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Steering while slamming on the brakes

A steer wrestler puts in full effort during Friday's Isanti Firefighters Rodeo performance. For more photos from this year's rodeo, see page 6 and at www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.

Peter Pan Jr flies into Cambridge Performing Arts Center

Play Inc. Arts Community Theatre's Junior Theatre Troupe is pleased to present Peter Pan Jr. in three performances.

Based on J.M. Barrie's enchanting play, this is a version of the timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up. The musical selections include arrangements such as "I'm Flying," "I Won't Grow Up," "True Blood Brothers," and more!

Wendy Darling (played by Ella DeRushia) loves to tell stories to her brothers, John (Simeon Charlebois) and Michael (Dierk Montague). Peter Pan (Chloe Sayavong) comes to visit the Darling Nursery, listening at the window to the stories Wendy tells, to then retell them to the Lost Boys in Neverland. He enters the home one evening, seeking his lost shadow. Wendy helps reattach it, and is then invited to Neverland, an island with "hardly any space between



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Performances of Peter Pan Jr. will be held July 17 - 19 at the CIHS PAC.

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The center of attention

North Branch sets six-month moratorium on data centers

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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North Branch is trying to get ahead of any potential data centers by changing zoning and setting regulations on "high utility users."

For now, the city council plans to set a six-month moratorium on new data centers in the city while staff figures out what those regulations will look like.

To date, much of the discussion has occurred within the Planning Commission, one of several committees that regularly meet, report and make recommendations to the full city council. Council member Patrick Meacham serves as the liaison between the two boards and has been leading the charge to address the issue in council.

"I have no information that someone's interested, that someone's coming," Meacham told the council, emphasizing that staying ahead of such interest with rule changes is a best practice.

An audience member told the council at their last meeting that a company had listed Chisago County as a potential location for a data center.

Currently, data centers are allowed in the city's B-Business zoning districts, according to a staff report.

"Data centers are significantly different from traditional office, commercial, or industrial uses," the staff report says. "While they generally generate limited traffic and employment once operational, they can require substantial infrastructure investments and place unique demands on municipal utility systems."

And with the boom in "artificial

City of Isanti sets 30-month moratorium on data centers

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The city of Isanti isn't messing around in regard to warding off unwanted data centers being constructed within city limits — establishing a 30-month moratorium on such facilities.

"I've been researching the impacts of data centers on communities and seeing a lot of fears of the unknowns," Isanti Mayor Luke Merrill said, "especially with the hyperscale (data centers). It's kind of a new thing, and I don't know if the city of Isanti has definite policies that are really what we intend or just to make sure what we have in place fits the goals with the city."

"We're a pretty small city, geographically, so I don't think a hyperscale center would ever work here," Merrill continued. "But I think we need to go through and make sure that our policy is written in a way that protects that from ever happening if that is what we choose to do."

In a nutshell, data centers are buildings that house computers designed to collect and store information from certain sectors of the internet. The size of the facility depends on how much information is meant to be stored. The largest data centers, which are generally described as "hyperscale," can be housed in a multi-million square foot building. The smallest data centers can be under 5,000 square feet in size.

Besides physical size, data centers require differing levels of electrical and water consumption. The largest data centers can draw anywhere from 20 megawatts of power to over one gigawatt to operate, with the smaller ones still using one to five MW of power. They also use anywhere up to one to five million gallons of water daily to keep the servers cool.

One last component data centers

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Steve Lundeen

Isanti City Council member

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PETER PAN: Cast of 54 brings condensed version of all-time classic play to life

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one adventure and another.” Their adventure introduces them to the Lost Boys, Brave Girls, and even the infamous Captain Hook (Isaiah Eisenbraun) and his band of Pirates! Under the direction of Wren Rivers and Shannon Shogren, and complete with an energetic cast of 54 middle-schoolers, colorful costumes, a magical set and a beloved hero, Peter Pan Jr is a magical story sure to please audiences of all ages.

Performances will be Friday, July 17, and Saturday, July 18, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 19, at 2 p.m. at Cambridge-Isanti High School’s Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available through www.cur8.com - PlayInc. Arts



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PETER PAN JR CAST:

Peter Pan — Chloe Sayavong
Wendy — Ella DeRushia
John — Simeon Charlebois
Michael — Dierk Montague
Nana/Pirate — Lucy Norling
Mr. Darling/Pirate — Ben Pauly
Mrs. Darling/Brave Girl — Alivia Kay
Liza/Lost Boy — Emery Allen
Tinkerbell — Annika Boettcher
Tiger Lily — Josie Knudsvig
Twin #1 — Marlee Lenk
Twin #2 — Marley Allen
Nibs — Silas Charlebois
Curley — Reagan Ludwig
Tootles — Taylor Puelston
Slightly — Oakley Bunes
Small Brave Girl — Shelby Howard

Brave Girl #1 — Izzy Nesbit
Brave Girl #2 — Leah Anderson
Captain Hook — Isaiah Eisenbraun
Smee — Jo Christenson
Cecco — Bailey Marty
Starkey — Sydney Beckman
Noodler — Bennett Weber
Jukes — Kassidy McGuire
Crocodile — Brooks Gibbs

Pirates
Annika Boettcher*
Evan Currie
Qhloe Engelking
Joscelynn Farrell
Elsyn Houtsma
Grace Larson

Lucy Norling*
Ben Pauly*
Katy Swanson
Kitty Sward
Vy Tran
Autumn Webb

Lost Boys
Emery Allen*
Brynna Brown
Sara Cole
Stella Miller
Hannah Reinhard
Ellery Schorer
Ella Treichel
Emmersyn Wald
Finley Whiteford

Romie Wright
Brooklyn Young

Brave Girls
Mylie Bremer
Charlotte Earl
Anya Ekerholm
Alivia Kay*
Maddie Livingston
Rhea Richard
Aurora St James
Bekah Welker
Kylee Williams
Emma Zigan

ISANTI: Council against hyperscale data centers, divided on length of moratorium

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require is a large high-speed internet network, which is typically fiber. Some of the other perceived negative impacts of data centers is a higher amount of light and noise pollution.

