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## K-9 wounded, suspect killed in officer-involved shooting near Braham

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A high-speed police chase that started in Blaine and ended just south of Braham concluded with shots being fired by both the suspect and law enforcement, resulting in an Anoka K-9 officer being wounded and one of the two suspects being declared dead at the scene. Another officer, from an unknown agency, was hospitalized due to injuries associated with the initial incident in Blaine.

According to a press release from the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, at 12:58 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, officers with the Blaine Police Department responded to a theft call at the cluster of stores located on Baltimore Street NE. Upon arrival, the suspects allegedly stole one vehicle and then carjacked another at gun point after the first vehicle was disabled by law enforcement.

The suspects drove onto Highway 65, and at that point, a high-speed pursuit commenced. This pursuit continued north on Highway 65 through Anoka and Isanti County, with speeds eclipsing 100 miles-per-hour before the suspects' vehicle was disabled in the median of the Highway 65/Highway 107 intersection, whereupon the suspects fled on foot and shots were fired, striking an Anoka Police Department K-9 named Bravo.

Officers first on the scene responded by firing their weapon(s), striking and killing one of the suspects. The other suspect was apprehended without further incident. (See article on page 8 for details of the pursuit via radio communication).

As of Monday evening, Feb. 22, the

Anoka Police Department reported a bullet had nicked Bravo's trachea and went through his shoulder, however doctors determined intubation during surgery might cause further damage, so they decided not to perform surgery and let the wounds heal on their own, and he had been released from the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center and was recovering at home.

According to a Facebook post by Bravo's handler, Officer Jake Sorteberg, Bravo also has a spinal fracture and soft tissue wounds in the shoulder. Sorteberg said Bravo was already able to eat some food. It is unknown, however, if he would be able to recover enough to resume his duties.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the identities of the two suspects were released, along

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ANOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE Anoka Police Department K-9 Bravo was shot while helping apprehend a suspect just south of Braham.



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## Vintage sleds on display

# Arrowhead takes over public transit March 1

#### BY JENNIFER KOTILA NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Beginning March 1, Arrowhead Transit will begin offering dial-aride, scheduled rides, and a volunteer driver program in Chisago and Isanti counties, offering the same services currently offered by Heartland Express.

The expansion of Arrowhead Transit into Isanti and Chisago Counties is in collaboration with Heartland Express and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and is funded by Mn-DOT, according to a news release from Arrowhead Transit.

Isanti County Board of Commissioners took action at its Feb. 17 meeting to layoff Heartland Transit staff beginning March 1. However, employees of Heartland Transit were encouraged to apply for positions with Arrowhead Transit. Job openings for Arrowhead Transit can be found at https://cyber.aeoa. org/careers/.

Those interested in becoming

Tokens that have been purchased through Heartland Express will be honored by Arrowhead Transit, but fare cards will need to be converted into unlimited monthly passes or one-way tickets by contacting Arrowhead Transit.

Route and fare information can be found at arrowheadtransit. com and clicking on the county of choice. Besides regular routes within Isanti and Chisago Counties, Arrowhead also offers rides north to Duluth and up the North Shore on various days of the week. To purchase one-way tickets or unlimited monthly passes, call (218) 735-6815 or email tony.potter@aeoa. org. All routes also have fare boxes for those wishing to pay when they get on the bus.

Contact Arrowhead Transit at least an hour in advance to schedule a pick-up time and specific drop-off site. The dispatcher will ask for:

•Time and exact location of pick-

up •Destination address •Number of people riding

A total of 166 sleds were on display at JJ's Bowl in North Branch on Saturday, Feb. 20 as part of the 21st annual Vintage Snowmobile Expo and Ride, put on by the Osceola Vintage Sled Extravaganza. The event was originally scheduled for two weeks earlier but had to be postponed due to the cold weather. volunteer drivers with Arrowhead Transit should contact Martin Lepak at 218-410-9755 or Scott Olson at 218-410-2055.

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## City of Isanti ponders keeping track of squad cars

#### **BY JENNIFER KOTILA** NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

What should the top police officers do with their squads when they are off duty? That question was being addressed by the Isanti City Council. But in addressing that question, another question regarding keeping track of those squads was broached, with the council offering differing opinions on the topic.

In a split decision at its Feb. 16 meeting, the Isanti City Council approved a resolution regarding a take home vehicle use policy, which applies to its chief of police, police lieutenant, and investigator. Council Member Jimmy Gordon was the sole no vote.

The policy would allow those entities to take home a vehicle if they lived within a 15-mile radius of the city. Up for additional discussion was whether or not to place a tracking device on the vehicles.

City Administrator Josi Wood noted the drafted resolution did not include language requiring a tracking device, but could be amended to include such language. To place a tracking device on the vehicles would cost \$720 per vehicle, plus the cost of the device, she stated.

**Council Member Steve Lundeen** said he wanted to move forward with the resolution, including the tracking device

Council Member Paul Bergley said he thought the mileage could be reduced to 10 miles, noting both the chief and lieutenant lived within that radius currently. However, Mayor Jeff Johnson pushed back on that idea, stating 15 miles covered the territory needed currently.

"We're losing three years of the useful life of a vehicle by allowing this, and I just don't see enough benefit to justify iť," Gordon. "Public safety, that's plenty for me,"

Johnson retorted.

"There's layers and layers of public safety," Gordon said.

Pointing out that he had a lot of police officer friends throughout the state that were in leadership positions, Johnson said, "They don't have their top guy GPSed, and the reason for that is they don't want the cops to know when that admin is going to pop up, in case, I mean, I hate to say it this way, but kind of act like a babysitter."

Council Member Dan Collison said he thought having the tracking device on all vehicles was a good idea due to liability.

Stating he does not have a problem either way, and he trusts his staff, Isanti

Police Chief Travis Muyres said he still has to plan for the worse case scenario. "If I needed to come into town to see where my officers were, or what they were doing, they would know when I left my house," he added. "I'm not saying I need that tool."

He also noted that officers, including him, are on camera all the time.

Lundeen questioned who all has access to the GPS data of the vehicle, and Muyres stated that any law enforcement vehicle within the county with GPS can be seen by all officers at all times.

"And I'm not saying that I distrust any cop, but at the same time, it's always in the back of the mind, 'Let's not do this, because we don't know where the chief's at," Johnson said.

Wood explained that the tracking device which the council is talking about is not the same as the GPS that officers are using, and the purpose of this tracking device would be more for administrative purposes to monitor the use of the vehicle.

Johnson reiterated he did not think it necessary to track the chief's vehicle, noting it made sense for those who patrol, but the chief is not on patrol and only responds to critical events.

"I just think it would be a better tool

for the chief not to have," he said.

Gordon agreed with Bergley, asking why the city wouldn't want to track what was happening with a vehicle owned by the city. "I'm not going to vote for it either way, but if we're going to have take-home vehicles, we should be verifying that they are being used for city business," he said.

The resolution that passed was what Lundeen proposed, which allows a vehicle to be taken home within 15 mile radius of the city, and tracking in all vehicles except the chief's.

#### EAGLE PARK PARKING LOT PAVING?

The council also discussed at length whether or not to repave the parking lot at Eagle Park or to allow it to be turned into green space.

The discussion included how often the park and parking lot were used, and whether the cost to repave the parking lot was worth its use.

Several options were discussed, and the council finally agreed to have the city engineer include it into an engineering proposal and a final decision would be made at a later time.

The council also approved authorizing engineering services for the Main Street reconstruction preliminary report from the city engineer.

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## Despite pandemic surprises, school budget survives mostly unscathed

#### BY LORI ZABEL NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Keeping tabs on a school district's budget under normal circumstances is tough enough, but add in a major unknown such as a pandemic, and it becomes even tougher. Despite all of the financial curveballs over the past year, Cambridge-Isanti Schools has emerged pretty much where they were expecting, according to Director of Finance & Operations Chris Kampa.

"Last year we passed a budget that was right at the beginning of a global pandemic," Kampa told the Cambridge-Isanti school board at its Feb. 18 meeting. He presented revisions to the preliminary budget, which is customary once the prior fiscal year has closed.

"There are a number of changes," he said, "but I think the headlines are that COVID has impacted our budget significantly, but we're still showing that we predict to come out ahead in all this, that we will add to our fund balance, which – given the significant challenges we face – that's a major victory."

In his presentation, Kampa broke the fund apart into four separate units for ease of understanding: general operations, transportation, facilities and student activities. He also covered other governmental funds: food service, community service and debt redemption fund.

Food service and community service funds are considered separate entities because they are intended to be self-sustaining based on the revenues thev generate. The debt redemption fund is used to pay debt service on the district's bonds.

#### **REVENUES SEE OVERALL INCREASE**

Kampa grouped general and transportation revenues together on one slide (available at c-ischools.org under Feb. 18 school board agenda materials). Revenues for the district come from four sources: local property taxes and fees, other local sources, state and federal.

Local revenue was originally projected at \$4.7 million, but Kampa readjusted it lower by about \$91,000 to \$4.6 million.

"We are getting less miscellaneous taxes and fees from the county," he said. "That's just my expectation because we have less economic activity due to COVID."

Kampa said there is also less income from admission tickets to sporting events and less rental of district facilities by outside parties.

He did note the sale of the bus garage in Isanti brought in \$136,000, plus additional revenue gained from a legal settlement earlier this year.

Revenue projected from the state is down by about \$1.9 million due mainly to lower enrollment – the district has 244 fewer students than originally projected, Kampa said.

"Everyone (around the state) is

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Chris Kampa Cambridge-Isanti Schools Director of Finance

stabilize - we added 13 students. That's not a lot, but that represents the first month we stopped losing enrollment and actually grew."

Kampa said there was an increase in federal revenues of \$2.1 million, due to an increase of \$1.2 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and \$840,000 in Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, bringing the projection of federal revenue to \$3.7 million.

"Overall, we're projecting an increase in revenue for these two parts (general and transportation) of \$716,000," he said. "That's the good news."

#### **EXPENSES INCREASE DUE TO COVID**

"The bad news," Kampa continued, "is we're seeing an increase in expenses as well."

The district hired 12 additional cleaners for buildings and grounds to meet the demands of sanitizing for COVID protection, which was an unexpected expense.

Another line item not even conceived in the preliminary budget is nearly \$1.5 million added for non-labor COVID items such as cleaning supplies, pandemic-related facility upgrades, laptop computers and other technology related to facilitating distance learning.

Fortunately, the impact of these added expenses was partially offset by decreases in other areas including labor, reduction in utility usage and lower transportation costs.

"On the labor side, I project us to be down from where we originally budgeted, and by a significant amount: \$850,000," Kampa said, citing a reduction in students at Brookside Academy, negating the need for three projected teacher positions, plus four fewer Instructional Assistants.

Labor costs were also lower due to the reduction in transportation costs with the hybrid and distance learning changes.

"In summary, we're up \$700,000 on revenue," Kampa said, "but we're down \$800,000 on the expenses, so the net difference is we're to the worse about \$100,000 in the general operations and transportation portion of the general fund.'

#### **OTHER EXPENSES DISCUSSED**

For the facilities budget, state revenue is down about \$100.000 since it's

Preliminary Budget         Revised Budget         Variance         Notes           REVENUES         50,742,243         48,815,443         (1,926,800)         Lost enrollment           Federal Revenues         50,742,243         48,815,443         (1,926,800)         Lost enrollment           Federal Revenues         1,578,931         3,705,978         2,127,047         Federal CARES Funding           Other Local         19,341         553,882         534,541         County/Township CARES Funding           Total Revenue         60,116,630         60,284,186         167,556         EXPENSES           Labor         34,821,585         33,965,759         (855,826)         Less staff than originally budgeted           Benefit         13,534,093         14,049,558         515,465         Unemploy; may be overly-conservative           Fund 01 Non-Labor Expenses         5,988,487         7,141,414         1,152,927         COVID-related           Fund 03 Non-Labor Expenses         605,242         602,952         (2,290)         2,290	General Fund	Sumn	nary	
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#### General Fund – Fund Balance

General Fund Balance		Beg Bal		Revenue	Expenses	Transfer*	End Bal	End Bal (%)
Student Activities	\$	384,341	\$	73,484	\$ 132,704	\$ -	\$ 325,121	0.5%
Staff Development		10,281		710,418	710,418	-	10,281	0.0%
Operating Capital		1,024,789		1,893,663	2,515,615	-	402,837	0.7%
Learning and Development		485,705		1,014,897	1,014,897	-	485,705	0.8%
Alternative Learning Center		12,509		-	-	-	12,509	0.0%
Gifted and Talented		2,482		68,590	68,590	-	2,482	0.0%
Basic Skills		834		1,323,345	1,323,345		834	0.0%
Safe Schools		76,433		190,107	190,107		76,433	0.1%
Basic Skills Ext Time		10,426		75,899	75,899		10,426	0.0%
Nonspendable		166,438		166,438	166,438	-	166,438	0.3%
Assigned		-		-	-	-	-	0.0%
LTFM		631,656		2,142,140	2,393,294	-	380,502	0.6%
Medical Assistance		137,531		400,000	400,000	-	137,531	0.2%
Unassigned		2,060,318		52,225,094	51,630,254	(138,843)	2,516,315	4.2%
Total	\$	5,003,744	\$	60,284,076	\$ 60,621,561	\$ (138,843)	\$ 4,527,415	7.5%
*Transfer: due to Food Service	nego	ative accour	t f	und balance				

The above charts show that while the Cambridge-Isanti Schools' general fund revenue decreased due to the pandemic, the district's fund balance still increased.

determined by enrollment. A Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) project at the high school was able to begin months early due to students being out of the building, so about \$750,000 of its designated funds were applied to last year's budget.

