

Allina Health announces new state-of-the-art Cambridge Medical Center

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Allina Health is pleased to announce that it is making a significant investment to replace Cambridge Medical Center with new, state-of-the-art hospital and clinic facilities.

The new medical center will feature inpatient beds, an Emergency Department, operating rooms and expanded outpatient services to respond to patients' needs, including significant investments in new outpatient mental health and addiction services.

The new facilities, which will include the Allina Health Cambridge Clinic, are anticipated to open in 2025. More information on the location of the new medical center will be announced at a later date.

"Allina Health has strong roots in the Cambridge community, and we are proud to continue providing excellent care in the region for generations to come," said Kelly Spratt, president of Cambridge Medical Center and Buffalo Hospital. "The new facility will be a hub of innovation for how to best deliver care based on the needs of our community, including bringing more specialty services closer to home. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the community and working together to reimagine the future of health care in the Cambridge area."

The current Cambridge Medical Center was originally built in the 1950s with expansions in the 1960s, '70s and '90s. A recent assessment of the facility revealed areas of significant need for upgrades and improvements. Allina Health determined that building a newly improved medical center would allow Cambridge Medical Center to provide state-of-the-art care and continue to be good stewards of our resources.

"The Whole Way to Better is Allina Health's ambitious transformation journey to improve care for those we serve by making it more equitable and seamlessly connected in support of delivering Whole Person Care," said Lisa Shannon, president and CEO of Allina Health. "With today's announcement, Allina Health is deepening our commitment to the Cambridge community and as a regional health care provider. Building a state-of-the-art integrated health care campus is an important step to realizing our bold vision to transform how people give and receive care."

As part of the future plans for Cambridge Medical Center, the difficult decision has been made to shift inpatient obstetrical services to The Mother Baby Center at Mercy Hospital effective May 11, 2022. Strengthening the connection for our Cambridge community to The Mother Baby Center at Mercy offers families the opportunity to have a comprehensive array of services for everything from high-risk pregnancies to midwifery along with the safety of the NICU supported by Children's Minnesota.

As they do now, OB/GYNs and pediatricians at Cambridge Medical Center and Allina Health Cambridge and Isanti Clinics will continue to provide exceptional prenatal and postnatal care and gynecology surgery services for patients locally.

"For many years, Cambridge Medical Center has provided an outstanding labor and delivery program with extraordinary team members who have delivered thousands of babies," said Spratt. "We are proud of the quality, compassionate care delivered by our medical center staff, and we are thankful for how they have cared for the larger Cambridge community. We will



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be working closely with all impacted Cambridge Medical Center employees to provide other opportunities within the Allina Health system."

While we are significantly increasing outpatient mental health services, the new medical center will not have inpatient mental health beds. We recognize the importance of inpatient care

for mental health patients and remain committed to maintaining our current level of inpatient mental health capacity throughout the Allina Health care system.

More specific information about Allina Health's future plans for inpatient mental health will be announced in the coming months.



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Flu shots, by appointment only, will be administered at the Isanti County Government Center: 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge. Call 763-689-1711 and ask for Joan Schleicher.

TUESDAYS Vaccination Clinic

Isanti County Public Health, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, holds its COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, offering Moderna and Pfizer vaccines along with the Moderna booster. Anyone aged 12 and older can attend. Preregister at <https://premod.health.state.mn.us/appointment/en/clinic/search> or call 763-689-4071.

WEDNESDAYS

Basic Tech Help for Seniors

Seniors in need of help with sending an email or accessing eBooks or eAudiobooks can sign up for weekly one-on-one tech help sessions from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, from Jan. 19 through Feb. 9 at the Cambridge Public Library, 111 N Dellwood Street. Participants will meet with Sandy, an ECRL volunteer, who can help answer basic questions about your laptop or other mobile devices. Please bring your laptop/device and a power cord to your session. You will not be asked to share any confidential information with our volunteer. To register, contact the library or visit the events calendar at ecrlib.org. Space is limited. The Cambridge Public Library can be reached at 763-689-7390.

Preschool Storytime at the North Branch Library

Join the North Branch Area Library for preschool storytime with Miss Amelia! Together we will have fun, sing songs, read books, and learn. This 30-minute program will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays through May 11, in the library's community room. Take-and-make crafts will be available after the program. Preschool Storytime is designed for children ages 3 to 5, and siblings are always welcome. No registration necessary. The North Branch Area Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 6355 379th Street, North Branch, and can be reached at 651-674-8443.

THURSDAYS

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

JAN. 13

4-H Information Night

Isanti County 4-H invites interested youth to a 4-H Information Night from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cambridge Middle School cafeteria, 31374 Xylite Street NE. Participants will learn about 4-H clubs, projects and more. For more information, contact University of Minnesota Extension, Isanti County, at 763-689-1810.

JAN. 15

Library Book Club

The Cambridge Library Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Opportunity Room. The library is located at 111 N Dellwood Street. The Book Club is reading "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng. Copies of the book are available at the library desk. To register, go to ecrlib.org and click on the events tab. For more information call 763-689-7390.

Overview of Computers

The public is invited to attend a free computer class, taught by Dave Larson, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Joy Lutheran Church in Cambridge, 1155 Joy Circle. Discussion will include

computer terminology, parts inside the computer, tips for buying one, time for questions, and a fun surprise. To register call 763-689-5912. Masks are encouraged.

Vasaloppet USA 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join us at the Grand Event Center, 2025 Rowland Road, in Mora, for an evening of fine food, music, and sharing memories to celebrate 50 years of Vasaloppet USA. The evening includes dinner prepared by the Union Grill, music performance by the American Swedish Institute Spelman-Slag Fiddlers group, a multi-media presentation, and sharing of 50 years of memories. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 and musical performances and presentations at 7:30. For tickets and more information, visit vasaloppet.us

JAN. 18

Veterans Coffee Talk

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

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

North Branch Senior Dining Music at Lunch

North Branch Senior Dining, 38790 6th Avenue, will feature musical artists every Tuesday, from 11:15 a.m. until food service starts at 11:45 a.m. Performing Jan. 18 will be John & Russ from Mora performing country music. For more information on the performance or senior dining, call 651-674-1956.

Let's Make Slime!

Who doesn't enjoy slime!? Come on down to the library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and to make custom slime to bring home. We will meet in the Discover Center at the Cambridge Public Library, 111 Dellwood Street N. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Please register each slime-maker individually. Call 763-689-7390 for more information.

Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution

Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution will distribute food at the Isanti County Fair Grounds from 2:30 to 4:40 p.m., or until food runs out, providing it is 15 degrees or warmer. If it is deemed too cold, or expected to be too cold, it will be announced on KBEK, posted on CSFD website and/or on the Fairground marquee. Please do not park on the street near the fairground NOR enter the fairground prior to 1 p.m. Everyone has to register in the building, so remember to bring your picture ID and one current utility bill. Groceries for up to two families per vehicle will be loaded in your truck, trunk or the hatchback of your vehicles only.

Teen Fun Night

The Cambridge Public Library is hosting a teen fun night featuring the game "Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes" at 6 p.m. You'll have to think fast and talk fast to beat this fun, cooperative video game. This program is recommended for ages 12 to 19. No registration necessary. We will meet in the library's Discovery

Center. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library. The Cambridge Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 111 Dellwood Street N., Cambridge, and can be reached at 763-689-7390.

Veterans Memorial Roundtable Meeting

The North Branch City and Veterans Memorial Committee will host a community roundtable discussion at 6:30 p.m. at Lakes Region EMS, 40245 Fletcher Avenue in North Branch, regarding the expansion of the Veterans Memorial in Central Park. The new Veterans Memorial would honor veterans from all five branches of the military. It is proposed to be placed at the southern portion of the park possibly between the gazebo and Main Street. The community is invited to attend and contribute to the discussion.

JAN. 20

Parkinson's Support Group

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

JAN. 21

Isanti Movie Night

Come out to the Community Center and join us for the Isanti Movie Nights at the Isanti Community Center, 208 1/2 1st Avenue NW. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and concessions are available. This is a great way to get out of the house over the long winter and join the community for some laughs. Movie Nights are FREE and fun for all ages. This week's show is "Snow Day."

JAN. 22

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 information, visit Ruby's Pantry Isanti MN on Facebook.

Winter Farmers Market

Cambridge Farmers Market – Winter Market will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Center Mall, 100 Buchanan Street N. For a schedule of upcoming markets, visit www.cambridgefarmersmarket.com.

JAN. 24

Blind Date with a Book

The Cambridge and North Branch Libraries present Blind Date with a Book, and this year's "date" starts today. Here's how it works: Pick up a wrapped book from the display table in the Cambridge Library; read at least 50 pages (or the whole thing); fill out the "Rate Your Date" slip inside the book so we know if you hit it off or not; return your "Rate Your Date" slips by Feb. 28 to be entered into a drawing to win fun prizes. Feel free to put them in the book drop if you are not comfortable coming inside the building. If you'd like to participate via curbside pickup, let us know what you're interested in when you schedule your appointment. We can play matchmaker and set you up with something you'll enjoy. Recommended for ages 14 and up. No registration necessary. We will meet in the library's Discovery

Center is at 111 Dellwood Street. The North Branch Library is at 6355 379th Street. For more information visit ecrlib.libcal.com.

North Branch Book Club

North Branch Library book club will meet from 11 a.m. to noon in the Community Room at the North Branch Area Library, 6355 379th Street. This month, the club is reading "The World That We Knew" by Alice Hoffman. Copies of the book will be available through a book club kit at the library. Stop by the library and speak with staff about getting a copy, or call 651-674-8443 to arrange a pick-up. This book club is recommended for adults (ages 18-plus). No registration necessary. If you have questions please contact us via email at nbmail@ecrlib.org.

JAN. 27

Career Fair

East Central Minnesota CareerForce will host a career fair from 2 to 4 p.m. at the City Center Mall, 140 Buchanan Street N, #152, in Cambridge. This event is free to attend for employers and job seekers. Sponsors are CareerForce, Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, and North 65 Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit www.north65chamber.com.

JAN. 29

Chisago County 4-H Winter Workshop Day

Kids interested in joining Chisago County 4-H will have an opportunity to learn more about the club at 4-H Winter Workshop Day from 9 a.m. to noon at Kost Evangelical Free Church, 37405 Kost Trail, North Branch. Youth will rotate through a series of selected workshops to gain a deeper understanding of 4-H project areas. Learn more about this event at z.umn.edu/chisago4hwinter.

Freezer Burn Fatbike Race 2022

The Freezer Burn Fatbike Race 2022 will be held at 9 a.m. at Springvale County Park, 3361 Highway 95 NW, Cambridge. We weren't able to race the Freezer Burn last year, but we're back up and running with new single track added to the course. Visit the Freezer Burn Fatbike Race 2022 Facebook page for more information.

Weight Loss and Health Class

The public is invited to attend a free class on weight loss and health from 1 to 4 p.m. at Joy Lutheran Church in Cambridge, 1155 Joy Circle. Instructor Dave Larson lost more than 90 lbs. and you can too. All ages welcome. To register, call 763-689-5912. Masks are encouraged.

JAN. 30

4-H Quilt Camp

Learn how to quilt and sew with Chisago County 4-H from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Avenue, North Branch. Participants will make their own sewing mat to go under machines and will be learning how to do a binding. Registration is due by Jan. 22, 2022. Learn more at <https://extension.umn.edu/event/quilting-camp-2022> or contact Jeremy Freeman at 651-277-0150.



