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### C-I Schools' referendums fail

BY BILL STICKELS III EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

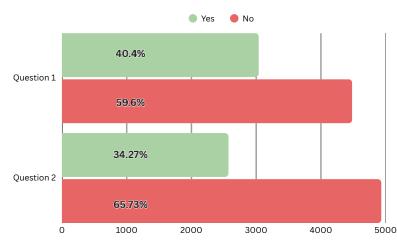
Voters in the Cambridge-Isanti School District overwhelmingly rejected both bond referendum questions during a special election held on Tues-

Question 1, which was asking for up to \$87,100,000 for maintenance, security, and other upgrades to each of the district's school buildings, received a total of 4,481 (59.6%) no votes, compared to 3,038 (40.4%) yes

Question 2, which primarily proposed the construction of a four-court field house and upper level walking path that would be open to the public, received a total of 4,931 (65.73%) no votes, and 2,571 (34.27%) yes votes. The projected cost of question 2 was

\$36,475,000. "Cambridge-Isanti Schools extends sincere gratitude to

### 2025 Cambridge-Isanti Schools Referendum



every voter who participated in the November 4 election," a statement from the school district read. "While the referendum questions did not pass, the district appreciates the engagement, dialogue, and community involvement that took place throughout the process.

"The district's facility needs remain, and staff will continue to review community feedback, evaluate priorities, and consider options for addressing the most pressing maintenance and safety needs in a responsible and responsive manner.'

### Cambridge Launderers and Cleaners going up for auction

BY BILL STICKELS III

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Do you have an extra \$100 laying around? If so, you could be the owner of a historic piece of property along Highway 95 in Cambridge. As an added bonus, you will also receive the property adjacent to it to the north. There is a catch, however. The purchase of this property comes with a cleanup cost of several hundred thousand dollars, if not a million dollars.

The property in question is the former Cambridge Launderers and Cleaners. After being tax forfeited in 2023, Isanti County is finally prepared to put the property, plus 11 other tax forfeited properties up for auction.

According to Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer Angie Larson, the county went through an extensive process to assess the values of each of these properties, plus determining what their opening bids should be.

"We are recommending we start the bidding out very low for a few reasons, Larson said regarding all the properties. "Our purpose is to get them back on the tax rolls. We don't want the liability for them. Tax forfeit, for our county, has never been viewed as a money making kind of thing."



### Isanti County is set to put the former Cambridge Launderers and Cleaners property up for auction Dec. 15.

In the specific case of the Launderers and Cleaners site, the land is valued at \$101,400, with the building valued at \$24,800. However, the opening bid was set at \$100 in consideration of the anticipated extreme cleanup costs.

"We'll just see where it goes from there," Larson said.

She said all hazardous materials reports and any other related information will be linked on the property's page on the auction site. She encouraged anyone considering putting in a bid should do thorough research so thev know what they are getting themselves into, especially considering all sales are explicitly "as-is."

The online auction will take place from Dec. 15 through Jan. 14, 2026 via MNBid.mn.gov.



### Road construction season

A youngster dressed up as an orange cone for Trick-or-Treating in downtown Cambridge on Halloween.

### 'Official' Highway 95 project process begins

BY BILL STICKELS III EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

After years of planning and wondering if it will ever actually become a reality, the first "formal" step in the Highway 95 expansion project is scheduled for less than two weeks from now.

According to Cambridge City Administrator Evan

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### 444 Maple Dell Rd, Cambridge



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# The new face of business Women leading with relationships, not just transactions

BY STACY VERDICK CASE NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Each year, The Best Of for the Isanti-Chisago County Star adds a few new categories based on reader feedback. This year, we added Best Women-owned Business to the list. and it became the most-nominated new category ever. This piqued our curiosity, and we looked through the entire list of nominees, discovering more than 90 women-owned. businesses were nominated in categories ranging from retail to restaurant to medical and agricultural.

The spike doesn't come as a surprise to John Stavig, the Managing Director at the Gary S. Homes Center for Entrepreneurship at Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

"Participation of women in the Minnesota Cup (a contest for entrepreneurs sponsored by the Carlson School of Management) has gone from single-digit percentages in the first couple years, up to 44% of the participants this year were women entrepreneurs. I think that shows growth in the participation of women both in our program and, I think, more broadly overall."

### THE APPEAL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP: CONTROL AND FLEXIBILITY

When asked about the reasons for this increase, Stavig suggested the primary appeal of entrepreneurship might be flexibility and control rather than work-life balance.

"I think it's more about control of where they are and when they do things," he said, adding that "going into entrepreneurship for work-life balance is always the best idea" might not be true. The autonomy allows women to "be home for dinners or be home when the children are around," even if it means "staying up late at night taking care of other things" and flexing their

Stavig also believes women bring a strong leadership style to the table. "I think there are a lot of folks that believe from a leadership standpoint and from an emotional intelligence standpoint that women can be fantastic and oftentimes better leaders over the long term". Furthermore, he observes that leading businesses are focused on more than profit: "Startup businesses in our classes and coming through the Minnesota Cup, our leading businesses are about something much more than profits. They're solving meaningful problems".

### COMMUNITY MATTERS

The winner of this year's Best Women-Owned business, Judith Kissner of Scout and Morgan Books, couldn't agree more that business is about more than just numbers. For Kissner, her business is about community. "It's much more than a transaction at the register. It's like, well, I could make my register sales today the most important thing I think about, or I could think



Judith Kissner owner of Scout and Morgan Books

about, where do I want to be in 5 years or 10 years, and how do I improve those relationships in the community? What can I do to support them? And then, it seems to come back, and they support me as well."

Kissner started her business after 9/11, when Kissner, who had been working for American Airlines, lost coworkers in the tragedy.

"That was the day that I just said I'm not going back. That was the precipitating incident that said, 'you know what, life is short, as you can see, you've always thought you would want to have a bookstore, and now's the time.' So that was it."

Her business grew and evolved from Log Cabin books where she started in a log cabin in 2002 just outside of Cambridge, to Scout and Morgan Books in the space she's currently occupying at City Center Mall, where she moved in 2007. In 2018, Judith won the Midwest Bookseller of the Year Award from the Midwest Independent Booksellers Association. "Those kinds of things really mean a lot, and oftentimes you just don't expect them. You don't have your head up to look for those kinds of accolades.

Through all the changes and successes, one thing remained constant. "We have always said we want to be a welcoming space to everyone. Full stop. We want to appeal to the most diverse group of readers, and we hope that whoever you are when you come into our store, hopefully you can see your life reflected in our books."

### **FAMILY BUSINESS**

Christine Larson, the CEO & President of Empire Insurance, started her business with her parents in 2009. When her parents decided to semi-retire in 2016, she bought their portion of the business. Their plans to retire were short-lived. "We got so busy and expanded at such a large rate that Joe is a manager in my North Branch office, and Laura, she's my life and health director, so she handles all that in the office as well. My sister is also a manager at my Lindstrom office, Nicole Vodicka, and then my husband came on board in 2017 as my

operations officer."
Empire's growth has not gone unnoticed. In May of 2025, they were recognized as one of the top three independent agencies in the nation for insurance companies by PropertyCasualty360 a nationally rec-

ognized insurance magazine, which Larson sees as one of her proudest moments. "Seeing the business grow to where it is, that's a huge accomplishment."

In spite of their fast growth, Larson has made time to start a nonprofit whose goal is focused on the community. In 2013, she founded the North



CONTRIBUTE

Christine Larson CEO of Empire

Branch Beautification Association. "We wanted to start with enhancing the curb appeal," said Larson, "just starting with flower baskets, and we did all the welcome banners in the community, memorial benches, and then the Coke mural renovation."

They're now fundraising to create a Veterans Memorial in North Branch's Central Park. "The Veterans Memorial is just dear to our hearts," said Larson. "We want to support our troops and the people that have sacrificed the most."

### WOMEN-CENTRIC LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Both Kissner and Larson are not only blazing a trail for themselves but are also actively supporting the next generation of women entrepreneurs.

Larson noted that, especially in the insurance industry, having a woman owner or CEO was more of an "anomaly," and sometimes "you are

on an island on your own but you just have to pave the way". She finds value in networking, saying, "I'm always open, you know, I love trying to help others, meet their goals and just kind of network a little bit so that helps".

For aspiring entrepreneurs, Larson offers encouragement, "I hope they see opportunity and the ability to continue to grow. To do that without sacrificing their family values and, be able to still be a mom and still be able to be successful because you can do both."

'Stay diligent to your vision and set clear goals... Surround yourself with a support system that wants you to succeed... there's always a solution to any problem, so it's about staying diligent and committed." She also recognizes the challenges noting that to run a business, it's important to "Have a little flexibility but still knowing that you have to be dependable... If you're not putting time in somewhere else, you've got to figure out where to find the time later, even if it means you have to be working all night."

Similarly, Kissner believes in providing support and sharing her experience. She frequently meets with people who say, "Hey, I've always wanted to open a bookstore, would you mind if we have coffee and I ask you a bunch of questions?". She makes time for these conversations to discuss what starting a business "entails."

