survey indicates an indoor walking/jogging track was ranked as the highest priority, with roughly 70% indicating it was very important and roughly 23% saying it was somewhat important. Second was a fitness center, with slightly fewer (92%) saying it was very or somewhat important. The third-highest priority was a swimming pool, with roughly 90% indicating one was very or somewhat important.

The lowest priority feature, according to the survey, was an ice rink, with just over 50% saying it was very or somewhat important. Pickleball courts and gymnastics/tumbling spaces were also the lowest priority.

"It's not to say they weren't prioritized at all," Commers said, "they were just less so than the others."

As far as programming goes, the highest priority was for youth sports, with just under 80% saying it was very or somewhat important. Yoga and other group fitness were also highly ranked. Least important were meeting space and event space.

Commers said several existing

centers were mentioned as possibly modeling an area wellness center around. Those included the Shoreview Community Center for its pool and water play space and outdoor playground; the Welia Center in Mora for its multicourt gym space and outdoor pool; and the Andover YMCA for its family programming and group fitness. Commers said 25 respondents specifically identified the need for a facility like a YMCA in their community, which indicates support for a potential future partnership with the YMCA of the North.

According to Commers, the next step would be a "more specific articulation for the market opportunity for a wellness center. So that would be getting into more defined sizing of what the market potential is, and what kind of activities you would want to potentially lead in a facility. And then you start to get into the trade-offs around the size of the facility, the cost of the facility, and the ability to deliver programs and experiences."

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, this secondary survey would cost around \$25,000, which the Wellness Center Steering Committee needs to determine how to pay for it, whether it is out of pocket of the various interested entities (the city of Cambridge, Isanti County, Cambridge-Isanti Schools, and Allina Health), or if they would prefer to seek out additional grants.

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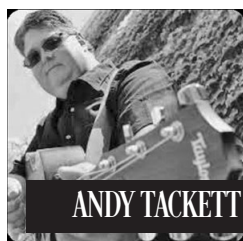


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Once again, the North Branch Viking girls and boys track teams are enjoying being a bigger fish in a smaller pond after years of having to fend off larger schools of sharks just to get a few qualifiers to the state meet.

Last season, during the first season featuring three classes for track and field, the Vikings wound up qualifying for the Class AA (the middle size of the three classes) in 11 events. This season, they topped that amount, qualifying for state in an incredible 14 (out of 36) events. In the process, the North Branch girls team edged out the Section 7AA team championship — clinching the trophy in the final event of the meet.

VIKING GIRLS

As evidenced by the team championship, the girls team featured a vast majority of the state meet berths, outnumbering last year's total by themselves. Exactly half of the Vikings' 12 state berths came via first place finishes, with the other six via second place finishes. (The first and second place finishers automatically qualify for state, but others can also qualify by beating qualifying standards).

Madison Whitman is the lone NB girl to qualify in multiple individual events as she will compete in the 800 after placing second and the long jump after winning that event. In the individual running events, Dakota Esget won the 100 and Ella Kuhlman won the 300 hurdles. Ella Dick added a section championship in the pole vault as well.

Taking second place individually were: Shaeyna



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The North Branch girls track and field team claimed the Section 7AA team title during the section meet held at Hibbing. The boys and girls teams will be competing in a total of 14 events at the Class AA State Meet this Friday and Saturday.

Andreotti (100 hurdles), Sophia Thorsen (200), Derrian Dick (400), and Asaysha Olson (triple jump).

The Viking relay teams also qualified for state in three of the four relay races, with the 4x200 and 4x400 teams taking first and the 4x100 team taking second. It was the 4x400 relay team's first-place finish that earned the team championship as it allowed them to catapult over Chisago Lakes, who finished second in the race.

BOVITZ REPRESENTS BOYS TEAM

The Viking boys team will have one representative competing in two events at state. Nick Bovitz cap-

tured first place in the long jump and then added a second-place finish in the triple jump.

The State Meet will again take place at St. Michael-Albertville. Class AA preliminary heats of all the running events NB will be competing in will start at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 9. Whitman will also compete in the long jump and Bovitz will compete in the triple jump on Friday. Dick, Olson, and Bovitz will compete in the pole vault, triple jump, and long jump, respectively, on Saturday, June 10 beginning at 9 a.m. That is also when any Vikings advancing to the finals in the running events will compete again.