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Enough was enough for this Vikings fan

For a good portion of these last several months, anyone who spotted me saw me donning a gray Minnesota Vikings hooded sweatshirt. This sweatshirt garnered several mentions of surprise or admiration (depending on the observer's perspective) of my continually wearing it despite this season's turn of events, especially after the Purple's more disappointing moments.

At first, my response was my standard, "I'm still a fan of the team and I don't stop supporting them just because the goings are a little rough (again)." While this statement is 100% true, as the season wore on, I did find myself altering my answer to, "It's an extremely comfortable sweatshirt" (which it is).

This season has been increasingly frustrating for us die-hard fans. As the narrow defeats started piling up, so did my desires for a change. The straw that broke the camel's back came with the last-second loss to (at that time) the winless Detroit Lions. Immediately after that loss, I posted on Facebook that I was firmly behind the "Fire Zimmer" movement. That sentiment only magnified as the rest of the season wore on.

Anyone who knows me can verify that I don't easily reach that kind of position. I am one of those annoyingly eternal optimists, but I do try to sprinkle it with a bit of realistic expectations. And that's what makes this season harder to swallow. Going into it, I firmly felt we could make a strong playoff push. I would have bet money on our offense being among the top in the league. Plus, I was willing to believe that Zimmer would be able to return the defense to one of dominance.

What we got instead was extremely poor play-calling from both sides of the ball. Making it worse was when we did show sparks of dominance, the way we accomplished them was completely ignored by Zimmer. In fact, he continually proved that although he is a very good defensive coach, he was clueless about current-day offensive schemes. Proof in point came as his weekly half-time analysis for the sideline reporter became a broken record of "We have to run the ball more (or better)."

Sure, we have one of the best runningbacks in the NFL in Dalvin Cook, not to mention a backup who could probably be the starter on over half the other teams. But we also have one of the best wide receiver tandems in the league, plus a couple quality third options to boot. With that combination, the Vikings' attitude could have been "pick your poison." Instead, it was stubbornly trying to stick with the game plan no matter what the opponent was scheming.

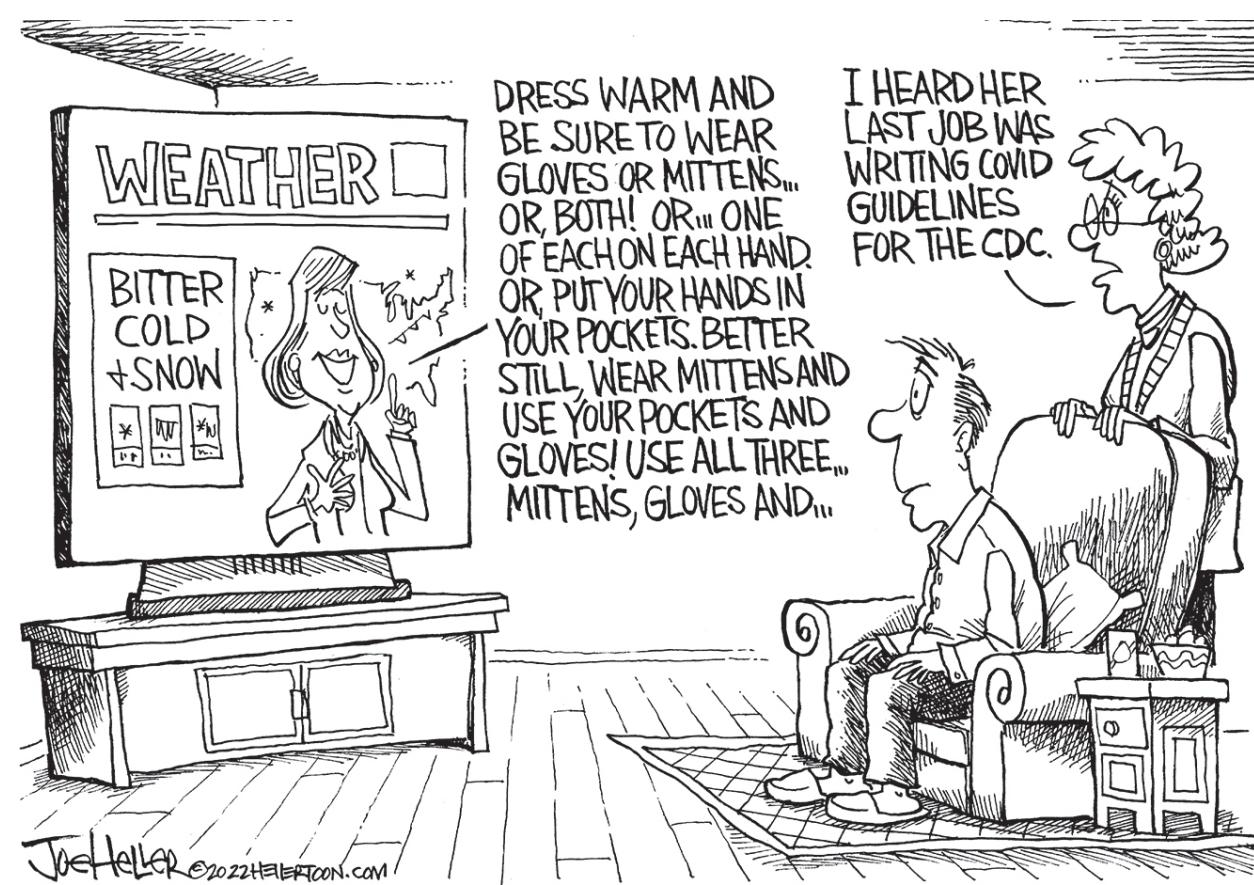
With Monday's announced firing of Zimmer and general manager Rick Spielman, things can start anew. My hope is that after going with a defensive guru as head coach for so long, the Vikings finally focus on the offense as far as a head coach goes and let that person select a strong defensive coordinator. Who that person is, I'm not totally sure. There are a few names I hope will be given strong consideration, but I don't have a clear-cut #1 on my wish list.

But whoever it is, they will have my complete support, and hopes that finally, after all these times of heartbreak, we will have a bonafide reason to loudly proclaim "SKOL!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correcting statement made in previous letter

To the editor,

In my letter to the editor about the Orange Frog Seminar published on Dec. 30, I stated, "It is sad to me that most of our current county commissioners still believe that spending even more money on this 'Happy Game' will make that difference."

Since that writing I have come to understand that I may have misconstrued some statements made by these commissioners and come to a conclusion that was not entirely true. I have been told that at this point there are no definite plans to spend additional funds on the Orange Frog Initiative beyond the original \$650,000. I ask for forgiveness from anyone who felt maligned due to this impropriety on my part. Thank you.

Gary Lantz
Cambridge

Editor's note: The publishing of this letter is deviating from our established policy of one original letter per author per four-week period out of respect for Mr. Lantz's desire to retract information contained in his previous letter.

Events of Jan. 6 began long before

To the editor,

Former President Donald Trump and his enablers in the Republican Party committed treason on Jan. 6, 2021. The groundwork for the violent assault on our government that day was begun by Mr. Trump long before in 2016 as candidate Trump. He built on the myths, long promoted by some in the Republican Party, of rampant voting fraud. These claims had been disproven many times over by exhaustive studies, yet he kept repeating them without evidence. After winning the 2016 election, he continued to make

false claims of election fraud, claims he made more often and vigorously as the fall election of 2020 closed in and it was evident he was lagging behind Mr. Biden.

After Mr. Trump lost the election, he doubled down on false allegations, filing nearly 60 lawsuits (all of which he lost) in states around the country while repeatedly complaining on friendly news media outlets the election had been stolen. At rallies he stirred anger and resentment time and again as he worked to convince his followers to ignore the truth. Trump attacked local state and county election officials (Democrat and Republican) who had across the country uniformly stood up to his intimidation and told the truth, that elections under their watch had been secure, free, and fair. As a result many election officials received death threats.

Finally, during the days leading up to Jan. 6, 2021, Mr. Trump scheduled a rally near Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. where, along with others, he worked to further stoke the anger of those desperate followers who'd bought into his lies. When he sent them to march on the Capitol Building, he sent an angry, violent mob to assault the senators and representatives who were about to continue the centuries long peaceful transfer of power, resulting from a free, fair, and secure election, a hallmark of our democracy.

We saw the results. Windows and doors smashed to gain entrance, the nation's capital vandalized, more than 140 police officers injured as they were assaulted by rioters, five people killed, and the lives of our duly elected officials threatened (witness the mock scaffolding and signs calling for the hanging of Vice President Pence). The aim was to forcibly discard the results of a free and fair election, to overturn the will of the American people. The aim was treason.

Ken Vaselaar
Cambridge

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Competition builds, reveals character

There are so many exciting things happening in North Branch Area Public Schools. Learning is extended beyond the traditional school day and it is so exciting to be part of it. Through our extensive activities offerings, students learn the larger life lessons found in competition and camaraderie.

Winning is exciting! Oftentimes, winning comes in the form of a personal best achievement. However, things don't always go as planned, which provides opportunities for others to witness a person's character revealed. One of our Viking wrestlers is unable to participate this season due to an injury; nevertheless, he is at every match, supporting teammates in whatever way is needed.

At a recent gymnastics competition, one of our student athletes made a miscalculation and fell off the beam. I understand the temptation of focusing on that mistake, which could have resulted in a negative attitude for the remainder of the event. That is not what happened.

Despite her own disappointment, this gymnast dug within herself to bring a positive presence and cheer on her team-



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mates, and spent the rest of the meet encouraging others and bringing her best effort to the remaining events.

While at the high school one morning before school started, I was overjoyed to see a packed classroom of students practicing for their Knowledge Bowl competition. The energy from the advisor had the room full of students leaning in to get the most out of their time.

In the midst of an incredible 10-1 boys basketball season, I was inspired by a conversation I had with the head coach. He was excited about opportunities he was engaging the players in off the court so they could grow as role models and young men of character.

Activities are important for students because they bring the opportunity to learn and apply important life lessons; hard work, setting and achieving goals, supporting one another, using talents and advantages to the benefit of others, overcoming adversity, sacrifice, the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat, and so much more.

If you want to be inspired, try attending one of the wide variety of athletic contests happening at North Branch Area Public Schools. Schedules and tickets for select events can be found at nbskolvikings.com/.

SKOL!

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TALKING WITH THE EXPERTS

Talking cold weather and pets

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With the arrival of winter and colder temperatures, Dr. Kristi Flynn, an assistant professor and veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine, shares tips on how we can keep our pets safe.

Q: What cold weather temperatures are dangerous to pets?

Dr. Flynn: This depends on the individual dog. It goes without saying that a breed like a Siberian Husky is going to do quite fine in very cold temperatures, where a Chihuahua may not even be able to tolerate the extreme cold for more than a few minutes. Dogs should not be left outside unattended in below-freezing temperatures and higher temperatures than that for smaller, elderly pets or those with certain medical conditions.

Q: What are some of the health risks to pets exposed to cold weather?

Dr. Flynn: Dogs and cats, like people, can experience frostbite, hypothermia and even death with exposure to the cold.

Q: What are the signs and symptoms of cold weather exposure and when should a pet owner seek veterinary care?

Dr. Flynn: If there is ever any concern, it's best to call your veterinarian. Signs would include red, painful paws or ear tips, or even lethargy, similar to a person experiencing hypothermia.



Dr. Kristi Flynn.

Q: What are treatment options for pets exposed to cold weather?