“I watched another video (on data centers),” Council member Steve Lundeen said. “There was a certain school that had to shut off half their lights during the day because the power draw was in so high demand from a data center. Also, their water usage, people’s water supply to their homes was cut in half because they have such high water demand.

“So that created a large demand on their water treatment plant,” Lundeen continued. “There is a ton of pollution with them. There is no job benefits for them being there. About a month or so ago, I started researching these things. And I said ‘hell-to-the-no.’ There’s no way I am going to allow something like that in this community. And I would like to see the

same thing from Cambridge and the county. Because that is going to put a strain on all us taxpayers.”

In early June, the Cambridge Council instructed staff to do preliminary research on the possibility of a data center wanting to move in before they formally enact a moratorium. The findings of that research will be presented to the council the first . Similarly, the Isanti County Commissioners have instructed staff to contact other Minnesota counties that have already enacted a moratorium, plus the Planning Commission will take a look at compiling a formal ordinance for the commissioners to vote on.

Like the city of Isanti, the city of Cambridge and Isanti County to date have not received any inquiries about constructing a data center here. They are also uncertain if it is feasible to construct a hyperscale center here.

While a majority of the council agreed on imposing a moratorium, they differed on the length of it. Merrill said he felt staff could come up with a formal policy in

under a year. Plus, the moratorium could be extended to a total of 30 months if need be. The rest of the council, with the exception of Council member Erika Zdon, preferred they go straight to the 30-month. Zdon said she felt the chances of someone coming in and trying to build a data center in the near future were small enough they didn’t need to impose a formal moratorium.

“I don’t think this is something that is going to happen in the next six months that we can’t handle,” Zdon said. “I don’t want to start a 30-month timeline, because in 12 months, what we discuss might be obsolete.”

“It’s kinda like with cannabis,” Merrill countered. “We put a moratorium on that because it kept changing and the whole dynamics of that, we were being proactive rather than reactive.”

Ultimately, the council voted 4-1 to go with the 30-month moratorium, with Zdon casting the lone nay vote.

NORTH BRANCH: Vote for six-month moratorium taking place at July 22 meeting

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intelligence” programs has come a new kind of data center: one that requires astronomically more utilities, specifically water and electricity.

Adding capacity to utility systems to accommodate the needs of these centers also comes at a cost, which is shared by consumers, writes Mat Honan in the MIT Technology Review.

They also generate more noise and wastewater than the average business, all while creating fewer jobs.

These “hyperscale” data centers face ire across the country — and across the

political aisle.

“Truly, the hyperscale datacenter is a marvel of our age,” Honan writes. “A masterstroke of engineering across multiple disciplines. They are nothing short of a technological wonder.

“People hate them,” they conclude. Meta, the company behind Facebook and Instagram, is building a data center in the state of Wyoming that will use more electricity than all the homes in the state combined, according to a July 2025 article from the Associated Press.

For its part, the North Branch city council has not expressed as strong

an opinion as many municipalities, in Minnesota and nationwide.

Council member Jeff Goulet has said he is interested in learning more and has clarified he is not automatically against them for North Branch.

However, Goulet agreed with Meacham on getting ahead of the curve.

“I actually hope the county’s listening, too, to take some action, too,” Goulet said, “because if it’s right outside the city limits, there’s not much we can do about it.”

At the state level, provisions limiting the construction of data centers have received bipartisan support, including

one to forbid non-disclosure agreements between local governments and potential developers.

For their part, data giants like Meta, Microsoft and Google tout efforts to cool their data centers more efficiently and introduce green energy infrastructure to power them.

Mayor Kevin Schieber expressed hope that the city could put regulations in place by the end of the year, before the current council and mayoral terms end, so the people who craft them could see them come to fruition.

MON & THUR
Alcoholics Anonymous
 7p.m. Main Street Church 6500 Main Street, North Branch, MN. Enter West 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
Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's
 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS
Braham Parkinson's Support
 3 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 McKenna Dold 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.

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 Celebraterecovery.com for more info.

Knitting Night
 hosted by the North Branch Library. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All forms of needlework welcome. Recommended for adults. No registration required.

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,



Meet George and Martha Washington on July 20 at the Cambridge Public Library.

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

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.

Baby Storytime
 co-hosted by Cambridge Library and ECFE. Begins at 9:30 a.m. at Cambridge Library through May 21. Recommended for ages birth to 23 months. No registration necessary.

Spring bowling with We R Able
 We R Able offers drop-in bowling every other Thursday evening from 4 to 6 p.m. at JJ's Bowl and Lounge, 6427 Ash St., North Branch. The spring season dates are: May 14, 28, June 11, and 25. Balls and shoes are included in the fee. For more information call 320-358-3616.