Jackets advance to state in eight events

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The massive hoopla over the section roster omissions and subsequently Evelyn Wilttrout overcoming the drama to advance to state in the shot put might have garnered all the headlines, but several other Bluejackets had strong showings at the Section 7AAA meet, with state berths being achieved in eight events — two more than last year during the inaugural season for three classes in track and field.

Senior Anika Larson was again the top performer, qualifying in both the 100 and 200. The Division I North Dakota State University signee recorded the fastest 100 time (11.80) in the entire state this season. Her 200 time of 24.74 is the second-fastest in the state this season. She will also be the anchor leg of the state-bound 4x100 relay team. Larson, along with Grace Hoffman, Audrey Herbst,

and Zoe Klocksien placed second at sections.

Besides Wilttrout placing second in the shot put, the other Bluejacket girl who will compete at state is Hannah Bingham, who finished second in the 300 hurdles.

The boys team will have three entries at the state meet. Micah Williams took first place in the pole vault to advance. Tyvion Williams took second place in the 400, also qualifying him for state. Finally, the 4x400 relay team of Tyvion Williams, Josh Foley, Michael Williams, and Kobe Karels overcame being seeded sixth to claim second place in the event and sending that relay team back to state.

The Class AAA State Meet will take place at St. Michael-Albertville, with everyone except Wilttrout competing on the first day of competition starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 8. Wilttrout and any runners advancing to the finals will compete on Saturday, June 10 starting at approximately 3:30 p.m.



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Viking softball falls in section finals

Kaytlin Hammond tags out a Chisago Lakes baserunner during the Section 7AAA finals. The Wildcats defeated the Vikings 4-1 to advance to state.



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Bluejacket Evelyn Wilttrout threw a personal best 37 feet, 4.75 inches to clinch a berth in the Class AAA State Track and Field Meet.

STATE: Wilttrout utilized emotions from controversy

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competitors in the 18 different events, head coach Michael Galligan inadvertently failed to insert any competitors in the girls shot put. And since the mistake wasn't discovered until after seeding had already taken place, Minnesota State High School League rules dictated the mistake couldn't be fixed, meaning Wilttrout, Erin Baker, and A'Nyjah Presswood were deemed ineligible to compete at the section meet.

"I was absolutely devastated," Wilttrout said, "I was heartbroken. I never even thought I would have the opportunity to compete for a shot at state, so to work all season to be in a position so I could compete and then it was ripped away, it was really devastating."

"I was pretty out of it, pretty devastated," echoed Baker. "We had been working for this meet all season and we were both ranked in the top eight. It was not a good thing to hear."

After an initial appeal to MSHSL was denied, the girls' plight went viral on social media and through the Twin Cities media, eventually resulting in MSHSL reversing its decision 24 hours before the section finals (which is when girls shot put was scheduled to compete) took place.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE REPRIEVE

Both Wilttrout and Baker took full advantage of their renewed opportunity to compete. Both girls eclipsed their personal records, with Baker finishing eighth with a throw of 33 feet, 7.75 inches and

Wilttrout eclipsing her conference distance by just under a half-foot with a toss of 37 feet, 4.75 inches. That distance easily gave Wilttrout second place in the meet and qualified her for state.

"I really took all of the emotions of the past few days and used that for my throw," Wilttrout said of her final attempt, which was the record-breaker."

COMING FULL CIRCLE

Now that all the drama surrounding sections has been abated, Wilttrout says she is back to just wanting to have fun in her final high school competition on Saturday, June 10 in the state meet at St. Michael-Albertville.

"My mindset going into state is to just have fun," she said. "It's an opportunity that not a lot of people get to experience. While I am competitive, and I will give it my all, I'm more looking to embrace the experience and have a great time."

TO BE CONTINUED?

There is a small chance Wilttrout's story might include a sequel. Next year she will be attending the University of Wisconsin-River Falls after committing to play basketball there. But her track exploits have also caught the eye of the River Falls track coach, who was in attendance (along with the women's basketball coach) at sections.

"I haven't given it a whole lot of thought," Wilttrout said about being a two-sport athlete in college. "I've heard a lot of people talking about it. It is something I would look at if presented the opportunity. I definitely wouldn't say no immediately."

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Chisago County residents, community leaders, business owners, area agencies and organizations now have an opportunity to share how severe weather events impact their property and lives. There is also an opportunity to share their ideas on how to reduce local impacts in the future.

