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Tree-mendous holiday fun

A youngster shows a member of the Isanti County Sheriff's Office a toy of Hei Hei the Rooster from the movie "Moana" during the Shop with a Cop held at Walmart. The annual event brought smiles to both the kids and the officers this year. Combined with the Shop with a Hero event at Fleet Farm, a total of 75 kids were given a \$100 gift card to spend on whatever they wanted.

Second Annual Walk By Faith Gala makes move to St. Paul

Following the success of its inaugural event, The Maddy Nelson Memorial Foundation is proud to announce the Second Annual Walk By Faith Gala, taking place Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Union Depot in St. Paul, Minnesota. The black-tie evening will once again honor the vibrant legacy of Faith Nelson while raising funds for Children's Cancer Research Fund's Camp Norden, LifeSource and HopeKids.

The inaugural Walk By Faith Gala, held in February 2025, raised more than \$105,000, uniting the commu-

nity to celebrate Faith's life while creating meaningful impact for families and children facing unimaginable challenges. Building on that momentum, the 2026 gala will expand its reach to support three impactful organizations dedicated to hope, healing and life-changing missions.

The Walk By Faith Gala honors Faith Nelson, a Cambridge native who passed away in 2023 at the age of 21 as a result of a snowmobile accident. The event is hosted

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Scott and Karen Nelson founders of The Maddy Nelson Memorial Foundation and the Walk By Faith Gala.

Large portion of North Branch industrial park set for purchase

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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North Branch is on the verge of turning its luck around for its sparsely occupied industrial park.

Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, a global siding manufacturer, has developed a \$5,250,000 purchase agreement with the North Branch Economic Development Authority for 120 acres of the park to build a 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility.

This project would occupy nearly half of the vacant space in the long-largely-vacant park, and could create roughly 100 jobs with a \$157 million dollar investment — numbers that are strictly preliminary and subject to change,

City Development Director Nathan Sondrol emphasized.

The land, consisting of parts of five parcels, sits at "the southwest corner of 410th Street and County Road 30."

"The manufacturing at this facility will include LP's Expert finish facility which specializes in pre-finishing engineered wood siding trim with durable, factory applied paint in various colors, reducing the installation time and labor for builders by eliminating field painting and caulking needs," the staff report reads. "The site will require the outdoor storage of materials on the site."

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Epiphany service returns to historic St. John's Lutheran Church

Historic St. John's German Lutheran Church of Bradford is once again hosting its annual Epiphany Service on Sunday, January 4th. The German service begins at 2 p.m., followed by the English service at 4 p.m. There will be light refreshments after each service.

St. John's has a storied past that dates back to 1882. Founded by local German residents, the church served the Bradford Township community until 1956 and is currently under the care of the Friends of St. John's and the Isanti County Historical Society.

The Epiphany Service welcomes everyone to celebrate the transition into the new year with songs and celebration. The event is free to the public.

St. John's is located just west of Isanti at 900 County Road 5 NW. - Isanti County Historical Society



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WALK BY FAITH: Sponsorships available for black tie event in honor of late daughter

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by The Maddy Nelson Memorial Foundation, established to honor Faith’s older sister, Madison “Maddy” Nelson, who passed away in 2016 following a courageous battle with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare childhood cancer.

“Faith was strong in the quietest ways, and her heart was full of love,” said Karen Nelson, mother of Faith and Maddy and co-founder of The Maddy Nelson Memorial Foundation. “She honored her sister Maddy in everything she did and shared her warmth, kindness, and laughter with everyone around her. For those who didn’t know her personally, I hope this gala offers a glimpse of her spirit and inspires you to carry that same faith forward by making a positive difference in the world.”

The evening will feature a social hour, dinner, dessert, auction, and heartfelt moments throughout the program that celebrate Faith’s life, her enduring compassion, and the causes that reflect her legacy of kindness.

Get involved! Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Tables and tickets can also be reserved at WalkByFaithGala.com. - The Maddy Nelson Memorial Foundation



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Faith Nelson passed away tragically in a snowmobile accident just after midnight on New Years Day in 2024.

