

**SHIFTING GEARS:** Jacket, Viking football go from summer to winter conditions in one week. **PG 9**



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR

## A premature winter wonderland

Tuesday’s record-early snowstorm produced picturesque scenes like this at Paul’s Lake in Cambridge. The official storm total from Cambridge was four inches, however unofficial measurements ranged all the way up to six inches for the area, easily making it the earliest plowable snowfall. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport’s reading of just under eight inches made this storm the second-largest October snow accumulation, behind only the 1991 Halloween Blizzard.

## Cambridge slightly eases winter parking restrictions

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Residents of the city of Cambridge will now have a little more flexibility for parking certain items during the winter months.

During the Oct. 19 city council meeting - and ironically one day before the area’s first significant snowfall - the council unanimously approved changing the ordinance regarding the parking of sport vehicles on the grass of a property, adjacent to the driveway.

During the spring, summer, and most of fall, residents are allowed to park any sort of street-legal vehicles on city streets, including trailers. However, once Nov. 1 hits, winter parking restrictions go into effect, which doesn’t allow for any vehicles to be parked on city streets overnight. Under the previous version of this ordinance, trailers, snowmobiles, ATVs, and other sport vehicles could only be parked on a paved driveway. And considering many residences only had enough room to fit their everyday cars in their driveway, this ordinance forced them to find other, more expensive methods of storing their extra vehicles.

According to Community Development Director Marcia Westover, the city was approached by residents requesting a change to allow some leniency in the ordinance, especially considering the frozen ground would minimize damage to the property.

Under the changed ordinance, residents will be allowed to keep one “sport vehicle” on their property

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# Most election results not expected to be delayed

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A steep increase in absentee voting has raised concerns across the nation about when election results will be announced. In Minnesota, however, the Secretary of State’s office has taken steps to prevent significant delays in reporting results, even to the point of getting results earlier than before.

“We have been suggesting to Minnesotans that they take a good, hard look at voting from home, by mail (in order to decrease the chances of spreading COVID-19),” Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon said in a video conference call with reporters from across the state. “The Minnesota Legislature authorized us to use funds for that purpose, knowing and I think wisely, predicting as it turns out, that people would flock to this particular option of voting.”

According to Simon, as of Oct. 9, over 1.3 million

Minnesotans have requested an absentee ballot, “that shatters all records by multiples,” he said.

Predicting this would happen, Simon said the state also took measures for counting those ballots. The biggest decision, according to Simon, was the state is allowing counties to begin counting all those ballots a week earlier than normal. Previously, absentee ballots could be counted starting one week prior to election day. This year, however, ballots could be counted two weeks prior, which means ballots were starting to be counted as early as Tuesday, Oct. 20.

“That means all that mail, up to 1.3 million, they (county and city officials) can start digging into that,” Simon said. “There are some states in this country, big states, swing states, where they can’t start digging into that mountain of mail until election day itself. From an administrative standpoint, that puts Minnesota in a real position of advantage.”

The other action was to extend the deadline for elec-

tion officials to accept absentee ballots to one week after the general election date, assuming the ballots are postmarked no later than election day (Nov. 3). What this will mean is that there is a chance 100% of the winners of the election won’t be known as quickly as before.

“Election night is going to look and feel different from what Minnesotans and the rest of the country are used to,” Simon said. “There will be, in a sense, no instant gratification, or less instant gratification on election night than we’re used to.”

Simon pointed out interested voters are used to winners being “called” on election night, or at the latest early the next morning. While that might not happen as much this year, Simon said the state has come up with a system that will still enable news outlets to announce as many winners as possible, minus only

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# RESTRICTIONS: City allows one ‘sport vehicle’ to be parked on grass during winter

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adjacent to an established driveway from Nov. 1 through March 31. Westover said a boat sitting on a trailer would be considered one vehicle. The definition of a sport vehicle will be “snowmobiles and snowmobile trailers, boats and boat trailers, utility trailers, all-terrain vehicles and their trailers.” Westover added that “recreational vehicles,” such as RVs, campers, tent trailers, converted buses or vans, motor homes, or fish houses on trailers, would still not be allowed under this revision.

“The reason ‘recreational vehicles’ was not included in the proposed language is due to the fact they can be very big and heavy and cause concern for the yards even during the winter months,” Westover noted in her written review of the proposal. Additionally, it was noted this ordinance change does not allow for a “primary vehicle” to be parked in the grass adjacent to an established driveway.

### ODDS AND ENDS

In other actions, the council:

- Approved a preliminary and final plat for Schumacher Addition, which will be developed with eight single-family houses north of Cambridge Christian School. During discussion, Council Member Joe Morin asked how this development would impact a snowmobile path that is groomed each winter in that area. Westover and City Administrator Lynda Woulfe explained there was no formal agreement with the city for this path, so the snowmobile club must have an agreement with the previous landowners. They said the

snowmobile club would have to talk with the new landowners about any future agreements.

- Approved a Planned Unit Development (PUD) change for a lot at Heritage Greens that is currently designated as commercial/office. Unique Opportunities, LLC is looking to amend the PUD to multi-family for the purpose of constructing a 48-unit apartment complex (see story in the Sept. 17 edition of the *Star* for details on this potential development).

# Utility’s ‘Cold Weather Rule’ now in effect

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY

CenterPoint Energy is reminding customers about Minnesota’s Cold Weather Rule, which protects residential customers experiencing difficulty paying their natural gas bill from having their natural gas service disconnected between Oct. 15, 2020, and April 15, 2021.

This year, the Cold Weather Rule will go into effect while the COVID-related moratorium on utility service disconnections for non-payment is ongoing. Since March, CenterPoint Energy has suspended residential natural gas service disconnections for non-payment and temporarily waived late payment fees.

CenterPoint Energy is encouraging customers who may have difficulty paying their natural gas bills to set up a payment plan now so their bills don’t become so large they struggle to pay them later. Under the Cold Weather Rule, customers are required to set up a payment plan to prevent disconnection.

“As the winter heating season approaches, we know that many of our customers are facing financial

hardships during this challenging time,” said Brad Tutunjian, CenterPoint Energy’s vice president of Minnesota regional operations. “We want our customers to know that they have options when it comes to payment plans and financial assistance to help with their heating bills.”

Customers should call CenterPoint Energy between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 800-245-2377 or visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/Assistance](https://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/Assistance)

A payment plan will include what is owed and the amount to be billed. The plan will also take into consideration a customer’s financial situation and any other special circumstances. The payment plan must also be agreeable to both the customer and CenterPoint Energy. If an agreed-upon payment plan cannot be reached, customers have a right to appeal under the Cold Weather Rule.

Under the Cold Weather Rule, special payment terms are available to customers who:

- Apply for and receive heating aid through Minnesota’s Energy Assistance Program; or
- Meet income guidelines set by the State of Minnesota, with proof of income.

### OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- In addition to contacting CenterPoint Energy to establish a payment plan, company representatives are available to refer customers to social service agencies that may have energy assistance funds.
- Customers can also sign up for CenterPoint Energy’s Average Monthly Billing Plan, which spreads natural gas costs throughout the year, helping customers avoid payment peaks. Customers can sign up online through My Account at [CenterPointEnergy.com](https://www.CenterPointEnergy.com)/Register or by calling CenterPoint Energy.
- Customers receiving heating aid through Minnesota’s Energy Assistance Program may be eligible to receive additional funds through the Gas Affordability Program offered by CenterPoint Energy in partnership with the Energy CENTS Coalition.
- The Minnesota Department of Commerce maintains a website that provides information on energy efficiency and heating assistance programs.
- Customers interested in helping others pay their natural gas bill can support the Salvation Army’s HeatShare program. Visit The Salvation Army’s website to donate.

# Talk to your teens during ‘National Teen Driver Safety Week

CONTRIBUTED  
CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Parenting is no easy task, and parenting teenagers comes with its own unique set of challenges. During National Teen Driver Safety Week October 18-24, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is teaming up with the Chisago County Sheriff’s Office to help empower parents to discuss the importance of driving safety with their young drivers. The week is a perfect time to begin — and continue — this conversation, and to remind parents not to hand over the car keys until their teen knows the rules of the road.

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for teens 15 to 18 years old in the United States. In 2018, there were 2,121 people killed in crashes involving a teen passenger vehicle driver (15-18 years old), of which 719 deaths were the teen driver — a 5% decrease from 2017. In fact, in 2018, there were an estimated 88,000 teen drivers injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes, and

an estimated 256,000 people injured in crashes involving a teen driver, accounting for almost 10% of all those injured that year.

“We want our parents of teen drivers to understand the vital role they play in communicating important driving safety information,” said Sheriff Brandon Thyen. “Parents should remember that your child looks to you as a driver, so practice safe driving yourself and be a good role model. Teens lack experience behind the wheel, and that increases the chance for dangerous circumstances for the teen drivers and others around them,” Thyen said. “This is why it’s so important for parents to have these discussions with their teens and don’t be afraid to have this conversation often. NHTSA offers parents and caregivers helpful tips and a framework to talk to their teen drivers about risky driving behaviors that can lead to fatal consequences.”

Please visit NHTSA’s website for more information about talking to your teen driver:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/teen-driving/protect-your-teen-driver>

# What’s with all the Robins?

BY DONNA TATTING  
CHISAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

More than usual, I’ve been seeing large flocks of robins around the area I live in which is Southern Chisago County near Forest Lake. Of course I assumed they were ganging up and headed to warmer climates for the winter and filling up on whatever they could forage for sustenance. I’m used to seeing these large flocks in early spring as the robins “return” and gorge themselves on the dried and condensed fruits of crabapple and berry plants. In fact the robins can get a bit tipsy from the alcohol content in the fruit.

But are all those robins really headed for warmer climates or does it just appear that way ? According to the American Bird Conservancy website, the robins are not necessarily lured by warmer temperatures. They can withstand extremely cold temperatures, adding warm, downy feathers to their plumage. The real motivation is food, or rather the lack of it. As their warm-weather diet of earthworms and insects wanes, robins begin searching for fresh supplies. In fact, they have been observed in every U.S. state (except Hawai’i) and all southern Canadian provinces in January. They’re able to remain thanks to several important adaptations.

Robins form flocks in the winter. Flocking offers critical benefits: Larger



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groups mean more eyes and improved chances to spot — and avoid — predators. They also increase the odds of discovering food. And generally, they stay true to their range, making very little noise, and generally maintain a subdued presence. However, a heavy snowfall that persists for more than a few days may send them on their way, searching for better conditions.