Dr. Flynn: If you forgot your pet outside for a prolonged time in cold or even a short time in extreme cold, you should reach out to a veterinarian if you see the above signs.

Otherwise, it is best to let them warm up slowly under a blanket, next to you or on a heating pad provided they are able to get up and move away if they find it to be uncomfortably warm.

Q: Is there anything else pet owners should be aware of to prepare for cold weather?

Dr. Flynn: If it works for your family and living situation, consider an indoor elimination area such as pads or a patch of sod (purchased in the fall) in the garage for cold intolerant dogs to use over the coldest months.

DR. KRISTI FLYNN is an assistant professor and veterinarian in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Science. She is passionate about preventative care; behavior, including the implementation of low-stress handling techniques in the clinic; veterinary dentistry; and nutritional management, particularly the prevention of obesity.

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Allina Health moves to red visitor status as COVID-19 surge continues

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With the safety of patients, employees and visitors as its top priority, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, Allina Health returned to Red Visitor Status, which means no visitors will be allowed, with limited exceptions.

Allina Health has never seen a community illness impact patients and staff to the levels COVID-19 is currently. The current surge of COVID-19 infections that has increased levels of community exposure has sharply increased pressure on the communities it serves and on an already strained system dealing with staffing shortages. In the first five days of 2022, an average of more than 100 staff members per day were removed from work because they were COVID-19 positive or awaiting tests/test results.

"The weariness among healthcare workers and the general public is profound. We empathize and are hopeful 2022 will bring a turning point in this pandemic; however, we need the public to

help those who care for us," said Hsieng Su, MD, Allina Health senior vice president and chief medical executive. "The Omicron variant appears to sharply spike and then decline. According to the models, things will likely get worse later in January before we see them get better. We need everyone working together to get through this peak."

Allina Health asks everyone to do their part to stop the continued spread of COVID-19 and help protect patients, staff and communities:

- Get vaccinated, plus get your booster;
- Wear a mask (even if you're vaccinated) and socially distance; and
- If you feel sick, get tested for COVID-19.

More information can be found on our Visitor Guidelines on allinahealth.org.

LETTERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Jan 6 speeches reeked with deceit

To the editor,

President Biden and Vice President Harris' speeches on Jan. 6 were an effort to resurrect a failed presidency more than marking the anniversary of a dark day in American history. And their speeches reeked with deceit, cover-up, and hypocrisy.

"*The way forward is to recognize the truth and to live by it.*" The biggest lie from this speech is pretending Biden is president and making important decisions — he's not! Our enemies (Russia, China) see through this deception and they will take advantage of us. The security of our country is at great risk. LIE

"*It's up to all of us, we the people, to stand for the rule of law.*" Where was the outrage when in 2020, 570 riots broke out across America, when there were 2,300 instances of looting, when 2,000 police officers were injured in the line of duty, and a police precinct was burned down in mostly democratic-run cities? BLM, an anti-police organization was at the forefront of this lawlessness, and they are fully endorsed by the democratic party. LIE

"*It's up to all of us, to we the people, to preserve the flame of democracy and keep the promise of America alive.*" Bernie Sanders once said, "The American dream is more apt to be realized in South America in places such as Ecuador,

Argentina, and Venezuela than in America." Democracy is defined as "a system of rule by laws that protects the rights of citizens and maintains order." The open border, sanctuary cities, and progressive, DA's letting criminals go free do not protect the rights of American citizens. "There's a Marxist revolution underway in the United States, and it's time we made our voices heard." - Terry Turchie, retired after 29 years in the FBI. LIE

"Republicans want to ruin what our country fought for at Lexington and Concord, at Gettysburg and Omaha Beach..." The 1619 history project, embraced by Democrats erases stories about the founding fathers of our democracy and the greatness of America and replaces it with the myth of racism. This history project is aligned with Critical Race Theory-Marxism, and Democrats support it. LIE

In one year Democrats have opened our border, allowed crime to go unpunished, censored and cancelled free speech, embraced terrorist organizations, weakened our military, and closed our schools. They have abandoned their duty to protect us, encouraged in anti-police rhetoric, renounced the nuclear family, and divided our country. There's nothing good about Democratic leadership, and they need to be voted out of office.

**David E. Johnson
Cambridge**

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OBITUARIES

Jacob A. Kusske

Jacob A. Kusske, 18, of Cambridge heartbreakingly made the choice to end his life on Dec. 14, 2021.

Jacob Alan Kusske was born Aug. 17, 2003, in Coon Rapids, to Kendra (Kusske) Holmes and Michael Kusske.

He loved Bella (Isabella Schmitz), Maxx (his cat), longboarding, swimming, bowling, playing pool and hanging out with his friends. He loved to crack jokes and would start a sentence to relay some fascinating trivia with "DID YOU KNOW??!!". He enjoyed making people laugh with weird faces or funny noises.

He was truly one of a kind with a BIG heart. He was a wonderful son and

will be sorely missed by family and many others.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Sandra Kusske, Ronald Kusske, Gail Markle and Elting Markle.

Jacob is survived by his mother, Kendra (Henry) Holmes of Cambridge; father, Mike Kusske of Sturgeon Lake; sister, Jordyn Kusske (Hailee Curtis) of Bloomington; stepbrother, Thomas Holmes of Rochester; stepsister, Kristina Holmes of Isanti; grandmother, Pat (Steve) Smith of Greenbrier, Arkansas; girlfriend, Isabella Schmitz of Isanti; and other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home. Interment was in Cambridge Union Cemetery. Condolences can be shared at www.carlsonlillemoen.com.

Knut Hagen

Knut Hagen of Stanchfield, originally from Oslo, Norway, died peacefully in Rush City surrounded by love and family at 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2022, joining his ancestors to watch over future generations. He was 83 years old.

A true citizen of the world, Knut Hagen lived in Colorado, California, Tennessee, Minnesota, and his nuclear work took him to Korea, Sweden, Mexico, and beyond.

Knut spoke five languages — Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, German and English. He enjoyed his days: working on the farm raising cows and sheep, driving his tractor, flying his Tri-Pacer, hunting, playing with his dogs, eating Norwegian fish, meats, and sweets, researching genealogy, and spending quality time with family.

An eternal jokester and passionate individual, even in his last moments. Knut passed down to his posterity a strong love of humor, animals, living off the land, genealogy, travel, languages, culture, human rights, the outdoors, and hard work.

Knut is survived by his wife Cathy; his children, Kirsten Hagen Kennedy, Katrina Hagen, Erik Hagen, and Michael Hagen; and his siblings Bjorn, Randi, and Rolf Hagen.

His legacy continues further with his nine beloved grandchildren, Graeme Rudd, Jordan Wilson, John Kennedy, Knut Kennedy, Drake Swanson, Anna Beck, Brook Swanson, Abraham Kennedy, and Robin Swanson, and great-grandson Torsten Rudd, as well as his grand-furbabies Pudge and Bella Swanson, Pippa and Copen Hagen, and Chai Latte Wilson-Kennedy.

We extend a special thanks to the caregivers of Rushseba Station and Fairview Hospice who allowed Knut's last moments to be as restful and painless as possible, accommodating the many family members and friends who visited from near and far.

So, Knut Hagen aka Dad, Bestefar and of course "The gatekeeper",

Vi husker og elsker deg for alltid ("We remember and love you, forever").

A celebration of life for Knut Hagen coming in 2022.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Connor Braaten and **Grace Schoeneck** of Cambridge (Dean's List), from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Alex 'Whitey' Kotzenmacher

Alex "Whitey" Kotzenmacher, age 24, of Cambridge, died Jan. 8, 2022, unexpectedly at home.

Alex John Kotzenmacher was born July 13, 1997, in Cambridge, to Paul and Anne (Watrcott) Kotzenmacher. He was raised and attended school in the

Cambridge-Isanti community and graduated in 2016. Alex enjoyed outdoor activities including fishing, hunting and snowmobiling. He looked forward to Thanksgiving dinners, especially the pumpkin pie. Alex was also a cat lover and his cats were very special to him. Alex was a caring person and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his mother, Anne Kotzenmacher; father, Paul Kotzenmacher; sisters, Jill and Sara; grandparents, David and Ivetta Watrcott; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Myrtle Kotzenmacher, and his brother, Lucas.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti. A time for visiting, cookies and coffee will follow at the church. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Rosalie Ann Ernst

Rosalie Ann Ernst, age 87, of Cambridge passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Jan. 9, 2022.

Rosie was born Oct. 26, 1934, in Amery, Wisconsin, to Michael and Agnes (Kolba) Wanzong. She grew up in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, where she graduated high school. She completed her nurse's training in Red Wing, which began her more than 40-year nursing career. Rosie married George Ernst in 1956, and over the next 64 years,

raised seven children on a farm in Cambridge. She was a 55-year active member of her church, where her servant's heart flourished. Rosie was in perpetual motion as she was assured all in her presence were showered with food, attention and unconditional love.

Rosie will be lovingly remembered by her children, Denise (Kevin) Hemmer, Annette (Frank) Ernst, Tom Ernst, Andy (Julie) Ernst, Joanne (Les) Schebo, Richard (Char) Ernst, and Robert (Noelle) Ernst; grandchildren, Kevin, Casey, Jill, Matthew, Ashley, Angela, Dominic, Abraham, Elijah and Sebastian; great-grandchild, Eowyn; siblings, Robert Wanzong, Walter (Mary) Wanzong, Russel (Peggy) Wanzong; brother-in-law, Lee Freitag; and many other relatives and friends. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, George; daughter-in-law, Cheri Ernst; granddaughter, Ilsa; siblings, Edward Wanzong, Dorothy Heusel, Evelyn Stuntz and Julie Freitag; sister-in-law, Mary Wanzong; and brothers-in-law, Vern Heusel and Vern Stuntz.

A memorial visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with a sharing time at 11, on Friday, Jan. 14, at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

BIRTHS**Letty June Hanson**

Letty June Hanson was born Jan. 5, 2022. Letty weighed 8 pounds and was 19.25 inches long. Parents are Catie and Matthew Hanson of Stanchfield. Grandparents are Sheila and Bill Hanson of Rush City, Traci and Dale Grundberg of Isanti, and Jim and Candace Warden of Stanchfield.

Oliver Philip Leigh Benda

Oliver Philip Leigh Benda was born Jan. 7, 2022. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Parents are Annjelika and Anthony Benda of Cambridge. Grandparents are Carisa and John Fischer of Mora, and Jane and Brian Benda of Stacy.

Carol J. Roggemann

Carol J. Roggemann, age 85, of Cambridge died Jan. 10, 2022, at GracePointe Crossing – The Gables.

Carol Jean Roggemann was born April 24, 1936, in Minneapolis to Rolf and Manette (Rapke) Hartig. She graduated from North High School in 1954. On

July 1, 1961, Carol married Anton "Tony" Roggemann in North Minneapolis. They raised their four children in Scandia, where they lived for 50 years. Besides raising a family, Carol worked as a proofreader for the Scandia Messenger for several years. They made their home in Cambridge for the last 10 years. Carol loved crappie fishing. She also loved raising dogs, especially German Shepherds. Carol was also

a good baker and was proud of her gardening and canning. She placed her trust in God and lived a faith-filled life. Carol was a beautiful person inside and out, and will be dearly missed by her family.

