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**Jon "Swanny" Swanson's daughter, Lauryn, and wife, Kathy, express their appreciation for the new Purple Hawk Country Club leaderboard that was erected in honor of the late golf pro.**

## Former golf pro honored with leaderboard dedication

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The definition of a golf pro is in essence someone who is a leader of a golf course or country club. Based on that, what could be more appropriate than dedicating a leaderboard in the memory of what many considered to be the ultimate leader in the history of the Purple Hawk? During an emotional ceremony held on Saturday, Aug. 14, that is exactly what was done at the country club located just north of Cambridge.

Jon "Swanny" Swanson was the Purple Hawk's first-ever golf pro. But for those who knew him, he was more than just someone who taught people how to golf better and who helped run the pro shop. He was a friend, mentor, golf partner, and just, as his obituary read, "one of the good guys." He unexpectedly died on April 3, 2021, while playing golf at the Chaska Town Course.

### WHAT ALMOST WASN'T

The story of how Swanny became Purple Hawk's first golf pro is filled with lucky breaks, or perhaps twists of fate. Dr. Donald Grossbach, who was the President of the Board of Directors at that time, told the story of how Swanny originally wasn't on the hiring committee's final five applicants to be interviewed for the position. As the four-person committee was deadlocked between two of the candidates, the committee adjourned and went home. That night, Grossbach received a phone call from a golf sales rep who had heard they were looking at hiring a golf pro. He asked if Grossbach would give

him the names of the finalists, and after hearing the names, asked Grossbach "have you looked at Jon Swanson?"

"I said, 'no, he didn't make the cut.' And he said, 'I strongly advise that you look at Jon Swanson before you make a decision,'" Grossbach recalled. "So we brought Jon Swanson in for an interview. And he comes in all nicely dressed in his golf attire, carrying his briefcase. He comes in and does his interview, with his coy little Arnold Palmer smile, and so we're asking him questions. He pulls out of his briefcase his budget, what he thought it would cost in materials to fix up the pro shop... and after the interview we sat down and looked at each other and said 'that's the guy.'"

Later on, while talking with another member of the PGA, Grossbach mentioned the hiring of Swanson. "Oh, Mr. Briefcase! You hired a good one there," was the response.

"I just feel like we have had the opportunity to move forward into a much higher status of golf course than we had before Jon Swanson came here," Grossbach concluded.

### A MENTOR

"I have huge shoes to fill, probably won't ever be able to fill them," said current Purple Hawk golf pro Matt Grell. "Jon meant a lot to me. Many of us have interacted with him. We've had a lot of history with Jon. Everybody's been impacted somehow, whether its through golf, friendship, the community, Jon was that type of guy. To me, he was my role

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## Community medical leaders attempt to debunk COVID vaccine myths

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*Editor's note: This article is part one of a two-part series stemming from the Community Q&A session. See next week's edition for part two, featuring testimonials from area residents who survived COVID-19. A recording of the forum can be found at [vimeo.com/585696291](https://vimeo.com/585696291).*

An attempt at encouraging those who are vaccine hesitant and correcting misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccinations in order to increase the number of Isanti County residents who are vaccinated took place Aug. 11 at Common Ground United Methodist Church.

A total of nine panelists from community faith leaders, Isanti County Public Health, Cambridge Medical Center, Minnesota Department of Health

(MDH), school staff from Art and Science Academy and Braham schools, and COVID-19 survivors took part in the public forum that included a question and answer session.

"We've invited everyone here tonight because we've heard your concerns and want questions answered by trusted community leaders," Isanti County Public Health Educator Michelle Pivec said. "Collectively, we want you to have the correct information at your fingertips in order to make the best decision for you and your community."

### WHERE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS AT NOW

With more than 20 years of experience in immunization, Immunization Clinical Consultant Lynn Bahta from MDH went over some facts about the current COVID-19 situation for Isanti County and the region in general. She

is an appointed member to the Center for Disease Control advisory committee on immunization practices, which is a national group of medical and public health experts that make vaccine policy recommendations to the US. Her role in the pandemic response includes education and outreach regarding COVID-19 vaccine.

"No, it's not over," Bahta said, noting there had been a 600 percent increase in reported cases in the month leading up to the forum. "I want to acknowledge the weariness that all of us are feeling as we watch numbers go up. It is quite discouraging, and I think that all of us have been traumatized in one way or another, whether we've been directly impacted or whether we've been peripheral. We are tired, and we need

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**Retired pediatrician Dr. Lowell Becker touches on the history of vaccines during the community COVID vaccine Q&A.**



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# North Branch council cautiously approves another tobacco license

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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It looks like the third time's the charm for the tobacco store formerly known as Cloud X Vapes. After having its tobacco license revoked due to selling to minors, among other violations, then the council rejecting a tobacco license application due to the perspective owner's relationship with the original owners, the North Branch council approved a tobacco license request from Jacob Willenbring, who is a former employee of Cloud X that is now attempting to purchase the business.

According to City Clerk Ragini Varma, because of the sketchy history of Cloud X, North Branch Police Chief Dan Meyer did a thorough background check on Willenbring and found no connection between him and the original owners other than him being an employee. Varma also indicated that in conversations with Chief Meyer, Willenbring was informed there would be more than the normal number of compliance checks performed on his business, and even a slight non-compliance "would shut them down."

Willenbring, who was in attendance at the Aug. 10 council meeting, told the council he welcomed the increased scrutiny.

"I do understand I am inheriting quite a load with that shop," Willenbring said. "I've never had a problem with doing it (asking for an ID). I myself have never failed a compliance check. I had a great talk with the chief, and I made it clear that literally, if it was

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**Jacob Willenbring**

Perspective new owner of former Cloud X Vapes

once or twice a week compliance check, go for it. I'm going to do everything in my power to ensure every one of those compliance checks passes."

Despite those assurances, the council was still leery, but for another reason. According to Varma, Willenbring indicated on his license application there would be no employees other than himself. She said if he were to bring in employees, it is required he present workers compensation insurance to the city. Council Member Patrick Meacham stated if that is what is on his application and tomorrow the city discovers an employee working there, that would be falsifying his license application, which would result in an automatic revocation of the license.

Council Member Amanda Darwin asked Willenbring how he thought he could run the business entirely by himself, given the indicated hours of operation being 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.?

Willenbring indicated he did intend to hire some employees sometime in the near future, however none of them would be former Cloud X employees.

"For the first week or so, it will be only me," Willenbring said, indicating the store's shrinking customer base and need to replenish product wasn't conducive to hiring employees immediately. "But after hopefully recouping some of my money, I would bring in employees." He added he would supply to the city any paperwork they need once he hired employees.

The council approved the application under the condition Willenbring reworks the portion where he indicates he will have no employees, and provides the city with the proper workers compensation paper, by a 3-1 vote, with Mayor Jim Swenson voting nay and Council Member Kelly Neider being absent.

## COUNCIL APPROVES LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM EDA

Economic Development Authority (EDA) member Chuck Sinn has requested a six-month leave of absence in order to attend to matters involving his businesses and personal issues.

The city council expressed their appreciation of Sinn's work on the EDA and stated they would hate to lose him based on the current rules of being removed following three straight absences from meetings. Therefore, with the hope he will be able to return after the six months, the council approved the request. They also approved posting a temporary opening on the EDA for anyone interested in serving. Ultimately, the city bylaws state the mayor appoints EDA members, however Swenson asked to post for applications due to him not having someone in mind. The call for applications will remain open until the seat is filled.

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## TUESDAYS

**Evening storytime on the patio**  
The Cambridge Public Library will host a weekly storytime from 5 - 5:30 p.m. through Aug. 24. Kids 5-8 years old can enjoy stories, songs, and play on the libraries patio. To register, go to the events page at [ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org).

## WEDNESDAYS

### Viking Vittles

Viking Vittles will be available for pickup starting June 16 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church and Stacy Lions Park. Beginning June 23, they will also be available for pickup at North Branch Central Park. Call Donna at 612-363-5072 for more info.

## 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.

## FRIDAYS

### Isanti Farmers Market

The Isanti Farmers Market will be open each Friday from 2 - 6 p.m. at 400 West Dual Boulevard, Isanti.

## 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 beginning July 10 and running through Oct. 30. The market will be located again at the Members Cooperative Credit Union and be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

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### Senior Dining curbside distribution - Rush City

Catholic Charities will be holding a curbside frozen meal distribution from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 425 S. Frandsen Ave, Rush City. Participants must be 60 years of age or older to be eligible and complete an annual registration form. There is no cost. Meals are available in quantities of 10, up to 30 per calendar month. Visit [ccstcloud.org/events](http://ccstcloud.org/events) for more information.

### Book club - Cambridge

The Cambridge Library is hosting a monthly book club on their patio the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held via zoom. This month's featured book is "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict.



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**Discover Downtown Cambridge's "Third Thursday" event on Aug. 19 will again feature fresh corn on the cob for \$1 per ear, plus a corn-themed kiddie parade. The event also just recently added the Isanti County Miniature Horse Project.**

Copies of the book are available at the library. To register, go to [ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org) and click on the events tab. For more information call 763-689-7390.

