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## Look out below!

A saddle bronc rider crawls away from the landing zone of his still-bucking horse after getting thrown during the Isanti Fire District’s Rodeo performance on Saturday, July 13. See page 12 and [countystar.com](http://countystar.com) for additional rodeo photos.

## Cambridge annexes two properties

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The city of Cambridge has filled two additional “islands” of township property that are completely surrounded by the city. These two properties, located on the east side of the town, are currently part of Cambridge Township.

The two properties total approximately 11 acres of land. The larger property runs adjacent to Highway 65 on Joe’s Lake Road SE. That property currently does not have a house on it. The smaller property is on Alabama Street South/Flanders Street.

During the mandatory public hearing held prior to the vote at the Cambridge city council meeting July 15, only the owner of the property on Alabama Street, Dan Elgin, spoke. However, Elgin didn’t contest the annexation, but rather simply wanted answers to a couple questions he had about the process.

“I’ve been living at this property for 21 years, and

**‘I’ve been living at this property for 21 years, and I never thought the city was going to grow all the way around it.’**

**Dan Elgin**  
Alabama Street Property Owner

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## ‘Big Boy’ passing through area

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Fans of railroad history will get a pair of opportunities to at least get a fleeting glance of the largest steam engine in the world as it passes through the area.

On Friday, July 19, the Union Pacific “Big Boy” steam engine No. 4014 will be passing through Isanti County on its way to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth. According to the Union Pacific (UP) website, the locomotive

is on tour as part of the 150th anniversary of the transcontinental railroad’s completion.

Of the 25 Big Boys built for Union Pacific, only eight remain, and the 4014 is the only Big Boy operating, having been newly restored for this commemorative tour.

While there are numerous places along the tracks to view the Big Boy as it passes by, there are no specific times for when it will be making its brief appearance. It is scheduled to leave St. Paul at 8:30 a.m. and arrive in Bruno, located

north of Askov, at 1:05 p.m.

According to the schedule, the Big Boy will be on display, along with a walk-through exhibit in a converted box car called “Experience the Union Pacific Rail Car,” on Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum. The public can view both the Big Boy and the box car exhibit for free.

Additional activities are also being held during the three-day



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“Big Boy” will make a stop in Cambridge on Friday, July 19.

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