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‘A trifecta of positives’

North Branch’s current growth a key to future success

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Despite the struggles of many individual businesses as the COVID pandemic continues to be a thorn in their sides, the City of North Branch as a whole continues to see record-breaking growth over the past year. That was the message presented to members of the North Branch Chamber of Commerce by City Administrator Renae Fry during a “State of the City” at the monthly Chamber meeting.

“We know that the individual stories of businesses and residents might paint a different picture, maybe even a bleak picture,” Fry said in the introduction to her presentation, “but as a community as a whole, North Branch went beyond explosion in terms of business growth, business development,

new housing - it was a record housing year for North Branch.”

Fry said in 2020, the city experienced a record number of 130 new, single-family home permits, and in 2021, they are on pace to break that record, having issued 91 as of the end of last month.

“And we’re still at the peak of new, single-family housing permits, so we do expect to hit that 130 mark, and maybe go a little higher,” she said.

Fry highlighted a couple other housing projects either in progress or expecting to be started soon. Among those was the 144-unit Falcon Apartment complex, which is located on the west end of town, near the Outlet Center. That complex will feature studio up to two-bedroom apartments, a pool, a dog

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One of the other positive signs of growth in North Branch is the creation of a new park on land donated by a developer. The city is currently building a shelter at the park, which has been dubbed Meadows North.



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It’s a great pumpkin, Charlie Brown

Kids attending the 16th annual Frankensteiners Ball Car Show at the Isanti County Fairgrounds were able to root through a large wagon of free pumpkins in search of the perfect gourd. See page 2 for more photos from this year’s event.

Isanti’s Bluebird Park slated for increased activities

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The City of Isanti has big plans for Bluebird Park following the addition of an amphitheater to the park. At its Oct. 5 meeting, Isanti City Council approved a special event permit for a grand opening for the amphitheater, approved moving forward with a holiday lighting display similar to Bentleyville to open in Dec. 2022, and discussed moving the city’s summer street dances to the park.

A grand opening for the new amphitheater will tentatively take place Saturday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. pending completion of construction of the amphitheater. There will be food trucks on-site and approximately 100 people are expected to participate.

The council was given two concepts from which to choose for the lighting display, and approved the second concept with a three-to-two vote; council members Paul Bergley and Jim Gordon voted against the lighting display

due to the cost.

The concept approved is a ticketed walk-through experience focusing on one-sided light displays with market-style activities, such as vendor booths and photo opportunities. This concept is expected to draw an audience from Isanti County as well as neighboring counties, and there are partner opportunities at the county level, according to Parks, Recreation, and Events Coordinator Alyssa Olson.

Along with display costs, additional production costs for this concept include fencing, overnight security, storage, operations staff, and general event utilities. An event like this would take place for one full week in December.

Ticket fees, paid parking, and partner revenue will help offset the costs associated with an event this size, and partner opportunities would range from trade/donations to a top tier at \$5,000. The initial cost for this event is expected to be \$107,000, with

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The 16th annual Frankensteins Ball Car Show attracted over 1500 vehicles, along with thousands of spectators to the Isanti County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 9. Besides being able to view unique varieties of vehicles, with many decked out with a Halloween decor, attendees were invited to do some early Trick or Treating.



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TUESDAYS Evening Storytime

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

TUES & WED Vaccination clinics

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

WEDNESDAYS Preschool Storytime - North Branch & Cambridge

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

THURSDAYS Braham Farmers Market

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

SATURDAYS Cambridge Farmers Market

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

North Branch Farmers Market

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

OCT. 14 Bethel University gathering

Bethel alumni, friends, and future Royals are invited to a dinner and presentation by President Ross Allen from 6-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street S. The event is free, however registration is required at bethel.edu/royal-nation. For more information, contact 651-638-6462 or alumni@bethel.edu.

Onsight Tour - Cedar Creek

Isanti County Master Gardeners is hosting a tour of the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, presented by Dr. Caitlin Barale Potter. The tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. Masks are encouraged outdoors and required indoors. To register for this free tour, call 763-689-8254.

City-Wide Read book discussion

North Fork Winery is hosting a discussion group at 6:30 p.m. on the featured book for the Cambridge City-Wide Read, "Alone at the Top" by Lonnie Dupre. The event is free. Pizza, salad, wine and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Go to www.northfolkwinery.com for more info.

OCT. 16 Book signing

The public is invited to meet local authors Wendy Webb and Allen Eskens at Scout and Morgan Books, 114 Buchanan St. N., Cambridge, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. See scoutandmorganbooks.com and click on "events" for more information.

Fall Book Sale

The North Branch library is holding a book sale in their community room from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., with proceeds going towards future library programs. The public can also donate books for the sale up until one week before the sale. Call 651-674-8443 for more information.

Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry - Isanti

Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held 9-11 a.m. at New Hope Church-Isanti, 114 Dahlin Ave, Isanti. Starting at 7:30 a.m., time tickets will be given out for when food can be collected. For \$20 donation receive grocery items. Open to anyone; no income requirements. No boxes required as distribution will be drive-thru only. For info call Joyce at (612) 760-4179 or Facebook at Ruby's Pantry Isanti MN.

OCT. 18 North Branch Book Club

The North Branch Library is hosting their monthly book club from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. This month, participants have the option of reading a book by Agatha Christie of their choosing. No registration required. For more information email nbmail@ecrlib.org or call 651-674-8443.

OCT. 19 Veterans coffee talk

Bryan T. Brown, Chisago County Veterans Service Officer is hosting a get-together with area veterans from 9 - 10 a.m. at North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm St., North Branch. Participants will meet other veterans, get benefits assistance, plus information on other topics that affect them. Call 651-213-5680 or email Bryan.Brown@chisagocounty.us for more information.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge, for caregivers, family and friends. For info contact Lyndsey Larson at 763-691-6172.

Surplus Food Distribution

Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution will distribute food at the Isanti County Fair Grounds from 2:30 - 5 p.m. (or until food runs out). You can enter the fairgrounds before 1 p.m. rather than park along the streets or nearby

parking lots, however, those entering AFTER 1 p.m. will receive their food first. Please remember to bring your picture ID and one current utility bill if you are new or have not registered in the last two months. Groceries for up to two families per vehicle will be loaded in your trunk or the hatch back of your vehicles only.

OCT 21 Defensive Driver Class

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

Cambridge Book Club

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

Parkinson's Support Group

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

Blood Drive

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

Board of Aging Meeting

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

OCT 22 Virtual author meeting

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

Blood Drive

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

OCT. 23 Children's Halloween Party

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

OCT. 24 Bingo

Christ the King Knights of Columbus

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

OCT. 28 'Orange Frog' training workshop

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

OCT. 29 Business Trick or Treating

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

OCT. 31 Drive-thru Trick or Treating

The Isanti Fire District is hosting their second Drive-thru Trick or Treating from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Grounds. Vehicles should enter at 430 1st Ave NW, Isanti.

NOV. 4 Memory Cafe

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

NOV. 6 Glass Etching

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

Felt tree ornaments

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

NOV. 8 Science Hacks

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

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OPINION

Council's resolution may do more harm than good

ast week, the Isanti City Council passed a resolution voicing their opposition to “the governor or any other governmental authority (attempting) to impose another mask mandate in the future.”

It's not completely unusual for councils to adopt a resolution proclaiming the council being in favor or against something, especially when it comes to possible action by the state. This particular resolution, however, seems to be ill-conceived, ill-timed, and quite frankly, completely inaccurate.

Now, I'm not saying the individual council members don't have the right to openly state their opinion on a certain topic. This is something this council has had no problem with doing both at council meetings and when they're out in the public, especially concerning COVID-related topics. In fact, I have seen several different members of the council blatantly not wearing a mask even at the height of the state-wide mandate. However to put such opinions in

writing in a resolution, which in essence is supposed to be representative of the citizens as a whole, they are completely alienating a certain percentage of their constituents.

I also can't say I completely disagree with their opinion. I've mentioned multiple times my dislike for wearing a mask, especially now that I have been vaccinated. However my dislike has always been based on a level of discomfort, not based on an incorrect statement that wearing a mask takes away a person's freedoms, or as Mayor Johnson claimed, is unconstitutional.

While it is true the constitution does protect the taking away of a vast number of individuals' freedoms, it is also well established governments can on a temporary basis limit freedoms when it is in the best interest of public safety. Governments can and have enforced curfews in times of social unrest (rioting). There's also been mandatory evacuations due to the threat of severe storms, or other natural disasters. These instances are certainly much more invasive on a person's freedoms than having to wear a piece of cloth over your face. And before anyone tries to argue that COVID is overblown, there are many, many instances where the curfew or evacuation in hindsight turned out to be unneeded as well.

Another problem I have is with the timing of it. For one, while Governor Walz did recently request that the State Legislature enact mandatory masking in schools, even Walz admitted that wasn't going to come to fruition due to the Republican-led Senate. So unless there is a reason for Walz to flex his emergency powers, there will be no state-wide mask mandate.

Finally, this resolution is ill-conceived because it puts additional pressures on the Cambridge-Isanti Schools, who are stuck between a rock and a hard place in desperately trying to keep students in school like normal while at the same time adhering to imposing COVID mitigation strategies.

Remember, the resolution states “the governor or any other governmental authority...” Guess what folks, school boards are “governmental authorities.” So either intentionally or unintentionally, this resolution is telling the school district they oppose them instituting a mask mandate, even if there is a drastic spike in positive tests within the school buildings.

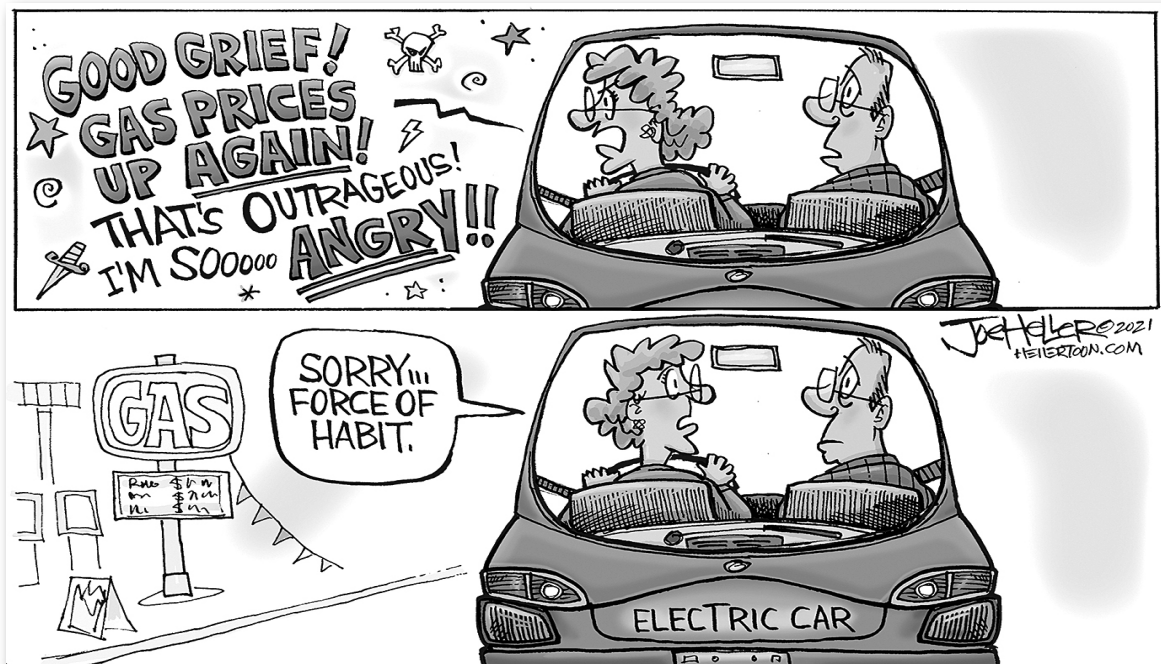
So, while the Isanti City Council might earn pats on the back for making such a bold statement, in reality what they very well might have done is just add fuel to an already out-of-control fire.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Different definition of 'freedom'

To the editor,

At the Oct. 5 Isanti City Council meeting, Member Paul Bergley described the council's resolution against mask mandates as being a pro-freedom mandate. His concept of freedom differs from mine. I prefer the concept of freedom articulated by the late Peter Marshall (Presbyterian minister and US Senate chaplain) and Pope Benedict XVI.

Peter Marshall said, “May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” For Pope Benedict, “Freedom is not only a gift, but a summons to personal responsibility.”

The coronavirus is still very much with us and with only 41.7% of the population age 12 and up in Isanti County fully vaccinated (see CDC.gov - COVID-19 County Check), I believe that accepting personal responsibility and doing what is right means getting vaccinated and wearing a mask to protect family, friends, co-workers, and community.

**Karen S. Lee
Cambridge**

Unvaccinated only need masks

To the editor,

I have to commend the Isanti city Council for their unanimous comment on Mask mandates.

Masks may be a good idea for the unvaccinated. But this is still America, and it should be our right to choose. It amuses me that people who will stand around supporting abortion with a sign reading “My body, My choice” can't draw the connection to vaccines and masks. I have had my two vaccinations, voluntarily with no ill effects. I've worn a mask when demanded. But it's very annoying to be asked to wear a mask after the vaccine. To say that the vaccine is not adequate protection is to say that requiring the vaccine is merely a token, and not an actual success. I agree.