### Corn feed

Discover Downtown Cambridge will be holding a corn feed from 5 - 8 p.m. as part of their monthly "Third Thursday" event. There will be sweet corn for \$1 per cob, a kiddie corn parade, music, plus other activities.

### Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. Appointments can be made at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

## AUG. 21

### Bluejacket All School Reunion

The second All School Reunion for Cambridge-Isanti alums will be held at the Isanti County Fairgrounds from 12 p.m. - midnight. There will be local food trucks, a car show, plus a concert by The White Sidewalls, plus much more. Tickets can be purchased at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) or on site. See Blue Jacket All School Reunion on Facebook 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.

### Bird Walk

Wild River Audubon Club is hosting a bird walk at Checkerboard County Park, located just north of the intersection of Highway 95 and Keystone Ave. Dr. Michelle Terrell will lead the birdwatching hike along an approximately one-mile loop. The walk begins at 8 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, water, and insect protection.

## AUG. 23

### 'Vax to School' clinic

Isanti County Public Health will be holding a COVID vaccination clinic from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge. All three vaccines will be offered, however ages 12-17 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. Registration is encouraged by going to [prepmo.health.state.mn.us](http://prepmo.health.state.mn.us). Call 763-689-4071 for more information or assistance in registering.

## AUG. 24

### Teen Club - Cambridge

Youth ages 12-17 are invited to the Cambridge Public Library patio from 2 - 3 p.m. for an hour of catching up and

snacks. To register, go to [ecrl.org](http://ecrl.org) and click on the events tab.

### Triad meeting

The Isanti County Sheriff's Office will be hosting their monthly Triad meeting for Isanti County Senior Citizens at their office at 2440 S. Main Street, Cambridge, beginning at 10 a.m. This month's guest speaker will be Patrick Moore, who will be speaking on gun carry laws. For more information, call Chief Deputy Lisa Lovering at 763-691-2411.

## AUG. 25

### Scandinavian Storytelling

Cambridge storyteller and comedian Chad Filley will be hosting a Scandinavian Storytelling event at 3 p.m. at the SAC's Enrichment Center, 140 Buchanan St. N. #164, Cambridge. Free coffee and cookies will be served.

### Community Dinner

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

## AUG. 26

### Book Release & Meet the Author

Scout & Morgan Books is

hosting a book release and meet the author for Willaim Kent Krueger's release of "Lightning Strike" at The Spare Room, 1270 W. 3rd St., Rush City, starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Scout & Morgan or online at [www.scoutand-morganbooks.com](http://www.scoutand-morganbooks.com). Ticket price includes light appetizers, dessert, and coffee. A cash bar and food for purchase will also be offered.

### Football, Floats, Fun!

The North Branch High School football team will be hosting a community event from 6 - 8 p.m. at Central Park featuring ice cream, music, games, and the chance for kids to go through some practice drills with members of the 2021 North Branch Vikings in celebration of their upcoming season.

## AUG. 30

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## SEPT. 12

### Oktoberfest

St. John's German Lutheran Church, 900 County Road 5 NW, will be hosting their annual OktoberFest, featuring brats, brews, entertainment, dancing, and more. The event will run from 4 - 8 p.m.

## SEPT. 17

### Customer Appreciation

The 16th Cambridge Customer Appreciation will take place downtown Cambridge from 4 - 8 p.m. Free hot dog meals will be served, along with a two concert stages, a car show, kids games, and more.

## SEPT. 18

### Rocket launching

The Cambridge Public Library invites anyone 10-years-old and up to stop by the lawn on the Fern Street side of the building to learn how to build and launch a soda bottle rocket. This event will run from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Registration is required by going to [ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org) and clicking on the events tab.

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# Getting mowed down by the drought

I've mentioned in this column a few times how I don't really mind mowing the lawn, assuming the weather isn't too stifling hot and humid. In fact, I don't mind doing it so much last summer I volunteered to mow the lawn at my apartment. My landlord frequently leaves for work around 6 a.m. and doesn't arrive back home until over 12 hours later, so when he was doing the mowing, it was either on a weekend or he was practically needing a headlight on the lawnmower.



**Worth a Thousand Words**  
Bill Stickels III

Back when I made the offer, the pandemic had effectively eliminated a good majority of things I typically cover over the summer such as festivals, fairs, etc. So if nothing else, I figured mowing would be a much more productive use of my expanded spare time. At least it would be better than just sitting around watching TV.

Now that my schedule has tightened up quite a bit, I do find myself having to fit mowing in, but truth be told, even doing it at a slower, meticulous pace while taking multiple water breaks, it still only takes about an hour. Adding in helping my dad with my parents' yard still amounts to under two hours of my time. Plus, my busier schedule is far more flexible than my landlord's.

For this summer, though, much of that has been rendered moot by the insane drought Minnesota is experiencing. Typically, my parents' yard needs mowing once a week. This summer, however, it has become a once-a-month ritual. Even though they have underground sprinklers, they never got around to turning them on and eventually figured they would prefer to conserve water and save money.

My apartment's lawn doesn't grow any faster. It's also more wild grass and weeds than sod-type grass, which creates a bigger conundrum for me. You see, I'm somewhat of a lawn snob. I don't go to the extremes of seeding, watering, fertilizing, and removing weeds from my lawn. But I do greatly appreciate an evenly manicured yard, complete with lines. I even alternate what pattern I mow in, going northwest to southeast one time, southwest to northeast another, and adding in a rectangular pattern every so often. I've heard doing that is supposed to promote better, more even growth.

Considering the wild grass/weeds aren't affected by this drought, over time this summer the yard has repeatedly become this eyesore of patches of taller growth. But since other patches are brown, crisp, and barely taller than it was the last mowing, it just wasn't recommended to mow. So there it stood, intermittent patches of growth and no-growth.

Even though there were larger sections of the yard that definitely could use a good trim-down, there's that whole *evenly manicured* thing. In my mind, if I only did certain sections of the yard, it just doesn't look right. Or worse yet, it looks like I was just being lazy.

So the mower just sits idle. Since the beginning of June, I've mowed three times, with the last one being just this last Friday. And with the latest forecasts, it doesn't sound like we will get back to a wetter pattern anytime soon. That leaves me with only the comforting thought that along my morning walking route, I see many yards suffering the same fate.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Living our core values

We continue to think big and our new strategic plan is going to take us to new heights! One important aspect of our strategic plan is our core values. During our strategic planning process, one community participant shared, "every organization has core values, whether they are written or not. NBAPS will greatly benefit from articulating its core values in writing." I couldn't agree more. People want (and need) to see how their efforts are contributing to something larger than themselves.



**NB School News**  
Sara Paul

At the end of July in a column entitled "Forward Together," I articulated the core values of North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS): Positive Relating, Mission Focusing, Mobilizing Others, Results Focusing, and Multiplying Impact. We are committed to living these values in all aspects of our everyday work.

I am excited to share one of the many ways you can experience us living out our core values at NBAPS. Starting this month, I will host the first Forward Together virtual lunch session on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Virtual engagement provided a new approach to relationship building last year. Virtual sessions provided a highly valuable means for us to connect, and many wonderful and positive relation-

ships resulted from these opportunities. We heard from many who attended virtual sessions that it was a convenient answer to two-way communication that fit their busy schedules.

Last year's virtual sessions provided me with the opportunity to hear from a variety of perspectives. I was so fortunate to build relationships with not only parents, but students, staff, and community members as well. The time and viewpoints shared by all were invaluable in helping me better understand the communities I serve.

This year's first Forward Together virtual engagement session will be Wednesday, Aug. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. There will not be a set agenda for these sessions; rather, this is a time for you to ask questions or share ideas about education at NBAPS. I am looking forward to hearing about your hopes, and ideas that can make us better together!

If you would like to attend my first Forward Together virtual session, you can do so at this link: [meet.google.com/moz-ntov-xve](https://meet.google.com/moz-ntov-xve).

I will continue to host a virtual engagement opportunity each month during the school year, and information can be found on our website.

I am always available if you have a question or comment, and can be reached directly at 651-674-1012 or [spaul@isd138.org](mailto:spaul@isd138.org).

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**'Never go to your high school reunion pregnant or they will think that is all you have done since you graduated.'**

Erma Bombeck

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# VACCINE: Area medical experts urge seeking out trustworthy sources of information

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to realize that our responses to this fourth surge is making us tired and our responses will differ from some of us being depressed and others being really defiant and not wanting to do this anymore.”

There is increased COVID-19 activity in Isanti County, and the Delta variant is the one widely circulating in the county and the region, according to Bahta. The Delta variant is much more infectious and more severe, impacting younger ages and children, she continued. In order to slow the spread, vaccinations, masking, and distancing are needed.

Unfortunately, vaccinated individuals can still spread COVID-19, and the Delta variant is spreading faster with more cases and higher demand for healthcare resources in under-vaccinated populations, Bahta added.

“This is a virus that has no boundaries. It will attempt to infect anyone if at all possible. We need to be really aware of the infectious nature of this new variant,” she said. “We do have an option for what to do, and, of course, vaccination is going to play a huge role in this.”

