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BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

Students hold anti-ICE rally

Despite no confirmed ICE activity in Isanti County, approximately 125 people - most of whom were teenagers, participated in an anti-ICE rally at the corner of Main Street and Highway 95 in downtown Cambridge on Tuesday, Jan. 20. According to the school district, students' participation in the rally would count as an unexcused absence if any classes were missed.

Saints Peter & Paul Church tabbed for possible closure

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The Diocese of St. Cloud is considering closing Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Braham, a move that many in the parish and the city believe would be a blow to the community.

However, several members of the four-decades-old parish are praying their church home stays open.

According to parishioner Kay Rodrigue, church members were informed of the closure on Jan. 4. Parishioners have since started a grassroots effort to change the diocese's mind.

That effort includes asking church members to call, email or write the diocese, offering personal messages of why the church matters. Community members are also asked to participate, since Sts. Peter and Paul plays such an important part in the city.

"I have been made aware of the possible closure of the Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in town," said Mayor Nate George in a social media post. "My intent is not to promote any religion in my official capacity. That being said, the church and its members have been an integral part of our community over the years and their loss would certainly negatively impact our city."

"I have reached out to members of the church to offer to meet with their leadership to convey this and help give them more insight into their



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Many parishioners and community members have organized to try and save the 40 year-old church, including starting a change.org petition.

decision."

Since 2008, the church has held its Fall Festival, bringing hundreds of people to Braham for fellowship and to raise funds for the parish. During Lent, the Knights of Columbus throw a Friday night fish fry, popular all around the region. Additionally, the church promotes community activities such as senior dining, the Braham Food Shelf, and the Braham Girl Scouts' annual coat collection and Christmas tree lighting. It helps run the Bingo tent during Pie Day and regularly holds blood drives. The church is also a long-time supporter of New Pathways homeless shelter in Cambridge.

But as important as these contributions to the city are, church members, some who have

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North Branch continues 'hurry up and wait' with Old Town street project

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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Thirty years after it was first proposed, street and utility work in one of North Branch's oldest neighborhoods has been delayed — again.

The city council spent more than an hour and a half on the issue before ultimately tabling the matter to February, giving city engineers at WSB time to answer more resident questions about the work.

Several residents, including former council member Kathy Blomquist, referenced a meeting they had in the neighborhood about this issue back in 1999. City documents claim the city considered reconstructing the streets as early as 1995.

Since then, the city has lost a court case challenging its former assessment policy, which did not place a limit on how much of a project's cost could be assessed to nearby property owners.

After further attempts to take on the Northwest Old Town Street and Utility Improvement Project in 2006 and 2016, the city altered its assessment policy so that property owners can be charged only up to 30% of the cost of improvements, based on the number of units with frontage on the improved streets. Commercial properties will pay

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CHURCH: St. Cloud Diocese blames shortage of priests, smaller congregation for potential closing of area churches

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worshiped at Sts. Peter and Paul for all of its 40 years, call their church “more than just a building.”

In a handout shared on Facebook, parishioners called the church “a living part of Braham’s past and future.”

RESPONSE FROM THE DIOCESE

Brenda Kresky, director of pastoral planning for the Diocese of Saint Cloud, said Tuesday the diocese is going through changes, and the decision to close the Braham church is not final.

“The Diocese of St. Cloud, which spans 16 counties in central Minnesota and includes 131 parishes grouped into 29 Area Catholic Communities, is undergoing a major restructuring effort aimed at ensuring long-term vitality and mission,” Kresky said. “Each ACC submitted a proposed plan by Dec. 31, 2025, which is now under review by the Committee for the Affirmation of Plans. These plans will then move to the Presbyteral Council, a consultative body of priests who advise Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C., as he considers next steps.

“The first phase of implementation will involve parish mergers. While canonical mergers will be announced this spring, corporate mergers will occur in phases. No parishes will close immediately, but some church buildings may no longer be used regularly starting in July.”

BIG PICTURE CHALLENGES

One of the problems facing the diocese — and parishes around the world — is the shortage of priests, Kresky said.

“The Diocese of St. Cloud ranks fourth nationally for having more parishes than active priests,” she said. “Active diocesan priests have declined from 88 in 2001 to 52 in 2025.”

Adding to the shortage of priests, Kresky said, is the decline in the number of Catholics in the diocese, from 147,000 Catholics in 2001 to 110,000 in 2025.

“Population changes and increasing property maintenance costs add pressure to diocesan and parish resources,” Kresky said. “These realities have driven the planning process, which is an effort to strengthen parishes for

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Nate George
Braham Mayor

long-term vitality and mission.”

In the Isanti ACC that includes Sts. Peter & Paul in Braham, Christ the King in Cambridge, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti, the overall population in these communities has grown, Kresky said, “yet the Catholic population in these three parishes has declined from 2,829 in 1999 to 1,165 in 2025. Combined seating capacity for these three churches is 1,284, underscoring the challenge of maintaining facilities for smaller congregations.”

If the church were to close, parishioners would have to travel to a new house of worship. The nearest Catholic churches are Christ the King in Cambridge, 10 miles away; Sacred Heart in Rush City, 13 miles away; St. Mary’s in Mora, 15 miles away; and Immaculate Conception in Pine City, 16 miles away. St. Kathryn’s in Ogilvie is 18 miles away but is also being considered for closure.

Kresky acknowledged that parishioners have expressed heartbreak at the prospect of losing their house of worship.

“Many of these churches are spiritual homes where they have celebrated sacraments, built friendships and served their communities,” she said. “Letters to diocesan leadership reflect a desire for creative solutions. As the diocese navigates these difficult decisions, the tension between practical realities and deep-rooted faith is palpable.

“For parishioners, the hope remains that even amid change, the essence of their communities — their shared mission to live and spread the Gospel — will endure.”

COUNCIL: Residents remain concerned about assessments, scope of project

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more, and corner properties with only one boundary abutting the improvements will pay less.

Currently, the project cost per unit is estimated at \$7,450 per “benefiting property”, according to a staff report, and the project contains 51.5 assessable residential units.

Blomquist, among others, said she felt the project was necessary, but did not feel residents had been adequately notified, and pressed the council to consider traffic from renovations to Shields Plaza, an apartment complex off Cedar Street.

Also at issue is whether to add sidewalks and space for on-street parking, the cost of neither of which would be assessed to property owners if added.

Further delays to the project could mean higher costs, staff warned, and as the schedule stood the first week in January, the work would already have had to span two summers.

Still, the council was reticent to move

the project forward with technical questions from resident Bob Streeter outstanding. Other residents said prior communication from the city had not made the scope of the project clear, nor the cost to them personally.

The council will reconsider at their first meeting in February.

POSSIBLE MEETING DAY CHANGE

That February meeting may not fall on a Tuesday, however, if the city council moves forward with plans to move its meetings.

The council is considering hosting meetings on Wednesday evenings in 2026 in order to leave staff and officials free to attend Concerts in the Park during the summer.

City code sets the regular council meetings schedule as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Council directed staff to draft a resolution to change it, which will be presented at its next meeting — which will remain, per existing code, on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

MDA updates fall nitrogen fertilizer restrictions map

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has published an updated map to assist farmers across the state comply with the Groundwater Protection Rule. The rule restricts fall application of nitrogen fertilizer in areas vulnerable to groundwater contamination and outlines steps to reduce contamination where nitrate levels already are elevated in public water supply wells.

The MDA has made updates to the Fall Nitrogen Fertilizer Application Restrictions Map, available on the MDA website. One Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) was removed from the map, and one was added. The Pine River municipal DWSMA was removed because its high-nitrate well will no longer be used as a primary source. The Belle Plaine DWSMA in Scott County was added after the Minnesota Department of Health identified elevated nitrate levels. It will be listed as Delayed for Good Cause under the Groundwater

Protection Rule. Additional information on fall application restrictions and exceptions is available on the MDA’s website.