**Steve Knight
Cambridge**

Need more COVID coverage

To the editor,

On Wednesday Oct. 6, our state government reported 40 new COVID-19 deaths. Of these, three were under age 35. Of the three, one was from Chisago County, and both others were from counties (Anoka, Ramsey) within commuting distance of Chisago and Isanti Counties.

As long as COVID remains this much of a threat, you owe it to your readers to give the COVID pandemic prominent coverage every week.

**Chuck Baynton MD
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Protecting what it means to be a well-rounded Bluejacket

Bluejacket Pride was plentiful during our All-Class Reunion in August and Homecoming a couple of weeks ago. Both events provided an opportunity for our entire community to show their school spirit and pride.

In the coming weeks, our community will vote on the future strength of our public schools. Following a Community Task Force recommendation, we are asking our community to invest in students' futures - our collective future - and preserve what it means to be a



Bluejacket. After studying our district finances since January, a Community Task Force of 38 individuals recommended that the school district hold a referendum this year to fix a chronic funding shortfall. The Task Force dug into district finances and operations, talked to experts in school funding, and reviewed past budget cuts and their impact on students and learning. In April, they concluded that we are falling behind in meeting the growing needs of students and need more funding. Unfortunately, we do not have a voter-approved operating referendum like most school districts, and that is hurting children's learning opportunities. After all, local funding is part of a three-legged stool for schools in Minnesota, and our local funding falls short. State funding has not kept pace with inflation over the last decade. Even this year when the legislature touted

a historic increase, it was less than inflation. Most districts have a local voter-approved operating referendum to close the gap. Cambridge-Isanti does not. After careful consideration, the Task Force and School Board arrived at a straightforward, two-question referendum. It specifically requests additional funds to:

- Support student learning.
- Hire more high-quality teachers to reduce class sizes.
- Expand vocational-technical classes to support career and college readiness.

As a bonus, if a referendum is approved, it will also bring about \$500,000 in new state aid for our district. They say the state helps those who help themselves. I'd like to address three questions I'm often asked about this referendum.

1) Why can't we just spend within our means? We are. We have balanced our budget each of the last three years by cutting expenses. We have cut \$8.5 million, slashed our curriculum supplies budget by 57% and eliminated 100 jobs from our payroll. We are losing good teachers to districts that have more stable funding. We have 38 students in classes at the middle school and high school. With class sizes of 38, each student receives 40% less individual time and attention from a teacher than in a class of 25.

Our school district now ranks #311 out of 327 school districts in Minnesota in per-student funding. And we spend less per pupil than any other school district in the Mississippi 8 Conference. We will have to cut another \$1 million to balance the budget next year if the referendum does not pass, and continue to do so into the foreseeable future.

2) Can't you just cut sports and after

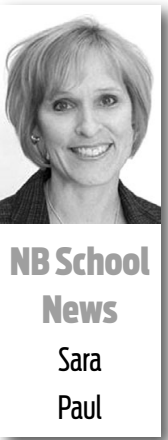
school activities and stick to the basics? We believe in a well-rounded education, and learning happens beyond the walls of the classroom. After school activities teach students discipline, responsibility and teamwork. They provide a sense of belonging - being part of something bigger than oneself. And activities provide students with a sense of purpose. Students learn to be accountable to their team and their coach or club advisor. Statistically, students who are involved in extracurriculars also earn better grades. In fact, of our teams/clubs and theatre groups, 22 have a 3.0 or higher cumulative group grade point average (GPA) and 14 are higher than a 3.5 team GPA. We want kids involved in activities and to be well-rounded.

3) How can private schools educate students for under \$6,000 in tuition and public schools cost so much more? The answer is private schools can't. Private school tuition might be less, but "tuition alone does not cover the cost of a private education," according to the school's website. Gifts (large and small) bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of operating the school. Some costs, like transportation and student support services are funded through our public school district. With unpublished budgets, per/pupil expenses by private schools are unclear, but it is certainly higher than tuition alone. Private schools can also be selective in admissions and aren't required to educate all students, which is the responsibility of public schools. We know that our C-I School's general education cost per pupil is \$8,225 which is significantly below the state average of \$9,500. And we know that, after \$8.5 million of budget reductions, we are the LOWEST spending district in the

Mississippi 8 Conference and one of the lowest spending school districts in the state of Minnesota. Our mission is to develop well-rounded students who become responsible citizens in our community. There are currently 40,000 good-paying jobs in manufacturing in Central Minnesota, and we need to expand vocational-technical classes that have been cut back over the years so our graduates are prepared for those careers. We need to lower our class sizes so students receive more individual learning and personal attention. We need to stop budget cuts, so we can attract and keep high-quality teachers and staff. Our children are the future of this community, and strong communities have strong schools. Our community faces critical workforce shortages, and if we want to attract young parents and workers into our communities, we need to provide a high-quality education for their children. In Minnesota, funding schools is a shared responsibility. The average school operating referendum is \$865 per pupil; we are asking for \$565 per student to support learning, hire teachers and reduce class sizes (in question 1) and for \$121 per student to expand vocational-technical-career classes (in question 2). If both questions are approved, it will cost \$12 per month on a \$200,000 property. Visit www.c-ischools.org/referendum to learn the facts and test out our tax calculator to see your specific cost. If you have specific questions, please call me at 763-689-6202. DR. NATE RUDOLPH is superintendent of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. He can be reached at 763-689-6202 or nrudolph@c-ischools.org.

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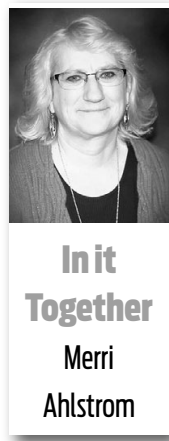
The school year at North Branch Area Public Schools is off to a great start and it is so rewarding to see staff and students making memories and engaged in learning! The ability to address COVID-related staff shortages continues to be a priority for the school district. It is imperative we have enough subs on call to prevent sudden and unforeseen changes due to staffing issues. To that end, we created Viking Support Stars, and we are so grateful for those who have given of their time to help ensure services for students continue uninterrupted. Nevertheless, we could still use more stars! Being part of the solution is the solution! You might be surprised to know how much of a difference it would make if you were able



to commit to only 5-10 days over the course of the school year to provide substitute duties. Being part of the solution will make a huge difference for NBAPS! NBAPS is hosting Viking Support Stars training sessions on Oct. 27. There will be sessions from 8-10 a.m., 11 am - 1 p.m., and 5-7 p.m., at the district office (38705 Grand Ave. North Branch). This is a one-stop opportunity to allow interested parties to sign up, get help with application materials, and receive on-board training. If you are interested and able, please use this form to sign up for a session: <https://tinyurl.com/6s2t6ue9>. A four-year degree is not necessary to be part of the solution to keeping kids in school! We are so grateful to serve you. Please keep sharing your thoughts on how we can keep moving forward together! SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.

Yes, alcohol is a drug

In our society alcohol is a very acceptable beverage of choice at family gathering, social events, or pretty much anytime. Many people who drink alcoholic beverages don't think of themselves as someone who uses drugs. I have often heard it said "I would never do drugs" as they are drinking a beer or other beverage containing alcohol. What some people don't realize is alcohol is a drug. It may not be an illegal hard core street drug such as heroin, cocaine, or methamphetamines but it is not much different. Studies have identified alcohol as the most dangerous drug available. When you look at the impact alcohol has on society and the people using it, you will see the damage that is done far outweighs other illegal drugs. Think about how many people are killed by drunk drivers, how many families are broken up because of alcohol use, how many medical issues are caused or exacerbated by alcohol... The list seems to be endless.



Any substance that is mood altering or changes the way a person feels is a drug with the possibility of being addictive. Alcohol is a highly addictive chemical and it does not discriminate when it takes over a person's being. As my AA friends put it, "alcohol is cunning, baffling, and powerful". Alcohol may start out as your friend - helping you get through a stressful time or uncomfortable situation, making it easier to talk openly with friends in a social setting,

or just calming your nerves. But wait! Give alcohol time and it may change you. You may find that you need it every time you are around people. You may no longer feel like you can function or have fun without alcohol. It starts to be more important than other things in your life. You didn't plan for this to happen - it just gradually does. You find yourself getting more intoxicated more often. You start to have hangovers, maybe even some black outs (not remembering parts or all of a night of drinking). Your family or friends start commenting on your consumption. You deny any problem or concerns because let's face it - no one wants to be an alcoholic. I am not saying everyone who goes through these things is an alcoholic or has a problem but these are some things that people who use alcohol in excess experience. If you are finding that you can't wait for the end of the work day so you can have a drink to relax: alcohol is controlling you. If you need to have a drink before or during a business meeting: alcohol is controlling you. If you put your kids to bed early so you can have a drink: alcohol is controlling you. Don't let alcohol have control call for help. Recovery is possible. If you have any questions or want to learn more about addiction care resources, please call Allina Outpatient Addiction Services Cambridge at 763-688-8221 or 24/7 Connection Line for scheduling at 1-866-603-0016. MERRI AHLSTROM, LADC is the program Director of Allina Health Outpatient Addiction Services. She has been an addiction counselor for 30 years. She can be reached at 763-688-8221 or Merri.Ahlstrom@allina.com.

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OBITUARIES

Mariette Seiffert

Mariette Seiffert, 88, went to her heavenly home on Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge, MN. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, friend, and woman of God.

Mariette was born on Oct. 15, 1932, at the family dairy farm in Jacobson, MN. As the youngest of six children, she was fondly called “the little girl” by her family for her entire life. She graduated from Hill City High School in 1951, and in 1954 attained her nursing degree from St. Luke’s School of Nursing in Duluth. It was during her college years at an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship gathering in Duluth that Mariette met the love of her life,

Lawrence Seiffert (Larry). They married on Sept. 2, 1955, while Larry was attending Bethel Seminary in St. Paul.

Together, they went on to serve three churches in Minnesota, as well as Converge Great Lakes in Wisconsin. During this time, they raised four daughters and two foster daughters. Mariette worked in her field of nursing, as a preschool teacher, and at the Converge office.

Throughout her entire life, Mariette was a good and faithful servant for the Lord. She ministered alongside Larry wherever he pastored, and was involved in the lives of many women over the years. Their home was open to those who needed them. Larry and Mariette retired and settled in Cambridge, MN, where they continued to be active and involved in ministry.

Less than a year ago, Mariette said goodbye (for now) to her love, Larry. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Tracy Anderson, (Rusty); parents, Lee and Dina Feero; four of her siblings, and one great granddaughter. She is survived by three daughters, Bonnie (Scott) Laugen, Barbara (Tim) Holmberg, and Brenda (Bradd) Strelow; and son-in-law Rusty Anderson. She is also survived by her brother, Emery (Elaine) Feero, sister-in-law Marilyn Feero (Bob), 21 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

The Life of Mariette will be celebrated at a family graveside service at Cambridge Union Cemetery Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021. Memorials are preferred to the Lawrence and Mariette Seiffert Scholarship for Church Planters at Bethel Seminary, c/o Barb Holmberg, 3085 317th Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

BIRTHS

Raiden Jerome Sutton

Raiden was born on Oct. 6, 2021, and weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Parents are Ashley and Luke Sutton of Cambridge. Grandparents are Kris and Chris Campbell, Alan and Dawn Hanson, Ken Sutton, and Diane Hennig.

Cash Michael Deal

Cash was born on Oct. 11, 2021, and weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces. Parents are Adam Deal and Taylor Sundsvold of Rush City. Grandparents are Mark Deal of Stanchfield, Teresa Deal of Mora, Todd Sundsvold of Mora, and Wendy Caswell of Mora.

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Age Well Expo to offer free health screenings, flu shots, COVID boosters, more

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Adults over 50, whether you come for a free health screening, a flu shot, to speak with an exhibitor or to hear the keynote speaker, you are cordially invited to attend the Age Well Expo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the Chisago Lakes High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) in Lindstrom. And, if you don’t have transportation, Arrowhead Transit will offer a free ride to and from the Expo for people living in their service area who sign up in advance.

“Finding Meaning in Retirement” is the theme of this year’s Expo. Drop by more than 25 informative booths staffed by local organizations that offer resources, services, fun activities and volunteer opportunities for older adults. Come prepared to sign up for doors prizes at many of the booths. Please wear a mask.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Arrive early to allow time for the free health screenings that include:

- Blood Pressure by Ecumen North Branch
- Balance/Fall Prevention by Ecumen North Branch
- Diabetes screening by Lakes Area EMS
- Nutrition by Catholic Charities
- Mental Health by East Central Crisis Services/Canvas Health
- Live Well at Home by Family Pathways
- Cognitive/Memory by Lakes Area ACT team

Staff from Senior LinkAge Line/Central Minnesota Council on Aging will review each participants’ screening forms and provide guidance and suggestions for next steps and available community resources.

FLU AND COVID VACCINATIONS

Thrifty White Pharmacy of Lindstrom will offer seasonal flu shots as well as free Covid boosters for those who had the Pfizer vaccination (Bring your vaccination card with you.), and free Covid vaccine for those who have not yet been vaccinated.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

A highlight of the event with be the 12 noon keynote address by Bob Koehler, founder of “Authentic Aging,” who will speak on “Transitioning Passion, Purpose and Identity in Retirement.”

