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Lack of communication?

Public seeks answers to 'surprise' installation of license plate readers

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Fueled by questions, concerns and allegations from numerous residents regarding the sudden appearance of eight license plate readers — commonly known as “Flock security cameras” — at major roadways entering Isanti County, Isanti County Sheriff Wayne Seiberlich addressed the Isanti County Commissioners during its May 12 Committee of the Whole meeting.

According to Flock Safety and Seiberlich, the cameras capture the license plate and vehicle description of each vehicle that passes. That data is collected on a server and given to law enforcement agencies that subscribe to Flock’s service. Those agencies enter information of a vehicle that has been reported to be associated with major crimes such as kidnapping and Amber alerts, stolen vehicles, etc. The system will then find all possible matches of that information. If a direct match is made on a known license plate, an alert is automatically sent to law enforcement.

Critics of the system state the cameras infringe on people’s right to privacy. They are also concerned about who is able to see the information, whether Flock sells



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Flock camera that appeared on County Road 9 in Isanti near Stacy.

the information to outside parties, and how secure the data storage is. They also point to reported incidents where law enforcement individuals abuse the system to stalk certain people such as an individual they have a personal grudge against. Seiberlich acknowledges there have

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Culture Day celebrates student heritage

Joshua Vang performs a traditional Mongolian dance at the Cambridge-Isanti High School Culture Day on May 12. Students representing the school’s diverse cultural backgrounds shared performances highlighting their heritage. For more photos from this event, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.

Cambridge resident honors lineage back to American Revolution

BY MELISSA STRAND
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Over 250 years ago, John Foster and his fifteen-year-old son, Lewis, joined the patriot cause in a fight that would ultimately win our freedom from England, birthing a new nation. Now, nine generations later, Foster’s descendant Grant Kruger of Cambridge is making sure that story (and the family line behind it) isn’t forgotten.

It wasn’t until a family reunion in 2008 that Grant discovered more about his ancestry. His aunt, Elsie, who was accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution in October 2008, introduced Grant and his wife, Nancy, to a 1969 book by the wife of a professor in Nebraska, whose research traced the history of the Foster

family and their role in the American Revolution. This is what helped spark Grant’s interest in joining the Sons of the American Revolution to pass along his family’s ties to this revolutionary moment in our nation’s history.

Formal lineage societies such as SAR, DAR, and the Children of the American Revolution exist to honor Revolutionary War patriots and preserve that history for future generations. Membership requires verified, documented lineage tracing back to a colonist who fought in the American Revolution. The verification process took about six months for Grant’s membership in the society to be approved.

“February 12, 2025, is when I joined, and I was always going to do it,” Grant said. “But I think what really spurred

me on was that I wanted our daughters and our grandkids to remember what our ancestors had done. You can’t forget history.”

SAR members carry the mission to preserve history into schools, scout groups, retirement homes, and other organizations throughout communities. This is done through historical talks and living history presentations.

“We go out and do historical talks to schools... we were just in Rochester and spoke to a grade school group,” Grant said. The costumes they wear to these appearances tend to make an impression. “When we walked in the door, they thought we were pirates,” he said. “The pirates are here,” Nancy added, laughing.



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Grant and Nancy Kruger

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WASHINGTON: Events planned to coincide with 250th Anniversary celebrations

FROM PAGE I

BECOMING GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON

While most members of SAR often portray their ancestors, Grant was asked by the society to portray George Washington, who served as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Standing 6 feet 3 inches tall, George Washington was taller than most men at the time, which is why Grant thought SAR asked him to portray him.

"I always tell people I'm five feet seventeen inches and let them do the math," Grant joked. "He was very tall for the time, because the average height was about 5 feet 5 inches, so he towered above everybody else."

While Grant was asked to portray George Washington, his wife, Nancy, portrays Martha Washington. "I don't go back that far," Nancy said about her lineage, "so that's why I get to be Martha."

Grant and Nancy have taken great care in their preparation to portray these highly significant historical figures. They felt it necessary to learn more about George and Martha to provide a more accurate portrayal. They have gone through various learning materials, in particular a 900-page biography of Washington, from which they've gained many valuable insights, including that he wanted to create "an army of gentlemen." Washington wouldn't permit profanity or crude behavior from his soldiers. He also had a temper, but would never show it to the men he commanded and would apologize if he blew up. Washington, a deeply religious man, believed the war's outcome was guided by a higher power rather than by military might alone.

"One of his favorite texts was Ecclesiastes 9:11, and that just so happened to be my favorite text," Grant said. "And

it says, 'The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.'"

HAND-MADE COSTUMES

To ensure the correct period costumes, they researched what clothing was worn at the time, and Nancy took to her sewing machine to recreate historically accurate costumes for their appearances. Hundreds of hours were spent sewing through trial and error to get the costumes just right.

"It probably took 150 hours for the jacket, because I would get things done, and then I'd have to tear it out," Nancy said.

They studied paintings of George Washington from that period, which inspired Grant to grow out his sideburns and wear longer gray hair rather than a powdered wig, as we all remember from history books.

MANY APPEARANCES THIS SUMMER

SAR also holds various events throughout the year, with this year's particularly important, as it marks the 250th anniversary of American independence. All three societies in Minnesota will hold an event at the Mall of America over the weekend of July Fourth, with members dressed in period costumes portraying their family members or other historical figures from that time period. There will also be artifacts and exhibits from the revolutionary era on display. Grant and Nancy's daughter, Amy, and her four kids, who are also joining the DAR and CAR, will attend this event with them. Their oldest grandson, who will turn 22 in July, will portray a member of Washington's general staff, while their thirteen-year-old grandson will portray Lewis Foster, the 15-year-old ancestor who joined his father to fight for the patriot cause.

Another event this summer closer to



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Grant Kruger speaks to a crowd in costume as George Washington as part of the Sons of the American Revolution.

home will be the Isanti County Historical Society's annual Heritage Day on August 15. SAR, DAR, and CAR will be special guests at this event celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. There will be musket and cannon firing demonstrations, historical flag displays, and many activities for families to enjoy.

The history Grant and Nancy work to keep alive may have occurred during the Revolutionary War, but its meaning lives on within their own family. The story of American freedom didn't end with the Revolution; it lives on in every family that came here seeking the same freedom the colonists fought for, with their stories becoming part of


ours. After fleeing Cambodia during the Vietnam War, Grant and Nancy's son-in-law and his family escaped to a refugee camp in Thailand. His father had fought with the Cambodian government before the communists took over. After four years in a refugee camp, they immigrated to the U.S., where their son-in-law became a citizen as a teenager.

"So, now his children are first-generation Cambodians, but they are also children of the American Revolution," Nancy stated. "I just think that's the coolest thing. That's what America is to me, you know, a melting pot."

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First candidate filing period begins Tuesday

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Although it feels like it began a long time ago, the 2026 election period officially begins on Tuesday, May 19, with the first round of candidate filings.

This filing period, which lasts until the end of business on Tuesday, June 2, is for any race that will or may have a primary election. Besides federal and state races, which this year includes the governor and other state offices, any local elections where a primary election is triggered based on the number of candidates running is included.

This includes all county races in both Isanti and Chisago County, including county commissioners, county sheriff, county attorney, and, once again in Isanti County, county auditor-treasurer, which was returned to being an elected position during a referendum vote in 2024.

In Isanti County, District 2, currently held by Commissioner Bill Berg, and District 5, currently held by Commissioner Kristi LaRowe, are on the ballot. In Chisago Coun-

ty, District 1, currently held by Commissioner Jim Swenson, District 2, currently held by Chair Rick Greene, and District 3, currently held by Commissioner Marlys Dunne, are on the ballot.

For the cities of Cambridge and Isanti, the mayor's seat and two council members' seats will be on the ballot. Those council seats are currently held by Aaron Berg and Bob Shogren in Cambridge, and Erika Zdon and Nicholas Pedersen in Isanti.