She is survived by her husband, Tony; children, Dan Roggemann, Mike (Leanne) Roggemann, Anton Jr. (Lisa) Roggemann, and Liz (Richard) Brown; 8 grandchildren, Cassie (Morgan), Lisa (Chad), John (Rachel), Kevin (Melissa), Jared, Matthew, Nikki (Jacob), and Nathan (Kayla); 9 great-grandchildren and one on the way; and by many other relatives and friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alanna, and sister, Gloria Voskuil.

A funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Catholic Charities food distribution set**STAFF REPORTS**

NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Catholic Charities Senior Dining is participating in a several public food distributions of frozen meals for seniors during the month of January.

The first is on Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Braham Area Food Shelf, 655 8th Street SW. The second will be on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 425 S Frandsen Avenue, Rush City.

Senior Dining will provide packs of 10 and up to 30 frozen meals for seniors during this drive-through, no-contact distribution.

These healthy and nutritious frozen meals meet one-third of the recommended daily allowance for seniors, and are packaged in oven-safe containers that are easy to heat and eat in both conventional and microwave ovens. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.

Participants must be 60 years of age and older to be eligible, and all clients must complete an annual registration form. There is no cost to participate; however, donations will be accepted. Cash donations cannot be accepted at this time, however, checks and credit cards are.

This project is partially funded under a contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act.

For more information, visit www.ccstcloud.org/events, or call 320-229-4584.

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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.

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

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

Catholic

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

Converge

NorthBrook Church
Meeting at GTI North Branch Theatre (38450 Tanger Dr, North Branch, MN 55056)
Church Office: 651-277-0100
Frank Gomes, Pastor.
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Nursery for infants & Children's Church (2 yrs old-K) during worship.
Email: office@nbchurchmn.org
Website: nbchurchmn.org

Evangelical Free

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN 55056. Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72, SE of North Branch. 651-583-3281.
Pastor, Josh Jensen
Kost Student Ministries Mondays 6:30pm. Worship Service Sundays 9:30am. More info: www.kostefc.org

Oxlip Church

9am Sunday Worship Service
Sanctuary seating or Online: Facebook and YouTube
Pastor Leroy Scheumann
29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti, MN 55040
www.oxlip.org
763-444-5134

Lutheran

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:15am Worship with Fellowship following my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687
Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30am, Sunday school for 3 yrs to 6th gr. begins at 10:30am. Coffee fellowship after worship
www.salemutherandalbo.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, January 13th -
7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study
Sunday, January 16th -
8:30am Worship, Holy Communion, Baptism
9:30am Fellowship, Kid's Time
Wednesday, January 19th -
10:00am AA Meeting
6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday, January 20th -
9:00am Men's Coffee
7:00pm AA Meeting

St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)

31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079
651-462-5115.
Office Hours - 9:00am - 1:00 pm
9:00am Services,
Sunday School following Service (10:15am).
Email - 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 York
In-person and online Worship Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday School is at 9 a.m.
Email:
office@trinitynorthbranchl.org
or visit www.trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

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

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
justpassinths@gmail.com
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River of Life Church

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River Kid's for ages 4 yrs to 5th gr during the 10:00am service
riveroflifehome.com

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
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Thejourneynlc.org

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DNA: Remains identified using modern techniques

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secluded wooded area, 60 to 100 feet off of Highway 47,” according to the *Star* on Aug. 27, 2003. At that time, the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office was “receiving a flood of phone calls” regarding the remains.

In a news release from Chief Deputy Lisa Lovering of the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office, at the time of the discovery, the Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office, a forensic anthropologist and a forensic odontologist examined the remains. Their initial analysis determined that the body was aged 20 to 28 years old and had been buried from three to 28 years. A dental report was obtained and was compared to dental records of missing persons throughout the country. Facial reconstruction was performed, and the BCA obtained a DNA profile of the bones.

“Over several years, our investigators submitted DNA samples of several people who believed that this was possibly their family member, but we never were able to identify the remains,” said Lovering in the news release.

In 2019, Lovering began the process of using current DNA technology to identify the remains. The DNA obtained by the BCA was submitted to a lab in 2019 and 2020, but the specimen was not producing a viable sample that could be analyzed by the Investigative Genetic Genealogy Consultant, Barbara Rae-Venter. Rae-Venter is best-known for helping solve the Golden State Killer case by helping to identify Joseph DeAngelo, a former police officer, as the culprit. DeAngelo was convicted in August 2020 of killing 13 women and men across California in the 1970s and 1980s.

The sheriff’s department also submitted the DNA to another outside lab “but were still unable to produce a viable sample,” Lovering said.

Rae-Venter directed Lovering to Othram Labs in Woodlands, Texas. Othram’s scientists are experts at analyzing human DNA from trace quantities of degraded or contaminated forensic evidence using newer technology called Forensic-Grade Genome Sequencing®. This sequencing builds DNA profiles from skeletal remains. In 2020, Othram Labs was instrumental in identifying the remains of Sherri Ann Jarvis, a missing Stillwater teen whose remains were found in Texas in 1980.

In October 2021, Othram’s scientists were able to extract DNA from the remains, and a report was sent to Rae-Venter and Lovering. Within 24 hours, Rae-Venter “had a match of a distant relative for the skeletal remains,” the sheriff’s report said. “From there, she was able to build out a family tree.”

In November of last year, Lovering received a name from Rae-Venter that she believed identified the remains. Lovering began searching but could not find any information on the name she was given. However, based on the family tree, she was able to locate two siblings and a phone number. She called the number and left a voicemail.

According to Lovering, a family member returned the call confirming that their brother, Donald Rindahl, had been missing since 1970. The family had been told that Rindahl was being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection to his alleged involvement with drugs. Chief Deputy Lovering later met with the family and obtained DNA samples from the siblings, the news release stated. These familial samples were submitted to the BCA and were compared to the DNA samples obtained in 2003.

Lovering said that in December 2021, the BCA sent a report stating that the genetic results obtained from the human remains are 140 billion times more likely to occur in an individual who is a full biological sibling. The remains were those of a full biological sibling relationship, positively identified as Donald Rindahl of Ramsey County.

At a press conference on Jan. 12, Lovering said that the family had reacted with “a lot of shock and disbelief” at the news that Rindahl had been found. “Based off of the information from the family, as well as the scene in 2003, it is believed that Donald was a victim of homicide, but his death has been classified as undetermined,” Lovering said. She said that he had been living in the New Brighton area with a roommate prior to his disappearance.

“From the timeline of Donald’s disappearance and the crime scene, it is believed that he was buried in Isanti County in late 1970 to early 1971 at the age of 22. It is further believed that there may still be people alive today who know what happened to Donald in 1970.”

Anyone with any information on this case is asked to contact the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office at 763-689-2141, or CrimeStoppers of Minnesota at 800-222-8477.

“The Isanti County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank all of our partners in this case who helped us identify Mr. Rindahl: the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Midwest Medical Examiner’s office, Othram, Firebird Forensics, Inc., and Barbara Rae Venter,” Lovering said.

“Often times law enforcement is the voice for the vulnerable or victims that cannot speak,” said Lovering. “This was very true in this case. We were able to return a loved one home to their family who did not know his whereabouts for 51 years.”

“The family has requested privacy at this time.”

City of Cambridge selects platform to announce emergency messaging

BY STAFF REPORT

NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The City of Cambridge is teaming up with the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office to push out messaging to residents and businesses who sign up for the alerts.

Everbridge is a state-of-the-art system already in use by the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office for putting out emergency messaging. It has proven to be successful in getting information out to people who need it.

“We encourage people who live or work in the Cambridge area to go to <https://member.everbridge.net/371776664109116/new> and sign up for the service. This will help us to inform people in the area of emergency messaging. It is a safety and convenience thing,” said Evan Vogel, city administrator for the City of Cambridge. Messages can be received by phone calls, emails or text messaging.

“Everbridge has been reliable and proven effective in getting important messages out to our communities. Signing up is free of charge,” explained Chief Deputy Lisa Lovering, who oversees the operations of the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office including Emergency Management.

When appropriate, such as snow emergencies, road closures due to law enforcement activity, train derailment, etc, messaging is sent out via Everbridge advising people of the issue and the steps to take to address it.”

In the case of “snow emergencies,” Vogel said city ordinance allows for such declarations to be

made in conjunction with the city’s winter parking restrictions. The general parking restrictions call for no parking on city streets from Nov. 1 through March 31 between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Cars found parked during these times may be subject to an administrative citation. Should the car remain on the street after 2 a.m., it could be subject to being towed.

The public works/utilities director can declare a snow emergency and require all cars to be removed from the streets between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. for the purpose of clearing the streets from curb-to-curb. The towing of the cars would be at the owner’s expense.

“The purpose of this is to allow for real-life flexibility around winter conditions,” Vogel said. “There are instances where we may only see a half-inch of snow, but between sleet and freezing temperatures we know there will be icy roads, or that with blowing snow we may need greater flexibility in plowing.”

“Our intention is to have the emergencies declared by the end of business the day before they will be in effect. We will make these determinations using the best weather data we have available to us. By utilizing Everbridge when declaring snow emergencies, we hope to minimize the number of cars that are needed to be towed.”

These alerts were expected to go live effective Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. Any questions in reference to this can be directed to the City of Cambridge at 763-689-3211.

Foundation awards grants to area communities, groups

BY HOPE MURRAY

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Several area education and non-profits are the beneficiaries of grants awarded during the third quarter of 2021 by the Initiative Foundation.

Through its Innovation Fund, the Initiative Foundation awarded 21 grants totaling more than \$98,000. Included in those awards was a \$5,000 grant to the City of Braham to retain Hospitality Marketers LLC to prepare an economic development overview and preliminary hotel development report. This grant will cover \$5,000 of the \$8,000 needed for the study, which will help determine whether Braham could attract a hotel. If the study shows that the city could indeed attract a hotel, the results will be shared with three potential hotel developers.

“We are very excited to have the support of the Initiative Foundation,” interim City Administrator Lynda Woulfe said. She added that the study is necessary to determine the efficacy of a hotel in Braham, which would bolster the Braham Event Center. “There are so many events that take place there — weddings and celebrations — and people need a place to stay.”

Woulfe added that she was

looking forward to “digging into the report (on potential hotel development) and getting it finalized for Braham.”

The Trust for Public Land—Minnesota Coalition also received \$5,000 to assist in its efforts to “secure additional state funding to protect natural resources, improve the environment, right environmental injustices of the past and engage more diverse citizen leaders going forward to achieve bigger, bolder and longer-term success.” Part of the Trust for Public Land’s efforts include permanently protecting 729 acres of land in northern Chisago County as an addition to the Chengwatana State Forest.

Also in the third quarter of 2021, Initiative Foundation-hosted Partner Funds awarded 80 grants totaling more than \$353,000. Among the winners of these grants are the Braham Education Foundation, which received funding to support its schools, including to applied agriculture physics wind tunnel (\$1,225); Boom Whackers for fourth- to sixth-grade music (\$400); snap circuits sets (\$1,219); differentiated seating options (\$625); and electrophoresis for biology & forensic students (\$4,000).

The Memorial Hospital Foundation (serving greater Isanti

County received grant monies that will be dispersed to the following:

- Common Ground United Methodist Community—COVID-19 Prevention Community Safety Forum: \$5,000;
- Cambridge Community College Center Foundation—Health Sciences Scholarships Program: \$12,500;
- Isanti County Commission on Aging—Development of Website: \$2,200;
- New Pathways Inc., the Cambridge homeless shelter: \$10,000;
- North Star Family Advocacy Center in Braham—Trauma Screening Project: \$5,000; and
- Cambridge-Isanti School District Early Childhood Programs—Gearing Up for Kindergarten: \$5,000.