Two Mitigation Level changes also were made, although they do not affect the map. The Goodhue municipal DWSMA moved from Delayed for Good Cause to Mitigation Level 1. The Valley Mobile Home Park non-municipal DWSMA was removed from mitigation because it has not recorded nitrate concentrations at or above 5.4 mg/L in the past 10 years. More information is available on the MDA’s Mitigation Level Determination page.

Restrictions on fall nitrogen fertilizer application in affected areas will take effect on Sept. 1. Farmers are encouraged to review the updated map to determine whether their fields fall under these requirements.

For more information on the Groundwater Protection Rule visit www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr. -MDA

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Dark Highway 65 intersections getting lit

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Commuters along Highway 65 between Cambridge and Braham will have a more illuminated drive this summer, as streetlights will be installed at three dimly lit intersections.

According to Isanti County Engineer Justin Bergerson, MnDot recently approached him about creating a cooperative agreement for the installation at the intersections of County Road 4 North, County Road 4 South, and County Road 6. He said MnDot would handle the installation of the lights and the county would be responsible for the electricity used by them, along with any maintenance needed. The estimated annual cost for the electricity is \$2,250. Bergerson added the county has similar agreements with MnDot at other intersections within the county.

Bergerson said the project would be completed sometime in 2026.

MON & THUR

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

MON - FRI

Senior Dining

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

MONDAYS

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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

Book Club

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

TUES & THURS

Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 5

p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Memory Cafe

First Tuesday of every month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at GracePointe Crossing Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. Contact Julie at 763-306-5066 for info.

PrimeTime Singers

Cambridge Lutheran Church, 1:30 p.m. A community choir for ages 60+, no audition or fee required. Fellowship follows rehearsal. Info: 612-619-2111.

Grief Share

Faith Lutheran Church, 109 2nd Ave. NW, Isanti. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. 763-444-9201.

Celebrate Recovery

At First Baptist in Cambridge(304 Main St S.) every Tuesday. There is a light meal at 5:45 p.m., large group at 6:30 p.m., and small groups at 7:30 p.m. Visit Celebra-



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Cross Country Band performs Jan. 29 at the Chisago County Senior Center.

terecoverly.com for more info.

Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for info.

WEDNESDAYS

Alanon

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

Chisago County Drop-In Center

Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adult-mentalhealth.org.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

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

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main

SATURDAY

GriefShare

At Joy Lutheran Church, from 9-10:30 a.m. each Saturday, except for the 1st Saturday of each month. Contact Mary Schuett, 561-222-3347, for more information.

Joyful Walking Club

The first Saturday of each month, from 9-10 a.m., around the perimeter of Joy Lutheran's ball field in Cambridge. Contact Mary Schuett, 561-222-3347, for more information.

JAN. 27

The Anxious Generation book study

Book discussion on The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library. Books available at the library. Ehlan Thompson, Mental Health Professional, will be co-hosting with Margaret Nelson, Librarian at the Cambridge Library.

JAN 29

We R Able Cross County Band Concert

At the Chisago County Senior Center. The evening begins with a meal at 5 p.m. followed by music. For more info call 320-358-3616.

JAN 31

Walk by Faith Gala

5:30 p.m. at Union Depot 214 4th St. E, St. Paul. All proceeds benefit the Maddy Nelson Memorial Foundation. For more information visit: Walk-ByFaithGala.com

Parkinson's Support Group

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

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Tuesdays
 Dominoes - 10 a.m. to noon
Wednesdays
 Cribbage - 9 to 11 a.m.
 Wizard 11 a.m. to noon
 Pinochle 12:30 to 3 p.m.
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Minnesota Association of Townships announces 2026 Scholarship

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2026 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. The Scholarship Program is designed to heighten awareness among young people about Minnesota's grassroots township government.

All students currently enrolled in 11th grade, reside in a Minnesota township, and attend a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2,450 submissions and 108 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by June 1, 2026. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified in September 2026. They will also be invited to attend MAT's Annual Conference in December 2026.

The 2026 essay question on promoting township government is, "Townships depend on safe and efficient roads for residents, farmers, businesses, and emergency services, and county road engineers play a vital role in helping

many townships achieve this goal. What are the various ways in which townships work with and depend on county road engineers? Why are county engineers crucial for township road systems and community needs? Additionally, what steps can schools, local governments, and communities take to encourage more students to pursue careers in civil engineering and public works, especially in rural Minnesota?"

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit the MN Association of Townships website and its scholarship page.

"The MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients while giving students an opportunity to learn about township government, which embodies the values of 'grassroots government' where local citizens directly participate. We encourage all eligible high school juniors to apply," said MAT Executive Director Jeff Krueger.

There are approximately 922,013 township residents in 1,776 townships in Minnesota. The Minnesota Association of Townships

Dine and Discover focuses on self-care

Chisago Age Well will host the first of its 2026 Dine & Discover events next month, offering older adults and caregivers practical guidance on staying healthy through diet and exercise.

The free program, "Self-Care as We Grow Older: Practical Pointers for Food and Exercise," is set for Thursday, Feb. 12, with three identical sessions at different times and locations: 9 a.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center in North Branch with brunch; noon at Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Chisago City with a light lunch; and 3:30 p.m. at the Rush City Community Center with afternoon appetizers.

Presenters include Sarah Pramann, a registered dieti-

tian nutritionist with Chisago County Public Health, and Carol Mueller-Leavitt, a doctor of physical therapy with M Health Fairview. Pramann will share simple, healthy meal ideas and recipes for two, while Mueller-Leavitt will discuss practical ways to stay strong and flexible with age.

Chisago County Public Health will host a resource table at each site. Registration is requested by Friday, Feb. 6, at 651-674-1025 or through North Branch Community Education under Senior Offerings.

The event is sponsored by the Chisago Age Well Coalition and supported by grants from the Initiative Foundation and the Central Minnesota Council on Aging. - Chisago Age Well

Vikings, Bills share similar cursed history

Well, my doubly cursed NFL fandom continues. As many of you know, besides being a never-say-die Vikings fan, I have been a faithful member of the Bills Mafia going back to even before they played in four-straight Super Bowls — losing all four of them.



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III

As it has been well-established, Minnesota Vikings fans are recognized as one of the “most miserable” bunch of fans in the entire NFL. We’ve been so close so many times only to have our hopes dashed somehow. There’s Gary Anderson’s one and only fieldgoal miss of the entire season in the 1998 NFC Championship Game — allowing the Atlanta Falcons to tie the game and eventually win it in overtime. Then, there’s “Bountygate” against New Orleans (which also can be attributed to Brett Favre’s bone-headed interception).

And those are just the two most infamous examples. We could also add getting blown out by Philadelphia in the NFC Championship following the “Minneapolis Miracle.” Or how about the year we were knocked out of the playoffs on the last play of the Arizona Cardinals game — a touchdown catch that would have been incomplete based on today’s rules.

For all of those “agony of defeat” moments for the Vikings, ironically Buffalo Bills fans can recite eerily similar examples. Theirs also includes an infamous missed fieldgoal attempt (“wide right” in Super Bowl XXV).

Speaking of tough losses that would not have happened under today’s rules, there’s the catalyst for the change in playoff overtime rules, when Buffalo lost to Kansas City in the 2021 AFC Divisional playoff game in overtime when the Chiefs took the opening drive in overtime for a touchdown, ending the game with the Bills’ offense not touching the ball in overtime.

Of course, the playoff game that still haunts members of the Bills Mafia to this day is the illegal forward pass that is dubbed “The Music City Miracle.”