While Minnesota has reached a rate of 70 percent of the eligible population being vaccinated, as of the forum only 40.1 percent of the eligible population in Isanti County had received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 31.6 percent were fully vaccinated, according to Bahta. Vaccinations have been shown to work with the Delta variant with about 10 percent less efficacy.

“The more people vaccinated, the slower the spread of the disease,” Bahta said, adding that around 0.2 percent of vaccinated people developed COVID, and the average age of those who have been hospitalized with COVID after vaccination was 74 years old. Of the 56 deaths in those who have been vaccinated for COVID, the median age was 78 and one-third of the deaths were due to other reasons.

MDH is watching new data regarding the Delta variant and the growing proportion of breakthrough infections in order to understand if a booster shot may be needed, according to Bahta.

As far as getting over the pandemic, “There’s three things that are confounding our efforts,” Bahta continued. “One is this mutating virus. The slower we are to get people vaccinated and stop the spread of the virus, the more likely we are to see mutation of the virus. The aim of the virus is to survive, it will continue to change to circumvent measures that we have put in place to stop the spread of the virus. The best way is to not get sick, and the best way to not get sick is to get vaccinated. We haven’t gotten to the level of vaccination rates that will stop the spread very efficiently or effectively.”

The three things that people can control in order to stop or slow the spread of COVID are vaccinations, masking, and avoiding crowded venues, she added.

In conclusion, Bahta noted there are three predominating themes with low vaccination rates – people who just don’t have enough information to feel comfortable being vaccinated, misinformation about the vaccine, and conspiracy theories.

She encouraged those who feel like they need more information regarding the vaccine to talk to someone they trust who has expertise regarding vaccination – such as a healthcare provider.

Misinformation regarding the vaccines, as well as conspiracy theories surrounding them, is often spread through social media, Bahta noted. “It’s going to be important that if you see something regarding the vaccine that seems sensational, double-check the information – find out where that source goes,” she said.

As for conspiracy theories, “I don’t necessarily have a remedy for that, but if there is not publications that support the claims that people are making, it’s probably not fact,” Bahta said. “Sometimes the best thing that we can do is take a break from social media. I myself have had to do that on several occasions over the past year and a half. Take a break, because we love things that are sensational. We love to get riled up, especially if we’re sitting alone in the house isolating ourselves. But we really need to ground ourselves on what is factual and what the best information is.”

## RELIABLE VACCINE INFORMATION SOURCES

Reliable sources of information include Minnesota Department of Health ([www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us) or 833-431-2053). CDC ([www.cdc.gov/COVID](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID))

Some people may be leery of government resources, so information can also be sought from reputable health institutions such as Mayo Clinic ([www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)), John Hopkins ([www.coronavirus.jhu.edu](http://www.coronavirus.jhu.edu)), and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ([www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center](http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center)).

## HISTORY AND TRUTH REGARDING VACCINES

Retired Cambridge Medical Center pediatrician Dr. Lowell Becker offered a little bit of history, regarding vaccines and immunization.

In medicine, there are a lot of conditions for which there are not a lot of good treatments, so other ways need to be found to manage those diseases, which are often infectious in nature. In order to combat those diseases, good public health measures are needed to mitigate the severity of disease outbreak, including washing hands, masking, and vaccination, he said.

“Vaccination is really not a new concept; it’s been around for literally centuries,” Becker continued. “If you go back to one of the greatest pandemics ever experienced in the history of the world, it was the late 1700s, it was smallpox.”

A physician at that time named Jenner noticed that people that worked with cattle didn’t get smallpox, and realized the reason was because they were getting cowpox and that protected them from getting smallpox, according to Becker.

“He started inoculating people with cowpox, and, lo and behold, that pandemic came under control. Smallpox is gone. It’s eradicated. It’s not in the world anymore,” Becker continued. “Which just tells you the power of a good vaccination program.”

Today scientists have new technologies and better understanding of how vaccination works, and pediatricians end each childhood wellness exam by

having children get their vaccinations. “Vaccines play an important role. The one really important thing you need to realize is the vaccine does not treat the illness. The vaccine turns on your immune system to contain the illness. Your own immune system actually gets rid of the disease,” Becker explained.

A virus’ main job is to infect susceptible hosts, propagate, and reproduce, with the goal of keeping the next generation of the virus around so it can infect more and more hosts. Viruses also mutate as they propagate, he said. Weak mutations will disappear, stronger mutations goes on and perpetuate disease, like the Delta variant. For public health, mitigation efforts are needed to slow the spread and reduce the number of susceptible hosts.

“There’s only two ways you can reduce the susceptible host. One, you have to get the disease so that you make the antibodies and you have to survive the disease. The other way that you do it is through vaccine,” Becker said. “The problem is right now we are dealing with a population of people that are not eligible for the vaccines – the kids. So, the only way we can help them is to keep the virus from spreading from one person to the other, which is mitigation – masking, social distancing, and those people who can get vaccinated get vaccinated, because the fewer susceptible hosts that are floating around, the less likely it is that the virus will spread.”

## RESPONDING TO THOSE WHO HAVE COVID-19 ANTIBODIES AND DON'T WANT THE VACCINE

“They are right, they do have antibodies,” said Dr. Carolyn Kampa of Cambridge Medical Center. “There can be some protection, but not necessarily for the variants. So, we don’t know how that’s going to work. I’ve had two patients get infected twice, and the second time was much worse than the first time. The best way to protect themselves is to get vaccinated, because the virus changes.”

Dr. Allen Mork of Cambridge Medical Center noted that he recently read an article that people who have had COVID and get one of the messenger RNA vaccines (mRNA - Pfizer, Moderna), it provides a 20-fold increase in the antibodies from what people had naturally from the infection.

## RESPONDING TO MISINFORMATION

“This takes up a lot of our day, and it is emotionally exhausting,” Kampa said, noting there are a number of ways in which to approach misinformation and her approach is saying to a patient that she sees they have not yet been vaccinated, and can they talk about it.

“People are often a little disarmed by the approach, and seem to be ready for a fight,” she said. “I usually will try to accept them with open arms to try to figure out where they are at, because you never know where they are at.”

One misconception she helps educate patients about is that the vaccine hasn’t been fully researched. “We’ve had vaccines, as Dr. Becker mentioned, for a very, very long time. We know what happens long-term with vaccinations. It turns out people live longer, that’s great,” Kampa continued. “We also know that it does not affect things like fertility. The vaccines that you all had as children, that I had as a child, were way nastier than what we have now.

## WHERE TO GET THE VACCINE

•Isanti County Public Health vaccination clinics Mondays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through August; every Tuesday and Wednesday in September from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Vaccines.gov
- Allina Health Cambridge Clinic
- Walgreens: 15 Garfield Street North, Cambridge
- CVS Pharmacy: 215 Balsam Street North Cambridge
- Walmart: 2102 Second Avenue Southeast, Cambridge
- Cub Pharmacy: 100 Opportunity Boulevard, Cambridge
- Coborn’s Pharmacy: 209 Sixth Avenue Northeast, Isanti

The mRNA vaccines are easily the most impressive scientific achievement any of us might see in our lifetimes. They are the cleanest vaccines. They impart the least amount of extra stuff in our bodies, and they give our bodies directions on how to fight this – how cool is that?”

She also tries to take a historical perspective when educating others about the COVID-19 vaccines, noting that vaccines have been around for a long time and scientists and health professionals know a lot about vaccination. She informs people that mRNA vaccines were in development for over a decade before COVID-19.

“We can put this information into this vaccine that we had ready to go. Do we know a lot about how vaccines affect fertility? Of course we do, we’ve been doing vaccines for hundreds of years,” Kampa said. “Do we know about this specific vaccine? We’ve been using this vaccine since December, we don’t have as much information about this, but we know a lot in general.”

When talking to people who ask if there are affects in children who take the vaccine, Kampa explains, “My kids were part of the Moderna study, I’m so excited to say. My kids are making the science for your kids, because I believe it’s safe, I believe it’s effective, and I believe it’s not harmful. I kind of use those things to explain to people. Whether or not I sway anybody, I hope I do.”

The most recent hesitation Kampa has been handling is that the vaccine is not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). “I don’t really see that one, either. We have it now, why would you wait? It’s going to get approved by the FDA,” she said. “I don’t believe the FDA would have approved it for emergency use if those studies by the pharmaceutical companies and the FDA itself were not shown to be safe and effective, and we know it is now, right? Because we know the vaccinated people are staying healthy.”

Becker explained that the FDA website explains the difference between the standard FDA approval and emergency approval. “The emergency one is like an executive action. It’s a temporary thing, but the decision is based on a panel of physicians and scientists that look at the data that they have to that point,” he said. “Almost everything that gets emergency approval ends up with permanent approval.”

It was noted that FDA approval is expected to take place within a month.”

# North Branch water tower receives face-lift

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As you drive through our city, you likely noticed the curtain around the water tower and wondered what is going on? North Branch’s west water tower is getting painted. Periodically water towers, like all structures, need repair and upkeep. But it makes us all wonder, what does a water tower do? Why is it important?

For many of us, a water tower is a sign what city we

are in when we are traveling and is one of the most prominent structures in a city. This is because it is usually the one public building most people can see from nearly everywhere. So it is important to have a structure that represents so much of the city to look nice, as well as function properly.

