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Isanti Street Dances undergoes minor changes

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The city of Isanti's popular street dances will once again be among the most anticipated events of the summer for residents and visitors. This year's series features nearly the same formula as in the past but with a couple of alterations.

A couple of years ago, the street dances were re-dubbed "Street Dance/Amp it Up" as at least one of the monthly concerts was moved to Bluebird Park to take advantage of the new amphitheater built at the park. This year, two of the concerts will be held downtown, with two others being held in Bluebird Park.

The other "change" is only one of the four performing acts that have appeared as part of the street dances in recent history. The series kicks off on June 15 with the band Rustic, whose music varies from country to classic rock, according to the band's Facebook page.

July 27 will feature the only repeat performers in the band Skitzofonik taking the stage in Bluebird Park as the first of the two "Amp It Up" concerts. The band last performed as part of the street dance series in 2022 and 2021.

The second of the downtown street dances will be held on Aug. 10, featuring the band Revved Up!. Like many of the bands that grace the Isanti stage, Revved Up! covers popular hit songs from throughout the decades.

There will be no concerts in September this year, to set up the biggest change in the series. On Oct 5, the Joe Stamm Band will perform in Bluebird Park, featuring according to their website a "black dirt country rock sound." This event will run from 6 to 11 p.m. and feature The Happy Trucker Show as a DJ leading up to the band. This event will also have an Oktoberfest theme, including an expanded beer menu that will include one traditionally served at Oktoberfest events.

If all goes well with this last event, the Isanti City Council has shown an interest in expanding it into a more full-scale Oktoberfest event.

The first three concerts will start at the traditional 7 p.m. time and go until 11 p.m. All dates will also include a variety of food trucks and a beer wagon on site. In case of inclement weather, the downtown concerts may be moved to Bluebird Park, or any of them may be canceled.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

For the second year, the city of Isanti is sponsoring a series of family entertainment on Tuesday nights in Bluebird Park, with one event having to be moved to Wednesday due to the Primary election. That one will be on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The remaining Tuesday dates include June 11, June 25, July 30, and Aug. 27. Each event will begin at 5 p.m. with some sort of interactive activity such as a book crawl or kids games. The main performers will take the stage around 6 p.m. There will also be food trucks on-site for each of these events.

The exact performers at these events will be announced via the city of Isanti's website and Facebook page on May 15.



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The "Babyface Bentti Gang" behind bars

Candi and Brent Lund pose with their grandson Bentti Nordlund in the "jail" during the Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's Dinner and Dance fundraiser, which this year featured a Speakeasy theme. For more photos from the event, see page 2.

City Administrator search crawls along, may not be resolved before 2025

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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North Branch may be without a permanent city administrator until the end of the year, the mayor confirmed as the council approved a request for proposals to hire an executive search firm.

The approved RFP, with a submission deadline of May 22, sets a contract award date of June 11, and Mayor Kevin Schieber said the League of Minnesota Cities estimates the search process to take an average of four to six months.

The city posted the RFP to its website in addition to the LMC's RFP marketplace. The council also approved directly soliciting seven firms, including Baker Tilly US, LLP.

Time will tell whether council members Kelly Neider and Peter Schaps' preference for a less "powerful," coordinator-style position will prevail, as the RFP requires meetings with city staff, council and other stakeholders to "develop a position profile."

The mayor favors continuing the "historic" role of the city administrator.

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Gorgeous 3BR/2BA on a large half acre lot with stunning remodeled kitchen with Cambria countertops

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2 BR Knife Lake cabin. Fully furnished & updated. OPEN HOUSE - 5/3/2024: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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Beyond the Yellow Ribbon fundraiser brings back prohibition era



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Attendees of the Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Dinner & Dance had to gain entry by knocking on the door and giving a password.



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The duo Fendrick & Peck entertained the gathering with some era-specific music.



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Members of the Cambridge-Isanti US Navy Sea Cadets helped serve dinner and modeled desserts that were auctioned off.



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Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, portrayed by Bruce Danielson, retold the story of when the Ma Barker Gang raided Cambridge in 1932.



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The winners of the costume contests pose in front of the Isanti County Historical Society's 1929 Ford Model A that was on display for the event.



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Many attendees fully embraced the speakeasy theme.



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The DJ music might not have been anywhere close to era-specific featuring several "modern day" tunes, but nobody on the dance floor seemed to mind.

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

763-221-6883.

Senior Dining

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

Senior Dining

Rush City Community Center 11:30 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling 320-358-3611 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

MON & WED

500 Cards

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

MON & THUR

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Senior Dining

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

MONDAYS

Al-anon Family Groups

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

Bridge

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

Scrabble (2nd Monday)

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

ACA (Adult children of Alcoholics) and dysfunctional families

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

Mahjong

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

TUES & THURS

Boxing for Those w/ Parkinson's

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

Sr Exercise in a Chair

10 a.m. at the Rush City Community Center

TUESDAYS

Knitting Night

Come stitch at North Branch Library from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All forms of needlework welcome. Materials provided or bring your own.

A Memory Café

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

Braham Parkinson's Support

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Music

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

Dominos

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



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On May 4 Let's Go Fishing will hold a breakfast and silent auction at Main Street Church in North Branch to raise money for this summer's excursions.

PrimeTime Singers

1:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at Cambridge Lutheran Church. All community seniors, 60+ who like to sing in a choir, are welcome to attend. There is no audition needed and no fee to join. Call 612-619-2111 for more information.

Dominoes

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

Hand & Foot

12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Square Dancing Lessons

6:45-8:30pm. They'll be at the Isanti Intermediate School. This is a low impact exercise that's good for the mind and body. Call Kim at 612-961-8128 or Community Ed 763-689-6189

South Dakota State University "Jack Rabbits" Alumni and Friends

Meets second Tuesday of each month from 6:3 to 8 p.m. at Club Lounge Grace Pointe Crossing 1545 River Hills Drive NW, Cambridge. Come visit and reminisce.

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage

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

Wizard

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

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Pinochle

12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Mahjong

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

DivorceCare

6:30 - 8 p.m., Jan. 24 - May 8, in the Fireside Rm and follows the same schedule as the kids/student programming. Families with children K-12 are encouraged to utilize our kids and student ministry options. Call First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street South, Cambridge to register at 763.689.1173.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

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

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

Parkinson's Support Group

Third Thursday of the month - 1-2:30 p.m. Walk-

er Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more info call 763-325-0100

Bingo

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

Hand and Foot

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 12:30p.m.

500

12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Bunco (Third Thursday)

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For more information call 612-251-6556 or email acanorth-branch@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

MAY 4

Braham Girl Scouts 5K color Run

This year we are going back to the 70's and encourage participants to come dressed in their best 70's wear - hippie, disco, skater, etc. There will be fun photo opportunities and prizes for best and most creative costumes. Money raised will benefit both local and council wide Girl Scouts. Register <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/braham-girl-scouts-5k-color-325925-64c048>

Tables Around Town

A throw back event celebrating the 70s, 80s, & 90s that supports the Chisago County Senior/Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. Join us for an evening of music, food, drawings, games, auctions and more. For more info contact raisetheroof4u@gmail.com or contact Carol 612-616-5653 or Terry 651-238-6689

Let's Go Fishing Breakfast and Silent Auction

8 to 11 a.m. at Main Street Church in North Branch, 6500 Main St, North Branch. Breakfast will be provided by the North Branch Lions and will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Free will offering. Raffle to win a Children's Four Wheeler donated by T&T Sports in Rush City. Limited tickets may still be available at breakfast. Drawing at 10:30 am. 100's of silent auctions items will be available for bidding.