For all local races, the criteria that trigger a primary election are if more than twice as many candidates file as there are seats on the ballot. This means if there are more than two mayor, county commissioner, sheriff, etc., candidates running, there will be a primary election to whittle that number down to two. A primary election would also be triggered for the council seats if more than four candidates are running. The primary election would trim those races down to four candidates.

To file as a candidate, simply go to the county government centers for county races or City Hall

KEY ELECTION DATES

May 19 - June 2 - First candidate filing period

July 14 - 28 - Second candidate filing period

June 26 - Early voting begins for Primary election

August 11 - Primary Election Day

September 18 - Early voting begins for general election

November 3 - General Election Day

for the city races. There is a nominal fee to file. Anyone who files can retract their filing and not be on the ballot through the end of business on Thursday, June 4.

For all other races that do not have a primary election no matter how many candidates are running, the filing period is July 14 - 28. Those local races include North Branch mayor and two council seats, plus four Cambridge-Isanti and three North Branch School Board seats.

MON & THUR Alcoholics Anonymous

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

MON - FRI Senior Dining

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

MONDAYS

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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

Book Club

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

TUES & THURS

Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Memory Cafe

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

PrimeTime Singers

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

Grief Share

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Knitting Night

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

WEDNESDAYS



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North Branch Area Schools are hosting its annual Drum & Dance Exhibition on May 15.

Alanon

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

Chisago County Drop-In Center

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

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

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

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for

info.

Parkinson's Support Group

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

Baby Storytime

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

Spring We R Able bowling

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

SATURDAY

Joyful Walking Club

The 1st Saturday of each month, from 9-10 a.m., around the perimeter of Joy Lutheran's ball field in Cambridge. Contact Mary Schuett, 561-222-3347, for more information.

MAY 15

Drum & Dance Exhibition 5:30-7:30 p.m. at North Branch Area High School, 38175 Grand Ave.

MAY 16

Peace Walk

9 a.m. The group meets in the parking lot at 95 and Birch, and the walk takes about half an hour. Anyone is welcome to join.

Reluctant heroines drama

Sherry Pearce performs a Bible drama at 6 p.m. at Just Passin Thru-IHS, 1001 1st Ave., Cambridge. No admission fee.

MAY 17

PFLAG meeting

East Central MN PFLAG meets at 2 p.m. at Common Ground United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress St. N., Cam-

bridge. Info: ecmnpflag.org.

MAY 21

Jenni Thyng performance

We R Able is hosting a performance by Jenni Thyng at the Chisago County Senior Center. The evening begins with a 5 p.m. meal followed by music. For more information, call 320-358-3616.

SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

CAMBRIDGE

140 Buchanan Street

Mondays

Bridge - 1 to 3 p.m.
Mahjong - noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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Exercise with Connie - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday
500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Cribbage - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Community choir preparing annual spring performance

The PrimeTime Singers will present their annual spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Cambridge Lutheran Church in Cambridge.

The concert will feature a mix of sacred and secular music performed by the 35-member community choir, now in its 22nd year. The choir is directed by Arne Everson and accompanied by Michelle Trunk.

Featured guests include soloist Dave McKeen and flutist Becca Hallock-Wolff.

A free-will offering will be received.

The PrimeTime Singers is

a community choir for adults age 60 and older from throughout the East Central Minnesota area. There is no audition or membership fee.

In addition to its annual spring concert, the choir performs at senior living facilities, nursing homes, senior centers and special events across the region.

More information is available by calling Everson at 612-619-2111.

Members Cooperative Credit union partners with Brightwater Health

Following the recent launch of Project Horizon, Members Cooperative Credit Union (Members) is proud to announce its first official Project Horizon community partnership, with Brightwater Health, the largest community mental health provider in Northern Minnesota. Following the launch of Project Horizon, Members Cooperative Credit Union announced its first community partnership with Brightwater Health, the largest community mental health provider in Northern Minnesota.

Project Horizon is Members' long-term initiative focused on mental wellbeing through partnerships, programs, volunteer efforts and community investment. The credit union has committed \$1 million to support mental wellbeing initiatives.

As the program's first community partner, Brightwater Health received a \$100,000 donation to help provide mental health care services across Carlton, Lake and St. Louis counties in Minnesota, along with Douglas County in Wisconsin.

"Financial stress doesn't exist in a vacuum

— it affects mental health, relationships and all aspects of life," said Simone Suri, senior vice president, chief administrative officer and general counsel for Members Cooperative Credit Union. "Our partnership with trusted organizations like Brightwater Health allows us to help expand access to meaningful mental health support and better serve the whole person."

Members said the partnership is intended to strengthen access to mental health care and support organizations providing direct services to individuals and families.

"Members' commitment through Project Horizon will change the landscape of the Northland's mental health by supporting organizations like ours," said Benjamin Hatfield, chief executive officer of Brightwater Health. "We simply couldn't provide care to all without incredible partners like Members."

Brightwater Health is the first of several partnerships planned under Project Horizon. More information is available at membersccu.com/project-horizon- Members Cooperative Credit Union

My decade of not-so decadence

Saturday, May 16 marks my 10-year anniversary as editor of the Isanti-Chisago County Star.

I can still remember the phone call regarding this life-changing event. I had just clocked in for my shift at OfficeMax in Forest Lake when my cell phone rang. It was from Kirsten Faure, who was the editor of the Kanabec County Times and managing editor for the Star at the time. I had interviewed with her and Pine City Pioneer editor Mike Gainor for the job the previous fall, but they decided to go with someone else. Now, a half-year later, that person had already quit, and instead of going through another round of applications and interviews, they decided to take a chance on me.

You see, while I was a long-time photographer and sometimes writer for the Star, I was short on experience in covering government, editing, and pagination (laying out a newspaper). Because of this, Kirsten was very straightforward, telling me that this was on a trial basis and that long-term employment wasn't guaranteed. In fact, my initial title was "editor in training."

That didn't matter to me. I was fed up with working retail, plus confident in my ability to pick up new skills. "I don't need time to think about it," I told Kirsten, "I'll take it."

So, on May 16, 2016, I walked into the Star's offices to begin that training from both Kirsten and Mike. And as if the pressure of merely being "in training" wasn't enough, Kirsten was due to go on maternity leave in a couple of months, meaning they really wanted me to be able to be done with "in training" before that time.

Luckily for everyone, I picked most parts of the job up fairly quickly. It also helped I had an amazing assistant who could have easily taken the editor's position if she had wanted it. Either way, the "in training" part was quietly dropped from my title.

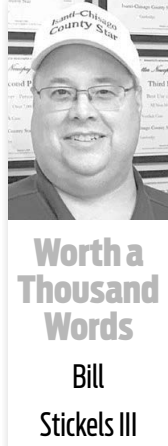
Don't get me wrong. The transition was far from seamless. I'm not exactly sure what their assessment of my early writing was, but when I look back at it, I just shake my head.

Throughout these 10 years, as Queen's Freddie Mercury sang, "And bad mistakes, I've made a few." However, I've never let any of them rattle me. They have all been taken as learning experiences. Fortunately, none of them had catastrophic consequences. I also take pride in the fact even little mistakes (outside of grammar or spelling) are relatively few and far between. It isn't very often we have to break out the "Correction" template.

Overall, at the risk of over-bragging, I am extremely proud of the Star's accomplishments since I took over. My team has won 54 Minnesota Newspaper Association awards, our website views have immeasurably increased, and the Star's "Best of" contest is the most popular among all our sister publications, just to name a few highlights.

I am eternally grateful to Kirsten, Mike, and the rest of the Star's higher-ups for taking that leap of faith 10 years ago, and for the continued support from the current administration. But, mostly I thank all our readers for entrusting the Star to be their "Best source for community information."

Here's to, heaven permitting, at least another 10 years. **BILL STICKELS III** is editor of the Isanti-Chisago County Star. He can be directly reached at 651-407-1245, through our main office number at 763-689-1181, ext. 156 or editor@countystar.com.



Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long-term care system is failing

To the editor,
Minnesota's long-term care system is not failing by accident, it is being undermined by a lack of leadership. At a time when demand for services is accelerating, the state removed more than \$1 billion from the system last year. The Governor's latest proposal includes eliminating key quality programs, limiting workforce investments, and reducing access to services and another \$400 million from the system.

These are not minor adjustments. They are structural changes that weaken the very foundation of care. The most troubling issue is not just the policy, it is the process.

For more than seven years, the Walz administration has failed to meaningfully engage with long-term care providers. The organizations representing thousands of caregivers and seniors across Minnesota have not been brought to the table to help shape solutions. Instead, major decisions are being made in a vacuum. The result is predictable: shrinking capacity, worsening workforce shortages, and reduced access to care across the state.

This is a solvable problem. But it requires leadership willing to

acknowledge reality and work collaboratively with those on the front lines. As Minnesota prepares to elect its next governor in 2026, we must demand better. Our long-term care system is too important and too fragile to be ignored any longer.

James Usher
Cottage Director, Prairie Senior Cottages of Isanti

Voice your opinion during TIF public hearing

To the editor,
The city of Cambridge proposes to build two, three-story apartment buildings behind and north of the Perkins Restaurant property. These units are designated as "affordable housing" for those making 60% or below the average monthly income of Cambridge residents. They also plan to offer tax increment financing funding to the developer based on the developer extending Garfield Street to the north and Emerson Avenue to the east to accommodate the proposed development.

This begs two questions: 1. Do we want to add more low-income apartments to the Cambridge landscape? What will this population do to the crime statistics in Cambridge? What will be the additional load to the Health and

Human Services department? 2. What is the effect on the taxes on Cambridge homeowners, and who is on the hook if this project under-performs?

Those concerned with the above should offer two minutes of their time to the city council public hearing by signing the list at the door on Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall (same address as the police and fire stations, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge — in the mall).

John Wilson
Cambridge

Breakfast fundraiser a success

To the editor,
On behalf of the East Central Minnesota Chapter of Let's Go Fishing, I would like to thank the North Branch Lions for generously donating the food and their time for our annual breakfast fundraiser. All told, they served almost 200 people.

We thank all of them for making our fundraiser a success. The money raised will help us take seniors, veterans and people living with disabilities on no-cost boating and fishing trips all summer.

Rick Olseen
President, East Central Minnesota Let's Go Fishing

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Heartbroken by park vandalism

try to keep an even keel in life and not let things upset me. Sometimes though, something comes along that really upsets me, and I tend to dwell on things like this.

Back in 2010, our oldest son Matthew was looking for a project to complete his Eagle Scout award. He wanted to do something to help improve the “grassy park” that was dear to him. Mom and his brothers spent a lot of time playing at Brown Park before there was anything there except a grassy area cleared out of the woods off 24th Ave SW in Cambridge.

The city had come through the year before and added a concrete pad for a picnic table, which planted an idea in Matthew’s head. He worked hard approaching the Cambridge Rotary and Grandy Lions clubs for funding. He also worked with the project manager at Lowe’s for help planning and was very happy to find out Lowe’s would donate material for the cause.

The project was approved by the city and the Boy Scout Council, so on a very hot and steamy day in August, our family dug the footings so they could be inspected before the big build day. The following Sat-

urday saw many Scouts and families — the Berrys, the Hollands, the Andersons, the Koukols and other’s — plus the project manager at Lowe’s (whose name escapes me after all these years).

Over that Saturday and Sunday plus some finish work the next few days, the shelter that you see in Brown Park was built. Our son was proud, we were proud and all of us were happy when soon after, we saw the shelter being used for many gatherings.

We walk by the shelter almost daily ever since then and would notice chalk writing on the posts and a few years ago, black marker writings on the roof trusses, until they were painted over by the city. There were two cracks in the roof early on from what looked to be a couple branches falling from trees.

For 16 years it stood in Brown Park being used by the community as a part of the community.

This past weekend we took a walk by it and noticed something that made our hearts sink. Some knucklehead(s) decided they were going to destroy it. There was a 2x4 board sticking up through the roof. As we got to the structure, we could see another stick jammed into the roof from the inside. We also noticed several other cracks in the roof and two holes in the west side gable end.

If this was you, or if this was your kids, thank you for destroying our community. As the board chair of the Cambridge Parks, Rec and Trail Committee, I

hear about parks being vandalized all the time. Before now it was typically City Park or maybe another but not too often Brown Park and not the shelter. Now it hits home.

The city does not have a magic tree to shake and get funds to replace the shelter roof. Nor do they have the man hours to do that. Guess what? The roof will sit until funds become available through the liquor store profits or if an angel steps forward to donate funds specifically for the shelter roof to be repaired. However, that does not happen often or funding takes several years to be allocated to a specific project. So it sits, leaking water on those trying to use it and probably getting vandalized more.

We are heartbroken that someone would do something like this. For what reason? Parks contribute so much to a community and Cambridge is lucky to have so many parks in our community. It is hard enough to get funds to build and maintain these parks, we cannot keep moving backwards trying to replace all that gets damaged by the vandals.

Please stop vandalizing our parks. Also, if you are utilizing one of our parks and see something that is not right, please call the police and report what you see so something can be done.

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From the
Publisher
Jeff Andres

Local graduates take next step at Anoka-Ramsey

More than 175 students will graduate from the Cambridge Campus this Friday. The group joins another 600 graduates of Anoka-Ramsey’s Class of 2026 from the college’s Coon Rapids Campus. These students represent a wide range of goals and achievements. Many are completing associate degrees, diplomas, or certificates and are ready to enter the workforce. Others are preparing to transfer to four-year universities to continue their education.

What I’ve always appreciated about Anoka-Ramsey is how it meets students where they are. Smaller classes make it easier to get to know your instructors, and many students are able to stay close to home and keep costs manageable. From there, some move straight into careers, while others continue on to earn a bachelor’s degree.

After living in this community for over 30 years, I continue to meet former students whose lives and careers have taken root right here. Their stories speak volumes about the lasting impact of starting their journeys at Anoka-Ramsey.

Krystal Seeling began her journey at the Cambridge Campus as a PSEO student years ago. Inspired by her experience, she chose to give back and now serves as an ARCC nursing faculty member, help-

ing guide the next generation of nurses. Kirsten Kennedy came to Anoka-Ramsey in 2009 after spending 25 years as a stay-at-home mom. Recently divorced and seeking a new direction, she found support and encouragement from faculty and staff. She went on to earn her degrees, become mayor of North Branch and emerge as a leader in the nonprofit sector. Brody Bakken and Nick Scherer, both local real estate professionals, credit the college coursework they completed in high school with giving them a head start — saving time by graduating earlier, easing their transfer to a university, starting their careers and earning potential sooner, and accelerating their paths to success.

This year, Anoka-Ramsey served more than 12,200 students, with over 3,700 attending the Cambridge Campus alone. Of those, approximately 850 are still in high school, participating through PSEO or College in the Schools — programs that continue to grow each year.

But numbers only tell part of the story. Behind each statistic is a student taking a bold step forward — toward a career, a degree, or a new beginning. At Anoka-Ramsey, we don’t just prepare students for what’s next — we help them discover what’s possible. For our graduates, this moment is not an ending. It is a launching pad — one that lifts individuals, strengthens families and shapes the future of our entire community. Congratulations to all of this year’s graduates.

Shannon Kirkeide is the Dean of Academic and Community Outreach for Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Cambridge, Minnesota. She can be reached at 763-433-1897 or Shannon.Kirkeide@anokaramsey.edu



Anoka-Ramsey
Shannon Kirkeide
Dean of Academic and Community Outreach

Round and round we go

Question: I encounter multiple roundabouts on my daily commute and often see drivers stop for vehicles that haven’t even entered yet, causing



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

sudden braking and dangerous situations. Minnesota law says to “yield to vehicles already in the roundabout.” Please remind drivers how to safely and properly use roundabouts and explain what drivers should, and shouldn’t, do.