Through the John and Bonnie Schlagel Endowment, grants were awarded to Cambridge Community College Center Foundation for the 2022 Cambridge Scholardazzle Fundraiser (\$1,500); the Isanti County Humane Society for animal care (\$2,000); Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars Foundation for scholarships (\$2,000); Cambridge-Isanti School District, Early Childhood Partnership for Isanti County (\$2,000); Family Pathways for its food shelf and Refuge Network domestic abuse program (\$5,000).

Artists called for return of 2022 Vasaloppet Art Show

The KCAA Vasaloppet Art Show is back live and in-person for 2022! We are inviting you to join us for this dynamic art show which is held in conjunction with the ski race, Feb. 11-13. The show will also be held virtually on the Kanabec County Art Association website: kanabeccountyartassociation.com.

Call for Artists: Any artist over 18 years of age is invited to enter up to two recent original works of art. This year we are encouraging participants to enter an additional piece that is skiing related in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vasaloppet ski race. (Maximum three entries.) Entry forms may be found at Mora’s Oak Gallery

and Vasaloppet USA headquarters, both located on Union Street.

All entrants must upload a photo of each art piece to the KCAA website by following prompts under KCAA Vasaloppet Art Show Page. All entries and photos are due by Sunday, Feb. 6.

In-person: Show is held at the Mora Public Library lower level, west entrance. The event is free and open to the public. Hours for the show are: Friday, Feb. 11, 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The virtual goes live at midnight on Friday, Feb. 10.

If you have questions, or need an entry form sent to you, please email: art.kcaa@yahoo.com.

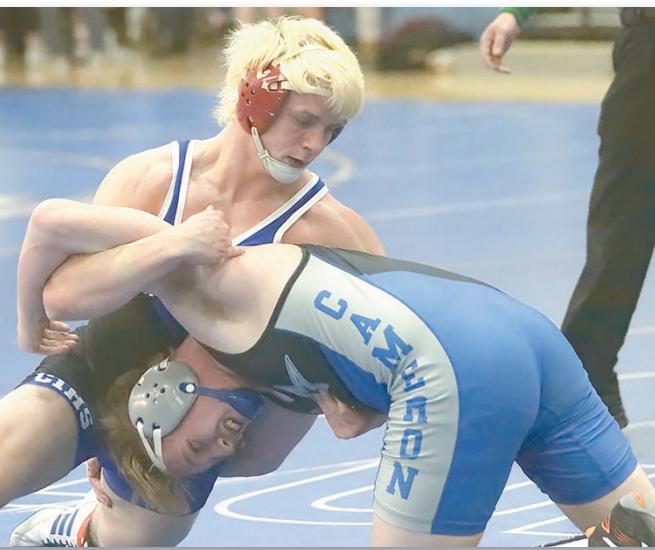
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C-I's Darren Spencer gets his Cameron opponent in an underhook during his opening-round match of the Bluejacket Invite.



Northern Edge's Alex Langevin weaves through multiple Highland Park sticks on a rush towards the Scots' net.



C-I's Laci Leverty took first on vault at North Branch.

Gymnasts begin jam-packed January

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GYMNASICS

With the Minnesota State Gymnastics Meet being held one week earlier than normal due to a scheduling conflict with Roy Wilkins Auditorium, high school teams have found their competition schedule wrapped tighter than a gymnasts' ankles.

For Cambridge-Isanti, January features a total of eight meets in 25 days, including concluding the season with three meets in a mere five days. North Branch's schedule is slightly lighter, having seven meets in that same stretch.

The Bluejackets' hectic schedule was jump-started last week with a dual meet at neighbor North Branch, followed by a 16-team invite two days later. In those two meets, the Jackets found themselves scoring nearly identical team totals, although they reached those totals in different ways.

Against North Branch, multiple girls saw varsity action for the first time, along with debuting new skills or completely new routines. Although they had a strong meet, the scores didn't quite follow suit as C-I finished with a 137.375, topping the Vikings' 127.45.



North Branch's Paige Peaslee goes up for a shot in heavy traffic during the Vikings' game versus Big Lake.

Individually, Laci Leverty took first on the vault (9.3) and floor (9.475), along with second on bars (9.15) and beam (8.95), for a first-place all-around score of 36.875. North Branch's Dakota Esget took first on the bars with a 9.3 and Libby Nielson took first on the beam with a 9.05.

At the Faribault Invite, C-I's 137.7 placed the team in fourth, behind Wayzata, Owatonna and Anoka. The Jackets were actually in second place before their third rotation (beam), where the team suffered multiple falls and other deductions that knocked them down two spots. Individually, Leverty took home first place on the vault with a 9.35 and bars with a 9.45. She also came in fourth in the all-around with a 36.15. Abby Kryzer's 35.2 all-around score was good enough for sixth place.

Besides the dual meet against C-I, North Branch also competed in the Princeton Invite two days later, placing fifth with a score of 129.2. Esget finished third on bars with a 9.0 and vault with a 9.35, and fifth in the all-around with a 35.3. Nielson was third on beam with a 9.35 and 10th in the all-around with a 33.25.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The North Branch Vikings continued their stellar season with two more wins last week, bringing their season record to 10-1, which places them in the #1 slot for the Section 7AAA standings and a QRF rank of #7. Last week's wins came via a 66-55 defeat of Big Lake and a 65-52 victory over section foe Grand Rapids. In the game against the Hornets, Adam Rehm had 23 points and Trevor Johnson added 18 to lead the Vikings.

The Bluejackets' season-long slide is finally over. In its only game of the week, C-I edged past St. Francis, 68-67, for the team's first win of the season. The Jackets took a 38-34 lead into halftime and hung on for the one-point win. Kobe Karels scored 22 points, followed closely by Braden Jones' 20 points.

BOYS HOCKEY

C-I increased its winning streak to nine in a row last week, picking up a 5-2 win over Sauk Rapids/Rice and a 3-2 overtime thriller over Chisago Lakes. The Jackets broke the 2-2 deadlock by scoring three unanswered goals in the third period to get the win over the Storm. Finn Overby scored twice in the third period, including the eventual game-winner. Against the Wildcats, Will O'Donovan's second goal of the game at 3:32 of overtime capped off the evenly played game. Jaxon Sibell earned the win between the pipes in both games.

Northern Edge went 1-1 last week, losing to Princeton 2-1 before dominating Highland Park 10-2. Owen Dubois had the hat trick against the Scots, with Trevor Ripley scoring twice.

GIrls BASKETBALL

The Vikings overcame a sluggish start in the team's only game of the week, rallying to beat Big Lake 45-41. After going down 24-16 at halftime, North Branch regrouped and outscored the Hornets 29-17 in the second half. Ella Kuhlman scored 25 points, including six three-pointers. Paige Peaslee added 17 points in the win.

The Jackets' two games — versus St. Francis and at Brainerd — were both postponed last week.

WRESTLING

The Jackets earned a conference win last week, defeating Princeton 48-33. The following day, the team



North Branch's Libby Nielsen executes a tuck dismount from the beam during the Vikings' meet against Cambridge-Isanti. The sophomore would take first on the event.

hosted the Bluejacket Invite, where it finished in third place. C-I's top finishers were Leo Edblad's first place at 113 pounds, Treytin Byers' first place at 170 pounds, Carter Wothe (second, 126), and Cal Droubie (106 pounds) and Scott Simpson's (220 pounds) third place.

The Vikings also competed in a conference match, plus an invite last week. North Branch lost to Chisago Lakes 57-24 and then came in eighth as a team at the Ogilvie Invite. Ashton LaBelle took first at 170 pounds at Ogilvie, with Brandt Bombard taking second at 160 pounds and Michael Thao taking third at 138 pounds.

GIrls HOCKEY

Northern Tier suffered a pair of lopsided losses last week, falling to Champlin Park/Coon Rapids 7-1 and getting shut out by Grand Rapids/Greenway 6-0. Jenna Hari scored the lone goal for the Stars.

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Jackets lost their dual meet versus Princeton 103-80. C-I earned six first place finishes in the meet, with Joseph Larkin (200, 500 free) and John Humphrey (50 free, 100 butterfly) securing double-firsts. Also winning their races were Michael Sauze (100 free) and Christopher Williams (100 backstroke).

C-I also competed in the Spring Lake Park Invite, coming in sixth as a team. Williams was the top finisher for C-I, coming in third in the 50 free.

Isanti New Hope to build new church

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New Hope Community Church in Isanti will have a new home after Isanti City Council approved a conditional use permit for a 40-acre parcel of land south of O'Reilly Auto Parts and adjacent to Minnesota Highway 65.

Currently, the church is located at 114 Dahlin Ave NE, near downtown Isanti. The church and parking area at the new location will sit on the west end of the parcel, because a majority of the acreage is made up of the Sroga Slough and surrounding wetlands.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDED

The council also approved an amendment to an existing conditional use amendment at 305 Main Street East to allow additional auto sales.

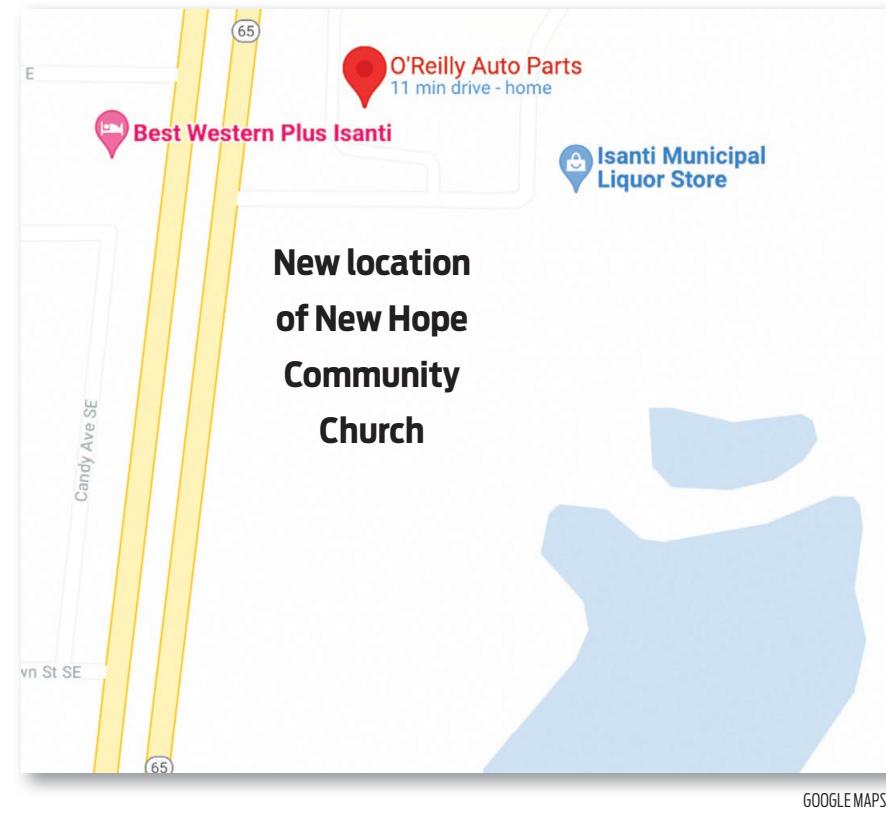
The conditions for that permit include limiting the number of vehicles for sale

on the lot to eight in the northwest corner of the lot; requiring the fencing on the west side of the property to remain in place to soften the effects of the auto sales upon neighboring residences; and requiring the installation of fencing between 4- and 5-feet-high on the south side of the property to soften the effects of the auto sales upon neighboring residences.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other business, the council:

- Appointed new candidates to the Park, Recreation, and Culture Board and the Planning Commission, and then approved the 2022 committees and representatives for city commissions and advisory boards.
- Designated the Isanti-Chisago County Star as the official city newspaper for 2022, and appointed depositories and professional services for the city.