NORTH BRANCH: Siding manufacturer set to purchase 120 acres in industrial park

FROM PAGE 1

City staff submitted a proposal for the project in May and has completed several site visits with LP, which considered multiple local and national sites before proceeding with North Branch, according to its website. It is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, with all other administrative offices located across Central and South America.

This would be LP’s second manufacturing facility in Minnesota, with the other in Two Harbors, and several more in Wisconsin and Michigan, according to its website. It is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, with all other administrative offices located across Central and South America.

The city has applied for and received

grant funding to improve and expand streets, utilities and rail access for the site. It is also exploring tax increment financing.

In approving an engineering services contract for street work, the city council praised all the work of staff and local partners in bringing the potential project to North Branch. Partners included Chisago County, the state’s Department of Employment and Economic Development, Greater MSP, Great River Energy, several railroads and others.

“What a hell of an effort by our team,” Mayor Kevin Schieber said. “I’m very proud of us.”

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Isanti County whittles down levy increase to 1.99%

BY BILL STICKELS III
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What started out last June as a double-digit levy increase for Isanti County residents has been chunked and chipped away to a sub-four percent increase as presented at the recent Truth in Taxation meeting, and ultimately down even further to just under a 2% increase.

Following one last committee of the whole meeting where the board gave its last-ditch offerings for how to shrink the levy increase even further, the commissioners were presented with three final options: keep it at the 3.63% increase as presented at the Truth in Taxation meeting, decrease it to 2.85%, or drop it even further to an increase of 1.99%.

In order to achieve those percentages, the county would use up to \$1.1 million from the general fund balance and/or the newly created capital improvement fund. Earlier in the meeting, the board approved moving \$2.5 million from the general fund balance to this capital improvement fund. That money would be earmarked for future capital improvement projects. This would decrease the general fund, which acts as a financial cushion in case of a financial crisis, to approximately 45% of the general fund.

During discussions at the final regular meeting of 2025, Commissioners Steve Westerberg and Bill Berg indicated they would be comfortable going with the “middle ground” number of 2.85%, citing concerns over the uncertainty of next year’s budget. According to some financial experts, local governments may be looking at huge increases in expenses. The top two factors in this dire

forecast are an expected increase in employee insurance rates, plus a decrease in state funding due to the predicted state budget shortfall.

“I would rather have a small increase this year rather than face a large increase in 2027,” Westerberg said.

Commissioner Todd Christensen countered that based on this board’s recent history of minimal to no levy increases, he is confident they can repeat that next year.

“If we continue to be very frugal and look at places we can cut, I don’t think it will be as bad as we think,” Christensen said.

County Administrator Amanda Usher cautioned the board against continually dipping into the fund balance simply to reduce the levy. She noted the fund balance had become very healthy thanks to ARPA funds, however those funds are all but dried up.

“That’s been really helpful in being able to do some of these projects,” Usher said, referring to the County Road 5 roundabout and county jail improvements. “What I really would hate to see is for us to continue to use fund balance to get these lower levies. Two point eight five is a low levy, it is a great amount. To use more to get that lower won’t have a significant impact on taxpayers. I think it’s about \$10 per year for the average taxpayer.”

Initially, a motion to go with a 2.85% levy increase failed on a 2-3 vote, with Westerberg and Berg voting in favor.

A subsequent motion to go with a 1.99% levy increase passed by a 3-2 vote, again with Westerberg and Berg voting in the minority.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Allen Just

The following obituary was written by Mike Just himself and we would like to share it with you.

Michael Allen Just born January 18, 1950 in Granite Falls, MN to Harold and Mary Ann Just; & baptized in the Lutheran Faith and was confirmed at St. Johns Lutheran Church in 1958. I moved with my parents to a farm south of Rush city. Attended Rush City schools and graduated in 1968. I served in the United States Marine Corp. 1969-1971. Employed at United Sprinkler in Rush City 1971-1975, Amber Milling 1976-2004 and Andersen Windows 2004-2015, retired January 31, 2015.