Now, however, Buffalo fans have a playoff defeat that might very well overshadow that terrible call in favor of the Tennessee Titans. This time, though, it isn’t one bad call from the officials, but at least two, if not three. Yes, by the letter of the rules, the two pass interference calls could be considered legitimate when looked at in a vacuum. But, considering those two were the only PIs called the whole game, it makes throwing the flag in overtime seem rather dubious.

Those two calls would never have happened, though, if it wasn’t for the pass catch by Brandon Cooks that wound up being called an interception.

Next season, the Vikings will host the Bills in a regular season game, and if all goes according to plan, I will be at that game, primarily rooting for the Vikings while also hoping it will be a “Super Bowl preview.” At least that way, the curse will be guaranteed to be broken for one of my teams.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let’s talk

To the editor,

Under Prsident Biden, more than 8 million illegals — including 3,000 convicted murderers were allowed into our country. Promising to close the border, Trump was overwhelmingly voted in as president and that included all seven swing states.

When President Trump began fulfilling his mandate, democrats protested because they hated Trump. One tactic was to photograph ICE agents and then publish their pictures and addresses on the internet. The result: many ICE agents and their families were threatened. Then, they criticize ICE for covering their faces saying ICE looked like criminal thugs. Democratic leaders further targeted ICE calling them “Gestapo” and “Nazis.” Note to democrats: Don’t resort to targeting families and using hateful rhetoric. If you don’t like something or someone, contact your congressmen, change laws. That is democracy.

Recently Renee Good was blocking ICE for some time. She has taunted ICE, and two weeks ago she was ordered out of her car. If she had simply complied, she’d be alive today. But she refused and then sped off almost running over an ICE agent. That resulted in her being shot and killed.

About five years ago when George Floyd was arrested, he allegedly swallowed a pill and then resisted. Officers took him to the ground, one officer put a knee on his neck and he died. A trial ensued, and that officer, Derek Chauvin, was convicted of murder. In my opinion, evidence at that trial heavily leaned toward George Floyd dying of a drug overdose. Yet Chauvin, and the two other officers were probably unjustly convicted and then sent to prison. A memorial was set up for Floyd, and his family received \$27 million. There remains a lot of unanswered questions about all that.

Mayor Frye has called the Renee Good death “a murder.” The ICE officer, according to Frye, has already been convicted. Fortunately, the federal government will do the investigation.

Our country is divided, and both sides share some blame. I believe three things need to happen for us to come together as a nation: 1. Mainstream media needs their programming to actually be “news,” not left-leaning propaganda. 2. Heinous rhetoric needs to stop immediately. Labeling Trump and ICE as “Hitler,” “the Gestapo,” “Nazis” inflames passions

to act unreasonably and sometimes violently.

Finally, 3. Charlie Kirk was so right when he debated people. He really listened and then he met people where they were reasoning with them. “Hate” blocks rationality and stops debate before it begins. Let’s talk.

David E. Johnson
Cambridge

Minnesota has big problems

To the editor,

Well these days it’s embarrassing to live in Minnesota (we have been called Minnesota Nice) now we are seeing big problems: Minnesota corruption, fraud and anti-law enforcement (ICE), much is being revealed, and exposed and can now be corrected.

It’s hard to believe our governor would not want help to clean this up, but instead attacking those who have discovered it, and are pointing this out. I guess the governor is trying to change the subject so no one is talking about the fraud, but this is way too big — in the billions — and taxpayer money.

It was so preventable. No one should be harassing these law enforcement officers. We feel for the family of the young women who was killed. If our governor would just cooperate with the federal government and release illegals to ICE, who have committed crimes, like most states do, the problem would be solved. Sanctuary cities are only helping criminals go free, and endangering the rest of us.

Most of us want to see criminals punished, and the roads open and not being blocked. We like and want law and order. Is Governor Walz going to enforce our laws, or is he going to give the illegal aliens and criminals protection. We legal citizens see him as stealing our tax money, giving it to non-citizens.

The Seventh Commandment says “Do not steal”. We now know many whistle blowers came forward with information about the fraud but were ignored, fired, or retaliated against.

We want to continue to be known as Minnesota nice. God Bless America and Minnesota. We need help in Minnesota. Tell Governor Walz to work with the federal government, and pray for him and our legislators. They need our prayers, and pray for peace.

Judy Hansen
Cambridge

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January brings on a season of possibility

A new year brings a natural moment to pause, look ahead, and begin imagining what the months in front of us might hold. In schools and in families, January is a time for planning—thinking about spring activities, summer opportunities, and all the moments that fill the calendar between now and August. It is also the heart of enrollment season, when we begin shaping what learning and life will look like in the year ahead.

In my own household, January planning is happening on many levels. We are talking about class registration for our older kids, upcoming activities and sports, family plans, and—perhaps most meaningfully for me—registering my youngest and last child for kindergarten. She is five and convinced she is fifteen, ready to take on the world and make sure everyone knows it. She is strong-willed, confident, and keeps us on our toes, and while I know she is ready for this next chapter, there is a part of me holding onto her as

my “baby.” I already have a feeling her kindergarten teacher will be owed many thank-yous and a lot of coffee next year.

That mix of excitement, pride, and a touch of nervous energy is something many families are feeling right now. Registration season stretches across every age and stage—preschool, kindergarten, middle school, and high school—and it can feel like a lot to manage. Add in planning for spring sports and summer schedules, and January quickly becomes a month full of conversations and decisions.

One thing I want families, and our broader community, to know is that support, guidance, and accurate information are always close at hand. Our counselors, teachers, and teams are here to help students and families navigate options, answer questions, and find the right fit. Schools are meant to be places where questions are welcomed, information is clear, and people feel supported—not rushed or alone. Education works best when we walk alongside one another.

This idea of connection matters not only for students and families, but for all of us. As adults, January often invites reflection too. Who are the people we lean on? Where do we find our sense of belonging? How are we caring for one another during what may be heavy or uncertain times in our lives? For many in

our community—parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends—schools are more than buildings. They are places where people belong, where relationships are formed, and where generations stay connected in meaningful ways. This is equally as important.

This is a time of year when small steps matter. We do not need to have everything figured out all at once. January gives us space to set intentions, make plans, ask questions, and move forward at a steady pace. There is time to plan, time to register, and time to envision what is next. Our schools and programs remain safe, welcoming places to learn, grow, and stay connected, and there are classes, opportunities, and resources available for all and for every stage of life.

As we move into this new year, I am grateful for a community that shows up for its children, and for one another. Whether you are helping a child or grandchild plan their next school year, cheering them on at an activity, or simply staying connected to the people around you during the winter months, you are a critical part of what makes our community strong.

Here’s to a year of learning, growth, and shared moments that bring us closer together.

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A political mess

Although many past presidents have dealt with immigration challenges, Congress could not get things passed during the Biden Administration and the doors stayed opened for millions to enter our country illegally. We now have unrest in many major cities in the United States, our Twin Cities being among the worst. Minnesota has historically been a very kind and welcoming state. Over the years immigrants from

many areas around the world have been welcomed to settle here. Minnesota’s “sanctuary” policies, similar to 13 states in the U.S., has put us at odds with the Federal immigration laws of the Trump Administration. It is also unfortunate that the actions of a few immigrants here have caused billions of dollars to be stolen from taxpayers for fraudulent programs that purported to benefit children, the homeless, the unemployed and those suffering from health issues. It appears that many of these programs were never audited and funding was inappropriately awarded, which helped to drain our state’s financial surplus that we had a few years ago. It seems the discovery of this fraud is, in part, what has led to the federal government’s involvement and the resulting civil unrest. Its disturbing what is happening with the protests in our larger community, from the killing of a protester, to the protesters entering a protected place of worship in St. Paul. People need to understand the First and Fourth Amendments of our Constitution.

The First Amendment reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise there go or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceable to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The Fourth Amendment declares, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects,

against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.”