"If someone asked me for more specific help, I'd be glad to give it or at least direct them to the resources that I thought could serve them." Her motivation is altruistic, "I get to live out my dream of not only being a business owner but having a bookstore. Why shouldn't other people have that opportunity? So I celebrate them."

When Kissner was asked what she thought would motivate other women to open businesses, she said, "The more examples there are of women-owned businesses, perhaps the more it gives other women the courage to give it a try as well."

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

### **MON & WED**

#### 500 Cards

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

### **MON & THUR**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

### **MON-FRI**

### **Senior Dining**

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

### **MONDAYS**

### Bridge

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

### Scrabble (2nd Monday)

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

#### Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and **Dysfunctional Families**

7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church , 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

### Mahjong

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

### Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Groups meets

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

#### **Book Club**

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

### **TUES & THURS**

### **Boxing for Those** w/Parkinson's

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

### **TUESDAYS**

### **Braham Parkinson's** Support

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

### Alzheimer's Support

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

### Music

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

### **Dominos**

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

### **Dominoes**

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

### PrimeTime Singers

Cambridge Lutheran Church, 1:30 p.m. A community choir for



The South Isanti Baptist Churchis hosting a Military Veteran Appreciation Dinner on November 11.

ages 60+, no audition or fee required. Fellowship follows rehearsal. Info: 612-619-2111.

#### **Grief Share**

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

### WEDNESDAYS

### Cribbage

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

#### Wizard

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

### 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the

Pinochle

Cambridge SAC

### Mahjong

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

### Alanon

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

### **Chisago County Drop-In** Center

Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living

with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmentalhealth.org.

### **THURSDAYS**

### **East Central Baby Cafe**

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

### Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

### **Parkinson's Support Group**

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

### **Bingo**

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at

### **Hand and Foot**

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### Fresh Beginnings Alanon **Family Group**

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

### **Medicare and Medicaid 101** Open House

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

### **Peace Walk**

First and third Thursday of each month, 9 a.m., meet in the parking lot at Highway 95 and Birch, Cambridge. All are welcome.

### **FRIDAYS**

### Cribbage

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

### NOV 7

### Flu shots

M Health Fairview MINI Clinic will be offering FREE flu vaccines during Fare for All from 11a.m. - 1 p.m. at Rush City High School (Door 5) at 51001 Fairfield Avenue, Rush City. If you have insurance, please bring your card. This helps support the clinics. You will not get a bill.

### NOV 9

### **Cash Bingo**

The Christ the King Knights of Columbus, Council # 12813, 305 Fern St N Cambridge at 2:00 pm. Pizza, snacks and a beverage. Free will donation for the eats. For more info: 763-689-1221

### **NOV 11**

### Military veteran's appreciation dinner South Isanti Baptist

Church, 3367 County Road 5 NE. Free event, call to let us know how many will be coming 763-444-5860. A delicious meat loaf dinner will be served. Spouses of veterans are welcome. Invite your friends.

### **Veterans Breakfast**

7:30-8:30 a.m., Cambridge-Isanti High School cafeteria. All U.S. veterans and CIHS students from veteran families are invited to a free breakfast honoring those who have served. Info: mgalligan@c-ischools.org

### **NOV 12**

#### **Advisory Council on Mental Health**

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

### **NOV. 13**

### Jenni Thyng

We R Able hosts vocalist Jenni Thyng at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. The evening begins with a 5 p.m. meal followed by music and sing-along fun.

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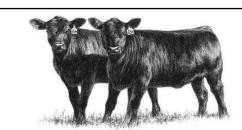
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### There are plenty of opportunities out there

was talking with someone the other day about a variety of things when the topic of the federal government shutdown came up. This person revealed to me he was among the government workers that have been furloughed because of it. Fortunately for him, so far it hasn't hurt him as hard as some fam-

ilies, but he admitted it gives him a whole new perspective on things and he appreciates how many families aren't as fortunate as him.

I'm not going to get into the whole "whose responsible" conversation. As far as I'm concerned, everyone is equally so. Plain and simple, neither side has made even the slightest attempt to reach a common ground.

Instead, I'd rather focus on how we can do our part to try and give a helping hand to those most affected by the shutdown. Last Saturday, my assistant and I, along with two very energetic and enthusiastic Cambridge-Isanti students and their mom staked out just inside the main

doors of Coborn's in Isanti for four hours, collecting food and money for Family Pathways.

This "Stuff-a-Truck" event has been on our agenda since our "Star of Hope Holiday Food Drive" last year. As it turned out, the need to expand our food drive is greater than ever. The results were phenomenal, as we matched our total food weight from last year and raised over twice as much in cash.

But I'm not here to do a little humble bragging. Nor am I looking to promote our ongoing "Star of Hope Holiday Food Drive." I've already dedicated this space to that once. Plus, you can find all the information you need on another page under "Opportunities to Give and Serve."

It is that feature I am looking at promoting in this column. We had previously published the "Opportunities" feature yearly until COVID hit. Last year, we re-introduced it, but it didn't catch on quite as well as we hoped. This year, we really want (make that feel the need) to raise "Opportunities to Give and Serve" to another level.

The concept is pretty basic. Any organizations, businesses, or individuals hosting a charitable event, are invited to send us information about it for us to publish in "Opportunities" for the duration of the event. These events can be a food drive (like we are doing), a clothing drive, or a toy drive. It could also be a bake sale, arts and crafts sale, or the selling of whatever. It could even be asking for volunteers to help with an upcoming charitable event. Our lone condition is it can't be purchase-dependent from a for-profit business. For example, if "a portion of proceeds" will be going to something, we will not include it.

To be included in "Opportunities to Give and Serve," simply email the details to editor@coun-

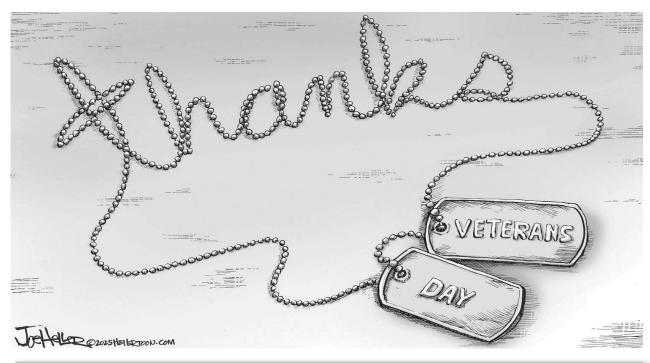
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Issue not with Republicans, just Trump

To the editor.

As Cary Grant would say: "Judy, Judy ..." I am referring to last week's letter from Judy that in the first paragraph condemns hateful rhetoric and then calls Democrats Socialist. Marxist, and Communist in the last paragraph. Do you really believe that? It's like calling the "No Kings" protests the "I Hate America" protests when you have to know better. Those rallies were objecting to Trump ignoring the Constitution and acting like a KING ... how is that hating America?

I believe Republicans love America as much as we Democrats do and calling each other names accomplishes nothing. My issue is not with Republicans, but with the President and his policies that contradict the Constitution, such as:

1) He is deporting people based on racial profiling and not allowing them due process. Stats show that 71.9% of those deported have no criminal record. That's not the America I know.

2) He is shooting boats out of the water in Venezuela with no proof that they are carrying drugs. When two of the crew survived, why weren't they detained, questioned and prosecuted instead of being sent home? Were we afraid of what we might learn?

3) He is defacing the White House without going through the proper steps to ensure authorization. Plus this \$300 million ballroom is being built while vulnerable people are being deprived of SNAP and millions of people are losing health insurance. How

does one justify that?

4) It is written in the Constitution that a President should not benefit financially while being President. Through Cripto coins, golf courses, and other things it is estimated that 40% of Trump's wealth has been made since he became President. That's illegal. But who's to stop him?

5) And finally, I heard him say at a rally, "I HATE DEMO-CRATS" ... half of this country is Democrats. No one should be President if they hate half the population. In his Inauguration Speech he claimed he was a "Peacemaker" and a "Unifier". What has he done to unify this country? Nothing. He constantly divides it with his name-calling (calling Elizabeth Warren "Pocahontas"), bullying ("they are a low IQ"), and lying ("the new ballroom won't touch the existing building"). He is the most divisive President in history and needs to schedule meetings to reach a compromise to reopen the government ... Do Your Job.

**Bruce Danielson** Cambridge

### Thank you volunteers

To the editor,

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all the groups (businesses, church groups, civic groups), families and individuals that came to CIHS recently to pack meals for the LifeRice City-Wide Packing Event (in conjunction with the U of N World Food Day). Special thanks goes to the Sea Cadets, who came early and worked very hard to set up, and then staved to pack meals. Thanks, also, to those businesses, groups and individuals that donated funds to provide the raw materials for the

meals. It was a joyful and fruitful day!