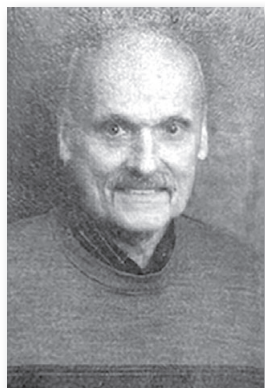
Married Jackie Swanson July 1, 1972; three children Tavis, Tennille & Timarie. Jackie passed away from a courageous battle with cancer September 20, 1993.

Married Patricia Hawkinson of Grasston, MN June 28, 1997. I sent Pat a gopher “if she could gopher me, I could gopher her.”

When growing up I would always work for someone then I would always ask “What are we going to do next” and they would say “let’s finish this first.” I started trapping gophers when eight years old; one year I caught 376 gophers. I enjoyed push mowing the lawn even thought I had a new rider. I also enjoyed baling hay and other farm work for the neighbors. I arm wrestled 1975 -1986 & won a few trophies at the state fair. I enjoyed going to the country music shows in Sandstone, MN and also Branson Missouri. Looking for four leaf clovers & pennies or any coins, riding bike & picking up pop cans hayrides, I’m a German Shorthair, like watching the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, David Muir, doing word search and shaking dice. I bowled on the Amber Mill team. I am a member of the American legion. I started giving blood in the Marine Corps 1969; they picked everyone other person having given 21 gallons of blood (more than two-milk cans) as of 2015; couldn’t give after my stem cell transplant. I liked collecting antiques and had a collection of 10 Scorpion snowmobiles 1967-1976, participated in the Cancer Ski-A-Thon, liked making potato sausage, also loved going around to lutefisk suppers; “you never travel too far, or pay too much and it’s always good even if bad.” Put in a big garden every year. Enjoyed going to all the grandkids sporting events and dance recitals, also their sleep overs. Enjoyed listening to Neighbors Band, Harris Lutheran Praise Band, Larry and Bev Rose, Eddie Pangerl, Craig & Lois Dahl.

Mike will be lovingly remembered and survived by his wife Pat, Children Tennille Just, Timarie (Derek) Jacobson, Daughter-in-law Brittany Just, stepsons Jeff (Sandy) Hawkinson, Gary (Janet) Hawkinson, Siblings Char (Dean) Anderson, Randy (Cami) Just, Debbie (Randy) Drevecky; special uncle Jim Gabbert and aunt Ethel Gabbert and Elaine Jeseritz, Brother in-laws Jack Anderson, Roger (Carol) Anderson, Grandchildren Arisa & Ren Just, Teegan & Easton Goebel, Jaylyn, Braylee & Bryson Jacobson, Abby & Nate Hawkinson, Jared (Heather) Hawkinson, Tyler (Maggie) Hawkinson, Dylan Hawkinson, Miranda (Jacob) Higgins and six great grandchildren; many cousins, nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mary Ann Just, Late wife Jackie, brother Greg, son Travis, in-laws Delbert, Florence, Tom & Kevin Swanson; and many other loved ones.



Betty Jane McCoy

Betty Jane McCoy, of Braham, passed away on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at GracePointe Crossing Assisted Living in Cambridge. She was 89 years old.

Betty was born on July 8, 1936, on a farm near Prophetstown, Illinois, to Lloyd and Margaret (Sibley) Elgin. She graduated from Graceville High School in 1954 and married the love of her life, Ben McCoy, on September 24, 1955. They soon welcomed three children: Becky, Billy, and Bart into their loving family. After a few years of living in Spring Lake Park, they made their home in Rush Point, MN, to begin farming and joined Calvary Lutheran Church in 1962, where



Betty was the Sunday Superintendent for quite some time.

Betty will always be remembered as a bright, high-spirited soul with a great smile who wasn’t afraid to speak her mind. She worked in many different jobs throughout her life, including cashiering at the Rush Point Store, selling Avon, writing the gossip column for the local newspaper, Project Teach, Control Data, and Medtronic.