Taken together, these changes dramatically lower robins’ profile in the northern part of their range, making sightings much less common, and leading some people to assume they are absent. It will be interesting to see how many sick around after this latest early snowfall and our cold autumn temperatures.

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# It takes teamwork to make the dream work

Things around a newspaper are hardly ever dull. There always seems to be something going on. Some days may be slower, while others are so busy you hardly have time to take a breath. This past week was definitely the latter, but it wasn't exactly due to a large number of news to cover. In fact, news-wise, this was pretty much a slow week. But that is actually good considering how much work we imposed on ourselves.

As you can see, this week's *Star* features a couple different special sections - with both of them dealing with some form of voting. The first is our second, "mini" election guide. If you recall, back in our Sept. 17 edition we published our traditional election guide, complete with candidate profiles and answers to our questionnaires.

We did this back then in order to provide information for all voters considering the large number of absentee and early in-person voters that were predicted.

To refresh everyone's memory for those who are still yet to vote, we will be reposting that election guide on our website and re-sharing it on our social media pages. But for our physical edition, we have chosen to go with a scaled-down election guide this time around. Inside this edition, you will find a list of all of the candidates who are running for office in both contested and unopposed elections. We have also included a list of all of the precinct locations within our circulation area. Finally, we have a story regarding how the reporting of election results will change during this unique election.

While that project took up a fair chunk of time and I consider it to be very important, the other project blew that one away. Inserted in this week's *Star* is at long last the results of what I believe to be our first-ever Reader's Choice "Best of the Star."

Way back at the end of July we asked our readers to make nominations in up to 90 categories. That was followed by almost a month of voting for your favorites from among those nominations. And after needing about a month-and-a-half to count all of the nearly 11,500 votes, plus to compile information on all of the winners and finalists, we are proud to present to you this special section.

I will admit my portion of this project was somewhat limited. While laying out those 12 pages did take a good chunk of time over three days, my only job leading up to this week was to every so often promote this special section on social media or in a column. Meanwhile, our graphics and advertising departments, and especially our publisher has been eating, drinking, and probably dreaming about this for the last three months.

While it is true that putting a newspaper together is always a team project, this one in particular could never be accomplished without everyone doing their part, and that includes you, our readers.

So, from the entire staff of not only the *Star*, but everyone at Northstar Media and Kanabec Publications, we thank you for participating in this undertaking. We truly hope you find it not only entertaining, but useful as well.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PAID LETTER:

#### The one?

To the editor,

When you are young and "in love" your focus is almost entirely on "THE ONE" with little or no consideration given to the fact that "THE ONE" has come from a family that could include a crazy uncle, a very difficult in-law, a drunk, ... Your tendency is to ignore these family problems and not consider the effect they have or had on "THE ONE".

Voting has some parallels to being "in love". Your focus tends to be on "THE ONE" to whom you will give your vote without considering the "family" (political party) from which "THE ONE" came. This "family" certainly can have a crazy uncle, a difficult in-law, a drunk ... By helping send "THE ONE" to St Paul, where rocks and cows would not be represented, or to Washington DC, where you would be giving power to families from California and/or New York, and would in no way represent Minnesota.

Carefully observe "family" characteristics before making a commitment to "THE ONE". Remember the "family's" behavior during the catastrophic damage from the terrorist attacks suffered by innocent residents in Minneapolis and St Paul? The terrorists had free run because of incompetence of the "family" (DFL). It was also the "family" which seriously intended to discontinue police protection in Minneapolis. The "family" was so inept that their behavior was used by national news reporters as examples of incompetence. Aren't you proud?

David Greer  
Cambridge

### PAID LETTER:

#### Johnson doesn't represent the will of the people

To the editor,

Rep. Brian Johnson hasn't done the work voters sent him to St. Paul to do. In 2018, when the citizens of Cambridge voted overwhelmingly (62% in favor) for a local option sales tax to build a new library, improve streets and improve parks in the city, Johnson

wouldn't work with the City to introduce the legislation needed to enact the will of his constituents in St. Paul. In fact, he actually worked against it, openly opposing this legislation and speaking against it when the bill was voted on the House floor.

Johnson is only interested in hearing from those who agree with him. He didn't show up for Q&A sessions or to meet with business leaders supporting the legislation in 2018. And now in 2020, he continues to be unavailable to voters. Despite invitations, he didn't participate in the candidate forums held by the League of Women Voters in North Branch or the Chamber of Commerce in Cambridge. How can he represent us or know what issues are important to us when he's a constant no-show? Johnson has shown us that he doesn't work for us.

It's time for a change. It's time to elect someone who will work for us and will show up and listen. Renae Berg is that person. Renae is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Board Member for Serenity Manor treatment facility, and a leader in her local church. She is active in the community, a listener, a person that works to make our people and communities stronger. Vote Renae Berg for House 32A.

Ken Vaselaar  
Isanti

### Celebration

To the editor,

Father we thank you that this year You have answered our prayers for the restoration of this nation. You said, "call upon Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you know not." You have done that, and we want to devote the Appeal to Heaven prayer gathering this time to a celebration of You and Your victory.

We will meet on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 5 p.m. at the Art and Science Academy in Isanti, Highway 65, across from John Deere Equipment.

Bob Lex  
For concerned citizens

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Many women put off being tested during the pandemic. Don’t put that off any longer. Hospitals and clinics are now open. I encourage you to get back on schedule with the screening beginning at age 40.

Men, it’s time to have a blood test to get a reading on your PSA if you are 40 or older. No man has to die from prostate cancer, but you can’t ignore it.

Statistics show that if you are 50 years old, there is a 50% chance you will have it. If you are 60, there is a 60% chance, etc. Immunity is rare.

Both Kathy and I are cancer survivors. We are very thankful for research and the treatments available here in the Midwest. That’s firsthand experience.

Medical care also is required periodically in the area of dental and complete physical exams. Be alert to your family history and any symptoms you might be experiencing.

**FROM THE OLD** Farmer’s 2020 Almanac, compliments of Boys Town, comes a weather proverb for October: Much rain in October, much wind in December. For every fog in October, a snow in the winter. Full moon in October without frost, no frost until full moon in November.

**THE FALL AND** Winter edition of the old Farmer’s Almanac tells us the origin of Halloween.

As with many holidays, Halloween is rooted in our agricultural past, marking the end of harvest time and the beginning of the new year.

The origin of Halloween and many of its customs can be traced to Samhain, an ancient pagan Celtic festival that is Gaelic for “summer’s end,” a day to bid goodbye to warmth and light. The ancient Celts believed that the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was at its thinnest during Samhain, thereby making it the ideal time to communicate with the deceased and to divine the future.

Following the triumph of the Roman Empire over Celt-occupied lands in the 1st century A.D., the Romans combined many of the Celtic traditions, including Samhain, with their own. This day evolved into All Hallows’ Day or Allhallowmas, “hallow” meaning “to sanctify.”

**BE CAUTIOUS IF** you are allowing your children to go trick-or-treating.

Be sure they wear a protective mask. Also, hand the children wrapped candy rather than having them reach into your container.

**THE PANDEMIC WE** are in with this dangerous virus means we need to continue healthy and safe practices.

Use a mask whenever you are in public places or visiting with people where you don’t have open air and adequate space between you.

Wash your hands often and have a safe work environment with good air flow, separation of work areas, avoid crowds and work from home whenever it’s possible.

If driving with people in the car other than your family, have them wear a mask and crack open a couple windows.

Choose restaurants that have adequate space between tables and good ventilation. More and more offices are putting in air exchange units with good filtering.

Whenever possible, avoid meetings in person. Rather, use the phone, FaceTime or Zoom.

If you have college kids and they test positive for the virus, have them quarantine at college.

**A GOOD FALL** harvest of soybeans and corn is projected for our area of newspaper readers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. A good reason to be thankful.

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About the Town  
Gene Johnson

# Pivoting for safe learning

**F**lexibility and choice has allowed each family to make decisions that best meet the needs of their unique situation during this pandemic. Over 500 students are attending our Distance Learning Academy. We continue to improve our program by constantly receiving and adjusting to feedback.



NB School News  
Sara Paul

This has allowed us to offer a unique hybrid model for in person learning. We are committed to keeping our schools open to safe learning five days a week for the large number of families who rely on us for that service. Our commitment rests on the following needs of many of our students:

- Mental health concerns for our kids
- The importance of social interaction
- Learning from home with little support
- The need for hands on instruction
- Lack of Internet availability/speed

On Monday, families at all sites received a letter from the school district updating them regarding any positive COVID-19 cases at the schools they attend. In the period between October 12 and 19, the high school has one new reported case, the middle school has three new reported cases, Sunrise has one new case, and the North Branch Area Education Center has eight new cases.

The bulk of the school district’s cases of COVID-19 have come from the North Branch Area Education Center, which necessitated a move to remote learning that started on Monday, Oct. 12 and is scheduled to end

Friday, Oct. 23.

In each reported case, the NBAPS COVID-19 Response Team immediately and quickly identifies any individuals who had close contact with the person reporting a positive test result. Any identified close contacts are removed from the learning environment along with the person who tested positive.

Still, despite all these measures, cases will continue to show up at NBAPS. According to MDH, individuals who have contracted COVID-19 are contagious up to 48 hours prior to showing symptoms. That is a two-day window during which the virus can be passed on before an affected person even knows they have it.

This is why it is so important for staff and students to take social distancing, mask-wearing, and other measures very seriously. We continue to stress the importance of all these measures to staff and students regularly.

As circumstances have shown already though, we won’t hesitate to move to remote learning for any school or program if and when that becomes necessary.

We are mindful that pivoting through this pandemic is not a short term endeavor; rather, it is a reality for this school year. Thankfully, our families understand that remote learning is always a temporary possibility and we will continue to take all the necessary steps to provide safe learning for all of our students.

For more information, go to [www.isd138.org/return-tolearn](http://www.isd138.org/return-tolearn).

**SARA PAUL** is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or [spaul@isd138.org](mailto:spaul@isd138.org).

# A final flurry of outdoor activity

**S**ince my last column, high school volleyball and football have returned, and some games have been played. The smacking sounds of serves, sets and spikes resound off the walls in the gym. The voice of an excited announcer accompanies the crashing of Friday night football pads as both echo through the nighttime air. I certainly hope this works.

It seems like years, not months, since Covid-19 spread-prevention protocols were put in place, and, unfortunately, we still might have “years” to go before the pandemic can be thrown into the bin of history. Yet, we must socialize a bit, move around a bit, and have a bit of fun. I’ve learned that some of that fun can be done alone, and socializing can be done safely with one or two others.