SATURDAY
Joyful Walking Club
 The 1st 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.

JULY 18
Storytime around the town
 Enjoy stories, music and activities from noon to 12:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Farmers Market, 300 Third Ave. NE. No registration required.

JULY 20
Celebrate America's 250th
 Meet George and Martha Washington and learn about the Revolutionary War from 1-2 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library. Free; no registration required.

JULY 20-AUG. 10
Beginning Swedish classes
 Learn conversational Swedish from 4-5:15 p.m. Mondays at the Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. SW. Adults and high school students welcome. Info: 320-396-3177.

JULY 21
North Branch Summer Concert Series
 Buddy Holly tribute featuring rock 'n' roll and rockabilly music at 7 p.m. in Central Park. North Branch Robotics at 6 p.m., food trucks at 6 p.m. and story time at 6:45 p.m.

Picnic and dulcimer workshop
 Enjoy a picnic at 5 p.m. followed by dulcimer instruction with Ross Sutter at Rush City Park, 350 S. Dana Ave. Suggested meal donation \$5-10. Info: 320-358-3616.

Science Heroes: Diggin' It!
 Hands-on science program for children in grades K-5 from 10-11 a.m. at the Cambridge Public Library. Free; registration required. https://eclib.libcal.com/event/16719022

JULY 23
Kid's Event Art in the Park
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cambridge City Park, 810 2nd Ave SW; the bad-weather backup location is the Cambridge City Center Mall at 140 Buchanan St N.

Afternoon Movie at SAC's
 2:30 p.m. at The Friendship Cafe, 140 Buchanan Ave. North, Cambridge. The movie is Queen Bees. We will serve popcorn, soft drinks/coffee at no charge. Open to all 55+ and guests. For more Info 763-689-6555. Ask for Shirli.

SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

CAMBRIDGE
 140 Buchanan Street
Mondays
 Bridge - 1 to 3 p.m.
 Mahjong - noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays
 Dominoes - 10 a.m. to noon
 Coloring - 9 a.m.
 Hand and Foot - 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays
 Cribbage - 9 to 11 a.m.
 Wizard 11 a.m. to noon
 Pinochle 12:30 to 3 p.m.
 Mahjong noon to 3 p.m.

Thursdays
 500 - 12:30 to 3 p.m.
 Bunco - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Third Thursday of month)

CHISAGO COUNTY
 38790 6th Avenue, North Branch
Mon, Wed, Fri.
 Exercise with Connie - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday
 500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesdays
 Music - provided before the meal - 11:15 a.m.
 Dominoes - starting at 10 a.m.

Thursdays
 Bingo - starting at 10 a.m.
 Hand and Foot - starting at 12:30 p.m.

Fridays
 Cribbage - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Secretary of State Steve Simon to speak at Cambridge library July 23

STAFF REPORT
 NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon will host a nonpartisan voting awareness talk Thursday, July 23, at the Cambridge Public Library to discuss election administration and voter access in the state.

The presentation will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. in the library's Opportunity Room, which features limited seating for 24 people.

Simon, who serves as Minnesota's 22nd secretary of state, was sworn into office

Jan. 5, 2015. As the state's chief elections administrator, he pledged during his inaugural address to work alongside individuals of any political affiliation from all regions of the state to protect, defend and strengthen voting rights.

The event is free and open to the public, with programming tailored specifically for adults, seniors and teenagers as part of the library's lifelong learning categories. Following the formal presentation, Simon will remain available to answer questions directly from audience members regarding the state's election system and voting procedures.

Second candidate filing period underway

STAFF REPORT
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The second filing period for local candidates planning on running for positions that don't have a primary election attached began on Tuesday, July 14. It closes at the end of business on Tuesday, July 28.

Locally, this includes four seats on the Cambridge-Isanti School Board — currently held by DeEtta Moos, Mark Solberg, Nicole Johnson and Kevin Gross; and three seats on the North Branch Area Public School Board — currently held by Sarah

Grovender, Adam Trampe and Jesse LaValla.

Additionally, the North Branch Mayor and two city council seats will be on the ballot. The two council seats are currently held by Jim Ibinger and Patrick Meacham, who were both appointed to those seats by the council.

The filing period for all other local seats was in May.

The most gracious hosts I've ever met

I'm sure anyone who picked up a copy of last week's Star noticed our front page photo and corresponding photo spread on page 2 from the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota's celebration of the Dalai Lama's birthday. Based on that spread, I think it is pretty obvious I was blown away by the experience.



Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III

This was actually the second time I have attended a celebration of the Dalai Lama's birthday. The first time was in 2020 when the TAF purchased the building formerly known as Spectacular Events in Isanti. At that time, it was a combination of a birthday celebration and a blessing of their new building. However, that was right in the middle of COVID, so the celebration was severely minimized.

Needless to say, what I thought I was walking into this time was the extreme opposite of what I observed for three hours. Additionally, a vast majority of the talking was done in Tibetan, making me wish I had downloaded a translation app into my cell phone. But that was fine by me as it forced me to think on my feet while covering it.

My one regret is I was alerted to this event only a couple of days ahead of time, and there was less than two days between the event and our publication date, so I wasn't able to do much research in order to try and explain what all those pictures were about. Hopefully, though, it is a case where a picture is worth a thousand words.