Water towers are an elevated tank that provides water pressure to assist all on municipal water systems, according to “How Stuff Works.” The pressure allows

toilets to flush, our showers to work, anything where we need moving water. It is also important for fire insurance rating. What is also interesting is that the tower often has enough water for an entire day. Water towers rarely have outages like we might notice on internet or cable.

The goal is to have the painting of the water tower complete by the end of August with the city’s new logo.

## OBITUARIES

## Lois M. Tureen

Lois Marie Tureen, of Cambridge passed away on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, at GracePointe Crossing, Cambridge, MN. She was 89 years old.

She was born March 29, 1931, in Paynesville, MN to Herbert and Florence (Gandrud) Kruger. The family lived in Regal, MN before moving to Arlington where the parents opened a clothing store. Lois was confirmed at the Methodist Church in Arlington. She attended grade school in Arlington and went on to attend Arlington High School where she was active in the band, choir, played piano, school plays and worked on the school newspaper. She graduated from high school in 1949 and went on to attend Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. She graduated in 1953 with a degree in Physical Education and Health.

While in college she met Gerard "Jerry" Tureen and they were married Aug. 18, 1956, at the Methodist Church in Arlington. They moved to Cambridge and became members of Cambridge Lutheran Church in 1956.

Lois taught for many years at Cambridge-Isanti High School. In 1972 she organized the first official Girl's High School Sports in Cambridge-Isanti High School history. Not long after, the team attended the first large track event called the "Trackorama." In 1984, the track team won their first of four consecutive Conference Track and Field championships, including the Section 7AA title in 1985. Lois coached individual State Champions in the shot put and high jump. Lois retired from teaching and coaching in 1990. In 2002 she was inducted into the Minnesota High School Track and Field Hall of Fame and in 2017 was inducted into the Cambridge-Isanti Blue-jackets Hall of Fame.

Lois was an active member of Cambridge Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir, played in the handbell choir, taught Faithfully Fit Forever, volunteered on committees and worked at the front desk answering the phone. She enjoyed fishing, golfing and traveling with friends. She loved to be around people, especially her Cambridge Lutheran Church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Jerry in 1997. Lois is survived by her brother James Kruger and sister-in-law Dorothy "Dotty" Kruger of Edina, cousin Jean (Roger) Anderson of Cambridge, as well as many other cousins, relatives and friends.

A celebration of Lois's life will be held at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old N. Main St., Cambridge on Saturday Aug. 28, 2021, at 11 a.m. Friends may gather one hour prior to service at the church to share memories. Memorials in her memory are preferred to the Cambridge Lutheran Church or Cambridge Dollars for Scholars.

Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements are with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge 763-689-2244.

## Willard Allanson

Willard "Bill" Allanson, formerly of Minneapolis, passed away July 29, 2021. He was 91 years old.

Bill is the son of George and Olive Allanson, grew up in Minneapolis and attended Central High School. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, retiring from USAF in 1967.

Bill spent his last years in retirement at his lake place in Isanti County, a place he dubbed as "MEINE KLEINE ECKE AUF DER WELT."

He is survived by brother, James; three children, William, Michael and Joy; two grandchildren, Michael and Savanna; and

lastly his dog Copper.

A farewell gathering was held at his lake home on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).



## Joan Porter

Joan Porter of Cambridge, MN, passed away Aug. 14, 2021, at Benedictine Health Center in Minneapolis at the age of 81.

Joan was born Oct. 21, 1939, in Hibbing, MN, to Christian and Ruth (Legacy) Hookland. She graduated from Mooseheart High School in Mooseheart, Illinois, in 1957. After graduation, she moved back to Minnesota, where she began her family.

On Oct. 27, 1984, she married William (Bill) Porter at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge. She has been an active member of Christ the King ever since. Joan enjoyed volunteering in many places throughout her local and church communities.

Joan was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Joan deeply loved and took pride in her family, hobbies, and faith. She enjoyed traveling with Bill and loved her annual camping trips with her grandkids. Joan loved to cook, and could always be found in the kitchen.

Joan was preceded in death by her grandson, Bailey Freeman; sisters, Joyce Hookland (her twin), Marlene Geary, Lorraine Peterson, and Ruthie Phillips; and two brothers, Ron and Bob Hookland.

Joan is loved and dearly missed by her husband of 36 years, Bill; four children, Les (Greta) Freeman, Zoe Profant, Joan (Roy) Townsend, and John (Rhoney) Freeman; brother, Chris (Xiaoying) Hookland; nine grandchildren, Brent, Jake (Leah), Jess, Nycole (Zach), Brady (Darcie), Jonah, Alexandra, Lori, and Addison; six great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Brylee, Brea, Jordan, Lincoln, and Emeris; as well as countless other friends and relatives.

Bill and his family would like to express deep gratitude to the healthcare workers at Benedictine Health Center who provided care, support, and comfort to Joan and the entire family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).



## John V. Hesselroth

We regretfully announce the passing of John Vernon Hesselroth, 75, of Minnetonka, Minnesota on August 13.

John was born on Sept. 4, 1945, in Braham, Minnesota to Victor and Ruth Hesselroth. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 18 and completed three years of service, including a tour in Vietnam. After being discharged from the service, he enrolled at St. Cloud State University where he met his wife Marty. They were married on Aug. 15, 1970 and raised their two children, Jeremy and Julie, in Minnetonka.

John had a passion for the outdoors and, along with Marty, loved to fill his days kayaking, hiking, biking and traveling. They were deeply devoted to each other, and their family and friends. John always loved a good jazz or blues song, and was known by all who met him for his kind and compassionate spirit.

John is survived by his wife Marty; Jeremy (Terri) Hesselroth, Abby and Ryan of Norman, OK; Julie (James) Donaldson, Gabe, Olivia, and AJ of Minnetonka. He will be missed by his brothers Lee (Merrie Ann) and Tom (Lois) of Braham and sisters Joanne Anderson, Albany, Sharon Jaques (Lowell), Braham and Diane, Melrose.

A celebration service will be held on Saturday, August 21 at 3 p.m. at David Lee Funeral Home, 1220 East Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata, MN. Visitation one hour prior. [www.davidleefuneralhome.com](http://www.davidleefuneralhome.com)

If you would like to honor John's legacy, donations may be made to Bikes 4 Kids. [www.bike-s4kidsmn.org](http://www.bike-s4kidsmn.org).



## Glen D. Paulson

Glen Duane Paulson passed away Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, at Elmhurst Commons in Braham, MN. He was 92 years old.

He is survived by Beverly, his wife of 66 years; son Greg (Nellie) Paulson; daughters, Mary Paulson, Charlotte (Randy) Husom, Charrie (Randy) VanVleet, Kris (Jon) Stull, and Tammy (Randy) Auger; 17 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24 2021, at the Braham Ev. Lutheran Church in Mora with Rev. Julie Beck officiating. Memorial Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Military Honors will be provided by the Braham VFW Post 1731. Arrangements are by the Rock Ingebrand Funeral Home of Braham. Condolences may be posted at [www.aifuneralhome.com](http://www.aifuneralhome.com).



## Frank W. Snider

Frank Snider died Aug. 10, 2021, at the Elim Home in Princeton. He was 81 years old.

Frank Wilfred Snider was born March 23, 1940, in Faulkton, South Dakota to Forrest and Mamie (Seward) Snider. Frank's first marriage to Janet in

1960 gave him four children, Jodi (Otto Christianson), Floyd, Jane (Steve Groven) and Franklin. He later married Mary Jane Eastlund on Jan. 15, 1994. His step-children are Sherry (Cathleen), Brad (Mary Lou), Steven, Tammy (Eric Johnson) and Tyler (April).

Frank worked at Norm's Texaco and Arrow Tank in Cambridge for years. He then worked at Princeton Products and Westlings until he retired. Frank loved collecting and watching trains. He loved farming and he did this all his life, starting at age 8.

Frank is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, and all of his children and step-children; brother, John; sister, Geneva; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

## Doris Eastlund

Dec. 11, 1922 - July 4, 2020

The children of Doris Eastlund invite you to a memorial picnic to celebrate the life of their mother on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Robert Eastlund farm, 2123 305th Ave NE Isanti, MN. Lunch will be served from noon until 2 p.m.

To honor the request of Doris there will be no formal memorial service. However, you are welcome to stay and visit with family and friends, share memories, and enjoy time together.

In case of rain the picnic will be held indoors at North Isanti Baptist Church, 2248 313th Ave NE Cambridge, MN.



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# W O R S H I P *guide*

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## Baptist

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

**North Isanti Baptist Church**  
Lead Pastor: Travis Blake  
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.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.