As I’ve mentioned, I spent more time fishing this summer and fall than

during most years. In fact, my last walk-in fishing trip at the Snake River was Tuesday, Sept. 22. No, the water wasn’t too cold for me to don shorts and tennis shoes and walk in on that day. The fish were cooperative, too!

On the 23rd, I drove to a lake I’d fished three times earlier in the summer. The temperature that afternoon reached 82! The fish were a bit less cooperative, but I didn’t much care. With no wind and no other boats on the water, I felt as though I owned the lake, the amazing stillness, and the ripening fall beauty. It was so calm, only my excited heartbeat caused ripples on the surface!

That scene lies in stark contrast to an earlier experience there. On that day, the wind was about 30 miles per hour. I could have dropped my anchor into the lake from

six feet high and hardly noticed the splash.

On the 27th, I fished the Snake River from my john-boat with my daughter. Our catch included her monstrous 19-inch smallmouth bass. Then, on October 6, I rowed my son-in-law to those same areas, and we were skunked! They were two great days with my respective #1 and #2 fishing pals! Finally, on October 9, I fished a lake to which I hadn’t been in about 35 years and caught a 21-inch, nearly six pound largemouth. It was another monster!

Not all the action is aquatic though. On Sept. 30, as I was driving around an s-curve, there was a golden eagle perched atop a recently-road-killed deer. I slowed, but it flew away. What a beautiful sight it was! On the way back, I slowed well ahead of the scene, and there it was, noshing on raw venison! I inched forward to within 15 feet and took some great photos.

My own backyard has been the epicenter of much activity this summer and fall. A large variety of birds have frequently flown to and from the feeders and bird baths, while rabbits and squirrels have frolicked on the ground below. Our flowers, which started blooming in early spring and have lasted till early October, attracted many butterflies and provided a colorful backdrop for all the action. Now, as the sad, heavy heads of the sunflowers hang from their tall brittle stalks, the bluejays are everywhere!

Yes, the fall colors have been beautiful and the animal activity has been enjoyable to experience, but winter will inevitably and abruptly arrive. The scenery will vastly change.

Don’t worry though. All this will return next year!

**LOREN BRABEC** is a contributing sports writer for the Isanti-Chisago County Star and author of several Braham sports books.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Continued from page 4

## Flock together

To the editor,

Watched a flock of blackbirds banking over the autumn burgundy oak trees in the evening light.

These days, my thoughts always turn to the Covid situation and did again.

The approach pursued to protect people from this coronavirus has always struck me as wrong. The foremost reason being that the most important aspect of people’s health is our social nature and halting our social lives is detrimental to our health more assuredly than any virus. Just like one facet of this truth I learned as a reading tutor: never tell a child to stop because they always need to be learning.

Life is meant to ebb and flow like the motion of those blackbirds. Yes, we lose some but we keep going and we get to the tropics. This isolation approach: “social distance”, wear a mask, never congregate, never celebrate just eats away at us.

The other reasons it has struck me as wrong is the lack of perspective and context. Day in and day out we are told the lines and persuaded that science bears this

out but we are not given all the facts, only the ones that feed the narrative. When the 200K deaths were announced, the CDC report was of 185,000-some deaths due to Covid-19 and included in that report was the number of deaths caused by pneumonia: 195,000-some. Hmm. We aren’t shutting and have never shut down everything for the risk pneumonia poses to people, year in and year out. Yet, apparently, the narrative must be told how horrible this virus is and ignore information that the bacteria causing pneumonia deaths is more dangerous. We are used to pneumonia. We wouldn’t stop the presses for pneumonia threats because that would be ridiculous.

Why are we letting this happen to our society? Why does the narrative push for this?

Sweden didn’t shut down. Has their population been decimated?

Where is the perspective and the context?

Can’t we just say, “Enough! The emperor isn’t wearing any clothes!”

Together on the journey, banking and swooping,

**Edna Reichle-Terry  
Cambridge**



## OBITUARIES

## Dean Eloi Rudquist

Dean Eloi Rudquist, 78, of Cambridge passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 at Estates of Rush City. Dean was born Sept 18, 1942, in Milaca, MN to Joseph and Eva Rudquist. He married Sharon Wirz on Nov. 29, 1969, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Anoka, MN. They had two children, Mike and Wade. Dean and Sharon were foster parents for 10 years.



After graduation from Oglivie High School, he worked in construction and as a machinist. Eventually he retired as a Warehouse Supervisor at Hoffman Engineering in Anoka, MN. After retiring from Hoffman, he worked part time as a corrections officer for Isanti County Sheriff's Department.

Dean was a volunteer firefighter for the Dalbo fire department for 17 years and a volunteer for

the Isanti County Safety and Rescue Department for 29 years,

He enjoyed fishing, was an avid sports fan (MN Vikings and Twins), reading Louis L'Amour cowboy novels and spending time with his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed car racing (NASCAR) and in his younger years ran a car on dirt track speedways in Princeton, MN and Cedar Lake Speedway, WI.

He is survived by his wife Sharon (Wirz), sons Michael (Cathy) and Wade (Kris); grandchildren Jackson and Julia Rudquist; brother Paul (Linda); brother-in-law Dennis Wirz (Nancy) and Ted Erickson; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Memorials are preferred. A private family service will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be held in the Spring of 2021. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements with the Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

## Brett Roger Simonson

Brett Roger Simonson, 58, of Isanti, Minnesota, died unexpectedly October 11, 2020, at his home.

To those who knew him the loss is profound. He will always be remembered for his witty, sarcastic sense of humor; quiet presence and kind hearted, loving nature. He was a simple man who loved music, movies, video games, memes, and a more recent love for snap chat filters. He was the first to offer help, a joke, or an encouragement. He held a profound ability to be a calming presence or a safe place, for those who needed it the most.

Brett is survived by his son, David (Rhea) Simonson; his mother, Jackie Englund; his brother, Jeremy Englund; his nieces and nephew, Torah, Joshua and Adalyn Englund. He also was a beloved friend to many.

Brett was preceded in death by his dad, Dean Englund; his brother, Bart Simonson, and his nephew, Nathan Englund.

Private services were held. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

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## New physical therapy for women office opens in Cambridge

Renee Hancock and Jackie Giese (with scissors) is joined by Jackie's husband Matt, along with kids James, Molly, and Emma, along with Cambridge Economic Director Stan Gustafson (far left), North 65 Chamber of Commerce Director Melissa Bettendorf (second from right), and Cambridge City Administrator Lynda Woulfe (far right) in cutting of the ribbon celebrating the grand opening of Shift Physical Therapy. The offices, which specializes in women's wellness, is located at 330 Garfield Street South in Cambridge.

Michelle Thomas is new ECRDC  
Economic Resiliency Coordinator

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NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Michelle Thomas was recently hired by the East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) as their Economic Resiliency Coordinator. She will be working with businesses in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs & Pine Counties that have been impacted by the fight against COVID-19, including operation of a new 0% interest small business loan program, regional business resiliency and other initiatives. This position is funded in part by a grant from the US Department of Commerce / Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Thomas comes to the ECRDC with over 20 years of marketing, communications and problem-solving experience and has worked with both non-profit organizations as well as businesses in the private sector. Thomas holds a B.S. in Mass Communications and Marketing from St. Cloud State University. Most recently as Director of Marketing and Strategic Partnerships with Family Pathways, she worked with agency partners, businesses, donors and other stakeholders throughout the East Central region of

Minnesota.

Robert L. (Bob) Voss, ECRDC Executive Director, stated "Michelle is a great addition to the ECRDC team. Her background and local connections will be invaluable as we work to assist businesses impacted by the COVID-19 fight".

For more information on the ECRDC or to download a loan application, please visit our website at [ECRDC.org](http://ECRDC.org), email [development@ecrdc.org](mailto:development@ecrdc.org), or call (320) 679-4065.



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Michelle Thomas

MnFIRE awarded \$400,000 grant to train all 22,000  
Minnesota firefighters on 'Big Three' health risks

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MNFIRE

The Minnesota Firefighter Initiative (MnFIRE) has received a \$400,000 grant from the Fire Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) that will allow the statewide advocacy organization to train all 22,000 Minnesota firefighters to become "MnFIRE Aware" of their occupational health risks by June 30, 2021. The training, taught by firefighters and other health experts, teaches firefighters how to protect themselves from the three problems most commonly experienced by those in the fire service – cardiac, emotional trauma and cancer – so they can continue to protect others.

MnFIRE is the statewide advocacy organization that equips firefighters and the people who care about them with resources to address the growing health crisis in the Minnesota fire service. Already the organization has trained more than 8,000 firefighters statewide.

In addition to the awareness training, there will be deep-dive sessions on cardiac, emotional trauma and cancer – further educating firefighters on how to prevent the health risks from destroying their and their peers' lives.

"Now, more than ever, our firefighters need to

be aware of their risk when it comes to cardiovascular disease, emotional trauma and cancer," says George Esbensen, MnFIRE president. "This grant will allow us to extend our awareness program to every firehouse in the state and equip firefighters with even deeper knowledge and tools they need to protect their health. We can't thank the Fire Service Advisory Committee enough for committing to helping us protect our state's firefighters."

The grant comes at a critical time, as more and more Minnesota firefighters are tragically losing their lives due to these health issues. In addition to cancer and cardiac-related deaths, four to six active Minnesota firefighters die from suicide each year.

In addition to conducting MnFIRE Aware Trainings both in person and online at no cost to departments, MnFIRE offers a confidential, toll-free helpline (888-784-6634) for firefighters in crisis. The nonprofit is also spearheading a legislative initiative to improve access to care for firefighters in need of treatment for cancer, cardiac and emotional trauma issues - the Hometown Heroes Assistance Program, which is planned to be introduced during the 2021 legislative session. Learn more at [MNFIREInitiative.com](http://MNFIREInitiative.com).



# guide

## Baptist

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

**North Isanti Baptist Church**  
Lead Pastor: Travis Blake  
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN  
55008. www.nibchurch.com  
Email: nibchurch@msn.com  
763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship  
Service (traditional style) 10:45am  
Worship Service (contemporary style)

**South Isanti Baptist Church**  
3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.  
763-444-5860, Pastor Bob  
Venneman. Sunday Worship 9:30am.  
Wednesday “Life & Light” Bible stud-  
ies for all ages. Adults & children. For  
info call or go to  
southisantibaptist.org.