The biggest impression this spectacle made on me couldn't be shown in any photograph. Far and away (and with no disrespect intended to any other events I've covered), the Tibetans were the most gracious hosts I have ever encountered. From the moment I pulled into the parking lot, I was greeted with welcoming smiles — and I could tell it wasn't solely because I was a member of the media.

Once I did reveal my identity and intent for being there, that hospitality was magnified ten-fold. I was escorted into the building, someone asked me if I needed a chair or if there was anything else I needed. Someone made sure I was given food and something to drink multiple times.

It didn't stop with the official hosts either. As you could tell from the photos, many of the performances involved youths. With that, there were many proud parents with cell phones capturing the moment (some things are the same no matter what the culture is). As I typically try to do, I was bobbing and weaving and dancing around in order to not obstruct anyone's view for very long. Not once was I asked to move. In fact, several people apologized for getting in my way.

Then, there was the kicker. I had just been clued in to go to this one spot right in the front row of chairs for the best shots of this one performance. As I was again bobbing and weaving, I noticed two women sitting in the second row. They were motioning me to a spot right in front of them in a manner I could understand even with the language barrier. They were basically saying, "Please, feel free to block our view in order to get your photos." In all my years of photographing events, I can't recall anyone openly inviting me to block their view!

While I am extremely pleased with the end results, my big fear is that I still didn't do the event justice. Hopefully we will be able to rectify that next year with a little more advanced planning on our part.

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The importance of municipal liquor stores

Northbound Liquor has been municipal owned since 1968 being the only liquor store in Cambridge, MN. We pride ourselves in having great customer service to our community, being clean, organized and

having a great selection of wine, beer and spirits to choose from. Being a city owned liquor store we provide the City of Cambridge a certain percentage of funds that help our city run smoothly and keep our tax levy down. Northbound generates a set amount of \$425,000 every year that goes directly into the general fund for the city. However, 2025 Northbound contributed \$552,630 to the general fund to help with property tax relief.

Based on the final 2025 year, the financial results showed another \$115,000 available in funds to transfer for the public works garage facility. Without a municipal liquor store, these funds would have to be dispersed another way making

things much harder for the city. We like to think of ourselves as a valuable team player to the City of Cambridge and we pride ourselves on the work we do being able to offer a helping hand when needed to our fellow departments.

Another benefit of having a municipal owned retail business is the job opportunities it offers to the people of the community. We currently have five full-time employees and ten part-time employees who work at Northbound. This is always a great draw to the community when looking for employment options. I will note that you must be over 21 years of age and have retail experience in order to be hired at Northbound. Working in a fun environment and gaining more knowledge of products that they stock while also accepting responsibilities of carding customers and making sure they leave in good spirits.

Northbound Liquor is a huge asset to the City of Cambridge and we're very proud of the role we play in helping our community.

Tina Davidson is the Manager of Northbound Liquor. If you have any questions related to this column, please feel free to reach out by email at tdavidson@ci.cambridge.mn.us or by phone at (763) 689-2468.



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Isanti Jubilee Days enjoyed by all



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A member of the Brian's Insulation Outhouse Race team's headfirst dive into the pool in search of the corn cob created the optical illusion that the kiddie pool was much deeper than it was.



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The action-packed Rum River BMX stryder bike races were a big hit with the crowd during Saturday's Community Day on Main Street.



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The Isanti Jubilee Days Parade is one of only a few parades the Bluejacket Marching Band participates in.



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Members of the Isanti VFW toss candy out along the parade route.



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A climbing wall was a new feature to this year's "Splish Splash Summer Bash" held in Bluebird Park.



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A young girl holds her turtle ahead of the Turtle Races on Saturday.



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A firefighter in full gear carries the American flag the entire parade route.



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For the third year in a row, the Realest Agents of Turpen Realty team won the Outhouse Races.



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A young girl loses her inner tube while going down the sledding hill, which was converted to a large water slide for the "Splish Splash Summer Bash."



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A young girl tries her luck at "lassoing" a calf cutout during Saturday's Community Day.

Isanti Firefighters Rodeo action sizzles in summertime heat



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OBITUARIES

Joanne Elizabeth (Polcher) Macki

Joanne Elizabeth (Polcher) Macki, age 92, of Cambridge passed away peacefully on July 1, 2026. Joanne was born on October 22, 1933, to Tony and Rose Polcher in Hibbing, Minnesota. She graduated from Hibbing High School in 1951. Following gradu-



ation, Joanne pursued her passion for helping others by attending St. Luke's School of Nursing in Duluth, where she earned her degree as a registered nurse in 1954.

Joanne married Gerald Macki on May 12, 1956, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in her hometown of Hibbing, Minnesota. After starting their family in Hibbing, they purchased a home in Cambridge, where they raised their five children. Joanne remained in that home until her passing. The couple shared 54 years of marriage until Gerald's passing in June 2010.

Joanne's life was filled with family, service, and joy. She dedicated her early career to nursing and continued to keep her nursing license current even while staying home to raise her children. Her faith and service were central to her life. She was an active member of her church, attended Mass regularly, and instilled a strong sense of faith in her family. Her commitment to serving others also included leading both Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops when her children were young, as well as volunteering for decades with the Women's Guild at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge.