**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

**Springvale Church**  
10:30am Sunday Service at  
410 County Road 6 NW  
Stanchfield, MN 55080  
763-689-1373  
Online service at springvalechurchmn.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

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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 a.m. Worship Service - BELC  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Live on Facebook  
**Sunday:** 9:30 am Worship Service on KBEK 95.5 FM  
**Thursday:** 6:00 pm Campfire Worship  
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

**Cambridge Lutheran Church**  
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**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 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  
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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.  
sllchurch.org  
Email: sll.church@gmail.com  
**Thursday, August 19th -**  
**9:00am** Men's Coffee  
**7:00pm** AA Meeting  
**Sunday, August 22nd -**  
**8:30am** Worship in person & via Zoom, Fellowship  
**Wednesday, August 25th -**  
**10:00am** AA Meeting  
**Thursday, August 26th -**  
**7:00pm** Women of Grace Bible Study

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

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)**  
31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079  
651-462-5115.  
Pastor Ben Hollingstead.  
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Sunday School during 9:30am Service.  
Email  
stjohns@midconetwork.com. Website -  
stjohnslutheranchurch-stacymn.org

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

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch  
651-674-7047. Pastor Jon Yurk  
In-person and online Worship Sundays at 9 a.m.  
Coffee hour following Sunday Worship.  
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  
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763-689-6987  
34006 Petersburg St NE, Cambridge MN  
justpassinihs@gmail.com  
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Sunday mornings at 10 am  
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

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

## Pentecostal

**The Journey New Life Church**  
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti  
Pastor David L. Willis.  
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# Prank Pizza Ranch sign stirs up social media frenzy

STAFF REPORT  
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For many years, rumors have been swirling that a Pizza Ranch is slated to open in the Cambridge/Isanti area. Dating back at least to when Office Max closed their store next to Target about seven years ago, the same rumor gets circulated whenever a business building is being constructed, a piece of property is marked as sold, or an existing business' building becomes vacant. The rumors have become so rampant, it has become the expected "punchline" to social media queries regarding information about a certain property or

construction site.

Last week, an unknown person took the joke one step further, hanging a sign stating "Coming soon, Fall 2022," with a picture of a Pizza Ranch building, from a "For Sale/Sold" sign along Heritage Boulevard in Isanti. That sign was quickly taken down, but not before photos of it were posted on at least two community Facebook pages, prompting several hundred comments and numerous shares.

According to Isanti Community Development Director Sheila Sellman, fans of the buffet-style restaurant are in for disappointment. Sellman confirmed there were site plans up for review by

the Planning Commission at their Aug. 17 meeting, however it is primarily for a dental office. And while the site plan also calls for 1,800 square feet of tenant space, nothing in the plans indicate that tenant will be Pizza Ranch.

"As of right now, I can't confirm that a Pizza Ranch is going into that space," Sellman said. "It was not part of their application and no one from Pizza Ranch has reached out to me."

While a city appreciates enthusiasm for potential new business in the community, it also cautions residents to not buy into rumors being spread via social media. Sellman said she is available for anyone with community development



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questions (including representatives from Pizza Ranch) to give her a call.

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## Increased popularity spurs addition of four more pickleball courts

(Left photo) Cambridge Mayor Jim Godfrey and Dr. Lowell Becker, who was representing the Memorial Hospital Foundation, cuts the ribbon to commemorate the opening of four additional pickleball courts, located in the Heritage Greens Park. The money to pay for the addition was partially raised by the Cambridge Area Pickleball Association, through a grant from the Memorial Hospital Foundation, with the City of Cambridge paying for a large chunk. The city also minimized the costs by including construction as an add-on project during the 2020 street construction project. Enough money was raised to include shade awnings for the four new courts, with an additional anonymous donation going towards adding awnings onto the four original courts. A half-court basketball court was also part of the project. (Right photo) Members of CAPA break in one of the new courts following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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# SWANNY: Former golf pro’s final full round was appropriately at the Purple Hawk

FROM PAGE I

model.

“He was always there to mentor me. I always kept in contact with him,” Grell continued. “When I came back here to Purple Hawk as a pro, if I had any questions or anything, I always brought it past Jon.

“I really wish I could have one last round of golf with him, take a couple more bucks out of his wallet, sit upstairs and have an ice-cold gin and tonic and just talk about life.”

### GOLF PARTNER AND FRIEND

“Our friends thought we were crazy to drive 80 miles round trip, and pass eight golf courses to get to the Hawk, but we have made so many good friends, and it started with Jon,” summarized Swanny’s former golf partner Paul Lieser. “I was overjoyed when Jon asked me to be his lead partner, and looked forward to Thursdays when I could play and learn from the best. He had such a smooth swing and drove the ball a mile. He was also an awesome iron player and chipper. (But) I really can’t say much about his putting.”

Perhaps even more memorable with Lieser, though was off the course. “Most of our conversations centered around family. He was so proud when Kathy (his wife) got her position with the PGA. Matt and Lauryn (his children) were his pride and joy. He never wanted to miss any activities they participated in, so we would arrange our tee times around them when possible. He was a very proud dad.”

### SWANNY’S FINAL DAYS

Swanson’s daughter Lauryn told about his final days before his death. “Friday, April 2 was a nice day out, and so he told me the night before ‘I think I’m going to be sick at about 11 o’clock tomorrow.’ And I said ‘what do you mean, be sick?’ and he was like ‘I gotta go out to the Hawk and play.’ Lo and behold, at 11 o’clock he tells Doug (Hallstrom, President of MinnCo Credit Union, which Swanson now worked at), and Doug knows of course he’s coming out to the Hawk. So dad comes out, plays a full round here, gets some drinks in the bar.

“He came home, we watched the UConn (women’s basketball) game together. As I’m sure most of you



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The new Purple Hawk leaderboard, dedicated in the memory of Jon “Swanny” Swanson, was officially unveiled during a ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 14.

know, my dad coached both Matt and I in basketball, so that was just a huge deal, a good last night to watch the game together. And then the next morning he gets up at the crack of dawn to play at the Chaska Town Course.

“It’s really special for Matt and I and our mom that his last full round of golf was at the Hawk and his last few holes were at the Chaska Town Course, where he

played growing up.

“It’s really special that we now have this leaderboard to memorialize my dad.”

“Our family is just completely blown away by this scoreboard,” added Kathy. “We can’t thank you enough for doing this in his honor. This is just beautiful, absolutely beautiful.”

# Cambridge council hits speed bump regarding library’s ADA parking

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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The Cambridge City Council exited their Aug. 16 council meeting with more questions asked than answered in regards to additional reserved parking spots for individuals with mobility issues at the Cambridge Library. The end result wound up being the topic being tabled until their Sept. 7 meeting.

The agenda item was a follow-up to a July 19 work session that was prompted by two letters to the editor complaining about the distance from the library’s handicapped parking in the west lot to the secondary entrance. That distance was estimated to be 200 feet. The results of the work session were to direct staff to research and present the most feasible - and least costly - method of creating parking spaces in the east lot that would either be ADA compliant or reserved based on an “honor system.”

During the Aug. 16 meeting, City Administrator Evan Vogel presented a possible solution based on staff research and recommendations from the city’s public works department and engineer. According to Vogel, there is only one small section in the center aisle of parking that meets ADA requirements for minimum slope. In addition, up to four additional spots directly to the north of that spot could be labeled as courtesy spots for those with mobility issues.

While that one official handicapped spot would be close to the main entrance, it would also essentially be on an “island” as there would be space for cars to drive between the entrance and the parking spot on one side, and a no parking space on the other side to allow for garbage truck access. This fact prompted Public Works Director Todd Schwab to recommend that there not be a handicapped parking sign erected for that spot, citing the high likelihood

**‘We’ve been told there is a problem and it is our job to find a solution.’**

**Mark Ziebarth**  
Cambridge Council Member

of repeated damage to the sign by cars, garbage trucks, or snowplows.

In addition, the courtesy spots would still be some distance from the entrance as the spots that are closest are on an approximately 7% slope. While courtesy spots don’t have the same regulations as official ADA spots, Schwab pointed out that is a considerable slope angle that might be problematic for those with mobility issues.

### SEVERAL AMENDED MOTIONS

Council Member Mark Ziebarth immediately made a motion to approve the plans as presented, with the costs not to exceed \$2300, which was seconded by Kersten Barfknecht-Conley.

During discussion, Council Member Bob Shogren voiced his opposition to the motion, restating the library is currently 100% ADA compliant, so the city would be spending additional money based on “complaints from a very, very small fraction of people.”

“We seem to do that a lot,” Shogren said. “We seem to go to the squeaky wheel, so to speak, and throw money at it to fix it.”

Karen Lee, East Central Regional Library Board Friends of the Cambridge Public Library President, informed the council that library staff have fielded numerous complaints on this issue, including a recent phone call to the branch librarian that lasted over 30 minutes. She stated any sort of designation of spots in the east parking lot

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“would be an improvement.”

Mayor Jim Godfrey asked if Ziebarth and Barfknecht-Conley were willing to amend their motion to having only two courtesy parking spots, which they agreed.

Shogren also pointed out that without a sign, he believed the one handicapped spot wouldn’t be ADA compliant, which would render the handicapped designation as unenforceable.

Vogel suggested they could rephrase the motion to read “to authorize staff to make three spaces as accessible as possible,” with the understanding if the one spot couldn’t be made ADA compliant, then it would be made a third courtesy spot. That suggestion was also agreeable to Ziebarth and Barfknecht-Conley.

Shogren then questioned if there wasn’t going to be any signage at all, how would the spots be designated as courtesy reserved spots? Additionally, what would be the determining factors for who those spots would be reserved for?