Answer: This is always a good topic for conversation and a reminder. To start with how do roundabouts work? Due to the curvature of the roundabout entry, drivers slow and check traffic coming from the left. A raised center prevents drivers from watching other traffic and only being concerned with yielding to traffic already in the circle. This prevents the intersection from “locking up,” which could happen if the traffic in the roundabout had to stop for entering traffic. Pavement markings, curves at entry points, and raised islands direct traffic into a one-way counter-clockwise flow around the center island. The radius of the roundabout and the angles of entry slow the speed of all vehicles to around 15-25 mph.

For Drivers:

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout. For multi-lane roundabouts, get into the appropriate lane.

- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk when entering and exiting the roundabout. It’s the law.

- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Merge into the traffic flow when it is safe.

- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass in a roundabout.

- Exit the roundabout immediately if an emergency vehicle approaches and then pull over. Do not stop in the roundabout.

- Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout. Large trucks may straddle both lanes while driving through a multi-lane roundabout or use the truck apron on the center island if needed.

For Pedestrians:

- Cross only at crosswalks and always stay on the designated walkways.

- Never cross to the central island.

- Cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the median island as a halfway point where you can check for approaching traffic.

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

OBITUARIES

Karen Antrobus

Karen Antrobus passed away peacefully on May 9, 2026, at St. Clare's Community Living in Mora, Minnesota, at the age of 63.

She was born March 29, 1963 in Cambridge, MN the daughter of Harold E. and Iva Lou J. (Pasbrig) Becker. She and her seven siblings were raised on their parents' hobby farm. As a child, she had a Shetland pony named "Cocklebur." She also enjoyed working alongside her brothers—often right under the hood as they worked on their cars.

Karen attended grade school in Isanti, Minnesota, and graduated from Cambridge-Isanti High School in 1981. While in high school, she worked at a small restaurant called the Nugget Café. One of her fondest memories from that time was meeting country singer Waylon Jennings, who stopped in for a meal after a fishing trip up north and left her a signed autograph.

After high school, Karen married John Simon of Rush City, Minnesota. They had two sons, Matthew and Travis. Although Karen and John later divorced, Karen remained in the Rush City area.

Over the years, Karen worked at Plastech in Rush City, tended bar and also worked as a nurse's aide at a group home. She loved singing karaoke, and it was through karaoke that she met her husband, Bob Antrobus. Karen and Bob lived for a short time on his farm, caring for his horses. Bob passed away just four months after they were married.

Later in life, Karen's passion became her motorcycle. She enjoyed taking rides with friends and with her brother, Paul.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Harold Becker; her brother, Paul Becker; her sister, Deborah Becker; her paternal grandparents, Ambrose and Alma Becker; and her maternal grandparents, Edward and Rose Pasbrig.

She is survived by her sons, Matthew (Jessica) Simon, and Travis (Shelby) Simon; granddaughter, Bella; mother, Iva Lou Fluegel (Becker); brothers, Dan (Debra) Becker, Greg (Michelle) Becker, Mark (Joy) Becker, Mike (Cindy) Becker; sister, Shelly (Tim) Pankan, many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Celebration of Life Gathering 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2026 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home with a service at 7:30 p.m. Interment at a later date in Christ The King Catholic Cemetery. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com

STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

Student Achievement Lists

Leo Scott of Cambridge (Dean's) from Southern New Hampshire University.

Katie Piehl, of North Branch; Ryan Thunstrom and Tori Kronmann, of Isanti; Kalista Hanser, of Chisago City; and Jeanelle Shuster, of Cambridge (President's) from Southern New Hampshire University.

Degrees

Noah Meltzer of Cambridge, from Utah Tech University

Christina Gorecki (Bachelor of Science), of Braham; **Maria Knutson** (Master of Science), **KhattaLynnah Moua** (Master of Science, Special Education, Magna Cum Laude) and **Kris Williams** (Bachelor of Science), of Cambridge; **Paige Bauer** (Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude), **Hailey DeSchane** (Bachelor of Science), **Deyton Drost** (Graduate Certificate, Magna Cum Laude), **Chloe Fortuna** (Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude), **Amanda Hals** (Bachelor of Science, Special Education, Summa Cum Laude), **Joshua Iverson** (Bachelor of Science,), **Cassandra Johnson** (Master of Science, Elementary Teaching), **Rebecca Perales** (Master of Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude), **Kortney Roettjer** (Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude), and **Jenna Shultz-Thao** (Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude), of North Branch, from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Albert Lundeen Jr.

Early on May 1, 2026, we said goodbye to our dad at the age of 97. Jr Lundeen entered the world on March 9, 1929, born in his parents' home near Dalbo as a snowstorm raged outside. He met his future wife, the love of his life Marilyn, in their small



country school, beginning a partnership that would last 67 years. Their lives were rooted in the land—they farmed side by side from the beginning and later enjoyed retirement on the family farm they built together.

Some of Jr's greatest joys were hunting, gardening, and sharing early morning breakfasts at People's Café or the Dusty Eagle. In the summer, he would typically bring in veggies from his garden for the servers. He loved to talk and tell stories to anyone willing to listen, and he was always ready to offer treats, snacks, or a cup of coffee. Above all, he cherished time with his family and was deeply proud of each and every one of them.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, his parents Albert and Agnes, two sisters Gloria Rosen and Annette Bellin, and numerous other relatives.

He is survived by his four daughters: Luanne (Greg) Brown, Linda (Keith) Fluth, Debbie (Bob) Brown, and Doreen (Ken) Ostrom; along with his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a great great grandchild on the way.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In honor of our dad, a Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at Karmel Covenant Church on Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 3-6 p.m. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Cambridge soldier named Soldier of the Year

Army Spc. Thomas Ogdahl, an infantryman from Cambridge, was named the Minnesota National Guard's Soldier of the Year after competing in the Best Warrior Competition held April 15-18. The event brought together Guard members along with international partners from Croatia and Canada to test combat readiness, endurance and skill.

Ogdahl described the challenge as relentless, with rapidly changing weather adding to already demanding conditions.

"My group got the short straw in terms of scheduling," Ogdahl said. "We had the hottest day for the ruck, the coldest day for the water crossing, and the wettest day for the SERE lanes. It was tough."

Over more than three days, competitors covered about 23 miles and completed 27 events designed to mirror real-world combat scenarios. Tasks included live demolitions, night land navigation, wet gap crossings and live-fire exercises totaling more than 24,000 rounds.

One of the most physically demanding events was a more than 12-mile ruck march, where soldiers stopped at stations to complete challenges such as engaging targets with an M110A1 rifle, dragging a 90-pound rescue dummy and firing an M240B machine gun.

Despite the punishing pace and conditions that ranged from warm sunshine to rain, mud and even snow, Ogdahl pushed through to claim the top enlisted soldier title.

The competition also emphasized teamwork and international cooperation, with participants building relationships across units and countries.

Winners of the Minnesota competition advance to the Region IV Best Warrior Competition, scheduled April 29 through May 3 at Fort Custer, Michigan, where they will compete against top soldiers from across the Midwest. - Minnesota National Guard

BUSINESS NAMES IN THE NEWS

Willmert earns Masters Diamond Producer Award

Katherine Willmert has received the 2025 CENTURY 21 Masters Diamond Producer Award, recognizing her sales achievements during the past calendar year.



CONTRIBUTED

Katherine Willmert

The award is presented annually to CENTURY 21 affiliates who meet minimum transaction requirements. Recipients receive a trophy and an invitation to attend the annual CENTURY 21 Top Agent Retreat.

Willmert has worked in real estate for 19 years and joined CENTURY 21 Moline Realty in 2007.