Her quick wit, homemade chocolate chip cookies, and cardamom bread were legendary. An avid gardener, Joanne found peace and beauty in tending her vegetable garden, and she delighted in solving puzzles, often sharing this pastime with friends and family. She loved celebrating every holiday with her family, making each occasion special and memorable.

Joanne was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gerald; her parents, Tony and Rose Polcher; and her siblings, Bud and Patricia Polcher.

A devoted and loving mother, Joanne's legacy lives on through her children: Margaret (Tony) Puhek of Chisholm, MN; Catherine (Jeff) McCann of Mora, MN; Michael (Kristy) Macki of Cambridge, IA; Patrick Macki of Cambridge, MN; and Joseph (Jennifer) Macki of Becker, MN. Her family was her pride and joy, and she embraced her role as "Grandma Jo" with a heart full of love for her 15 grandchildren: Erinn (Josh), Matt, Andrew, Emily (Andrea), Stuart (Zach), Katie (Adam), Alex (Shelby), Anna (Birk), Nathan (Madison), Claire (Zach), Keenan (Tegan), Trey, Kiah, Emma, and Elizabeth; 16 great-grandchildren: Abby, Conor, Hayden, Quinnley, Jaycee, Macie, Lennon, Skylar, Dawson, Callum, Emerson, Hayes, Riggley, Myles, Bexlee, and Harper; and one great-great-grandchild, Bria.

A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Joanne's life will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge, Minnesota. A visitation will take place at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Women's Guild at Christ the King Catholic Church would be appreciated.

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge. carlsonlillemoen.com

STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

Degrees

Maxwell Sickler (Bachelor of Science, Biology), of Cambridge, from the University of Tampa.

Jared Kendrick (Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience), of Isanti; **Olivia Anderson** (Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience), **Alyssa Dean** (Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work), and **Emma Scott** (Bachelor of Arts, Integrated Strategic Communication), of North Branch; and **Kirsten Ziesmer** (Bachelor of Arts, Political Science), of Rush City, from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Kirsten Charles (Master of Education, Special Education), and **Kilee A Gross** (Master of Arts, Forensic Psychology) of Isanti from The University of North Dakota.

Marjorie Joyce Bjorklund

Marjorie Joyce Bjorklund, of Mora, formerly of Grasston, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at Welia Health in Mora. She was 100 years old.

Marjorie was born on April 26, 1926, in St. Paul, Minnesota to parents Gyle and Elvera (Brandstrom) Wyman. She grew up in Grasston, graduating from Grasston High School in 1944. While still in school, Marjorie met the love of her life Reuben Bjorklund, and the couple married on June 28, 1947. They were blessed with four daughters. Marjorie and Reuben lived in Grasston until 1999 when they moved into Mora.



Marjorie worked a number of jobs over the years including Control Data in Cambridge, Hardware Hank in Braham, Grandview Nursing Home in Cambridge and was a home

health aide for Pine County.

Camping, birdwatching, time spent at the family cabin on Lake Kabekona, and fishing trips to Canada filled the summers. She had a love for animals including many beloved pet cats and dogs. Marjorie was a wonderful baker, known for her Swedish Rusks and Ginger Snaps. She tended to a garden and canned her harvests, specifically her Rhubarb and Strawberry Jam and all-natural apple sauce. She was an accomplished seamstress, making

clothing for her daughters and many bridesmaids dresses. She enjoyed knitting, embroidery, playing Bingo, doing puzzles (no less than 1000 pieces), crosswords and cryptograms, and was the undefeated "Skip Bo Queen" of the family. Marjorie loved finding treasures at garage sales with her daughters.

Marjorie had a strong faith throughout her life and was a longtime member at the Grasston Baptist church. She sang in the choir, was an AWANA leader and Sunday school teacher, and served countless meals with the ladies' aide. She also assisted with childcare for the MOPS program at Emmanuel Baptist church in Mora for many years. Her greatest loves were for the Lord and her family. Her legacy of faith and love will live on through her family.

Marjorie is preceded in death by her parents, husband Reuben, and sister Helen (Curtis) Olander.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathleen (Greg) Ferrin, Marla Bjorklund, Mary (Tim) Doyle, and Debra Hellwig; grandchildren, Ryan (Stacy) Ferrin, Reid (Abby) Ferrin, Lindsay (Brian) Ashworth, and Taylor (Brandon) Ruud; great grandchildren, Carter, Rhiannon, Cella, Lunden, Malia, Hank, Emerson, and Parker; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mora. Memorial Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon will follow the service. Inurnment will be in the Grasston Baptist Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Akkerman Chapel in Mora. Condolences may be posted at www.hamiltonfhs.com.

Rehabbed Habitat for Humanity house creates new beginnings for Cambridge family

BY BILL STICKELS III
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Rachael Ekstedt is proof positive of what great things can happen when two prominent local non-profits combine to help a family in need.

Nearly a decade ago, Ekstedt and her family of four kids found themselves homeless. However, after a stay at New Pathways and the filling out of an application with Habitat for Humanity, the family is now the proud owners of a newly remodeled house in Cambridge.

"Today is a celebration of what can happen when a community comes together," East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Susan Morris said during the home dedication ceremony held on Sunday, July 12. "It's a reminder that when people care for one another, lives are changed.