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

## Catholic

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

## Converge

**Springvale Church**  
Service On Facebook:  
springvalechurchmn  
763-689-1373

## Evangelical Free

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

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

**Oxlip Evangelical Free Church**  
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10:15am Coffee Fellowship  
10:45am Sunday School  
6pm Sr High Youth  
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Pastor Leroy Scheumann  
29237 Roanoke St NW  
Isanti, MN 55040  
www.oxlip.org  
763-444-5134

## Lutheran

**Braham Evangelical Lutheran  
Church (ELCA)**  
320-396-2755  
West Central Drive & County Road 4,  
Braham  
Pastor Julie Beck  
**Sunday:** 9:30 am Worship Service  
on KBEK 95.5 FM;  
**Sunday:** 10:15 a.m. Live Worship  
Service on Facebook  
**Sunday:** 10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
at Braham Lutheran  
Office hours 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Tuesday thru Friday

**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**  
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10am Worship with nursery available.  
11am Fellowship  
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

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621 Old N. Main St.  
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**Christ Ev. Lutheran Church  
(WELS)**  
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge,  
763-689-5333  
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.  
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday  
School/Bible Class 10:30am  
www.christcambridge.com

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
109 Second Ave NW, Isanti  
763-444-9201  
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Email: firstlutheran@q.com  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

**Long Lake Lutheran Church  
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3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5315. Pastor Sue Olson  
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**Salem Lutheran Church**  
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8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958,  
North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of  
Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one  
block on Erickson Road).  
651-674-4606.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.  
sllchurch.org  
Email: sll.church@gmail.com  
**Thursday, October 22nd - 7:00pm**  
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**Sunday, October 25th - 8:30am**  
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**Tuesday, October 27th - 8:00am**  
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**6:30pm** Property Committee  
**Thursday, October 29th - 9:00am**  
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**St. John Lutheran Church  
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Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12.  
763-444-5988, Paul Anderson,  
Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship;  
10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday  
6:30pm Bible study. Email:  
stjohnlutheran@att.net

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

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
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Pastor Tim Renstrom 320-358-3623,  
Sunday 8:45am Worship, 7:30am  
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10am Longer Look Bible Study.  
stjohnsrushcity.org

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
(Missouri Synod)**  
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37, Braham. 320-396-3103.  
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9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible  
Study. 10:30am Worship.  
ststephensbraham.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch  
651-674-7047. Pastor Jon Yurk  
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information. Messages are also  
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Email:  
office@trinitynorthbranchl.org  
or visit www.trinitynorthbranch.org

## Methodist

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404 North Cypress St. North,  
Cambridge. 763-689-2071. Pastors  
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Christian Education 10:30am.  
spiritrivercomm.org

## Non-Denominational

**Bethesda Church**  
38180 Hemingway Ave., North  
Branch, MN 651-674-5873.  
Pastor Mark Huber.  
9am Worship Service.  
10:30am Sunday School  
and adult Bible studies.  
bethesdachurchnb.com

**Lakeside Christian Church**  
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(3 mi. E of Cambridge just off Hwy.  
95). 763-689-3649. Ministry  
Coordinator Jeff Bonkoski.  
Administrative Assistant Sharon  
Dahl. Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
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Email:  
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lakesidechurchcambridge.org

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763-689-5115.  
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## ELECTION: Minnesota Secretary of State’s office asks all counties to provide daily updates week following election

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the closest races.

“This is literally by design,” Simon said. “It’s not evidence that anyone is hiding or concealing or rigging or stealing. It’s evidence of the actual plan.

“But just because we won’t have all the final ballots coming in that can be counted for a week doesn’t mean that everyone’s going to be standing around wondering who won and lost,” he added.

Simon explained on the day before election day (Nov. 2), his offices will have an end-of-the-day total of all absentee ballots requested, plus all absentee ballots accepted up to that point. This will allow people to know how many absentee ballots are still unreceived simply by subtracting the number of absentee ballots requested by the number of absentee ballots counted.

On election day, all absentee, early in-person, and election day in-person ballots will be combined whenever precincts report their results.

“This is nothing new,” Simon said. “They have, for decades and decades co-mingled.”

In order for winners to be announced without fear of providing incorrect information, newspapers such as the *Star* will be able to look at the results, as well as the number of absentee ballots still outstanding.

For example, if candidate “A” is 101 votes ahead of his closest opponent and there are only 100 absentee ballots outstanding, then candidate “A” can be declared the

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Steve Simon  
Minnesota Secretary of State

winner. The only change that can occur by Nov. 10 is the margin of victory.

Obviously, if a candidate is fewer votes ahead than the number of absentee ballots remaining, that candidate will not be declared the winner. However, Simon said his office is encouraging all counties to provide daily updated results from Wednesday, Nov. 4 through Tuesday, Nov. 10.

We here at the *Star* will report as up-to-date results as we get on our website on election night, along with in the Nov. 5 physical edition of the *Star*. We will also give daily updates on our website at [countystar.com](http://countystar.com). Final results, including percentages and margins of victory, will then be included in our Nov. 12 edition.

### WHERE TO GO TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

The following is a list of precincts that are open on election day for in-person voting. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters standing in line at 8 p.m. will still be allowed to vote. Voters who aren’t sure where they go to vote can go to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s polling place finder at [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us). Addresses for each polling place can be found at [co.isanti.mn.us](http://co.isanti.mn.us), and then clicking on “community” and “cities and townships,” or [chisagocounty.us/142/polling-places](http://chisagocounty.us/142/polling-places).

#### ISANTI COUNTY

**Athens Township:** Athens Township Hall  
**Bradford Township:** Bradford Township Hall  
**City of Braham:** Braham City Hall  
**City of Cambridge** (2 precincts): Cambridge City Hall (both precincts)  
**Dalbo Township:** Dalbo Township Hall  
**City of Isanti** (2 precincts): Isanti City Hall (Precinct 1), Isanti Community Center (Precinct 2) \*see [cityofisanti.us/elections](http://cityofisanti.us/elections) for a precinct map  
**Isanti Township:** Isanti Town Hall

#### CHISAGO COUNTY

**Fish Lake Township:** Fish Lake Town Hall  
**City of Harris:** Harris City Hall  
**Lent Township:** Lent Town Hall  
**City of North Branch** (3 precincts): Access Church (precinct A), Main Street Church (Precinct B), North Branch Fire Hall (Precinct C - New location) \*see [ci.north-branch.mn.us](http://ci.north-branch.mn.us) for a precinct map  
**Sunrise Township:** Royal Wilcox Community Center (formerly known as Sunrise School House)

### NOVEMBER 3 CANDIDATES

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 8**  
**Pete Stauber (R)**, Hermantown (Incumbent)  
**Quinn Nystrom (D)**, Baxter

**MN STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 31A**  
**Kurt Daudt (R)**, Zimmerman (Incumbent)  
**Brad Brown (D)**, Princeton

**MN STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 32A**  
**Brian Johnson (R)**, Cambridge (Incumbent)  
**Renae Berg (D)**, Rush City

**MN STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 32B**  
**Anne Neu (R)**, North Branch (Incumbent)  
**Katie Malchow (D)**, Lindstrom

**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 31**  
**Michelle Benson (R)**, Ham Lake (Incumbent)  
**Kate Luthner (D)**, Columbus

**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32**  
**Mark Koran (R)**, North Branch (Incumbent)  
**Joshua Fike (D)**, Braham

**CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL (ELECT 2)**  
**Lisa Iverson**, Cambridge (Incumbent)  
**Joe Morin**, Cambridge (Incumbent, appointed)  
**Tom Schibilla**, Cambridge  
**Mark Ziebarth**, Cambridge

**NORTH BRANCH MAYOR**  
**Jim Swenson**, North Branch (Incumbent)  
**Brian Voss**, North Branch  
**Gerard Kunz**, North Branch (withdrew from race, name still on ballot)

**CHISAGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**  
**Rick Greene**, Amador Township (Incumbent)  
**Nicholas Brehm**, Shafer

**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOL BOARD (ELECT 3)**  
**Gary Hawkins**, Stanchfield (Incumbent)  
**Carri Levitski**, Harris (Incumbent)  
**Heidi Sprandel**, Isanti (Incumbent)  
**George Wimmer**, Isanti

### UNCONTESTED RACES

**CHISAGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**  
**Mike Robinson** (Incumbent)

**ISANTI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Terry Turnquist** (Incumbent, District 2)  
**Greg Anderson** (Incumbent, District 3)  
**Mike Warring** (Incumbent, District 4)

**NORTH BRANCH CITY COUNCIL (ELECT TWO)**  
**Kelly Neider** (Incumbent)  
**Amanda Darwin**

**ISANTI CITY COUNCIL (ELECT TWO)**  
**Jimmy Gordon** (Incumbent, appointed)  
**Steven Lundeen** (Incumbent)

**NORTH BRANCH SCHOOL BOARD (ELECT THREE)**  
**Tanya Giese** (Incumbent, appointed)  
**Tim MacMillan** (Incumbent)  
**Heather Osagiede** (Incumbent)

**ISANTI COUNTY SOIL AND WATER SUPERVISOR**  
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**Allan R. Koczur** (District 4)  
**David Medvecky** (District 5)

**CHISAGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER SUPERVISOR**  
**Roland H. Cleveland** (District 2)  
**Justin Wilson** (District 4)  
**Jim Birkholz** (District 5)

## Cambridge-Isanti School District residents to decide fate of operating referendum

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Besides the typical candidate choices, voters who reside in the Cambridge-Isanti School District are being asked to approve or reject a two-tiered operating levy for the district.

At stake is an increase in residents’ property taxes that would add approximately \$800 per student for the next three years, with that amount increasing to \$1,200 per student starting in 2024.

The school board opted to go the route of an operat-

ing referendum vote after slashing the district’s budget by a total of \$7.5 million over the last two years. According to the district, if the referendum is rejected by voters, the district will be looking at an additional \$1.7 million in budget reductions next year, and each additional year until somehow their financial situation changes, either by receiving more money from the state or the approval of a different referendum.

According to calculations, a property with a value of \$200,000 would see approximately a \$25 per month increase in their property taxes. That amount would increase to \$40 per month in 2024.

Unlike bond referendum, which have been recently approved in surrounding districts such as North Branch, Mora, and St. Francis, money from an operating referendum can only be used on expenses such as teachers’ salaries, the purchasing of supplies, and other day-to-day expenses. Money from an operating referendum cannot be used to construct new buildings or remodel existing ones.

For complete details regarding this ballot item, go to the district’s website at [www.c-ischools.org](http://www.c-ischools.org).