“Retirement can and should be a time where we get to use all that we have become, combined with all that we yet can be to craft a life of fulfillment and purpose,” says Koehler. He promises attendees will leave with the tools needed to build a meaningful life in retirement.

NEED A RIDE? TAKE THE BUS

Arrowhead Transit will offer free bus rides to Expo participants who live as far east as Center City, as far west as Isanti, as far north as Pine City and as far south as Wyoming. (This includes the entire Lindstrom, Chisago City, Center City area, and the Wyoming, North Branch, Harris and Rush City areas. It does not include Scandia, Forest Lake, Shafer or Taylors Falls.) To schedule a ride, call 800-862-0175 and pick option 13. Let the dispatcher know it’s for the Age Well Expo, and the ride is free. Call as soon as possible and at least 24 hours in advance.

REFRESHMENTS

The Expo is free but refreshments will be sold by school student organizations. For more information on the Chisago Age Well Coalition and the Expo, find Chisago Age Well on Facebook or go to www.chisagoagewell.org.

Chisago County proclaims October ‘Manufacturers’ Month

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The month of October has been proclaimed by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners as Manufacturers’ Month. Manufacturers’ Month was created to celebrate and educate the public about the importance of manufacturing in the state of Minnesota and its local entities. Manufacturing is a key sector of the economy and should be recognized as such.

A key element in any community is creating a high standard of living and quality jobs, which a strong manufacturing base gives. It provides high

skilled, high wage jobs. These jobs significantly contribute to Minnesota as well as Chisago County’s high standard of living and economic vitality.

In 2020, there were 90 manufacturing employers in Chisago County providing 2,268 jobs. In 2020, manufacturing provided \$22 billion in wages for the state and over \$119 million in Chisago County.

The county would like to extend its appreciation to all of the manufacturing businesses that operate and grow their businesses in Chisago County. These companies are an important reason Chisago County is a great place to live and work.

DNR announces funding proposal to address 2021 drought impacts on natural resources

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MINNESOTA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announced \$13.3 million in funding proposals in response to the significant effects of this summer’s drought on two of the state’s critical natural resources: water and trees.

The DNR proposes \$3 million in funding for municipal, tribal, and other community water suppliers to implement proactive water conservation measures related to the built infrastructure, including finding and repairing leaks in pipes, meters, hydrants, and treatment plants, and installing water-efficient equipment.

These proven strategies can help individual cities across the state to conserve millions of gallons of water a year. The proposal also includes \$300,000 for an individual and small community well interference fund.

Additionally, the drought has stressed well-established shade trees in communities and caused an extremely high mortality rate for tree seedlings planted in 2021. The DNR proposes \$5.5 million in

funding to re-plant public and private forest lands where seedlings were irrevocably damaged by the drought and \$4.5 million in community shade tree grants. Combined, this funding will be essential to support tree health, carbon storage, habitat, water quality and other benefits of forests and shade trees.

“This year’s drought was challenging on many natural resources fronts. While the DNR took necessary steps to mitigate the drought’s impacts, in accordance with the Statewide Drought Plan, more needs to be done,” said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. “This proposal includes high-impact resiliency measures in order to conserve water and preserve our precious tree cover. This funding proposal will help protect the resources we all value and depend on for our quality of life in Minnesota.”

The entire state entered the drought warning phase in mid-July of 2021. With this designation, the Minnesota DNR took a number of measures laid out in the Statewide Drought Plan, including convening the State Drought Task Force, a panel of state, federal, regional and local experts with water-related responsibilities.

WORSHIP *guide*

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

Baptist

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

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

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

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

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

Catholic

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

Converge

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

Evangelical Free

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

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

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

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

Lutheran

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN
55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one
block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.
slchurch.org
Email: slchurch@gmail.com
Thursday, October 14th -
9:00am Men's Coffee
7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study
Sunday, October 10th -
8:30am Worship in person & via Zoom, Communion
9:30am Fellowship, Kid's Time
Wednesday, October 20th -
10:00am AA Meeting
5:30pm Meal for Confirmation Students
6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday, October 21st -
7:00pm AA Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

Methodist

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

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

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

Journey of Faith
Bible based worship.
651-600-9878.
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com. Sunday fellowship
9am
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All
welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti.
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34006 Petersburg St NE, Cambridge MN
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River of Life Church
Meeting at 150 Birch St. N., Ste 170, Cambridge. (Across
from Minnco Credit Unon) Mark Radeke, Pastor. 763-689-
5115.
Sundays 9am & 10:30am
Nursery at both services
River Kid's for ages 4 yrs to 5th gr at the 10:30am service
riveroflifehome.com

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
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BLUEBIRD: City has aspirations of creating a Bentleyville-like display in Dec., 2022

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an estimated revenue of \$84,000, for a net cost of \$23,000 in the first year. In the second year, an event of this size would have a potential profit of more than \$20,000, according to Finance Director Mike Betker.

The other concept proposed would have been a free event focusing on market-style activities such as vendor booths, ice skating, and photos with Santa, and limited focus on light displays. It would have been a standard community festival, likely only drawing in Isanti County residents and run for one weekend in December.

This concept would have provided partner opportunities with local businesses and organization that would range from trade/donations to a top tier at \$2,500. Of the two concepts, this event style would have incurred the least display and production costs, but also had the lowest potential for revenue and attendance, leaving the majority of the cost burden on taxpayers.

It is expected that this concept would have cost approximately \$38,000 in initial expenses the first year, with an estimated revenue of approximately \$17,000, for a net cost of \$21,000. The second year, the event would have had an expected net cost of \$3,000.

The council did not make a decision regarding

moving the street dances to Bluebird Park. Further discussion regarding this will take place at a future committee of the whole meeting.

DISCOUNT GROCERY STORE COMING TO ISANTI

The council approved a purchase agreement for the sale of the current municipal liquor store building and land to Nick and Drew's Enterprises for \$400,000. The business will have the option of purchasing any equipment currently in the building, such as coolers.

The expected closing date for the purchase is Friday, Dec. 17, and the business that will be in the building, located at 400 West Dual Boulevard Northeast in Isanti, will be Nick and Drew's Discount grocery store.

Nick and Drew are brothers who grew up in the Isanti area and graduated from Cambridge-Isanti High School. They opened their first Discount Food Store in Lindstrom in 2017, which has been a huge success, according to Community Development Director Sheila Sellman.

ROCKSTAD AND CO. RELICS & WARES TO BUILD NEW RETAIL STORE

The owner of Rockstad and Co. Relics & Wares, currently located at 401 East Dual Boulevard, has been looking to relocate, potentially moving out of the City of Isanti, according to Sellman.

However, in working with the owner, Sellman has negotiated selling them the property located at 102 Dahlin Avenue Northeast, which the city acquired in 2016 by donation. A building located at that property was demolished by the city at a cost of \$25,950.

The owner proposes to build a multi-tenant retail space with her shop in one portion, leasing out the other spaces.

The lot was offered to the owner of Rockstad and Co. Relics and Wares for \$1, and will keep this business in the community.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other business, the council:

- Approved a resolution changing council committee assignments for the remainder of 2021. The only change made was to have Mayor Jeff Johnson be the representative on the Parks, Recreation, and Culture board and Gordon being the alternate.
- Approved a resolution amending the comprehensive land use plan to change the classification of several parcels from general commercial to low density single family residential.
- Heard a presentation regarding 2014A bond refunding.

TRIFECTA: City expects to break previous record for number of new housing permits pulled in 2021

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park, and other green space for renters.

"It is the single largest apartment-style housing development in North Branch, ever," Fry said, adding the project is 100% privately funded. "There is not one dollar of government subsidy in that project."

Fry mentioned how it being rental units was very important, noting that there is currently "zero vacancy" in North Branch.

She also mentioned the upcoming Heritage Court project, which will be bringing in senior independent living rentals to the area.

A second area of growth is in the business arena. Fry touched on the city's bringing in broadband internet access to all four corners of the city as helping spur growth. Additionally, the County Road 30 improvements helped present a positive look for the city.

Fry spotlighted several businesses that have invested in the city recently, including Onyx purchasing the former Idea Company building, and Anderson Windows purchasing land for possible future expansion. She even talked briefly about a new business that has been on everyone's social media lips - the restaurant that will be moving into the former Oak Inn building.

"The long-awaited Muddy Cow... well we hope they will be open this year. They're slowly working through their permitting process. Last we heard they still needed Department of Health go-ahead."

She also briefly touched on the city's absorption of North Branch Water and Light.

"We're really hoping to maintain or improve customer service, but hopefully see some significant reductions in water rates. Nothings going to happen in this calendar year... but as we go into the budgeting process and realize salary savings starting January 1, we're really hoping to shore up that asset in our community. I would just say have a little patience, have a little faith. We're going to keep moving along but I'm absolutely optimistic

'We know at some point, its going to flatten out. But we've got the housing her, we've got businesses here, we've got workers here.'

Renae Fry
North Branch City Administrator

we are going to see improvement."

In putting an overall synopsis on the city's growth, Fry pointed out a county statistic that showed \$30 million of new investment in the city.

"There's not another city in Chisago County that came anywhere close to that," she said adding this will help balance out or even reduce property taxes. She added the city's preliminary levy was set at a 2.55% increase, but there might be ways to cut that down even more.

Finally, she touched on community engagement, noting how the city was able to continue on with popular events such as Concerts in the Park, the erecting of the butterfly sculpture at the library, the mural painted by an artist with the help of residents on the side of the Water and Light building, plus the recently held Fall Fest, which drew a record number of people to Central Park.

Fry concluded by saying the city knows this record pace won't last forever, however the city has set itself up for success no matter what the future brings.

"We know at some point, its going to flatten out. But we've got the housing here, we've got businesses here, we've got workers here. So we've got the trifecta of positives, so we're hoping when the market decides to shift directions, that we will continue to be the destination where want to live, want to work, or frankly want to stay. Because we've got some really good things going."

Recycling center plans approved by Isanti County Commissioners

BY JENNIFER KOTILA
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A new recycling facility may soon be available in Isanti County after the Isanti County Board of Commissioners approved a recycling facility license for Corbin Miller of Miller Recycling.

Miller will now have to get a permit from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and then request a building permit from the county before constructing a pole type shed at the facility, located at 30035 Buchanan Street Northeast, Isanti. It is expected to be a metal recycling facility.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other business, the board:

- Set a public hearing regarding its intent to approve a resolution for the appointment of the office of county recorder. Currently, the county recorder is an elected position. The public hearing will take place Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m.
- Approved the renewal of the contract for fiscal year 2022 and the Biennial Service Agreement Plan for 2022-2023 with Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services for Isanti County Health and Human Services.
- Authorized the 2022 insurance renewals.
- Approved the 2022 Medica Health Plan for group retiree insurance, and the

counties intent to exit the Minnesota Merit System.

- Approved a contract with Prosecutor by Karpel for a software program for the Isanti County Attorney's Office.
- Approved the final payment for the 2021 pavement preservation project. The final payment was \$204,884, and the total cost of the project was approximately \$3.78 million.
- Approved payments for the right-of-way acquisition for the Isanti County State Aid Highway 5 project, as well as a resolution authorizing eminent domain to acquire the additional property needed. The project will take place in 2022.
- Approved 2021-2022 snow plow bid, the government center HVAC upgrade, and the parking lot drainage/regrading for the Isanti County Sheriff's Office.
- Approved a joint powers agreement and court amendment with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and the agreement with Anoka County for contract beds at the juvenile treatment facility.
- Approved the criminal justice data network and joint powers agreement with the BCA.
- Approved a proposal with ArcaSearch for e-commerce land records.
- Heard a report regarding the sale of tax-forfeited land.

Isanti Friends of Library holding book sale

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Friends of the Isanti Area Library (FIAL) is having its 10th Annual Used Book Sale on Friday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Junction Bowl in Isanti. The Sale includes about 5000 books, DVDs, and audiobooks - all donated by members of the community.

You'll find everything from art to vintage, fiction and non-fiction, even a good selection of jigsaw puzzles. Also, you won't want to miss the Buck-a-Bag sale from noon - 3 p.m. on Saturday. Everything you

can fit into a Walmart-size bag is just \$1.

The Friends sincerely appreciate everyone who is involved in their special event, especially Mike Warring, owner of Junction Bowl, and the many volunteers who help make this event possible. Many volunteers are still needed before and during the sale, so contact a Friend to donate a couple of hours next week (get free books, too).

For more information or to volunteer your help, please check the website at www.IsantiLibrary.org, or contact Susi@IsantiLibrary.org or 763-444-4585.



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Leaving Kabul

Team of female pilots evacuate orphaned refugees during U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Twenty-six year old Kaitlyn (LaFrance) Hawkinson sort of fell in to her career as a pilot in the United States Air Force. Even her mother, who thought Kaitlyn (now Captain Hawkinson) might pursue a career in theater, didn't expect her to play a role on the world stage flying C-17 aircraft to evacuate refugees from Afghanistan.

CAREER BEGINNINGS

Even though both her parents, Susie Folwick and Scott Sperling, worked on cargo planes in the Air Force, they didn't expect her to follow suit. Throughout high school, Hawkinson was active in school sports and the drama department. Her mother expected her to find a job in the arts.