These amendments to the Constitution - the Bill of Rights - were ratified Dec. 15, 1791. There were ten amendments in total.

We need a de-escalation of the protests and conflicts all over the country or we could be headed toward a Civil War. Business, schools, political services, safety on our streets and in our homes are all being affected.

From George Washington: “However (political parties) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterward the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.” Farewell Address, Sept. 17, 1796

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Jesus Christ who came into the world in a non-traditional way. He spent the last three years of His life training and teaching His disciples.

God had a message of how we are to live: To love our neighbor. It was hard for the 12 disciples to understand that He would go to the cross and suffer that we might have eternal life, grace and forgiveness.

The Bible is there for us to read, to learn how to live and how to care for others. This time of year is not always bright and cheery. Some are unemployed, others homeless, others have experienced the loss of loved ones. We have veterans who have been injured and are in the state of recovery. We need to remember these people who have risked their lives so that we might enjoy the freedom of this country.

Our world today needs more people recognizing the gifts from above and sharing a spirit of gratitude. We need to love our neighbors as ourselves.

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**About the
Town
Gene
Johnson**

Passing mistakes put drivers at risk

Question: I travel a lot and I see a number of people making some poor choices when it comes to passing semis and large vehicles. There is no way these big rigs can stop in time when people do these unsafe maneuvers. Can you write about this?



**Ask A
Trooper
Jesse Grabow**

Answer: A commercial vehicle is a motor vehicle or a combination of motor vehicles that weighs more than 26,000 pounds and is used to transport passengers or property. Buses, including school buses of all sizes, and smaller vehicles with hazardous materials placards are also considered commercial vehicles.

Before passing a commercial vehicle, make sure you have safe clearance to the side, behind and ahead of your vehicle.

- **Passing on a level highway:** It takes three to five seconds longer to pass a commercial vehicle than a car. Allow enough time to pass and return to the right lane before coming within 100 feet of oncoming traffic.

- **Do not pass:** If you plan to exit or turn off the road soon, stay behind the commercial vehicle until you reach the exit.

- **Passing while going uphill:** Commercial vehicles often lose speed on an upgrade,

making them easier to pass than a car.

- **Passing while going downhill:** Commercial vehicles increase speed on a downgrade. Allow more distance to pass.

- **Complete your pass quickly:** Do not remain alongside the commercial vehicle. Move back into your lane only when you can see the front of the commercial vehicle in your rearview mirror. Maintain your speed after passing.

- **When a commercial vehicle passes you:** Keep to the far side of your lane and slightly reduce your speed. Do not speed up while the commercial vehicle is passing.

- **Meeting a commercial vehicle from the opposite direction:** Stay as far to the right as possible to avoid a sideswipe crash and reduce wind turbulence between the vehicles. Turbulence will push the vehicles away from each other, not toward each other.

- **Judging speed and distance:** Because of their large size, commercial vehicles often appear to be traveling slower than they actually are. Many car-commercial vehicle collisions occur at intersections because the driver of the car misjudges the speed and distance of the commercial vehicle.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trip. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on “X” @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Mislabeling ‘domestic terrorism’

To the editor,

The rush by Donald Trump, J.D. Vance, and Kristi Noem — to invoke “domestic terrorism” before a completed investigation is an abomination; it is corrosive to the rule of law.

Under U.S. statute, “domestic terrorism” is a narrowly defined investigative designation, not a stand-alone criminal charge. Federal guidance requires evidence of violence intended to coerce or intimidate civilians or influence government policy. It is meant to be applied deliberately, after investigation — not asserted preemptively to justify force or foreclose scrutiny (U.S. Code §2331; Congressional Research Service R47885).

When this procedure is ignored, the term ceases to be legal language and becomes a political strategy. Legal scholars have warned that premature or selective use of the label undermines due process and expands executive power by collapsing investigation, judgment, and punishment into a single rhetorical move (Harvard Law Review, Vol. 136). Once deployed, the word itself does the work: it delegitimizes questions, excuses state violence, and signals to the public that dissent equals danger.

The same tactic is visible in the repeated branding of protesters as “paid” or “professional agitators.” This claim — made without evidence — serves a parallel function: it strips ordinary citizens of legitimacy and recasts neighbors

as enemies.

This pattern should alarm us. Weaponized language is a hallmark of propaganda, not democracy. It is how governments manufacture consent and suppress accountability. Americans once fought a global war against regimes that normalized this practice. To tolerate it now, at home, is to abandon that legacy.

It is time to pick a side. Either we insist on law, evidence, and restraint—or we accept a politics where labels replace truth. This must stop. I implore you to speak against this abomination.

**Lynnae Bina
Cambridge**

C-I, NB SCOREBOARD: JANUARY 14 - 20

January 14

C-I gymnastics 138.475, Princeton 120.775
 *First place finishers: Annika Michaelis - vault (8.8), beam (9.1); Lilly Gravem - bars (8.775), all-around (35.0); Paislie Guenther - floor (9.0)

January 15

C-I boys wrestling 53, Princeton 12
 C-I boys wrestling 30, Andover 35
 C-I boys basketball 63, Elk River 84
 C-I boys swimming & diving 97, Chisago Lakes 85
 *First place finishers: 200 medley relay, Ethan Rock (50 freestyle), Reid Streed (100 butterfly), Gabe Ludwig (500 freestyle), Joshua Clinkenbeard (100 backstroke), Aiden Larkin (100 breaststroke)
 NB gymnastics 134.025, St. Francis 138.875
 *Ella Dick - 1st place, vault (8.875)
 NB wrestling 6, Zimmerman 62

January 16

C-I boys wrestling 23, Forest Lake 37
 C-I boys wrestling 29, Prior Lake 35
 C-I boys wrestling 53, Monticello 22
 C-I girls wrestling @ home individual invite - 2nd/5 teams
 *First place finishers: Ashlyn Bondeson, Paige Washburn, Hannah Tilus-Tierney
 Northern Tier girls hockey 0, Visitation 3
 C-I girls basketball 54, Zimmerman 70
 C-I boys hockey 4, Princeton 5
 NB girls basketball 21, Braham 83
 NB boys basketball 42, Monticello 87

January 17

C-I boys swimming & diving @ Section 7AA True Team - 7th/8 teams
 *Top finishers: Eddie Steman - 3rd place (diving), Joshua Clinkenbeard - 4th place (100 backstroke)
 NB boys basketball 49, Hibbing 80
 Northern Edge boys hockey 1, Osseo 5

January 19

Northern Tier girls hockey 0, Osseo 7

January 20

C-I girls basketball 41, Chisago Lakes 39
 C-I gymnastics 135.65, Big Lake 136.75
 *Anika Michaelis - 1st place (beam)
 C-I boys basketball 75, Chisago Lakes 70
 Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Moose Lake 4
 C-I boys hockey 6, Anoka 7
 NB boys basketball x, Zimmerman x
 NB girls basketball 22, Zimmerman 87
 Northern Edge boys hockey 8, Mora 2
 *Riley Dufour, Clayton Nephew - 2 goals

C-I, NB HOME SCHEDULES: JANUARY 22 - 31

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. Note: Northern Tier girls hockey is a co-op between Cambridge-Isanti, St. Francis, and North Branch. Northern Edge boys hockey is a co-op between North Branch and St. Francis. Their home games are at East Bethel.

Thursday, January 22

•C-I girls basketball vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)
 •C-I boys hockey vs. Northern Edge (7 p.m.)

Saturday, January 24

•C-I boys swimming & diving - Bluejacket Invite (diving - 9 a.m. swimming - 1 p.m.)
 •C-I gymnastics - Bluejacket All-Around Invite (noon)
 •NB boys basketball vs. Rock Ridge (11:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 26

•NB girls basketball vs. C-I (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 27

•C-I boys basketball vs. Princeton (7 p.m.)
 •Northern Tier girls hockey vs. Princeton @ Isanti (7 p.m.)
 •NB girls basketball vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)
 •Northern Edge boys hockey vs. Luck (7 p.m.)