"Nine years ago, Rachel and her children were homeless," Morris said. "During one of the most difficult seasons of their lives, New Pathways welcomed them in, providing shelter and support and hope. Rachel embraced that opportunity with determination. She worked incredibly hard to build a better future for her family."

For the past seven years, Ekstedt has worked at the Cambridge Walmart, rising in the ranks from cashier to a team leadership position.

Morris said there were 18 applications for this house; however,



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Each member of Rachael Ekstedt's family who will be living in the new house was presented with a handmade quilt for their bed.

Ekstedt's rose to the top.

"What makes this even more special is that as Rachel and her family move into this space, they open up room for support housing for another family," Morris said.

According to Vice President Mark Haseth, the only down side was that the house only became available through the misfortune of someone else.

"This home is known as a rehab home," explained Hagseth. "It was originally built by Habitat for Humanity. We were able to buy it back after the previous owners were unable to make their mortgage payments."

He said the house was in considerable disrepair, so it needed extensive repair. Therefore, it be-

came a perfect opportunity to utilize a new partnership between Habitat and Pine Technical and Community College Building Technology program.

"On the very first day, 13 of their students arrived and helped to pretty much gut the house," Hagseth said. "Their energy was incredible, and they completely emptied the home in less than four hours. After that, six students returned each week to restore it into the beautiful home we see today."

"I just want to thank everyone that put time into the home," Ekstedt said through tears in her eyes. "I've wanted to give my children for a very long time. So I greatly appreciate everything that has been done for me."



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Dalbo, Rush City fire departments receive equipment grants

Two local volunteer fire departments are among 50 Minnesota emergency response agencies receiving funding through Compeer Financial's 2026 Emergency First Responder Grant program.

The Dalbo Fire Department received funding to purchase new pagers, while the Rush City Fire Department will use its grant to purchase automatic stabilization tools and a portable radio. Compeer Financial awarded nearly \$340,000 to 50 Minnesota emergency response departments this year to help rural agencies purchase critical equipment and technology. An additional 96 departments in Illinois and Wisconsin also received grants through the program.

According to Compeer Financial, the grants are designed to help volunteer and paid-on-call departments address challenges including limited budgets, aging equipment, expanding service areas and increasing emergency response demands.

“As rural residents ourselves, we want to ensure our first responders

are prepared to answer emergency calls,” Karen Schieler, manager of Compeer Giving at Compeer Financial, said in a statement. “The Emergency First Responder Grants support our vision of creating a world where agriculture and rural communities are dynamic, collaborative and thriving.”

Grant funding supports the purchase of equipment that improves emergency response, enhances firefighter safety and expands local rescue capabilities. Departments across Minnesota are using the funds for items such as turnout gear, radios, automated external defibrillators, thermal imaging cameras and specialized rescue equipment.

Since launching the Emergency First Responder Grant program in 2018, Compeer Giving has awarded more than \$5.75 million to volunteer emergency response departments across its service area. The organization plans to offer the grants again in 2027. - Compeer Financial

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on July 5 - 11. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Heather Lynn Hardy (DOB 11/11/1989) of East Bethel, was charged July 6 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp. **Tyler James Sauer** (DOB 10/06/2003) of Saint Francis, was charged July 6 with Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence. **Jacob Scott Johnson** (DOB 10/15/1993) of Cambridge, was charged July 7 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No

Consent. **Leticia Marie Guerrero** (DOB 02/09/1998) of Isle, was charged July 8 with Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor. **Troy Nicholas Chamberlain** (DOB 12/29/1969) of Minneapolis, was charged July 8 with one count of Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000; and one count of Financial Transaction Card Fraud-Use-No Consent. **Andrew Paul Bainville** (DOB 01/08/2000) of Isanti, was charged July 10 with Criminal Sexual Conduct - 5th Degree - Penetration - Nonconsensual.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on July 5 - 11. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Robin Lynn Gauster (DOB 12/22/1962) of North Branch was charged July 6 with Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl. **Douglas Michael Strenke** (DOB 12/16/1984) of Luck, WI, was charged with Fugitive from Justice from Other State - extradition waived.

Aric John Norman (DOB 11/14/1980) of Circle Pines, was charged July 7 with Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions. **Devon Joshua Holmes-Selk** (DOB 01/12/1999) of Rush City, was charged with Fugitive from Justice from Other State. **Todd David Erickson** (DOB 01/31/1960) of no address provided, was charged with Fugitive from Justice from Other State.