"It's an honor to be recognized, but what matters most to me is taking care of my clients and helping things go as smoothly as possible for them," Willmert said. "The relationships I've built along the way are what mean the most to me — many of them last well beyond the closing."

Carrie Moline Gibbs, broker and owner of CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, praised Willmert's professionalism and dedication to her clients.

"Katherine's extensive real estate knowledge and unwavering dedication are evident in her daily work, significantly enhancing her clients' experience as they navigate one of the most important transactions of their lives," Gibbs said. -CENTURY 21 Moline Realty

Hosch receives Masters Ruby Producer Award

Michelle Hosch has received the 2025 CENTURY 21 Masters Ruby Producer Award, recognizing her sales achievements during the past calendar year.

The award is presented annually to CENTURY 21 affiliates who meet minimum transaction requirements. Recipients receive a trophy and an invitation to attend the annual CENTURY 21 Top Agent Retreat.

Hosch joined Century 21 Moline Realty in 2020 and has built a reputation for her knowledge and commitment to clients throughout the buying and selling process.

Carrie Gibbs, broker and owner of CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, praised Hosch for her success in real estate.

"Michelle's extensive knowledge and passion shine through in every transaction," Gibbs said. "Her commitment to excellence has consistently made a profound impact on her clients, guiding them seamlessly through one of the most significant purchases of their lives. Michelle's dedication and expertise continue to set her apart as a top-performing agent, delivering exceptional results and building lasting relationships." -CENTURY 21 Moline Realty



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Cambridge-Isanti's Ashley Lehrer clears the first hurdle during the 300 hurdles at the Bluejacket Quad versus Forest Lake, Brainerd, and Sauk Rapids-Rice.



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The Cambridge-Isanti 4x100 relay team of Simeon Porta, Knox Andrus, Anders Lillemo, and Jackson Ziebarth took first place in the Bluejacket Quad. The Bluejacket boys team will now compete in the Class AAA True Team meet on Friday, May 20 after earning one of the at-large spots based on a "virtual meet" held between all section true team runner-ups.

C-I, NB SCOREBOARD: MAY 6 - 12

May 6
NB boys tennis 4, Monticello 3
NB softball 0, Zimmerman 5

May 7
C-I boys golf @ Chisago Lakes - 4th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Jacob Bostrom - 5th place (76)
C-I boys tennis 7, Zimmerman 0
C-I baseball 0, Chisago lakes 10
C-I softball 10, Chisago Lakes 4
NB boys golf @ Chisago Lakes - 2nd/9 teams
*Top finisher: Nicholas Melvin - 3rd place (73)
NB boys tennis 7, Fridley 0
NB boys tennis x, Mora x
NB baseball 1, Zimmerman 7

May 8
C-I girls golf @ Grand National Golf Club - 10/13 teams
*Top finishers: Marissa Dexter & Emily Olson - 41st place (104)
C-I girls golf @ Mora Scramble - 1st/7 teams
*Top finishers: Amber Grecula - 1st place (69), Allie Nystrom - 5th place (78)
C-I boys golf @ Minnewaska Golf Club (two-round tournament) - 6th/8 teams
*Top finisher: Jacob Bostrom - 11th place (85/86 = 171)
C-I baseball 2, Princeton 3

NB girls golf @ Virginia - 3rd/14 teams
*Top finisher: Jenna Minke - 5th place (87)
NB softball 3, Big Lake 4
NB softball x, Rockford x
NB softball 10, Elk River 3
NB baseball 1, Big Lake 14

May 9
C-I boys tennis 0, Blaine 7
C-I boys tennis 1, Brainerd 6

May 11
C-I girls golf @ Monticello - 5th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Amber Grecula - 4th place (87)
C-I softball 4, Sartell 2

NB girls golf @ Monticello - 4th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Jenna Minke - 2nd place (83)

May 12
C-I boys tennis 2, Anoka 5 (Section 7AAA team tournament)
C-I boys golf @ Bulrush - 5th/9 teams
*Top finishers: Jacob Bostrom, Keegan Westman, Noah Ihrke - 17th place tie (82)
C-I boys track & field home quad
*First place finishers: 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, Kaiden Alcock (high jump), Wesley Kennedy (pole vault)
C-I girls track & field home quad
*First place finishers: Lucia Larson

(3200), 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay, Aubrey Wilson (pole vault)
C-I baseball 0, Monticello 18
C-I softball 14, Monticello 4
NB boys golf home conference meet - tied 3rd/9 teams
*Top finishers: Nicholas Melvin, Carter Magnison, Drake Dimich, Aiden Peterson - 10th place tie (80)
NB boys track & field @ Zimmerman
*First place finishers: Nathanael Damiani (3200), Nolan Weidenhamer (long jump)
NB girls track & field @ Zimmerman
*First place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (100, 200), 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, Amelia Lattimore (triple jump)
NB baseball 2, Becker 6

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH HOME AND SECTION SCHEDULES

To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.mississippi8.org. Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

Thursday, May 14
•C-I softball vs. Zimmerman double header (4 p.m.)
•C-I baseball vs. Zimmerman double header (3:30 p.m.)
•C-I boys tennis @ Chisago Lakes (Section 7AA Individual Tournament)
•NB boys tennis vs. St. Cloud Cathedral/St. Johns Prep (4 p.m.) (Section 6A Team Quarterfinals)

Friday, May 15
•C-I softball vs. Duluth East (4:30 p.m.)
•C-I boys track and field @ Eden Prairie - Class AAA State True Team
•NB baseball vs. Rock Ridge (4:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 19
•C-I baseball vs. Princeton (5 p.m.)
•NB boys tennis @ Rogers (Section 6A Team semifinals & finals)

Wednesday, May 20
•C-I girls golf home conference meet (1 p.m.)

Thursday, May 21
•C-I baseball vs. Coon Rapids (6 p.m.)
•NB boys tennis @ Rogers (Section 6A Individual Tournament)

Minnesota DNR shares tips for off-highway vehicle riders before hitting trails this season

With winter in the rearview mirror, the summer off-highway vehicle riding season opened May 1 in Minnesota. The state offers more than 3,000 miles of grant-in-aid and DNR-managed trails for all types of OHVs – all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-road vehicles – and rider skill levels.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds people to understand these key points before heading out to the trails:

Know before you go. Some trails might open later than normal due to late spring thaw, flooding or trail maintenance work. Check the OHV Trail Closures webpage (mndnr.gov/ohv/closures.html) before leaving home. Riders can download maps to their smartphones before heading out. Remember to stay on signed and mapped trails.

Be safety certified. Riders born after July 1, 1987, are required to complete ATV safety training before riding an ATV on trails. People under age 16 also are required to complete the hands-on component of ATV safety training. Online safety training for OHM operators under 16 is required before operating on OHM trails. ORVs may be operated only by individuals ages 16 and older, and individuals must possess a valid driver's license to cross the roadway.

The DNR and its network of volunteer instructors offer training courses open to everyone. Find information about upcoming recreational vehicle safety trainings. (mndnr.gov/safety/vehicle/index.html)

Be registered. OHV registration the law when riding on state and grant-in-aid trails. Those registration fees support trail construction, trail maintenance and OHV safety. For more information, visit the OHV registrations webpage (mndnr.gov/licenses/ohv/index.html).

Help out. Most trails in Minnesota are built and maintained by clubs and funded through DNR's grant-in-aid program. Consider joining a club to help maintain trails.

For riders who are interested in trying Minnesota's trails but aren't ready to commit to OHV registration, there are two upcoming no-registration events:

- May 16 for off-road vehicles at the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area near Gilbert
- June 13-14 for ATVs statewide

For information on where to ride, regulations and safety training, visit mndnr.gov/atv. -MNDNR



CIHS Economics team members competing in the David Ricardo division (general economics course) were Elise Schneider, Amanda Kopp, Maddy Hoglund and Jacob Pauly.



CIHS Economics team members competing in the Adam Smith division (advanced courses in economics, including AP and college level) were Athena Schoen, Isaac Egge, Jackson Ryberg and Cassidy Milender.