The Chisago County Office of Emergency Management is working with U-Spatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth to update the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The plan assesses the natural hazards that pose risk to the county, such as tornadoes, straight line winds, ice storms, blizzards, wildfire, flooding, and extreme temperatures and identifies ways to minimize the damage of future events. As the county works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The Chisago County HMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers Chisago County, including the cities of Center City, Chisago City, Harris, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rush City, Shafer, Stacy, Taylors Falls, and Wyoming. The Chisago County HMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts, and area agencies or organizations participating in the plan. The plan will be updated by a planning team made up of representatives from county departments, local municipalities, school districts and other key stakeholders. When completed, the plan will be submitted to the Minnesota

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.

"Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program," said Scott Sellman, Chisago County Director Emergency Management & Homeland Security. "Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient. Hazard mitigation helps us to break the cycle of damage and repair caused by things like flooding, ice storms, and severe wind events that can damage property, stress economies, and threaten life safety in our county."

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- Burying overhead powerlines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice, or wind storms

Some mitigation activities may be eligible for future FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding.

Public input is an essential part of the plan update. As part of the planning process, Chisago County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses from across the county to incorporate into the plan:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- What concerns do you have, and what sorts of actions do you feel would help to reduce damages of future hazard events in your community or the county as a whole?

Comments, concerns, or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update should be submitted to Chisago County Emergency Management by phone, email, or by posting a comment via a social media posting of this article.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the planning process. A draft of the plan will be made available for public review prior to submission of the plan to the State of Minnesota. Future news releases will be shared with the media to notify the public of these opportunities.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every 5 years to maintain eligibility for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs.

Contact Scott Sellman, Chisago County Director Emergency Management & Homeland Security. Phone: (651) 213-6313 Email: srsellm@co.chisago.mn.us.

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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: July 19, 2019 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$196,377.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Lisa Ehlen and Jeremy Ehlen, wife and husband MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for LeaderOne Financial Corporation TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1007212-1200188590-1 SERVICER: Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC LENDER: LeaderOne Financial Corporation. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on October 4, 2019, as Document No. A486861. ASSIGNED TO: Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 03/20/2020 and recorded on 03/20/2020 as Document No. A491047. Freedom Mortgage Corporation by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 04/06/2021 and recorded on 04/13/2021 as Document No. A503289. U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 02/08/2022 and recorded on 04/04/2022 as Document No. A514638. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9, Block 4, North Ridge 3rd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1435 Marigold Dr., Cambridge, MN 55008 PROPERTY I.D.: 15.141.0330 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One and 19/100 (\$196,651.19) 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 June 27, 2023 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. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on December 27, 2023, or the next business day if December 27, 2023 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: May 11, 2023 U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburg Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 22MN00130-2 A-4783265

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 30-CV-23-107 CASE TYPE: Mortgage Foreclosure SERVIS ONE, INC DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Plaintiff, UNDER JUDGMENT AND DECREE vs. (Real Property) LOGAN R HIERLMAIER Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of a Judgment and Decree entered in the above-entitled action on April 28, 2023, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, as prescribed by the Judgement, the undersigned Sheriff of Isanti County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.; PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008 AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$200,153.60; LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-five (25), Excepting therefrom the following described tracts: Parcel 09.024.2200: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West in Isanti County, Minnesota described as follows: The East 208.71 feet of the South 208.71 feet of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; subject to an easement for road purposes over the easterly 33 feet and the southerly 33 feet thereof; Parcel 090241900: That part of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 24, Township 35, Range 25, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 thereof, thence South along the East Section line 320 feet, thence West on a line parallel to the South Section line 680.625 feet, thence North on a line parallel to the East Section line 320 feet, thence East on a line parallel to the South Section line 680.625 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 090241801: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section 24, Township 35, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South along the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 320.00 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land to be described; thence continuing south along said east line, a distance of 320.00 feet; thence west parallel with the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 680.625 feet; thence north parallel with the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 320.00 feet to the intersection with a line drawn westerly, parallel with the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, from the point of beginning; thence east along said parallel line, a distance of 680.625 feet to the point of beginning; Parcel 090241803: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 35, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 24; thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds west, assumed bearing along the south line said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 208.72 feet to the West line to the east 208.71 feet of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and the point of beginning of the parcel of land to be herein described; thence North 01 degrees 26 minutes 13 seconds East along said west line a distance of 208.72 feet to the north line of the South 208.71 feet of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West along said north line a distance of 256.89 feet; thence North 47 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds West, a distance of 551.03 feet;

thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 440.00 feet to the west line of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 01 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds West, along said west line a distance of 282.17 feet to the north line of the south 282.86 feet of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East, along said north line a distance of 473.05 feet to the east line of the west 473.00 feet of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, thence South 01 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds West along said east line a distance of 282.89 feet to the south line of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East along said south line, a distance of 638.26 feet to the point of beginning; and Parcel No. 090240100: The South 282.86 feet of the West 473.00 Feet of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 24, Township 35, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 29380 Roanoke Street NW, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY ID: 09-024-1802 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 ABANDONED, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Dated: May 25, 2023 By: Wayne Seiberlich Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota Marjorie J. Holsten RANDALL S. MILLER AND ASSOCIATES 8525 Edinbrook Crossing - Suite 210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 (952) 232-0468 File No. 22MN00061-3 A-4785549 05/25/2023, 06/01/2023, 06/08/2023, 06/15/2023, 06/22/2023, 06/29/2023

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 NAMEHOLDER(S):
 Name: **Virtus Law, P.L.L.C.**
 Address: **7040 Lakeland Ave N., Suite 100 Minneapolis MN 55428 USA**

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ASSUMED NAME: **BrownFeldt Recreation**
 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **2292 335TH LN NE CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA**
 NAMEHOLDER(S):
 Name: **BrownFeldt Investments LLC**
 Address: **2292 335TH LN NE CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA**

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Court File No. 30-PR-23-37
Estate of JACKLENE L. SPANJERS, Decedent
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on, August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court in Cambridge, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated October 15, 2003 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Julie A. Zappa, whose address is 2626-13th St. Rice Lake, WI 54868, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate

proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: 2023.05.16
BY THE COURT
John Klossner (Judge)
 Judge of District Court (COURT SEAL)
 Dated:
Erin Boettcher
 Court Administrator
 Attorney for Petitioner
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 30-PR-23-38 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of RICHARD W. SPANJERS, Decedent
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court in Cambridge, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated October 15, 2003 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Julie A. Zappa, whose address is 2626-13th St. Rice Lake, WI 54868, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 30-PR-23-35 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of James R. Swenson, Decedent.
 Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated June 14, 2016. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed James T. Swenson, whose address is 28802 Bataan St. NE, Isanti, MN 55040, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

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

Dated: May 31, 2023
Pamela Kreier
 Registrar
 Dated: May 31, 2023
Erin Boettcher
 Court Administrator
 Court File No. [Court File No.]
Joslin & Moore Law Offices, P.A.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Hearing on June 20, 2023
 Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter following the City Council Meeting, at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW;** the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following items:

- 1) Request by Wayne Butt/GFY III, LLC for an Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit and request for a Variance at 27498 Polk Street NE, pursuant to City Ordinance 445 to maintain the remaining unpaved parking lot as class 5 and/or crushed concrete.
- 2) Request by Blake Pendzimas and BP Metals for a Site Plan Review at 825 East Dual Blvd NE to construct a 9,600 sq. ft. addition to the current building.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.
 Stephanie Hillesheim
 Community Development Director
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER BY PUBLICATION

State of Minnesota County Isanti District Court
 Judicial District: Tenth
 Court File Number: 30-CV-23-184
 Case Type: Harassment
Michelle Lynn Webber and On Behalf of Minor Children
 Petitioner
 vs
Thomas Gregory Smith
 Respondent

To Respondent: YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Harassment Restraining Order has been issued on May 11, 2023.

A hearing has not been scheduled. You may request a hearing on this matter by filing a *Request for Hearing HAR301* with the Court within twenty (20) days of the date this Notice is published. You may get a copy of the HRO from the court administrator's office at the following address: 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to get a copy of the Harassment Restraining Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

Date: May 30, 2023
Deborah Nagle
 Court Administrator / Deputy
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2023

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Wednesday through Sunday June 14 thru 18

COME VISIT THE MIDWAY AT CENTRAL PARK IN NORTH BRANCH

WELCOME

The American Legion is celebrating its 104th birthday this year. The American Legion was organized in March of 1919 in Paris, France, and the first National Convention was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November of 1919. Every member of North Branch American Legion Post 85 hopes you and your family will attend the annual celebration of Midsummer Days in North Branch on June 14-18. **SEE YOU THERE!**
Rick Hals, Commander - Post 85

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

LEGION AUXILIARY FOOD STAND - OPEN ALL 5 DAYS

Wed., Thurs., Fri & Sat. 3 p.m.; Sun. at noon

FAMILY FUN SHOWS

Central Park opens at 5 p.m. People of all ages ride for one low price of \$20 from 6-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

FAMILY FUN SHOWS

Carnival opens at 4 p.m.