Spaghetti Feed & Open House

North Branch Fire Department, 37917 Forest Blvd., North Branch. 1 p.m. until gone. \$10 adults, \$5 kids 6-12, 5 and under free. All proceeds benefit the North Branch Fire Dept.

MAY 5

Pancake Breakfast

Grandy Lions All you can eat pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Grandy Community Center, 2749 County Rd 6, Grandy, MN. Free will offering. All proceeds benefit local community projects.

MAY 8

Red Cross Blood Drive

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Branch American Legion Hall, 6439 Elm Street, in North Branch. Appointments can be made at RedCrossBlood.org, or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins will be accepted if they can be accommodated in a timely fashion.

MAY 9

Monthly Isanti County Master Gardener Seminar

Plant problem diagnosis/treatment the easy way.6:30pm at Cambridge Public Library, 111 N. Dellwood St., Cambridge. Learn how to use your smartphone and technology to help aid you in the diagnosis and treatment for any plant problem.

East Central Grad Band, East Central Chorale present "Salute to America"

BY KRISTE ERICSSON
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Come join the East Central Grad Band and East Central Chorale in a "Salute to America" concert on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. in the Hardy Performing Arts Center at Cambridge-Isanti High School.

The East Central Grad Band will perform patriotic songs and marches, including two medleys from

movies inspired by the two World Wars. Featured will be The East Central Chorale under the direction of Charles Moe, with a closing combined performance by the Band and Choir of Irving Berlin's "God Bless America", followed by "Taps", played by the East Central Grad Band's brass section

Treat yourself to this free performance by talented musicians from East Central Minnesota. Donations

are always cheerfully accepted. You may be inspired to join the East Central Grad Band when it starts up again in September 2024 for its fall/winter season. No matter what, be sure to put the Sunday, May 19 performance on your calendar, and invite family and friends. You won't regret it.

For more information contact Lynn Wedlund, East Central Band Director, 763-689-4121.

Safety should come before all else in basketball

As a fan of a wide variety of sports, I often notice little quirks and idiosyncrasies about a given sport and wonder why it is done. Most of the time they are relatively benign. One example of this is why do tennis players need to apologize to their opponent for getting a lucky bounce over the net? Compounding this question is when you compare tennis to volleyball, where a lucky bounce over the net is joyously celebrated.

One of these quirks that is a little more than just a curiosity is: Why do basketball games always have players benches so close to the playing area?

For those who might not pay attention to this, take a look at any level game and you will see the players sitting maybe two or three feet away from the sideline. It is so skinny of an area often coaches who are always pacing the sideline are literally standing on the playing court. If a player has to inbound the ball in front of one of the benches, their heels are inches away from the toes of the bench players.

Compounding this is NBA games, where people shell out major dollars to sit courtside. That in itself does explain why NBA teams do it. If they were to move everyone back even a few feet they would be sacrificing thousands of dollars each game.

But how about venues such as high schools? Why do they place the chairs so close to the action? This question was brought to light this past season at a few Bluejacket games. Due to a mechanical malfunction, the bleachers on the same side of the gym as the player's benches wouldn't extend all the way out. This left about a 15 to 20-foot gap between the first row and the court. But rather than take advantage of the temporary extra legroom, the player's benches and scorer's table were in the exact same place as they always were.

Was it arranged that way without even thinking about it? Or was it more along the lines of this has always been the way it is configured? If it was the latter, then that isn't exactly true. During the one COVID season, not only was each chair spaced out from each other, but the entire "bench area" was set back several feet from the court. To my recollection, that part of the configuration didn't hinder coaches from coaching or lessen the quality of play.

I get that in some of the smaller schools such as Braham the player's benches are the first row of bleachers, so it would be hard to change. But it still creates a "chicken or the egg" question: When under construction, was it there was no way to make the gym any wider, or was it the architects just figured they would never need or want more than three to five feet for a "safety zone"?

The reason this has come to the forefront of my mind is during Sunday's Minnesota Timberwolves game, head coach Chris Finch tore his patellar tendon after getting run over by a player. Sure, it wasn't a life-threatening injury. But you never know when something really, really bad might happen. Just look at baseball and hockey. It took a death at a hockey game and serious injury at a baseball game for those major leagues to add or extend safety netting. My advice is that basketball not wait for a bigger tragedy to put safety over profits or "tradition."

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill

Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Appeal to Heaven

Dear editor,

Come-on folks, it is almost too late to restore America to its greatness. It isn't going to happen by them, but by Me. Each of us must assume our

responsibility-prayer to the God of this nation.

So please join with us on Sunday evening, May 5th, 5 p.m. at Grace Gospel Church in Grandy..

Bob Lex
For Concerned Citizens

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Nominations for fifth annual Readers' Choice contest start now

Last year I wrote this column reminding readers that we had gotten complaints after the nominating phase closed in the past so they needed to make sure to go to our website and nominate. The response was huge as there was a 185% increase in the number of nominations over the previous year. So here we go again, the nomination period for the fifth annual Reader's Choice Best of the Star contest is NOW!



From the Publisher
Jeff Andres

Between May 1 and May 19 we will be accepting nominations. This is your opportunity to support your favorite local business, artist, teacher, professional and more by nominating them in one of the over 125 categories divided up into eating and drinking, arts and entertainment, health and fitness, local, services, shopping, and sports and recreation.

To nominate, simply go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com/bestof and recommend your favorite place or person. You can nominate once per day as many times as you like and you can nominate for one or all of the categories. The website also helps you with filling in the full name and address but please remember to be as complete as possible. For example, recommend your favorite waitstaff person but be sure to include the name of the restaurant with their name so we know how to contact them if they are the winner.

The nomination period is short so make your nominations early. We will have promotional ads running in the newspaper, on social media, and online during that time to remind you to submit your nominations.

After the nomination period is over, we will go through each of the categories to select the five businesses or people who have received the most nominations. We also will look at the nominations to make sure they are valid. Those categories that don't receive two or more nominations will not move on to

the voting period.

The voting period for this year's contest will take place July 10 through August 4. You will be able to go to the same website, countystar.com/bestof and see the five finalists in each category. Vote for as many categories as you want. You are able to vote one time every 24 hours. The contest is online only, no paper ballots will be available.

The winners will be announced on October 3 in a printed version of the Isanti-Chisago County Star newspaper and online at countystar.com/bestof. Winners receive a certificate to hang in their business and a window cling. You may have seen some of these in businesses from previous years or in advertisements in the newspapers.

In 2023, there were 4,169 nominations entered for the Star contest compared to 1,462 in 2022. So you can see this is a very popular and fun contest!