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New location
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As Covid numbers skyrocket, Cambridge hospital reaches record patient numbers

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The COVID-19 pandemic situation in Isanti County currently has its local medical center overwhelmed, as stated during commissioner committee reports at the Jan. 4 Isanti County Board meeting.

Newly elected Isanti County Board Chair Terry Turnquist shared that he and Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris attended the public health board meeting, where a lot of good, but also “scary” information had been shared.

Morris noted that Director of Patient Care Lori Weaver said Cambridge Medical Center’s census, or number of patients, was the highest it has even been in the history of the hospital, and it is currently short-staffed by 15 nursing positions.

“She said the other thing that was just so disheartening is people’s attitudes; people are so short and mean,” Morris said.

With the fuller-than-usual patient load, those working at the hospital are “working harder than they ever worked before” with longer hours and double shifts, Morris and Turnquist noted. Hospital staff have been asked to perform duties outside of their job description, Morris added, noting those in the education department are being asked to help clear beds and get rooms ready for the next patient.

The public health board was also informed that doctors have been canceling their morning appointments to work in the emergency

‘There are 32 patients on average waiting in the ER, so they are slammed.’

Terry Turnquist
Board Chair

room, Turnquist added. “So, people that have had appointments with them for two months, they had to cancel it because they need them over here,” he said. “It was disheartening to hear what is going on. There are 32 patients on average waiting in the ER, so they are slammed.”

As of Jan. 4, there were approximately 1.029 million total cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota, with 6,780 new cases reported in the previous 24 hours. As of Jan. 11, there were approximately 1.104 million total cases, with 29,487 new cases reported in the previous 24 hours.

There were 10,564 deaths in Minnesota by Jan. 4, with an additional 48 deaths reported in the last 24 hours. As of Jan. 11, there were an additional 274 deaths reported, for a total of 10,838.

There were 142,583 breakthrough cases of COVID-19 in fully vaccinated Minnesotans by Jan. 4, which rose to 162,831 by Jan. 10. The percentage of fully vaccinated Minnesotans suffering breakthrough cases was 4.850%.

As of Jan. 4, Isanti County had a total of 7,871 cases, which rose to 8,218 cases as of Jan. 11. There were 98 deaths from COVID-19 reported in Isanti as of Jan. 4, and three more deaths were reported as of Jan. 11.

Isanti County continues to offer vaccine clinics, with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available. The schedule and registration for the vaccine clinics can be found at <https://prepmo.health.state.mn.us/appointment/en/clinic/search> or by calling 763-689-1711; walk-ins are no longer accepted.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other business, the board:

- Elected Turnquist board chair, and Isanti County Commissioner Dave Oslund vice chair.
- Approved a new meeting schedule. Isanti County Board of Commissioner meetings will take place the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- Approved committee of the whole meeting schedule. Meetings will take place the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 9 a.m., with the exception of Jan. 25, April 26, July 26, and Oct. 25. Committee of the whole meetings on the specified dates will take place following the scheduled Economic Development Authority meetings.
- Set the minimum elected officials salaries for the county attorney, sheriff, and recorder, which is required every four years.
- Approved board and committee assignments for 2022.
- Approved the 2022 mileage reimbursement rate.
- Designated the Isanti-Chisago County Star as the official county newspaper for 2022.
- Approved AFSCME contracts for county attorneys and probation.

State to improve dental access for low-income Minnesotans

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

This January, Minnesota is taking a major step toward addressing significant and longstanding gaps in dental care by raising state payment rates for dentists.

The rate increase is part of a \$61 million dental package aimed at removing barriers that keep dentists from taking patients covered by Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare. Included in Minnesota’s COVID-19 Recovery Budget signed into law by Governor Walz last year, the dental reforms include funding to raise the rates of reimbursement and implement other changes over the next four years. The Minnesota Department of Human Services increased the base dental reimbursement rate on Jan. 1.

Low-income Minnesotans with Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare are more likely to have dental disease than Minnesotans with employer-sponsored insurance, and they also have a harder time getting dental care. For example, over 60% of Minnesota children living in poverty did not see a dentist in 2019.

“Our goal is to create more options for Minnesotans who need dental care,” said Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. “By supporting dentists with fair rates, this investment will make it easier for people in public health care programs to get the dental care that’s so important to their daily lives and overall well-being. The strong support and tireless work of our legislative committee chairs in both the House and Senate made this change possible.”

Under the old payment structure, reimbursements varied based on multiple factors, including the patient’s age and the provider’s location. Low payment rates set more than 30 years ago kept many dental providers from serving public program patients.

The new rates are simpler and more efficient, with all dentists receiving the same rates for the same services for both Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare. All dentists are expected to receive an overall increase in payments. For some services, payments may increase up to 98%.

DHS also will add coverage of non-surgical treatment for periodontal disease, the leading cause of adult tooth loss.

Managed care rates for dental care will have to at least match DHS’ fee-for-service rates. Managed care organizations will be required to give dental providers their fee schedules when asked, so that dentists better understand how they are paid.

With the new rate structure, health plans will also have to meet benchmarks to ensure that more people in public health care programs receive dental care. Starting in 2022, the goal will be an annual dental visit for at least 45% of enrollees.

The participation rate will rise to 55% in 2024. If any managed care organization is unable to meet that benchmark, DHS plans to carve out the dental benefit and administer dental coverage directly for all public program enrollees.

HOW TO FIND DENTAL CARE IF YOU HAVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR MINNESOTACARE:

- If you are a health plan member, you must go to a dentist in your plan’s network for most services. Contact your health plan’s member services staff, who can help you find a provider.
- If you are not a health plan member, you can go to any dentist who accepts Minnesota Health Care Programs fee-for-service coverage. Find providers in the online MHCP Provider Directory, or call the MHCP Member Help Desk at 651-431-2670 or 800-657-3739 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND TO APPLY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR MINNESOTACARE:

- Visit MNsure online.
- For enrollment help, connect with a navigator in your community. Navigators can help in several different languages. Search the assister directory for your preferred language.
- For help with questions or for a paper application, call the MinnesotaCare office at 651-297-3862 or 800-657-3672.
- Reach out to your local county or Tribal office.
- If you have a disability, contact the Disability Hub MN at 866-333-2466.
- If you’re 65 or older, contact the Senior Link-Age Line at 800-333-2433.

Winter houseplants need correct balance of TLC

BY JULIE WEISENHORN
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By now, our outdoor gardens are under a blanket of snow, so we turn our attention to our indoor gardens and caring for such plants as holiday cacti, cyclamen, poinsettia, orchids, succulents, cacti, foliage plants, etc.

Based on questions we receive on our weekly WCCO Smart Gardens radio show, people over care for their houseplants — over water, over fertilize — or under care for their plants essentially ignoring them until they are dusty, dry and drab looking. So how does the houseplant owner balance good care with not overdoing it? Extension has good information on some of our favorite indoor plants, but here are a few tips to help.

UNDERSTAND YOUR PLANT’S GROWING NEEDS

It’s always interesting to remember that somewhere in the world, my houseplants are indigenous and grow untended. Take African violets (*Saintpaulia ionantha*). As indoor plants, they are considered a bit delicate and fussy yet the native parents of these little fuzzy hybrids we enjoy were found growing from shady, mossy rock crevices in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

Located near the equator, air temperatures range from 65 to 85 degrees F., there is plentiful rain, and day length is consistent. Knowing this helps me understand that my African violets will benefit from well-drained soil (the rocky crevices), indirect light (shady moss), and lots of water and humidity.

EXAMINE PLANTS, SCOUT FOR INSECT PESTS

Mealybugs. Aphids. Scale. Ugh, ugh and ugh. Insect pests on houseplants can be hard, but not impossible, to get rid of. These insects have natural predators like ladybugs, praying mantis, and parasitic wasps outdoors. Indoors, it’s up to us as plant parents to scout for and manage these common insect pests.

• Good sanitation:

- Repot plants in fresh potting media
- Clean off containers and saucers, even triv-

ets used to protect your table top.

– Remove plant dead flowers, leaves, etc., from the soil surface.

• Wash plants with water about once a month (large plants go in the shower, small ones in the sink) to clean up dusty leaves.

• Regularly (weekly) examine plants up close. A hand lens and a small LED flashlight really help to show off insect pests.

– Hand-pick insects if possible.

– Treat as necessary with low-impact products like insecticidal soap, horticultural oil and neem oil. They are available in ready-to-use sprays. These are contact pesticides and thus must come in contact with the pest. Follow all the instructions on the label. Use in a well-ventilated area.

WATER: MORE IS NOT BETTER

Low shelf with a line of different green plants on it and a plant with dark green paddle-shaped leaves and bright orange trumpet flowers growing from between the leaves.

The key to watering houseplants is to feel your plant’s soil (or bark or peat — whatever it is planted in) before watering and to make sure the pot is draining well. Root rot is a common cause of houseplant failure. It occurs when plant roots are constantly wet, when a container doesn’t drain well, and when a plant is overwatered.

Along with yellow leaves and leaf and bud drop, a plant that is suffering from root rot looks wilted. People will often mistake this wilting for wilting due to dryness.

As the plant roots die in the saturated soil or bark, the plant cannot take up water to hydrate the rest of the plant and results in a wilted plant and, ultimately, a dead plant.

Suspect you have some root rot happening? Repot your plant in fresh, new potting soil or bark. While the plant is out of the pot, examine the roots and snip off any that are dark or mushy. Once repotted, hopefully your plant will have enough roots to take up nutrients and water from the soil and grow some new roots.