While Godfrey indicated the council had originally agreed to keep the parameters for the reserved spots vague in order to not single out one class of people, he agreed with Shogren that additional research into how to convey this message would be implemented might be needed. Therefore, he asked to table the agenda item.

Ziebarth agreed to change his motion to tabling the agenda item, but empha-

sized he wanted something to be done sooner rather than later.

“We’ve been told there is a problem and it is our job to find a solution,” Ziebarth said. “I don’t have a problem tabling it, but I just want to make sure we are doing something. We have to do something prior to the weather changing. I would like to see something at our next council meeting in order to give staff enough time to implement (any changes) before winter.”

“We can’t have a certain group of our population feeling that they’re not welcome at the library,” added Barfknecht-Conley, “or from being deterred from going to the library. That’s the last thing I want.”

That final motion to table the agenda item to the next council meeting passed 4-0, with Shogren abstaining. “Does it matter (if I vote)?” he stated.

### ODDS AND ENDS

In other action, the council:

- Approved a request from Timothy Newton to allow an interim use permit to install solar panels in the vacant lot located at 512 Main Street South. Newton indicated he is planning on purchasing the vacant lot in order to install the solar panels for his business, which is located adjacent to the vacant lot, at 600 Main Street South. The council approved the request pending his purchase of the lot.

- Approved removing the barricades along 2nd Avenue SE by Sept. 8. The barricades were placed in order to allow for Sidelines and Chapala to offer outdoor dining while restrictions for indoor dining were still in place due to COVID. Schwab indicated those restrictions have been lifted and the barricades will interfere with Customer Appreciation Day activities on Sept. 17. The barricades were originally slated to be removed no later than Sept. 30.



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**Signs of drought stress and what to do about it**

A pristine lawn is a source of pride for homeowners. Even the most well-maintained lawns must confront a host of challenges in a given year, and perhaps no challenge is more daunting than drought.

Homeowners may feel helpless when drought strikes and begins to transform their lawns from green sources of pride to off-color eyesores. However, learning to identify signs of drought stress and what to do about it can help homeowners get their lawns through dry periods.

**Signs of drought stress**

Lawn care experts note that there are four common characteristics of drought stress. Perhaps the most noticeable is changes in color, but it's important that homeowners recognize there's a difference between a change in hue and a change in color. When a lawn changes its hue, typically turning from bright green to a dull gray or blue green color, it is what identifies as the first stage of drought stress. Regular watering, if it's allowed (local drought restrictions may dictate how much water can be applied to the lawn), can help the grass regain its moisture and the lawn may recover within a couple of days. When lawns change from green to brown, this is indicative that the lawn is in a dormancy stage. At this point, the lawn is entering survival mode. Watering to save the lawn will need to be more extensive. Deep and repeated watering for two to three weeks may help restore the lawn, but some parts ultimately may not recover. And deep watering may not be allowed until drought restrictions are lifted, increasing the likelihood that a significant portion of the lawn turns brown.

Footprints in the lawn are another sign of drought stress This is a result of lawns that are too tired to spring back up after they have been walked on.

Wilting also indicates drought stress is affecting the lawn. Wilting occurs when grass blades roll or fold because they don't have sufficient water content.

**What to do about drought stress**

In addition to the watering techniques noted above, homeowners can try other strategies to help their lawns make it through a drought. Experts advise against mowing drought-stressed grass and keeping off the lawn as much as possible.

Removing tall weeds is another strategy homeowners can try. Doing so ensures the grass, and not the weeds, gets what little water is available during a drought.

Homeowners also should resist the temptation to mow too close, especially when signs of drought stress are just beginning to appear. Experts note that mowing too close creates a shallow root system that makes lawns more vulnerable to drought.

It can be hard to watch a pristine lawn suffer from drought stress. But several strategies can increase the likelihood that lawns survive such conditions.

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 3) (cc)		Lost Home Movies of Nazi Germany		The Dictator's Playbook "Idi Amin" (cc)		POV Brothers care for their grandmother.		The Cheech	On Story (cc)
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	Young Sheldon	United States	NCIS: Los Angeles "Overdue" (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	Bachelor in Paradise (N) (cc)				The Ultimate Surfer (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	Hell's Kitchen A team overcooks its dish. (N)		HouseBroken (N)	Duncanville (N)	FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	American Ninja Warrior "Semifinals 4" The semifinals conclude. (N) (cc)		The Republic of Sarah "Pledge Allegiance" (N) (cc)		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)	Daily-MailTV (N)
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Roswell, New Mexico (N) (cc)		The Drew Barrymore Show		Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Law & Order: SVU	
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Law & Order: SVU	
41 KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	

TUESDAY PRIME TIME										AUGUST 24, 2021			
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Finding Your Roots With Henry		Dreadnought Destruction: Sinking		Secrets of the Dead (cc)		Decoding the Driftless (cc)		Forces of Nature Shapes in nature.	
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune	NCIS The team uncovers a dogfighting ring.		FBI "Uncovered" The team infiltrates a gang.		FBI: Most Wanted "Obstruction" (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc) James Corden		
5	KSTP	News	News	Bachelor in Paradise (N) (cc)				The Ultimate Surfer (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc) Nightline (N) (cc)		
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	LEGO Masters "Land & Sea" (N)		Fantasy Island "Quantum Entanglement" (N)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N) (cc)	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood Dish Nation (N)	
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	America's Got Talent "Quarterfinals 3" Twelve performers compete live. (N) (cc)			College Bowl Columbia versus Auburn. (N)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers	
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	DC's Stargirl (N) (cc)		Supergirl Supergirl and Zor-El return. (N)		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N) Daily-MailTV (N)	
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Chicago P.D. (cc)	
41	KPXM	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire	

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Nature Tom Mustill investigates whales.		When Whales Walked: Journeys in Deep Time Origin of whales and other animals.		How We Got to Now With Steven Johnson		When Disaster Strikes (cc)			
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune	Big Brother (N) (cc)		House Calls With Dr. Phil (N) (cc)		48 Hours (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	Press Your Luck (N) (cc)		The \$100,000 Pyramid (N) (cc)		Superstar (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	MasterChef Dominique Crenn challenges the chefs. (N) (cc)		FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)		Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)		
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	America's Got Talent (N) (Live) (cc)		Family Game Fight! (N) (cc)		Chicago Med "I Will Come to Save You"		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Riverdale (N) (cc)		In the Dark Things get awkward for Murphy.		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)	Daily-MailTV (N)
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Dateline (cc)	
41 KPXM	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods "Identity"		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods	

THURSDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		This Old House	Ask This Old House	Death in Paradise (cc)		Shakespeare and Hathaway – Private		Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets (cc)		East-Enders	East-Enders
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		The Neighborhood	B Positive (cc)	Bull A woman goes against legal advice.		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	Holey Moley The competition heats up.		The Hustler Five new contestants compete.		5 Eyewitness News		Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)		
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	MasterChef Chef Niki Nakayama.		Call Me Kat	Call Me Kat	FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's 10 at 10 (N)	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		Making It "Shed Hack" (N) (cc)		Law & Order: Organized Crime (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Coroner A body is found in the maze. (N)		The Outpost "The Power of the Masters"		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV	Daily-MailTV
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	P.J. Fleck	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Dateline "The Alibi"	
41 KPXM	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	

FRIDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Almanac (cc)		Great Performances Vienna Philharmonic performs in Vienna. (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Front and Center Glen Campbell performs.		Waylon Jennings -- The Outlaw	
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune	Secret Celebrity Renovation (N) (cc)		The Greatest AtHome Videos (N) (cc)		Blue Bloods "Fallen Heroes" (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)		James Corden
5 KSTP	News	News	Shark Tank (cc)		20/20 (cc)			5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)		Nightline (N) (cc)	
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				FOX 9 at 9p (N)	Enough Said (N)	Sports Now	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	American Ninja Warrior "Semifinals 4" The semifinals conclude. (cc)				Dateline NBC (N) (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Burden of Truth (N) (cc)		Dynasty Blake makes a big announcement.		Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV	Daily-MailTV
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	Enough	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Law Order: CI	
41 KPXM	Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)		Hawaii Five-0 (cc)	

SATURDAY									AUGUST 28, 2021					
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
BROADCAST STATIONS														
2	KTCA	Woodsmith Shop (cc)	American Woodshop	The Craft	Steven Raichlen's	Simply Ming (cc)	Scandinavian	Moveable Feast	Joanne Weir	Sara's Weeknight	Nick Stelino	Jacques Pépín	Lidia's Kitchen	
4	WCCO	CBS This Morning: Saturday (N) (cc)				WCCO 4 News Saturday Morning (N) (cc)			Lucky Dog (N) (El)	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstoppable	Hope in the Wild	Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Ocean Treks	Sea Rescue	Hearts of Heroes (N)	LLWS	
9	KMSP	Exploration Space	Awesome Planet	FOX 9 Morning Saturday (N)				Paid Program (cc)		Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)
11	KARE	Today (N) (cc)			Earth Odyssey		KARE 11 News Saturday (N) (cc)			Earth Odyssey		Wild Child (El)	Vets Saving Pets	Tokyo Paralympics
23	WUCW	Spine Surgery	Paid Program (cc)	Wild America (El)	Teen Kids News (N)	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	This Old H.	Best Friends	Tails of Valor (cc)	Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)	Paid Program (cc)
29	WFTC	Life 2.0	Heartland	Biz Kid\$	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Jason Show (cc)	
41	KPXM	NCIS: New Orleans		NCIS: New Orleans		Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	



PUBLIC HEARING

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, September 20, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

A request by Eleanor Heyda, to annex 4.82 acres of PIN: 05.004.1900 into the Cambridge city limits. The legal description is a metes and bounds description partially described as Part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 4, Township 35, Range 23, Isanti County, Minnesota. The full legal description is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008.