CIHS Economics team members competing in the Personal Finance Challenge were Abbie Govednik, James Haigh and Corinne Schoen.

Cambridge-Isanti High School Economics team twice places at state

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The Cambridge-Isanti High School Economics team had a pair of excellent showings during recent state competition, taking third and fourth place.

On April 14, the team competed in the State Econ Challenge at the University of Minnesota, finishing in third place. The combined regional competition had 118 teams of around 500 students who were challenged in a series of tests in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international economics and current events. This is the first year Cambridge-Isanti has qualified in all three divisions, which is the team's largest ever

group earning a slot at state. This is the team's sixth time earning a state berth since 2019.

Ten days later, the team placed fourth at the State Personal Finance Challenge, also held at the University of Minnesota.

The Personal Finance Challenge program is the flagship program of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education providing students from across the state an opportunity to demonstrate their critical-thinking and financial communication skills. Each year, more than 300 high school students participate in the qualifying competition that tests their familiarity with fundamental areas of personal finance including insurance, investing, saving, budgeting,

and more.

The state competition utilizes a case-study format. Students demonstrate financial planning for a fictional family. Their task is to help the family reach their financial goals and apply their knowledge of personal finance concepts. They present their recommendations to a panel of judges representing industry, academia, and government. The top four teams from the case-study round battle it out in a quiz bowl finale for first through fourth place.

This year, almost 350 students from 18 schools participated in the Personal Finance Challenge program, with 40 students advancing to the state in-person competition.



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Thank you for your future service

Captain Cline leads the swearing in of Cambridge-Isanti High School seniors who are signing to serve in the US military after graduating. Listed as enlisting are (not all participated in the ceremony): Daniel Gregoire (Army), Anthony Eberle (Marines), Isaac Egge (Navy), Cody Esposito (MN Army National Guard), Brody Estrada (Navy), Austin Hout (MN Army National Guard), William Hovseth (Navy), Hunter Jacobson (Navy), Larry Kiefat (MN Army National Guard), Owen Kiersy (Navy), Krimson Kronsberg (MN Army National Guard), Tristen Metz (MN Army National Guard), Tucker Mulder (MN Army National Guard), Lucien Sutherland (Navy), Hannah Tulus-Tierney (Navy), Wyatt Nickel (Army), and Noah Schwartz (Air Force).

The annual ceremony featured a speech from Brigadier General Sandy Best, Retired Minnesota National Guard, plus a presentation of a challenge coin by the Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.



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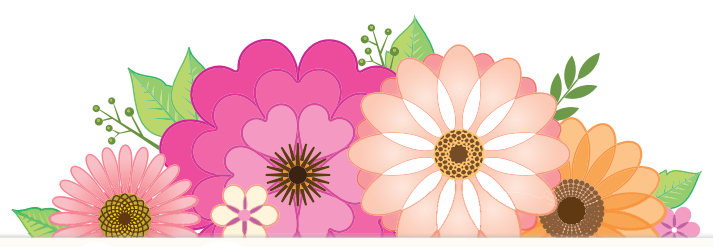
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VA clinic officially opening in Cambridge
BY BILL STICKELS III
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The new VA clinic will be located on the left two-thirds of the land outlined in blue, directly north of Target.

"It's a very exciting announcement," Vogel said. "I think that the clearest site plans they've ever reviewed. They anticipate construction to begin very soon." The city had announced the possibility of a VA clinic coming to Cambridge back in January 2025. "Cambridge is in a little bit of a desert as you don't see another VA until you get up to St. Cloud, down to the metro area, or north of Target, along 3rd Avenue NE."

Goodbye Perkins, hello Chipotle
The demolition of the former Perkins Restaurant building was accomplished in short order on Tuesday, April 21, making way for a Chipotle Restaurant, Les Schwab Tire Store, and a third yet-to-be-determined business.

It's almost 'post time' for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's annual fundraiser dinner
BY BILL STICKELS III
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

This year, by taking advantage of the "Run for the Roses," which coincides with the nonprofit's annual major fundraiser, organizers have brought the two events together for a fun-filled night.

The "rites" at the Armed Forces Reserve Community Center in Cambridge will open at 4:30 p.m. for a social hour that will include live horse racing on a big screen, attendees can place cash bets. The Kentucky Derby itself is scheduled to take place at 5:37 p.m.

Dinner, which will be served at 6:15 p.m., will be comprised of deviled eggs.

Isanti County Sheriffs to replace K9 Maverick
BY BILL STICKELS III
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Already short-handed from the untimely death of K9 officer Karma last summer, the Isanti County Sheriff's Office is taking steps to ensure it won't be completely without a K9 in the near future by purchasing a replacement for current K9 Maverick.

According to Chief Deputy John Gilquist, the original plans were to obtain Karma's replacement in 2025 and then replace Maverick in a year or so. However, Gilquist said Maverick is starting to show signs of physical wear and tear that point to a move immediate need.

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FLOCK: Cameras are trial basis; permanence to be determined after at least 60 days

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been abuses of the system in other states, however he stands behind the system as a whole.

“The purpose is not surveillance for its own sake,” Seiberlich added. “I understand that some concerns have been raised regarding privacy and fear of unnecessary data collection by what is often broadly referred to as ‘big government.’ However, it is important to separate speculation from fact. Flock license plate readers operate within clearly defined legal and operational standards.”

According to Seiberlich, the cameras were installed on a 60-day trial basis “to evaluate whether this technology can assist law enforcement. During the trial period, the Sheriff’s Office is reviewing the effectiveness of this tool, the policy controls surrounding its use, and whether it provides a meaningful public safety benefit to the residents of Isanti County.” However, Seiberlich said he wants to extend the trial period to obtain as much information as possible before deciding if he wants to go for-

ward on a permanent basis.

COMMISSIONERS IN THE DARK?

According to the Isanti County Commissioners during their May 5 meeting, they had no advanced knowledge about the cameras’ installation nor the trial project. However, meeting minutes from the Feb. 17, 2026 meeting indicate the commissioners approved the installation of two cameras — located on County Road 9 near Stacy and County Road 8 in Stanford Township. They were approved as part of that meeting’s consent agenda under utilities permits without discussion. Further, the information in the agenda packet clearly identifies the installation of a “Flock security camera” by “Flock Safety.” Another page of the application indicates the request was being made “On behalf of Isanti County SO.”

The other six cameras, which are located on Highway 65 in southern and northern edge of the county, plus on Highway 95 in the western and eastern edge of the county, and Highway 47 on the northwest and southwest edges, did not re-

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Wayne Seiberlich
Isanti County Sheriff

quire the county commissioners’ permission to be installed since they are positioned on state-owned right-of-ways. Therefore, permission to install those cameras was made by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Additionally, the commissioners now state Seiberlich isn’t obligated to give them advanced notice on such matters, as long as no money exchanges hands. According to Seiberlich, the trial is being performed at no cost to the county. If the system was made permanent, the cost to the county would be \$24,000 per year for eight cameras.

“This county board is the legislative component of our

county,” Chair Alan Duff said. “Our job is to fund money towards our priorities. We have no jurisdiction over the sheriff’s duties. He does what he wants with this. If he shows it is something of value, he will bring it to us to decide if we want to fund it going forward.”

Despite that, Seiberlich said he was planning on giving an informational presentation before the commissioners, however Flock installed the cameras months before he anticipated.

“I had initially intended the cameras to be installed in the fall,” Seiberlich said. “There are ways we could have better presented this to the community. But these were implemented

before I wanted them. There was supposed to be more time to get everything together so we didn’t have to deal with this.”

Ultimately, Seiberlich emphasizes this is a trial program and there are no guarantees the county will go forward with it once it does actually cost money.

“We have to evaluate did we get enough data back that says this is a worthwhile product that we should budget \$24,000 for,” Seiberlich concluded. “If we don’t, we aren’t any worse than when we started. But at least, now we know. At the end of it, we don’t have to implement it if we don’t want to. But at least we will be educated about it.”