For up-to-date results on election night and the following wee, go to [countystar.com](http://countystar.com)





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North Branch's Ryan O'Day left several Proctor would-be tacklers grasping at nothing but air as he returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. The Vikings would run all over the Rails, winning 46-6.



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C-I's Logan Henderson puts a vicious stiff-arm on a Monticello tackler during the Jackets' game at Monticello.

## FALL SPORTS SOUNDBITES

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### FOOTBALL

This week's action was straight out of "A Tale of Two Cities" - 'it was the best of times, it was the worst of times.'

The best of times was for North Branch, as the Vikings routed visiting Proctor 46-6. All the scoring the Vikings needed came on the opening kickoff, which was taken by Ryan O'Day for a touchdown. North Branch built up a 34-0 halftime lead and cruised to the win, with the only Rails score coming late in the game with North Branch reserve players seeing some action. North Branch now sits at 1-1 on the season as they head out for their first road game of the season at Hibbing on Friday night.

Cambridge-Isanti, however, is experiencing more of the worst of times. For the second week in a row, their initial opponent (in this case, St. Francis) had to pull out for COVID-related reasons, forcing the Jackets to scramble to find an opponent. Last week, that turned out to be Monticello, who proceeded to roll over the Jackets 43-15 on a cold, snowy, windy Friday afternoon.

The Magic pounded out a 28-0 half-time lead, and then matched C-I's second half point total for the win. Braden Jones picked up his third touchdown reception of the season to give the Jackets a little sign of life in the game. But the only other score C-I could muster was a 70-yard run by Gaven Ziebarth late in the game.

Initially, the Jackets were supposed to play the Magic this Friday, but because of last week's schedule change, the Jackets will now host Hutchinson.

Meanwhile, Braham's game versus rival Rush City was canceled, and the Bombers were unable to find a new opponent.

### CROSS COUNTRY

In an unusual format where the section meet was spread out over an entire day to allow for only up to four teams to compete at the same time, both the Jackets and Vikings raced well despite the cold, windy conditions.

On the girls side, Bluejacket senior Cierra Johnshoy finished in 12th place. Under normal circumstances, that would have given her the chance to run at state, but since

there is no state meet this year, the senior will have to settle for being honored as a "state qualifier." As a team, C-I finished 5th. For North Branch, Evelina Gilkerson, Dakota Esget and Cora Hudella finished four seconds apart, coming in 62nd, 63rd, and 64th.

For the boys, C-I's Jaxon Jones and Owen Jarvela continued their inter-team competition, coming in just two seconds apart, with Jones coming in 16th and Jarvela coming in 17th. The boys team finished in 6th place.

North Branch's Zachary Johnson was the top finisher for the Vikings, coming in 80th place.

### BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

All four local teams made a quick exit in this year's section tournaments. The North Branch girls, who was given the highest seed and hosted their opening round game, lost to Hermantown 4-2. The Viking boys also suffered a two-goal loss, falling to St. Francis 2-0.

Things were much more lopsided for the Jackets. The boys team fell to #1 seed Blaine 8-1, while the girls got shut out by #1 seed Centennial 10-0.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Jackets got one match in on the season thus far, traveling to Big Lake and defeating the Hornets 3-1. After dropping the first set 25-14, the Jackets righted the ship and swept the next three sets 26-24, 25-21, 27-25. Ada Schlenker led the Jackets with 12 kills, with Allyson Treichel close behind with 10 kills.

For the second and third time already this season, the Jackets had a match canceled. Original home-opener opponent Chisago Lakes had to pull out of the Oct. 20 date. Then, after St. Francis agreed to move their match at C-I up, they too had to pull out.

The Saints' cancellation did take place after St. Francis had already faced North Branch on Tuesday, Oct. 13, with the Vikings cruising to a 3-0 win. A majority of the Vikings' points came off Saints errors, as no North Branch player recorded more than five kills, and setter Paige Sheehan was only credited with 17 assists.

Braham wound up splitting their two matches with Pine City last week, with both teams winning 3-1 on their home court.



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North Branch's Lilly Johnson splits between two Hermantown defenders during the Vikings' section playoff game versus the Hawks.



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Braham's Julia Kuhnke has to get down low to dig out a serve during the Bombers' home match versus Pine City. The two teams played each other twice last week, each winning at home 3-1.



# 2020 Fall Home Improvement

## The Gutter Guide

Gutters are an essential part of your homes drainage system. Keeping up with cleaning and maintenance can save you time, energy and money. Gutters are meant to last, here are some of the steps you can take to **extend the life** of your gutter system.

### CLEAN

For some, taking on the challenge of cleaning the gutters comes painless. If you're not one for heights and have a lot of ground to cover, hiring someone might be the best option for you.

- Having clean gutters is key to **proper water drainage**.

- Keeping moisture away from your house, garage or shed will protect the foundation from **decay, flooding and mold**.

- Clogged gutters can **push water** under shingles, through cracks and other undesirable areas which could **leak** into your

### SECURE

Choosing the right hanging system depends on the style and type of gutter on your home. Spacing each hanger every 24 inches offers the **best support** possible to ensure safety and security of your gutters.

- **Spikes and gutter screws** secure downspouts and longer segments into the roof and siding material. Making sure these are **fastened tightly** and are not decaying will prevent your gutters from falling, leaning and breaking.

### SEAL

Leaks and cracks are bound to happen in harsh weather conditions, therefore repairing these imperfections as they arise can prevent severe damage in the long run.

- Check leaks by using a hose to **spray into the downspout** to indicate where problems occur.

- Proper sealant selection is crucial, selecting between **silicone, PVC cement**

**or rubber** is determined by the gutter system you have already installed, color and preference.



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VIKING ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Justin Kormedy | Junior | Cross Country

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**From the coach:** Justin is also a first time Cross Country runner. Justin always gives 100% at practice and at meets. He always wants to run with the A group and never cuts corners in practice. His hard work has given him a spot on the Varsity roster. Justin is putting in this hard work because his plans are going to serve in the US Army.

**Favorite thing about sports:** Being able to do them with friends and to get outside, especially with cross country.

**Person who has influenced you:** The main person that influenced me to join cross country would have either been Paul Boalk or Evelyn DeMars.

**How do you prepare for a game or meet?:** I mostly prepare for a meet by drinking plenty of water and eating some healthy foods hours before the race so that its had time to go through.

**Highlight of athletic career:** So far I would have to say is seeing how long I can actually run for and seeing my times get better and better each time.

**Future goals:** To join the U.S. Army after high school, which is one more reason I joined CC for is to help me with my speed and endurance.



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## State qualifier, but no state meet

Bluejacket senior Cierra Johnshoy qualified for state during the Section 7AA meet in Princeton. Unfortunately, there will be no state meet for her to compete in as all fall state tournaments are canceled.

# Fall Home Improvement

## Stay on Top of Bathroom Safety

Known as one of the most hazardous rooms in your home, your bathroom should be a comfortable and safe space. Having a **well-designed, stylish, accessible** and **functional** bathroom is all possible while keeping safety in mind.

### ELIMINATE HAZARDS

• **Surfaces** – Flooring choice is a main component in bathroom safety. Non-slip, smooth, and free of debris flooring can prevent falls and other injuries. Remove loose rugs to prevent trip ups and install flooring that **enables traction**. Cleared table tops can act as a **stabilizer** to move from one area to the next.

• **Moisture** – Bathrooms tend to be moisture ridden, therefore wiping up spills, puddles, and **excess water** around the shower, sink, and toilet could prevent an injury.

• **Lighting** – Proper lighting is important for **visibility** of the space. Inadequate lighting is a main contributor to accidents, therefore by installing automatic night lights and replacing burned out bulbs can save you from a potential fall.

### FUNCTIONALITY

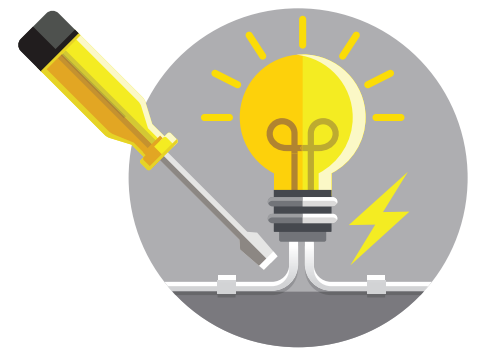
• **Support** – Installing appropriate objects **designed to support** someone’s weight such as grab bars will help maintain balance and give ease of mind when stepping in or out of wet areas prone to slipping.

• **Space** – Allowing enough turn around space between bathroom utilities aids bathroom safety. Catching on corners of walls, vanities and toilets can contribute to accidents.

• **Access** – Designing a bathroom for easy access to the shower, tub, sink, toilet, etc. can help prevent injuries. **Walk-in** showers and **cut out bath tubs** are perfect examples of safe guarding your health and planning ahead.

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• **Installation** – Keep bathroom safety at the forefront of your plans by hiring a **licensed contractor** to ensure your bathroom follows state codes and regulations.



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Even with a never-ending chores list on the farm, Bill, Joe and Jeff (Joe's son) placed a high importance on conservation. In 2009, the Mallerys started an impressive schedule



**Pictured is Nancy, the wife of the late Joe Mallery, plus their son, Jeff, his wife, Karla, and Jeff and Karla's children; Eddie, Tommy, and Libbie.**

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of implementing conservation practices. Working with the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District, the Mallerys have implemented buffers, diversions, water and sediment control basins,

and grade stabilizations to fix gullies and reduce erosion. Beginning in 2017, they began focusing on building soil health through no-till management, conservation crop rotation, and planting cover crops.

In 2018, the Mallerys went through the complex process of creating and implementing a Nutrient Management Plan and have since installed a stacking slab and vegetative treatment areas.

This year, Mallery Jerseys achieved the special designation as a certified farm through the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). A farm is scored on a scale of 1-10 based on their farming practices and operations, with a score of 8 or higher required to achieve certification.

"Mallery Jerseys is exactly what the MAWQCP is intended for-to recognize and reward the guys that are already doing great conservation work, or working with farms that just need a few more points to reach certification. The amount of stuff they already do and all the practices they've put in over the years-they easily scored high." Ryan Clark, a MAWQCP technician, has worked with nearly 75 farms on the certification process and says, "this was one of my favorites. I was really glad to be able to work with them and get the certification for them because they really deserve it."

The Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District agreed and have named Mallery Jerseys as the 2020 Outstanding Conservationists in Chisago County. "They have probably been worthy of Outstanding Conservationist the past couple years, but with the cumulation of all they've done and now getting certified, it was no question for our Board-Mallery Jerseys are the epitome of Outstanding Conservationists and people should know it," said Craig Mell, District Administrator for Chisago SWCD. "Joe (who passed away in July), Bill (who retired from the family farm in January), and Jeff and the rest of the family, they have worked hard, and I think they should be in the running for the top Conservationists in the state."