W O R S H I P *guide*

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First Baptist Church 304 S. Main St., Cambridge, 763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs. firstbaptistcambridge.org	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.	12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95 www.wyanettevangelfree.org Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/ Prayer 2:00 pm Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton A LOVING CHURCH PROCLAIMING A LIVING MESSAGE!	32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333 Pastor Samuel L. Biebert. Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:30am www.christcambridge.com	8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road). 651-674-4606. Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org Email: sll.church@gmail.com 8:15am Worship with fellowship following	Common Ground - A United Methodist Community 404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071. Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday 9:30am Worship. Livestream of services and more info at commongroundumc.org. Everyone Counts!
	Evangelical Free	Lutheran			Non-Denominational
Sunrise Bible Church 41300 Second St., North Branch, Pastor David Stertz. Sunday school for all ages 9:30am, Sunday morning Worship 10:30am, Sunday evening 6pm, Wed. Kids 4 Truth & Bible studies for all ages 6:30pm. More info at sunrise bible church.org or 651-674-4107.	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	Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister 905 Central Drive West 320-396-2755 www.brahamlutheran.org 9:30 a.m. Worship Service In-person & Live on Facebook Community Campfire Gathering June 3, July 1, Aug 5; 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring lawn chair and singing voice All Are Welcome!	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	St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship; 10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday 6:30pm Bible study. Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net	Grace Gospel Church 37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080 Coffee fellowship: 9:45am Service: 10:00am Pastor: Tim Miller www.gracegospelmn.org info@gracegospelchurchmn.com Located just north of Grandy on 65, across from East Central Diesel, with three large crosses near the road. We look forward to having you!
Catholic	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 followed by fellowship & Sunday School Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA) Pastor Vicki Vandervegt. 320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr. 10:30am Worship with Fellowship following my.calvaryofrushpoint.org. Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com	Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315 Pastor Sue Olson & Pastor Rebecca Holland All Are Welcome! Sundays 9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation	St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623 Sunday 8:45am Worship Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study stjohnsrushcity.org	Journey of Faith Bible based worship. 651-600-9878. faiththroughaction777@gmail.com Sunday fellowship 9am Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.
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STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY

District Court 10th Judicial District Court File Number: 30-PR-26-42 Case Type: Informal Probate

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

In Re The Estate Of Virginia E. Williams, Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will, dated: May 19, 2021, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name: Richard A. Williams Address: 2365 Cleveland Lane S Cambridge MN 55008

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Jamie Dewane Probate Registrar Date: July 2, 2026 Debra Lepper Court Administrator Date: July 2, 2026 Attorney for Personal Representative CLARK A JOSLIN Attorney License No.: 52802 221 NW 2nd Avenue Cambridge MN 55008 Telephone: 763-689-4101 Facsimile: 763-689-9794 E-Mail: cjoslin@joslinmoore.com Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on July 9, 16 2026

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 6, 2026

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

Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Council Members Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, and Molly Christian. Member Excused: Mark Ziebarth.

• Called Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm

• Approved Consent Agenda Items A Through G

• Heard an Update from Isanti County Sheriff Wayne Seiberlich • Held a Discussion on Destruction of Property at Several City Parks • Heard the Stormwater Permit Program 2025 Year in Review

• Approved Resolution R26-049 Detour Agreement with MnDOT for the TH 95 Project

• Approved 2026 Street Project Permanent Trail Easement Agreement

• Discussed Speed Concerns in the East Hwy 95 Construction Area

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Other Civil - Quiet Title Court File No. 30-CV-26-600

SUMMONS

Anita S. Bergin, Bryan T. Bergin, JoAnn L. Sprino and Brian J. Sprino, Plaintiffs, vs.

Joyce V. Lehrke, the unknown heirs of Joyce V. Lehrke, Kimberly Meck, Kelli Melting, Ruth M. Heinen, the heirs of Ruth M. Heinen, Patricia J. Heinen and Peter J. Heinen, Peter M. Holt, the unknown heirs of Peter M. Holt, Debra Sabin, Todd Holt, Carla Bergloff and Annissa Holt, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

Defendants.

This Summons is directed to: Joyce V. Lehrke, the unknown heirs of Joyce V. Lehrke, Kimberly Meck, Kelli Melting, Ruth M. Heinen, the heirs of Ruth M. Heinen, Patricia J. Heinen and Peter J. Heinen, Peter M. Holt, the unknown heirs of Peter M. Holt, Debra Sabin, Todd Holt, Carla Bergloff and Annissa Holt, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this Summons.

2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an Answer. Getting your reply to the Plaintiffs is called service. You must serve a copy of your Answer or Answer and Counterclaim (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the Summons and Complaint.

ANSWER: You can find the Answer form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the Answer form.

3. **You must respond to each claim.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the Complaint, you must say that in your Answer.

4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written Answer within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their Complaint. If you agree with the claims stated in the Complaint, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can than be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the Complaint.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your Answer on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address:

Lindberg Law Office, P.A., 100 Buchanan St. N., Suite 2, Cambridge, MN 55008.

5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the Answer for your next steps.

6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:

• Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.

• Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written Answer,

even if you expect to use ADR.

8. **Real Property.** This action involves, affects or brings into question the real property situated in the County of Isanti, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The North 350 feet of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part thereof lying easterly of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled.

AND

That part of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), lying westerly of the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the North 350 feet thereof, and FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part thereof lying Southerly of the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23); thence North along the West line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4), a distance of 660 feet; thence East and parallel to the South line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4), a distance of 1,320 feet more or less, to the East line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) (also being the West line of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23)) to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence continuing East and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot (3) to the intersection with the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled and there to terminate.

AND

That part of the South Sixty (60) feet of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), lying west of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled.

AND

That part of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), lying westerly of the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the South 60 feet thereof, and FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part thereof lying Northerly of the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23); thence North along the West line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4), a distance of 660 feet; thence East and parallel to the South line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) (also being the West line of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23)) to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence continuing East and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot (3) to the intersection with the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled and there to terminate.

LINDBERG LAW OFFICE, P.A. Date: April 23, 2026 By: /s/ Grant W. Lindberg Grant W. Lindberg, #347644 100 Buchanan St. N., Suite 2 Cambridge, MN 55008 (763) 689-6896 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on July 16, 23, 30 August 23rd , 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fannie Lake Improvement District will hold their Annual meeting in conjunction with a picnic at Lakeside Christian Church (32393 Rendova Circle N.E.) at 1:00pm August 23rd , 2026.