Jeff Andres is the publisher of Northstar Media and Kanabec Publications. He can be reached at jeff@northstarmedia.net.

Songs live on in memories

For several days a song titled "I Believe" kept popping up in my memory. I'm not sure why, but perhaps its things in our society that have been disturbing to me.



About the Town
Gene Johnson

My wife Kathy looked up the words to the song:

I believe for every drop of rain that falls
A flower grows
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night
A candle

glows
I believe for everyone who goes astray

Someone will come to show the way

I believe
I believe
I believe above the storm the smallest prayer

Will still be heard
I believe that someone in the great somewhere

Hears every word
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry

Or touch a leaf
Or see the sky
Then I know why
I believe
I believe

Frankie Laine's original version was recorded for Columbia Records on January 8, 1953.

It's been a popular song, written by Ervin Drake, Irvin Abraham, Jack Mendelsohn and Al Stillman in 1953.

It was commissioned and introduced by Jane Froman on her television show, and became the first hit song ever introduced on television. Froman was troubled by the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 and asked the writers to compose a song that would offer hope and faith to the country. Laine's recording spent 18 non-consecutive weeks at the top of the UK Singles Chart.

In the US, Laine had a successful version where it reached No. 2, staying there for three weeks.

I hope the words cause you to reflect on the world around us and you, too, will know why you believe.

PROUD HERITAGE

Whatever culture is in your heritage, very likely it can be described by certain foods used to celebrate.

In 1966 the Norske Torske

Klubben was formed in St. Paul for Norwegian men to get together for a monthly luncheon seven months of the year. Recently I was a guest for the lutefisk luncheon at the Inwood Oaks Event Center in Oakdale.

My good friend Lin Lindbeck is a past president of the club and hosts a table of friends and guests. It was a privilege to join them.

Today they have about 200 members, but prior to the COVID pandemic they were at 300.

The guest speaker was Lorrie Nelson of the Minnesota DNR presenting a program on the trumpeter swans. The DNR wildlife division developed a program to increase the swan population that was becoming extinct.

In 1982 the goal was to have 300 swans in Minnesota. The current trumpeter swan population is estimated at over 30,000 based on a survey conducted in 2022.

The trumpeter swan mates for life and returns to the area where they were hatched.

In Minnesota swans have been released at the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area and the Tamarack Nature Center in White Bear Township.

The swans don't all stay in Minnesota during the winter, but generally only migrate to central and southern Minnesota or nearby states. Some have been documented as wintering as far south as Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

The trumpeter swan is legally protected from hunting, but has been officially removed from the federal list of endangered and threatened species in 1999. They are still listed as a species of special concern in Minnesota.

CELL PHONE SCAMS

Every day something comes across in cell phone messages that is very likely a scam. They attract with incentives. You have won prizes, you have this amount of money in gift certificates for you, and you must respond before midnight. The more time goes on, the more clever they become.

There are some very legitimate businesses that are offering some introductory offers or financial incentives. I don't trust those now either.

It's best to trash messages if you don't know where they came from or that you don't have any relationship through any retail store or online service. Don't give out any personal information.

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Take the Viking Playground Challenge

Ah, spring in Minnesota. As the temperature rises, there's something special about seeing kids burst out onto the playgrounds. It's a reminder of how joyful and carefree life can be when we choose to be present with others—just for the fun of it.



NB School News
Sara Paul

A Superintendent colleague from Sioux Falls, Jane Stavem, reminded me of how much we can learn from kids on the playground. It's all about living in the moment—climbing, swinging, and dreaming up all sorts of games.

Playgrounds are a place where kids jump in and have fun. Playgrounds are all about laughing together,

playing games, and making awesome memories right then and there.

Here in Minnesota, as the seasons change and the days get longer, we're given the perfect opportunity to refresh our routines and embrace the playground mindset. It shows us how rewarding it can be to disconnect from devices to be present with others. This shift from digital to a playground mindset can be a welcome change.

Why not learn a thing or two from our kids on the playground? Take the Viking playground challenge—whether it's hitting the walking trails, exploring the Harder Park Disc Golf Course, trying out pickleball, or going for a bike ride, let's experience the joy of being present with a Viking playground mindset—for us and for our kids.

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Essential safety measures for car roof transport



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Question: I am thinking about loading up the kayak onto the roof of my car. I know it needs to be properly secured but can you remind me what I need to do if it sticks out too far?

Answer: A load must not stick out more than three feet in front of the front wheels or bumper of any motor vehicle. If a load extends four feet or more from the rear of any vehicle, a

red, yellow, or orange flag at least 16 inches square must be attached to the end of the

load. At night, a red lantern or lamp, visible from a distance of at least 500 feet, must be attached to the end of the load. Passenger vehicles may not carry loads that extend beyond the line of the fenders on the left side and more than six inches beyond the fender line on the right side.

Happy kayaking, have fun and be safe.

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North 65 Chamber Gala moves to Braham Event Center

STAFF REPORT
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When the North 65 Chamber of Commerce was notified of the immediate and permanent closure of Circle B Weddings and Events they were left scrambling to find a new venue for their May 30 Gala and Awards ceremony.

In response to the closure, the 2024 Chamber Gala and Awards Dinner will now be relocated to the Braham Event Center, maintaining the same date and time as previously

scheduled. The community is invited to attend the event on Thursday, May 30, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to celebrate the accomplishments of local businesses. The evening will feature live music, games, and a delightful dinner.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through the Chamber's website, north65chamber.com. The Chamber remains committed to the belief that collaboration within the community can overcome challenges and lead to significant achievements.

OBITUARIES

Velma Jean O'Claire

Velma Jean O'Claire, of Cambridge, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024, at the Homestead at Anoka Rehab. She was 85 years old.

Velma was born on Sept. 5, 1938, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to parents Francis and Dorothy (Wilson) Ritchie.



She was united in marriage to Kenneth O'Claire on Feb. 28, 1958, and was blessed with seven children. She spent 27 years working as a Technician at the Cambridge State Hospital. She later worked at several group homes before retiring.

Velma's hobbies included gardening, crocheting, Cross-stitch, knitting, reading, watching movies, canning, cooking, bak-

ing, and spending time with her family. She loved animals and almost always had a cat. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, son Mark O'Claire, great granddaughter Alivia Hasser, brothers David Ritchie and Daniel Ritchie.

She is survived by her children, Andrew O'Claire, Anntonette "Toni" (Henry) Hasser, Kimberly (Duane) Reichel, Dawn (Bill) Johnson, Stacy (Darrald) Lindman, and LuRinda (Steve) Johnson; 16 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; brother Joseph Ritchie; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel in Braham with Pastor Julie Beck officiating. Memorial Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in the Grasston Union Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Hope Lutheran Church in Grass-ton. Condolences may be posted at: www.hamiltonfhs.com.

Kenneth Eugene Nastrom

Kenneth Eugene Nastrom, age 81, of Cambridge finished his work and hung up his hard hat for the last time on April 23, 2024.