ATTEST:  
Evan C Vogel, City Administrator  
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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ISANTI  
DISTRICT COURT

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.:30-PR-21-70  
In Re: Estate of

Patrick James Oberle,  
Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL  
PROBATE OF WILL AND  
INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and

Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated September 20, 2013. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Tylene M. Holthus, whose address is 13011 Arrowood Lane N., Dayton, MN 55327, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

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

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

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

Dated: August 9, 2021

Peggy Zdon  
Registrar  
Megan Bergman  
Court Administrator  
Joslin & Moore Law Offices, P.A.  
Clark A. Joslin  
MN# 52802  
221 NW 2nd Ave.  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
Telephone: 763/689-4101  
Facsimile: 763/689-9794  
e-mail:cjoslin@joslinmoore.com  
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
8/9/2021 5:16 p.m.  
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REQUEST FOR BID

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
COUNTY OF ISANTI  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Isanti County is accepting qualified proposals for its group health insurance plans. Proposals will be accepted until Friday, August 31, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. from health insurance providers licensed in Minnesota. It is not the County's intentions to change consultants, but to seek plan options.  
For proposal information, contact the County's consultant: Cassie Nordquist, USI Insurance Services at 763-307-6132.  
Isanti County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or parts thereof; and to waive any

informalities and irregularities in the proposal process.  
Julia Lines  
Isanti County Administrator  
Posted: 8/10/2021  
**Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Aug. 19, 2021**

FORECLOSURES

**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 a mortgage dated **December 23, 2005**, executed by **Richard Weikert, a single person**, as mortgagor(s) to **S & C Bank** as mortgagee in the original or maximum principal amount of Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-five and 00/100 (\$23,175.00) Dollars, recorded with the **Isanti** County Recorder, State of Minnesota, on **January 4, 2006**, as Document. **No. 360441; which was thereafter assigned to Lake Area Bank by instrument dated February 15, 2008 and recorded with the Isanti County Recorder on October 8, 2008 as Doc. No. 393554;** that there has been compliance with all notice provisions and conditions precedent as required by law; that no action or proceeding has been instituted

at law to recover any part of the debt secured by said mortgage; that there is claimed to be due thereon the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-two and 73/100 (\$18,852.73) Dollars on this date; and that pursuant to the power of sale therein contained, the mortgage will be foreclosed and the tract of land lying and being in Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

**Lot 2, Block 11, Villages on the Rum Third Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.**

Property address: 924 Whiskey Road, Isanti, MN 55040

Parcel I.D. #: **16-096-1310**

Transaction Agent: **N/A/**  
Transaction agent's Mortgage Identification Number: N/A

Mortgage Originator: **S & C Bank** will be sold by the sheriff of said county at public auction on **October 20, 2021, at 10:00** o'clock A.M. at **Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008**, to pay the debt secured by the mortgage, including costs and attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption by the mortgagor(s), **his** heirs or assigns, within **six (6)** months from the date of sale.

**TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:** If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or

the property is not redeemed under Section 580.23 is **11:59 p.m. on April 20, 2022**, (if that date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the date to vacate is the next date thereafter which is not a Saturday, Sunday or 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.

**Notice Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.**

Dated: August 18, 2021  
**Lake Area Bank**, Assignee of Mortgagee

Christopher L. Olson, GDO LAW, Attorney for Lake Area Bank, 4770 White Bear Parkway, #100, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (651) 426-3249

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SCHOOL BOARD

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
NORTH BRANCH AREA HIGH SCHOOL, GLASS CLASSROOM  
JULY 8, 2021**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in regular session on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Branch Area High School Glass Classroom.

Board Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender (via remote access), Kevin Bollman, Heather Osagiede, Tanya Giese, Jesse LaValla, and Superintendent Paul

Others in Attendance:

Bill Stickels III, Denise Martin, John Wagner, David Treichel, Todd Tetzlaff, Pat Tepoorten, and Arle Chambers

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Approval of Agenda:

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Paul reflected on the 2020-21 Safe Learning Plan, reported on the 2021-22 "Return to In-Person Learning" plan, the Strategic Plan, and the school board retreat.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

A. Minutes of June 10, 2021 Public Meeting on Student Fees

B. Minutes of June 10, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting

C. Minutes of June 15, 2021 School Board Retreat

D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Activity

- Accounts Payable, Bank 07 – \$791,970.56
- Auxiliary, Bank 12 - \$8,640.09
- Payroll, Bank 13 - \$3,199,397.52
- Scholarship, Bank 18 - \$0.00
- High School Student Activities, Bank 31 - \$14,118.08
- Middle School Student Activities, Bank 32 - \$0.00

E. Personnel

1. Karen McCorkle, retirement effective July 30, 2021, as Lead Custodian at the North Branch Area Education Center

2. Becky Wille, rescind resignation letter approved May 13, 2021, as Assessment Support Secretary at North Branch Area Public Schools

3. Taylor Olsen, resignation effective June 14, 2021, as Lunchroom Assistant at North Branch Area Middle School

4. Jared Hollembeak, resignation effective June 15, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Education Center

5. Tonya Barnes, resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year, as Vocal Music Teacher at North Branch Area High School

6. Sharon Goeman, resignation effective the end of the 2020-21 school year, as Spanish Teacher at North Branch Area High School

7. Tessa Strain, resignation of 0.5 FTE position as English/Language Arts Teacher to become permanent 0.5 FTE English/Language Arts Teacher at Norse Area Learning Center beginning with the 2021-22 school year

8. Kelly Johnson, extension of leave request effective August 30, 2021, through October 29, 2021, as Second Grade Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School

9. Chantelle Luggar, leave request effective November 29, 2021 through February 21, 2022, as Community Education Office Clerk at North Branch Area Public Schools

10. Jolena Jones, termination effective June 14, 2021, as Lunchroom/Playground Assistant at Sunrise River Elementary School

F. Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA). The Board recommends to authorize Sara Paul to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and Arle Chambers to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for LEA for North Branch Area Public Schools.

G. Acceptance of Donations

Date	Donation From	Donation To	Amount	Use
6/10/21	3M Foundation Volunteer Match (Brandon Korkowski)	NBHS Athletics	\$500.00	FRC Robotics Team
6/11/21	Girl Scout Troop #58190, Jessica Lyall – NB, MN	ECFE	\$132.95	ECFE Supplies
6/29/21	Karen McCorkle – NB, MN	NBHS Athletics	\$300.00	Choir Chanhassen Trip Donation
6/29/21	The NRA Foundation, Inc. – Fairfax, VA	<b>NBHS Athletics</b>	<b>\$1,536.00</b>	Clay Target Trap Team Donation
6/30/21	Edelstein Family Foundation – Edina, MN	NBHS Scholarship A/C	\$61,110.00	Scholarship Donation
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,578.95</b>	

**OPEN MIC**

No one signed up for open mic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Contract for Garbage Pickup.

Moved by Giese, seconded by Bollman and carried unanimously to accept the bid of Terry's Disposal for garbage pickup for FY2022. Bids results are attached.

B. Approval of Contract for Diesel Fuel and Gasoline

Moved by Bollman, seconded by Osagiede and carried unanimously to award the bid for diesel fuel and gasoline

to Petroleum Traders Corporation for FY 2022 for the school district and the City of North Branch. Bid results are attached.

C. Approval of Second Reading of the Following Policies

Moved by Bollman, seconded by LaValla and carried unanimously to approve the second reading of the following policies:

1. Policy 214-NB - Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members (Recommending removing NB changes - No MSBA changes)
2. Policy 406 - Public and Private Personnel Data (Review only - No MSBA changes)
3. Policy 412 - Expense Reimbursement (Review only - No MSBA changes)
4. Policy 417 - Chemical Use and Abuse (Review only - No MSBA changes)
5. Policy 418 - Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School (Review only - No MSBA changes)
6. Policy 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction (MSBA changes)
7. Policy 427 - Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers (Review only - No MSBA changes)
8. Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records (MSBA change - This change reflects an update to the reference. The substance of the policy language is not affected.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Renewal of Membership in Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA)

Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) in the amount of \$ 2,500.00.

B. Approval of Policy 496-NB – Teacher Substitute Pay

Moved by Bollman, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve Policy 496-NB – Teacher Substitute Pay with one reading.

**INFORMATION**

The board reviewed the July 2021 issue of the Board and Administrator.

**BOARD REQUESTS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. SEE (Schools for Equity in Education) – None

B. Negotiations – Board Member MacMillan reported the NBEA Negotiation Session is July 15 and the Custodian Negotiation Session is July 22.