That reduction was offset, though, by bumping up the operating capital portion for the purchase of school buses.

"It's been three years since we've purchased a bus," he said, "and that's just not sustainable."

Kampa noted that the food service and community service areas are intended to be self-sustaining. If they run a deficit, the district may have to use general fund monies to replenish the account balance, which is the case this year.

Although the number of students eating breakfast or lunch in school buildings has decreased, the district has been required by the state to supply 'grab-n-go" lunches for off-site learners.

The budget shows a transfer of \$138,843 out of the unassigned general fund balance to cover that deficit in food service.

The community service budget, which includes items like community education, driver's ed, early childhood education and preschool, is also operating in deficit, according to Kampa, but should be able to see savings by reducing expenses and locating some

tions lessen.

#### **BUDGET IS RESULT OF LONG ROAD**

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In summary, Kampa said the revised general fund is close to where the district thought they would be at this time, but they got there via a different path.

'We originally thought we'd have a deficit of \$302,000," he said. "And now we are at (a deficit of) 337,000 - achange of \$34,000.

"I know it looks like we are deficit spending," he added, "but when we look at the fund balance, we expect an increase of approximately \$600,000, and that is the goal."

Superintendent Nate Rudolph added he hoped the school board realizes Kampa's presentation was a "bittersweet report."

"The sweet part, and the part we're proud of," he said, "is Chris and his finance team, along with our entire system, has really done what they set out to do, and we landed about where we projected to land."

Rudolph added that the bitter part is that it came with a sacrifice.

"Keep in mind," he said, "to get to this point we cut over \$3 million in over two years. Looking back, we've cut more than \$7.5 million over three years. Our system and our organization has taken a significant hit to be able to balance the budget for this year.



## There's no 'l' in 'team', but there is in 'NBA'

ver the last several years, the one local professional sport I have had trouble generating much interest in is the Minnesota Timberwolves of the NBA.



It's not because they as of late have been perennial cellar-dwellers. Anyone who knows me will attest that I have continued to show

support to the Twins, Wild, and Vikings even during their darkest seasons.

It's also not because the players are unlikeable or unexciting. Karl-Anthony Towns is fun to watch and seems like a very stand-up kind of guy. Even though his name is constantly being brought up in trade rumors as being someone a playoff contending team should aim for to put them over the hump, KAT has steadfastly stood by wanting to continue with the Woofies.

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KAT is an exception to the rule, however, and that's just one example of what rubs me the wrong way with the NBA. Whether intentionally or simply be-

cause they are giving what they think the people want, the NBA has been transformed away from a team sport to one that highly focuses on individual stars.

Take a look at the headlines. They always seem to begin with highlighting such-and-such a player scored so many points, and the fact of if his team won or lost the game is secondary. "(Insert player's name here) drops 48 points in (insert team name here) loss."

Another example was with the Timberwolves just this last weekend. Minnesota's Anthony Edwards threw down this monstrous dunk against the Raptors last Friday that everyone is already calling the dunk of the year. They are even comparing it to some of the greatest dunks ever. Granted, it is an incredible dunk, but here's the thing, the Timberwolves lost the game!

Monday morning I was watching ESPN's "Get Up," thinking they might have some sort of commentary about Wolves head coach Ryan Saunders not only getting fired, but the team already having his replacement from outside the organization figured out. Nope. Not a word. But they did spend a good five minutes on that dunk.

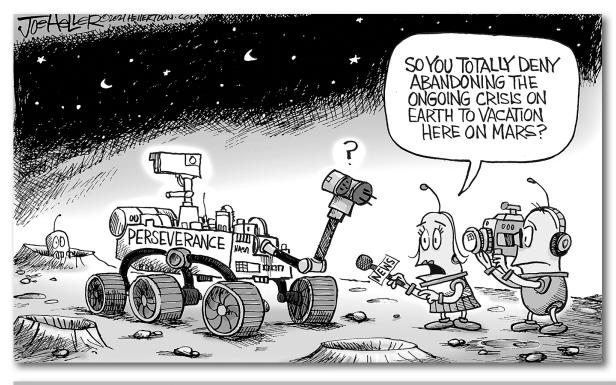
The bigger example of this attitude is the recent announcement that the NBA will be holding an All-Star game this season, despite the fact it is going to be held in front of little to no live spectators. Not only that, but they are also holding the three-point and dunk contests. According to Commissioner Adam Silver, "It's the right thing to do." But right for who?

As the name implies, the NBA All-Star game (along with every other sports' all-star games) is merely an exhibition of the league's top stars. It's a PR piece. It's a multi-hour highlight video. The game has zero bearing on the actual season, yet the MVP of the game is revered and debated for days, weeks, months, even years to come.

The NBA has tried to put a spin on it by pledging over \$2.5 million to historically black colleges and universities in conjunction with the game. But considering we are still in the middle of the pandemic, is this game that even Silver called a "made-for-TV" event worth the risk? All it would take would be one or two positive COVID tests right after the game and the entire league could be forced to shut down for a length of time.

Something like that would certainly cast a bright spotlight on the NBA and its' star players, but it would also be much more negative than the league would ever want.

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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **Remember the Capitol**

#### To the editor,

The Lincoln Project, an American political action committee created by a group of nationally recognized Republicans, produced numerous ads that worked to defeat of Donald Trump in the 2020 election. In one of their recent ads, "The Trump Administration by the Numbers," these were some of the numbers: "three million jobs lost, 400,000 dead of COVID-19, more than 30,500 lies told, 550 children who may never see their parents again, 315 days golfing, 91% turnover of senior advisors, 26 women who accuse sexual misconduct, nine federal judge appointees deemed unqualified by the ABA, five new miles of border wall, five dead in Capitol riot he allegedly incited, two-times popular vote loser, and two impeachments.'

His legacy, a terrible one, isn't made better by the damage he did to the nation's health care and the \$2 trillion tax reform law that gave 80% of the benefit to the wealthiest American businesses and individuals.

Still, many in GOP leadership believe Trump is the party's future. That being true, the 2022 mid-term election could well mark the party's Waterloo should Trump continue as the party figurehead. Just as American soldiers repeated the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo" in the Mexican-American War," Democrats will often and loudly be reminding the American electorate to "Remember the Capitol!" come the 2022 election.

Pete Boelter North Branch

#### Response to letter

#### To the editor,

Mr. Grell's letter on Feb. 18 deserves a response. He mentioned the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline. The oil in that pipeline was not destined for US refineries so it couldn't affect our gasoline supply or prices. The environmental damage could be horrendous. The Keystone XL pipeline's owner, Trans Canada, has an existing pipeline in the US. It had 21 reported spills totaling 820,000 gallons of toxic crude oil from 2010 to 2019. The XL pipeline would cross 1,073 bodies of water and tens of thousands of acres of wetlands.

It would run within a mile of more than 3,000 wells that provide drinking and irrigation water. The construction job losses have been overblown. There would have been 2,000 jobs lasting two years and only 50 permanent jobs. With the potential pollution from an oil spill, the real jobs in jeopardy would be the 110,000 agricultural jobs that produced \$41.6 billion worth of food in 2012.

Mr. Grell goes on to the minimum wage. A 2019 Congressional Budget Office study estimated that raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025 might cost 1.3 million jobs. It would also boost pay for 27 million workers and bring 1.3 million Americans out of poverty. I don't want to minimize the job losses but, on balance, increasing the minimum wage might be a good trade-off. Also, the increase would be in stages to help small businesses adjust. Maybe Mr. Grell is OK with hard-working Americans working three jobs to put food on their table, but I am willing to pay a little more where I have to and know that these workers have a better chance to have a better life.

> Jeff Benny Cambridge

**FEBRUARY 25, 202** 

#### Library needs better handicapped parking

#### To the editor,

The new Cambridge Library is very nice inside. The employees are so friendly and helpful.

There is a problem: handicapped parking; rather the lack of it in the right place. On the west end there is a lot of grass, and a long sidewalk from the parking lot on Fern Street. The handicapped who can walk all that way into the library are probably exhausted when they get inside. At the other end of the library, on Dellwood Street, there is no handicapped parking. This is closer to the building, although still too far for some to walk. One solution would be to have some scooters available inside for people with difficulty walking. At least some wheelchairs. We have a scooter at home, but can't get it in and out of the car. It would be nice if ALL the people who are paying

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for this library could access it

**Kathryn Wilson** Cambridge

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## County Public Health gives COVID-19 vaccination update

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Isanti County Public Health understands how difficult it can be to wait for a COVID-19 vaccine. We will continue to share updates on the vaccination process through social media (https://www.facebook.com/ IsantiCountyPublicHealth), press releases, KBEK radio, and the Isanti County website (https://www. co.isanti.mn.us/).

Isanti County Public Health continues to receive limited doses of COVID-19 vaccine from the Minnesota Department of Health. We are continuing to vaccinate those in Phase 1a, as well as school and childcare staff, and those 65 and older. We get notified at the end of each week how many doses we will be receiving, so we can only plan for clinics a few days in advance.

#### How can I learn when Isanti County Public Health has COVID-19 vaccination appointments available?

•We will continue to share updates on the vaccination process through social media (https://www.facebook.com/IsantiCountyPublicHealth), press releases, KBEK radio, and the Isanti County website (https:// www.co.isanti.mn.us/).

•Isanti County Public Health is compiling a wait list for those 65 years and older. Call (763-689-4071) or email (ICPH@co.isanti.mn.us) with your first and last name, phone number, email address, and date of birth.

•The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector is a tool that helps you find out when, where, and how to get a COVID-19 vaccine. After you fill out a simple form, the Vaccine Connector will: alert you when you are eligible to receive a vaccine; connect you to resources to schedule a vaccine appointment; and notify you if there are vaccine opportunities in your

area. https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/ If you don't have access to internet, you can call the Community Vaccination Program Hotline at 833-431-2053 to sign up for the Vaccine Connector.

#### What will the COVID-19 vaccination clinics look like for Isanti County residents and workers?

•Where will the clinics be held? Most clinics will be held at the Isanti County Government Center, the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, a local school, or the Braham Event Center.

•When will the clinics be held? Typically, the large clinics will be held on Fridays, to ensure we receive the vaccine from the Minnesota Department of Health in time.

•What kind of COVID-19 vaccine will I receive from Isanti County Public Health? Isanti County Public Health receives the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.

If I get scheduled for my first COVID-19 vaccine when *will by second vaccine be given?* If you receive the Moderna vaccine, your second vaccine will be given 28 days later. If you receive the Pfizer vaccine, your second vaccine will be given 21 days later.

•How old do you need to be to get a vaccine? The Moderna vaccine can only be given to those 18 and older. The Pfizer vaccine can be given to those 16 and older (those under 18 must have parental consent to receive a vaccine).

•Do you offer walk-in appointments? We do not accept walk-ins. COVID-19 vaccines are only given to those who have an appointment.

•How will I sign up for an appointment when I am eligible? You will sign up for an appointment through PrepMod, an online registration system. You will need a device (phone, tablet, or computer) with an internet connection, a phone number, and an email. •What if I don't have those things? Check with your

friends or family members to see if they can help with registering you, and/or use their email to register. You can also register by calling Isanti County Public Health, 763-689-4071.

#### Low-cost transportation is available

Starting March 1, Arrowhead Transit will be the new transit provider for Isanti County. To schedule a ride, call 800-862-0175, option 12, For more information, visit https://arrowheadtransit.com/county-schedules/isanti-county/.

#### Healthcare providers are providing COVID-19 vaccinations. as well

•For information on Allina Health, visit https:// www.allinahealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccines.