A total of 46,000 meals were packed, most of which will be shipped to war-torn Ukraine via Hand in Hand Logistics, which ships LifeRice meals, clothing, medical supplies and firefighting equipment there every month. The need is immense and the people there are so very grateful! LifeRice also regularly supplies meals to our local food shelf, which has a greater-than-normal need for food right now.

It is incredibly encouraging to see our community come together to be a blessing to those in need! I love this community!

> **Kathy Boyum** Cambridge

NOVEMBER 6, 202

### Not sure we can keep our republic

To the editor,

At the founding of our country, the Constitutional Congress worked hard to create the foundation for our nation. They spent long hours discussing, arguing, and compromising. When they finally reached a decision, the delegates were exhausted but satisfied. As Benjamin Franklin left the hall, a woman asked what kind of government we would have. Dr. Franklin answered, "A republic, madam, if you can keep

I am not sure we can keep it anymore. We were formed by people from different countries, different religions, and different philosophies. We were united by our common dream of a country

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### Wear reflective clothing when getting fit

uestion: I have a concern and I hope you can bring some attention to this. Several times driving at dark I see people walking or jogging in the dark and wearing dark clothing. As I admire their ambition, it can be scary



**Trooper** Jesse Grabow

when driving rather it be rural or in town and out of nowhere you see them. I would hope you could suggest to them to wear some type of reflective clothing. Again, good for them for getting healthy but hopefully to stay healthy and not get hit by someone driving. I guess the same suggestion could be said in daylight as well but es-

pecially at night. Thanks

Answer: Yes, fall is a dangerous time for pedestrians due to shorter days and earlier sunsets, which increase the time spent walking in darkness. This reduced visibility makes it harder for drivers to see pedestrians, leading to a spike in crashes involving pedestrians, especially during twilight hours and evenings. Pedestrians can help avoid this risk by wearing bright, reflective clothing, avoiding distractions like headphones, walking on the proper side of the road and using crosswalks, while drivers should slow down and be more vigilant.

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### Accountability, respect, learning

ast week, a parent reached out to me with a concern about her child. She was hesitant to contact me because she did not have all the facts but wanted to process a situation that in-



Sara Paul

volved student safety. I was so grateful she did. That one conversation reminded me how powerful it can be when families and schools work together to support students. She told me she had hesitated to reach out because she worried she might be wrong. What if the information she had is not accurate? I believe there is far more to gain than to lose in reaching out. Regardless of the

outcome, peace of mind

is everything.

By sharing her perspective, this parent helped us begin the process of understanding what was happening. She only had one piece of the story, but that piece mattered. It allowed us to look deeper, connect with others, and respond appropriately. In many situations, families may only see part of what is going on at school, just as we may only know part of what happens outside of school. When we put those pieces together, we can see the full picture and take the right action. Sometimes the process leads to clear action, and other times it brings clarity about what did and did not happen. Either way, open communication builds trust and strengthens our shared commitment to student safety. We need the assistance of our parents and community members in order to keep our school communities

When families bring information or concerns to us, it allows our process to work as it should. We approach each situation with due diligence, connect with those involved, and take appropriate steps

to address the issue and move forward productively. Accountability is a form of respect. Holding students accountable through consequences and follow-up conversations helps them take responsibility, learn from their actions, and grow. We hold students accountable for their choices, but we do not define them by their mistakes. Our role is to guide reflection, support change, and work toward restoring respect in the situation at hand.

Respect is a clear and nonnegotiable expectation in every setting including classrooms, hallways, buses, and online spaces. When students fall short of that expectation, we act immediately. We address the behavior, outline clear consequences, and ensure steps are taken to repair harm and restore a sense of safety for everyone involved. Students learn that accountability and respect work together to create a learning environment where every student has the opportunity to grow and belong.

Families play an essential role in this process. When you reach out, even if you are unsure or only have part of the story, it gives us the opportunity to respond quickly and effectively. Oftentimes understanding the process provides peace of mind. Your communication helps us connect the dots and ensure that students receive the support they need. Every student deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued at school

As I reflect on that recent conversation, I am reminded that the power of partnership begins with a simple act of reaching out. If you have a question, a concern, or just want to talk through something happening at school, please do not hesitate to connect with your child's building administrator and other trusted staff members. Together, we can continue to build a culture grounded in accountability, strengthened by respect, and centered on learning.

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by the people and for the people, with freedom for all, protected by fair laws and government. We are losing that today.

For 250 years we have used the three branches of the government — executive, legislative, and judicial — to keep balance in our country. We set in place a system to change laws and government by viting. However, it seems that we now have some folks who prefer to use violence to enforce changes. In the past, we have gone to war to stop this kind of violence in other countries. How do we stop

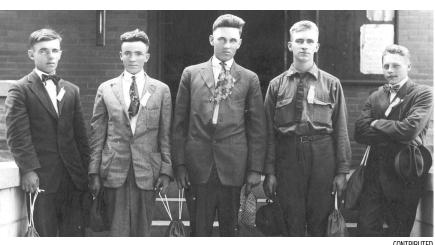
this in ours? How much will we put up with before stopping this lawlessness that is creating chaos?

Obviously, we pray! But to think that prayer is all that God requires of us is foolishness. God works through us and in us to bring about justice. Each of us must be willing to do whatever God asks of us to bring about a better country for our children and grandchildren. Are we willing to sacrifice and use our talents and abilities for a better America, like Charlie Kirk and others today? It is time to pray, stand, and fight for

our country. Get involved. Freedom is not free!

What can you do? Contact public officials about your concerns, support like-minded organizations, tell your family and friends the truth about current events, support police and others who protect our society. Only two things maintain our freedom in the United States God in us and His love, and the laws of our nation. The loss of either will stop true liberty.

**Roger Newton North Branch** 



Inductees on the steps of the Isanti County Courthouse August 15th, 1918 L-R Arvid Nordquist, Elmer Becklin, Raymond Skoglund, Edwin Beckman & Harold Stake

### Isanti County's Investment in World War I

ne hundred seven years ago, the Great War ended. On November 11th, 1918, the final bullet had been fired. The conflict that started in 1914, a world away from Isanti County, had claimed the lives of an estimated 20 million people, of which roughly half were soldiers on all fronts. Additionally, another 21 million were wounded. After three years of neutrality, America joined the fight late in the war and



Sam Klocksien Isanti County Historical Society

didn't send soldiers until the spring of 1917. On April 19, 1917, Isanti County celebrated "Wake Up America Day," where throngs of citizens gathered in Cambridge. During the afternoon of the 19th, all businesses and schools were suspended while community members rallied around guest speakers, student performers, and musical numbers at the high school grounds. Just a week later, Isanti County sent off the first 9 voluntary enlistees to equal fanfare.

As the war raged on in Europe, back home on June 5th, 1917, Isanti County opened its registration for the Selective Service. Immediately, 1,159 young men placed their names on record as being willing to fight if called upon. Later that summer, a total of 2,936 of Isanti's young men answered the call to recruitment and induction centers to serve at home and abroad. That amounted to roughly one-quarter of the county's entire population at that time. As the need for soldiers continued, twenty-five high schoolers at Cambridge preemptively volunteered to join the fight.

The first large group to leave was composed of 127 draftees who gathered in the garage near the courthouse on February 27, 1918. As the men approached the courthouse, they were led by a band to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," where they were met with guest speakers and onlookers. The men were given a final blessing and speech of encouragement, and as the Isanti County Band led the procession, loved ones, community members, and local dignitaries (including Civil War veterans) escorted inductees to the train station in Cambridge.

After training, many of the enlisted personnel hit the field of battle in some of the most decisive engagements near the end of the war. Along with the young men, four women by the names of Victoria Hawkinson, Bessie Berglund, Esther Thornquist, and Florence Johnson served on Naval ships and as Red Cross nurses during the war. Throughout 1918, several contingents of draftees were summoned to the courthouse as the seemingly endless demand for soldiers continued. Isanti County's invest-

ment wasn't just needed abroad, as evidenced by the formation of the home guard on March 21, 1918. One hundred twenty-five citizens of Isanti County made up Company D, 12th Battalion of the Minnesota Home Guard, and underwent training to protect their fellow citizens.

As news from the front and abroad made its way back to Isanti County, with it came the first list of casualties. Isanti's Elmer Palm of the 352nd Infantry Company A died on March 28th, 1918, at Camp Dodge from illness. More news would arrive with the death of Carl Arnold Peterson on July 30th, 1918, due to pneumonia. Over the course of Isanti County's involvement in the war, twenty-nine men had died from disease while in training camps or on the front

In late July of 1918, news of Springvale's Bror Olaf Hjelm's death arrived through a telegram. Bror had taken up service in his younger brother's stead and was the first



Victoria Hawkinson Red Cross

but, unfortunately, not the last Isanti County death on the battlefield. By war's end, eight more of the county's young men had given the supreme sacrifice in battle. Two months after the armistice, the family of Victor Hanson was hit with somber news that their son, who had been wounded and was one of the 150 missing, had finally been found in the Argonne Forest. The young Private was part of the "Lost Battalion" that had gotten trapped behind enemy lines in October of 1918.