Items on the Agenda are:

proposed projects in excess of \$5000.00, weed treatment updates, boat inspection updates, approval of assessments to satisfy budget requirements, approval of proposed budget for fiscal year, election of 3 positions on the board of Directors & Take up and consider other new business & miscellaneous items.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors please contact one of the Board members.

Anyone needing an absentee ballot (1 per family) for the election of Board of Directors can contact the Isanti County Administration office.

As the meeting is on Sunday, Absentee ballots must be received at P.O. Box 229 Cambridge, MN. 55008 by noon on August 20th, 2026.

There will be a short meeting after this meeting to elect 2026-2027 FLID officers.

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NOTICE FANNIE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Fannie Lake Improvement District / Aquatic Conservation Services will be treating Fannie Lake for Eurasian Water Milfoil with 2 4 D sometime after August 8, 2026

Some areas of the lake may be treated within 150 feet of the shoreline. If you do not want this treatment within 150 feet of your shoreline, contact one of the Fannie Lake Improvement District board members prior to August 1st, 2026

The District may also be treating some areas for Purple Loose Strife sometime this summer or fall if you do not want treatment within 150 feet of your shoreline let a board member know, you can also pull the weed out.

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PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that the City of East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the following:

Applications submitted by Final Approach Development, LLC for Preliminary and Final Plat entitled Final Approach East Bethel Addition, and is located west of Highway 65 and south of 185th Avenue NE with PID 323323310008 & 323323310007. The proposed plat would subdivide approximately 26.57+ acres into three commercial lots together with public easements and associated right-of-way necessary to facilitate future commercial development. The property is guided Mixed Use under the Comprehensive Plan and is zoned B-3 Highway Commercial.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday July 28th, 2026, at or about 7:00 pm

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to Eric Johnson - Eric.Johnson@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or via US MAIL to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE. City of East Bethel, MN 55011

Date: 7/13/26

Eric Johnson

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CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that the City of East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the following:

The East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an application submitted by Final Approach Development for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Place of Worship within a proposed Business Flex Building to located in the B-3 Highway Commercial District lying south of 185th Ave NE, east of Ulysses St NE and west of STH 65 and upon the eastern terminus of the property with a PID# 323323310008. The proposed Place of Worship would occupy a tenant space within a proposed building. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and

provide testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Permit.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday July 28th, 2026, at or about 7:00 pm

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You are hereby notified that the City of East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the following:

The East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an application submitted by Final Approach Development for a Conditional Use Permit & Site Plan Review to allow a Business Flex Building to be located in the B-3 Highway Commercial District lying south of 185th Ave NE, east of Ulysses St NE and west of STH 65 and upon the eastern terminus of the property with a PID# 323323310008. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and provide testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Permit and Plan Review.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday July 28th, 2026, at or about 7:00 pm

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You are hereby notified that the City of East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the following:

Proposed amendments to Chapter 66, Article V of the East Bethel City Code revising the City's Administrative Subdivision regulations. The amendment would replace the current permanent one-time restriction on Simple Lot Splits with a ten (10) year lookback period, clarify eligibility for subsequent Administrative Simple Lot Split applications, and clarify that Administrative Subdivision applications are reviewed by the Zoning Administrator with final approval by the City Council. The amendment does not modify the City's Metes and Bounds Division regulations or any other applicable subdivision or zoning requirements.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday July 28th, 2026, at or about 7:00 pm

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance can be found on the City's website:

<https://www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us/> not less than ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing.

Or, may be secured in hard copy from the City's Community Development office during regular business hours. Or, please email Senior Planner Eric Johnson at eric.johnson@ci.east-bethel.mn.us for an email copy of the proposed ordinance.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to Eric Johnson - Eric.Johnson@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or via US MAIL to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE. City of East Bethel, MN 55011

Date: 6/29/26

Eric Johnson

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CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that the City of East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the following:

The applicant, SOTA STOARGE, requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Section 46, Central Business (B-2) District, Subdivision 4(O), "Other uses similar to those permitted in this section as determined by the City Council," together with Site Plan Review, to authorize the continued operation and expansion of an existing self-storage facility. The request includes construction of three additional storage buildings, associated site improvements, landscaping, lighting, stormwater management, and related engineering improvements.

The subject property is located east of Highway 65 NE, east of and adjacent to Sandhill Parkway and north of 205th Avenue NE and has the following PID# - 173323430007.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday July 28th, 2026, at or about 7:00 pm

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Date: 7/7/26

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 13-PR-26-99

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INSTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Cheryl Lanee Nelson, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 13, 2026 at 2:00 pm , a hearing will be held at Chisago County District Court, via Zoom remote hearing, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy, determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Pamela Nelson, 102 3rd Ave., Shell Lake, Wisconsin 54871, 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; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts to administer 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: 07/08/2026 Catherine Trevino (Judge) Judge of District Court Dated:07/08/2026

Court Administrator

TESSNEER LAW OFFICE, P.A. Ann M. Tessneer MN# 0264519 43020 Blackhawk Road Harris, MN 55032

Telephone: Facsimile: e-mail: (763) 552-8933 (763) 552-8932 ann@tessneerlawoffice.com ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on July 16, 23, 2026



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