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4 WCCO	WCCO 4 News This Morning at 6	CBS Mornings					WCCO Mid-Morning		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
5 KSTP	5 Eyewitness News at 6am	Good Morning America					Minnesota Live		The View		5 Eyewitness News Midday	
9 KMSP	FOX 9 Morning at 6AM	FOX 9 Morning at 7AM	FOX 9 Morning at 8AM		Fox 9 Good Day		Fox 9 Good Day		The Jason Show		FOX 9 News at 11 a.m.	
11 KARE	KARE 11 News Sunrise	Today					Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Live with Kelly and Ryan	
23 WUCW	The National Desk	The National Desk	Paid Program	Family Feud	The Drew Barrymore Show		The Steve Wilkos Show		Maury			
29 WFTC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Womack	Dateline		The Good Dish	Divorce	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	
41 KPXM	Varied Programs		NCIS: N.O.	Varied	NCIS: New Orleans		Varied Programs					

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
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BROADCAST STATIONS

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

MONDAY PRIME TIME

JANUARY 17, 2022

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
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BROADCAST STATIONS

2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)	Antiques Roadshow A 1953 D'Angelico guitar.	Minnesota Experience (cc)	The Royal House	The Royal House of Windsor (cc)	Independent Lens	Violence and racism in Boston. (N) (cc)					
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	NCIS: All Hands (N) (cc)	NCIS: Hawaii's Crucial evidence is stolen. (N)	News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden			
5 KSTP	News	News	NFL Football	Arizona Cardinals at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (Live) (cc)	5 Eyewitness News: Nightcast (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline (cc)					
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	9-1-1: Lone Star "The Big Chill" (cc)	The Cleaning Lady "TNT" (cc)	FOX 9 at 9p (N) (cc)	FOX 9's 10 TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)				
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking News at 6	Kenan (N)	Kenan (N)	That's My Jam (N) (cc)	Ordinary Joe A blizzard affects the Joes.	News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers			
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Naomi "Pilot" (cc)	4400 Rev is confused by his new ability. (N)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Extra (N) Daily-MailTV (N)					
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Law & Order: SVU		
41 KPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles				

TUESDAY PRIME TIME

JANUARY 18, 2022

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
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BROADCAST STATIONS

2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)	Finding Your Roots With Henry	Great Performances (N) (cc)	Frontline	The battle over truth and lies.	NOVA Scientific secrets of butterflies. (cc)	Big Pacific "Violent" (cc)					
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	FBI A hacker causes chaos at hospitals.	FBI: International "The Secrets She Knows"	FBI: Most Wanted "Patriots" (cc)	News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden				
5 KSTP	News	News	Judge Steve Harvey "Ok Mr. Hightower!"	Abbott Elementary "Bow-Mo"	Queens Jill tries to help a young actor. (N)	5 Eyewitness News (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline (cc)				
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30p (N)	9-1-1: Lone Star "Saving Grace"	Our Kind of People (N) (cc)	FOX 9 at 9p (N) (cc)	FOX 9's 10 Gopher Coach	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)				
11 KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking News at 6	American Auto (N)	Grand Crew (N)	This Is Us The fathers struggle to connect.	New Amsterdam Max and Helen adjust. (N)	News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	Seth Meyers			
23 WUCW	Family Feud (cc)	Family Feud (cc)	Superman & Lois "The Ties That Bind"	Naomi "Unidentified Flying Object" (N)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Extra (N) Daily-MailTV (N)					
29 WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	News	Gopher Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang Creek	TMZ (N)	Dish Nat.	Chicago Fire (cc)		
41 KPXM	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire				

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME

JANUARY 19, 2022

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BROADCAST STATIONS

2 KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)	Animals With Cameras, A Nature	NOVA "Alaskan Dinosaurs" (N)	Big Pacific	The challenge of finding food.	Great American Railroad Journeys (cc)	Legacy List With Matt Paxton (cc)					
4 WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N) (cc)	The Amazing Race (N) (cc)	Good Sam "Butt of the Joke" (N) (cc)	News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden				
5 KSTP	News	News	The Goldbergs (N)	The Wonder Years	The Conners (N)	Home Economics (N)	The Chase "It's Ladies' Night!" (N)	5 Eyewitness News (cc)	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline (cc)		
9 KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	FOX 9 at 6:30										

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COUNTY BOARD

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

Per Minnesota Statutes 375.12 Publication of Proceedings.

Meeting held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. - Government Center Boardroom

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

Members Present: Chairperson Susan Morris; Commissioners Terry Turnquist, Dave Oslund, Mike Warring, and Greg Anderson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, L Lovering, P Messer, E Long, K Lakeberg, R Heilman, C Struss, B Wendorf, T Bergloff and T Marttila; (Reporter: J Kotila; R Kytonen)

Oo Chairperson Morris called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oo Public Comment Session. Public comment was made.

21/12-15 Oslund/Warring, to approve the December 15, 2021, County Board Agenda with the following additions: A-3 – Personnel Committee Meeting Notes; A-10 – Schedule January Drainage Authority Meeting; and M-1 – Request to enter into Managed Services Agreement with Aumentum Tech for Tax System Support. Carried.

21/12-16 Anderson/Turnquist, to approve the December 1, 2021, County Board Meeting Minutes. Carried.

21/12-17 Turnquist/Anderson, to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve a one-time extension of the 240 hour vacation rollover request that was previously approved for the LELS #209 bargaining group, to go through December 31, 2022, and to deny allowing personal days to rollover. Carried.

21/12-18 Oslund/Warring, to approve the following Personnel Action Items (on file). Carried.

21/12-19 Turnquist/Warring, to schedule the Isanti County Annual Board Meeting for Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/12-20 Oslund/Turnquist, to schedule the Regular Meeting of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/12-21 Warring/Oslund, to schedule the January Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, January 25, 2022, following the EDA meeting, in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/12-22 Anderson/Oslund, to schedule the Annual Economic Development Authority (EDA) meeting for Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/12-23 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the following resolution: Opioid Settlement (on file). Carried.

21/12-24 Anderson/Warring, to schedule the January Drainage Authority meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, immediately following the County Board Meeting, in the Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Carried.

21/12-25 Anderson/Warring, to approve the following claims and warrants:

Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	\$15,507.15
Barthold Trustees/Jacob A & Theresa A	\$4,000.00
Cambridge Medical Center	\$10,482.20
Cargill, Incorporated	\$16,568.50
Champ Software, Inc.	\$24,339.00
CivicPlus	\$19,484.61
D & G Electric Inc	\$21,173.00
Deputy Registrar 90	\$7,951.32
Dirtworks Companies LLC	\$31,000.00
Emergency Equipment Connections Inc	\$10,042.74
Federated Co-ops Inc	\$18,941.43
Hansen Surveying	\$14,355.00
Health Promotions Now	\$19,180.18
Lo/Mouayeng	\$4,350.00
M-R Sign Company Inc	\$6,355.00
MCIT	\$5,582.00
Minnesota County Attorneys Assoc.	\$5,409.00
MnCCC Lockbox	\$22,837.24
Morris Electronics Inc	\$5,424.84
Mujwid/Daniel Mujwid & Tammi	\$11,600.00
Nac Mechanical	\$50,199.68
Regents of University of Minnesota	\$18,814.00
Rodel/Kevin J Rodel & Patricia	\$5,150.00
West Central Enviro. Consultants	\$19,372.00
Yerigan Trustees/Kristine L & Bruce D	\$3,250.00
Total Claims & Warrants	\$371,368.89

Carried.

21/12-26 Turnquist/Warring, to approve the grant agreement accepting the \$90,000.00 grant to fund a Child Passenger Safety Technician NE Liaison from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. Carried.

21/12-27 Turnquist/Warring, to approve the agreement between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Trimis Systems, Inc. for Agency Collection System Support for 2022. Carried.

21/12-28 Oslund/Turnquist, to approve the following contracts and agreements: contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. for Family Coordinator Services for 2022; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. for Placement Screening Team Services for 2022; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Rise Up Psychological Services for Reflective Supervision for 2022; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Isanti County Probation Department for Truancy Services for 2022; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Braham Public Schools for Chemical Health Services for 2022; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Cambridge-Isanti Schools for Chemical Health Services for 2022; agreement between Isanti County and Arts and Science Academy for Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and Family Pathways for Supervised Visitation for 2022-2023; contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and DHS for the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Screening Grant for 2022; contract between Isanti County acting as Fiscal Host for the Regional Crisis Services and Lighthouse Child and Family Services LLC and Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. for 2022; and contract between Isanti County acting as Fiscal Host for the Adult Mental Health Initiative and Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota for 2022. Carried.

Oo The Board was advised that the number of Income Maintenance cases as shown by the MAXIS system as of November 30, 2021, was 2,215.

21/12-29 Warring/Anderson: 1) Approval was given for all public assistance and social service actions, public assistance and social service expenditures, and social welfare expenditures as listed on the agenda of this meeting and as detailed in supporting documents maintained in the Family Services Department and 2) Payment of the following Family Services Department claims for Public Assistance, Administration, and Social Services was approved:

180 Degrees, Inc	\$5,993.23
A Place For You	\$5,166.24
Anoka Metro RTC-412(1)	\$17,765.00
Canvas Health	\$148,630.20
Catholic Charities of St Paul & Mpls	\$17,410.36
Catholic Charities of St Paul & Mpls	\$2,695.92
Central MN Housing Partnership	\$19,182.00
Dept of Human Services	\$39,002.18
Family Pathways	\$14,657.50
First Call For Help Itasca County	\$5,008.34
Gerard Academy	\$6,845.38
Independent School District No 911	\$12,500.00
Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer	\$41,463.43
Isanti County Family Services	\$23,801.46
Kanabec County Fam Svcs	\$23,798.40
Lighthouse Child & Family Svcs	\$11,897.94
Little Sand Group Homes	\$7,732.80
MSOP-MN Sex Offender Prog	\$7,058.70
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	\$15,822.55
Resource Training & Solutions	\$16,429.89
Rise Incorporated	\$121,438.00
Therapeutic Svcs Agency Inc	\$14,647.76
US Postal Service (Quadient)	\$6,000.00
Volunteers of America	\$8,359.46
Wellness in the Woods Inc	\$7,956.77
Auditors	\$251,493.70
Total Family Services Vouchers	\$852,757.21

Carried.

Oo Elisha Long, County Assessor, presented the Clerical Errors of the 2021 Assessment for Taxes Payable in 2022.

21/12-30 Turnquist/Anderson, to approve the 2022 Commissioner Salaries of \$37,141.00; Commissioner Per Diems at \$0.00; and Per Diems for other appointees of boards/committees at \$60.00 for In-County and \$75.00 for Out-of-County. Carried.

21/12-31 Anderson/Turnquist, to approve the following 2022 Levy:

2022 FINAL LEVY			
BREAKDOWN BY FUND - AS OF 12/15/2021			
	GROSS LEVY	LESS: COUNTY PROGRAM AID	NET LEVY
General Fund	\$ 18,203,248	\$ (1,791,493)	\$ 16,411,755
East Central Regional Library	473,765	-	473,765
Total General Fund	18,677,013	(1,791,493)	16,885,520
Road & Bridge Fund	2,762,225	(264,952)	2,497,273
Human Services Fund	5,728,744	(549,499)	5,179,245
G.O. Capital Note Series 2010	-	-	-
G.O. Jail Refunding Series 2012A	-	-	-
G.O. Cap. Imp. Series 2016A	98,635	-	98,635
G.O. Cap. Imp. Refunding, Series 2016B	820,628	-	820,628
G.O. Cap Imp, Series 2017A - CIP Portion	156,450	-	156,450
G.O. Cap Imp, Series 2017A - Capital Equip	138,180	-	138,180
Total	\$ 28,381,875	\$ (2,605,944)	\$ 25,775,931

Carried.

21/12-32 Oslund/Anderson, to approve the following 2022 Budget:

2022 FINAL BUDGET					
SUMMARY BY FUND - AS OF 12/15/2021					
	EXPENSES	REVENUES	FUND BALANCE USED	COUNTY PROGRAM AID	NET LEVY
General Fund	23,458,999	4,424,803	357,183	\$1,791,493	\$16,885,520
Road & Bridge Fund	12,811,926	9,949,701	100,000	264,952	2,497,273
Human Services Fund	15,791,482	10,062,738	-	549,499	5,179,245
Debt Service Fund	1,132,198	-	(81,695)	-	1,213,893
Total	\$53,194,605	\$ 24,437,242	\$375,488	\$2,605,944	\$25,775,931
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources					\$53,194,605

Carried.

21/12-33 Turnquist/Warring, to approve the following Lake Improvement Districts Final Levy and Special Assessments for 2022 (on file). Carried.

21/12-34 Oslund/Warring, to approve the 2022 contract with Minnesota Safe Ride. Carried.

21/12-35 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the move to Managed Services with Aumentum Tech for Tax System Support in the amount of \$28,000.00 per year. Carried.