At the end of the war, of the 480 enlisted personnel, thirty-four would never return home to see their loved ones. Many others, who were fortunate enough to survive, likely carried both physical and mental wounds for the rest of their lives. The last contingent of draftees arrived by train in St. Paul on November 11th, 1918, where, upon their arrival, they were sent back to Isanti County. The war was over.

To learn more about Isanti County's involvement in World War I or any other military-related history, visit the Isanti County Historical Society on November 11th from 11 am  $-2\,\mathrm{pm}$  for a Veterans Day Open House. They are located at 33525 Flanders St NE, Cambridge.

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### **OBITUARIES**

### Virginia "Ginnie" Richardson

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Virginia Richardson {Ginnie}, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and cherished member of her community. Ginnie passed away peacefully on October 28, 2025, at the age of 73. Born on



March 30, 1952, Ginnie lived a life marked by devotion to her family, kindness toward others, and a heartfelt commitment to the people and community she loved. She touched the lives of many with her warmth, generosity, and steady presence. Ginnie grew up with a deep appreciation for family, community, and the value of hard work. She attended Patrick Henry High School, where she formed friendships that stayed with her

throughout her life. Later, she worked at Pearson Candy, a place where her reliability, kindness, and gentle humor were admired by all who knew her. In 1969, at the Molton Roller Rink, life brought Ginnie together with the man who would become – Jim. Their connection was her lifelong partner instant, and the love they built together grew into something beautiful and enduring. They married on July 8, 1972, and created a life rooted in devotion, teamwork, and joy. Their greatest blessings came in the form of their two children, Heidi and Randy, who became the heart of Ginnie's world. Ginnie

retired from Target 2011.

Ginnie was a woman who poured her love into everything she did. She was a wonderful cook, and her meals always carried the feeling of comfort and togetherness. She raised cows and pigs with dedication, reflecting her strong work ethic and quiet pride in doing things well. Flowers and gardening brought her joy, and her gardens were always filled with color, cared for with the same nurturing spirit she gave to her family. She also had an adventurous side. Ginnie loved riding motorcycles and snowmobiles, enjoying the freedom of the open road and the thrill of winter trails. Classic car shows were a special delight for her — especially when shared with Jim. Among her treasures was her beloved 1923 T Bucket and 1931 Model A two-door sedan, a classic beauty she cherished and proudly shared at shows. But above all, Ginnie's greatest joy was her family. She loved deeply and without hesitation. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy — especially Valerie and Austin, with whom she shared countless special moments, stories, hugs, and memories that will stay with them forever. To them, she wasn't just "Grandma"; she was comfort, laughter, and unconditional love.

Ginnie is survived by her devoted husband Jim and her dog Teddy, her daughter Heidi, her son Randy, and her beloved grandchildren, who will carry

her love forward in their hearts.

Ginnie lived a life filled with purpose, tenderness, adventure, and joy. Though we feel her loss deeply, we are comforted by the memories she leaves behind: flowers blooming in the summer sun, meals shared at a full table, engines humming at car shows, and her warm laughter echoing through the years. Her legacy lives on in the love she gave, the strength she showed, and the values she passed down. May we honor her by living with the same generosity, courage, and devotion that she showed every day. May Ginnie rest in peace, and may her spirit remain with us always.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2026. More information to follow, watch announcements. Online condolences can be made at Strike-

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### **Carol Marie Leaf**

Carol Marie Leaf, of Stanchfield, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Rosewood Senior Living in Cambridge. She was 86 years old.

Carol was born on November 22, 1938, in Cass Lake, Minnesota to parents Howard "Hut" and Edna



"Coke" (Gehrke) Codden. Her father Hut was a railroad worker, so the family frequently moved during her childhood but eventually settled in Braham where Carol graduated from Braham High School in 1957.

On June 29, 1957, Carol was united in marriage to Dennis Richard Leaf Sr. In 1961, they settled on a farm in Maple Ridge Township where they raised their children and celebrated 66 years of marriage before

Dennis' passing in July of 2023.

Carol worked a few odd jobs while raising their children, before taking a job in food service with the State of Minnesota at the Cambridge State hospital. She retired after 20 years but continued to help her son Jimmy at West Cambridge Auto Salvage with the office work and often brought in lunch and baked goods.

In her younger years, she enjoyed league bowling at Braham Lanes and was a long time member of the Braham Moose Lodge. Carol and Dennis always planted a large garden and enjoyed canning and freezing their vast harvest. Carol was a wonderful cook and baker, always making huge amounts of food and goodies around the holidays. She liked decorating for the holidays, especially having light displays outside at Christmas. She loved tending to her flowers, mowing the lawn, watching and feeding the birds, putting together puzzles, trips to the casino, all things Elvis, and last but not least, her weekly visits to get her hair styled at the beauty shop. She was so happy to have been able to travel to Arizona last winter to spend time with family and friends. Carol loved her family above all else and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister. She will be greatly missed.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents, husband Dennis Sr., daughter Denise, son Michael, sisters, Sharon Leaf, Kathy Onifer (John "Tuba" Stofflet and Bill Onifer); brothers and sisters-in-law, Rene Southerland, Donald (Verna) Leaf, and Betty

(Harold) Engberg.

She is survived by her children, Lori (Jonathan) Swanson, Dennis Jr "Bosco", David, Jim, and Doug; grandchildren, Nathan (Haley), Travis, Nicholas (Katrina), Sarah, Megan (Nick), Matt, Dustin, Ashley, Megan, and Brittney (Cody); great grandchildren, Trinity, Deegan, Jaiden, Christian, Adam, Addie, Shae, Seth, Sean, Hope, Dominic, Lily Mae, Clayton, Angus, Alora, and William; sisters, Sandra (Francis) Hasser and Tammy (Jim) Calaman; brothers and sisters-in-law, Darrell Leaf, Marlys "Mickey" Southerland, LaVerne (Dennis "Butch") Golden, Dianne "DeeDee" (Mike) Lund, and Duane (Dawn) Leaf; many nieces, nephews, other relatives

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Braham. Interment was in the Rice Lake Cemetery in Braham. Arrangements were entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at:



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### **Mary Sende**

Mary Sende passed away peacefully at age 97 on October 26, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Mary was born on April 12, 1928, in Eckelson North Dakota. She lived a long and beautiful life rooted in love, faith, and devotion to those she cher-



ished most. In 1950, she married Charles "Phil," the love of her life. Together they built a home and a life in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, filled with laughter, love, and countless memories. To know Mary was to know comfort and kindness. She had a laugh that could fill a room and a presence that made everyone feel at home. She spent her life caring for others through her years as a teacher, through her

friendships, and through her time working at the University of Minnesota. Above all, she found her greatest joy in her role as a mother and grandmother. Her love was steady, her strength unwaver-

ing, and her faith deeply felt.

In her final days, she was brought home to her family's care. Those days were filled with stories, belly laughs, and quiet moments of love. It was a privilege for her family to care for her and to walk her home with dignity and grace. Her family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful teams at GracePointe Crossing and St. Croix Hospice for their kindness, compassion, and support throughout her final journey. Their care brought comfort, peace, and warmth to both Mary and her loved ones and will always be remembered with deep appreciation.

Mary's family will forever be grateful for the time they shared with her—for the laughter, the lessons, and the love that will never fade. She is survived by her son, Timothy and his wife, Carol; and by her grandchildren, Crystal, Hannah (Alex), and Sarah. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Beau and Blake, who will carry forward her warmth, humor, and faith. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Charles "Phil;" sons, Charles "Chuck," Tom, and Jim; sisters, Betty, Dorothy, and Cassie; and many other cherished family members. Mary's presence will be deeply missed, but her love will live on in every heart she touched. Her laughter will echo in the stories we tell, and her light will

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge. A time for visiting will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. A private interment will be held at Fort Snelling at a later date. Online condolences can be made at

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- · Signs of stress and how to avoid it
- · Tips for hosting or attending events
- · Participating in and adapting holiday traditions

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### Jacobson medals at cross country state

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Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket senior Hunter Jacobson (bib 993) runs at the front of a pack during the Class AAA boys cross country state meet, held on Saturday, Nov. 1. Jacobson finished in ninth place with a time of 15:41.1, earning him a spot on the podium. He is the first Bluejacket to medal at state since Kristin Mork placed tenth in 2006, and the first Bluejacket boys runner to medal since Joel Reasoner in 1998.



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### Walmart celebrates major remodel completion

Store Manager Grant Wilsey (with scissors) is joined by longtime store staff and representatives from the city of Cambridge and North 65 Chamber of Commerce for a ceremonial ribbon cutting commemorating the completion of the store's major remodel. In conjunction with the ceremony, Walmart made donations to the Isanti County Historical Society, Cambridge Police Department, Musky Mission for Veterans, the Bluejacket Robotics Club, Isanti County Commission on Aging, and Books for Better Minnesota.