 For information on M Health Fairview, visit https://mhealthfairview.org/covid19/covid19-vaccine

Until everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine gets a vaccine, it is important for all of us to continue to do our part to control the spread of COVID-19: wear a mask, wash your hands often, stay at least 6 feet from those outside your household, get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, and stay home when you are sick.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, visit https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/basics.html. Minnesota Helpline is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504. For more information about COVID-19, visit the Minnesota Department of Health www.health.state.mn.us or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/ websites. Follow Isanti County Public Health on Facebook and Instagram for local messages.

## The return of student **Community Service Day**

oining the school district this year has given me numerous opportunities to gain appreciation for some of the strong traditions in place. For over ten years, Community Service Day has been an annual event in which



NB School News Sara Paul

students of all ages have the opportunity to service our community. It instills pride in community, a sense of belonging, and teaches students to care about people and issues beyond their daily lives.

Community Service Day (CSD) at North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS) had to be canceled last spring due to the pandemic. Now, I am so pleased to announce it will return this spring on Friday, May 21.

CSD provides students and staff the opportunity to perform a wide variety of community service projects in our school district. They complete projects for our cities and townships, civic organizations, senior living facilities, and private citizens. Over the years participants have

painted snow plows, restrooms, and dugouts; raked leaves and provided general clean-up to parks and lawns, read with and performed for senior citizens, taken traffic studies, constructed parks, and so much more!

Classes of students of all ages participate in the annual event! While the more labor-intensive projects are generally reserved for older students, our youngest make cards for senior citizens or visit with seniors and perform music or read together with residents.

We know that this year's CSD might have to look a little different, especially as it pertains to our youngest students and eldest community residents; but we look forward to working with staff at our senior living facilities to find creative solutions that keep both groups safe this spring. Most projects, however, take place outside with limited numbers of students and staff, and should be able to be accommodated similar to how we have done it in the past. NBAPS is always looking for individuals living in the communities we serve who, for any number of reasons like health or age, are unable to see to their spring chores this year. We want to help! If you know of anyone who could benefit from some helping hands to rake leaves, pick up trash and debris, do some painting, or help with any number of other possibilities, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Patrick Tepoorten at 651-674-1018 or ptepoorten@isd138.org. We are excited to get some projects on the schedule for Community Service Day! Better together- that is what CSD is all about and I am so excited to see all of the service and learning that takes place with the return of Community Service Day! SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.

## Cambridge accepts grant for electric vehicle charging station

#### **BY BILL STICKELS III** EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Commuters utilizing electric vehicles in the Cambridge area will soon have a place to plug in their cars, thanks in part to a grant from East Central Energy.

During the Feb. 16 Cambridge City Council meeting, Assistant City Administrator Evan Vogel informed the council that a grant application to ECE that was made by the council back in January had been awarded to the city. That grant is to be used for the purchase of an electric vehicle charging station, which will be placed in one of the parking spots at City Park.

According to Vogel, the grant is only for the purchase of the charging station, but not for the installation costs, which comes to \$2,900. Vogel said he was still awaiting the results of another grant application that would pay for the installation, however he felt it would be prudent for the council to formerly accept or reject the ECE grant now. If the city is not awarded the other grant, Vogel said the installation money could come from the EDA Admin Fund.

During discussion, Council Member Lisa Iverson asked Vogel to confirm that if the council accepted the ECE grant, they would be obligated to maintain the charging station, including repairs, for three years. Vogel indicated that was part of

good for the city to have a position on this. "Generally, our position in the past is that this is just another mandate that's not funded by the state," she added. "I think this is a one size solu-

tion that fits nobody. In our community, if people have issues, they seek out city council, or the police chief. Because they have good communication relationships."

The second bill is for the formation of a citizens' property tax advisory committee. Like the first bill, Woulfe said she felt this committee was unneeded for a city the size of Cambridge.

"We already put all of our budget information out on our website," she said. "We already do taxpayer receipts. We already do "Balancing Act," which are two of the things that would be required in this bill.

"I think as it stands, this is just going to be another mandate that adds expenses," she conchuded

Based on a unanimous "thumbs up," the council instructed Woulfe to continue monitoring the two bills, and if it appears they are making progress through the State Legislature, to draft letters to the areas legislators voicing their opposition to the bills.

#### **VOGEL TO BE NAMED CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Back when Evan Vogel was hired as assistant city administrator, the idea was he would at least be an informational bridge between Woulfe, who will be retiring at the beginning of May, and whoever would be replacing her. As it turns out, based on his performance so far, the council decided to simply promote Vogel to city administrator and post an upcoming opening in Evan Vogel the assistant city administrator position.

the conditions of the grant.

Council Member Bob Shogren asked if anyone who uses the station would have to pay for the charging service?

"This is a no-charge service," Vogel said. The vote to accept the ECE grant was approved 3-2, with Iverson and Shogren voting no.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO STATE BILLS VOICED**

City Administrator Lynda Woulfe gave an update to the council on two State Legislature proposals that would directly impact city governments.

The first was for the creation of a Law Enforcement Citizen Oversight Council for the purpose of citizens to have a voice in local police departments. According to Woulfe, the most recent version of the bill would exclude Cambridge from having to form such a council since there are currently fewer than 50 officers in the Cambridge department.

"I just wanted to make sure this got put on your radar, because as you know, legislation changes," Woulfe told the council. "So I thought it would be



"I certainly do have big shoes to fill," Vogel said in an email, "and it will take some time to get fully up to speed, but I hope to do the best that I can, and make the city proud."

Vogel's official first day will be May 4, prompting council to jokingly tell him he needs to come to work dressed as his favorite Star Wars character for his first day.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Annabelle B. Johnson

Annabelle Johnson, of Cambridge, formerly of North Branch, passed away Feb. 16, 2021, at Grace-Pointe Crossing in Cambridge. She was 87 years old. A beloved aunt, loving sister, loyal wife, and allaround good Christian. Annabelle Beverly Johnson born Annabelle Beverly



Bellin on Aug. 17, 1933, at home in Weber, MN to Harold and Rubie Bellin was a perfect example of the type of person we should all strive to become. A kind, generous, good natured and hard-working woman, that without any doubt no one can say a negative thing about.

Annabelle attended country school in rural Oxford, Minnesota, baptized, confirmed and a lifetime

member of St John's Lutheran church in Weber, MN, and graduated Cambridge High School class of 1951. Annabelle was united in holy matrimony with Glenn Johnson on June 29, 1957.

Annabelle's first job was at Cambridge State Bank and she worked there for 51 years starting as a stenographer working her way up to a teller and book keeper. She loved her job and all the customers she served and would say she had the best job and boss possible.

Glenn and Annabelle did not lack in entrepreneurial spirit having multiple businesses including farming, raising dairy cows, and even ran an insurance company. All without her dedication would've not been possible.

Annabelle found time to participate in many groups and institutions such as Lutheran Woman's Missionary League, Ladies Aide, Isanti County Fair board, farmers union and part of her church's choir. She enjoyed life and company to the fullest hosting many gatherings over the years where usually a game or two of dice or cards ended the night.

Annabelle was preceded in death by many dear family and loved ones including her husband so now they will be reunited once again in Gods kingdom.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20 at St. John Lutheran Church in Weber. Visitation will begin at noon. Memorials suggested to your favorite charity. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

### Merrill E. "Buddy" Grams

Merrill E. Grams (Buddy) of Cambridge, MN passed away on Feb. 9, 2021. He was 92 years old. Merrill was born on March 19, 1928, on the family farm near Zimmerman, MN (Now Grams Regional Park) to Henry and Minnie Grams along with his



twin sister, Marian. Merrill and Helen Mae were married in Princeton, MN in 1949. Merrill's employment included Land O' Lakes, Green Acres Nursing Home, and self-employed painter. He carried out his passion by owning a hobby farm and caring for the animals. Merrill loved family, community, and church gatherings,

## **Contributed** a reflection of his hard work and

CENTURY 21 MOLINE REALTY

Carrie Moline Gibbs, broker/ owner of CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, Inc. is pleased to announce that in recognition of his outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored Nate Campion, sales associate with CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, Inc. with the 2020 CENTURY 21® President's Producer Award. The annual award is bestowed upon those CENTU-RY 21 System sales affiliates that earn the CENTURY 21 CENTURI-ON® award and the CENTURY 21 **Quality Service Pinnacle Produc**er award in the same calendar year.

"Nate is the first CENTURY 21 Moline Agent to ever receive the President's Award, which is a reflection of his hard work and dedication to his clients." Said Gibbs, "I am proud to have Nate part of the CENTURY 21 Moline Realty family."

The CENTURION Producer award honors CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates of the CENTU-RY 21 System based on production within the calendar year.

To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, a C21® sales affiliate must receive completed customer surveys for at least 50 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1 - December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percentage or better for two consecutive years.

"We are thrilled to recognize Nate's work for this momentous achievement," said Mike Miedler, chief executive officer, Century 21 Real Estate LLC. "This is an out-



**Nate Campion** 

standing honor since only a small percentage of affiliated agents in the United States received this award for sales."

# Lakes and Pines receives funds

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LAKES AND PINES CAC INC

Lakes and Pines CAC Inc. has received a grant of Older Americans Act funds from the Central Minnesota Council on Aging to provide Adult Group Respite services in 2021 to older residents needing constant care in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine counties.

Virtual Adult Group Respite services provide caregivers the chance to take care of other responsibilities or take a break while the care recipient is engaged with staff, volunteers and other care recipients online.

The funds will be used immediately and ongoing to provide virtual Adult Group Respite services during two to three, one hour and a half hour sessions each week. Care receivers may participate in one or multiple sessions each week as space allows. A typical virtual respite session includes gentle exercise, brain-stimulating activities and crafts, conversation and occasional sessions with area artists. Activity packets and supplies needed for the art sessions will be provided. A few tablets and jetpacks are available to loan to respite participants who don't have internet access.

Lakes and Pines welcomes and coordinates volunteers and artists to assist

## Paron named Assistant Vice President

**CONTRIBUTED** FIRST BANK & TRUST

The First Bank & Trust Board of Directors recently approved the corporate promotion of a Cambridge-based employee at their annual organizational meeting.

Beverly Paron was elected Assistant Vice President. She has been with the organization for nearly 21 years and currently serves as Retail Manager and Executive Assistant.

"We are fortunate to have such a committed and dedicated staff serving our customers and supporting our communities and our organization," said Kevin Tetzlaff, Chief Operating Officer of First Bank

#### **STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS**

#### DEGREES

**Beverly Paron** 

**Abbey Callahan** of North Branch (Bachelor of Arts) from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

**Kyle Groh** of Harris (Bachelor of Science, Health & Human Performance), and **Natali Steffensen** of North Branch (Bachelor of Science, Psychology), from The University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

**Emily Pfeffer** of Cambridge (Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering), and Ethan Peters of North Branch (Bechelor's of Science in Psychology), from North Dakota State University.



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& Trust. "Based on Bev's significant contributions and leadership roles within our organization, I am proud to announce this promotion."

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attended grandchildren sporting events and school activities, and hobbies in-

cluded being an avid racing fan at Princeton Speedway, auto shows, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, playing cards, and cribbage. Merrill had been an active member of the Lutheran Church all his life. Merrill was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Howard, Ken, Don; and his sisters, Dorothy (Heath), Marjorie (Smith), Marian (Nemeth), Harriet (Kish) and Joyce (Olene).

Merrill is survived by his loving wife, Helen Mae (Mack) of 71 years; sister, Helen (Benson); sistersin-law, Lou Grams, JoAnn Grams; five sons, Darrell (Pat), Randy (Melodee), Scott (Tara), Jeff (Tami), Joel; and 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, plus three on the way.

A visitation will be on March 19, 2021, at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge, MN from 5 - 7 p.m., with a private family service to follow. Online condolences and stories may be placed at StrikeLifeTributes. com. In lieu of flowers, any monetary gifts to the family will go to Children's Hospital, helping cancer patient families with financial needs. in providing this service and accepts contributions from participants and the public. A sliding fee scale based on cost of services and self-declared income is available. Fees and participant contributions are not required to receive Adult Group Respite services. Please contact Lakes and Pines via email, kellyg@lakesandpines.org or

call toll free at 1-800-832-6082, extension 1902 for more information

#### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

#### Barbara A. Lindgren

A Celebration of life service will be held for Barbara Ann Lindgren on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 1 p.m. at The Cowboy Church, 17525 Highway 65 N.E., Ham Lake, MN 55304. Visitation will be one hour before the service.

**Madeline Houle** of North Branch (Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood education), from The University of Wisconsin-Stout.

**Breea Longley** (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), and **Lydia Westberg** (Bachelor of Science) of Cambridge; **Leanna Boster** (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) and **Allison Schmidt** (Certificate) of Isanti; and **Mikayla Johnson** (Bachelor of Science in Education) of North Branch, from the University of North Dakota.