Born March 9, 1943, he lived his young life on the farm in Quamba, MN before moving to Cambridge and graduating in 1961. On April 20, 1963 he was united in marriage to Ramona Yolanda Pieper. Missing their dad are Lynn Stoltz and David Nastrom. Son, Robert or known to all as Bobby was at the door of heaven opening it and welcoming his dad in. Ken was known as grandpa to Anton Stoltz (Anna), Kristi Johnson (Trent), Curtis Nastrom, and Skylar Nastrom and as great grandpa to Richard Stoltz and Henry Johnson.

His building skills were featured on the cover of Parade of Homes and in several architecture magazines. He used his gifted talent to build quality homes for his company, NASTROM Construction. He started his career with Orrin Thompson, started his own business and then ended with Yerigan Construction.

For over 54 years, he fished on Lac des Mille Lacs in Ontario, Canada. Early in life, he could be seen snowmobile racing, and later in life sitting next to his 61 Impala at car shows. He also enjoyed hunting, curling, playing pickleball and cards, and watching sports.

He also gave back to the community by remodeling the 4-H concession stand and being named 4-H family of the year without having kids in 4-H at the time. He served as Cambridge

Township Supervisor and Fairboard Director. He was awarded the WCCO Good Neighbor Award twice. His life was complete.

Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 2 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge. Visitation 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

Robert Roy Kruse

Robert Roy Kruse, 73, a dedicated resident of Cambridge, MN, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loved ones.

Robert was born on Sept. 11, 1950, in North Branch Township, Minnesota, to Victor and Helen (Norton) Kruse. He was preceded in death by his great-grandson Ryden Kruse, siblings Esther Gabrielson, Hazel McIntyre, Sonny Kruse, and nephew Randy McIntyre.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife, Melody, and their sons, Scott (Judy) Kruse of Stanchfield, and Shannon (Jackie) Kruse of Grasston. He leaves behind a rich legacy through his seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his siblings: Gerald (Janice) Kruse of AZ, Steve (Becki) Kruse of Harris, Carol Lindstrom of North Branch, and Michael (Carol) Kruse of Isanti. He was also cherished by his dear friend and neighbor, Joan Sauter of Cambridge, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Robert was known for his strong work ethic and dedication. He exemplified the value of hard work, instilling the same ethic in his family members. However, he also believed in the importance of enjoying life to the fullest. Whether it was participating in demolitions, hosting his son's high school wrestling team, or bonding over hunting stories, Robert embraced every moment with enthusiasm and laughter.

His garage was a hub of activity, from auto body work to nurturing stray animals that found their way into his care. He had a passion for the outdoors, whether it was hunting, farming, or simply enjoying a cold drink with friends.

Robert's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his zest for life, and his ability to find joy in even the simplest moments.

Though Robert may no longer be with us in person, his legacy of hard work, laughter, and love will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Funeral Services 1 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2024 at Spring Lake Lutheran Church. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment in St. John Lutheran Cemetery of Weber. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.



Local realtor achieves national recognition

Joslyn Solomon with Century 21 Moline Realty, Inc. has been awarded the Accredited Buyer's Representation (ABR) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council (REBAC) of the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Joslyn Solomon joins more than 27,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the ABR designation. All were required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in buyer representation and an elective course focusing on a buyer representation specialty, both in addition to submitting documentation verifying professional experience.

REBAC, founded in 1988, is the world's largest association of real estate professionals focused specifically on representing the real estate buyer. There are more than 40,000 active members of the organization world-wide. The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is the world's largest professional association, representing over 1.4 million members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

Building Blocks for Life announces the opening of a toddler classroom

Building Blocks for Life in Cambridge announced the opening of a toddler classroom starting in August 2024. Located at Christ Lutheran Church, the center is expanding its facilities to provide a dedicated space for toddlers alongside its preschool program.

The toddler classroom will cater to children aged sixteen to thirty-three months. Building Blocks for Life follows the Highscope Curriculum, which emphasizes active and hands-on learning. Teachers, who are dedicated and licensed, will work with parents to address each child's unique needs.

The center can be contacted at (763) 689-2203 or via email at bldgblksforlife@gmail.com.

Local area students among 126 seniors honored at Students of Excellence Awards Banquet

BY SHARI FRUECHTE

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The 2024 Students of Excellence Award Banquet will be held on April 24, 2024, at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center. The ceremony will open to over 500 guests at 4:30 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by The String Showdown, an interactive dueling string duo, and will proceed with the award banquet. Honorees will be presented with their awards by Brad Bergstrom, Superintendent of the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District.

Seniors from 32 area districts were selected based on exemplary academic achievement, leadership skills, and school/communi-

ty involvement. Honorees are often positive role models to fellow students or staff as well as make a difference every day in the lives of fellow students, staff, and their community. Additional criteria may have been established by individual districts.

LOCAL AREA 2024 STUDENTS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Braham School District
Madison Davis
Elizabeth Fix
Delaney Johnson
Matthew Kopel

North Branch Area Public Schools
Grace Larson

Keng Lor
Julia Munchow
Everett Thomsen

Rush City School District
Owen Anderson
Maria Biermaier
Adrianna Schroeder
Bailey Witte

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LAST WEEK'S SCOREBOARD

C-I BLUEJACKETS

April 24

Girls golf @ St. Francis - 6th/9 teams
 *Hannah Westman - 11th place (103)
 Boys golf @ St. Francis - 8th/9 teams
 *Tanner Jones - 26th place (86)

April 25

Girls golf @ Zimmerman - 7th/9 teams
 *Allie Nystrom - 15th place (109)
 Boys track & field @ Big Lake
 *1st place finishers: Noah McGovern (1600), Hunter Jacobson (3200), Micah Wilson (110 hurdles), 4x200 relay, 4x400 relay, 4x800 relay, Jaden Kuhlman (long jump, triple jump), Calvin Piescher (pole vault), Josh Osei-Dankwah (shot put)
 Girls track & field @ Big Lake
 *1st place finishers: MaKenna Sjoberg (1600), Hannah Bingham (100 hurdles), 4x800 relay, Alice Steman (high jump), Julia Sickler (triple jump), Aubrey Wilson (pole vault)
 Baseball 28, Zimmerman 0
 Softball 9, Zimmerman 0

April 26

Softball 2, Blaine 1

April 27

Baseball 0, Elk River 9

April 29

Boys golf @ home - 5th/8 teams
 *Emerson Droubie - 22nd place (89)
 Girls golf @ Chisago Lakes - 3rd/9 teams
 *Hannah Westman - 6th place
 Boys tennis, softball, baseball - postponed due to weather

April 30

Boys golf @ Becker - 7th/9 teams
 *Josh Sauro - 15th place
 Boys tennis 5, Duluth East 2

NB VIKINGS

April 24

Girls golf @ St. Francis - 3rd/9 teams
 *Ashley Bistodeau - 5th place (96)
 Boys golf @ St. Francis - 3rd place/9 teams
 *Nicholas Melvin - 4th place (78)