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# STUDENT ACHIEVERS









### C-I STEAM School: Nora Nelson

Nora Nelson, a 5th-grade student at C-I STEAM School, is a shining example of dedication and kindness. Her teachers describe her as a hardworking student who consistently goes above and beyond on her assignments. Nora leads by example, showing self-discipline, respect, and a willingness to help othersqualities that make her a wonderful

role model for her peers. Outside the classroom, Nora stays active with basketball, gymnastics, swimming, and rollerblading. Math is her favorite subject, and in her free time, she loves to express her creativity through drawing and arts and crafts. With her positive attitude and strong work ethic, Nora truly embodies the spirit of a STEAM learner and an all-around great student.



### Art and Science Academy: Kyla North

Second grade student Kyla North from the Art and Science Academy Elementary School is an excellent example of a STAR student in the classroom. Kyla has been recognized as a STAR student of the month for the month of October at ASA for being exceptionally Trustworthy. She demonstrates many STAR qualities on a daily basis such as being a good

friend, following the rules and expectations, and being very respectful towards others. Kyla has enjoyed making new friends this school year and loves drawing and creating art. We appreciate her enthusiasm for learning new things and feel honored to have watched her learn and grow so far this year. Way to go Kyla! We are so proud of you!



### **NBAEC: Kaston Goodroad**

North Branch kindergarten student Kaston Goodroad, son of Jesse and Montana Goodroad, has been recognized by his teacher, Mrs. Hanna, as this month's Student Star Achiever. Kaston stands out as a wonderful role model in the classroom, always giving his best effort and working hard throughout the day. Known for his kindness, helpfulness, and

friendship toward others, Kaston's positive attitude and thoughtful choices make him a true leader among his peers. When asked about his favorite part of the school day, Kaston replied, "Everything, because I have so much fun learning and playing with my friends." Congratulations, Kaston, on being an excellent example for others to follow every day!



### Isanti Intermediate School: Miura Yurich

Miura Yurich, a 5th-grade student at Isanti Intermediate School, is an outstanding example of a true Bluejacket Achiever. Described by her teachers as an "absolute gem," Miura consistently demonstrates excellence in everything she does. She works extremely hard and serves as a great role model for her peers. Outside the classroom, Miura is a purple belt in karate,

showing her discipline, focus, and determination. Her favorite subject is math, where her problem-solving skills shine. When she's not at school, Miura enjoys spending time with her family. Her positivity, dedication, and all-around excellence make her a wonderful representative of Bluejacket Pride in all five areas!



### Art and Science Academy: Abigail Shatek

Abigail Shatek is truly a model student at the Art and Science Academy! She approaches everything she doeswhether it's her core classes, electives, or extracurricular activities—with responsibility, dedication, and heart. Eighth grader Abby is a natural leader who inspires those around her. As the Editor-in-Chief of the ASA Galaxy News, she brings

creativity and organization to every issue, and as the head of the school yearbook, she played a huge role in making last year's edition a success. Abby's empathy, and genuine desire to lift others up make her a shining example of what it means to be part of our school



### Sunrise: Rylie Lonnee

Rylie, a third grader at Sunrise River, is a testament to the power of quiet diligence in the classroom. She approaches every lesson with a focused effort that sets a remarkable example. Yet, her most notable quality is a wisdom that far exceeds her young age when it comes to being helpful. Without fail, Rylie is the first to notice a classmate grappling with a

tricky math problem or a difficult reading passage. She will always lend a hand to a struggling student, offering explanations or a reassuring presence. Rylie can be caught showing the Sunrise Way all throughout the school!



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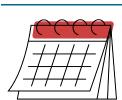


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### **HIGHWAY 95:** City to pay MnDoT in two installments instead of one lump sum

FROM PAGE I

Vogel, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is set to put the project out for bids on Nov. 19. Before that can happen, however, the city council needs to enter into a cooperative agreement with MnDoT, which will detail the amount owed by the city for its share of the project, when the city will have to pay, and what might happen with any remnant parcels the state had purchased along the south side of Highway

According to Vogel, the city's portion will amount to \$4,316,250.68, with \$200,000 of that being picked up by

federal aid. He said through negotiations with MnDoT, the city will be able to pay its share in two installments—one within 30 days of the opening of the bids and one on September 1, 2026, rather than one lump sum like usual.

"This allows the project to get going for the first phase (from Fern Street to Main Street)," Vogel said. "It gives us another bite at the apple with the state legislature, to see if we can get the state to fund a state project."

In regards to the remnant parcels, Vogel said the city will have first right of refusal to purchase those parcels to the east of Main Street at fair market value. "That puts us in a position where the city will be able to help guide future development in a transitional business district and downtown business district, have a salable asset, and make sure it goes to highest and best use," Vogel said.

During discussion Council Member Molly Christian questioned what would happen if during construction, it was discovered some of the contamination from the former Cambridge Launderers and Cleaners property had leached into the ground under Highway 95. She said she was concerned that such a discovery would not only increase the city's costs for the project, but if it would

also essentially force the cleanup of the entire site.

"I can't answer that because it is a state project," Vogel said in regards to potential expanded cleanup. He added MnDoT intentionally planned the expansion for the south side of the highway in order to avoid the known contamination.

As for potential added costs for the city, Vogel noted the contract states, "the computation by the state of the amount due from the city will be final, binding and conclusive."

# North Branch cannabis dispensary application approved

**BY MOLLY WHELAN**NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

North Branch's first cannabis shop can proceed with plans to open over the objection of nearby property owners and businesses, now that the city attorney has weighed in and determined the city's hands are effectively tied by its own

The unlucky coincidence of the planned microbusiness's location — near the home of a sitting council member — led in part to a two-week delay in the city allowing the application to proceed.

James Rayer, the owner of Wild River Cannabis LLC, plans to operate in the former Ruddy's Rental & Party Supplies space at 4628 Isanti Trail.

Under state and local law, the location is perfectly legal, according to city attorney Robert J. Kringler of Flaherty & Hood, P.A. It is more than 1,000 feet away from schools, and the business plan includes all required security measures.

Still, nearby homeowners, including council Member Robert Canada, objected, citing concerns about traffic, a potential increase in crime, and the proximity to an adult day center that serves people with "physical or developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and other medical needs," according to its website.

Police Chief Dan Meyer said in a letter there have been no recent traffic complaints about the section of Isanti Trail within city jurisdiction, and repeated his past opinion regarding a potential increase in crime.

"If a cannabis retail business has a proper security plan in place and is committed to following all of the rules, ordinances, and statutes relating to cannabis sales, I don't anticipate seeing any significant increase in crime regardless of where the retail business is located within our jurisdiction," Meyer wrote. "Our police department will conduct periodic compliance checks on any cannabis dispensaries within the city similar to what we currently do with our tobacco and alcohol licensees."

Michael H. Rod, an administrator for Provide Care Inc., which runs the day center, submitted a letter of opposition to the "very inappropriate" location as well, claiming its vulnerable adult clients include people in active recovery or treatment from addiction

"I believe in this case the city council not only has the right to restrict the location of this business but an obligation to insure it will not be located next to a licensed facility serving vulnerable individuals," the letter reads.

The law, according to Kringler, disagrees.

"The city's options here are quite limited," he told the council, saying cities across the state have expressed frustration at the lack of local control over cannabis businesses.

Kringler said North Branch's chance to limit where and when a cannabis retailer could operate came up back in September, 2024, when it passed the local cannabis ordinance.

At that time the city declined to impose the strict limitations on location and hours permitted by state law, instead only limiting the distance required between schools and other cannabis retailers, and allowing the stores to operate from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

The council at the time, which included Canada, voted unan-

As long as the city's population remains under 12,500 people, it is only required to grant one cannabis retail license, according to Mayor Kevin Schieber, but "as soon as we hit 12,501," a second applicant can apply.

North Branch's population, according to ACS 2023 5-year Census data, is 11,182, according to CensusReporter.org.

"So it would be my desire, as well, to put this on a meeting or a work session, to get to a council meeting and figure out if there's still things we can do, whether there's buffer zones or whatever that might be," Schieber said.

The application was approved 4-1, with Canada voting nay.

# Massage parlor loses license from sexual assault allegations

BY MOLLY WHELAN

NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A criminal investigation spelled the end of New Comfort Massage LLC's brief operations in North Branch.

"Credible accusations" of sexual assault of clients led to an investigation which is now in the hands of the Chisago County Attorney's Office to determine whether criminal charges will be filed against the business's lone massage therapist, who was operating without a city license, according to city documents.

The council unanimously voted to revoke the business's license with no objection from the licensee.

Darwin, whose legal name is Tatwing Yeung, offered no objection, telling the council he had shut down operations immediately upon learning about the criminal investigation in September.

"I was in shock when I first heard of that," he told the council at the public hearing.

Darwin said he had worked with his "auntie," Lau Tsz Kwan, to open the business, but she backed out after he had already signed the lease. When the therapist in question offered to work there, he agreed, partially because he was not interested in having any part of the business.

Darwin said he was unaware the therapist was unlicensed, but gave up pursuing a license for her upon hearing of the criminal investigation.