MEAT RAFFLE

In the bar at the American Legion 5:00 p.m.

BINGO UNDER THE TENT - ADULTS & KIDS

10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. Two-hour sessions. \$500 JACKPOT in 57 numbers or less each session.

GUN BINGO - ADULTS 21+

4:30 p.m. - Gates open/ Packet sales begin; 6 p.m. - Gun Bingo starts. 10 guns, \$1,500 in Mills Fleet Farm gift cards, and \$1,199 coverall jackpot in 57 numbers or less.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

BINGO UNDER THE TENT - ADULTS & KIDS

10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. Two-hour sessions. \$500 JACKPOT in 57 numbers or less each session.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO - ADULTS 18+

4:30 p.m. - Gates open/ Packet sales begin; 6 p.m. - Designer purse Bingo starts. 10 designer purses, 40 accessories and \$1,000 MUST-GO coverall jackpot!

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FAMILY FUN SHOWS

Carnival opens at 1 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC

Local Band "Two Shots Down" and cash bar 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. under the tent in American Legion parking lot. **FREE ADMISSION! NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED AFTER 8:30 P.M.**

NB AUXILIARY PRESENTS FOOD STAND UNDER THE TENT

START TIMES: Thursday & Friday at 10 a.m. Saturday at 2 p.m. & Sunday at 3 p.m.

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SAL Squadron 85 MIDSUMMER DAYS RAFFLES

DRAWING JUNE 18, 2023- 4 P.M.

- After the Parade - Under the Legion Tent
- 1st Prize: \$1,200 Hungry Farmer Gift Card
- 2nd Prize: \$600 Peterson's Mill Gift Card
- 3rd Prize: \$300 County Market Gift Card
- 4th Prize: \$200 Kwik Trip Gift Card
- 5th-10th Prize: \$100 Hungry Farmer Gift Card

TICKETS \$5

Tickets can be purchased at the North Branch American Legion bar or pull tab booth, 6439 Elm Street - 651 674-4810. **Need not be present to win.** Local Gambling Exempt Permit # X-93956

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

MIDSUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT

8:00 a.m. start. Three person scramble. Questions? Call 651-674-9989 or visit www.nbgolcourse.com

KIDDIE MIDSUMMER OLYMPICS - NEW LOCATION

Sponsored by American Legion Post #85. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and events start at 9 a.m. SHARP! Includes preschool through 12 years of age. Located at Riverwalk Park just north of town on the east side of Highway 61. There will be awards for each event, and sponsors ask that participants please NOT wear good clothes.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the North Branch Lioness. Served underneath the American Legion Tent.

KIDDIE PARADE

The parade will step off at noon from the Municipal parking lot. All children through grade five are eligible to parade if they are registered and in costume. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. Theme is Super Heroes. There will be awards given to the top five contestants. Sponsored by the North Branch American Legion Riders. Contact the NB American Legion for more information.

FAMILY FUN SHOWS

Carnival opens at noon

BINGO UNDER THE TENT - ADULTS & KIDS

2 p.m. and 4 p.m. 10 games plus coverall each session- \$500 jackpot in 57 numbers or less each session.

WATER FIGHT

Located on Elm Street, this event starts at 1 p.m. It's a real favorite, but watch out, you might be getting wet! This event is sponsored by the North Branch Fire Department.

STREET DANCE - \$10 ADMISSION

Here's a colossal event... 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Come to the American Legion parking lot under the tent and listen and dance to the music of Stimulus Package. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED!**

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

FAMILY FUN SHOWS

Carnival opens at noon

MIDSUMMER PARADE

Beginning at 2 p.m. and proceeding up Main Street. Don't miss this parade! Lineup at 1 p.m. This year's Grand Marshal is Michelle Still.

STREET DANCE

From 3-7 p.m., listen and dance to live music following the parade at the American Legion parking lot under the tent. Music by On Tap. Free Admission



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