"She totally blew me away with her career choice," Folwick said. After graduating from Mora High School in 2013, Hawkinson enrolled at the University of Minnesota and earned a Bachelor's Degree in German, Scandinavian and Dutch studies. While in college she joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). "When I first joined ROTC I didn't know I wanted to be a pilot. I was open to whatever," Hawkinson said.

In 2017, Hawkinson was commissioned in the Air Force. During her field training she discovered friends and mentors among the senior cadets who influenced and encouraged her on her path to pilot. In July 2017, she married Ford Hawkinson, an officer in the U.S. Army.

Hawkinson entered active duty in Feb. 2018 and she began her pilot training. As her training progressed, she was selected to fly the Boeing C-17 Globemaster, the Air Force's primary aircraft for transporting troops and equipment. Hawkinson said for her, it was the perfect fit. She's grown to love the C-17 community and loves her missions. "For the pilot community, the friends that you make end up incredibly close."

Today, she and her husband

'We weren't expecting Afghanistan to implode like it did, at least not for a couple months.'

Captain Kaitlyn Hawkinson

Mora graduate and pilot who helped in the evacuation of Afghanistan

are stationed at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington, a combination of the Army's Fort Lewis and the Air Force's McChord Air Force Base.

AFGHANISTAN

This summer, the United States accelerated its withdrawal from Afghanistan to end the 20-year war. Quickly, the Taliban began to re-take control of the country. On Aug. 15, the Taliban seized control of Kabul. World embassies evacuated and retreated to the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul. The airport became the center of the evacuation effort of diplomats, allies and refugees.

"We weren't expecting Afghanistan to implode like it did, at least not for a couple months," said Hawkinson, who was on leave at the time. She watched the news and saw the Taliban taking more control over the country.

"It was about to be all hands on deck." As she expected, Hawkinson was called to return from leave and was quickly deployed to the other side of the world.

Hawkinson joined a team of two other pilots — both of which also happened to be women: Major Courtney Vidt and Captain Meg Edson. It struck Hawkinson as incredibly rare considering only 7% of the pilots in the Air Force are female.

The days that followed were long with little rest as her crew made repeated flights carrying evacuees from Kabul, west to Qatar then to Germany.

"We were absolutely exhausted," said Hawkinson. "But we knew what we were doing and the importance of it. So, we



KAITLYN HAWKINSON | SUBMITTED

Three pilots of Captain Kaitlyn Hawkinson's C-17 crew were women. Pictured (l-r): Hawkinson, Major Courtney Vidt and Captain Meg Edson.

were just hanging on as much as we could while maintaining aircraft safety."

On one of these trips, their plane was filled with approximately 450 people. While they waited on the ground in Qatar, Hawkinson went to talk to some of the people on board. She met a surgeon. He had been wounded and had stitches in his head and bullet wounds elsewhere. He told her his story of how he had given medical care to U.S. troops and was attacked by the Taliban for it. Thank you, he told her.

"It gave a lot of perspective on the people we were taking out," said Hawkinson. "These people had done a lot for the U.S., so it was cool to be paying them back by getting them out of the country and into the

U.S."

On another trip, Hawkinson's crew was about to fly out of the Kabul airport when they were asked if they had room for approximately 20 orphans to board.

"Hearts sank, but we were also honored to pick up these kids and get them out of there. So of course we said yes."

Once out of the country, Hawkinson was able to see the kids play at the terminal and watched how they took care of each other.

Reflecting on her experience, she said, "That was the most stressful week and a half of my life."

Hawkinson remembered the people she helped, marveled at the unexpected beauty of Afghanistan's mountains and

lakes, and mourned those who had lost their lives in the conflict.

BACK HOME

At home, Captain Hawkinson's mother watched the news of chaos and attacks in Kabul.

"As a mother, you always worry about your kids ... But I knew she was in good hands," said Folwick.

Folwick's other daughter is also in the Air Force. "So I've got both of them to worry about."

Worry, she said, goes with the territory of a military life.

Of Hawkinson she said, "I am so proud of her ... I know it takes a lot mentally and physically. I'm so very proud of everything she has accomplished."

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Cambridge-Isanti's Alaina Christlieb competes in the backstroke portion of the 200 medley relay during the Jackets' meet against Becker.



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North Branch's Lindsey Bunes digs out a rapidly sinking ball during the Vikings' match at Cambridge-Isanti.

North Branch Viking football remains undefeated

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FOOTBALL

The North Branch Vikings topped their season record to a perfect 6-0 last week with a 46-20 victory over Duluth Denfeld. After spotting the Hunters a six-point lead early in the game, the Vikings rattled off 30 consecutive points on a pair of touchdown runs by Ashton Labelle, another TD run by Andrew Thauwald, and a pass by Thauwald to Adam Johnstone to make the score 30-6 in the middle of the second quarter. Denfeld then scored two touchdowns on passing plays to make the halftime score 30-20, but that was all the Hunter scoring the Vikings would allow, while adding rushing touchdowns by Logan Croal and Ryan Oday in the second half to create the 26-point margin of victory.

The Bluejackets suffered their second-straight heart-breaking loss, this time falling

to Chisago Lakes 24-21 in the inaugural "Dala Trophy" game. Like usual, the two teams engaged in an instant classic, with both offenses amassing exactly 289 yards of total offense.

The Jackets jumped out to a 7-0 lead on their opening drive, capped off by a touchdown run by quarterback Ari Sullivan. Chisago tied the score in the second quarter, making the halftime score 7-7. The Wildcats would gain their first lead early in the third quarter, but a Sullivan touchdown pass to Braden Jones, followed by a Jones touchdown run gave C-I a 21-13 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Chisago Lakes again tied the score up early in the fourth quarter. As the time ticked away, it was appearing like it was going to be another late-game score that decides it, which is exactly what happened as the Wildcats kicked a 23-yard field goal with just 31 seconds remaining. One last

C-I drive came up just short on the second Wildcat interception.

GIRLS SOCCER

North Branch finished their regular season with a 3-2 win over Princeton and a 2-1 loss to DeLaSalle, making their final regular season record of 11-4-1, good enough for the #3 seed in Section 7AAA. The Vikings took on #6 seed Hibbing on Tuesday, Oct. 12, beating Hibbing 5-1. They now will play Grand Rapids in the semifinals on Thursday, Oct. 14. A win in that game sends NB to the section championship on Tuesday, Sept. 19, which will be played at the highest remaining seed's home field.

The Jackets ended their season winless, falling in their last two regular season games 4-1 to St. Francis and 2-0 to Sartell. The Jackets, who were given the #8 seed in Section 7AAA, lost to Centennial 11-0 in the opening section tournament game.

BOYS SOCCER

The Viking boys team came up with their fourth win of the season last week, topping Lakes International Language Academy 5-2. They then lost their final regular season game 2-0 to Duluth Marshall. The Vikings were given the #7 seed, where they faced Grand Rapids on Tuesday, Oct. 12, losing to the Thunderhawks 4-1.

Like the Jacket girls, the boys were unable to pick up a victory this season. They too were given the #8 seed, where they faced Duluth East on Tuesday, Oct. 12, losing to the Greyhounds 11-0.

VOLLEYBALL

The Jackets' roller coaster ride of a season took another twist last week. After getting defeated by North Branch 3-1, the Jackets completed their home schedule by beating Princeton 3-1 despite being without their primary setter and one of their middle hitters. In the win over the Tigers, Makenzie Coplan and Ada Schlenker powered C-I's attack by coming up with 18 and 14 kills, respectively. Brooklyn Dickey came up with 34 assists in the match. Also because of



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North Branch's Drew Detzler gets tangled up with a Duluth Marshall player while battling for control of the ball along the sidelines.

the absences, Abigail Wimmer had to switch from her libero position to a full-rotation position, picking up four kills. Senior Abigail Semler took over the libero spot, coming up with 14 digs.

The Vikings also had an up-and-down, and then up again week. After topping C-I, NB fell to Monticello 3-0. They concluded the week with a 3-1 showing at the Sauk Rapids-Rice Tournament, beating Hopkins 25-22, 18-25, 15-7; Jordan 25-9, 25-14; and Sauk Rapids 25-22, 25-23; but losing to Litchfield 22-25, 25-18, 9-15.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Jackets and Vikings both took part in the Hinckley-Finlayson Invite last week. The Jacket boys claimed the team championship in the meet, paced by a third place finish by Jaxon Jones, a fifth by Zandr Gallmeir, a sixth by Hunter Jacobson, Cal Droubie coming in eighth, Blake Rob-

erts coming in ninth, and Leo Edblad adding a tenth place finish. The Viking boys came in fifth, with Zachary Johnson coming in 32nd.

On the girls side, C-I came in third thanks to a fifth place finish by Makenna Sjoberg and an eighth place finish by Kendyl Izzo. The Vikings finished in seventh, with Cora Hudella finishing 15th.

The Jackets also ran in the Duluth East Invite, with the boys coming in third and the girls coming in fifth. Jones again led the boys, coming in ninth, while Sjoberg had a 12th place finish for the girls.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Jackets completed their dual meet schedule with a 105-73 loss to Becker, in a meet where the Bulldogs finished first in every contested race before swimming the final three races as exhibition only.



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Cambridge-Isanti senior Abigail Semler filled in admirably as libero during the Jackets' match versus Princeton.



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Cambridge-Isanti's Ava Lowman makes a return while dashing towards the net during her second singles match versus Andover in the opening round of the Section 7AA team tournament. Lowman's wins both against Andover and Blaine would clinch the team victory for the Jackets.

C-I girls tennis team advances to section semis

BY BILL STICKELS III
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One of the things that makes team tennis so unique is it doesn't matter if a player is playing in the top position or the last position, each players' individual results is worth one team point. What this means is even if a team has the best player in the state playing at first singles, if the team wins a particular match could come down to if the fourth singles or third doubles team can win their match.

The Bluejacket girls team is a prime example of this. Although they have quality tennis players, what has led them to this season's success is a depth of players who are contributing wins all throughout their lineup. This depth was on full display in C-I's first two Section 7AA team tournament matches as the #3 seeded Jackets edged out victories over Andover (5-2) and Blaine (4-3) to advance to their first-ever section semifinals.

C-I's strong singles play once again powered the team as Chloe Hajek (first singles), Ava Lowman (second singles), Natalie Randall (third singles) and Evie Porta (fourth singles) all went 2-0 in the two matches. Included in those wins was Lowman's thrilling three-set, come-from-behind win at second singles that broke a 3-3 team-score deadlock against Blaine.

"At every position, our players fought hard for every ball during their matches for our team and then cheered on their teammates with heart up until that last winning team point," said head coach Thea Lowman. "I couldn't be prouder of the work ethic and team focus of these girls."

The Jackets will now face a strong Pequot Lakes team at Pequot Lakes on Thursday, Oct. 14. The #2 seeded Patriots have swept both of their tournament matches 7-0. A Jacket upset would propel C-I to the

section finals on Saturday, Oct. 16 at either Chisago Lakes or Rogers.

SECTION 7AA INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

Besides the team tournament, the Jackets, along with North Branch, began the individual section tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 12, with each school allotted up to two singles players and two doubles teams.

For the Jackets, senior Chloe Hajek was rewarded with the south subsection's #2 seed, giving her a first-round bye. In the second round, she faced North Branch senior Hailey Bistodeau, who was seeded #15 and had won her first match 6-1, 6-0 over Anna-lina Johnson of Chisago Lakes. Hajek swept Bistodeau 6-1, 6-0, advancing Hajek to the quarterfinals, where she defeated Elk River's Paige Johnson 6-2, 6-3. Hajek's day finished with a 7-6(5), 6-0 loss to Forest Lake's Malia McKinnon.

Also competing in the singles tournament were C-I eighth grader Evie Porta, who lost in the first round. North Branch's Rachel Wurdemann was given the #9 seed and won her first match over Morghan Locken of Andover 6-4, 6-0. Wurdemann lost her second match 6-1, 6-1 to Elk River's Ava Nelson, the #1 seed.

In the doubles tournament, C-I's "Maddies" (Maddie Lawrence and Maddie Troolin) earned the #3 seed. The duo won their first two matches by scores of 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4, 6-3 before falling to Elk River's top doubles team in the quarterfinals. The Jackets' Ava Lowman and Natalie Randall, who typically competed in singles, were paired together for the tournament and received the #9 seed. They won their first match 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, but lost their next match.

Competing for North Branch were the teams of Sophia Helinsky and Justine Joyal, and Brooke Rothe and Carrie Hall. Both those teams lost in their opening round matches.

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From the coach: These four senior doubles players have been a real driving force behind the team this year. Most times they come off the court happy to have been able to played another match, no matter the outcome. Their attitudes of constant improvement have been infectious, and they help to push the rest of the team to new heights. They all have worked on their tennis games so much over the season and the last years, and it is showing in how well they compete at their positions. They are true leaders on the team and great representatives of the sport.

Favorite thing about sports: Being a part of a team. The time we spend together helps us to build friendships and makes the whole team come together. It creates such an awesome environment.

Person who has influenced you: Our parents and family members have been very influential. Also our coaches and team-mates have influenced us as we play.