April 25

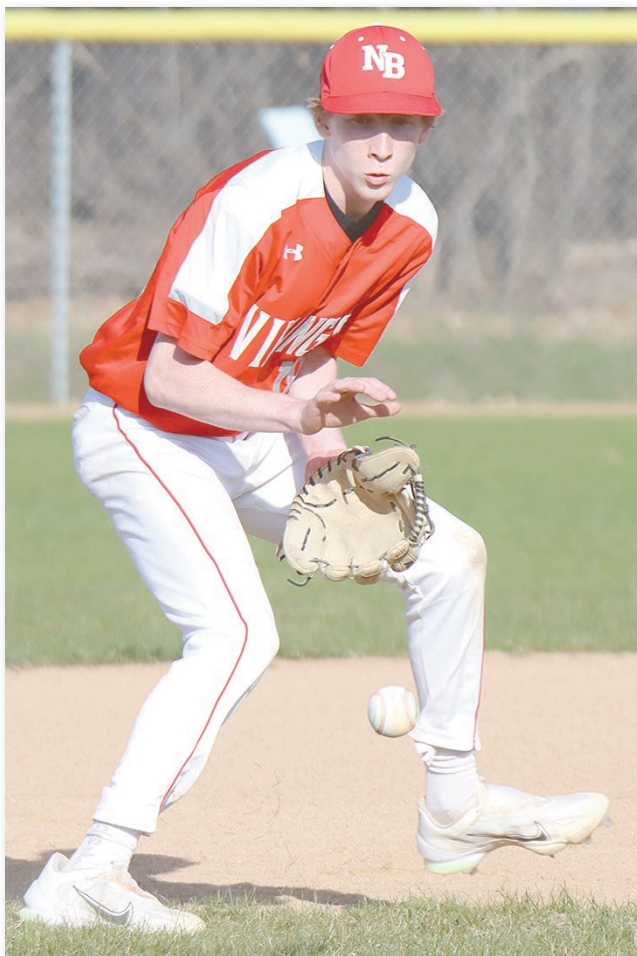
Girls golf @ Zimmerman - 3rd/9 teams
 *Ashley Bistodeau - 1st place (84), Jenna Minke - 3rd place (92)
 Baseball 2, Monticello 7
 Softball 5, Rock Ridge 20
 Boys tennis 0, Monticello 7

April 29

Boys tennis postponed due to weather
 Girls golf @ Chisago Lakes - 5th/9 teams
 *Ashley Bistodeau - 16th place
 Boys golf @ Cambridge-Isanti - 2nd/8 teams
 *Nicholas Melvin - 2nd place (75), Tyler Minke - 3rd place (78)

April 30

Boys tennis x, Duluth Marshall x
 Boys tennis x, St. Francis x
 Boys golf @ Becker - 4th/9 teams
 *Nicholas Melvin - 5th place
 Boys track & field @ Buffalo
 *Top finishers: Blake Lelm (high jump), Zachary Sway (200) - 2nd place
 Girls track & field @ Buffalo
 *1st place finishers: Sophia Benedict (200), Shaeyna Adreotti (100 hurdles), Ella Kuhlman (300 hurdles), 4x100 relay, Ella Dick (pole vault)
 Baseball 3, Cloquet 4
 Softball 4, Monticello 3



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North Branch's Dayne Meyer fields an awkward hop during the Vikings' game against Monticello.



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North Branch's Wyatt Helberg hits a return during his first singles match against Monticello. Helberg has recently earned individual victories against Princeton and Anoka.

UPCOMING C-I BLUEJACKET, NB VIKING HOME GAMES

Below are the scheduled dates for the home competitions for each of the Cambridge-Isanti and North Branch spring sports. To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.mississippi8.org. Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

Thursday, May 2

•C-I boys and girls track and field vs. multiple teams (4 p.m.)

•C-I baseball vs. Big Lake (4:30 p.m.)
 •C-I softball vs. Big Lake (5 p.m.)

Friday, May 3

•C-I softball vs. Becker (5 p.m.)

Monday, May 6

•NB boys golf - home invite @ Bulrush Golf Course (noon)

Tuesday, May 7

•C-I boys tennis vs. Chisago Lakes (4 p.m.)
 •C-I baseball vs. St. Francis (4:30 p.m.)

•C-I softball vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 8

•C-I boys tennis vs. Forest Lake (4 p.m.)

Thursday, May 9

•NB baseball vs. Zimmerman (4:30 p.m.)
 •NB softball vs. Zimmerman (5 p.m.)
 •NB boys tennis vs. Mora, Fridley (1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.)

Saturday, May 11

•C-I boys tennis vs. Blaine & Brainerd (9 a.m.)

Minnesota moms can join Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge

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Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge Saturday, May 11, through Sunday, May 12, during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend, when all Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is partnering with the Student Angler Organization and Women Anglers of Minnesota to host the challenge.

To participate in the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge, moms simply need to join the Facebook group called "Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge 2024" and post one photo of each fish they catch.

All participants who submit one or more fish photos will have their name entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Angler Organization and their partners, including gift cards for SCHEELS and Lund. Additionally, participants are invited to tune in for a pre-challenge virtual Fishing 101 class, hosted by Women Anglers of Minnesota in the challenge Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/967975514717550) on May 7.

Challenge details are available on the Minnesota DNR

website (mndnr.gov/takemomfishing). All fish species and sizes are welcome in the challenge. Participants can snap a photo and let their fish go or keep it if it's in season.

"This year's event follows the successful inaugural Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge in 2023. Last year, more than 2,400 moms joined the challenge," said Cara Hanson, DNR marketing coordinator. "This year, we hope even more people will join in the fun!"

The Minnesota State Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day. This year, the weekend also coincides with the fishing opener — seasons begin Saturday, May 11, for walleye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes. To celebrate the fishing season, the Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener event is taking place May 10-12 in Lake City.

Fishing season dates and regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR fishing webpage (mndnr.gov/fishing). Find out how and where to fish, learn about fishing equipment, read about ways to catch different kinds of fish, and get acquainted with fishing ethics and being stewards of Minnesota's natural resources, on the Minnesota DNR learn to fish webpage (mndnr.gov/gofishing).

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources webinar to focus on fishing opener

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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in wildlife and outdoor skills to check out the spring program schedule for the

Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series.

In a webinar on Wednesday, May 8, join DNR staff as they go live while shore fishing to talk about the upcoming fishing opener and Take a Mom Fishing Weekend on May 11-12. The

webinar will focus on the upcoming fishing season, DNR fishing updates, favorite lures, and how to be more successful fishing. People might also hear about a great fishing spot or two!

The Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series webinars are free

and offered year-round, though registration is required. Visit the Outdoor Skills and Stewardship webpage of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/discover) for the registration portal, more information about upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars.

NORTH BRANCH: Chicken ordinance is fowled up

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“It’s not just coordinating department heads,” Schieber said of the job’s responsibilities. “There’s a lot more involved than that.”

RESIDENTS SQUAWK ABOUT CONFUSING CHICKEN ORDINANCE

The liveliest portions of the council’s final April meeting stemmed from public comments on later agenda items — which is typically not allowed under current city policy.