An Outstanding Conservationist(s) is named annually by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, chosen among the awardees from each SWCD. Due to COVID-19, the award for this year has been postponed until next year, but Craig Mell is "confident - they definitely deserve it. I'm excited to see what next year brings!"

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TALKING WITH THE EXPERTS

Talking winter wellness during the pandemic

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Fall is well underway, and with it comes cooler temperatures, shorter days and even snow. For most of the United States, this spring and summer involved an incredibly different health and wellness routine. Gyms closed, indoor workouts required social distancing and masks, and outdoor activities reigned supreme. So what can we do to keep moving and stay well with the changing of the season?

Beth Lewis, Ph.D., a professor in the University of Minnesota’s School of Kinesiology whose research focuses on the behavioral aspects of physical activity, offers advice on how to keep moving, get outside in the cooler weather, and how to make the most of the space you have.

**Q: How important is it for us to keep active this winter? Can we “take the season off?”**

**Prof. Lewis:** It is never a good idea to take a season off because of the many physical and mental health benefits associated with exercise. However, it is a good idea to change your activity. It is normal to burn out on certain activities over time. Winter is a great time to change what you have been doing for exercise and recharge your motivation to move. Whether you decide to continue exercising outside (with layers and lights!) or move your workout routine inside to avoid low temperatures and icy conditions, consider mixing up your activities with the change of the season.

**Q: What are the benefits of indoor workouts versus outdoor workouts in the winter?**

**Prof. Lewis:** The main benefit of indoor workouts in the winter is safety. Once winter weather hits, meaning snow, ice and wind in Minnesota, it might be safer to stay indoors for your activity. Additionally, indoor workouts tend to lend themselves well to a variety of strength exercises, unlike traditional outdoor exercises, like running or biking. Remember, a simple air squat or push-up — whether it be pushing from the wall or floor — is considered strength training. The U.S. Department of Health recommends participating in strength training two times per week. However, this is rarely achieved by most Americans. That being said, outdoor workouts are still extremely beneficial, with the added bonus of fresh air and sunshine on nicer weather days. I would recommend checking the weather forecast for the week ahead to help you decide what kind of exercise, and on what days, makes sense with the weather conditions and your schedule.

**Q: If you’re committed to getting outside to workout, what are some activities that lend themselves to the winter season?**

**Prof. Lewis:** The most important part of exercising outside is having the workout gear to brave the harsh elements. Think about stocking up on thick socks, double layering pants, full cover face masks, hats, and gloves for your outdoor activities. Another complication of outdoor workouts during the winter are the short daylight hours. It’s likely you’ll be working out in the dark. I recommend wearing something reflective, either on your workout clothes or added on top of your clothes. I personally like to use illuminating suspenders. You can wear them over any workout clothes and you do not have to worry about which of your jackets are reflective and which are not. Also, it’s equally important for you to be able to see if you’re moving outside in the dark! Being visually aware of potentially hazardous conditions, like ice, snow or frigid puddles, can make outdoor activity safer and more enjoyable. I recommend a headlamp or, better yet, a hat with a built in headlamp.

If you’re geared up and committed, you can do almost any activity outside in the winter. However, there are some winter-specific things that are easier to do in cold weather conditions. For example, cross-country or downhill skiing, snowshoeing, winter hiking or walking, and ice skating. The equipment needed for these sports is made for the winter, so it will be easier to use and require less work to create safe conditions.



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**Q: If it’s just too cold, what kind of activities can we do indoors and in small spaces that are effective?**

**Prof. Lewis:** There are numerous workouts that can be done inside with no equipment. Try a tabata, which is doing 20 seconds of activity followed by 10 seconds of rest. For a 16 minute workout, select one exercise to do every four minutes. This could be air squats, burpees (going to the floor and back up again), push-ups, and plank holds.

There are also numerous online resources that can help guide your workouts including fitness experts and national programs. Additionally, if you have the funds, I recommend buying a few sets of dumbbells. Also, for about \$40, you can purchase a pull-up bar that goes in a doorway and bands to help with assisted pull-ups. Remember your body weight can be the best form of resistance!

**Q: How will a regular workout routine help combat anxiety and depression during a season that is known for its own added stressors and downers?**

**Prof. Lewis:** Research shows that exercise can help prevent and treat anxiety and depression. In fact, some studies have found that when people engage in exercise at the recommended levels, exercise can be just as effective as antidepressant medication for some people.

The problem is that it can be hard to find the motivation to exercise when anxiety and depression are high. One trick that I find helpful is to tell yourself you are only going to exercise for five minutes. Once you get going, you’ll probably find yourself exercising past your initial goal of only five minutes. Also, it’s important to remember that any amount of exercise is good for both your physical and mental health. If you’re just starting out, set realistic goals for yourself, move them up when you feel ready, and be flexible with yourself.

**BETH LEWIS**, Ph.D., is a professor and the director of the School of Kinesiology in the University of Minnesota’s College of Education and Human Development. Her research broadly focuses on examining the efficacy of behavioral interventions aimed at increasing physical activity among sedentary adults.

Braham Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be unveiled

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This year’s Veterans Day will be a little more special in the city of Braham. That day, Nov. 11, will mark the unveiling and dedication ceremony for a Memorial in Braham Freedom Park.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 684, and Braham Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chapter 1731, have been busy planning the ceremony, which will begin at 11 a.m. The event is open to the public, and veterans are invited to wear their military uniform.

According to the organizing committee, the memorial is dedicated to the Vietnam Veterans, especially the six Braham High School graduates who gave their lives. However, the committee emphasizes any veteran or family member is welcome to be recognized at the memorial with a paver block with the veteran’s name, date of service and rank.

The cost of the pavers is \$200, which includes the engraving. Mentioning of Metal of Honor, Purple Heart, or POW can also be included in the engraving. General donations are also welcomed.

To make a donation or purchase a paver, contact Bob at 651-485-2786 or Rod at 763-250-8102.



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Week of October 22 - 28



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Carve out some time to tune into your inner muse, Aries. It's time to have a little fun and put work and household responsibilities to the side.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you have been trying to be more healthy or get in shape, focus on what you're gaining rather than giving up. This can make you more successful in your endeavors.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, don't blow off your obligations, but find a way to make work more fun. That may happen by teaming up with a coworker who shares your perspective.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Romantic vibes are very strong in your life right now, Scorpio. This is great if you're connected or seeking a relationship. But resist if you're currently unavailable.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, if things get a little confusing over the next couple of days, don't feel the need to try to figure everything out. Take the time you need to complete the tasks at hand.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your domestic life may start to tug at your heartstrings. If you're balancing work and family, you may regret not spending more time with the kids.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, while you may not be able to engage in all of your wildest dreams this week, you can give yourself permission to take a day off and get started.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you have been quiet in regard to a relationship with someone, it's time to let your true feelings be heard. It may be uncomfortable for a bit, but it's necessary.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Are your intuitive senses ringing off the hook, Leo? Trust your gut when someone asks you to help them with a situation. It may not be all that it seems right now.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18


Aquarius, money may is a hot topic in your house lately, particularly how more is going out than coming in. Corral your spending for awhile as you get things under control.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Give your analytical brain a rest for the time being, Virgo. Lead with feelings and intuition instead. It may not feel comfortable just yet, but a new perspective may help.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you're never one for following the pack, so don't start now. Embrace your unique sense of self and continue to march to your own beat.



FIVE STAR STORIES

Here are the five most-read stories on our website from Oct. 11 - 17.

- Isanti council gets straight to the point regarding roundabouts
- Isanti hotel recognized with award
- Neider running for second city council term
- Letter to the editor: An assisted living resident's perspective
- Free COVID testing in Cambridge Oct. 21-22

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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Oct. 5 - 16. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Michael Neal Rinnels** (DOB 02/18/1984), of Isanti, was charged Oct. 7 with one count domestic assault - by strangulation, and one count domestic assault.

**Andrew Mark Nelson** (DOB 09/17/1990), of Isanti, was charged Oct. 7 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Shane Michael McCool** (DOB 10/08/1982), of Roscoe, was charged Oct. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Cheyanna Nicole Larson** (DOB 02/28/1989), of Braham, was charged Oct. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Nicholas Max Neuschwander** (DOB 11/22/1989), of Braham, was charged Oct. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Charles Emerson Mistelske** (DOB 03/16/1982), of Isanti, was charged Oct. 13 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Jeriod David Knerr** (DOB 09/25/1977), of Isanti, was charged Oct. 13 with one count predatory offender - knowingly violates registration req. or intentionally provides false information, and one count predatory offender - knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement.

**Jodel Marie Ebeling** (DOB 01/16/1983), of Braham, was charged Oct. 14 with burglary - 2nd degree - dwelling.

**Derrick Russell Hoff** (DOB 11/23/1984), of St. Paul, was charged Oct. 14 with burglary - 2nd degree - dwelling. He was also charged on Oct. 16 with prohib f/poss pistol - possess/ use tear gas/stun gun.

**James Bruce David Winsor** (DOB 10/22/1984), of Woodbury, was charged Oct. 14 with burglary - 2nd degree - dwelling.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 5 - 16. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**David Floren Saylor** (DOB 10/28/1983), of Wyoming, was charged Oct. 5 with predatory offender - knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement.

**Jerome David Oakgrove** (DOB 10/19/1993), of Harris, was charged Oct. 5 with aiding and abetting aggravated robbery - 1st degree.

**Andrew J. Ballweber** (DOB 03/13/1993), of Stacy, was charged Oct. 7 with theft - take/drive motor vehicle - no owner consent.

**Nicholas W Berens** (DOB 3/19/1986), of Aberdeen, SD, was charged Oct. 7 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

**Triston Burton Forcia** (DOB 6/30/1996), of Moorhead, was charged Oct. 9 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana, and fugitive from justice from other state.

**Nicholas Daniel Hanson** (DOB 01/04/1991), of Winsted, was charged Oct. 12 with fugitive from justice from other state.