In the meantime, Seiberlich said he welcomes any and all questions and feedback from residents regarding this.

Editor’s note: This is the first in multiple articles on the subject of license plate readers and their usage in the area.

Talking aging and well-being for older adults with University of Minnesota

May is Older Americans Month, a time to recognize and support the health, well-being and independence of those ages 65 years and older. Benjamin Rosenstein, MD, MA, with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview talks about health screenings that matter, managing multiple medications, recognizing cognitive changes and supporting well-being as we age.

Q: What health screenings do older adults most commonly skip, and why do they matter?

Dr. Rosenstein: Of the screenings typically advised by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), I find DEXA (Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry) scans are the most commonly skipped. These scans help identify individuals with osteoporosis, a condition that places them at higher risk of fractures. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality data show that for women over age 65, only 67% reported ever getting a DEXA scan (less than 50% when you include women over age 50 with additional risk factors). Additionally, while men are generally at a lower risk, screening is difficult to obtain because USPSTF recommendations are inconclusive; however, the Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation recommends that all men be screened at age 70 or older. The rate of osteoporosis increases substantially with age. More than 70% of women over the age of 80 and more than 25% of men over age 80 have osteoporosis and are at a significantly increased risk of hip and vertebral fractures. Such fractures can lead to significant pain, immobility, loss of function, and contribute to increased mortality risk.

Fortunately, we have interventions to prevent significant fractures and associated outcomes when osteoporosis is identified early. Unfortunately, too often, the diagnosis of osteoporosis is made after a fracture has occurred.

Q: How can older adults manage multiple medications safely?

Dr. Rosenstein: Multiple measures



can be taken to assist with managing many medications. Pillboxes may help arrange and track medications. If this becomes very complicated, or an individual has difficulty arranging a pillbox, they can ask their physician or pharmacist about using mail-order pharmacies that provide pill packs. It’s also a good idea for older adults to regularly review their medications with their primary care provider and/or pharmacist to discuss if there are medications that can be:

- Discontinued
- Combined (combo pills)
- Simplified — daily vs. twice daily dose

I wish this were more easily available from the electronic health record system, but for some patients, I create a pictorial medication list. Many of my older patients identify their medications by shape and color rather than by name.

Q: What are some important things that older adults can do to aid in healthy aging?

Dr. Rosenstein: It sounds cliché, but a healthy diet and exercise are crucial in

healthy aging. We have studied many aspects of aging. Time and time again, the things that support independence and function over time are maintaining a healthy diet and, perhaps even more consistently, exercise — especially resistance training. Muscle mass and associated muscle power greatly support an individual’s function, mobility, balance and independence. Exercise classes can also support an individual’s socialization, which in turn supports cognition, mood, and function. Some of these elements are individual — doing the exercise, cooking healthier foods. Some are societal — providing transportation to a gym or a grocery store, access to healthier foods, access to safe activity spaces and time for regular activity. Many of these public health measures can support older adults, as The Lancet Commission Report shows.

Q: When should an older adult or their family members be concerned about memory or cognitive changes?

Dr. Rosenstein: Honestly, anytime. We have done older adults a disservice by saying there are memory or think-

ing changes that are normal for aging without detailing those changes. Some changes are expected, but too often, changes are brushed off as normal. It’s not a bad idea to bring these to your primary care provider and discuss if changes are expected — some are — or if they are more concerning. A few more concerning changes that I see are: memory changes that affect typical daily activities or previously known activities, like hobbies; changes in behavior and/or mood, or changes in language abilities. Additionally, I look for changes after something: a medication change, a hospitalization, an injury or a life event (e.g., retirement, a move to a new location or the death of a family member). Importantly, a change in memory or thinking does not necessarily mean dementia, but it is worth evaluating for that, as well as other possible causes.

Q: How has your work had an impact on the state of primary care/geriatrics?

Dr. Rosenstein: I’ve primarily been doing work broadly in medical education. I’ve also been working with faculty in the Medical School to introduce more regular geriatrics curriculum and activities. I’m seeing some of the first students now in their clinical rotations, and I can see that at least some elements are staying with them. I work directly with residents at St. John’s Family Medicine residency and frequently discuss geriatric principles in caring for their older patients, both in the clinic and in the hospital, and when they rotate in the nursing home with me. Additionally, I’ve been able to provide “consults” on geriatrics concerns, frequently memory concerns, to both enhance their care and provide education. Currently, I’m focused on implementing the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) at M Health Fairview St. John’s Hospital. With the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Age-Friendly Healthcare Systems requirements, as HELP advances at St. John’s, we will be able to expand across the system. - The University of Minnesota Medical School

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How to safely apply backyard chemicals to protect Minnesota waters

Every spring, Minnesotans step outside to perform the same ritual: rake the lawn, plan the garden, and grab a bag of fertilizer to help the yard wake up from winter. What most people don't realize is how much this last step can affect the water around us.

A University of Minnesota study from a few years back delivered a clear wake-up: backyard chemicals, especially lawn fertilizers, are a significant source of nutrient pollution in our lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

The problem is bigger than many people may realize. Every year, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) tracks off-farm fertilizer and pesticide purchases. In 2024, the last year purchase data was published, Minnesotans bought 178 million pounds of fertilizer for residential use. Pesticide purchases were smaller — about 870,000 pounds at

last count — but they also contribute to contamination risks.

So, no matter what you apply — fertilizer, weed-and-feed, pesticide — the same rules apply: Chemical products used at the wrong time or in the wrong place can move off your property and into our waters.

But here's the good news: You don't have to overhaul your yard or give up a healthy lawn. Just use these products the right way. Here are simple steps that help keep chemicals out of our water resources.

Use only what you need. Conduct a soil test before you buy or apply any fertilizer to ensure it's needed. Test kits are available at most garden centers. Spot-treat weeds and other problem areas, whenever possible. Mow at 3–4 inches to shade out weeds and use mulch in gardens to prevent others

from establishing. When using any backyard chemical, always follow label instructions.

Keep products where they belong. If a powder or granular chemical lands on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep or blow it back into its intended area. Pavement is the fastest route to a storm drain.

Check the weather before applying anything. Avoid windy days, heavy rain in the forecast, extreme heat, and drought conditions. Weather determines whether products stay put or end up downstream.

Even if you hire a lawn care crew, you still have a say over what happens in your yard. Professional applicators are licensed by the MDA and are required to provide a clear breakdown of what they apply to your yard. You can — and should — ask how they determine what

products are used, how they prevent runoff, and whether their practices align with your goals for protecting water quality. A reputable company will welcome these questions.

Minnesotans fish, sail, swim, and brag about our lakes for good reason. And protecting these waters isn't just the job of farmers, cities, and regulators. It's on all of us.