How do you prepare for a game or meet?:Stick some headphones in and listen to some music. Then hitting around with our partners helps us to get in the zone and ready to have fun.

Highlight of athletic career: Going to state for softball, for tennis it would be how well we played in the Mora tournament and getting success as a senior.

Future goals: We all want to attend college and go on to a field in science or a medical profession.

JACKET ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Braden Jones | Senior | Football
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From the coach: Braden Jones, W.R. and DB. He is a tremendous leader and competitor. He is currently tied for 4th in 5A for receptions and yards. He plays offense, defense, and special teams. He has done all this less than a year after suffering a serious leg injury.

Favorite thing about sports: My favorite thing about sports is being able to go out and compete with my best friends. I love to see the competitive side of everyone.

Person who has influenced you: First of all, my dad is my biggest influence. Also, all of my coaches in each sport have obviously been great influences and helped me to become the person I am today.

How do you prepare for a game or meet?: I make sure to carb load the day before and hydrate the best I can. I also deal with any injuries or muscle soreness that I have. On gameday, I listen to my favorite music to get myself hyped up.

Highlight of athletic career: Baseball tournaments with the boys and also going to state in basketball in 9th and 10th grade.

Future goals: I hope to continue my athletic career at the collegiate level.



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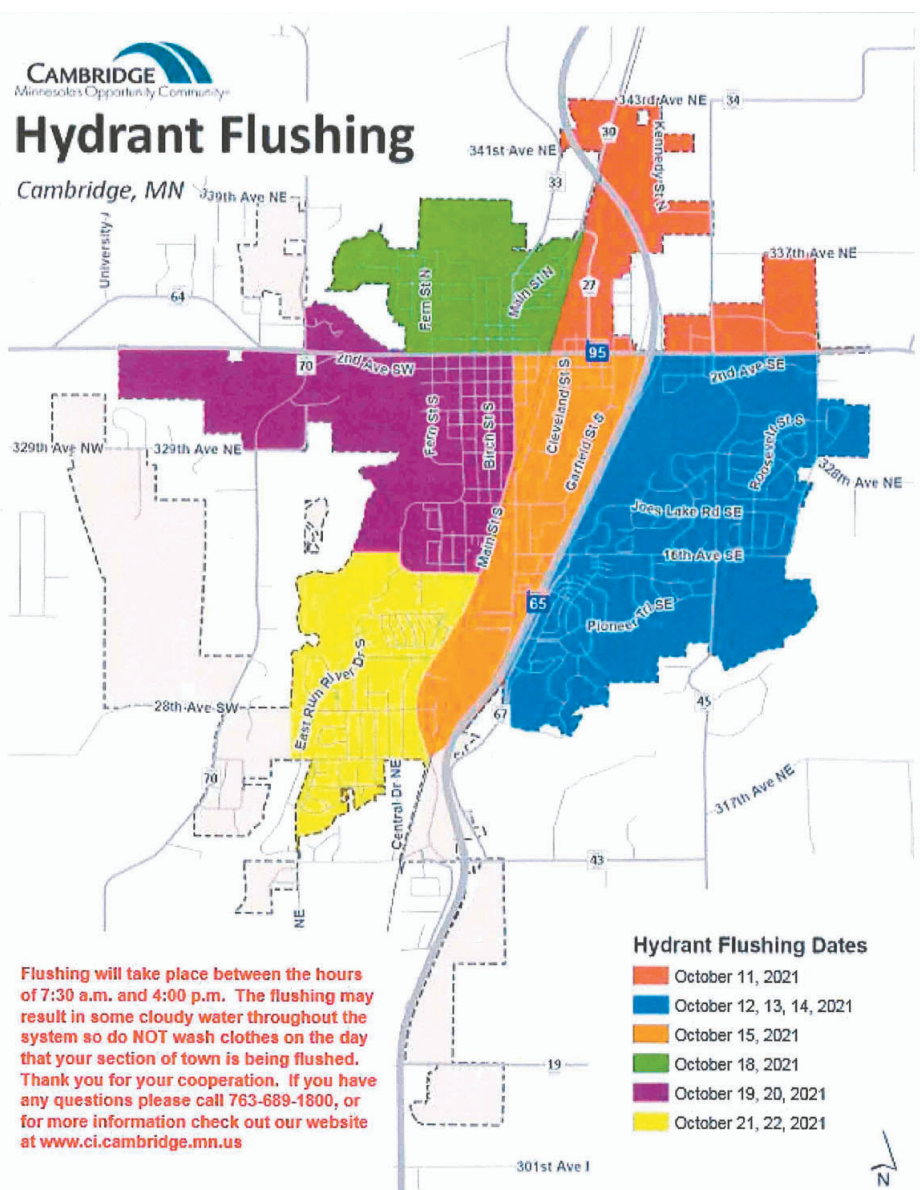


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ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Oct. 4-8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Samantha Rae Marshall Wahlstrom (DOB 05/19/1993) of Zimmerman, was charged Oct. 4 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Jeremy James Shoemaker (DOB 01/03/1984) of Loretto, was charged Oct. 5 with check forgery - offer/possess w/intent to defraud.

Rashida Jaytaya-Jean Rinnels (DOB 05/01/2000) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 5 with receiving stolen property.

Brian Anthony Miller (DOB 12/17/2000) of Ham Lake, was charged Oct. 5 with threats of violence.

James Anthony Brunhuber (DOB 09/23/1988) of Fairfax, was charged Oct. 5 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Michael John Nord (DOB 05/13/1978) of Little Falls, was charged Oct. 6 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Gary Michael Raymond Palmer (DOB 05/18/1988) of Brook Park, was charged Oct. 7 with threats of violence.

Bryon Anthony Schleh (DOB 12/17/1996) of Stacy, was charged

Oct. 8 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Forrest Edward Ravinski (DOB 02/20/1995) of Columbus, was charged Oct. 8 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 1-8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Gloria May Smith, II (DOB 07/31/1984) of Mora, was charged Oct. 4 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Mason Chandler Stickney (DOB 03/26/1983) of Lindstrom, was charged Oct. 4 with traffic - DWI - operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance.

Cree James Diver (DOB 10/03/1992) of North Branch, was charged Oct. 4 with assault - 3rd degree - substantial bodily harm.

James Daniel Morrissey (DOB 03/13/1966) of Harris, was charged Oct. 5 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

Desmond Anthony Salinas, Jr. (DOB 07/18/1990) of Forest Lake,

was charged Oct. 5 with theft - take/drive motor vehicle - no owner consent.

Haley Ann Rumpza (DOB 09/26/1997) of North Branch, was charged Oct. 6 with fugitive from justice from other state (extradition waived).

Gary Allen Hohneke (DOB 02/25/1955) of North Branch, was charged Oct. 6 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

Cody Wayne White (DOB 04/17/1979) of Rush City, was charged Oct. 7 with assault - 4th deg - correctional employee; probation officer; prosecutor; or judge.

Miskwaanaquad Owen Cloud (DOB 12/01/1999) of Stillwater, was charged Oct. 7 with assault - 4th deg - correctional employee; probation officer; prosecutor; or judge.

Jerome David Oakgrove (DOB 10/19/1993) of Harris, was charged Oct. 7 with violate no contact order - within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.

Cody David Tatsak (DOB 06/29/1996) of Spring Lake Park, was charged Oct. 7 with one count fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, and one count receiving stolen property.

Chelsea Kayla King (DOB 07/30/1990) of Rush City, was charged Oct. 7 with fugitive from justice from other state (extradition waived).

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- Cranks but doesn't start: You may turn the key to hear the engine trying to turn over, but it won't. Even if the vehicle eventually starts, have the battery checked and, if necessary, replaced by a mechanic.
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- Pungent aroma: Leaking and corrosion around the battery terminals can cause battery issues. If there is a rotten egg smell under the hood, it may be a leaking battery on its way to dying.

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Remove

- **Debris** can temporarily house pests, insects, and other invasive creatures allowing them to thrive during the winter months.
- **Foliage** such as leaves, dead branches, shrubs, and other plants can foster disease which can cause severe damage to plant life the following year.
- **Weeds** like to show up when the work is done. Removing them from your lawn or garden before winter hits is key to being ready to plant in the spring.

Clean

- **Winterize** hoses, fountains, and irrigation systems by flushing out old water and properly clean the system to save time and energy in the spring. Plugging leaks, holes, and other water access points will prevent moisture from entering and causing damage during the winter.
- **Gutters** provide proper drainage

especially during the spring months with increased rain fall, therefore it is important to clear pathways from leaves, twigs and other debris.

Prep

- **Finish strong** by mowing the lawn and trimming shrubs and trees to help withstand the harsh temperatures ahead. Keeping plants watered, trimmed, and fertilized will keep them healthy and alive. Also, will speed up the drying process in the spring.
- **Dry out** your yard as much as possible by aerating the lawn to allow soil and plant life to absorb as much sun, water, and other nutrients they can before the harsh winter. Keeping everything from the lawn to maintenance systems as dry as possible will help you get the most out of your yard next year.
- **Drainage** is key to a healthy lawn and environment when the water from snow melt and rain is able to properly distribute. Water buildup can leave an area vulnerable to moss growth, mosquito and other insect breeding grounds, and prevent your lawn from growing.
- **Storage** is key to keeping tools and equipment such as lawn mowers, rakes, hand tools, and more protected from the elements and keep from deteriorating during the winter.



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The Gutter Guide

Gutters are essential for routing roof water runoff away from your home, keeping basements dry, and protecting siding from backsplash stain and rot.

Materials
Vinyl
Vinyl is immune to rust and rot. It's also a great choice for DIY installation projects because it's one of the more inexpensive options and is easy to cut down to size.
Aluminum
Aluminum is the most popular material choice. It's perfect for DIY installation projects because it's lightweight, inexpensive, and available in custom lengths.
Steel
Steel is strong enough to stand up to ladders and fallen branches. Steel is the most durable gutter option available and holds 58% more water than standard 5-inch K-style gutters.
Copper
Copper is a naturally beautiful material, so there's no need to paint it. Copper is generally used on high-end and historic residences.

Types of Gutters
Sectional Gutters
Do-it-yourself gutter systems are typically sold in "sections," and installed as component systems. All sectional systems include end caps, corner pieces, and drop outlets for connecting to downspouts (vertical pipes that drains water from the roof). Sectional gutters are easy to handle and don't require professional installation, made of stronger metal than their seamless counterparts and tend to be more cost-effective.
Half-Round/U-Style
Half-round gutters (also known as U-style gutters in certain materials) look like a round pipe that has been cut lengthwise. They're often found on older, historic homes because they suit the style and design of these homes. One perk of half-round or U-style gutters is that they're easier to clean than K-style gutters.
K-Style
K-style gutters - also known as "ogee gutters" - are more popular and have flat bottoms and backs. The front side has a decorative shape that mimics crown moulding. This style generally has twice the capacity of U-style gutters with the same width and are typically more durable than U-style gutters.

Installation Tips
Pitch: To ensure that gutters drain properly, they must slope toward a downspout. Typically, it's best to install gutters so they slope 1/2-inch per 10 linear feet of gutter. For gutters that run longer than 40 feet, it's best to pitch the gutter down from the middle to a downspout at each end.
Downspouts: One downspout should be installed for every 30 to 40 feet of gutter. Make sure downspouts run to a suitable drainage system or properly graded

absorbent soil to prevent damage to your foundation. Downspouts usually include three elbow joints. One end of each section of the joints must be crimped in order to attach them together. You can use needle-nose pliers to crimp them yourself.
Hangers: Hangers are used to support gutters and strengthen the front edge. They should be installed every 2 feet. Reduce spacing to 18 inches apart if you live in an area with long-lasting snow and ice. Hangers attach to the fascia - the board that essentially acts as moulding to cover the area where the wall joins the roof - and the assembled gutters snap into them.

Accessories
Splash Blocks
Splash blocks are placed beneath the downspout elbow to help disperse water away from your home's foundation. They are lightweight enough to move easily, yet heavy enough to stay in place.
Gutter Covers
Gutter covers snap to the front edge of the gutter and slide under shingles to prevent large debris from getting inside the gutter, which could cause clogs and buildup. Home improvement stores offer a variety of affordable, maintenance-free gutter covers.
Gutter Filters
Gutter filters provide many of the same benefits as gutter screens and covers. They fit completely inside the gutter, so they're not visible and also prevent debris that could cause clogs to build up.
Downspout Strainers
Wire downspout strainers are placed inside the outlet tube that connects the gutter to the downspout in order to prevent leaves and other debris from clogging downspouts and underground drainage.
Gusher Guards
Gusher guards prevent gutters from overflowing with water at the valleys.
Flashing
Flashing prevents water from running behind your gutters, which could potentially cause the wood to rot.

Gutter Maintenance
In order to keep your gutters in good condition, it's important to maintain them properly by cleaning the leaves from them twice a year or hiring a company that specializes in gutter maintenance. It's also important to pay particular attention to the downspouts, as they're the most likely to become clogged. During these inspections, check all of the spikes in the hangers. If they have worked their way out of their designated places over the years, it's important to invest in new ones to keep your gutters secure. Finally, find the source of any leaks, and repair them with bead silicone sealing or caulk to keep water from getting down behind the gutters and rotting the boards.