Family was important to Betty, and she taught all of us that “family will always be there”. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was recently blessed to be a great-great-grandma. Spending time at “The Farm” will be a memory for everybody who knew and loved her. Holidays, family reunions, birthdays, pig roasts, and retirements were always spent at “the farm”.

Betty enjoyed fishing, four-wheeling, trips to Lake of the Woods, and going to the local hangouts, catching up with neighbors, and playing a few pull tabs. She also enjoyed sneaking up to the casino to try her luck on the Slot Machines. Tuesdays were reserved for meeting with Medtronic’s friends for laughter and catching up on news; she did this for several years after she retired. She and Ben enjoyed traveling and took cross-country trips to enjoy the scenery and visit relatives in Illinois, Texas, Montana, Colorado, California, and Mississippi, where they did some deep-sea fishing as well as several other places.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Ben; son-in-law Ron Majzner; brothers: Johnny Elgin, Robert, and Lenard; sister Darlene Olen; and sisters-in-law Cathy and Arlene Eglin.

She is survived by her children: Becky Majzner, Bill (Deanna) McCoy, and Bart (Tracy) McCoy; grandchildren: Jeremy (Danielle), NaTasha (Sam), Billie Jo (Joseph), Josh (Jessica), Nathan (Amy), Ben (Samantha), Holly (Michael), Brandi (Ben) and Michael (Lindsey); 19 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; brothers: Clarence, Donald (Beth), Thomas (Marla) Elgin; sister-in-law: Teri Elgin, and as well as many other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service was held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at the Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church in Rush Point with Rev. Dr. Vicki Vander Vegt officiating. Memorial Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Inurnment is in the Calvary Ev. Lutheran Cemetery in Rush Point. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes – Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.hamiltonfhs.com

Carole Bernice (Molle) (Gordon) Bloom

Age 96 passed away peacefully in her home with family by her side on December 10, 2025 in Havre, Montana.

Carole was born October 11, 1929 in Inglewood, California. She grew up in southern California



during the great depression and WWII. During high school she worked at Woolworths and a Malt shop where she entered a beauty contest and was named Miss Sweet Shop. Carole and her girlfriends would help the war effort by going to the naval base in Long Beach to dance with the sailors, boosting morale. After High School she married her first husband, Raymond Gordon, and had four children, Larry, Kirk,

Sandra and Kayleen. She loved being a mother and was very loving and devoted. After going to work as a Chiropractic Assistant in the mid 60’s, she met and married Gerald Bloom. After the birth of their daughter, Michele, the family moved to Stanchfield, Minnesota in 1970. After a few years of farming they bought a flower shop, Cambridge Floral in Cambridge, Minnesota. She excelled in business and was admired for her beautiful and creative floral designs for the next 30 yrs.

After retiring she moved to Havre, Montana to be near her daughter, Kayleen Hockett, who was her guardian angel. Carole took great joy in her beautiful yard and gardens and the many new friends she made through church, quilting, and swimming. When it became too hard for her to do her own yard work, Kayleen and her very kind friends and neighbors stepped in to keep the yard looking as beautiful as she had, giving Carole so much joy. Thank you to her many friends who stepped up and helped her with rides to Utah, her house and yard work, errands, bringing her wonderful meals, snacks and desserts and spending time visiting with her. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints during her entire life and that brought her great happiness and peace throughout her life. Carole influenced the lives of so many with her sweet, gentle, loving ways. She will be so greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Belle Molle, sisters Eunice and Elaine, brother Frank and her son Larry. Carole is survived by four of her children, 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and she will be laid to rest in the family plot in Inglewood, California. A celebration of Carole’s life will be held on May 23, 2026 in Havre, Montana.

Prune oaks now to avoid oak wilt

Now through February is the safest time to prune or cut oaks without risking oak wilt, an invasive fungal disease deadly to Minnesota’s oaks, according to the DNR. The disease spreads when sap-feeding beetles carry spores from infected trees to fresh wounds.

“Oak wilt is costly to treat, but prevention is often free and

effective,” said Brian Schwingle, DNR Forest Health Program consultant. Winter pruning avoids the beetles’ active spring and summer season, reducing infection risk.