## WORSHIP guide Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

#### 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 Ctv. Rd. 5 NE. Isanti. 763-444-5860, Pastor Bob Venneman. Sunday Worship 9:30am. Wednesday "Life & Light" Bible studies for all ages. Adults & children. For info call or go to southisantibaptist.org.

#### **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

10:30am Sunday Service at 410 County Road 6 NW Stanchfield. MN 55080 763-689-1373 Online service at springvalechurchmn.org

#### **Evangelical Free**

#### **Dale Evangelical Free Church**

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

#### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

#### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

9am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary seating, broadcast to parking lot, Facebook live-Safe distancing Practiced Pastor Lerov 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

#### Cambridge Lutheran Church

8:30am - Traditional / Festival 9:20am & 10:30am - Contemporary / Horizon Join us in-person & online for worship! FB.com/CambridgeLutheran 621 Old N. Main St. 763-689-1211

#### 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 Pastor Ian Coen-Frei Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. Virtual Kingdom Kids - Wed 6pm Grades 1-6 (see website for more info) Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool email:

#### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

#### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315. Pastor Sue Olson Worship Sundays at 8am & 10am Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sundays Wednesday Worship, Children's Church, and Confirmation beginning at 6:00pm longlakeluth.org

#### Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687 Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:00am, Sunday school for 3 yrs to 6th gr. begins at 9:00am. Coffee fellowship after worship www.salemlutherandalbo.com

#### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS NOW ALLOWING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO CONTACT YOUR INDIVIDUAL CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN.

#### **Spirit River Community**

8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN A United Methodist Church 1321 Heritage Blvd. NE, Isanti. MN 612-888-4255. Reverend Pastor Guy E. Sederski. Sunday Worship Service and Christian Education 10:30am. spiritrivercomm.org

#### Non-Denominational

#### **Bethesda Church**

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

#### Lakeside Christian Church

32393 Rendova Cir. N.E., Cambridge (3 mi. E of Cambridge just off Hwy. 95). 763-689-3649. Ministry Coordinator Jeff Bonkoski. Administrative Assistant Sharon Dahl. Sunday 9:30am Worship. Retreat house & personal retreat cabins available. Call for reservation. Email: lakesidesecretary@gmail.com. lakesidechurchcambridge.org

#### Journey of Faith

Bible based worship. 651-600-9878. faiththroughaction777@gmail.com. Sunday fellowship 9am Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.

#### NorthBrook Church

Meeting at GTI North Branch Theatre (38450 Tanger Dr, North Branch, MN 55056) Church Office: 651-277-0100 Frank Gomes, Pastor. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Worship Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. Nursery for infants & Children's Church (2 yrs old-K) during worship. Mon-Fri: (call for details) Small Groups, Women's, Men's & Youth Ministries Email: office@nbchurchmn.org Website: nbchurchmn.org

#### **River of Life Church**

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## **SHOOTING:** Isanti County Attorney will determine if discharge of weapons by law enforcement was justified

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with what charges were being brought against the suspect not killed. According to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, 27-year-old Dominic Koch, of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, died from multiple gunshot wounds.

The suspect taken into custody unharmed has been identified as 26-year-old Joseph W. Heroff, of Hammond, Wisconsin. He has been charged with first-degree aggravated robbery and fleeing law enforcement in a vehicle, which are both felonies. He remains in the Anoka County Jail, with bail set at \$500,000.

According to the Isanti County Sheriff's Office press release, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehensive is conducting an investigation into the shooting, with the Isanti County Sheriff's



**Joseph Heroff** 

Office co-investigating the shooting portion with the BCA since the officer-involved shooting took place in Isanti County and none of Isanti County's officers were physically involved. Caulk said while

Isanti County was called to assist in the pursuit, none of his officers were able to reach the scene until after the suspects were taken into custody. As of this edition of the Star going to press, the identities of the officer(s) who discharged their weapon(s) has not been released.

According to Isanti County Attorney Jeff Edblad, once the BCA's investigation is completed, it will be up to his office to determine if any charges will be made against any of the officers.

Agencies involved include the Blaine, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Spring Lake Park, Braham, and Isanti Police Departments; Anoka and Isanti County Sheriff's Office; Minnesota State Patrol; along with the Braham Fire Department.

## Law enforcement communication provides partial look inside high-speed pursuit

STAFF REPORT NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

During the high-speed pursuit of two theft and carjacking suspects that took place over a 40-mile stretch within Anoka and Isanti Counties on Sunday, Feb. 21, concluding with shots being fired just south of Braham, killing one suspect and injuring a K-9 officer, law enforcement radio communication revealed snippets of the incident.

Those audio communications, which are primarily between officers who were involved the entire duration of the pursuit, were posted on a YouTube channel titled "MN Crime," which touts itself as "watching crime, so you don't have to." Below are summaries of some of the communications as the pursuit transpired over a 30-minute period, with an emphasis on the period when the pursuit was in Isanti County.

 For a majority of the pursuit, officers were recording speeds ranging from 80 to 110 miles-perhour, making it impossible to attempt a PIT maneuver. If speeds had slowed down enough, the plan was to use the squad car that had already been damaged during the original encounter with the suspects in Blaine.

•Spike strips were twice deployed. The first was near Viking Boulevard, which were successful in deflating two or three tires. A couple of those tires would eventually come all the way off. The second spike strips were deployed shortly after entering Isanti County. Those were unsuccessful. A third deployment was planned, however Isanti County didn't have any available to the north of the pursuit, so a call for assistance went out to Braham, Kanabec County, or Mora. The suspect's vehicle became disabled before the third spike strips were needed.

•Besides calling out cross-streets during the pursuit, officers identified a few other reference points, including The Green Barn, Isanti Ready Mix, and The Purple Hawk.

•Anoka County officers dropped out after passing County Road 5/Heritage Boulevard in Isanti. At that same time, a K-9 officer called to drop out, but he was told to continue on since "I would be more comfortable with two dogs." (The officer making this statement is unknown). Another K-9 unit was responding from Pine County. However they weren't able to join before the suspects were in custody.

•As they passed Highway 95 in Cambridge, an officer asked if air support was possible. The answer was they were unavailable due to the weather conditions.

•Also around the Cambridge area, a suggestion was made to initiate a "rolling road block" ahead of the suspect vehicle in an attempt to slow him down. That suggestion was denied due to officers knowing the suspect was in possession of a firearm.

 Once the pursuit reached the point where Highway 65 becomes undivided and is only one lane each direction, the suspect started weaving into the southbound lane in order to pass slower cars. This prompted law enforcement to back off and contemplate completely calling off the pursuit. However once the suspect slowed down a little and stopped entering the southbound lane, permission was given to continue. A minute or two later is when the suspect's vehicle became disabled, prompting the attempt to flee and shots being fired.

•Bravo, the K-9 who sustained a gunshot wound, was immediately taken away in the back of a squad car. The original plan was to take him to East Central Vet Clinic, but it was closed. So Bravo had to be taken all the way back to Blaine.

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## Isanti County sends ordinance amendment back to Planning Commission

**BY JENNIFER KOTILA** NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Isanti County Board of Commissioners sent an ordinance amendment back to the planning commission for a redo at its meeting Feb. 17. This was due to questions concerning why the requested amendment should be considered a conditional use rather than an interim

The planning commission was approached at its Jan. 14 meeting by Mark Nutt with a request to amend the Isanti County zoning ordinance to allow the storage of excavation contractor equipment in a fully enclosed building on a property where the owner of the property does not reside, which is not currently allowed under Isanti County zoning ordinances.

The planning commission recommended approval of the request to amend the zoning ordinance to allow that type of use as a conditional use permit, and Isanti County Board scheduled the public hearing for the amendment at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Isanti County Zoning Administrator Trina Bergloff informed the board that the current ordinance allows a property owner to apply for an interim use permit if the property is homestead and the person lives on the property, noting this request would be the same, but on property considered agriculture/residential without a house.

Bergloff listed the supporting objectives from the county's comprehensive plan that support this type of activity, which include:

•Protecting the rural, agricultural character of Isanti County, which is to maintain and enhance the value of agricultural, residential, and commercial property.

 Determine if non-traditional ag-related businesses need to be regulated by conditional use permits. Regulations should also include performance standards for such businesses related to noise, odor, traffic, setbacks, etc.

•Provide for quality, managed growth.

 Work to promote economic development opportunities in the county.

Prerequisite performance standards that are proposed in the amendment by the planning commission before a permit for this type of conditional use can be applied are that the owner of the property must be the business owner and/or the principal operator of the business; no outside storage allowed; and, no single family dwelling on the property, according to Bergloff.

There were no members of the public present at the public hearing to make comment, and the hearing was closed.

Once the public hearing was closed, Commissioner Greg Anderson asked if it would be allowed if someone wanted to build a house on the property after obtaining a conditional use permit for this type of activity.

Bergloff explained that it would not be allowed, and she did try to bring up the perspective with the planning com-

mission that this may fit better under interim use rather than conditional use. However, the planning commission thought it fit better as a conditional use, she said.

Anderson brought up an example of a family owning property, getting the conditional use permit, then the property owners retiring and passing the business onto their children, who now want to build a house on the property, but are restricted from doing so through the conditional use permit. "That just doesn't quite seem logical that they have to jump through some hoops," he said.

Commissioner Susan Morris brought up another example of someone buying the property and wanting to build a house after a conditional use permit has been granted, noting that conditional use permits stay with the property.

"I feel like it fits more of an interim use permit, but the only thing is it's currently allowed if you have a home," Bergloff said. "Now, could you have an interim use permit kind of with the same similar uses, but yet, one is where you have a house and one is where you don't?"

Turnquist asked how difficult it is to change from a conditional use permit to interim use, and Bergloff noted it was a significant process.

The commissioners were in consensus that an interim use permit would better fit this situation than a conditional use permit.

Anderson asked if the planning commission gave any insight as to why it felt that a conditional use permit fit the situation better than an interim use permit.

Bergloff said it may have been that the planning commission was fitting the amendment to the request of Nutt. An interim use permit would not work for him in this instance, because there is not a house on the property.

Options for how to proceed were laid out by Isanti County Attorney Jeff Edblad. He told the commissioners the amendment could be tabled with a request for the planning commission to provide more insight as to why they made it a conditional use permit, or the amendment could be denied and sent back to the planning commission.

Turnquist said he would be fine tabling it and asking for additional clarification from the planning commission noting they spend a lot of time thinking through why they are doing something

Morris also noted she is "very concerned" that an ordinance was written to suit just one individual, adding that is a precedent that should never be set.

"I appreciate everybody who serves on the planning commission, they are wonderful people, but the folks who really understand our ordinances are our staff. If Trina is saying there is a better way to do this, I think, let's not hamstring ourselves today over something that's going to bite us a year from now,' Morris said.





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#### **BLUEJACKET SOUNDBITES**

BY BILL STICKELS III

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#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The Bluejackets somewhat surprisingly stellar season continued last week with two more victories, bringing their season record to 9-1. Last week's wins came via a 77-67 victory over Hermantown and a 75-44 defeat of North Branch.

The Jackets used a balanced attack against the Hawks, with five players reaching double-digits. Mikayla Aumer was again C-I's leading scorer, with 16 points. Croix Vavra was right behind with 14 points, followed by Aiyana Knight's 13, Maraya Wiltrout's 12, and Evelyn Wiltrout's 10.

Against the Vikings, C-I jumped out to a substantial 38-20 lead at halftime as they cruised to the 31-point win. While North Branch held Aumer to only nine points, the Wiltrout sisters made up for it, with Maraya scoring 21 and Evelyn scoring 13. Knight also added 13 points in the win.

#### **GYMNASTICS**

The Jackets continued their undefeated season last week with a convincing 142.675 - 132.95 win over St. Francis. The win also marked head coach Wendy Rooney's 200th career dual-meet win.

Laci Lorinser had her best meet of the season, winning the all-around with a score of 36.7. She also won bars with a 9.25 and beam with a career-best 9.55. Laci Leverty picked up the other two first place finishes, scoring a season-high 9.475 on vault and almost a career-best 9.425 on floor.

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Jackets picked up their second win of the season, topping North Branch 55-49. However they couldn't make it two straight wins as they fell to Buffalo 68-41.

In the game against North Branch, the Jackets jumped out to an 18-1 lead and then withstood a Viking rally to get the win. Playing without forward Connor Braaten, the Jackets had to rely on a smaller lineup. Jordan Sperl had a great game, scoring 26 points to lead the Jackets.

The very next night, it was the Jackets who got down early against Buffalo, trailing by 20 at halftime. But there was no rally for C-I as they only managed 19 points in the second half. Sperl again led the team, scoring 16.

#### WRESTLING

While the Jackets suffered two close defeats last week, the C-I coaches were pretty satisfied with the results as they were missing four varsity wrestlers. The final scores were 33-36 versus Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, and 30-38 versus Watertown-Mayer.