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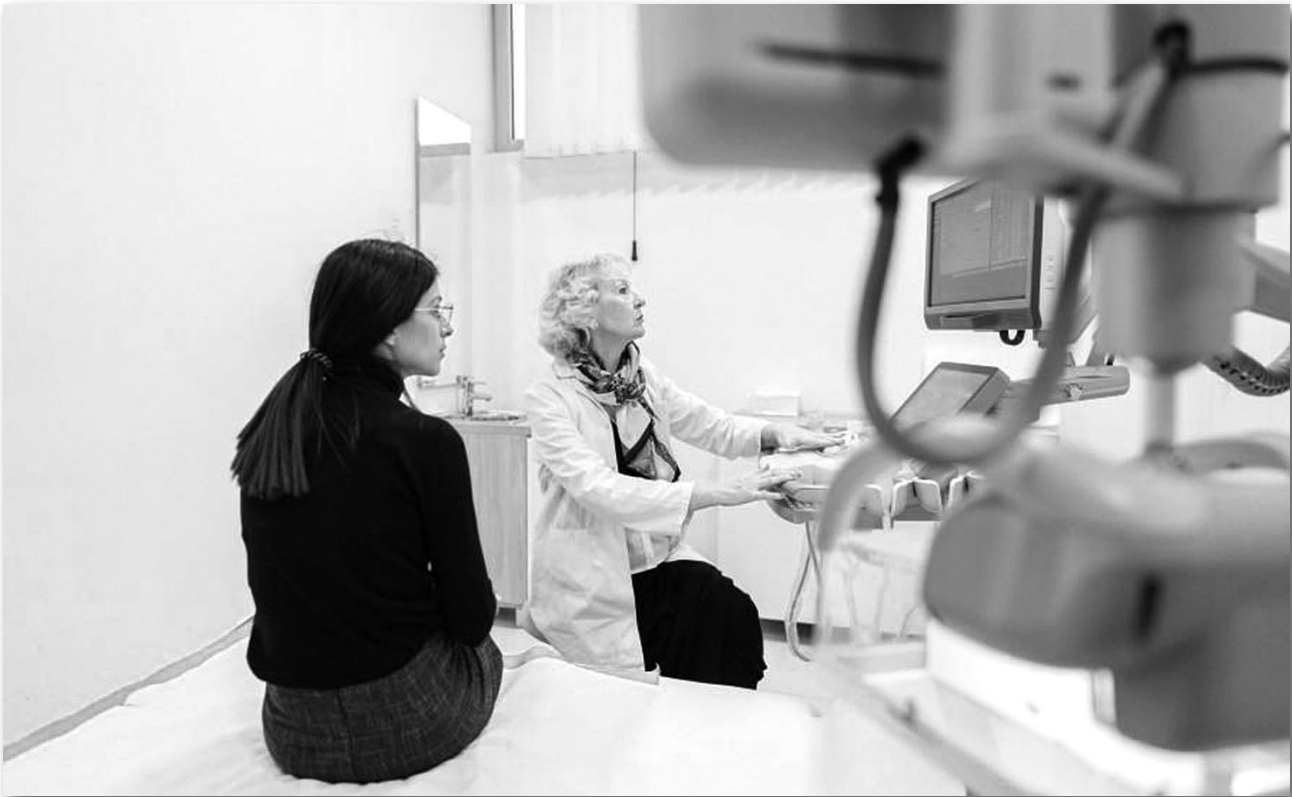
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Even with progress in care and treatment, the Minnesota Department of Health categorizes breast cancer in the top five cancer causes of death for women in Minnesota. Thirty percent of new invasive cancers diagnosed in women are breast cancer. For men, breast cancer is considered rare but there is growth in the health care community in understanding the emotional support needed for those diagnosed. For Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, University of Minnesota Medical School expert Stuart Bloom talks about the subtle signs, risk factors and stigmas of breast cancer.

Q: What is breast cancer?
Often, people hear the word ‘cancer’ and become understandably distressed. They know it means something serious and sometimes life-threatening. The best way to understand cancer is to recall that organs are made up of cells that do the job of that organ. For example, salivary cells make saliva, heart cells help the heart pump blood and breast cells make milk for a growing human. When the DNA of a normal cell mutates, it becomes a cancer cell. When this happens to a breast cell, the cancer cell no longer does its usual job. Instead, it makes copies of itself without end. If left untreated, the cancer can develop the ability to spread outside the breast — metastasize — to other sites in the body, where it can cause real trouble.

Q: What are the subtle symptoms of breast cancer and what other health conditions are they familiar with?
The truth is that most breast cancers are found on screening mammography, before they show any signs or symptoms at all. That is the most important point here. Sometimes, patients do notice a lump or redness, and these should always be brought to the attention of a health care provider.

Q: If someone is diagnosed with breast cancer, what should they know about the diagnosis?
The good news is that the vast majority of breast cancers are curable. This is because they are found so early and the cancer cells have not had a chance to spread outside the breast. They are cured with local measures, such as surgery and radiation. Even if these cancer cells do microscopically spread, our adjuvant systemic therapies, such as chemotherapy, are usually effective enough to get rid of them.



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How do we choose who gets what treatment? There are many different subtypes of breast cancer, each with different biologies. We personalize the treatment to the specific kind of breast cancer a patient has.

Q: What stereotypes surround those diagnosed with breast cancer?
One stereotype that can be difficult to dispel is that every breast cancer patient needs bilateral mastectomy — the removal of both breast tissues. The history of cancer care has been marked by overtreatment, including radical surgery and high-dose chemotherapy. As our understanding of cancer biology has grown over the last ten years, all of us in cancer care have been working to de-escalate the intensity of our therapies. Many women can be cured with minimal surgery and radiation.

Q: What are you doing in your research and clinical prac-

tice to further our understanding of breast cancer and patient relations?
I try to get to know each patient personally, so they know I think of them as a fellow human being and not just a disease. I try to get as many patients living with breast cancer as possible on clinical trials. This allows them access to cutting-edge treatment, while at the same time, allowing us to acquire information that will be helpful to future patients with cancer down the road.

STUART BLOOM, MD, MSc, is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Hematology, Oncology and Transplantation at the Medical School, who specializes in breast and prostate cancers. He is also a member of the Masonic Cancer Center and a physician at M Health Fairview. This fall, he joined the Medical School after a 20-year run as community oncologist, where he had been voted a ‘Top Doc’ by his peers in both Minnesota Monthly and Mpls/St. Paul Magazine every year since 2006. Also a former actor and comedian, his acclaimed musical, “How To Avoid Burnout in 73 Minutes,” just completed a sold-out run at the Open Eye Theatre.

End of season gardening is upon us

BY DONNA TATTING
CHISAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

By now most of our perennial garden and landscape plants are beginning the long process into dormancy for winter. Leaf color is changing and there are fewer and fewer blooms in the garden and die back is already beginning. On a drive recently from Chisago County to Lake Superior’s North Shore, I was struck by a noticeable dull coloring of leaves on the trees. The brilliant yellows and oranges we usually see, were instead almost brown and dried up looking. The effects of the drought are painfully obvious in many areas. But there are still quite a few chores left to do in the garden and the mild weather is making that doable. For as long as you can, avoid cutting back the foliage on your perennials because

they are still photosynthesizing which is feeding the crown and roots of the plants. And speaking of perennials, this is a great time to buy them with most being half priced. Just plant them, water well, and they will survive just fine over the winter. Often these plants have lived in their pots for many months and have become root bound so be sure to tease out the roots before planting. Same goes for any trees and shrubs that are planted this time of year. But especially for them, water them well on a regular schedule until the ground freezes which could extend into mid-November. This will ensure the plant will go into its dormancy well hydrated. Make sure you’ve done a good job cleaning up your vegetable gardens so that any plant material is removed and

not leaving behind any foliar diseases that can remain in the soil and could harm next year’s crops. I planted a new crop of Pea Pods a couple of weeks ago so keeping my fingers crossed that I get at least one picking before a hard freeze. My peppers are still going strong so I’ll go the safe route and cover them in case the nights get too cool. This is also a good time to plant irises and any spring bulbs. With the bulbs, be sure to clean up any bulb skin because its one of things that attract squirrels who are more than willing to dig up all your hard work. If you are lucky enough to have white pine trees on your property, they are now shedding their old needles and these make a great mulch to use for winter protection. Shredded leaves also make a good mulch but wait until the ground

freezes before laying the protective covering because the idea is to keep the frozen ground frozen. Consider a good winterizing fertilizer for your lawn and make sure you read the instructions as to when it should be applied as this is essential to its effectiveness. Avoid pruning trees at this time of year. You don’t want to stimulate any new growth that could die off in winter. Save the pruning on trees like oaks and maples until winter usually in late February and March. And one last tip....clean all garden tools now. Cleaning will remove any pathogens left behind from a season of use that could over winter and infect plants next year. Sharpen and oil tool so they are ready to go when the snow melts and the gardening begins again.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
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Court File No.: 30-PR-21-82
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Decedent.
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)
Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. No Will has been presented for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Daniel F. Schneider, whose address is 3010 Ensign Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55426, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

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

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF ISANTI PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 30-PR-21-84
In Re: Estate of Leonard Eugene Arvidson, a/k/a Leonard E. Arvidson, Decedent.
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of October, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above-named Court at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota, on petition of Kristen L. White for adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of Kristen L. White, 27441 Nester Avenue, Lindstrom, Minnesota 550458, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held using remote technology. Please contact Isanti County Court Administration for hearing details at 763-290-7020.
September 27, 2021
John D. Klossner
Judge of District Court
Nathan Fuglestad
Attorney for Petitioner
FUGLESTAD LAW OFFICE
P.O. Box 277, 6349 Main St.
North Branch, MN 55056
(651) 674-6259
Att. Reg. No. 223839
Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
September 27, 2021
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 30-PR-21-85
In Re: Estate of Scott R. Palm, a/k/a Scott Robert Palm, a/k/a Scott Palm, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (TESTATE)

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will dated October 15, 2018, has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Sheila L. Palm, whose address is 2206 Water Lilly Lane, Eagan, MN 55122, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

October 1, 2021
Peggy Zdon
Registrar
Megan Bergman
District Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
Laura Zdychnec
NORTHWOODS LAW GROUP, P.A.

5775 Wayzata Blvd., Ste. 700
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952)525-2255
Atty. Reg. #222963

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FORECLOSURES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 10, 2017 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$221,645.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jonathan C Jeske and Sarah C Jeske, spouses married to each other MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Waterstone Mortgage Corporation TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1003715-0000433249-8 SERVICER: SN Servicing Corporation LENDER: Waterstone Mortgage Corporation DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County

Minnesota, on March 1, 2017, as Document No. A464840. ASSIGNED TO: Matrix Financial Services Corporation by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 12/20/2017 and recorded on 12/20/2014 as Document No. A472106 Waterstone Mortgage Corporation by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 03/14/2018 and recorded on 03/16/2018 as Document No. A473820 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/11/2019 and recorded on 01/22/2019 as Document No. A481203 U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/06/2020 and recorded on 05/19/2020 as Document No. A492496 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Bungalow Series IV Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/13/2020 and recorded on 05/19/2020 as Document No. 492497 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The West 262 feet, as measured along the South line, of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 36, Range 25, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6767 325th Avenue Northwest, Princeton, MN 55371 PROPERTY I.D.: 13-034-0303 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Thirty-Five and 61/100 (\$256,035.61) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on November 18, 2021 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2022, or the next business day if May 18, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: September 16, 2021 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Bungalow Series IV Trust Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/ Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 21MNO0015-3 A-4734803 09/16/2021, 09/23/2021, 09/30/2021, 10/07/2021, 10/14/2021, 10/21/2021

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NOTICES

ISANTI SELF STORAGE
This is notice of intent to sell property located at Isanti Self Storage East location. If Jessica Bohar Unit E69 and Matthew Nelson Unit E104 fail to pay their balances in full by October 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. online auctions will be held October 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. online at www.storageauctions.net. The units appear to contain household and garage items.

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CAMBRIDGE PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
The Cambridge City Council

is seeking three (3) individuals to serve on the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission. Two (2) of these positions are for regular three (3) year terms. One (1) is for a Youth Representative which is a one (1) year term. Incumbent Commissioners may also apply for reappointment as long as they do not exceed the term limit requirements of serving 9 consecutive years.

The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission is an advisory board that reviews and makes recommendations to the Cambridge City Council on the development and organization of city parks, trails, and recreational programs. The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission typically holds one (1) regular meeting each month and additional meetings as needed. Residency within the City limits is required.

If you are interested in serving on the Cambridge Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission, please contact Amy Norling for an application at 763-552-3210 or anorling@ci.cambridge.mn.us. Applications may also be obtained at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE or online at www.ci.cambridge.mn.us. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 25th, 2021. Potential applicants will be interviewed for appointment at their regular council meeting on Monday, November 1st, 2021 at approximately 5 p.m.