**Orlando Cruz** (DOB 11/15/1981), of Woodbury, was charged Oct. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Michael Craig Haseltine** (DOB 11/04/1988), of Forest Lake, was charged Oct. 12 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Melissa Sue Anderson** (DOB 02/14/1986), of St. Paul, was charged Oct. 15 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

**Daniel Oluseyi Oyinloye** (DOB 02/11/1986), of Chisago City, was charged Oct. 15 with one count criminal sexual cond. - 1st degree - penetration or contact with person under 13 - actor greater than 36m old, one count criminal sexual conduct - 1st degree - penetration - victim under 16 - significant relationship, and one count criminal sex conduct - 2nd degree - victim under 13 - actor greater than 36m old.

What are the rules for transporting loaded rifle, shotgun in a vehicle?

Question-Can I transport a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle if I have a permit to carry? What are the rules if I am actively hunting?



Answer-The permit to carry law applies only to handguns, so the answer is no with some exceptions. Minnesota law says that a person may not transport a firearm in a motor vehicle unless the firearm is: (1) unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, and without any portion of the firearm exposed; (2) unloaded and in the closed trunk


of a motor vehicle; or (3) a handgun carried in compliance with sections 624.714 and 624.715 Subd. 3. Exceptions; hunting and shooting ranges- a person may transport an unloaded, uncased firearm, excluding a pistol, in a motor vehicle while at a shooting range, lawfully hunting on private or public land; or travelling to or from a site the person intends to hunt lawfully that day or has hunted lawfully that day, unless: (1) within Anoka, Hennepin, or Ramsey County; (2) within the boundaries of a home rule charter or statutory city with a population of 2,500 or more; (3) on school grounds. SGT. NEIL DICKENSON is Minnesota State Patrol Public Information Officer for the state's northeast region. Send questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues to neil.dickenson@state.mn or by mail to Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth MN 55811. Follow Dickenson on Twitter at @MSPPIO\_NE.

Rush City boutique sale to benefit food shelf

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Positively Fourth Street, a boutique located at 275 W. 4th Street in Rush City, will be having an “Opening Deer Hunting” sale on Friday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 7

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors featuring handcrafted jewelry, household items, and specialty food items will be featured. There will also be a gift basket drawing. Proceeds from sales going to the local food shelf.



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BROADCAST STATIONS												
2	KTCA	PBS NewsHour (N) (cc)		Almanac (cc)		Antiques Roadshow "Our 50 States 2"		Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: A Swingin		American Masters This Is Bob Hope ... The career of entertainer Bob Hope. (cc)		
4	WCCO	News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Greatest AtHome Videos (N) (cc)		The Deciders: A CBS News Special (N)		Blue Bloods (cc)		News	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (cc)	James Corden
5	KSTP	News	News	Shark Tank (N) (cc)		20/20 (N) (cc)				5 Eyewitness News	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (cc)	Nightline (N) (cc)
9	KMSP	FOX 9 at 6p (N)	Gopher Pre	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)			FOX 9 at 9p (N)	Enough Said (cc)	Sports Now	TMZ (N) (cc)	Access Hollywood	Dish Nation (N)
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6	Breaking The News	American Ninja Warrior "Finals 1" The 28 ninjas face 10 obstacles. (cc)			Dateline NBC (N) (cc)		News	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		Seth Meyers
28	WUCW	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	The 13 Scariest Movies of All Time (cc)		Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Family Feud (cc)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Extra (N) (cc)	Daily-MailTV (N)
29	WFTC	Big Bang	Big Bang	News	Enough	Vikings	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Creek	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI
41	KPXM	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds

**SATURDAY** **OCTOBER 31, 2020**

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTCA	Woodsmith Shop (cc)	American Woodshop	Project Fire	Kitchen Queens:	Simply Ming (cc)	Scandinavian	Joanne Weir	Mexican Table	Sara's Weeknight	Kevin Belton	Jacques Pépin	Lidia's Kitchen
WCCO	CBS This Morning: Saturday (N) (cc)				WCCO 4 News Saturday Morning (N) (cc)		Lucky Dog (El)	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstop	Hope in the Wild	To Be Announced	
KSTP	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Ocean Treks	Sea Rescue	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	
KMSF	Xploration Space	Awesome Planet		FOX 9 Morning Saturday (N)			Big Noon Kickoff (N) (Live)			College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		
KARE	Today (N) (cc)			News-Kids Edition	KARE 11 News Saturday (N) (cc)				Earth Odyssey	Earth Odyssey	Vets Saving Pets	A New Leaf (El)
WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wild America (El)	Teen Kids News (N)	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	Hanna Into the Wild	This Old H.	Jewels of the	Tails of Valor (cc)	Luther Auto Show	Paid Program
WFTC	Life 2.0 (N)		Heartland	Biz Kid\$	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Jason Show (cc)
KPXM	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	

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<b>2</b>	<b>KTCA</b>	Test Kitchen	Test Kitchen	Kimball's Milk Street	Cook's Country	Ultimate Veg	R. Steves' Europe	Great American Railroad Journeys (cc)	Escape to the Cha-teau (cc)	This Old House	Ask This Old House
<b>4</b>	<b>WCCO</b>	To Be Announced	In the Huddle (N) (cc)		Football Drive	College Football	College Football LSU at Auburn. From Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Ala. (N) (Live)				
<b>5</b>	<b>KSTP</b>	(11:00) (Live)	College Football Teams TBA. (N)			Coll. Football	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				Coll. Football
<b>9</b>	<b>KMSP</b>	(11:00) College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Extra	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				
<b>11</b>	<b>KARE</b>	Rescue	Premier League Soccer Liverpool vs West Ham United. (N) (Live)			NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Draft Top 250. From Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. (N) (Live) (cc)				To Be Announced	To Be Announced
<b>23</b>	<b>WUCW</b>	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: *** Kate & Leopold (2001) (Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman)		Paid Program	Paid Program	MNInfluencers (N)	Funny You Ask
<b>29</b>	<b>WFTC</b>	The Jason Show (cc)		The Jason Show (cc)		The Jason Show (cc)		Dateline "Reckless"		Dateline (cc)	
<b>41</b>	<b>KPXM</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	

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2	KTCA	Antiques Roadshow "Kooky & Spooky"		Midsomer Murders "Midsomer Life" (cc)		Midsomer Murders		Shakespeare and Hathaway – Private		Unforgotten on Masterpiece The victim's life becomes apparent.			Professor T. "Swan-song Part 2" (cc)								
4	WCCO	WCCO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune		Magnum P.I. "Make It 'til Dawn" (cc)		Bull (cc)		48 Hours (N) (cc)		WCCO 4 News		WCCO 4 News		Paid Program		Dr. C.Stanley			
5	KSTP	Coll. Football		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)								News		Castle The murder of a video store clerk.		Wipeout (cc)					
9	KMSP	College Football		College Extra		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)								FOX 9 at 9p (N)		Sports Now		Vikings GamePlan			
11	KARE	KARE 11 News at 6		Minnesota Bound		Weakest Link (cc)		Ellen's Game of Games (cc)		Saturday Night Live (N) (cc)		News		Saturday Night Live (N) (Live) (cc)							
23	WUCW	Family Feud (cc)		Family Feud (cc)		Family Feud (cc)		Family Feud (cc)		Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men		Nightwatch "Racing the Clock" (cc)		Sheriffs-Dorado		Game Time		Ring of Honor Wrestling (cc)	
29	WFTC	Dateline (cc)				Dateline "The Motive"				Dateline (cc)		Creek		Creek		Central		Central		Movie	
41	KPXM	Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU			

SUNDAY		NOVEMBER 1, 2020										
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BROADCAST STATIONS													
2	KTCA	Peg & Cat (E)	Xavier Riddle	Elinor Wonders	Hero Elementary	Facing Race	This Free North	Washington Week	Almanac (cc)	To the Contrary	The Age of Nature "Changing" (cc)		
4	WCCO	WCCO 4 News Sunday Morning at 6 (N)		Pet Vet-Team	All In With Laila Ali	CBS News Sunday Morning (N) (cc)		Face the Nation (N) (cc)		Minnesota Vikings	The NFL Today (N) (Live) (cc)		
5	KSTP	5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		Good Morning America (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News AM (N) (cc)		This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos		At Issue	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
9	KMSP	Weird but True	Xploration DIY Sci	FOX 9 Morning Sunday (N)		FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace (N)		FOX 9 Morning		Vikings GameDay LIVE (N)			FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live) (cc)
11	KARE	Open House	Grace for Living	The Voyager	Champ Within	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N) (cc)		Meet the Press (N) (cc)		Joel Osteen (cc)	Time of Grace	Figure Skating ISU Skate Canada.	
28	WUCW	Paid Program	Midnight Cry Minis.	Mountain Faith	Catholic Mass	Christian Worship Hour (cc)		Pastor's Study	Paid Program	Paid Program	Sharyl Attkisson	Paid Program	Paid Program
29	WFTC	Paid Prog.	Hall	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	This Is It	Main St.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Diocese
41	KPMX	Jeremiah	Youseff	In Touch	Paid Prog.	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	

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2	KTCA	Frontline "The Choice 2020: Trump vs. Biden" President Trump and Joe Biden. (cc)				Minnesota Experience "Citizen"		NOVA Problem-solving birds. (cc)		NOVA (cc)		NOVA Social lives of smart animals.	
4	WCCO	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League		NFL Football Los Angeles Chargers at Denver Broncos. From Broncos Stadium at Mile High in Denver. (N) (Live) (cc)					
5	KSTP	Hearts of Heroes (N)	Rock the Park (E)	Women on the Move		Paid Program	MLS Soccer Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N)	ABC World News	News
9	KMSP	NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers. (N) (Live) (cc)						NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Chicago Bears. From Soldier Field in Chicago. (N) (Live) (cc)					
11	KARE	Figure Skating	Count-down	NASCAR Cup Series Xfinity 500. From Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. (N) (Live)							KARE 11 News at 5	Nightly News	
28	WUCW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Carbonaro Eff.	Movie: ** Twilight (2008) (Kristen Stewart) A teen is caught up in an unorthodox romance with a vampire.				
29	WFTC	Catholic Mass:		Sunday Worship: We		St. An	Paid Prog.	To Be Announced				FOX 9 at 5p (N)	
41	KPYM	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	