C. MSBA Report – None

D. MSHSL – None

E. SCRED Report –

F. Staff Development Report – None

G. Community Education – None

H. Policy Committee Report – None

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

A. July 15, 2021, OPEB Committee Meeting, 8:00 am, Virtual

B. July 15, 2021, Negotiations Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, North Branch Area High School, High School Office Conference Room

C. July 15, 2021, NBEA Negotiation Session, 4:30 pm, North Branch Area High School, High School Office Conference Room

D. July 22, 2021, Negotiations Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, North Branch Area High School, High School Office Conference Room

E. July 22, 2021, Custodian Negotiation Session, 4:30 pm, North Branch Area High School, High School Office Conference Room

F. August 12, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, North Branch Area High School, Glass Classroom

G. August 19, 2021, 4:30 pm, School Board Retreat, Location to be determined

H. August 26, 2021, Work Session, 5:30 pm, North Branch Area High School, Glass Classroom

Adjournment

Moved by Osagiede, seconded by LaValla and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Kevin Bollman, Clerk

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**NORTH BRANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BID SUMMATION  
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL  
Board Meeting of July 8, 2021  
Prices Per Gallon**

Bidder	July 1, 2020 Base Price	Delivered Price	Difference
Petroleum Traders Corp.			
Gasoline	2.1474	2.1317	-0.0157
Diesel	2.1683	2.1526	-0.0157
Beaudry Oil & Propane			
Gasoline	2.1875	2.1675	-0.0200
Diesel	2.2220	2.2020	-0.0200

**RECOMMENDED AWARD  
GASOLINE/DIESEL FUEL**

Bidder	July 1, 2021 Base Price	Delivered Price	Difference
Petroleum Traders Corp.			
Gasoline	2.1474	2.1317	-0.0157
Diesel	2.1683	2.1526	-0.0157

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**NORTH BRANCH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
BID SUMMATION  
GARBAGE HAULING**

Board Meeting of July 9, 2021  
Price/Month

Waste Management  
Waste Management Alternate Bid  
\$ 4,495.23

Terry's Disposal \$ 3,071.25  
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**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 VIRTUAL MEETING OPEB COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 15, 2021**

The OPEB Committee met in a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

In attendance: Superintendent Paul, Todd Tetzlaff, Tim MacMillan, Kevin Bollman, and Merle Waters from Wells Fargo

Tim MacMillan, Kevin Bollman, Sara Paul and Todd Tetzlaff met virtually with Merle Waters from Wells Fargo to review the performance of the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Trust. The trust performance, re-balancing that has taken place during the past 12 months and distributions were discussed at this investment review meeting.

The trust fund was initiated in October of 2009 and is managed by Wells Fargo. The trust includes funds in four categories: 42% Fixed Income, 42% Equity, 10% Alternative Strategies, and 6% Real Assets.

Overall, the school district is well positioned to meet their future obligations for post-employment benefit costs contained in current contracts. When the OPEB Trust was established, the school district was required to sunset post-employment benefits and that has taken place in all of our contracts.

Kevin Bollman, Clerk  
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ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Aug. 9 - 13. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**James Patrick Trebtoske** (DOB 04/21/1965) of Saint Cloud, was charged Aug. 9 with two counts violate no contact order - within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.

**John Walter Jacobi** (DOB 04/23/1968) of Andover, was charged Aug. 9 with three counts of embezzlement of public funds.

**Amanda Gayle Komorous** (DOB 04/02/1986) of Cambridge, was charged Aug. 9 with wrongfully obtaining assistance - theft.

**Jeffery Robert Hanson** (DOB 10/19/1981) of Cambridge, was charged Aug. 9 with one count drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana; and one count aiding an offender to avoid arrest - harbor/conceal.

**Andrew David Peckels** (DOB 06/19/1989) of Princeton, was charged Aug. 9 with one count threats of violence; and one count assault - 4th deg. - municipal/volunteer fire-emergency medical personnel.

**Aaron Ray Borowick** (DOB 03/23/1982) of Stacy, was charged Aug. 10 with drugs - 3rd degree - possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin.

**Bradley Keith Warm, Sr.** (DOB 01/22/1962) of Princeton, was charged Aug. 11 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Timothy Allan Kurzejeski** (DOB 10/20/1971) of Isanti, was charged Aug. 11 with threats of violence.

**Jonathon Robert Beckman** (DOB 08/16/1985) of Cambridge, was charged Aug. 13 with domestic abuse; violates 2

or more OFF w/in 10 years of previous conviction/adj of delinq.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Aug. 9 - 13. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Zeronica Dayle Sjolie** (DOB 09/11/1985) of North Branch, was charged Aug. 9 with fugitive from justice from other state.

**William Robert Langer** (DOB 01/04/1979) of Scandia, was charged Aug. 9 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Justin Joseph Tomasko** (DOB 04/09/2003) of Rush City, was charged Aug. 10 with receiving stolen property.

**Michael John Dahedl** (DOB 04/22/1979) of Osceola, WI, was charged Aug. 11 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Jasmine Renee Weber** (DOB 11/07/1997) of Hibbing, was charged Aug. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Brianna Lei Miller** (DOB 02/20/1980) of Ham Lake, was charged Aug. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Dacotah Lee Ahlstrom** (DOB 02/14/1997) of Mora, was charged Aug. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Jacob Michael Mudrick** (DOB 02/27/1985) of Stacy, was charged Aug. 13 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Daryle Wade Blencoe** (DOB 09/13/1969) of Rush City, was charged Aug. 13 with two counts domestic assault.

Suspect arrested in Isanti woman's death

STAFF REPORT  
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

One week after discovering the body of 32-year-old Amanda Jo Vangrinsven, who was reported missing on Aug. 6 prompting a five-day search of the area, the person who was reportedly last seen with her has been arrested.

According to a dual press release by the Isanti County Sheriff's Office and Isanti Police Department, detectives from both departments placed 37-year-old Richard Melvin Peterson under arrest and booked him into the Isanti County Adult Detention Center on a Probable Cause Murder hold.

According to a search warrant obtained by multiple Twin Cities news stations, her body was found partially buried on a property owned by Peterson. Preliminary examination indicated a "projectile consistent with a bullet" in



ISANTI COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

**Richard Melvin Peterson**

her skull.

Initial interviews with Peterson were riddled with "inconsistencies" in his story, one of which was his claim he dropped her back off at the Isanti VFW after leaving the Dugout Bar and Grill in Bethel.

Peterson is being held at the Isanti County Jail pending formally being charged, which should take place sometime on Thursday, Aug. 18.

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Auctions

Thur., Aug., 19, 2021 10:00 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Ray Seidel, owner. Location: 9650 275<sup>th</sup> St., Chisago City, Mn 55013. Directions: West of Chisago City 2 miles on Hwy 8. Or 5 miles east of Forest Lake on Hwy 8. Follow auction signs. Polaris UTV and sporting items, machinist tools and shop equipment, lawn and garden equipment, firearms and gun safes, collectibles and household. Siemers Auctioneers. 320-267-1799. Www.midwestauctions.com/seimers. Cody Young, Lic. #48-20016, 320-237-5895.

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Auctions

Sunday, Aug. 29, 10:30 a.m. Personal property auction. Mike and Barbara Macioch owners. 33593 State Highway 18, Aitkin, MN. Jeep, ATV, boat- ing packages, lawn and garden, firearms, shop tools and related, motorcycle, sport- ing goods and related- car parts, lumber, re- frigerator, boat ramp, misc. Janzen Auction Service, Auctioneers: Bob Janzen, Lic. # 01-14; Jeremy Janzen, Lic. # 01-10; Dan Masloski, Lic. # 01-111; Dallas Smith, Lic. # 01-41. www.- janzenauctions.com, 218-927-4488.

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Sat., Aug. 28, 2021 10:00 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Es- tate of Mike Lock- wood. 3.5 miles south of Isanti on Hwy. 65 to Co. Rd. 56, west 1.5 miles to Co. Rd. 23, west 0.5 mile or west of Isanti 0.5 miles on Co. Rd. 5 to Co. Rd. 23, south 3.75 miles to 311 - 261<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Isanti. Tractors, load- er, dozer and truck, firearms, lawn and garden, shop, farm machinery, other misc. items. Bostrom's Auction, 763-444-9256. Auctioneers: Lyle Bostrom, Lic. #30-29, 612-270-6395; Nathan Bostrom, Lic. # 30-47, 763-286-6840; Cullen Bartz, Lic. #30-48. www.bostromsauc- tions.com

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Garage Sales

Sunday, Aug. 22, 10a.m. Andy Saumer Estate Auction. Locat- ed 2 miles north of Braham on Hwy 107, then 5 miles east on Hwy 70. 3923 State Highway 70, Pine City. Tractors, Skid- Steer, 2020 Kawasaki Mule, Tractor equip- ment, Household, Garden and outdoor, chicken coop, lawn mower, fish house, shop and miscella- neous, lumber, corn stove, guns and much more. Heidelberger Farm Equipment, LLC. Auctioneers Cullen Bartz #3048, Jimmie Guligowski #58-31, Brad Nordrum. Auc- tion #587006. www.heidelbergerllc.- com. 320-629-1122

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Garage Sales

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