The business license, and Tsz Kwan's own massage therapist license, was approved by the council in February. New Comfort Massage LLC did not actually begin operations until June.

The first complaint came in early June,

when a customer reported to the police that the massage therapist had "grabbed his penis with her hand and asked, '\$80?'" according to a letter from Police Chief Dan Meyer to the city administrator.

While Meyer and the city administrator were

While Meyer and the city administrator were deciding how to proceed, another complaint came in on Sept. 11, this one alleging similar behavior in addition to the therapist failing to provide a cover for the client's genitals during the massage.

Darwin was the only speaker during the legally required public hearing before the license was revoked.

Mayor Kevin Schieber said the business had been the subject of community rumors before any official action was taken. He and other council members thanked Darwin for his willingness to correct the situation.

# Family Pathways celebrates lifelong service, welcomes new Aging Services Outreach Coordinator

Family Pathways is proud to celebrate nearly two decades of dedicated service from longtime staff member Collette Colucci, while also welcoming Lisa Lovering as the organization's new Aging Services Outreach Coordinator.

For more than 45 years,
Family Pathways has served
people of all ages across East
Central Minnesota. While the
organization has evolved over
time, its commitment to local
communities and the people it
serves remains unwavering.
Many staff and volunteers
have dedicated years—sometimes decades—of service to
the organization's mission, a
testament to its strong culture
of compassion and community.

Collette Colucci has been a vital part of the Family Pathways Aging Services team for 17 years. Known for her deep commitment to caregivers and seniors, Collette has played an instrumental role in expanding and improving programs that support aging adults and their families.

"Collette's leadership and passion have shaped Aging Services into what it is today," said Molly Carlson, Associate Director of Aging Services.
"Her impact on our clients, staff, and partners will be felt for years to come. We are so grateful for her years of service and wish her nothing but

the best in retirement.' As Collette retires on November 21, Family Pathways is pleased to welcome Lisa Lovering to the Aging Services team. Lisa brings years of experience and strong community connections through her work with the East Central Senior Networking group, Cambridge ACT on Alzheimer's, Dementia Friends, and Isanti County TRIAD for seniors. She has also worked with the State of Minnesota advocating for senior fraud prevention and continues to volunteer with AARP as a Smart Driver instructor.

"Lisa's passion for serving older adults and her deep ties to the community make her an excellent fit for this role," added Carlson. "We are excited to see her carry forward the strong legacy of support that Collette helped build."

Family Pathways Aging Services provides essential programs for older adults and caregivers, including homemaking, caregiver consulting, education, support groups, and Sunshine Calls for isolated seniors. These services are supported through a mix of donations, client cost-sharing, thrift store revenue, and grant funding. Every purchase and donation at Family Pathways Thrift Stores helps sustain these vital community programs.

Current grant partners include:

• Federal Older Americans Act, via contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging, under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

• Live Well at Home grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Family Pathways extends sincere gratitude to its clients, donors, staff, volunteers, and

community partners who make this work possible.

For more information about Aging Services, contact Molly Carlson at 320-364-1133 or mollyc@familypathways.org, or visit www.familypathways.org.~FamilyPathways

### The Fayette County Community

As a lapse in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds approaches, Americans are turning to Community Action Agencies, trusted, locally led organizations tasked with combating poverty, for help. Yet, hundreds of Community Action organizations across the country, responsible for critical services that often include food banks and meal-delivery services for seniors, are being forced to cut back services due to the government shutdown, warns the National Community Action Foundation (NCAF).

NCAF represents over a thousand Community Action Agencies (CAAs) across the country, tasked with combating poverty on the local level. Already, an estimated 14 percent of CAAs have closed programs or furloughed staff. By Thanksgiving, another 20 percent will be forced to shutter programs and furlough staff temporarily. By December, nearly half of all CAAs will have to close programs or close down entirely. "These agencies are driven by a mission to assist the people in their community who need help. They are doing everything in their power to remain open, especially as demand increases due to the lapse in SNAP benefits," says David Bradley, CEO of the National Community Action Foundation. "Community Action Agencies have for decades leveraged federal funds for matching public and private dollars, but they do rely on critical federal dollars and are being forced to temporarily stop programs as funds lapse. A pause in services, no matter how short, will be incredibly catastrophic for individuals and families across the country.'

Community Action Agencies are trusted members of their local community, with many operating for over 60 years. CAAs are known for providing tailored, effective programs that tackle the root causes of poverty. In addition to operating well-known programs like the Low-Income Heating and Energy Program (LIHEAP) and Head Start, they frequently run job trainings,

manage food assistance, and coordinate emergency aid in natural disasters. In many areas, particularly rural communities, they are the sole provider of programs that help individuals and families get on a path to self-sufficiency.

Community Action Agencies rely on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), federal funding that enables communities to make local decisions about how to combat poverty. CSBG

is foundational to Community Action Agencies; it not only funds tailored programs but sustains the staff and facilities necessary for efficient opera-

"In short, CSBG keeps the lights on at Community Action Agencies. These funds are often the glue that makes Community Action Agencies so well equipped to effectively run LIHEAP and Head Start," says Bradley. "You may have never heard of CSBG, but now I fear the lapse in funds will make it painfully obvious just how important these funds are."

Action Agency, Inc., which assists over 30,000 residents in Southwestern Pennsylvania every year, has been forced to cut both programs and staff. 35 staff have been furloughed, and 30 staff are working reduced hours. "Our food bank and 56 pantries are still open; however, the food boxes will contain fewer items," shares CEO Kimberly Hawk. "The Senior Center is open two days a week instead of five, and home-delivered meals will be distributed twice weekly. We are not providing rental assistance, nutrition education is not being provided in the schools, and limited staff are working."

The Community Services Block Grant has long received bipartisan support. NCAF is hopeful that Congress and the President will shortly end the shutdown and continue to support CSBG so that we can quickly return Community Action Agencies to operating at full force. ~ National Community Action

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### First Baptist Church

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

#### North Isanti Baptist Church

Lead Pastor: Travis Blake 2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nibchurch.com Email: nibchurch@msn.com 763-689-3576.

8:30am Worship Service (traditional

10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

### Springvale Baptist

Pastor Zane Hall 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study **Evangelical Free** 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

### **Christ the King**

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

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### **Karmel Covenant Church**

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

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### Dale Evangelical Free Church

AWANA and Youth Group from

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

### **Kost Evangelical Free Church**

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

### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47) 763-444-5134 oxlip.org 9am Worship Service 10:45am Christian Education Awana children's ministry Wednesdays Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

### **Wyanett Evangelical Free Church**

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95 www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/ Praver 2:00 pm Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton A LOVING CHURCH PROCLAIMING A

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### Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

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

### **Cambridge Lutheran Church**

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211 Traditional service: 8:30 a.m. Contemp service: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. KidZone 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. www.cambridgelutheran.org Facebook: fb.com/Cambridgelutheran YouTube: tinyurLcom/Cambridgelutheran

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

### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessi-Pastor Vicki VanderVegt

Sunday Worship 9:20am Coffee & fellowship following service Email: firstlutheran@q.com www.firstlutheranharris.org

#### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge 763-689-4355 www.joylutheran.net Pastor James Ritter 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576 Pastor Glen Kleppe Sunday Worship 10am Sunday School 9am Sunday Adult Bible Study 9am www.livingbranch.org email: office@livingbranch.org

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

### 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 Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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justpassinihs@gmail.com Justpassinthru.net Pastor Tom Bakke Sunday mornings at 10 am Sunday nights and Wednesdays

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#### **NOTICES**

#### STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF **TENTH JUDICIAL** DISTRICT

Case Type: Condemnation Court File No.: 30-CV-25-670 State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation,

Justin C. Kluck, et al. Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF THE

CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK

HIGHWAY PURPOSES NOTICE

To the Respondents hereinabove named:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on December 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge John D. Klossner, in the Courthouse at Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota, via remote hearing, the Petitioner will present a Petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. This hearing will not be in person at the Courthouse. Instructions for attending the remote hearing may be obtained from Isanti Court Administration. The remote hearing may be accessed by video at https:// Zoomgov.com/join, or by phone at 833-568-8864. For either method, the Meeting ID is 160 612 4764 and the Meeting Password is 934219. A copy of the Petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein. YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE

FURTHER NOTIFIED, that Petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to Petitioner of the parcels described in the Petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of January 16, 2026. YOU, AND EACH OF YOU

FURTHER NOTIFIED ARE that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must VACATE THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 16, 2026. All advertising signs or devices located in the area being acquired must be removed by January 16, 2026.