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

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

Assumed Name: ACP
Principal Place of Business: 495 2nd Ave SE, Cambridge, MN 55008

Name holders: Advantage Collection Professionals, LLC, 495 2nd Ave SE Cambridge MN 55008

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

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

Work Item 1256226300037
Original File Number 1256226300037
STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ISANTI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

November 2, 2021
Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, November 2 2021, at 7:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter, at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW, Isanti, Minnesota;** the Economic Development Authority will hold a Public Hearing on the following items:

1. Sale of EDA land legally described as Lot OOA of Isanti Centennial Complex 3rd Rearrange on East Dual Blvd. NE, PID 16.125.0020
2. Granting a business subsidy for the sale of the land legally described as Lot OOA of Isanti Centennial Complex 3rd Rearrange on East Dual Blvd. NE, PID 16.125.0020

The summary of the terms of the proposed business subsidy is available for inspection at City Hall, during regular business hours. After the public hearing the Authority will consider approving the sale and granting of the business subsidy.

A person with residence in or the owner of taxable property in the granting jurisdiction may file a written complaint with the City if the City fails to comply with Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, and no action may be filed against the City for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed. All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or in writing prior to the hearing.

Sheila Sellman
Community Development Director
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Oct. 14, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners recognizes the benefit to having appointed persons in the position of the County Recorder because it promotes efficiency and consistency of County business with individuals qualified to oversee a broad spectrum of complex issues within the Recorder's Office; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375A.1205, Subd. 1, the County Board intends to appoint a County Recorder under the following circumstances:

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

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

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

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COUNTY BOARD

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Per Minnesota Statutes 375.12 Publication of Proceedings.

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. - Government Center Boardroom

A detail of the entire minutes are available for public inspection in the Isanti County Administrator's Office or by visiting our website at www.co.isanti.mn.us.

Members Present: Chairperson Susan Morris; Commissioners Terry Turnquist, Dave Oslund, Mike Warring, and Greg Anderson
Members Absent: None
Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, K Long, B Wendorf, A Hirdler, P Messer, K Lakeberg, C Struss, and T Bergloff; (Reporter: J Kotila; N Hallman)

OOo Chairperson Morris called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
OOo Public Comment Session. Public comment was made by a member of the public.

21/09-24 Oslund/Turnquist, to

approve the September 14, 2021, County Board Agenda with the addition of F-3. Approve Resolution to Use ARPA Funds in Isanti County. Carried.

21/09-25 Warring/Oslund, to approve the September 1, 2021, County Board Meeting Minutes. Carried.

21/09-26 Turnquist/Anderson, to approve the Personnel Action Items (on file). Carried.

21/09-27 Oslund/Warring, to approve the Utility Permits (on file). Carried.

21/09-28 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the following claims and warrants: Advanced Correctional Healthcare \$15,507.15
Bjorklund Companies LLC \$9,970.33

Contech Engineered Solutions LLC \$6,297.94
Fleet Alignment Service \$12,521.00
Information Systems Cor \$5,542.00
Jeff Carda & William & Debra Bush \$8,205.00

Minnesota State Auditor \$19,295.00
Morris Electronics Inc. \$10,557.77
U.S. Postal Service \$10,000.00
WaterGuards LLC \$13,310.00
Wiley Reber Law \$7,022.95
Total Claims & Warrants \$118,229.14

Carried.
OOo Karen Long, Isanti County Recorder, provided an overview of the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) conference report to the County Board Members.

21/09-29 Oslund/Warring, to approve Ashley Hirdler to complete an Experiential Placement Project regarding accessibility within county and city parks throughout Isanti County. Carried.

21/09-30 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve to pay a meal reimbursement in the amount of \$8.00 for Janet Sarver, Mental Health Worker, due to being outside of the allowable date for reimbursement. Carried.
OOo The Board was advised that the number of Income Maintenance cases as shown by the MAXIS system as of August 31, 2021, was 2,193.

21/09-31 Warring/Anderson 1) Approval was given for all public assistance and social service actions, public assistance and social service expenditures, and social welfare expenditures as listed on the agenda of this meeting and as detailed in supporting documents maintained in the Family Services Department and 2) Payment of the following Family Services Department claims for Public Assistance, Administration, and Social Services was approved: 180 Degrees, Inc. \$5,993.23
Canvas Health \$47,059.02
Carlson Counseling and Consulting \$6,600.00
Gerard Academy \$11,688.80
Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer \$26,976.00

Isanti County Family Services \$5,558.34
Lighthouse Child/Family Services \$5,340.12
Total Family Services Vouchers \$297,051.73
Moose Lake RTC \$5,032.50
MSOP-MN Sex Off. Prog-462/(15)- \$6,700.65

Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing \$6,263.24
Rise Incorporated \$27,094.00
Therapeutic Services Agency \$6,795.83
U.S. Postal Service \$6,000.00
Auditors \$129,953.00

Carried.
21/09-32 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the 2022 Preliminary Levy (on file). Carried.

21/09-33 Anderson/Warring, to approve the 2022 Preliminary Budget (on file). Carried.

21/09-34 Warring/Anderson, to set the Truth in Taxation Meeting for Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/09-35 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the Lake Improvement District Proposed Levy and Special Assessments for 2022 (on file). Carried.

21/09-36 Oslund/Turnquist, to approve the following resolution: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (on file). Carried.

21/09-37 Turnquist/Warring, to approve the purchase of Real Asset Management Software. Carried.

21/09-38 Warring/Oslund, to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION #ARPA-1; RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN ISANTI COUNTY (on file). Carried.

21/09-39 Turnquist/Oslund,

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to approve per diems to Dennis Haubenschild in the amount of \$180.00 for attending Planning Commission meetings on April 8, 2021; May 13, 2021; and June 10, 2021. Carried.

21/09-40 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve per diems to Larry Fredlund in the amount of \$240.00 for attending Planning Commission meetings on February 11, 2021 and May 13, 2021; Board of Adjustment meeting on February 11, 2021; and a Second Dwelling Task Force meeting on February 8, 2021. Carried.

21/09-41 Oslund/Warring, to approve the final plat of House's Ranch (Nathan House) (on file). Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

21/09-42 Turnquist/Warring, to approve the request of Scott Nelson, 1404 397th Avenue NE, Stanchfield, MN 55080 to present a preliminary plat of Nelsons Acres (on file). Carried.

21/09-43 Oslund/Turnquist, to approve the request of New Hope Community Church of Cambridge, 33030 Vickers Street NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 to present a preliminary plat of New Hope Acres (on file). Carried.

21/09-44 Oslund/Morris, to approve the request of Robert & Janis Eastlund, 2123 305th Avenue NE, Isanti, MN 55040 to present a preliminary plat of Lenz Acres (on file). Carried.

21/09-45 Turnquist/Oslund,

to approve the request of John & LouAnn Cochran, 29782 Baugh Street NW, Princeton, MN 55371 to present a preliminary plat of Homestead Haven Legal (on file). Carried.

21/09-46 Anderson/Warring, to table the request of Roland Foster for a conditional use permit for an animal feedlot with 300 or more animal units due to a conflict of interest allegation, and pursuant to Minnesota Statute 15.99, Subd. 3. (f), to extend the 60-day deadline for up to another 60 days, written notice of the extension will be provided to the applicant including the reason for the extension, and the anticipated length of the extension being October 20, 2021. Carried.

21/09-47 Turnquist/Warring, to approve to move the December 1, 2021, County Board Meeting start time from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/09-48 Oslund/Turnquist, to adjourn (9:58 a.m.). Carried.

Julia Lines, County Administrator
By: Sharon Katka, Human Resources Generalist
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Per Minnesota Statutes 375.12

Publication of Proceedings.

Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. - Government Center Boardroom

A detail of the entire minutes are available for public inspection in the Isanti County Administrator's Office or by visiting our website at www.co.isanti.mn.us.

Members Present: Commissioners Terry Turnquist, Dave Oslund, Mike Warring, and Greg Anderson

Members Absent: Chairperson Susan Morris

Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, and T Bergloff

OOo At this time, a Public Hearing was held, and Julia Lines, County Administrator, read the following Published Notice into the record: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. To consider amending the zoning map from Agriculture/Residential District to Business District for the property described as Pt. of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township, Isanti County Ag Society. A full copy of this proposed rezoning can be viewed on the county website @ http://www.co.isanti.mn.us and/ or the County Auditor's Office. By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of August, 2021. No written comment was received; public comment was made.

21/09-49 Warring/Oslund, to close the Public Hearing (9:38 a.m.). Carried.

21/09-50 Oslund/Warring, to adjourn (9:43 a.m.). Carried.

Julia Lines, County Administrator
By: Sharon Katka, Human Resources Generalist
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ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On October 6, 2021, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to the Isanti County Zoning Map, to rezone the property described as Pt. of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township, Isanti County Ag Society, from Agriculture/Residential to Business District.

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SCHOOL BOARD

NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 (NORTH BRANCH AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District No. 138 (North Branch Area Public Schools) shall perform a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the District's November

2, 2021 special election. The test shall be conducted at: North Branch Area Education Center, Room B122, North Branch, Minnesota on October 21, 2021 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please contact Arle Chambers at (651) 674-1011.

Dated: August 12, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Kevin Bollman
School District Clerk

Independent School District No 138 (North Branch Area Public Schools)

State of Minnesota
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Oct. 14, 2021

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

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

Special Election Ballot November 2, 2021

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

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

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NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 911 CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District No. 911 shall perform a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the District's November 2, 2021, special election. The test shall be conducted at 625A Main Street North, Cambridge, Minnesota on October 20, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Allen at (763)689-6202 or mallen@c-ischools.org.

Dated: October 7, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Clerk: Lynn Wedlund
Independent School District No. 911

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CITY OF NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE 320-21

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CHISAGO
CITY OF NORTH BRANCH
ORDINANCE NO. 320-21

2021 FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE
ORDINANCE REVISING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT BILLS TO TAXES DOG KENNEL LICENSE AND STORMWATER CONNECTION FEES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH, MINNESOTA ORDAINS

SECTION 1 AMENDMENT

The 2021 fee schedule is amended as follows

1. DELINQUENT BILLS TO TAXES fee is set at \$15.00 per unpaid, delinquent account

2. DOG KENNEL LICENSE fee is set at \$125.00

3. STORMWATER CONNECTION fee is set at \$0.44 per square foot.

2021 Fee Schedule Amendment- a complete list of fees is available at City Hall

SECTION 3 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take full effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kelly Neider, Councilmember/Acting Mayor

SECONDER: Amanda Darwin, Councilmember

AYES: Swenson, Neider, Blomquist, Darwin, Meacham

Passed and adopted this 28th day of September 2021

CITY OF NORTH BRANCH

BY: Jim Swenson, Mayor

ATTEST: Renae Fry, City Administrator

Service	2021 Fee
Building Department	
3 Season Porch	Based on Valuation* \$50.00/Sq. Ft.
Basement Finish	\$156.00
Building Department Fees	As Outline in Attachment 1
Building Moving Review	\$100.00 + Expenses
Building Permit	Based on Valuation*
Deck - Residential	Based on Valuation*-\$16.00/Sq. Ft.
Demolition Permit	\$75.00
Detached Accessory Structure - Residential	Based on Valuation*-\$16.00/Sq. Ft.
Electric Access Fee - Residential	\$350.00
Manufactured Home Installation	\$250.00*
Mechanical Permit - Commercial	Based on Valuation*
Mechanical Permit - Commercial	Replacement \$94.00/Unit*
Mechanical Permit - New Residential Over \$500	\$84.00*
Mechanical Permit- Replacement Residential Over \$500	\$84.00*
Other Building (Misc.) Permits	\$84.00*
Plan Review Fee	65% of Permit Fee
Plumbing Permit - Commercial	Based on Valuation*
Plumbing Permit - Commercial Replacement	\$94.00/Unit*
Plumbing Permit - New Residential Over \$500	\$84.00*
Plumbing Permit - Replacement Residential Over \$500	\$84.00*
Reroof - Commercial	\$208.00*
Reroof - Residential	\$84.00*
Septic -Tank Set/Common Sys Connection/Repair/Operating Permit/Land A	\$60.00
Septic Permit	\$300.00
Septic Pumping Fee	\$5.00
Sewer Access Fee (SAC) ***	\$2,471.00/Unit
Sewer Connection Inspection Fee	\$60.00

Site/Location Inspection (Fence,Ag Bldg, Swimming Pool, etc)	\$75.00
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	Escrow based on estimated cost of delayed site improvements. Can be in the form of cash or letter of credit issued by a bank.
Lot Survey Review Fee	Actual cost for use of outside consultant
Water Access Fee (WAC)	\$1,700.00/Unit
Water Connection Inspection Fee	\$60.00
Water Meters - Residential	\$295.00
- Irrigation (Residential)	\$295.00
- Commercial/Industrial**	**Based on Service Size

*State Surcharge Applies
**Contact NB Water Light for cost
***Multi-family, rental residential units without individual services, fee is reduced an additional 20%

2021 Fee Schedule North Branch Building Fee Schedule-This is a “valuation” based permit schedule	
TOTAL VALUATION FEE	FEE
\$1.00 TO \$500.00	\$23.00
\$501.00 TO \$2,000.00	\$23.50 for the first \$500.00 plus \$3.05 for each additional \$100.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00
\$2,001.00 TO \$25,000.00	\$69.25 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$14.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$391.25 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$10.10 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$643.75 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$7.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$993.75 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$5.60 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$500.00.00
\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$3,233.75 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$4.75 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
\$1,000,001.00 to \$1,000,001.00 and up	\$5,608.75 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$3.15 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof
Other Inspections and Fees: 1. Inspections outside of normal business hours \$47.00 per hour* 2. Re-inspection fees \$47 .00 per hour * 3. Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to plans \$47 .00 per hour* 4. Investigation fee- work commencing before permit permit issuance (not to exceed the permit fee) \$47.00 per hour* 5. For use of outside consultants for plan checking and inspections, or both Actual cost**	

** Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs.

NOTE:Building Permit Refund Policy: Permit refunds may only be granted if the work permitted for has not started and the applicant has written a formal request for said refund. The permit may be refunded minus staff time &/or plan review.