The topic of keeping hens within city limits in non-rural or agricultural zones was already on the agenda for clarification. Sam Srock, who had received a notice of violation, told the council he had carefully reviewed the city ordinances related to chickens before investing thousands of dollars in animals, a coop and a run. Clarifying that the complaint the city is supposed to have received mentioned no nuisances caused by his family’s chickens, he said he had determined it was allowed.

The staff report, submitted by interim City Administrator Jason Ziemer, determined otherwise, but explained why the wording may lead a resident to another conclusion.

Councilmember Travis Miles pointed out that many municipalities on his daily commute home to North Branch allow for chickens. “Why is it that we get up here, and we can’t have chickens?” Miles said.

The council expressed broad support for allowing chickens in residentially zoned areas and directed Ziemer and other staff

to prepare new language to this effect.

FIREWORKS TO MOVE FROM JULY 4 TO MIDSUMMER DAYS

The issue of summer fireworks remains in limbo following severe admonishment from residents who said they would settle for nothing less than a total relocation of the display from North Branch Middle School.

Audrey Causby and her adult son Neal told the council burning embers struck the roof of her townhome during the last two Fourth of July displays launched from the middle school, and would have struck her if she hadn’t moved. They said the fire department told them the industrial park might be a better location for the future, but that the city was worried about ruining the grass with fireworks.

“Is grass more important than a house?” Audrey Causby said. “I don’t think so.”

This year, in an effort to contract with its preferred company, Minnesota Pyrotechnics, LLC, the city is hosting the launch during Midsummer Days instead of on the Fourth of July. Schieber said the new company has better safety measures in place, but the Causbys were not moved.

The council agreed to table the contract approval until their May 14 meeting, before which fire chief Pat Heinen can reach out to the company with concerns and ask them to appear at the meeting.

ODDS AND ENDS
Public Works Director Shawn

Williams said the Main Street water main project is going “very, very well” and faster than expected, and may finish before the scheduled completion date in August. Based on feedback from council members, Williams said they will post signs lowering the speed limit on the detour routes down Maple and Elm Streets from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Williams also announced a program to test water service lines to North Branch homes for lead. This survey is being mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency in response to such water quality issues as Flint, Michigan. Upon inspection, if lead is found, the pipes will be replaced at no cost to homeowners.

In regards to Councilmember Kelly Neider’s recent third censure and call to resign, the council again delayed updating that to a later meeting even though Neider said she was prepared to give an official statement. Previously, she had emailed the Star stating she would not resign. However, she has yet to give a formal response directly to the council.

She also said there continues to be a lack of appropriate communication from the city on the matter. Neider said her attorney asked the city attorney, Flaherty & Hood, P.A., on April 1 to communicate directly with him, but that she has since received multiple communications from the firm. Interim City Administrator Jason Ziemer said he would communicate this to the city attorney. The council is set to receive an update at its May 14 meeting.

Chisago County Environmental Services awarded funding to implement recycling feasibility study

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The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recently awarded grant funding to Chisago County Environmental Services as part of its Greater Minnesota waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting grants initiative.

Chisago County Environmental Services will receive \$249,766 in funds to enhance the safety and efficiency of its current household hazardous waste facility. Additionally, the grant will support the expansion of floor space to facilitate reuse, reduction, and recycling efforts.

This project is part of a larger effort to address the significant amount of waste sent to landfills in Minnesota. Nearly two-thirds of the state’s landfill waste can be reused or recycled. Without intervention, approximately 8 million additional tons of waste could end up in landfills over the next two decades.

The grant program aims to make recycling and reuse more accessible for residents in five Greater Minnesota communities, including Chisago County. By reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills, the initiative aims to improve public health, conserve energy and natural resources, and mitigate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information about the grant program and a complete list of recipients and funded projects, visit the MPCA website at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/news-and-stories/greater-minnesota-recycling-reuse-grant-recipients>.




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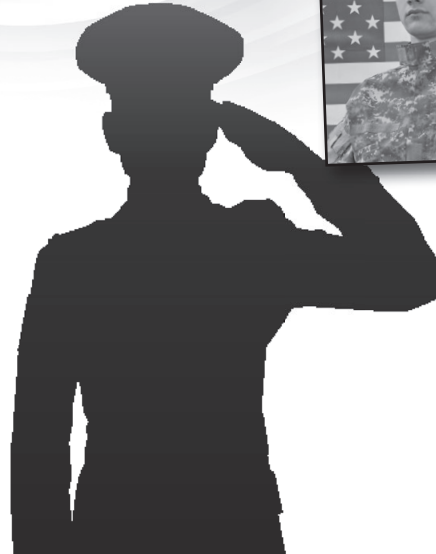



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Attending North Branch High School's Spring Musical may become habit forming

BY CASEY MARIE EGGERT
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Keeping a vow of silence would be impossible for anyone attending North Branch High School Theatre Department's production of the musical "Sister Act," simply due to unavoidable laughter.

The musical is based on the classic 90s movie starring Whoopi Goldberg with the same name. The plot centers around a Vegas-style lounge singer running from the mob after witnessing a murder. She winds up being placed in witness protection in a convent that is struggling financially and is about to be bought out and closed.

Hilarity ensues with the attempted blending of the opposing lifestyles until common ground can be found with the choir, which is originally terrible but becomes a huge hit, which leads to more humorous problems for all.

Theater Director Laura Long chose "Sister Act" for this year's Spring Production because of the message it sends.

"I love the message," Long said. "It's about lifting each other up. It's about sisterhood."

The students worked hard to learn their lines and get into character. They learned the songs. They learned the lighting and the sound. (And they had fun, too!) But what is the biggest challenge that the Spring Production faces?

"The small number of students that participate in theatre," Long explained. "It's hard to find a musical or a play that accommodates a smaller cast."

Long continued to explain that anyone and everyone should consider joining theatre. "It's a safe place. It's a place to belong."

And what about students that are too shy to perform on stage? "The Tech Club might be the place for them," Long said. "Working behind the scenes."

"Sister Act" will be presented at the North Branch High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. A matinee performance will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$12 each by going to <https://gofan.co/app/school/MN19629>



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- Mother Superior** - Abby Wiener
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- Sister Mary Robert** - Cosette Trampe
- Sister Mary Patrick** - Taylor Lutzke
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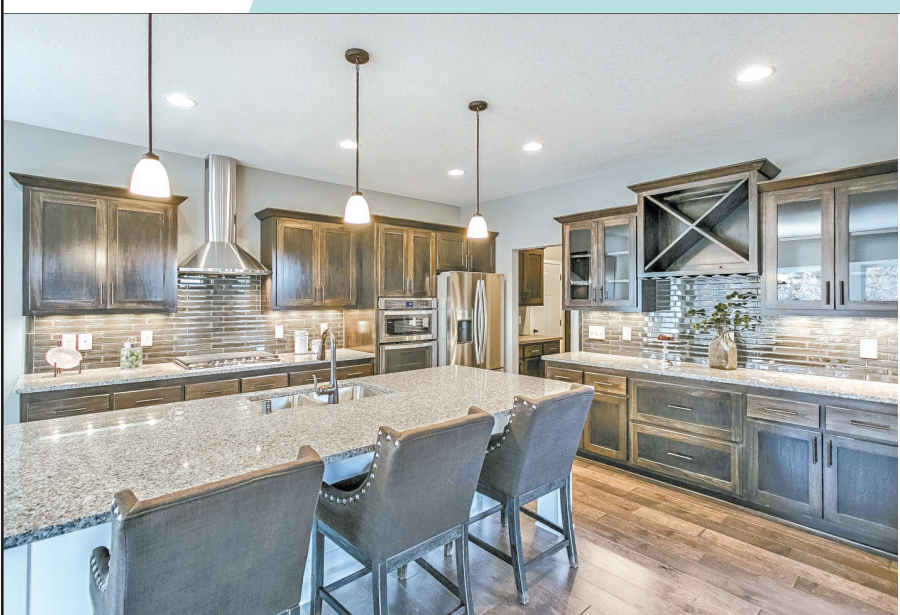
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springvalechurchmn.org