Thursday, January 29

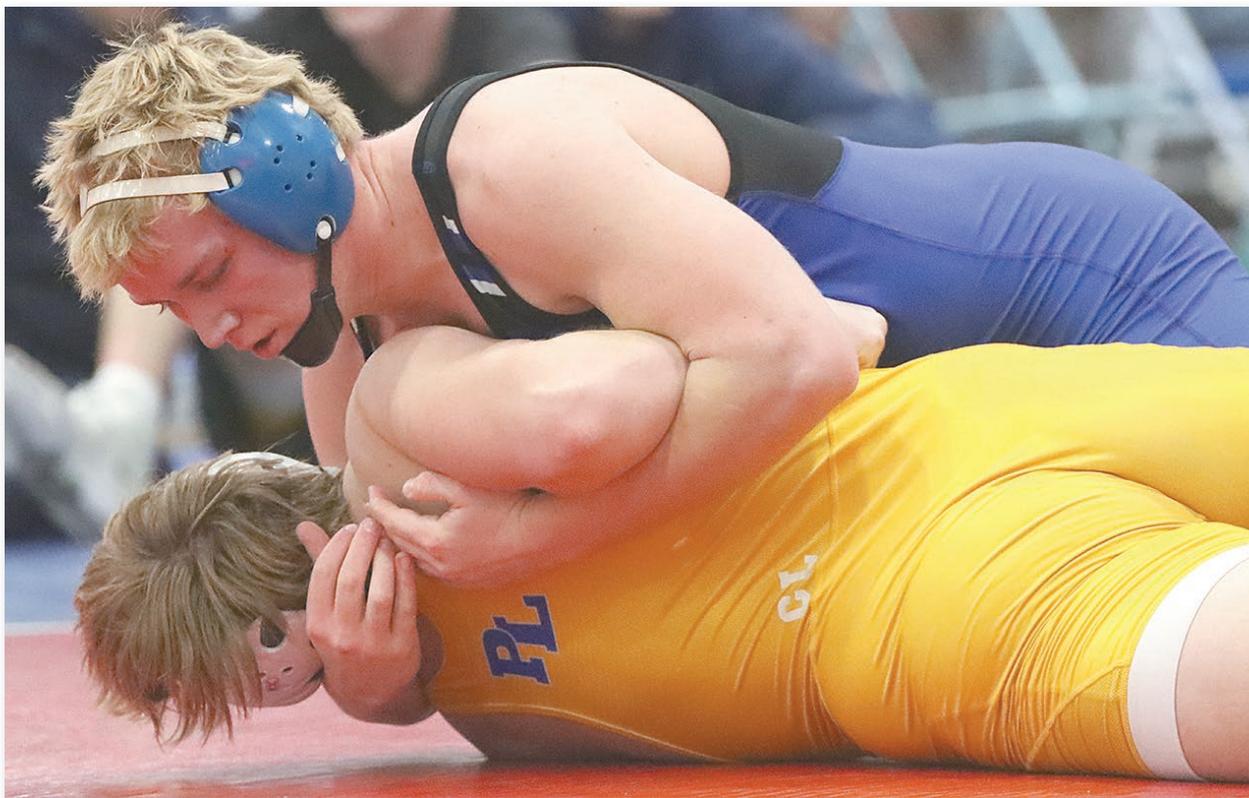
•C-I boys swimming & diving vs. Monticello (5:30 p.m.)
 •C-I wrestling vs. Becker (6 p.m.)
 •Northern Tier girls hockey vs. Forest Lake @ East Bethel (7 p.m.)
 •NB boys basketball vs. St. Francis (5:15 p.m.)
 •NB gymnastics vs. Chisago Lakes (6 p.m.)
 •NB girls basketball vs. St. Francis (7 p.m.)

Friday, January 30

•C-I girls basketball vs. Minneapolis Southwest (7 p.m.)
 •NB wrestling home invite (5 p.m.)

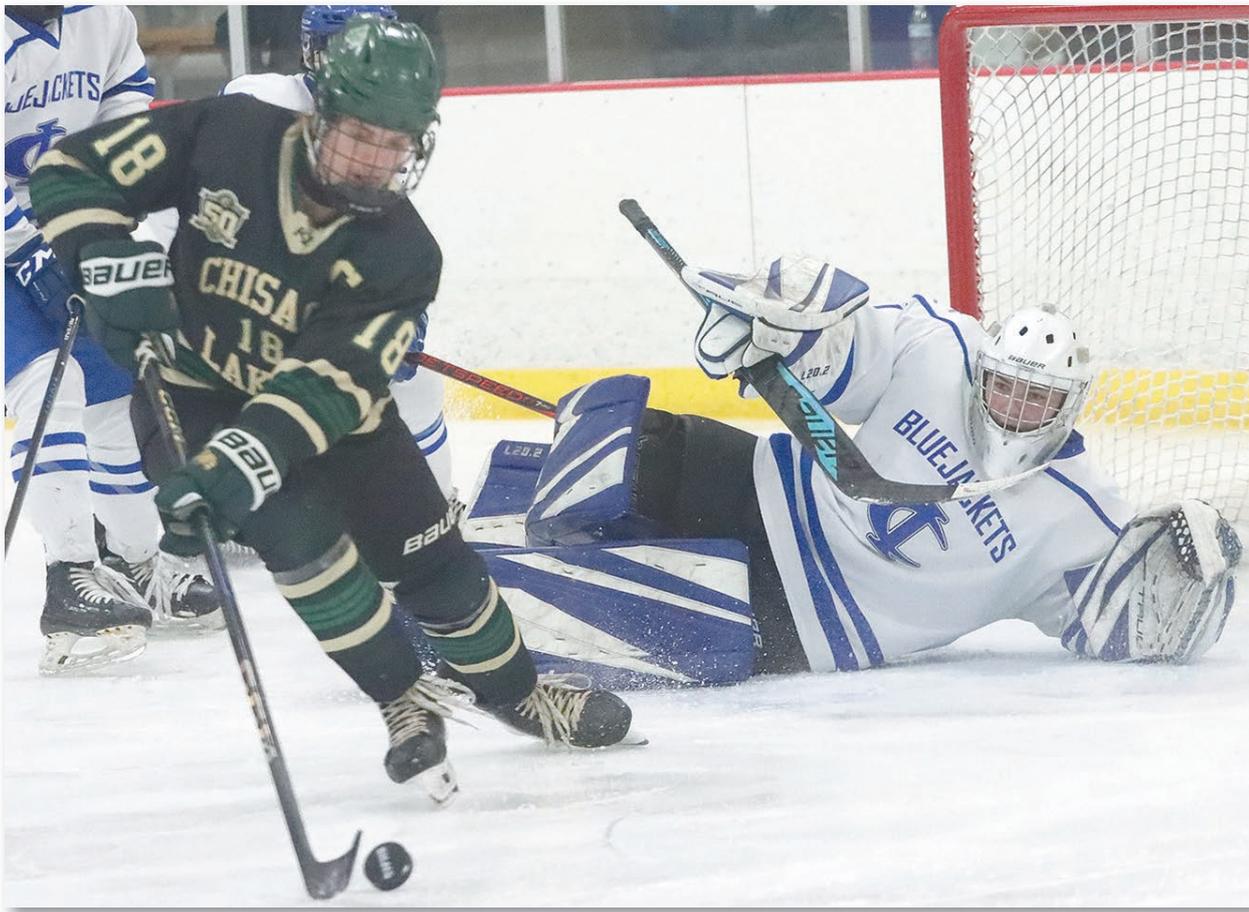
Saturday, January 31

•C-I girls basketball vs. Forest Lake (1 p.m.)