More on oak wilt, prevention, and treatment is at mndnr.gov/oakwilt. For help with tree care, see mndnr.gov/treecare/hiring-arborist.html. -MNDNR



Farm Bureau opens new office

Farm Bureau Insurance Owner Chase Carlson is joined by family, friends, representatives of the North 65 Chamber of Commerce and Cambridge Mayor Jim Godfrey during a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of Farm Bureau Financial Services’ new location at 138 Main St. in Cambridge.

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Contemplating the reason for the season

During one of our recent regular staff meetings, our publisher Jeff posed the “icebreaker” question “how is Christmas special to you?” It was a question I struggled to put an answer into words.



Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III

Frequent readers of this column know I love Christmas. I’ve written about constantly playing Christmas music, putting up Christmas trees, and even about gifts received. But I couldn’t really think of how all that makes Christmas special.

I thought about the common answer of getting together with family and other loved ones. But, with the exception of maybe two or three times I can recall, Christmas Day has been spent with my parents, sister, and her husband after she got married. Of those few times where it was more people than that, the only Christmas that wasn’t spent at home was the year my grandma (on my dad’s side) died and her funeral was on Christmas Eve.

While for some, just being with the immediate family might be special, all of us live in Cambridge, so we see each other fairly frequently. Especially with my parents, I’m at their house a bare minimum of once a week. In fact, since my sister and her husband either host some of his family or one of his siblings hosts on Christmas Day, the majority of Christmas is now simply just my parents and me.

Christmas traditions were the reason someone else gave for why Christmas is special. That, too, is certainly the case in my family as well. Then again, some of the traditions have been modified over the years. Plus, with the exception of exchanging multiple gifts, all the traditions could technically be done any time during the year.

So, I guess what it boils down to is that it is special to me because it always was special while growing up. That feeling is ingrained into me, so it is just special, no questions asked.

I guess cynics could say we were simply “brainwashed.” I guess in a certain way, that is accurate. Just look at some of the songs that are repeatedly played for over a month: “It’s the most wonderful time of the year”, or “Have a holly, jolly Christmas, its the best time of the year”. However, I would also contend it is brainwashing in a good way. My parents did a great job balancing letting us get excited thinking about what we are receiving as gifts, with being excited with giving gifts.

As adults, that balance has transcended into it continuing to be special for whatever reason, while allowing others to have it be special for a completely different reason.

So, for whatever reason you have for making it special, have yourself a Merry Christmas.

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What should you keep in your car for winter survival?



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Question: I know you were talking about winter safety tips in your last article. Can you go over the items a person should have in their vehicle when traveling in the winter?

Answer: When assembling a winter travel survival kit, it’s best to include a variety of items that prepare you for cold, isolation, and unexpected delays. Even if you keep the kit in your vehicle year-round, review it regularly to make sure everything is in good condition and still in its proper place. A winter travel survival kit

should focus on warmth, traction, communication, and basic supplies.

WINTER TRAVEL SURVIVAL KIT ESSENTIALS

Warmth

- Extra blankets or a sleeping bag
- Warm hats, gloves, socks, and scarves
- Hand and foot warmers
- Emergency thermal (space) blanket

Traction & Vehicle Safety

- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Small shovel
- Sand, cat litter, or traction mats
- Tire chains (if appropriate for your area)

- Jumper cables

Communication & Visibility

- Fully charged power bank and charging cables
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- Reflective vest or roadside flares
- Whistle for signaling
- Paper and pencil(s) to leave note/message

Basic Supplies

- Non-perishable food and snacks
- Bottled water (rotate to prevent freezing or expiration)
- First aid kit
- Multi-tool or basic tool kit
- Matches or lighter (stored safely)
- Paper towels, tissues, and wet wipes

Additional Helpful Items

- Map of the area (in case GPS fails)
- Emergency contact information
- Duct tape and zip ties
- Tow strap

Keeping these essentials on hand can make a critical difference if you’re stranded or delayed during winter travel. Regular checks ensure your kit is always ready when you need it most.