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5799 County Road 6, Princeton, MN
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Jaden Strand
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PROBATE

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Melinda E. LeBaron ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on June 27th 2024, at 2:00 p.m. , a hearing will

be held in this Court at Chisago County, Minnesota, on the petition. This matter will be held via remote technology.

The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing and publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(3).

Court File No. _____
Dated _____
BY THE COURT Catherine Treviono, Judge
Court Administrator: Kris Cunningham

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

AMENDED NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Court File No.: 13-PR-24-42

In Re: Estate of Laurie Anne Schmidt, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 27, 2024, at 9:30 am, a hearing will be held in this Court at 313 N. Main Street, Center City, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and

for the appointment of Melinda E. LeBaron, whose address is 16570 Harwell Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the 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: 04/24/2024 Judge of District Court: Jesse Seabrooks II, (Judge)

Dated: _____
Court Administrator: Kris Cunningham

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

In Re: Estate of Lawrence Francis Eckl, Decedent. Court File No.: 13-PR-24-43

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. No Will has been presented for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Rosemary A. Eckl, whose address 6353 Stark Road, Harris, Minnesota 55032, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

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

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

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

Dated: April 24, 2024

Registrar: _____
Dated: April 24, 2024
Court Administrator: Kris Cunningham

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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 24, 2014

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$125,510.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Christian D. Anderson, Married

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Cole Taylor Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: February 7, 2014 as DOCUMENT:

A441137 in the Office of the County Recorder in Isanti County, Minnesota.

The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: MB Financial Bank, N.A.

Assignment dated: February 8, 2018

Assignment recorded: February 8, 2018

Assignment recording information: DOCUMENT: A473126

All in the records of the County Recorder in Isanti County, Minnesota.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 07-011-2000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 22 West, Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11; thence South, assumed bearing, along the east line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 639.88 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 86 degrees West, a distance of 160 feet; thence South 14 degrees West, a distance of 640 feet, more or less, to the southerly right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway No. 95; thence southeasterly, along said southerly highway right of way line, a distance of 133 feet, more or less, to the south line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 11; thence easterly, along said south line, a distance of 225 feet, more or less, to the southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 680 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Abstract Property

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8379 Highway 95 North East, North Branch, MN 55056

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Cole Taylor Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Fifth Third Bank

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$102,287.08 AS OF 4/2/2024

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has

been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 S Main St, Cambridge, MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 P.M. on December 20, 2024, or the next business day if December 20, 2024 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:NONE

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

Publication to begin the week of: 4/25/2024

Fifth Third Bank, N.A., as successor by merger to MB Financial Bank, N.A., Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee

The Sayer Law Group, P.C., Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee

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CAMBRIDGE 2023 DRINKING WATER REPORT

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Making Safe Drinking Water
 Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 410 to 427 feet deep, that draw water from the Mt. Simon aquifer.

Cambridge works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Todd Schwab, Director of Public Works, at (763) 689-1800 or tschwab@ci.cambridge.mn.us if you have questions about Cambridge's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amounts of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Cambridge Monitoring Results
 This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect

contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions
 • **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water

system must follow.
 • **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

• **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

• **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• **NA (Not applicable):** Does not apply.

• **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.

• **ppt (parts per trillion):** One part per trillion is like one drop in one trillion drops of water, or about one drop in an Olympic sized swimming pool. ppt is the same as nanograms per liter (ng/l).

• **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

• **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

• **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.72 ppm	0.52 - 0.80 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Fluoride: Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show that optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to an optimal concentration between 0.5 to 0.9 parts per million (ppm) to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources
 Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

• **Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.

• **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.

• **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.

• **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

• **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural

sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Cambridge is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Cambridge is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>

The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.

3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)
 The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

4. **Treat your water if a test shows your water has high levels**

of lead after you let the water run.

• Read about water treatment units:

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

Learn more:
 • Visit Lead in Drinking Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)

• Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)

• Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html>).

Service Line Material Inventory

Our system will be working to complete an inventory of the service line materials before October 16, 2021. The service line consists of the pipes that connect the water main to your home. Older homes may have materials such as lead in their service lines and this inventory will help us prioritize replacement of lead service lines in the future. We hope that customers will actively cooperate as we work to complete our inventory and we will make the information available once complete. For questions, please contact us.

Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:

o Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.

o Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.

o Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.

o Run full loads of laundry and use a minimal water use setting.

o Our water system partners with others to help consumers with limited resources make payments to their water bills.

o Contact us to learn more.

Additional Information

Sprinkling Guidelines To maintain an adequate water supply and ensure the public's safety, the City of Cambridge adopted Ordinance No. 450 that states that residents comply with the following guidelines on water sprinkling: For instance, all city properties with odd numbered house number address only sprinkle lawns on odd numbered days.

(Example: 981 Cypress Street South may sprinkle lawn on May 21, 23, 25, etc.) There will be NO sprinkling from noon to 6:00 p.m. All non-established lawns can water every day for a period of six weeks except for the hours of noon to 6:00 p.m. Over seeding or spot patching of existing established yards can be watered every day with a hand-controlled hose. This is in effect from May 1 through August 31st.

This report is not being directly mailed to all customers but a copy is available upon request.

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Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (09/01/22)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	2.9 ppb	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (09/01/22)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.2 ppm	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	0 pCi/l	15.4 pCi/l	14 pCi/l	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	7.8 ppm	0.00 - 7.80 ppm	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (10/24/22)	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.03 ppm	N/A	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposit.
Arsenic (10/24/22)	0 ppb	10.4 ppb	1.43 ppb	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Combined Radium	0 pCi/l	5.4 pCi/l	4.4 pCi/l	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 parts per million is a health risk for infants of less

than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural

activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	28.1 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	1.2 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.46 ppm	0.14 - 0.70 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAAs

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on April 21 - 27. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Reginald Carson (DOB 06/08/1970) of

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on April 21 - 27. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Jeremy John Dahlquist (DOB 05/15/1975) - no listed address, was charged April 22 with Pred-

Crystal, was charged April 22 with Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk.

Jamie Lynn Fisher (DOB 07/13/1974) of Cambridge, was charged April 25 with Financial Transaction Card Fraud-Use-No Consent.

atory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement.

Stephen Thomas Paul (DOB 09/19/1959) of Forest Lake, was charged April 26 with Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd.