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Cambridge-Isanti's Grant Oliver rolls his Prior Lake opponent over for a near-fall and eventual pin during his 285 pound match during the Bluejacket Duals.



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Bluejacket goalie Zach Bauer dives across the goal trying to stop a potential rebound shot from Chisago Lakes' Austin Slettom.

Bluejacket Hall of Fame seeks nominees

STAFF REPORT
 NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket Hall of Fame Committee is looking for nominations for possible induction into the 2026 Class of the Bluejacket Hall of Fame.

Nominations can be made in four different categories: Athlete/Fine Arts, Coach, Community Member, and Team.

Nominees in the Athlete/Fine Arts category must be a graduate of Cambridge-Isanti High School and out of school for at least 10 years. Any nominees who graduated prior to the mid-to-late 70s will be placed into a separate "legacy" category apart from more recent graduates.

Nominees for coach can be current or former coaches of any Cambridge-Isanti Schools team.

Community members do not have to be a CIHS graduates. They simply must have or are currently making significant contributions to CIHS Athletics and Activities.

There are no time restrictions or levels of success

for team nominees.

To make a nomination, go to www.c-ischools.org, hover over the "Activities" tab, and click on "Bluejacket Hall of Fame." You can also go directly to the form by going to <https://bit.ly/C-IBluejacketHOF>. Each of the questions needs to be answered, however "unknown" or "N/A" can be used. When nominating a team, use the specific season for the first name and the sport as the last name. There currently is no team category listed, so use "player" as the category.

The deadline for a nominee to be considered for the 2026 Hall of Fame is Monday, Feb. 9. However, nominations can be made at any time throughout the year. All nominees will stay on the consideration list for 10 years.

The annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 23. For any questions regarding the nomination or induction process, contact Cambridge-Isanti Activities Director Matt Braaten at mbraaten@c-ischools.org or 763-689-6011.

CIHS One-Act performing classic Shakespeare comedy

For this year's one-act play competition, the Cambridge-Isanti High School Theatre Department is performing William Shakespeare's classic comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," but with a more modern-day twist.

The troupe already has already hosted a four-school festival, earning a star performance for physical comedy. They will compete in the subsection competition this Saturday at St. Francis High School. If they finish in the top three, they will advance to the section finals on their home stage on January 31.

To get one last performance in front of a live audience in, they are inviting the public to a free performance at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23 at the CIHS Performing Arts Center.



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OBITUARIES

Bradley Thomas Cook

Bradley Thomas Cook of Rush City passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 11, 2026, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 76 after a long battle with cancer.

Brad was born on August 11, 1949 to James and Shirley (Wood) Cook in Farmington, Minnesota. He attended Rush City and graduated from Rush City High School in 1967.

He went on to a vocational college before joining the United States Marines in 1969 where he served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1975.

Upon discharge from the military, he sold his prized Corvette to launch the start of his business ventures with friends, Loren Jennings and Jerry Moses. Throughout the years, they ran multiple different companies, most notably Kingers Grocery/Mall and M & M Sanitation (East Central Sanitation).

In 1986, Brad and Linda were married, continuing their lives in Rush City while raising their two children.

Brad was fortunate to have had many successful businesses, selling East Central Sanitation in 2016 and retiring to pursue hobbies including hunting and fishing as well as coin collecting, car collecting and of course lawn care. Brad was able to spend a lot of his time on Mille Lacs at the cabin, in Arizona with friends, and many family trips with the grandkids.

Because of his love for cars and Rush City, we have decided to do a donation in Brad's memory for the Rockin' Rush City Car Show in August, where we will also plan a celebration of life event.

Brad is survived by his children Breanna (Derek) Cook of Scandia, Brandon (Cassie) Cook of Rush City; grandchildren Brinley, Coen, Wells, Kennedy, Evelyn, Sawyer, Tate; siblings Steve (Louise) Cook of Alexandria, Val Sybrant of Brooklyn Park, Pete (Julie) Cook, Joe (Regina) Cook, John (Kathy) Cook, Tim (Tammy) Cook all of Rush City; along with numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and other family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Shirley Cook; sisters Deb Vogel, Jan Radman; and brother Corey Cook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to: Rush City Chamber of Commerce Rockin' Rush City Car Show

PO Box 713
Rush City, MN 55069

Gathering for Brad's family and friends: 5-8 p.m.; Friday, January 23, 2026 at the Olson Funeral Chapel of Rush City. Interment with military honors will take place at a later date at Calvary Catholic Cemetery of Rush City.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the: Funeral and Cremation Service of Rush City ~ Olson Chapel www.FuneralAndCremationService.com



Joyce C. Lantz

Joyce C. Lantz, 88, of Rush City, MN passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at Rushseba Station in Rush City.

She was born September 1, 1937 in Duluth, Minnesota to Clifford Sr. and Elsa (Anderson) Theline. The family later moved to their farm east of Isanti where Joyce grew up. She loved the farm and experienced many adventures and memories with her brothers & sisters and best friend Lorna (Anderson) Christensen. After graduating from Cambridge High School in 1955, Joyce attended the University of Minnesota and obtained her LPN degree. She spent her career with the Cambridge Medical Center at both the Cambridge and Braham Clinics, retiring in 2002.

Joyce met Carl Lantz, the love of her life, in 1958 while roller skating at the Rush City roller rink. On April 30, 1960 Joyce and Carl were united in marriage at South Isanti Baptist Church near Isanti, MN. After their wedding they moved to the farm near West Rush Lake where they spent the next 34 years farming. In 1967 they welcomed their daughter Julie into their family. Joyce dedicated her life caring for Julie who was born with Cystic Fibrosis. Joyce's love and committed care is credited with Julie being able to live a full and wonderful life.

She loved to travel. Her and Carl enjoyed many family trips and bus tours across the country. She had numerous trips with her granddaughter, Alysha and was always up for an adventure. She loved family time and holidays get togethers. She was also a committed member of Stanchfield Baptist Church where she attended for 65 years.

She is survived by her daughter Julie (Pat) Thiry of Stanchfield, foster son George Schrunk of Rush City, granddaughter Alysha (Matt) Oanes of Rochester, two step grandchildren Sarah (Matt) Solberg of Hermantown, Hannah (Keegan) McCabe of Omaha, NE, three great step grandchildren Mary, Marta and Dean, brothers Cliff Theline Jr. of Cambridge, Clint (Shirley) Theline of Kalispell, MT, sister Jordice (Rex) Chambers of Albuquerque, NM, sisters-in-law MaryEllen Lantz of Auburn, WA, Betty Lantz of Mt. Vernon, WA, many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Rushseba by Vivie and St. Croix Hospice for their compassion and care over the past year. Memorials in memory of Joyce can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Memorial Service 11 a.m., Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Stanchfield Baptist Church. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment in the church cemetery. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.



Kevin William Devine

Kevin William Devine, age 73, of Cambridge, MN, passed away peacefully at M Health Fairview Northland Hospital, Princeton, MN, on Jan. 8, 2026.

Kevin was born July 17, 1952 in Minneapolis, MN, the fourth of 12 children, to Ronald and Elizabeth (Betty) Devine. He was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Robbinsdale, MN, and confirmed at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, North Branch, MN.



Kevin graduated from North Branch High School in 1970 and then attended Pine City Vo-Tech to study welding; he worked at various jobs in Harris, Wyoming, Cambridge, and Princeton.

He resided at the family farm near Harris, MN, then moved to Cambridge in 1995. Upon his retirement he moved to Ashland Place in Cambridge until his health weakened and he went to Elim Wellspring Health Care in Princeton. After contracting influenza he was sent to M Health Fairview Northland Hospital.