In the first match, against HLWW, it came down to the 285 pound match, with the score tied at 33. But a 7-0 decision meant the team match went against the Jackets.

For the night, Leo Edblad, Wyatt Wothe, Treytin Byers, and Devan Jones went undefeated.

Despite the losses, C-I's season record has placed them in the top 20 rankings at #18. According to head coach Neil Jennissen, the Jackets have now been ranked in the top 20 at some point in every season since 1998.

#### BOYS HOCKEY

C-I had a tough week last week, losing once and tying once. The loss came to conference and section foe Monticello by a score of 5-1.

The tie came against Sauk Rapids-Rice at 3-3. Against the Storm, the Jackets battled back from a 2-0 deficit to take a 3-2 lead midway through the third period, but a Storm goal with just three minutes remaining created the deadlock. The Jacket goals were scored by Jacob Ziebarth, Treyten Green and Nathan Schibilla.

#### **BOYS SWIMMING**

In a rarity at least for this season, the Bluejackets competed twice last week, dropping both meets. At home, the Jackets lost to Monticello 98-71. On the road, C-I fell to Chisago Lakes 92-84.

Mitchell Patrick was the lone Jacket to win the same event in both meets, earning first in the 50 freestyle twice. He also won the 100 backstroke against Chisago Lakes. Christopher Williams touched the wall first against Monticello, which was the only other first place finish against the Magic.

Versus the Wildcats, the 200 medley relay, Eli Bingham (100 fly and 100 breaststroke), and Joseph Larkin (500 free) also took first.



Cambridge-Isanti's Rigo Mork pulls down a rebound in front of North Branch's Nathan Skiba during the two teams' game in Cambridge.

## Trio of Bluejackets sign to play football in college











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Surrounded both in-person and virtually by family, friends, and coaches, three more Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket football seniors signed letters of intent to continue playing the sport in college. Each of the ceremonies had to be performed separately over the last three weeks due to COVID restrictions.

(Above, left) Danny Muehlber signs to play for Jamestown (ND) University. Muehlber, who has played both offensive and defensive line for the Jackets, said it's not certain which side of the ball he will be asked to play with the Jimmies.

(Left) Connor Braaten signs to play for the University of Minnesota-Moorhead. The twoyear starting quarterback for the Jackets will play either tight end or quarterback for the Dragons.

(Above) Aleck Dee signs to play for the College of St. Scholastica (Duluth). He is expecting to continue to play the slot receiver position for the Saints.

#### VIKING SOUNDBITES

#### BY BILL STICKELS III EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Vikings boys cagers got off to a cold start against Cambridge-Isanti, both figuratively and literally. While making the short trek west to Cambridge, the Vikings' bus broke down, forcing them to wait for a replacement ride to arrive and delaying the start of the varsity game by a good 20 minutes. And once the game started, North Branch saw the host Jackets jump out to an 18-1 lead.

Eventually, North Branch did warm up and made a close game of it, even briefly leading early in the second half before C-I retook the lead and never relinquished it, handing North Branch a 55-49 loss. Trevor Johnson was the top scorer for the Vikings, picking up 17 points. Carson Klein added 11.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The Vikings fell twice last week, losing to Hinckley-Finlayson 68-60 and Cambridge-Isanti 75-44.

For the second time this season, the team lost Maddie Hellin to an injury as she injured her ankle early in the game against H-F. The team still fought hard, but couldn't quite recover. Ella Kuhlman had a career-high 30 points in the loss, with Kate Carlson adding 16 points and 11 steals for an unusual double-double.

Kuhlman followed that game up with another solid outing

against the Jackets, collecting 25 points. Carlson added 11 in the loss.

#### **GYMNASTICS**

The small, but determined tumblers notched one win last week, but also fell to a strong conference and section foe.

The first meet of the week was their annual meet against neighbor Rush City/Pine City/ Hinckley-Finlayson. Originally it was supposed to be a triangular with Wisconsin neighbor Grantsburg joining in, but they pulled out to focus on their upcoming section competition, leaving it only versus the Flamingos.

The Vikings came out on top over their friendly rivals, scoring 132.950 to RPHF's 128.125. North Branch claimed the top score in each event, with Dakota Esget winning bars (8.6) and tying for first on floor with a 9.325. Esget also won the all-around with a 35.175. Paige Bauer edged out Esget on the vault, scoring a 9.375, with Esget getting second with a 9.35. Bekah fish won the beam with a 9.0.

Two nights later, the Vikings faced off against defending state Class A champion Big Lake, who appears to be getting back into form after getting off to a slow start this season. The Hornets easily topped the Vikings, 143.8 -134.8. Despite the loss, North Branch did score their season high team score. Bauer and Esget were again 1-2 on the vault, this time with scores of



North Branch's Tucker Sachs battles in front of the Pine City net for control of a rebound, eventually putting the puck behind the Dragon goalie for one of his six goals in the game.

9.45 and 9.35. But that was the only top finish in the meet.

#### **BOYS HOCKEY**

It's never good to go into a longer slump during the regular season, but its even worse in a condensed season. But that's exactly where the Vikings find themselves as they are currently marred in a



JORGE PERALES | COUNTY STAR The North Branch Viking dance team competed in the Missippi 8 conference meet held in Becker on Saturday, Feb. 20. The team will now compete at sections in Chisago Lakes this Saturday, Feb. 27.

six-game winless streak after losing three times last week.

The bad week started with a 6-4 loss to rival Chisago Lakes. Entering the third period tied at three, the Vikings gave up three goals in the loss. Tucker Sachs had the hat trick for North Branch.

North Branch then took one on the chin, losing to St. Francis 7-2, even though the Vikings outshot the Saints 39-25. North Branch went down 5-0 in the game before getting their first goal late in the second period.

The bad week concluded with a rare Monday night game against Pine City. While the scoreboard read "Pine City 7, North Branch 6," it could be more appropriate to say "Pine City 7, Tucker Sachs 6." The senior collected a rare "double hat trick" by scoring all six of North Branch's goals in the game.

Pine City scored the game-winning goal and extended North Branch's winless streak with just 11 seconds left in the third period.

#### NORTHERN TIER GIRLS HOCKEY

The Stars escaped with a win over last week, but then lost a lopsided game.

The close win came against Buffalo, where despite being outshot 28-8, the team managed a 1-0 win over the Bison on Gabrielle Giving's goal late in the second period. Goalie Meghan Gibb was easily the first star for the Stars, stopping all 28 shots to earn the shutout.

Two days later, Northern Tier traveled up to Grand Rapids/Greenway, losing to the Lightning 7-1. Ashton Parnell scored the lone goal for Northern Tier.

#### WRESTLING

The Vikings picked up their first team win of the season, beating St. Croix Lutheran 42-36. The individual results for that match were not reported.

#### **BOMBER SOUNDBITES**

BY BILL STICKELS III EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Braham went 1-1 on the week. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Bombers easily topped Oglivie 78-39. However, Braham then lost to Aitkin 58-32 on Saturday, Feb. 20. Their game against Floodwood, which was scheduled for Feb. 18, was canceled. The boys team now sits with a 7-4 season record.





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#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The Braham girls cagers cooled off a little last week, losing twice. The first came against Oglivie, where the Lions topped the Bombers 62-46. The following night, Mora beat Braham 47-38. The losses drop their season record to 8-4.

#### WRESTLING

Rush City/Braham is on a winning streak, coming out on top their last three matches. Last week, after losing to Holdingford 60-3, RC/B beat Proctor/Hermantown 45-27, Walker-Hackensack-Akelev/Nevis 42-27, and Crosby-Ironton 45-35.

SARA ANDERSON | COUNTY STAR Arin Zimpel takes a shot over a Mora defender during the Bombers' game versus the Mustangs.

SARA ANDERSON | COUNTY STAR Kevin Laman drives the baseline for a shot during Braham's game versus Aitkin.





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## JACKET ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Laci Lorinser | Sophomore | Gymnastics

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From the coach: Laci is a very driven athlete and is always pushing herself to be the best gymnast she can be. She is highly motivated to improve, and she loves to help her teammates improve as well. She has won bars in every meet so far this season and is consistently one of our top scorers on every event.

Favorite thing about sports: My favorite thing about sports is looking back on when you were younger and seeing all the progress you have made over time in your sport. I love being in the gym and improving my skills and routines to be a better athlete.

Person who has influenced you: The people who have influenced me are any gymnast or athlete in general who are determined, push themselves, and work hard to make the most out of every practice.

How do you prepare for a game or meet?: To prepare for a meet I usually spend some time with my team to get pumped up. Then we warm up, and when it's time to compete I like to stay super focused on corrections, my skills, and one event at a time.

Highlight of athletic career: The highlight of my athletic career is definitely anytime I beat my personal best on any event. It is such an awesome feeling to know I have improved. Even if it is just 0.025 it is still progress and my hard work has paid off.

Future goals: I would love to just stay healthy, keep improving, work hard, and see where my gymnastics career goes!

#### **VIKING ATHLETE OF THE WEEK** Dakota Esget | 8th grader | Gymnastics Sponsored by: North Branch Chevy - www.chevroletofnorthbranch.com

From the coach: I nominated Dakota for athlete of the week for many reasons! She has proved her work ethic in practice, and has brought that with her to our meets. She has been consistently improving her scores, and is always looking for more. Dakota is a great athlete to work with, and will have a great future in gymnastics.

Favorite thing about sports: My favorite thing about sports is that I always have an opportunity to improve. Also I like to spend time with my teammates.

Person who has influenced you: The people that influence me the most are my teammates

How do you prepare for a game or meet?: I prepare for meets by listening to music and foam rolling.

Highlight of athletic career: Making all conference for gymnastics in 7th grade. State and regionals for level 8.

Future goals: My goal for this season is to make it to state on at least one event.

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Meet the Press (N)

Pastor's Paid Study Program

Blue Bloods

KMSP Weird but True DIY Sci Sunday (N)

KARE House

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WFTC Paid Prog. Hall

**BROADCAST STATIONS** 2 KTCA Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide

Planning for retirement (cc)

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#### SCHOOL BOARD

#### NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER

**JANUARY 14, 2021** 

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 5:55 .m. at the North Branch Area Middle School Media Center.

Board Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Kirby Ekstrom, Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender, Kevin Bollman, Heather Osagiede, Tanya Giese, and uperintendent Paul

Others in Attendance:

Bill Stickels III, Rachel Kytonen, Jan Ekstrom, Andrea Schmidt, David Treichel, Todd Tetzlaff, Pat Tepoorten, and Arle Chambers

#### Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Bollman, seconded by Grovender and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Recognition:

Superintendent Paul introduced Director of Activities Andrea Schmidt who shared videos of the coaches recognizing e fall athletes. The season summaries can be found online on the NBAPS website. Below are the fall award recipients.

Boys Cross Country Award Recipients: Paul Boelk and Zachary Johnson
 Girls Cross Country Award Recipients: Cora Hudella and Norah Judson

- Football Award Recipients: Gavyn Jensen-Schneider, Austin Kane, Caden Kantorowicz, Ashton Labelle, Logan
- Murphy, Caleb Norwig, Nathan Skiba, Andrew Thauwalt, and Alexander Webster Boys Soccer Award Recipients: Dylan Beaver, Tanner Bollman, Nickolas Bovitz, Garrett Korkowski, Aaron Maroschek, Justin Ramos, Austin Richter, Noah Schwartzrock, and Kobe Yang
- Girls Soccer Award Recipients: Laura Anderson, Paige Bauer, Lilly Johnson, Paris Kopp, Sylvia Linkert, Isabel Linnerooth, Hailey Mauer, Emmie Meyer, Abigail Randall, and Leah Romo
- Girls Tennis Award Recipients: Hailey Bistodeau, Sophia Helinsky, Justine Joyal, Chloe Moline, Hollie Ohnsorg,
- Brooke Rothe, Sophia Smith, Miaya Volkman, and Rachel Wurdemann Volleyball Award Recipients: Lindsey Bunes, Chloe Fortuna, Maddie Helin, Lauren Hicks, Reagan Irons, Isabell Egget, Lydia Kuhlman, Paige Peaslee, Rylee Ramberg, and Paige Sheehan SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Paul reported that students will be returning to in-person learning on January 19. K-5 will start at vel 2, grades 6-8 will start at Level 3, and 9-12 at Level 4. She also reported on staff that have presented at NASBO and MSBA, health best practices in instructional settings, technology, Viking Support Stars, and the January 15th ofessional development day.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Ekstrom, seconded by Grovender and carried unanimously to approve the following consent items. A. Minutes of December 10, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting

B. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Activity

- Accounts Payable, Bank 07 \$1,340,444.05 Auxiliary, Bank 12 \$13,335.00
- Payroll, Bank 13 \$2,593,661.24
- Scholarship, Bank 18 \$15,200.00
- High School Student Activities, Bank 31 \$1,493.17
- Middle School Student Activities, Bank 32 \$ 0.00

#### C. Personnel

1. Ramona McAllister, retirement effective January 8, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Education

2. Sandra Husnik, retirement effective May 28, 2021, as Office Clerk for Community Education/District Office at North Branch Area Public Schools

3. Kendall Norman, resignation effective December 11, 2020, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area Middle School and Indian Education Liaison at North Branch Area Public Schools 4. Carmen Money, leave request effective January 4, 2021 through January 14, 2021, as Early Childhood Assistant

North Branch Area Education Center

5. Lorie Petrik, leave request effective January 4, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year, as Community Education Early Childhood Instructor at North Branch Area Education Center

6. Stephanie Pribyl, leave request effective January 6, 2021 through January 18, 2021, as SPED Assistant at North Branch Area High School 7. Nicollete DeVall, leave request effective March 8, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year, as Community

Education Early Childhood Instructor at North Branch Area Education Center

8. Kelly Johnson, leave request effective May 6, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year, as Second Grade Teacher at Sunrise River Elementary School

9. John Barrett, employment effective January 4, 2021, as JROTC Instructor at North Branch Area High School 10. Alexandra Graves, temporary assignment ended January 8, 2021, as JROTC Assistant at North Branch Area

High School

11. 2020-21 Extra Curricular Winter Coach Positions

a. Alex Kuhlman, Class 1, Step 5, as Head Coach for Boys Basketball b. Shane Ray, Class 3, Step 2, as Assistant Coach for Boys Basketball

- c. Ryan Minke, Class 3, Step 7, as Assistant Coach for Boys Basketball
- d. Tom Terhaar, Class 3, Step 1, as Assistant Coach for Boys Basketball e. Alison Trampe, Class 1, Step 3, as Head Coach for Girls Basketball
- Jessica Audette, Class 3, Step 3, as Assistant Coach for Girls Basketball
- g. Mikayla Carlson, Class 3, Step 2, as Assistant Coach for Girls Basketball h. Mikayla Johnson, Class 2, Step 1, as Head Coach for Gymnastics
- i. Norm Nagel, Class 4, Step 1, as Assistant Coach for Gymnastics
- j. Jim Hoard, Class 1, Step 9, as Head Coach for Wrestling k. Kyle Kahl, Class 3, Step 7, as Assistant Coach for Wrestling
- I. Jacob Mars, Class 1, Step 1, as Head Coach for Boys Hockey
- m. Adam Gronlund, Class 3, Step 1, as Assistant Coach for Boys Hockey n. Jacob Levassuer, Class 3, Step 1, as Assistant Coach for Boys Hockey

o. Fred Zappa, Class 3, Step 1, as Assistant Coach for Boys Hockey

p. Kathy Crudo, Class 6, Step 2, as Coach for Middle School Girls Basketball q. Jim VanEerden, Class 6, Step 10, as Coach for Middle School Girls Basketball

- Jim VanEerden, Class 6, Step 10, as Coach for Middle School Boys Basketball

12. 2020-21 Activity Advisor Position

a. Brittany Ahner, Class 6, Step 5, as Assistant Coach for Speech D. Acceptance of Donations

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Date	Donation From	Donation To	Amount	Use
12/3/20	Mightycause Charitable Foun- dation-GiveMN Donations	NBAPS	\$225.00	District Educa- tional Supplies
12/16/20	Members Cooperative Union – Cloquet, MN	NBAPS	\$75.00	District Educa- tional Supplies
12/31/20	Stacy Lent VFD Relief Assn – Stacy, MN	NBHS Scholarship A/C	\$10,000.00	Scholarship Donation
12/31/20	Stacy Lions Club – Stacy, MN	NBHS Scholarship A/C	\$10,000.00	Scholarship Donation
12/31/20	Streater Family Scholarship – NB, MN	NBHS Scholarship A/C	\$500.00	Scholarship Donation
		Total	\$20,800.00	

D. Approval of Resignation of School Board Member Kirby Ekstrom School Board Member Kirby Ekstrom announced his resignation as school board member from North Branch Area Public Schools. Superintendent Paul and each of the school board members expressed their appreciation of Kirby's dedication and service to the school board for 20 years.

Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Bollman and carried unanimously to approve the resignation of school board ember Kirby Ekstrom

INFORMATION

The board reviewed the January 2021 issue of the Board & Administrator.

BOARD REQUESTS None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SEE (Schools for Equity in Education) - School Board Member Osagiede reported on the recent virtual SEE meeting she attended.

B. Negotiations - None

C. MSBA Report – Board Member Ekstrom and Board Member Grovender reported on the virtual MSBA Leadership Conference they attended.

- D. MSHSL Board Member Ekstrom reported on the January 6 MSHSL meeting he attended
- SCRED Report Board Member Grovender reported on the SCRED meeting she attended on January 12.
- Staff Development Report Board Member Bollman gave a report on staff development. G. Community Education - None

H. Policy Committee Report – None DATES TO REMEMBER

A. January 28, 2021, School Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m., North Branch Area Middle School, Media Center B. February 11, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., North Branch Area Middle School, Media Center

C. February 25, 2021, School Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m., North Branch Area Middle School, Media Center Adjournment

Moved by Ekstrom, seconded by Giese, and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:21 p.m Kevin Bollman, Clerk

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FEBRUARY 25, 2021

#### NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 ORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER

#### **JANUARY 14, 2021** The School Board of North Branch Independent School District 138

held its Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Branch Area Middle School in the Media Center

Roll Call: Kirby Ekstrom, Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender, Kevin Bollman, Heather Osagiede, Tanya Giese, and Superintendent Paul

Others in Attendance Bill Stickels III, Rachel Kytonen, Jan Ekstrom, Andrea Schmidt, David Treichel, Todd Tetzlaff, Pat Tepoorten, and Arle Chambers

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Oath of Office for New School Members

The Oath of Office was read and newly elected school board members, Tanya Giese, Tim MacMillan, and Heather Osagiede were seated at the board table.

#### Nomination of Officers <u>Chair</u>

Motion by Grovender, seconded by Osagiede to nominate Tim MacMillan as Chair. After a call for more nominations and none being received, Tim MacMillan was elected as Chair unanimously.

Vice Chair Motion by Bollman, seconded by Giese to nominate Sarah Grovender as Vice Chair. After a call for more nominations and none being received, Sarah Grovender was elected as Vice Chair unanimously.

<u>Clerk</u> Motion by Ekstrom, seconded by Grovender to nominate Kevin Bollman as Clerk. After a call for more nominations and none being received, Kevin Bollman was elected as Clerk unanimously. Treasurer

Motion by Ekstrom, seconded by Grovender to nominate Heather Osagiede as Treasurer. After a call for more nominations and none being received, Heather Osagiede was elected as Treasurer unanimously. Setting Of Board Salary

Moved by Bollman, seconded by Grovender and carried unanimously to keep the current reimbursement of \$60 per meeting under four hours and \$125 for all day meetings lasting more than four hours and to keep the current reimbursement for officers at the following amount: Chair at \$800 annually; Vice Chair and Clerk at \$500 annually and Treasurer at \$300 annually.

Designation of Official Newspaper

Moved by Ekstrom, seconded by Grovender and carried unanimously to designate the Isanti-Chisago County Star as the official newspaper.

Appointment of Law Firm - Knutson, Flynn & Deans

Paula Vaughn, Jennifer Thompson and Susan Shockley

The meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:

January 14, 2021

January 28, 202

February 11, 2021

February 25, 2021

March 11, 2021

March 25, 2021

April 8, 2021

April 22, 2021

May 13, 2021

Moved by Grovender, seconded by Osagiede and carried unanimously to keep Knutson, Flynn & Deans as the district law firm.

Designation of Official Depositories - Wells Fargo Bank, Associated Bank, MN Trust Bank, Neighborhood National Bank, and US Bank Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Bollman and carried unanimously to designate Wells Fargo Bank, Associated

Delegation of Authority to Make Electronic Funds Transfers on Behalf of the School District. Designate Todd Tetzlaff,

Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to designate Todd Tetzlaff, Paula Vaughn

Jennifer Thompson and Susan Shockley the authority to make electronic funds transfers on behalf of the school district Setting Board Meeting Dates for 2021 Moved by Grovender, seconded by Osagiede and carried unanimously to set the board meeting dates for 2021.

2021 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Work Session

Work Session

Work Session

Work Session

Regular Session

Regular Meeting

**Regular Meeting** 

**Regular Meeting** 

Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting

Bank, MN Trust Bank, Neighborhood National Bank, and US Bank as the official depositories

#### OPEN MIC

No one signed up for open mic.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Ratification of Contract Between the North Branch Support Staff Association and North Branch Independent School District Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 Moved by Bollman, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the ratification of the contract between

the North Branch Support Staff Association and North Branch Independent School District for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022.

The agreement includes increases in wages for both years of the contract, increases in insurance contributions and a career increment stipend for employees with 15 or more years of service to the school district.

B. Approval of the Pay Equity Report Todd Tetzlaff, Director of Finance and Human Resources, gave a report on behalf of Kathleen Murphy from Murphy Management Consultants, to present the Pay Equity Implementation Report. Mr. Tetzlaff reviewed the process used and the results indicate the district is in compliance. The report needs to be submitted by January 31st and needs board approval. Moved by Osagiede, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report, Compliance Report, and Predicted Pay Report.

C. Approval of First Reading of Policy 522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process Moved by Ekstrom, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of Policy 522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process.

May 27, 2021	Work Session
June 10, 2021	Regular Session
July 8, 2021	Regular Session
August 12, 2021	Regular Session
August 26, 2021	Work Session
September 9, 2021	Regular Session
September 23, 2021	Work Session
October 14, 2021	Regular Session
October 28, 2021	Work Session
November 11, 2021	Regular Session
November 18, 2021	Work Session
December 9, 2021	Regular Session

Meetings will be held at 5:30 pm

Appointment of Board Committee Representatives

Moved by Grovender, seconded by Osagiede and carried unanimously to approve the following committee assignments for 2021:

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COMMITTEE	2021 APPOINTEE(S)
Personnel Committee (Chair & V. Chair)	Grovender, MacMillan
Custodian	Bollman, Grovender, Osagiede
Nine-month Classified	Grovender, MacMillan, Osagiede
Twelve-month Classified	Grovender, MacMillan, Osagiede
Twelve-month Classified Salary	Grovender, MacMillan, Osagiede
Directors	Grovender, MacMillan, Osagiede
Administrators	Grovender, MacMillan, Osagiede
Teachers	Bollman, Grovender, MacMillan
Community Ed	Giese
District Staff Development	Bollman
Native American Parent	Osagiede
SCRED	Grovender (Alternate – Osagiede)
OPEB	MacMillan, Bollman
Policy Committee	Bollman, Grovender, MacMillan
MSHSL	Andrea Schmidt – Activities Director (Alternate – Superintendent)
SEE	MacMillan (Alternate – Osagiede)
Legislative Liaison	Osagiede
MSBA Legislative	Osagiede

#### TOWN ELECTION NOTICES

#### CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

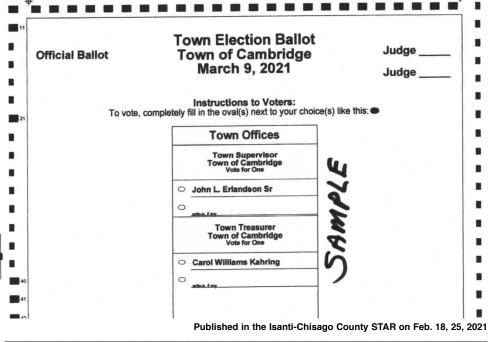
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Cambridge Township, County of Isanti, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Cambridge Township Hall (located on the Isanti County Fairgrounds). In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (16th). If inclement weather also postpones the election and meeting on the third Tuesday, the Board must set a date within 30 days following the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., at which time the voters will elect: one Supervisor for a three year term and one Treasurer for a two year term. Absentee ballots are available at the Isanti County Auditor's Office

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:05p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Board of Canvass will meet following the close of the Annual Meeting to certify the official election results.