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ISANTI 2023 DRINKING WATER

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Making Safe Drinking Water**

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Contact Matthew Sylvester, Public Services Director, at (763) 772-5850 or msylvester@cityofisanti.us if you have questions about Isanti's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

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This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100

contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions
• **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers

treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

• **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

• **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

• **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.

• **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.

• **ppt (parts per trillion):** One part per trillion is like one drop in one trillion drops of water, or about one drop in an Olympic sized swimming pool. ppt is the same as nanograms per liter (ng/l).

• **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

• **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

• **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Fluoride: If your drinking water fluoride levels are below the optimal concentration range of 0.5 to 0.9 ppm, please talk with your dentist about how you can protect your teeth and your family's teeth from tooth decay and cavities. For more information, visit: MDH Drinking Water Fluoridation (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/fluoride.html>). Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show that optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to an optimal concentration between 0.5 to 0.9 parts per million (ppm) to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

Monitoring Results – Unregulated Substances

In addition to testing drinking water for contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, we sometimes also monitor for

contaminants that are not regulated. Unregulated contaminants do not have legal limits for drinking water.

Detection alone of a regulated or unregulated contaminant should not cause concern. The meaning of a detection should be determined considering current health effects information. We are often still learning about the health effects, so this information can change over time.

The following table shows the unregulated contaminants we detected last year, as well as human-health based guidance values for comparison, where available. EPA may not have set human-health based guidance values for some contaminants. The comparison values are based only on potential health impacts and do not consider our ability to measure contaminants at very low concentrations or the cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment. They may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impossible for water systems to meet (for example, large-scale treatment technology may not exist for a given contaminant).

A person drinking water with a contaminant at or below the comparison value would be at little to no risk for harmful health effects. If the level of a contaminant is above the comparison value, people of a certain age or with special health conditions-like a fetus, infants, children, elderly, and people with impaired immunity—may need

to take extra precautions. We are notifying you of the unregulated contaminants we have detected as a public education opportunity.

• More information is available on MDH's A-Z List of Contaminants in Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html>).

• Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 4) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html>).

• Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule).

• EPA UCMR 5 Data Finder: The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR5) Data finder allows people to easily search for, summarize, and download the available UCMR 5 analytical results.

• EPA has developed a UCMR5 Program Overview Factsheet (<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-02/ucmr5-factsheet.pdf>) describing UCMR 5 contaminants and standards.

U N R E G U L A T E D CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant	Comparison Value	Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results
Sodium*	20 ppm	14.8 ppm	N/A
Sulfate	500 ppm	7.88 ppm	N/A

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant	Comparison Value	Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results
Sodium*	20 ppm	14.8 ppm	N/A
Sulfate	500 ppm	7.88 ppm	N/A

*Note that home water softening can increase the level of sodium in your water.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

• **Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.

• **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.

• **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.

• **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

• **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural

sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Isanti is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Isanti is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>

The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more

lead from pipes than cold water.

3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if you have young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

Read about water treatment units:

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

Learn more:
• Visit Lead in Drinking Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)

• Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)

• Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html>).

Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:

- o Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.
- o Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.
- o Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.
- o Run full loads of laundry and use a minimal water use setting.
- o Our water system partners with others to help consumers with limited resources make payments to their water bills.
- o Contact us to learn more.

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Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.87 ppb	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.67 ppm	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Combined Radium	0 pCi/l	5.4 pCi/l	1.1 pCi/l	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	9.9 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	3.1 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.89 ppm	0.38 - 0.95 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.65 ppm	0.60 - 0.66 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.



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Notice of Employment Opportunity Grantsburg School District 6TH GRADE TEACHER

JOB DESCRIPTION: 1.0 FTE
QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have or be eligible for WI DPI certification in Elementary and/or Middle School Education
REQUIREMENTS: The ideal candidate will have a passion for teaching young children and the skills to guide them to success in their learning. Candidates should also have experience with data-driven decision-making, differentiation, and a desire to work in a team of collaborative, progressive thinking educators focused on the development of the whole child. Candidate must have the ability to provide a safe and positive learning environment for all students. Technology literacy is also desired.
HOW TO APPLY: Applicants are encouraged to apply by using the Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) site at <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/>. You may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials (3 current letters of recommendation and transcripts) and a copy of license to the address below. This posting will be open until filled.
CONTACT: Kris Wallace
Grantsburg School District
500 E. James Ave.
Grantsburg, WI 54840
(715) 463-2455
kris.wallace@gk12.net
DESCRIPTION: Grantsburg School District is a pre-K-12 school system of 1600+ students that is located in NW Wisconsin. We have 5 schools in our District: Grantsburg High School, Grantsburg Middle School, Grantsburg Elementary School, Nelson Primary School, and iForward, our online school (grades K-12). We are located just over an hour from the Twin Cities Metro area. Grantsburg is located on the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and is the home of Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area.
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Notice of Employment Opportunity Grantsburg School District 8TH GRADE ELA TEACHER

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Website: <http://www.gk12.net>
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Notice of Employment Opportunity
Grantsburg School District
MS MATH TEACHER - FULL TIME

JOB DESCRIPTION: Full-Time Math Middle School Teacher beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Applicants with a mathematics certification are strongly encouraged to apply. This position will be primarily 7th and 8th math instruction. 100% FTE.

QUALIFICATIONS: Grantsburg School District is seeking applicants with the desire to join a dynamic and engaging staff to be a part of a strong math department. Applicants need to have a Wisconsin Certification or ability to obtain DPI certification. Applicants must possess the dynamics to build relationships with children to create an atmosphere of learning and mutual respect. The ability to interact and be a contributing member of a talented and dedicated teaching faculty is desired. Technology skills, willingness to learn technology skills, and the ability to apply the skills in the classroom are necessary. Applicants with experience using CPM are desirable, but not required. Coaching opportunities may exist for qualified candidates. Strong references for this position are essential.

REQUIREMENTS: We are seeking applicants with certification in math education. Applicants need to be prepared to deal with aspects of the personal, social, and academic needs of middle school students. Applicants should possess the skills necessary to communicate effectively with parents in order to build educational partnerships. Interested applicants should be willing to take part in school and student improvement initiatives.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants are encouraged to apply by using the Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) site at <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/>. You may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials (3 current letters of recommendation and transcripts) and a copy of license to the address below. This position will be open until filled.

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REQUIREMENTS: Special Education Cross Categorical experience and middle school teaching experience preferred. Applicants are required to work effectively with the middle school special education team to design and implement high quality educational programming for our students. Excellent interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work in conjunction with building administration and classroom teachers to provide innovative behavior management approaches are necessary. Knowledge of IEP writing and management, referral process, functional behavior assessments, co-teaching, instruction based on the needs of the student as outlined in the IEP, and successful cross categorical programs is required. Applicants should possess the skills necessary to communicate effectively and collaborate with parents, county service workers, and multiple service providers in order to build educational partnerships. Applicants need to be prepared to deal with all aspects of the personal, social, and academic needs of middle school students. Interested applicants should be willing to take part in school and student improvement initiatives.

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