This spring, as you step into your yard with a fertilizer spreader or a bag of weed control, please remember: Small changes in how we use backyard chemicals can make a meaningful difference. And when thousands of households make those changes together, Minnesota's waters stay cleaner, clearer, and healthier for everyone. - Minnesota Department of Agriculture

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2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nibchurch.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576.
8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
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Website: isantiacc.org

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INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: July 11, 2022

2. Mortgages: Elijah Benner, an unmarried person.

3. Mortgagees: Figure Lending LLC.

4. Recording Information:
Recorded on July 15, 2022, as Document Number A517553, in the Office of the County Recorder of Isanti County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any:
Assigned to Valley Strong Credit Union, by written assignment recorded on October 2, 2024, as Document Number A532993 in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14.044.0080

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

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10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Figure Lending LLC.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$68,079.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$84,297.52.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota, at public auction on 06/30/2026, 10:00 AM., 2440 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. On 12/31/2026.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Name of Mortgagor or Mortgage Assignee:

Valley Strong Credit Union

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagor or Mortgage Assignee:

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
Suite 100
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
26-000473-1

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 30-PR-26-7
Case Type: Informal Probate

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

In Re The Estate Of Tracy Denise Guaman, Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last

Will dated May 3, 2007 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Self-Represented Litigant: Karen Oeltjen

Address: 722 100th ST Amery WI 54001

Email: karenoltjen@gmail.com
Phone Number: 715-821-6613

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate. Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Pamela Kreier, Probate Registrar
Date: March 18, 2026

Erin Boettcher, Court Administrator
Date: March 18, 2026

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ASSUMED NAME

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: the Gaming Nirvana

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1870 2ND AVE SE STE 140 PMB 127 CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA

APPLICANT(S):
Name: ELLIOTT KLEINSCHMIDT
Address: 1870 2ND AVE SE STE 140 PMB 127 CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

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

SIGNED BY: Elliott Kleinschmidt
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: elliottk@thegamingnirvana.com

Work Item 1646205800022
Original File Number 1646205800022

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED

04/30/2026 11:59 PM
Steve Simon Secretary of State

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PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

A request for variances to required setbacks from lot lines and proximity to structures as codified in City Ordinance - Chapter 74 and referenced State of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080 through 7083 for the replacement of on-site subsurface sewage treatment systems (STSS) and its related elements.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday May 26th, 2026 at or about 7:00 pm

Applicant/Owner: Nicole & Curtis Lindberg

Site Location: 255 Laurel Road
PID: 363323120097

Request(s): A request for Variances to required setbacks from lot lines and proximity to structures as codified in City Ordinance - Chapter 74 and referenced State of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080 through 7083 for the replacement of on-site subsurface sewage treatment systems (STSS) and its related elements.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing.

Comments can be emailed to Eric.Johnson@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or via US MAIL to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE, City of East Bethel, MN 55011

Eric Johnson
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CITY OF HARRIS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harris Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 27,

2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Harris City Hall, 43970 Ginger Avenue, Harris, MN, to consider a new Conditional Use Permit at 44501 Falcon Ave for indoor and outdoor cannabis growing and product manufacturing.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written comments may be submitted prior to or at the hearing.

The Planning Commission will forward a recommendation to the City Council, which is scheduled to consider the matter at its June 8, 2026, meeting.

For information, contact the City of Harris at (651) 674-7546 or clerk@harrismn.com.

Tanya Smolke, City Clerk
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NOTICES

GENERAL NOTICE OF CORPORATE DISSOLUTION OF WILD HARE MANUFACTURING INC.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please be advised that the Minnesota Business Corporation known as Wild Hare Manufacturing Inc., heretofore organized and existing under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 302A, whose registered office and principal executive office is 6061 259th Ave. NE, Stacy, Isanti County, MN 55079-6127, is in the process of dissolving.

Pursuant to shareholder action dated December 10, 2025, the corporation will be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sections 302A.721 and 302A.727.

A Notice of Intent to Dissolve, as provided for under Minnesota Statutes Section 302A.721 has been filed by the corporation with the Minnesota Secretary of State on April 10, 2026.

All debts owed to the corporation and all claims against the corporation will be received by Michael (Mike) P. Bensen and must be presented in writing at 6061 259th Ave. NE, Stacy, MN 55079-6127 by July 22, 2026.

Dated: April 16, 2026
/s/ Michael P. Bensen
Corporate President/CEO

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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

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

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

Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Approved Consent Agenda Items A through E and G

Approved Off-Premises Alcohol

Co-nsumption for 3rd Thursday Events

Approved Street Closure Request for 3rd Thursday Events

Approved Resolution R26-024 Approving staff to seek a LMC Grant

Approved Application for Downtown Grant for Jayda Belle Boutique

Authorized the Police Department to proceed with the MNLEAP Accreditation Process

Authorized a letter of support to Great River Greening to be included with an application for designated funds from the 2027 Minnesota State Legislature for Outdoor Heritage Fund

Approved the Creation of an Interim Sergeant and Interim Police Officer Positions

Approved Vigtstol Offer Letter for Interim Sergeant

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CITY OF ISANTI 2026 FILING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Isanti will accept filings for Affidavits of Candidacy for the following municipal offices to be elected at the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026:

Mayor - 4-Year Term
City Councilmember (Two Seats) - 4-Year Terms

Filing Period:
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, through Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Location & Hours For Filing:
Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed at Isanti City Hall, located at 110-1st Ave NW, Isanti, MN 55040, during regular business hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

For June 2, 2026 only, filing will remain open until 5:00 PM.

Filing Fee:
A filing fee of \$15.00 is required at the time of filing.

Primary Election Information:
A Municipal Primary Election will be held on August 11, 2026, only if:

More than two (2) filings are received for the Mayor seat, and/or

More than four (4) filings are received for the City Councilmember seats.

If two (2) or fewer filings are received for the Mayor seat and four (4) or fewer filings are received for the Councilmember seats, no Municipal Primary Election will be held. In that event, the election for these offices will take place at the General Election on November 3, 2026.

For more details on running for office, visit the elections page on the City of Isanti website.

If you have questions, contact Jaden Strand at jstrand@cityofisanti.us.

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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on May 3 - 9. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Brett Randall Terrell (DOB 06/12/1973) of Tus-

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on May 3 - 9. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Mark Alan Long (DOB 12/03/1986) of Chisago,

caloosa, AL, was charged May 4 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State.

Jessica Ann Ammerman (DOB 08/02/1999) of Cambridge, was charged May 5 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

was charged May 4 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

Joseph Alvin Peterson (DOB 06/26/1984) of Rush City, was charged May 8 with Check Forgery-Offer/Possess W/Intent to Defraud.

NBAPS special education records disposal

North Branch Area Public Schools is preparing to dispose of special education student records for the graduation class of 2019. If you have any need of these records or questions about the disposal, please contact Katie Soule at 651-674-1013 by June 5, 2026. -NBAPS

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Lawn & Garden Guide Mushrooms in lawns

During periods of heavy rain, mushrooms may start to pop up in lawns. Their appearance may cause you to be concerned about the health of your lawn and whether or not your lawn has a disease. Rest easy: a vast majority of mushrooms in lawns are not related to disease. Mushrooms are the fruiting bodies of fungi living in the soil and thatch. They produce microscopic spores that propagate the fungus. It's quite common for them to appear during periods of moist conditions resulting from either natural rainfall or excessive irrigation.

Why mushrooms develop

- Plant material (roots, stems, leaves, grass blades, thatch, old tree roots) are constantly breaking down in soil naturally.
- Wet conditions speed up the decay of organic matter.
- Fungi live on decaying organic matter in the soil.
- As organic matter decays, nutrients (especially nitrogen) become available for plant growth.

Fairy rings

Sometimes fairy rings develop in lawns especially in the spring during wet, cool weather.

- Fairy rings are arcs or circles of mushrooms growing in dark green, lush grass.
- They are usually 2 to 15 feet in diameter.
- As the fungi break down organic matter, the nutrients cause the grass to grow thicker and darker, and the surrounding lawn develops colonies of mushrooms

How to reduce mushrooms in a lawn

- Dig or grind out stumps and tree roots after removing a tree.
- Rake your lawn in the spring to remove dead grass and plant material.
- Knock mushrooms over with a rake and remove them from the area.
- Reduce or turn off your irrigation to dry out your lawn.
- Aerate your soil in the fall to reduce soil compaction and improve drainage.

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401 Auctions

Thursday, June 4 10:00 a.m. Living Estate Auction. Gary Koland, Owner. 64385 Hammond Rd., Finlayson, MN. Restored Model T Pickup, Collector's Cars and Vehicles, Tractors and Machinery, Gas Engines and Garden Tractors, Collectibles, Firearms and Sporting, Shop and Misc. Reinhardt Auction Service, Auctioneers: Steve Reinhardt, lic. #01-12, Carol Reinhardt, lic. #01-15, www.reinhardtuctions.com, 218-845-2260.

404 Garage Sales

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405 Moving Sales

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