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

Dated: August 7, 2025 KEITH ELISON Attorney General State of Minnesota /s/Andre D. Gross ANDREW D. GROSS Assistant Attorney General Atty. Reg. No. 0395389 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 600 St. Paul, MN 55101-2125 (651) 757-1039 (Voice) (651) 282-2525(TTY) ATTORNEY FOR PÉTITIONER STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF JUDICIAL TENTH DISTRICT

Case Type: Condemnation

State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,

Justin C. Kluck, Jessica Kluck, U.S. Bank National Association, PrimeLending, a Plains Capital Company, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, a/k/a Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C., Assignee of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., County of Isanti, Inn Towne Court Apartments, LLC, Security Bank & Trust Company, successor to Cambridge State Bank, Joe Robinson, Taylar Sowden, Martin Lopez, Patrick Fenning, Derrick Bacon, Daniel Lopez, Brandon Tinnel, Brian Grisham, Colin Tinnel, Michelle Miller, Donald Lowthian, Michael Schaefer, John Santiago, Ryan Moss, Kassandra Everett, Richard Williams, Aaron Primmer, David Nyquist, Anna Sparrow, All Current Occupants of Inn Town Court Apartments, LLC Greta Lindberg, ZZeise, LLC,

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Agreement dated April 24, 2008,

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in the real estate described in the

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN

LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY

To the District Court above named

the State of Minnesota brings this

Petition and respectfully states and

I. That Trunk Highway Legislative

Route numbered 132, which has

been renumbered 95, and which has

been located according to law and

designated as a controlled access

highway, passes over the lands

Wav Plat Orders numbered 100691,

Transportation deems it necessary

that the State of Minnesota for

trunk highway purposes obtain the

lands herein described in fee simple

absolute, and an easement as to

Parcels 300 and 300B together with

to acquire all trees, shrubs

grass and herbage within the right

of way herein to be taken, and to

keep and have the exclusive control

of the same, to acquire from the

owners whose lands front thereon

any existing right of access to said

highway in those cases which are

herein particularly mentioned, and to

keep and have the exclusive control

of all access to said highway in

accordance with the law governing

controlled access highways, and

further to acquire a temporary

easement in those cases which are

With reference to Parcel 54,

there appears a mortgage executed by Justin C. Kluck and Jessica

Kluck, husband and wife, of Isanti County, Minnesota, as mortgagors,

to the United States of America,

acting through the United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development, mortgagee, and filed

in the office of the County Recorder

in Isanti County, Minnesota, as

Date Filed November 11, 2020

for an order authorizing the Court

Administrator to accept and deposit

payments from the Petitioner to

the court pursuant to Minn. Stat. §

for an order transferring title and

possession of the parcels herein

described, prior to the filing of

an award by the court appointed

commissioners, pursuant to Minn.

Stat. §117.042.

Petitioner hereby moves the court

Petitioner hereby moves the court

Dated November 1, 2020

Document No. A498020

herein particularly mentioned.

the following rights:

100689, 100727 and 100678.

That it is duly covered by Right of

II. That the Commissioner of

Petition herein,

**PURPOSES** 

**PETITION** 

Respondents.

A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of the Northwest Quarter of Giles Block in Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 54 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-65 as the Association as Trustee for the Benefit same is on file and of record in the of the Registered Holders of Wells office of the County Recorder in and Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the 2021-C60, Commercial Mortgage temporary easement symbol, said Pass-Through Certificates, Series easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date 2021-C60, Brian S. Strike and DeAnn E. Strike, as trustees of Brian upon which the Commissioner of S. Strike Revocable Trust under Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting all other persons unknown claiming therefrom the existing building

situate thereon.

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

Justin C. Kluck Fee Jessica Kluck U.S. Bank National Association Mortgage

PrimeLending, a Plains Capital Company Mortgage Minnesota Housing

Agency Mortgage United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development Mortgage

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, a/k/a Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C., Assignee of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Judgment Taxes County of Isanti

FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 62 C.S. 3006 (95=132)

S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:

That part of Lots 52 and 56, AUDITORS SUB-DIVISION NO.8, shown as Parcel 62 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-66 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 62:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 62 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situate thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of

Inn Towne Court Apartments, LLC

Security Bank & Trust Company, successor to Cambridge State Bank Mortgage

County of Isanti Taxes Joe Robinson Occupant Taylar Sowden Occupant Martin Lopez Occupant Patrick Fenning Occupant Derrick Bacon Occupant Daniel Lopez Occupant Brandon Tinnel Occupant Brian Grisham Occupant Colin Tinnel Occupant Michelle Miller Occupant Donald Lowthian Occupant Michael Schaefer Occupant John Santiago Occupant Ryan Moss Occupant Kassandra Everett Occupant Richard Williams Occupant Aaron Primmer Occupant

All Current Occupants of Inn Town

Occupant

Occupant

David Nyquist

Anna Sparrow

Court Apartments, LLC Occupant Greta Lindberg Occupant FEE ACQUISITION

Parcel 42 C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901 S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following: That part of Lots 1 and 2 of AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION NO. 12 and Lot 2 of PLAT OF SUB-DIVISION LOTS IN N.W. 1/4 OF N.W. 4. SECTION 33. T.36. R23. (All Located in the Northwest Quarter of

the Northwest Quarter of Section 33 Township 36 North, Range 23 West), shown as Parcel 42 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.11 acre, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 42 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1. 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing building situate thereon.

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

Cushman & Wakefield US, Inc Claimant of an Interest S & S SpaSalon, Inc., doing business as Adevia SpaSalon

Lessee Trusted Insurance Agency Inc. formerly doing business as Central

Insurance Agency Lessee Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. doing business as Edward Jones Lessee

County of Isanti Taxes and Special Assessments FEE ACQUISITION

Parcel 44 C.S. 3007 (95=132)

901

S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following: That part of Lot 6, Block 2, DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL. and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28 Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 44 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Wav Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 50 square feet, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part

of said Parcel 44:

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s). Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 44 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1 2030 or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of ransportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing sign, light pole, and curb & gutter situate

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of

100 Buchanan Street LLC Fee Main Street Flats Limited artnership Easement

City of Cambridge Family Pathways

Impact Holdings of Minnesota,

BNSF Railway Company. successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc., and Burlington Northern Railroad Easement Company Lindberg Law Office

Lessee Transparent Financial, Inc.

Lessee County of Isanti Taxes and

Special Assessments
EASEMENT ACQUISITION Parcel 300 C.S. 3007 (95=132)

901 S.P. 3006-39RW All of the following:

That part of Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33 and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, all in Township 36 North, Range 23 West, shown as Parcel 300 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.62 acre, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).

Temporary Easement:

temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 300 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1. 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of

BNSF Railway Company successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc. and Burlington Northern Railroad Company Fee
U.S. Bank Trust National

Association, as Trustee, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, conversion to successor to First Trust of New York, National Association and to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York Mortgage

Citibank, N.A., formerly known as First National City Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment or conversion to The First National Bank of the City of New York Mortgage

County of Isanti Taxes
EASEMENT ACQUISITION Parcel 300B C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901 S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following:

That part of Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33. Township 36 North, Range 23 West shown as Parcel 300B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-67 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; containing 0.20 acre, more or less; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 300B:

Access:

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).

Temporary Easement

temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 300B by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing propane tank situate thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of

BNSF Railway successor in interest to by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Minnesota and Great Northern Railway Company, Burlington Northern, Inc., and Burlington Northern Railroad Company Record Fee

Lakes Gas Co. Claimant of Fee Citibank, N.A., formerly known as First National City Bank, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to The First National Bank of the City of New York Mortgage U.S. Bank Trust National

Association, as Trustee, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, conversion to successor to First Trust of New York, National Association and to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York Mortgage

City of Cambridge Easement
County of Isanti Taxes Federated Co-ops, Inc. Occupant FEE ACQUISITION Parcel 301G C.S. 3007 (95=132) 901 S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following:

That part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, the East Half of Block 6, and the vacated alley accruing thereto by reason of the vacation thereof, RASK'S ADDITION TO CAMBRIDGE, ISANTI COUNTY MINNESOTA, shown as Parcel

301G on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-68 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel

Access

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol(s).

Temporary Easement:

temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 301G by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing sign, sidewalk and landscaping situate thereon.

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

DPMichaels Properties, LLC, an inactive entity, doing business as Pizza Ranch, an unregistered assumed name Fee
First Bank & Trust, successor
to Peoples Bank of Commerce

Mortgage County of Isanti Taxes

Parcel 301K C.S. 3007 (95=132)

S.P. 3006-39RW

All of the following: A temporary easement for highway purposes in that part of Lot 1, Block 1, DARONS ADDITION, shown as Parcel 301K on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 30-68 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Isanti County, Minnesota, by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2030, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes; excepting therefrom the existing curb and

gutter situate thereon. Names of parties interested in the above-described land and nature of interest:

Schiff New Q2, LLC Fee Wilmington Trust, National Association as Trustee for the Benefit of the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust 2021-C60, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2021-C60 Mortgage and Financing

Statement Brian S. Strike and DeAnn E. Strike, as trustees of Brian S. Strike Revocable Trust under Agreement dated April 24, 2008, as amended Easement

Walgreen Co. Lessee County of Isanti Taxes WHEREFORE, Your Petitioner prays that the Court grant this petition, that commissioners be appointed to appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.