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2	KTCA	Doc Martin "The Doctor is Out" (cc)		The Trouble With Maggie Cole (N) (cc)		Roadkill on Masterpiece Family scandals.		Cobra Fraser deals with personal issues.		Line of Separation (Part 1 of 2) (cc)		Jamestown Henry and Wiganuske clash.			
4	WCCO	60 Minutes (N) (cc)		Movie: *** Star Trek Beyond (2016) (Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto) Kirk and his crew face an alien threat on a hostile planet. (cc)								WCCO 4 News	WCCO 4 News	Joel Osteen (cc)	Turning Point
5	KSTP	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Supermarket Sweep (N) (cc)		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)		Card Sharks "203" (N) (cc)		5 Eyewitness News at 10 (N) (cc)		On the Road		Graham Bensinger	
9	KMSP	NFL Football	The OT (N) (Live) (cc)	The Simpsons (N)	Bless the Harts (N)	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy (N)	FOX 9 at 9p (N)		FOX 9's at 10 (N)	Vikings Postgame: Tonight (N) (cc)		TMZ (N) (cc)		
11	KARE	Football Night in America (N) (Live) (cc)			NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (N) (Live) (cc)							KARE 11 News (N)	Minnesota Bound	Ent. Tonight	
28	WUCW	Two and a Half Men		Pandora "On a Night Like This" (N) (cc)		Whose Line Is It?		Whose Line Is It?		Goetz & Sieben	Paid Program	Extra (N) (cc)		Robert Jeffress	Paid Program
29	WFTC	The Jason Show (cc)		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Creek	Creek	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam		
41	CPXM	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		Chicago P.D.			Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		







SAMPLE BALLOTS GENERAL ELECTION

Official Ballot

State General Election Ballot  
Isanti County, Minnesota  
November 3, 2020

Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker  
Green Party

☐ Kanye West and Michelle Tidball  
Independent

☐ Brock Pierce and Karla Ballard  
Independent

☐ Gloria La Riva and Leonard Peltier  
Socialism and Liberation

☐ Alyson Kennedy and Malcolm Jarrett  
Socialist Workers Party

☐ Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy "Spike" Cohen  
Libertarian Party

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

U.S. Senator  
Vote for One

☐ Kevin O'Connor  
Legal Marijuana Now

☐ Oliver Steinberg  
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis

☐ Jason Lewis  
Republican

☐ Tina Smith  
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

U.S. Representative  
District 8  
Vote for One

☐ Judith Schwartzbacker  
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis

☐ Pete Stauber  
Republican

☐ Quinn Nystrom  
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

State Offices

State Senator  
District 31  
Vote for One

☐ Michelle R. Benson  
Republican

☐ Kate Luthner  
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

State Senator  
District 32  
Vote for One

☐ Mark Koran  
Republican

☐ Joshua Fike  
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

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State Offices

State Representative  
District 31A  
Vote for One

☐ Kurt Daudt  
Republican

☐ Brad Brown  
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

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District 32A  
Vote for One

☐ Brian Johnson  
Republican

☐ Renae Berg  
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

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County Offices

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District 2  
Vote for One

☐ Terry Turnquist

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

County Commissioner  
District 3  
Vote for One

☐ Greg Anderson

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

County Commissioner  
District 4  
Vote for One

☐ Mike Warring

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Soil and Water Conservation District  
Supervisor  
District 1  
Vote for One

☐ Valerie Marty Anderson

☐ Barry Springborn

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Supervisor  
District 3  
Vote for One

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Supervisor  
District 4  
Vote for One

☐ Allan R. Koczur

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
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County Offices

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District 5  
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Incumbent

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Court of Appeals  
Judge 3  
Vote for One

☐ Carol Hooten  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 9  
Vote for One

☐ Randall J Slieter  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 13  
Vote for One

☐ Jeanne Cochran  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 15  
Vote for One

☐ Kevin G. Ross  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

10th District Court  
Judge 1  
Vote for One

☐ Juanita C. Freeman  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 4  
Vote for One

☐ Suzanne M. Brown  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 5  
Vote for One

☐ Douglas B Meslow  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 6  
Vote for One

☐ Stoney L Hiljus  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 7  
Vote for One

☐ Richard C. Ilkka  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judicial Offices  
10th District Court  
Judge 8  
Vote for One

☐ Laura A. Pietan  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 9  
Vote for One

☐ Sheridan Hawley  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 14  
Vote for One

☐ Nancy J. Logering  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 15  
Vote for One

☐ Thomas R. Lehmann  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 17  
Vote for One

☐ Patrick W. Flanagan  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 22  
Vote for One

☐ Melissa M. Saterbak  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 23  
Vote for One

☐ Catherine (Kate) McPherson  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 24  
Vote for One

☐ Karin L. McCarthy  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 26  
Vote for One

☐ Barry A. Sullivan  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Judge 28  
Vote for One

☐ Karen B. Schommer  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 32  
Vote for One

☐ Elizabeth H. Strand  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Vote front and back of ballot

Judicial Offices  
10th District Court  
Judge 35  
Vote for One

☐ Ellen Louise Maas  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Judge 38  
Vote for One

☐ Gregory G. Galler  
Incumbent

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any

Judge 39  
Vote for One

☐ Walter M. Kaminsky  
Incumbent

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Judge 43  
Vote for One

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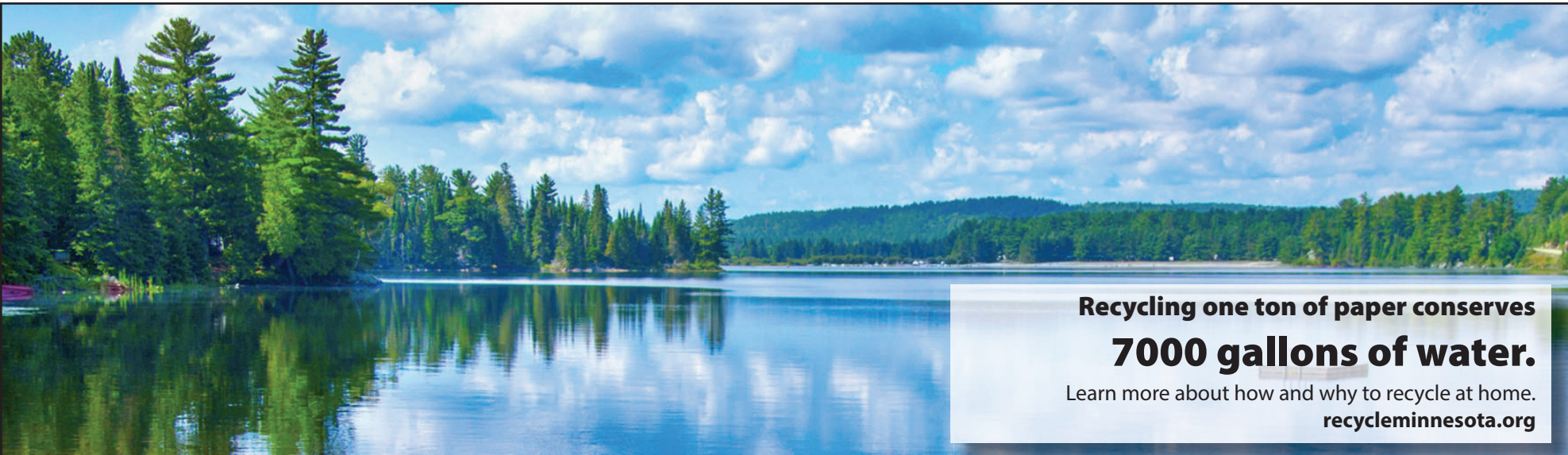


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Old man winter got a head start over cities' winter parking restrictions, causing many images like this with plows having to weave around cars that are still legally parking on the street.

# Winter parking restrictions begin Nov. 1

STAFF REPORT  
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Typically, the first plowable snowfall hasn't taken place as of yet, however Tuesday night's storm provided perfect examples for the need for parking restrictions on city streets. While vehicle owners essentially got a "free pass" with this first snowfall, city officials remind residents that starting Sunday, Nov. 1, winter parking restrictions will be in full force.

Below are the specific times and conditions when no parking will be enforced.  
**Isanti** - No parking on any city street between 1-8 a.m. from Nov. 1 through March 31. Parking is permitted from 6-8 a.m. if there is no snow or it has been removed.

The city removes snow within the city limits

on public sidewalks and trails for every 2-inch or more snow event.

**Cambridge** - No parking on any city street between 2-7 a.m. from Nov. 1 through March 31. The city will plow for every 3 inches or more snow event.

**Braham** - No parking on any city street between 2-7 a.m. from Nov. 1 through March 31.

**North Branch** - No parking on any city street between 1-5 a.m. and city parking lots from 2-5 a.m. from Nov. 1 through March 31.

**Rush City** - No parking on any city street from 2-6 a.m. from Nov. 1 through April 15. No parking on streets any time snowfall exceeds 3 inches until streets are cleared.

**Harris** - No parking on any city street between 1-7 a.m. from Nov. 1 through March 31. No parking on streets any time snowfall exceeds 3 inches until streets are cleared.

# Family Pathways Thrift Stores host clothing drive

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With the change in seasons, many folks are packing away summer clothing and hauling out their sweaters and flannels. That usually means sorting out clothes that no longer fit or appeal. And just in time, Family Pathways Thrift Stores is hosting a clothing donation drive on Oct. 25.

From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, Family Pathways Thrift Stores will be accepting clothing donations only at six convenient locations during the Clothing Donation Drive. There will be no limit to the amount of clothing individuals can donate; however, household and hard goods donations will not be accepted during the donation drive.

"Our goal is to fill a trailer at each of our six clothing donation drive sites," said Chris Lenzen, director of social enterprise at Family Pathways. "Every donation makes an impact in our community. For example, six full trailers can yield enough funding to provide holiday meals to more than 33,000 individuals."

Family Pathways is asking that donors ensure all clothing is packed in kitchen size plastic bags or boxes that are 30 pounds or less per box or bag. There is no limit to the amount of donations that residents can drop off. The

donation drive will be contactless, and all donors will receive a coupon for a future visit to Family Pathways Thrift Stores.

The clothing donation drive will be held at the following locations:

- Forest Lake, 935 Lake Street South
- Ham Lake, 16421 Aberdeen Street Northeast
- North Branch, 38462 Tanger Drive
- Pine City, 1035 Main Street South (old Chris' Foods parking lot)
- Princeton, 605 Rum River Drive South
- St. Croix Falls, 2000 US Highway 8

Donations accepted during the donation drive will be distributed to all 10 Family Pathways Thrift Store locations.

Volunteers are needed for this event and throughout the year. Volunteers for the clothing donation drive will receive a \$5 Family Pathways Thrift Stores gift certificate. Individuals can volunteer for two or four-hour shifts. Groups and individual volunteers are welcome. Contact Brooke Zank at [brookez@familypathways.org](mailto:brookez@familypathways.org) or 651.674.8040.

For more information about the clothing donation drive or to learn more about Family Pathways and how your dollars change lives, please go to [www.FamilyPathways.org](http://www.FamilyPathways.org).

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