DARRELL VOSIKĂ CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

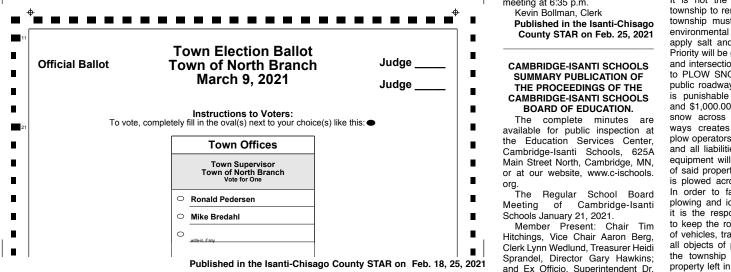
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#### NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Meeting and Election for North Branch Township will be held on Tuesday March 9, 2021 at the North Branch Town Hall 29113 Notre Dame St Ne at 8:30 p.m. to conduct all necessary business by law. The voting polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect 1 supervisor for a 3 year term. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election will be postponed until the 3rd Tuesday in March. Seating will be spaced to meet the requirements of the COVID-19 Pandemic Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk



ECMECC Darin Marcussen- Director of Technology and Superintendent

Authorization to use current check signer plate until new plate is processed Moved by Bollman, seconded by Grovender and carried unanimously to use the current check signer plate until a new plate is processed.

Approval of Resolution Providing Limited Authorization for the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Human

Resources to Sign Contracts Member Grovender introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: RESOLUTION PROVIDING LIMITED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO SIGN CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, Independent School District No. 138, North Branch, Minnesota (the "School District") is an

independent school district duly formed and organized pursuant to Minnesota law; and WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 123B.52, subd. 2 allows a school board of an independent school district to authorize the superintendent and business manager to sign contracts within the school district's adopted budget, and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 123B.52, subd. 1 stipulates that contracts made without compliance with that statute shall be void.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board that the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Human Resources shall have the authority to execute and deliver contracts within the School District's adopted budget, as approved by the School Board. Any transaction in an amount exceeding the minimum for which bids are required must first be specifically authorized by the School Board and must fulfill all other applicable requirements.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Ekstrom, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Ekstrom, MacMillan, Grovender, Bollman, Osagiede, Giese and the following voted against: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Adoption of School Board Policy Book

Moved by Ekstrom, seconded by Giese and carried unanimously to adopt the School Board Policy Book. Adjournment

Board Chair MacMillan adjourned the Organizational meeting at 5:52 p.m. to go into the Regular Board Meeting. Kevin Bollman, Clerk

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meeting for a first reading. The meeting concluded at 5:15 p.m.

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NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE

SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD WORKING SESSION

January 28, 2021

The School Board of Independent

School District 138 met in a Working Session on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the North Branch Area Middle Center.

Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was

said by all.

Roll Call: Tim MacMillan, Sarah Grovender, Tanya Giese, and

Superintendent Paul Absent: Kevin Bollman, Heather

Osagiede

Others in Attendance:

Denise Martin, Coleman McDonough, Nita Worthley, Amy Randall, Diane Solberg, Tami Minke, Kevin Grote, Lori Lavin, David Treichel, Todd Tetzlaff, Pat Tepoorten, and Arle Chambers

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Paul gave an update on COVID testing and vaccinations, the Safe Learning Plan, High School Redesign, MSBA presentation on January 21, and the

school board vacancy. Items Discussed

Budget Discussion for 2021-22 Todd Tetzlaff, Director of Finance and Human Resources, reviewed the current year budget as well as projections for next year. The final budget for FY22 will be presented at the June 10 school board meeting.

High School Redesign Update Superintendent Paul introduced Coleman McDonough, High School Principal, who reported that all high school students will be returning

in-person 5 days a week for 3rd trimester. David Treichel, Director of Teaching and Learning, gave an

update on Phase One of the high school redesign. Adjournment

Chair MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

individuals businesses: and Peacemaker Minnesota, Communications, Midcontinent Brian Rogers and Sabrina Krause, Allina Health, New Hope Community Church and Minnco, and C-I Wrestling Boosters

Approved Final Fiscal Year

and donations from the following

2019-20 Audited Financials

 Approved Policy 404 Approved Policy 410

Approved Policy 430

Approved Policy 506

Approved Policy 514

Approved Policy 524

 Approved Traditional and Year-Round Calendars for 2021-22 · Approved the 2021-2022 CIHS

Course Guide · Approved the Cambridge-Isanti

Schools Pay Equity Report Adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Published in the Isanti-Chisago

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#### NOTICES

NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Snow and Ice control operations will normally not begin until the snow has stopped falling or until at least 4 inches of snow has accumulated and the township Road Boss makes such call for the plows to begin. Snow will be plowed in a manner as to minimize obstruction to traffic. Snow and Ice operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of the employees or pose an unreasonable risk of damaging equipment. Any decision to delay or suspend operations shall be made by the township Road Boss and will be based on actual or predicted weather conditions, equipment failure, the need to rest plow operators, or other unanticipated events. Reasonable effort will be made to dispatch the plows to assist emergency vehicles if requested by law enforcement. Snow will be plowed as close as practicable to mailboxes located on township roads. It is the responsibility of the mailbox owner to keep it free from snow for the mail carriers. The township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes and fences that are damaged from snow contact. Snow plowing unavoidably deposits snow onto driveways and approaches. It is not the responsibility of the township to remove this snow. The township must consider the cost environmental impact of when to apply salt and trap rock to roads. Priority will be given to hills, corners, and intersections. It is UNLAWFUL to PLOW SNOW across or onto a public roadway or right of way and is punishable by a misdemeanor and \$1,000.00 dollar fine. Plowing snow across public road right of ways creates safety hazards for plow operators and equipment. Any and all liabilities, damages to plow equipment will be the responsibility of said property owner where snow is plowed across said public road. In order to facilitate proper snow plowing and ice control operations. it is the responsibility of residents to keep the road right of way clear of vehicles, trailers, trash cans, and all objects of personal property. If the township determines personal property left in the road right of way poses an unreasonable risk to public safety or interferes with the snow plowing operations, the objects will be removed at the owner's expense determined a public nuisance pursuant to Minnesota Statute 609.74. The township assumes no responsibility for damages for snow and ice control operations to sod, trees, or other landscaping materials

vegetation. The township assumes no responsibility, whether by direct or indirect contact with snow or ice control equipment, for damage to under/above ground sprinklers, or other items of personal property located in the township road right of way. This policy is reviewed by North Branch Township and may make changes as necessary.

Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk Published in the Isanti-Chisago

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#### NOTICE OF SALE OF STORED PROPERTY

are herby notified that You after March 1, 2021 the contents contained in the following storage spaces will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the charges due for rent plus incurred costs by Thompson Mini Storage, Cambridge.

The storage spaces include: Andy Makela, house household

contents, amount due \$360.00. Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 18, 25, 2021

#### NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

North Branch Township will have the Annual Board of Audit Meeting to review the 2020 financials of said township on March 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch Township Hall located at 29113 Notre Dame St NE, North Branch, MN 55056. Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 18, 25, 2021

#### STORAGE AUCTION

This is notice of intent to sell property located in units M01, K20 & 139, D26 at Cambridge Self Storage. If respectively, Scott Pettiford, Danny Scott, and Ashley Scott fail to pay the balances in full by March 11, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. online auctions will be held at www.storageauctions. net will be held March 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. The units appear to contain household items

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#### FISH LAKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS Notice is hereby given to the ualified voters of Fish Lake

#### SCHOOL BOARD

NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138 NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

#### JANUARY 14, 2021

The Policy Committee met on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the North Branch Area Middle School. Members in Attendance: Kirby Ekstrom, Tim MacMillan, Kevin Sarah Grovender Bollman.

Superintendent Paul, Todd Tetzlaff, and David Treichel

#### Policy Discussed

A. Policy 522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process

Policy 522 will be presented at the January 14 regular board

and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: Directors Carri Levitski

and Nikki Johnson

· Chair Hitchings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

· Revised Agenda and Consent Agenda were approved

Approved the Treasurer's Report subject to audit

Resolved to accept gifts

Township, County of Chisago, State of Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (3/16/21) and if inclement weather also postpones the election and meeting on the third Tuesday they shall be held on 3/23/2021. The Election Poll hours will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect ONE SUPERVISOR FOR A 3 YEAR TERM. The Board of Canvass will meet directly after the annual meeting to certify the official election results. The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:05 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Fish Lake Town Hall, 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN 55032 Andrea Nekowitsch, Fish Lake Township Clerk. Date: February 16. 2021

Andrea Nekowitsch

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Clerk of Fish Lake Township Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, March 4, 2021

#### CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ORDINANCE NO. 730 SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 730 rezoned certain real property located in the Cambridge Opportunity Industrial Park of the City of Cambridge identified with PIN currently 03.021.0800. The property was rezoned from RA Rural Residential/ Agricultural District to I-2 Light Industrial District. This property is located west of Kennedy Street S. and south of 20th Ave NE (343rd Ave NE). A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.

ATTEST: Linda J. Woulfe

City Administrator

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CITY OF ISANTI **ORDINANCE NO. 753** ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 749, ADOPTED ON JANURARY 5, 2021 AND ORDINANCE AMENDING ΑN ORDINANCE NO. 122, ADOPTED ON AUGUST 21, 1984 AND ORDINANCE NO. 397, ADOPTED ON MAY 1, 2007 AND ORDINANCE NO. 600, ADOPTED ON APRIL 2015 AND ORDINANCE NO. 603, ADOPTED ON APRIL 21, 2015 AND ORDINANCE NO. ADOPTED ON JULY 21, 614. 2015 AND ORDINANCE NO. 634, ADOPTED ON MARCH 15, 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 640, ADOPTED ON APRIL 19, 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 656, ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 18, 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 674 ADOPTED ON JUNE 6, 2017 AND ORDINANCE NO. 679, ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 AND ORDINANCE NO. 703, ADOPTED ON JUNE 4, 2019 AND TITLED

PARKING AND STORAGE THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: 1 Section Amendment.

Ordinance 749. Ordinance 122. Ordinance 397. Ordinance 600. Ordinance 603. Ordinance 614 Ordinance 634, Ordinance 640, Ordinance 656, Ordinance 674, Ordinance 679, Ordinance 703, Ordinance Codified in Chapter 227 of the City Code, are hereby

#### amended as follows: Chapter 227 PARKING AND STORAGE

§227-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a

different meaning: IMPROVED SURFACE - Areas consisting of pavers or patio block less than 60 mm, 2 3/8 inches thick, and with gaps exceeding 1/4 of an inch (not to exceed one inch) or large (minimum 1.5 inches) crushed rock gravel, or Class 5 to a depth of not less than six inches.

#### § 227-8. Storage and parking restrictions.

B. Personal vehicles, company vehicles, recreational vehicles trailers, and fish houses may be parked or stored outdoors in a residentially zoned district only on the property of the owner, resident or authorized user of such unit and in accordance with the provisions of this section:

(1) All motorized vehicles and units shall be parked or stored on an impervious surface. The impervious surface area shall be a continuous surface no smaller than the entire footprint of the vehicle or unit.

(2) All non-motorized vehicles and

3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota. Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Council Members Lisa Iverson, Mark Ziebarth, Bob Shogren, and Kersten Conley. Regular City Council Meeting February 1, 2021

 Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. and agenda was approved. Council approved consent agenda items B-E and item A as

amended • Presentation by Elisha Long from Isanti County Assessor's Office.

· Received annual reports from the Community and Economic Development, Finance, Fire, Police, and Public Works departments.

• Approved renewal of transfer agreement for Local Board of Review with Isanti County.

 Approved waiving building permit fee for Shalom Thrift Shop due to COVID19 pandemic requirements.

 Discussed consideration of conduit financing for Art & Science Academy.

· Noted the upcoming State of the City address in mid-April. Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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#### ISANTI COUNTY

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT There will not be a March 2021 Board of Adjustment meeting held due to a lack of an agenda. Trina Bergloff

Isanti County Zoning Administrator Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, 2021

#### ISANTI COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Isanti County will test electronic voting equipment to be used for the marking of ballots in the township elections to be held on March 9, The public accuracy test will 2021. be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The test will be conducted at the office of the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer, Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge MN 55008. The public is invited to attend.

Chad Struss

Isanti County Auditor Treasurer Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, 2021

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED

#### NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business

ASSUMED NAME: Premium

Massage Therapy PRINCIPAL PLACE BUSINESS: 28005 Bayshore Dr NW Isanti Minnesota 55040 United States

NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: Dawn Younkin

Address: 28005 Bayshore Dr NW Isanti Minnesota 55040 United

States By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/ her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth March 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Braham Event Center, 655 8th Street S.W., Braham, MN. Open to the public. Published in the Isanti-Chisago

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#### PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY ISANTI

JUDICIAL DISTRICT: 10 Court File Number: 30-PR-21-13

Case Type: Probate

In Re the Estate of Dennis Charles Sjodin, Decedent (Deceased Person)

Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

It is ordered and notice is given that on March 23, 2021 at 9:00 (a.m.) a hearing will be held at 555 18th Ave SW Cambridge MN 55008 for the formal probate of a document that is claimed to be the:

original Will of the Decedent, dated March 23, 2018;

and for the appointment of:

Name: Timothy F. Sjodin Address: 214 297th Avenue NW,

Isanti, MN 55040 as Personal Representative of the

Estate of the Decedent in: an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing.