Dated: July 29, 2025 KEITH ELLISON Attorney General State of Minnesota /s/Andrew D. Gross ANDREW D. GROSS Assistant Attorney General Atty. Reg. No. 0395389 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 600 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2125 (651) 757-1039 (Voice) (651) 297-4077 (Fax) andrew.gross@ag.state.mn.us ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER 101050 MINN. STAT. § 549.211

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT** 

The party or parties on whose behalf the attached document is served acknowledge through their undersigned counsel that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.

Dated: July 29, 2025 KEITH ELLISON

Attorney General State of Minnesota /s/Andrew D. Gross ANDREW D. GROSS Assistant Attorney General Atty. Reg. No. 0395389 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 600 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2125 (651) 757-1039 (Voice) (651) 297-4077 (Fax) andrew.gross@ag.state.mn.us ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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### \*IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE\*

This will affect your 2026 property

Tax Refund. Have you purchased or moved

into a property in the past year? Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2025.

What is a qualifying relative?

For unoccupied agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For occupied agricultural or residential property, a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

#### When do I apply?

You must apply on or before

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor. All Relative Homestead applications must be filed annually.

the assessor by December 31, 2025 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Isanti County Assessor's Office, (763) 689-2752

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### PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARLTON SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 09-PR-25-1742

**Estate of Timothy Gene Burton** a/k/a Tim Burton, Decedent NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE Notice is given that an application

for informal appointment of filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted. Notice is also given that the

Registrar has informally appointed 6176 Sunlight Basin Road North Branch, Minnesota, 55056, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object

to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3 607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to 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

Judge of District Court Leslie

Court Administrator Jennifer Miller // Janet Riegle, Deputy Dated: October 24, 2025

Attorney for Personal Representative Riley A. Sullivan

2150 Third Avenue #350 Anoka, MN, 55303 Attorney License No: 403204 Telephone: (763) 406-7000 FAX: (763) 208-3607 Email: riley.sullivan@boltlawfirm

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### **FORECLOSURES**

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DEFAULT has occurred in the conditions of the following described

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 26, 2016 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

OF MORTGAGE: \$117,000 Danielle MORTGAGOR(S):

MORTGAGEE: East Central

Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: October 27, 2016, Office of the County Recorder, Isanti

County, MN Document Number: A462094 ASSIGNMENT(S)

MORTGAGE: None TRANSACTION AGENT: None TRANSACTION MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: None

LENDER UNDER DEED OF TRUST NOTE: None

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti County Property Address: 332 3rd

Avenue NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 Tax Parcel ID Number: 15.041.1310

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of Lot 43, Auditor's Subdivision Number 8, Village (now City) of Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota. AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED

TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$90,339.00

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of

sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county DATE AND TIME OF SALE:

December 23, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County

Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main St. S., Cambridge, MN 55008 To pay the debt secured by

said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides:

"If the real estate is an owneroccupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23. If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2025. If the mortgagor's redemption period is reduced to five weeks as set forth below, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION:

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY MORTGAGOR, PERSONAL MORTGAGOR'S REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: November 6, 2025 Larkin, Hoffman, Daly, & Lindgren, Ltd.

Attorneys for Mortgagee 8300 Norman Center Dr. Minneapolis, MN 55437 (952) 835-3800

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS Notice is hereby given that the

Cambridge City Council will meet in the council chambers of the city hall 300 Third Avenue NE, at or about 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025, to consider the making of improvements on 2nd Avenue SE (Opportunity Blvd to S. Alabama Street), 2nd Avenue SE (S. Kennedy Street. to Opportunity Blvd), S. Balsam Street (TH 95 to 2nd Avenue SE), N Balsam Street (TH 95 to 500 N of 3rd Avenue NE), 3rd Avenue NE (Opportunity Blvd to N. Balsam Street), S Dellwood Street (11th Avenue SW to 18th Avenue SW), S. McKinley Street (TH 95 to 2nd Avenue SE), S. Kennedy Street. (2nd Avenue SE to Willow Wood Dr. SE), Willow Wood Dr. SE (S Kennedy Street. to 2nd Avenue SE) Marigold Dr S (10th Avenue SE to Opportunity Blvd), Iris Court (Joes Lake SE Rd to cul-de-sac), Lincoln Court (10th Avenue SE to cul-desac), 10th Avenue SE (Iris Ct to Opportunity Blvd). The improvements consist of the

reconstruction and installation of streets, curb & gutter, sidewalks, trails, sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, and street lighting, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 429.011 to 429.111 The parcels proposed to be assessed for such improvements are those parcels that abut such improvements. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$10,119.380 A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessments will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Evan C. Vogel Published in the Isanti-Chisago

County STAR on October 30; CITY OF CAMBRIDGE NOTICE

OF HEARING ON PROPOSED **ASSESSMENT 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS** 

Notice is hereby given that the Cambridge City Council will meet at 2025, at the Cambridge City Hall, 300 Third Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessments for improvements of 2nd Avenue SE (Opportunity Blvd to S. Alabama Street), 2nd Avenue SE (S. Kennedy Street. to Opportunity Blvd), S. Balsam Street (TH 95 to 2nd Avenue SE), N Balsam Street (TH 95 to 500 N of 3rd Avenue NE), 3rd Avenue NE (Opportunity Blvd to N. Balsam Street), S Dellwood Street (11th Avenue SW to 18th Avenue SW) S. McKinley Street (TH 95 to 2nd Avenue SE), S. Kennedy Street. (2nd Avenue SE to Willow Wood Dr. SE). Willow Wood Dr. SE (S. Kennedy Street. to 2nd Avenue SE), Marigold Dr S (10th Avenue SE to Opportunity Blvd), Iris Court (Joes Lake SE Ro to cul-de-sac), Lincoln Court (10th Avenue SE to cul-de-sac), 10th Avenue SE (Iris Ct to Opportunity Blvd). The improvements consist of the reconstruction and installation of streets, curb and gutter, sidewalks, trail, sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, and street lighting. Adoption by the council of the proposed assessment may occur at the hearing. The area proposed to be assessed consists of all parcels

or about 6:00 p.m. on November 17,

abutting the improvements. The assessment will be payable in over a period of 10 years, the first of the installments to be payable with property taxes in 2027 and will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6.5 percent per annum after October . 15, 2026. To the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from October 16, 2026. until December 31, 2026. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments. The owner of any property so

assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the Isanti County Auditor on November 15, 2026, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City Clerk, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid by October 15, 2026. They may at any time thereafter, pay to the City Clerk the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Administrator's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$1,437,754. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property

owners as it deems advisable. An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or City Administrator within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

Evan C. Vogel

City Administrator

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Isanti County Board of

Commissioners will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center to consider amending the zoning from Agriculture/Residential District to Business District for the property described as That PT of E/2 of SW/4, lying E of ROW of Burlington RR, Sub to State HWY 65, Except: That Pt of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 DESC: Comm at NE Corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼; Then W along N line of NE ¼ of the SW ¼ to W ROW of State HWY 65 & POB OF PROP TO BE DESC; Then cont. W, along said N Line (751.12') to E ROW OF RR; Then SW, Along E ROW (136.90'); Then angle right 72.1530 781.77' to W ROW of state HWY 65; Then N

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along W ROW (15.72') TO POB of

Section 17, Township 35, Range 23,

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW; the City Council will hold a Public Hearing for delinquent utility charges to be certified to property taxes.

Posted: November 6, 2025 Jaden Strand

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### New chiropractic clinic opens in Isanti

A new chiropractic clinic has opened in Isanti, offering care for patients of all ages. Ohana Chiropractic & Wellness, founded by Dr. Brandy Lusk, provides chiropractic services along with Applied Kinesiology and functional

The clinic, located at 4 Enterprise Ave. NE, will host an open house Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet the staff, tour the facility, and learn about the services offered.

Dr. Lusk said the clinic aims to support families and individuals by addressing the root causes of health issues rather than focusing solely on symptoms. Services are available for infants, adults, and older adults, with an emphasis on movement, prevention, and

For more information, visit ohanachiromn.com or call 763-200-0767. ~Ohana Chiropractic & Wellness

### ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Oct. 26 - Nov. 1. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Nathan Ryan Meadows (DOB 11/18/1998) of Circle Pines, was charged Oct. 28 with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree Penetration; Victim 14 - 15 Actor > 24m older;

one count of Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct; and three counts of Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/ Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn.

Jamie Adrian Zabloski (DOB 11/09/1991) of Princeton, was charged Oct. 30 with Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.

### CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 26 - Nov. 1. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Chase William Peterson (DOB 02/28/1996) of Finlayson, was charged Oct. 28 with Drugs - 5th

Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp. Marcella Julie Wells (DOB 04/26/1981) of St. Paul, was charged Oct. 30 with Murder - 3rd

Degree - Sell/Give/Distribute Controlled Substance - Schedules 1 and 2. Tire Chains

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### **Attorneys**

**JOSLIN & MOORE** LAW OFFICES P.A.

Clark A. Joslin

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