Kevin was a "Happy-go-lucky" Irishman proud of his Irish heritage and was someone who would give you the shirt off his back not expecting anything in return. He was kind and generous - a true "mensch" - making his agate rock necklaces and bolo ties for his family and friends. He was an avid "Rock Hound" attending rock shows around the State, buying, trading, and selling his treasures.

He was a voracious reader and a steady visitor at the Cambridge Library and Scout and Morgan Bookstore. With his eclectic interests and vast knowledge, he was quick to share facts and figures with all and was often referred to as a "walking encyclopedia" by his family and friends.

He will be missed by his many, many friends in the Cambridge community.

Kevin loved puzzles and word games of all kinds and was an ace at the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzles, an activity he often shared with his mother.

One of Kevin's great loves was music. He had a huge CD collection of all genres - country, classical, rock and roll, blues, Americana, Irish traditional - you name it, Kevin had several CDs of it. His favorite pastime was going to hear his long-time good friend, Kenny Krona, play at various local venues; and often joked about being Kenny's "roadie" helping him with his equipment.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Brian, and sister Bridget.

Kevin is survived by his siblings: Patricia (Patricia), Kathleen (John) Carlson, Terence (Mary Hoch), Daniel, Eileen (Matt Quast), Maureen (David) Dewey, Colleen, Sheila, Margaret, and sister-in-law, Juliann Benson; 14 nieces and nephews, 17 great-nieces and nephews, 4 great-great nephews and niece; and many, many cousins and friends.

A Memorial Service is planned for later in the spring. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Rev. Roger C. Davies

Roger C. Davies, 94, passed away peacefully in the early morning on Christmas Day, 2025 in Cambridge, MN after a full and God honoring life. His life is highlighted by over 50 years in the ministry. He served as pastor of numerous churches where he led many to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Roger (Rolette, SD) was born on June 15, 1931 to Clyde and Leila Davies of Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He was the oldest of six children, followed in order by Nona, Nora Reta, Keith, Lance and Birdell - his five younger brothers and sisters. Roger graduated from Lincoln High

School in Thief River Falls in 1949. He then went to study theology at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. There he prepared for fulfilling his lifelong calling to the ministry that he recognized as a young boy while still in elementary school. It was at Bob Jones where he met Elizabeth ("Betty") A. Dobson, a beautiful, gifted musician from Canaan, New York. Roger and Betty were married in July 1953 in Claverack, New York. Together

they welcomed their first son John Roger in September 1954. After Roger and Betty graduated from Bob Jones University with Bachelor's Degrees in Biblical Studies and Music respectively, they then moved to Canaan, New York.

Roger began his pastoral career at a small church in upstate New York in 1954 and continued to serve in the ministry as pastor of over fifteen Baptist churches throughout Minnesota, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, California, South Dakota, Iowa, Utah and Wyoming. He also served as Chaplain of the Worcester County Jail in Worcester Massachusetts and camp pastor at several Christian camps throughout the years. Roger and wife Betty had three additional sons - David Samuel (1956), Daniel Kent (1960), and Dale Allen (1964). Roger was a voracious reader, enjoyed traveling throughout the country, and liked to take frequent walks to stay healthy until he was no longer able to do so. While raising his family he enjoyed family picnics, visits to parks and camping trips throughout New England.

He is survived by brothers Keith and Birdell, sister Nora Reta, his son's David (wife Eileen), Daniel (wife Tracy), and Dale (wife Carroll Rose), ten grandchildren as well as ten great grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating Roger's life will be held on May 27 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cambridge, MN.



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Braham freshman earns state honor

Skyee Ward, a freshman at Braham High School, stands with members of Rum River VFW Post No. 2735 after being named Minnesota's third-place winner in the VFW National Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Contest. Pictured, from left, are Tim Kent, post commander; Ward; Carlo Kruse, auxiliary president; and Gail Genin, auxiliary treasurer.

Help grow Minnesota's future forests by collecting black spruce cones

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' State Forest Nursery is seeking individuals to collect black spruce cones this winter. The DNR uses the gathered cones to directly seed public lands and grow seedlings at the State Forest Nursery, which is near Akeley. In 2025, the DNR reforested nearly 1,200 acres of state land using almost 70,000 black spruce seedlings and 40 pounds of black spruce seed – which is the equivalent of roughly 25 million seeds.

“Collecting tree seeds and cones isn't easy work. It often means hiking through the woods in cold weather, identifying the right trees, and gathering cones for several hours,” said Sarah Ebert, DNR State Forest Nursery manager. “But for Minnesotans who enjoy being outdoors, it's a great way to play a hands-on role in restoring and replanting forests across the state.”

The DNR pays collectors \$200 per bushel for clean, closed, ripe, black spruce cones. Of note, collecting seeds and

cones from yard trees is not recommended. Many yard trees are cultivars or nonnative varieties. Also, the DNR doesn't accept cones from non-native species such as blue or Norway spruce, or open cones collected from the ground with stems, leaves and debris. Individuals should contact their local DNR Forestry office (mndnr.gov/contact/locator.html) before collecting to confirm if black spruce cones are currently needed and to arrange drop-off.

Knowing how to correctly identify black spruce is an important part of successful cone collection, and the DNR encourages collectors to review identification tips and photos online before heading out. Some characteristics to look for are short, pointed, four-sided needles approximately one-half inch long and cones that are small and purplish black in color.

Black spruce is found primarily in northern Minnesota, and seed drop-off stations are located at Forestry offices in Baudette, Grygla, Wannaska, Bemidji,



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Cloquet, Deer River, Hibbing, International Falls, Littlefork, Orr, Tower, Two Harbors, Warroad and the State Forest Nursery. For an list of all cone collection offices, see the map on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/forestry/nursery/collection-map.html).

Collectors can find additional identification tips, current prices, collection guidelines, and drop-off locations on the DNR's seed and cone collection webpage (mndnr.gov/seedcone). -MNDNR



DNR urges woodland owners to consider adding conifers, help wildlife survive harsh winters

During Minnesota winters, conifer trees such as pine, spruce and fir provide critical cover that helps wildlife survive cold, wind and deep snow. That's why the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages the nearly 200,000 woodland owners across the state to consider how conifers fit into their woodland management plans.

By including conifers as one aspect of a broader woodland stewardship plan, woodland owners are supporting wildlife. For example, white-tailed deer use conifer cover to conserve energy during deep-snow periods. Turkey, grouse and songbirds rely on conifers for shelter, nesting and food as well.

“Conifers are a long-term investment in both wildlife and the land,” said Troy Holcomb, a DNR forestry specialist. “When woodland owners manage conifers, they're helping provide winter cover not just on their

own land, but also for wildlife moving across the surrounding landscape.”

Of the more than 17 million acres of forested land in the state, nearly half is private woodlands. How woodlands connect with surrounding forests can help or hinder wildlife movement and access to winter cover.

The DNR offers resources, seedlings and forestry services to help landowners plan for how a woodland will change over time. Woodland owners can learn more about trees, forests, and what species would grow well on their land through the DNR Woodland Landowner Handbooks (mndnr.gov/woodlands) or by working with a professional forester to develop a woodland stewardship plan (mndnr.gov/foreststewardship/plan-writers.html). The DNR also offers native conifer seedlings through the Minnesota State Forest Nursery (mndnr.gov/forestry/nursery). -MNDNR

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Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576.
8:30am Worship Service (traditional
style)
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rary style)

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41300 Second St., North
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school for all ages
9:30am, Sunday morning Worship
10:30am, Sunday evening 6pm, Wed.
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sunrisebiblechurch.org
or 651-674-4107.

Catholic

Christ the King

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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: brigitte@isantiacc.org
Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am.
Sun. 8:30am.
isantiacc.org

Evangelical Covenant

Karmel Covenant Church

5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN
763-389-3169
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson

Sunday School for All Ages (school
year only): 9-10 a.m.