21/12-36 Oslund/Warring, to approve the following 2022 Tobacco License renewals (on file). Carried.

21/12-37 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the following resolution: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (on file). Carried.

Oo At this time, a Public Hearing was held to adopt the 2022 Isanti County Fee Schedule. Julia Lines, County Administrator, read the following Published Notice into the record (on file). There were no written comments received or public comment made.

21/12-38 Turnquist/Warring, to close the Public Hearing (9:34 a.m.). Carried.

21/12-39 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the 2022 Isanti County Fee Schedule as presented (on file). Carried.

21/12-40 Turnquist/Warring, to approve the Subrecipient Monitoring Policy. Carried.

21/12-41 Turnquist/Anderson, to approve the following amendments to the County's 2021 budget:

#	Account Number	Description	Expense
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21/12-52 Warring/Oslund, to approve the reimbursement to Athens Township for the Town Cleanup Day in the amount of \$500.00; further said funds to come from SCORE. Carried.

21/12-53 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve and adopt the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Plan, and to approve the three-year delegation agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Watercraft Inspections for 2022-2024. Carried.

21/12-54 Oslund/Anderson, to approve the final plat of Otten Addition, Section 19, Township 34, Range 24, Stanford Township. Carried.

21/12-55 Morris/Anderson, to approve the final plat of Sorenson Addition, Section 35, Township 35, Range 22, North Branch Township. Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

21/12-56 Warring/Anderson, to table the request of Toni & Don John and Donald & Dawn John, 26362 Lyons Street NE, Stacy, MN 55079, to present a preliminary plat of Lyons Addition. Legal description is Pt. of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 & the SE 1/4 fct. of Section 12, Township 34, Range 22, Oxford Township, until the January 13, 2022 Planning Commission with a condition that a 60 day waiver must be signed by Tuesday, December 14, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. Carried.

21/12-57 Oslund/Warring, to approve the request of Shaun & Dawn Fiedler and Donald & Katherine Fiedler, 1850 397th Avenue NE, Stanchfield, MN 55008, to present a preliminary plat of County View Farms 1st Addition. Legal description is the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 Excepting therefrom the West 660' of the North 620' of the South 1870' of Section 12, Township 37, Range 23 & the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 37, Range 23, Stanchfield Township. With the following conditions (on file). Carried.

21/12-58 Turnquist/Oslund, to approve the request of Melvin Torgerson, 1887 321st Avenue NW, Cambridge, MN 55008, for an interim use permit for a kennel. Legal description is the South 313' of the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 35, Range 24, Bradford Township. With the following conditions and findings (on file). Carried.

21/12-59 Oslund/Warring, to adjourn (10:54 a.m.). Carried.

Julia Lines, County Administrator

By: Halee Turner, Administrative Assistant II

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ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY BOARD 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has set their meeting schedule for 2022. Beginning February 1, 2022, County Board meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of every month beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Isanti County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of January, 2022.

Julia Lines
County Administrator

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ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2022 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Drainage Authority will hold meetings immediately following County Board meetings on Tuesday, April 19, 2022; Tuesday, July 19, 2022; and October 18, 2022 in the County Board Room, Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of January, 2022.

Julia Lines
Isanti County Administrator

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ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2022 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (WORK SESSION) SCHEDULE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has set their 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting (work session) schedule. All meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the exception of April 26, July 26, and October 25, which will be held after the scheduled EDA meeting. All meetings will be held in the Isanti County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center,

555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of January, 2022.

Julia Lines
County Administrator

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NOTICES

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Council Members Lisa Iverson, Kersten Conley, and Mark Ziebarth.

Members Absent: Council Member Bob Shogren.

Regular City Council Meeting

December 20, 2021

• Called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

• Added information to item 4G, added item 7D, and approved amended agenda.

• Approved Consent Agenda items B-G.

• Corrected a misspelled name in consent item 4A and approved.

• Appointed Lindsay Rassman as Member-at-Large Representative on the Parks, Trails, Recreation Commission.

• Corrected fee for Pickleball courts, and approved Ordinance 740 for the 2022 Fee Schedule.

• Approved Resolution R21-069 to allow storage pod containers at 355 Garfield St. S.

• Stayed designation of "potentially Dangerous" dogs until records and licensure is complete.

• Approved development agreement with Meadowland Builders/Rick Lewandowski.

• Requested council feedback on proposed committee assignments and meeting dates for 2022.

• Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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.

BY THE COURT

Dated December 15, 2021

Amy R. Brosnan

Judge of District Court

Heather Mickelson

Court Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 30-PR-21-108

In Re: Estate of

Jonah Daniel Parsons,

Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Edward F. Parsons, whose address is 2498 281st Lane NW, Isanti, MN 55040, to serve as the personal representative of the Board of Education.

CAMBRIDGE ISANTI INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 911

CAMBRIDGE ISANTI, CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA

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CALL FOR BIDS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 911

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOL Cambridge-Isanti School District will receive sealed bids for: Building Envelope Improvements – until 10:00AM on Thursday, January 27th, 2022.

Bids will be received by the Director of Finance and Operations – Christopher Kampa at the 625A Main Street North, Cambridge, MN 55008 then publicly opened and read aloud. There is no agent for the receipt of bids other than the Director of Finance and Operations – Christopher Kampa.

Bids shall be submitted on bid form provided by the Bid Documents. The completed bid form shall be submitted without alterations, additions, or erasures. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed marked separately "Building Envelope Improvements" with the name and address of the bidder, and the date and hour of the opening. Bids shall be delivered to:

Christopher Kampa
Director of Finance and Operations

Cambridge-Isanti School District District Office

625A Main Street North

Cambridge, MN 55008

Lump sum bids for the defined work scope are solicited from responsible contractors specializing in, or highly experienced in this work.

Procurement of documents:

Nexus Solutions

6885 Sycamore LN. N., Ste. 200

Maple Grove, MN 55369

Larissa Merkle

Phone: 612-730-4117

Imerkle@nexussolutions.com

Bidding documents will be available on or about Thursday, January 6th, 2022.

Each bid of \$10,000 or greater shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or a bid bond in the amount of at least five (5%) percent of the amount of the bid made payable to ISD #911 as bid security that, if the bid is accepted, the contractor will execute the contract and file the required performance and payment bonds within the allotted time period after notice of award of contract.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 31374 Xylite Street NE, Cambridge, MN 55008

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13,852 14,885

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

3,904,544 4,249,124

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues

Over (Under) Expenditures

(335,039) (379,718)

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers in From Other Funds

486,400 360,481

Transfers to Other Funds

(28,944) (25,765)

TOTAL OTHER FINANCING

SOURCES (USES)

457,456 334,716

Excess of Revenues and Other Financing

Sources Over Expenditures and

Other Financing Uses

122,417 (45,002)

Property Tax Levy Requirement to

Fund This Budget

2,987,163 3,281,851

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CITY OF ISANTI

ENTERPRISE FUNDS 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

	Water	Sanitary Sewer	Storm Water	Liquor	2022 Adopted Budget	2021 Adopted Budget
Sale and Cost of Sales				4,360,789	4,360,789	3,187,840
Sales				(3,168,400)	(3,168,400)	(2,327,490)
Cost of Sales				1,192,389	1,192,389	860,350
Gross Profit						
Operating Revenues	1,238,464	1,360,659	403,750		3,002,873	3,234,320
Charges for Services						
Total Profit and Operating Revenues	1,238,464	1,360,659	403,750	1,192,389	4,195,262	4,094,670
Operating Expenses						
Personal Services	338,766	392,580	51,047	468,112	1,250,505	1,154,534
Supplies	99,695	75,695	9,910	6,375	191,675	179,225
Contractual Services	55,055	60,725	23,482	34,697	173,959	163,605
Heat, Light and Power	64,600	260,400	4,900	27,600	357,500	330,220
Other Operating Expenses	25,495	44,085	17,925	80,770	168,275	150,505
Depreciation	405,000	575,000	70,000	20,000	1,070,000	1,027,245
Total Operating Expenses	988,611	1,408,485	177,264	637,554	3,211,914	3,005,334
Operating Income (Loss)	249,853	(47,826)	226,486	554,835	983,348	1,089,336
Non-operating Revenues						
Interest Earnings	-	15,000	1,000	4,000	20,000	45,000
Connection Fees	228,500	301,900	-	-	530,400	573,000
Misc. Revenue	298,500	362,600	50	(4,500)	(139,259)	(158,583)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(88,504)	(46,255)	-			
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	438,496	633,245	1,050	(500)	1,072,291	469,817
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	688,349	585,419	227,536	554,335	2,055,639	1,559,153
Operating Transfers in (Out)	(62,842)	(94,764)	-	(324,235)	(481,841)	(500,917)
Net Income (Loss)	625,507	490,655	227,536	230,100	1,573,798	1,058,236

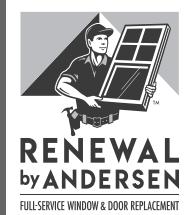
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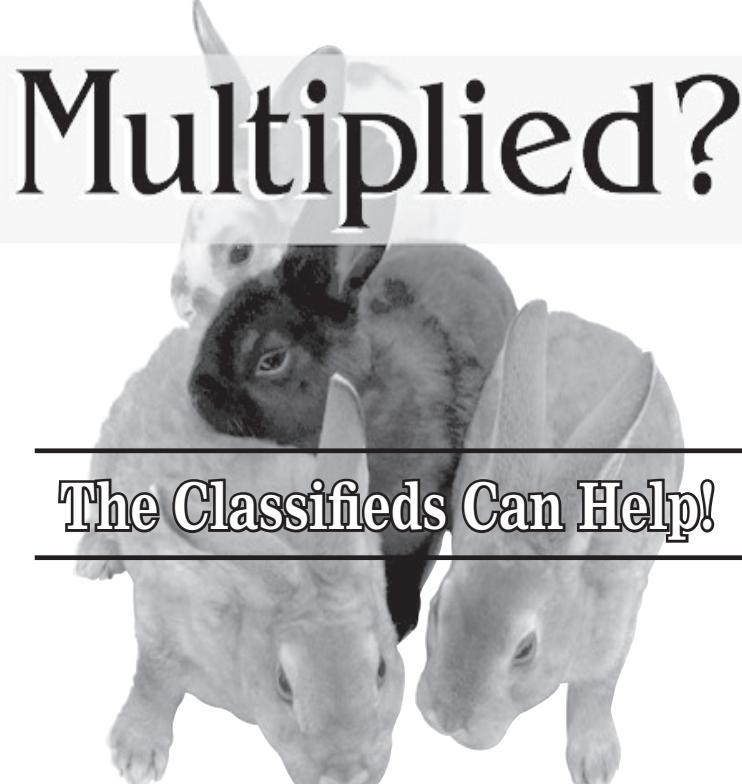
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North 65 Chamber Board Member Spotlight Meet Justin Domino...

My name is Justin Domino and I am the Pastor of Leadership Development at New Hope Community Church in Cambridge and Isanti. I've been working at New Hope since 2015 when I started as the Youth Pastor. At New Hope, we have a strong love for our community here in Isanti County and love to see it flourish. I love being part of the Chamber because it has been a great opportunity to network, meet new people, and serve our local community. My wife and I moved to Cambridge in 2016 and we have called it home since then. My wife was raised here in Cambridge but it's relatively new to me, although it felt like home very quickly. Cambridge has grown a lot but still retains the small town feel which I love. We have a 3-year-old daughter named Izzy and another little girl on the way (April 2022)!

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