NOTE: You will need to pay a filing fee when you file the objection. If you cannot afford the Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Prob ate of Will and Appt. of PR and Notice to Creditors fee, you can ask for a fee waiver (see http://mncourts. gov/GetForms.aspx?c=19&p=69).

If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

\*This hearing will be held via remote technology. Please contact Isanti County Court Administration at 763-290-7020 for hearing details\*\*

BY THE COURT: Date2/7/2021 Megan Bergman Court Administrator Attorney for Personal Representative: Name: Brent D. Sjodin Address: 542 Snelling Ave. S Suite 101, St. Paul, MN 55116 Attorney License No.: 140569 Email: bsjodin@usfamily.net Telephone: 651-222-6900 bsjodin@usfamily.net Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 18, 25, 2021

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 30-PR-21-12 In Re: Estate of Lois M. Tureen, Decedent. NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal

including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

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

Dated: February 12, 2021 Mychael Walter, Registrar Megan Bergman Joslin & Moore Law Offices, P.A. Clark A. Joslin MN# 52802 221 NW 2nd Ave Cambridge, MN 55008 Telephone: 763/689-4101 Facsimile: 763/689-9794 e-mail: cjoslin@joslinmoore.com ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 18, 25, 2021

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 30-PR-21-15 Estate of

Gordon Arthur Stromberg, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 30, 2021, at 9:15 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 555 18th Ave. SW, Cambridge Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, November 1, 2013, and ("Will"). and for the appointment of Lori A Krause, whose address is 26998 Variolite St. NW, , Zimmerman, MN, 55398 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

This hearing will be held using remote technology. Please contact Isanti County Court Administration for hearing details at 763-290-7020. BY THE COURT

Dated February 8, 2021 Amy Brosnahan Judge of District Court Megan Bergman Court Administrator Attorney for Petitioner D. Scott Berry Berry Law Offices 206 South Rum River Drive Princeton, MN, 55371 Attorney License No: 0307841 Telephone: (763) 389-0178 FAX: (763) 220-5444 Email: dsberry@berrylawoffices.

com Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, March Julia Lines County Administrator Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, 2021

ISANTI COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE OF (VIRTUAL ONLY) PUBLIC HEARING

February 18, 2021

The Isanti County Planning Commission will hold a (VIRTUAL) public hearing on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following requests:

1. The request of Keith and Linda Fluth, 37877 Dolphin Street NW, Dalbo, MN 55017, to present a preliminary plat of Rum River Preserve 3. Legal description is Lot 3 Block 1 Rum River Preserve 2 of Section 28, Township 36, Range 24, Springvale Township.

The request of Philip and Michele Bjork, 3799 349th Avenue NW, Cambridge, MN 55008, to present a preliminary plat of Bjork's North Woods 2. Legal description is Pt SW ¼ of the SW ¼ and the West 330' of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 36, Range 24,

Springvale Township. 3. The request of Kenneth Nastrom, 218 352nd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 to present a preliminary plat of Meadowood V. Legal description is Pt SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 & Pt NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 & Pt E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 & Pt W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 & Lots 9 & 10 Block 1 Meadowood IV of Sections 16 & 21, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township

4. The request of Tony and Kate Becker, 21765 County Road 50, Corcoran, MN 55340 with a property address of: 33262 Palm Street NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 to amend and review the conditional use permit dated April 12, 2018 for a rural tourism request to operate an event center for weddings, social gatherings, nonprofit events, educational seminars, corporate trainings and business meetings, etc. Legal Description is Lot 1 Block 1 Pine Corners 2nd Addition of Section 35, Township 36, Range 24, Springvale Township. 5. The request of Tony & Kate

Becker, 21765 County Road 50, Corcoran, MN 55340 & Mitch Reaume, 3456 Noble Ave N, Crystal, MN 55422 with Fight for Something, for a conditional use permit for a one day special event end of summer celebration fundraiser for teachers and bars and restaurants called the "Small Business Summer Bash & Block Party" Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 Pine Corners 2nd Addition of Section 35, Township 36,

Range 24, Springvale Township. The request of Mark Nutt 6 28726 116th Street, Princeton, MN 55371 for an amendment to the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance Section 6, Agriculture/Residential Subdivision 3, to allow excavation/ contractor equipment storage on a property that the owner of the property does not reside on as a conditional use permit.

Trina Bergloff

Isanti County Zoning Administrator If you would like to attend this meeting via-Tele-Conference please go to the Isanti County webpage at www.co.isanti.mn.us for instructions. Published in the Isanti-Chisago

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#### COUNTY BOARD

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF

#### COMMISSIONERS ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA Per Minnesota Statutes 375.12

Publication of Proceedings. approve the purchase of a Trimble S7 Robotic Total Station Setup Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.from Frontier Precision, Inc., in the

Addition of A-10 - Authorize New Position of Building Official and for Recruitment; and Approve

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Addition of B-4 – Approve Contact No. 2005 Final Payment. Carried. 21/02-02 Oslund/Anderson,

to approve the January 20, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes. Carried

21/02-03 Warring/Anderson, to approve the following recommendation of the Personnel Committee: to authorize the layoff of employees with the Heartland Express Transit Department; to authorize the recruitment for a 1.0 new FTE of Staff Accountant in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office as indicated in the approved 2021 county budget; to extend the temporary assignment of Deputy Assess (held by Steve Chmielweski) for an additional 6 months. The position would require additional Board action to extend beyond September 30, 2021. The incumbent of the position would revert back to the previous role if not extended. Carried. 21/02-04 Turnquist/Oslund, to

approve the following Personnel

approve set the 2021 Economic

Development Authority meetings

on April 27, 2021; July 27, 2021;

and October 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Isanti

County Government Center, 555

18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN

to approve the agreement with

Economic Development Services,

approve an application for exempt

permit to the Minnesota Barbeque

Society to conduct a raffle at the

Isanti County Fair Grounds, located

in Isanti Township; further to waive any waiting period. Carried. 21/02-08 Oslund/Warring, to

approve the following change orders

for the courtroom project from BJ Baas (on file) total Change Order:

to authorize the new position of

Building Official and approve for

21/02-10 Oslund/Warring, to approve the following claims and

Cdw Government Inc. \$13,854.29 Chisago County Treasurer\$8,442.65

North Star Family Advocacy Center

Rebecca J. Tyler Special Needs

U.S. Postal Service (Quadient-TMS)

Total Claims & Warrants \$529,208.87

approve the following Utility Permits

(on file). Carried. 21/02-12 Turnquist/Oslund, to

approve the following purchases: purchase of a 2022 – Western Star

4700SF cab and chasis truck from

Boyer Trucks, in the amount of

\$121,451.05; and the purchase of a

truck box and snowplow accessories

from Towmaster, LLC in the amount of \$115,538.00. Total amount of purchases if \$244,883.37. Carried.

21/02-13 Warring/Anderson, to

Carried. 21/02-11 Oslund/Turnquist, to

O0o Commissioners provided

Anderson/Warring,

\$14,206.43 \$197,763.14

\$40,021.37

\$8,806.76

\$16,086.00

\$16,983.00

. \$29,227.00

\$36,268.64

\$17,791.95

\$42,083.00

\$30,000.00

\$31,026.06

\$8,500.00

\$10,000.00

\$8,148.58

\$71,197.58. Carried.

recruitment. Carried.

BJ Baas Builders Inc

Cargill, Incorporated

Hansen Surveying

Commissioner Of Finance

Information Systems Corp

MN Dept. Of Corrections

Morris Electronics Inc

Nac Mechanical

Trust

Motorola Solutions Inc

The Masters Touch LLC

various committee reports.

21/02-09

warrants:

CivicPlus

Birch

Inc, for the year 2021. Carried.

21/02-06 Turnquist/Anderson,

21/02-07 Anderson/Oslund, to

55008. Carried.

21/02-05 Turnquist/Warring, to

Action Items (on file). Carried.

units shall be parked or stored on an improved surface with the exception of § 227-8 B. (13). The improved surface area shall be a continuous surface no smaller than the entire footprint of the vehicle or unit

#### Section 2 - Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council this 16th day of February 2021.

- Mayor Jeff Johnson
- Attest:
- Jaden Strand
- City Clerk
- Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, 2021

#### SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300

in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Dawn M Younkin MAILING ADDRESS: 28005 Bayshore Dr NW Isanti Minnesota 55040

FMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: dmyhands2000@gmail.com Work Item 1216148700026 Original File Number 1216148700026 STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED 02/07/2021 11:59 PM Steve Simon Secretary of State Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on Feb. 25, March 4, 2021

#### TUSEN TACK ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE The annual meeting will be held

Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated November 17, 2020. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Jean Anderson, whose address is 525 Maple Dell Rd., Cambridge, MN 55008, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

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

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate,

#### 4. 2021

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue Southwest, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008 to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Non-Conforming Uses. A full copy of this proposed ordinance can be viewed on the county website @ http://www.co.isanti.mn.us and/or the County Auditor's Office.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of February, 2021.

Government Center Boardroom

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

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

Members Absent: None Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, B Lauseng, R Heilman, C Struss, and B Wendorf; (Reporter: J Kotila and S Mithagiyan)

O0o Chairperson Morris called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

O0o Public Comment Session. There was no public comment.

21/02-01 Turnguist/Oslund, to approve the February 3, 2021, County Board Agenda with the following changes: Deletion of A-5 - Approve Labor Contract with Teamsters 320 - Family Services;

amount of \$40,648.93. Carried.

21/02-14 Turnguist/Oslund. to accept the completed project and approve the final payment of \$4,182.13 to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. for Contract No. 2005. Carried.

21/02-15 Warring/Anderson, to approve a transfer of \$476,000.00 from the General Fund to the Courtroom Remodel Capital Projects Fund. Carried.

21/02-16 Oslund/Turnquist, to approve the low bid from Trail Source in the amount of \$2,850.00 per day to construct Phase II of the single track at Springvale County Park. Carried.

21/02-17 Oslund/Anderson, to adjourn (9:54 a.m.). Carried.

Julia Lines, County Administrator By: Halee Turner, Administrative Assistant II

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#### PHONE: 763-689-1181 | FAX: 763-689-1185

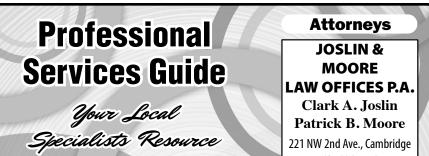
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d FREE for 1 week! Call us today:	Alterations and cloth- ing repairs, 25 years experience. 320-396- 4152 Contact Rose- mary. Braham	Improvement Cambridge Handyman All home repairs. Call or text 612-366-2433	More heat, Less wood. Classic edge Titanium HDX EPA certified OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. 26% Tax Credit.	Large round grass hay bales for sale \$40.00 320-396-2248 Milaca Hay: Small square bales. 1 <sup>st</sup> crop	For Sale: Recondi- tioned washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators. Rick's Home Furnishings	<b>Looking for</b> that per- fect gift for an anniver- sary or birthday? Think about giving a subscription to the Kanabec County	Commercial For rent in Mora: 3 bedroom, 2 bath con- do. \$975.00 per month	Wanted to buy: rambler or single-leve home on acreage in
20-679-2661 Pine City Pioneer 20-629-6771 santi-Chisago County	<b>Diesel Problems?</b> Call the experts: East Central Diesel 763-689-9470 eastcentraldiesel.net	112 Tree Service	Prices as low as \$200 per month! Call today 612-805-2362	\$4.00, 2 <sup>nd-</sup> \$5.00, 3 <sup>rd-`</sup> \$6.00. 320-983-5878 <b>305</b>	320-679-4047. <b>GET</b> <b>NOTICED.</b> Reach potential customers easily	Times. Call our office today (320)679-2661 to start delivery – we accept Visa or Master- card!	plus utilities. Deposit and tenant check re- quired. Available 3/1. Call Dale, 612-859- 5145	Cambridge/North Branch area. 763-219-7766 You've Got It <b>Somebod</b>
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Burnett Dairy Cooperative is currently searching for PART TIME help, in our Cheese Store and Bistro.

We offer a positive work environment, with a great wage, and employee discounts! Smiles are a must!

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#### CSR/Feed Division Administrative Coordinator

The CSR/Feed Division Administrative Coordinator for Burnett Dairy Cooperative manages all administrative functions of the Feed Department including, but not limited to invoicing, customer orders, and fulfillment. This person will also be the main contact for all customer questions regarding Fuel, Propane, and Feed services. Strong customer service skills required. Bachelors or Associates degree in a related field and 2 years of experience, or 4 years of directly related experience.

#### General Store Manager

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