*State Surcharge Applies

Service 2021 Fee	2021 Fee
Affidavit of Candidacy	\$5.00
Assessment Search	\$25.00
Bad Check Fee	\$30.00
Certification of Delinquent Bills to Taxes (City Services, Sewer & Stormwater)(Dates December 15th & June 15th)	\$22-50/Per Parcel \$15.00 per unpaid, delinquent account
Club License	\$500.00
Paper Copies	\$0.25/page if 100 pages or under, actual cost if over 100 pages (per MN Statutes)
Data Request Retrieval	Actual cost *
Dance License	\$100.00
Dance License - Temporary	\$20.00/Day
Display & Consumption License (Set-Up) (State fee of \$250 Incl)	\$500.00
Dog Kennel License \$125.00	\$125.00
Right of Way Access (Excavator's) License	\$100.00
Right of Way Excavation Permit	\$100.00
Right of Way Obstruction Permit	\$100.00
Small Wireless Facility Permit	\$100.00
Small Wireless Annual Rental Fee per structure	\$150.00
Small Wireless Annual Maintenance Fee per structure	\$25.00
Small Wireless Monthly Electrical Service Fee	Metered w/service fee and usage fees-monthly
Garbage Hauler's License	\$156.00
Yard Waste Composting Site License	\$500 application fee \$2,000 annual/renewal fee
Grading Permit -50cubic yds<100cubic yds or distrubed area >1,000 sq ft	\$100.00
- Shoreland zone or 100cu yds and more or 20,000 sq ft distrubed ar	\$500.00 plus engineering escrow for Inspections **
Late Fee	10% of License Fee or \$25.00, Whichever Is Greater
Liquor License Investigation Fee - Partnership, Corporation	\$125.00
Liquor License Investigation Fee - Single Person	\$50.00
Map-City or Zoning (2' x 3') - Black & White	\$5.00
Map-City or Zoning (2' x 3') - Color	\$10.00
Map-City or Zoning (3' x 4') - Black & White	\$10.00
Map-City or Zoning (3' x 4') - Color	\$20.00
Map Custom	Actual cost

* Actual costs = lowest paid, qualified employee time, copies, certifications, electronically transmitting the copies of data or data. (MS 13.03, Subdivision 3(c))

Service	2021 Fee
Clerk's Office	

** Escrow can be in the form of cash or letter of credit issued by a bank

Massage License (Business)	\$150.00
Massage License (Therapist)	\$25.00
Notary Service	\$5.00/Document
Off-Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License	\$125.00

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Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License	\$150.00
On-Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License	\$100.00
On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License	\$2,500.00
Ordinance Amendment	\$300.00
Special Meeting Fee	\$300.00
Sunday Liquor License	\$200.00
Temporary Liquor License	\$50.00/Day
Temporary Sunday Liquor License	\$25.00/Day
Tobacco License	\$250.00
Transient Merchant - Group (30 Day)	\$260.00
Transient Merchant License - Group (3 Day)	\$130.00
Transient Merchant License (30 Days)	\$78.00
Transient Merchant License (6 months) (includes Food Trucks)	\$234.00
Wine License	\$750.00

Service	2021 Fee
Engineering and GIS Departments	
Aerial Photos - Digital Format	\$10.00/Acre
Digital Topography	\$10.00/Acre
Engineering/GIS Service Fee	Actual Cost

Service	2021 Fee
Fire Department	
Response Car or Grass Fire (Plus Foam If Used)	\$200.00 \$85.00
Response Rate - Extrication	\$400.00 to Respond
Standby Emergency Rate Plus Fire Fighter Rate (Gas Leak or Other Activity)	\$100.00 \$12.00/Person/Hour, After First Hour

Service	2021 Fee
Police Department	
Animal Impound Fee	\$85.00/animal
Animal Kennel Boarding	\$ 25.00/Day
Copy of Police Report	No Charge Less Than 10 Pages \$0.25/Page Over 10 Pages
Dog License	\$10/yr \$7/yr. (senior 62+ discount) \$35 for life of dog if microchipped \$18 for life of dog if microchipped (senior 62+ discount)
F9 Report or State Accident Report	\$2.00
False Alarm - 0-3 per calendar year at no charge. 4th & each subsequent alarm charged.	\$75.00 Each Per Calendar Year
Officer Contract Rate	\$ 65.00/Hr/2 Hr Min.
Photos	Actual Cost

Vehicle Impound Charge (Max 30 Days Storage)	\$10.00/Day/30 Day Maximum + Towing
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Service	2021 Fee
Public Works Department	
Air Compressor Rental w/ Labor.	\$100.00/Hr/2 Hr Min
Asphalt Patching	\$200.00/20 Sq Ft Minimum
Grader Rental	\$130.00 /Hr/2 Hr Min.
Leaf Pick-up Rental	\$250.00 /Hr/2 Hr Min.
Leaf Truck Material	\$30.00 per Load
Loader Rental	\$150.00 /Hr/2 Hr Min.
Mailbox Post	\$78.00
Mowing & Sidewalk Clearing	\$100.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum
Pickup Truck Rental	\$50.00/Hr/2 Hr Min.
Portable Generator Rental	\$150.00/Hr/2 Hr Min.
Public Works Labor	\$50.00/Hr/2 Hr Min.
Salt	\$135.00/Ton
Salt Sand - 3:1 Mix	\$80.00/Ton
Septage Dumped at Sewer Plant	\$50.00 per 1,000 Gallons
Sewer Jetter Rental	\$200.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum
Skidsteer Rental	\$100.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum
Snow Plowing	\$135.00/Hr/2 Hr Min. (Tandem Axle, Single Axle, Grader or Loader)
Street Sign	Cost of Sign Plus 20%
Street Sign with Installation	\$65.00/Sign + Cost of Sign & Materials
Street Sweeper Rental	\$200.00/Hr/2 Hr Min.
Tractor Rental	\$125.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum
Truck Rental - Single Axle	\$85.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum
Truck Rental - Tandem Axle	\$95.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum
Water Tanker Truck w/1,250 Gal Water plus cost of water	\$85.00/Hr/2 Hr Minimum

Service	2021 Fee
Public Utilities	
Sanitary Sewer Monthly Base Customer Charge (each meter) Sanitary Sewer Usage Fee - Per 1,000 Gal	See attachment \$9.80 Per 1,000 Gal
Storm Sewer - Rural Annual Fee -Rural Commercial/Industrial Storm Sewer Fees will be calculated based on acreage for the developed area of the site: building area, parking area, storm water treatment areas and the setbacks. Rural agricultural parcel fees will be calculated at the residential rate.	REF=\$74.76/Residential \$53.00/Apartment \$55.90/Mobile Home Commercial Industrial Minimum = \$74.76

Storm Sewer - Urban Monthly Fee *Urban Commercial/Industrial Storm Sewer Fees will be calculated based on acreage of the entire parcel.	REF=\$6.23/Residential \$4.42/Apartment \$4.66/Mobile Home \$317.63/School Dist. Commercial/Industrial Minimum = \$6.23
Trunk Sewer Fee - Non- Residential	\$4,966.40/Acre
Trunk Sewer Fee - Residential *	\$1,656.00/Unit
Stormwater Connection Fee	\$0.44/Sq. Ft.
Trunk Water Fee - Non- Residential	\$6,350.00/Acre
Trunk Water Fee - Residential	\$3,500.00/Unit
Water User Fee -Residential -3/4 " service **	Contact North Branch Water & Light or log onto their web site

*Multi-family, rental residential units without individual services, fee is determined in accordance with non-residential use. **NOTE: Contact North Branch Water & Light for complete list of rates & fees	
Meter Size	2021 Monthly Rate
5/8"	\$ 14.50
3/4"	14.50
1"	14.50
1.5"	29.00
2"	46.40
3"	87.00
4"	145.00
6"	290.00

Service	2021 Fee
Miscellaneous	
City Parking Lot Overnight Parking Permit/ Winter Parking	\$20.00/Season
Harder Park Ball Field Lights -Season -One-Time	Actual Use Cost \$10.00/Hour
Special Events, Park Reservations and Deposits	See Below
Tax Abatement Application	\$5,000.00 Deposit
TIF Application	\$10,000.00 Deposit
Conduit Bonding Fee	0.50% of Amount Borrowed

Park Reservation Fees:				
# of People	Permit Fees		Damage Refundable	Deposit-
	Resident	N o n - Resident	Resident	N o n - Resident
0 - 100	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
101 - 1,000	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
1,001 +	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
			\$1,000 Min. Central/RJMP	

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SCHOOL BOARD-CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SPECIAL ELECTION

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 911
(CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the special election has been
called and will be held in and for
Independent School District No. 911
(Cambridge-Isanti Schools), State of
Minnesota, on Tuesday, November
2, 2021, for the purpose of voting on
the following questions:

School District Question 1
Authorization to Hire/Retain
High-Quality Teachers and Support
Students
The board of Independent School
District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti
Schools) has proposed to increase
it's general education revenue \$565
per pupil. The proposed referendum
revenue authorization would be
applicable for ten years, beginning
with taxes payable in 2022, unless
otherwise revoked or reduced as
provided by law.

Shall the increase in the
revenue proposed by the board of
Independent School District No. 911
be approved?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS
BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX
INCREASE.**

School District Question 2
Additional Authorization to
Support Vocational Technology and
College Readiness
The board of Independent School
District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti
Schools) has proposed to increase
its general education revenue
by \$121 per pupil. The proposed
referendum revenue authorization
would be applicable for ten years,
commencing with taxes payable in
2022, unless otherwise revoked or
reduced as provided by law, and
is contingent upon the passage of

School District Question 1.
If School District Question 1 is
approved, shall the increase in the
revenue proposed by the board of
Independent School District No. 911
be approved?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS
BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX
INCREASE.**

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

The annual dollar increases for
typical residential homesteads,
apartments, commercial-industrial
properties, and most other classes
of property within the school district
are as shown in the tables below.
For agricultural property (both
homestead and non-homestead),
the taxes for School District Question
1 and School District Question 2
will be based on the value of the
house, garage and surrounding
one acre of land only. There will
be no referendum taxes for School
District Question 1 or School District
Question 2 paid on the value of other
agricultural lands and buildings. For
seasonal residential recreational
property (i.e. cabins), there will be
no taxes paid for School District
Question 1 or School District
Question 2.

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

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

Cambridge, MN 55008
This combined polling place
serves all territory in Independent
School District No. 911 located in
City of Cambridge P-1, City of
Cambridge P-2, Dalbo Township,
Maple Ridge Township, Cambridge
Township, Stanchfield Township,
Springvale Township, Wyanett
Township, Isanti County, Minnesota;
and Fish Lake Township, Chisago
County, Minnesota.
COMBINED POLLING PLACE:
Isanti Community Center
208 1/2 1st Ave. NW
Isanti, MN 55040

This combined polling place
serves all territory in Independent
School District No. 911 located in
the City of Isanti P-1, City of Isanti
P-2, Athens Township, Bradford
Township, Isanti Township, Oxford
Township, Spencer Brook Township,
Stanford Township, and North
Branch Township, Isanti County,
Minnesota.
Any eligible voter residing in
the school district may vote at said
election at the combined polling
places designated above for the
precinct in which he or she resides.
The polls for said election will be
opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will
close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the
date of said election.

A voter must be registered to
vote to be eligible to vote in this
election. An unregistered individual
may register to vote at the combined
polling places on election day.
Dated: August 19, 2021.
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL
BOARD
By: /s/ Lynn Wedlund, School
District Clerk
Independent School District No.
911
(Cambridge-Isanti Schools)
State of Minnesota
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Cambridge - Isanti Schools, ISD 911
Analysis of Tax Impact for Possible November 2021 Referendum

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

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

* The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the operating referendum, debt service, and other facility-related purposes only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax changes shown above are gross changes, not including the impact of the state Property Tax Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net tax increase for many property owners.
** If proposed ballot questions are approved by voters, the district intends to make reductions in other tax levies payable in 2022, which will result in a net reduction in taxes paid as show in this column. The intent of these reductions is to offset a portion of the tax increases from the proposed ballot questions.
*** For all agricultural property, estimated tax impact for 2022 includes a 60% reduction due to the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit. Under current law, the credit percentage will increase to 70% by taxes payable in 2023, this will cause a reduction in taxes in future years. Average value per acre is the total estimated market value of all land & buildings divided by total acres. If the property includes a home, then the tax impact on the house, garage, and one acre of land will be calculated in addition to the taxes per acre, on the same basis as a residential homestead or non-homestead property.

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DIETARY AIDE – 20 hrs/wk plus fill-in, 5-8pm and 10:30am-7pm shifts, includes weekends; ; \$500 sign-on bonus on 2nd paycheck; \$500 at 6 successful months of employment

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LUNCH CATERED BY: Isanti Subway

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 15

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