Sunday Worship (in person & online):
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday Programming (school year
only):
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with
AWANA and Youth Group from
6:30-8 p.m.

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti
(1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
9am Worship Service
10:45am Christian Education
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays
6 to 7:30pm

Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible
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In-person & Live on Facebook
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School
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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

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

Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessi-
ble.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt
Sunday Worship 9:20am
Coffee & fellowship following service
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge
763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
Pastor James Ritter
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5315
Pastor Sue Olson &
Pastor Rebecca Holland
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Sundays
9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School
Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays
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Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017.
763-689-1687
Join us for worship every Sunday at
10:30
Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the
Fall
Coffee fellowship after worship
www.salemlutherandalbo.com

Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch
Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5;
(or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd.
5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-
444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor;
Sunday 9am Worship;
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St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

980 West 4th Street, Rush City
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Sunday 8:45am Worship
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study
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St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box
37, Braham
320-396-3103
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible
Study.
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ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
In person and online worship
8 & 10 am Worship
9 am Coffee Hour
9 am Sunday School
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

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404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge.
763-689-2071.
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.
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37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080
763-308-5618
Coffee fellowship: 9:45am
Service: 10:00am
Pastor: Tim Miller
www.gracegospelmn.org
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Pastor Tom Bakke
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Sunday nights and Wednesdays

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church

601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
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NOTICES

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The warranty deed recorded on June 23, 1971, for Lot 17, Block 2, Goldenwood, also known as 2940 Ivy Street South, Cambridge, Minnesota, was never executed by the named grantors and no lawful conveyance ever occurred. Because the deed was unsigned, no party ever acquired title, no valid mortgage was ever created, and all actions based on that defective instrument, including any foreclosure or sheriff's sale, are void. The only lawful execution of the original deed occurred on October 10, 2023, and the property was transferred into the LeRoy Family Private Land Trust on October 31, 2023. No other person or entity has authority to sell, transfer, convey, or encumber this property, and any attempted action by an unauthorized party is void. This notice is provided to clarify the record and confirm that all actions based on the unsigned 1971 instrument are void and without legal effect. Devin M. LeRoy, Successor Trustee and Legal Title Holder, LeRoy Family Private Land Trust.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at a Public Auction on

February 3, 2026 at 10:00 am at: The Storehouse 37200 Highway 65 Grandy, MN 55029

The personal property heretofore with the undersigned by:

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Martin "Marty" John Mulvany

23226 Yucca St. NW

St. Francis, MN 55070-9795

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City

Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a proposed Zoning Text Amendment to City Code Section 66-855 Surfacing to require paved surfaces for parking areas and driveways for commercial and industrial zoned properties.

Applicant(s)
City of North Branch
Property Owners(s)
NA
General Location(s)
NA
Legal Description
NA
PID(s)
NA

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov OR call 651-277-5227.

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk
tkostuch@northbranchmn.gov
(651) 674-8113

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Applicant(s)
Dennis Christ
Property Owners(s)
David & Laura Scholl
General Location(s)
West of Oakview Ave, South of Pecan St
Legal Description
OAKHURST ADDITION LOT 15, BLOCK 4, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PID(s)
16.00482.10

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Applicant(s)
Louisiana Pacific
Property Owners(s)
North Branch EDA
General Location(s)
Southwest corner of 410th Street and Forest Blvd
PID(s)
Portions of 11.01072.02, 11.01072.13, 11.01072.33, 11.01072.10, and 1.01072.25

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proposed Minor Subdivision for a 4 lot subdivision named "Hemingway Meadows" at PID 11.00560.00.

Applicant(s)
Reliable Land & Trust, LLC.
Property Owners(s)
Reliable Land & Trust, LLC.
General Location(s)
East of Hemingway Avenue and South of 372nd Street
Legal Description
W 1/2 OF SW 1/4, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PID(s)
11.00560.00

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Applicant(s)
North Branch EDA
Property Owners(s)
North Branch EDA
General Location(s)
Southwest corner of 410th Street and Forest Blvd
PID(s)
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County STAR on January 22, 2026 FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

State of Minnesota, County of Isanti, Tenth Judicial District, Civil No. 30-CV-25-756, First National Bank, Plaintiff vs. Dylan Investments LLC; D.B. Graphics, Inc.; Dennis George Buchana; Tammy Jane Buchanan; Platinum Bank; and John Doe, Mary Roe, and XYZ Corporation, whose correct names are unknown to Plaintiff, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for Judgment dated December 15, 2025, and entered December 19, 2025, in the above-cited action, a certified copy of which has been delivered directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to said Plaintiff in the above-cited action from said Defendants, the Sheriff of Pipestone County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the premises described in said Judgment to pay the debt secured by the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 26, 2021

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$709,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Dylan Investments LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company
MORTGAGEE: First National Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded on May 27, 2021, as Document Number A504965 in the Office of the County Recorder of Isanti County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti

Common Street Address(es): 801 Highway 65 NE, Isanti, MN 55040
Tax Parcel ID No.: 16.020.1100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 of SW1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the SE1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 35, Range 23, thence north along the north and south quarter line a distance of 440 feet; thence west and parallel

with the south line of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 a distance of 600 feet; thence south and parallel with the east line of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 a distance of 440 feet to the South line of SE1/4 of SW1/4; thence east along the south line of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 a distance of 600 feet to the point of commencement, subject to highway easements of record and mineral reservations of record, Isanti County, Minnesota.

AMOUNT DUE UNDER JUDGMENT: As December 19, 2025, the amount due under the Judgment entered in the above-cited action on December 19, 2025, is no less than \$673,009.81, consisting of the judgment amount of \$673,009.81 plus interest accrued and accruing at a rate of \$69.11 per day since October 21, 2025, together with accrued and accruing fees and costs and the costs and expenses of sale.

PURSUANT the said judgment, the above-described property will be sold by sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 5, 2026, at 10 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street S., Cambridge, MN 55008 to pay the debt by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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.

DATED: January 20, 2026
MORTGAGEE: First National Bank DeWitt LLP

By: /s/ Zachary P. Armstrong
Name: Zachary P. Armstrong
Attorneys for Plaintiff/Mortgagee
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ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Jan. 11 - 17. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Dustin Carl Madson (DOB 08/03/1988) of East Bethel, charged Jan. 12 with Check Forgery-Make or Alter a Check.

Aaron Lloyd Ableman (DOB 11/24/1993) of Ham Lake, charged Jan. 12 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

Adan Rene Castillo-Campis (DOB 06/26/1998) of Isanti, charged Jan. 12 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

Jessica Ann Graber (DOB 05/23/1973) of Mora, charged Jan. 12 with Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of

Controlled Substance.

Cory Steven Hewitt (DOB 12/06/1991) of Isanti, charged Jan. 16 with one count of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon; one count of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon-Substantial Bodily Harm; and one count of Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm.

Luke Warren Brewster (DOB 11/11/1979) of Cambridge, charged Jan. 16 with Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 50 grams or more - cocaine or methamphetamine.

Jonathan Robert Levy (DOB 02/07/1982) of Saint Paul, was charged Jan. 16 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Jan. 11 - 17. All individuals are presumed innocent

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John William Hofer (DOB 07/17/1984) of Scandia, charged Jan. 13 with Domestic Assault.

Joseph Christian Schellbach (DOB 07/16/1978) of Rush City, charged Jan. 14 with Receiving Stolen Property.

Scott Michael Dudrey (DOB 12/06/1960) of Wyoming, charged Jan. 14 with five counts of Possess child sexual abuse material; Prior conviction or adjudication; and one count of Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

Travis Henery Kuznia (DOB 09/25/1981) of Rush City, charged Jan. 16 with Receiving Stolen Property.

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