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Cambridge-Isanti's Jayden Fiandaca weaves between two Pine City players during the Bluejackets' game against the Dragons.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH SCOREBOARD: DECEMBER 18 - 22

December 18
C-I boys swimming & diving 83, Princeton 102
*1st place finishers: Joshua Clinkenbeard (50 freestyle), Eddie Steman (diving), 200 free relay
C-I gymnastics 140.65, St. Francis 130.75
*Aubrey Wilson - 1st place vault (9.25), bars (9.025), floor (9.425), all-around (36.35); Anika Michaelis - 1st place beam (9.1)
C-I boys wrestling 56, Zimmerman 11
C-I girls basketball at Duluth East - ppd (again)
Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Chisago Lakes 5
C-I boys hockey 3, Hibbing 10
NB wrestling 0, Becker 71
NB wrestling 0, St. Francis 69

NB boys basketball 53, Chisago Lakes 67
NB gymnastics 136.075, Big Lake 139.25
*1st place finishers: Ella Dick - vault (9.35), Sophia Thorsen - floor (9.15)
NB girls basketball 24, Chisago Lakes 75

December 19
C-I boys wrestling @ Rochester Matboss Christmas Tournament
*Top finishers: Brock Brown - 11th place (172 pounds), Wyatt Wald - 12th place (114 pounds)
C-I boys basketball 75, St. Francis 66
Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Hutchinson 5
NB wrestling 28, Rush City/Braham 39
NB wrestling 29, Hibbing 68
NB wrestling 40, Mora 34

NB boys basketball 77, Pine City 58
December 20
C-I gymnastics @ St. Cloud Tech Invite - 2nd/6 teams (138.95)
*Top finisher: Aubrey Wilson - 1st place beam (9.3), floor (9.5), all-around (36.85)
C-I girls basketball 36, St. Francis 68
*Finley Nelson - 15 points
C-I boys hockey 3, Pine City 2

December 22
C-I girls basketball 44, Chisago Lakes 51
Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Hayward 4
NB girls basketball 27, Hinckley-Finlayson 57



Cambridge-Isanti's Peyton Coplan soars above St. Francis' Leyton Manners while going in for a layup during the Jackets' game against the Saints.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH UPCOMING HOME SCHEDULES: DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 3

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. Note: Northern Tier girls hockey is a co-op between Cambridge-Isanti, St. Francis, and North Branch. Northern Edge boys

hockey is a co-op between North Branch and St. Francis. Their home games are at East Bethel.

Tuesday, December 30
•C-I girls basketball vs. Stillwater (7 p.m.)

Friday, January 2
•C-I girls basketball vs. Sartell (5:30 p.m.)
•C-I boys hockey vs. Monticello (7 p.m.)
Saturday, January 3
•C-I wrestling Bluejacket Individual Tournament (9:30 a.m.)

Minnesota state parks celebrate new year with first-day hikes

BY SARA BERHOW
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On Thursday, Jan. 1, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is hosting First Day Hike events at 12 state parks in support of a nationwide effort to connect people to the outdoors. As part of the First Day Hikes initiative led by America's State Parks, a national organization, hikers in all 50 states will welcome the new year with an outdoor hike, exercising and connecting with nature. The DNR's First Day Hikes will be held at:

- Blue Mounds State Park, Luverne
- Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, Preston
- Fort Snelling State Park, St. Paul
- Jay Cooke State Park, Carlton
- Lake Bemidji State Park, Bemidji
- Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park, Soudan

- Maplewood State Park, Pelican Rapids
- Minneopa State Park, Mankato
- Nerstrand Big Woods State Park, Nerstrand
- Tettegouche State Park, Silver Bay
- Whitewater State Park, Altura
- William O'Brien State Park, Marine on St. Croix

Participants may snowshoe if the ground has enough snow cover. They can bring their own snowshoes or borrow a set from the state park (if available) at no charge. There is no participation fee for First Day Hikes, but visitors need a vehicle permit (\$7 per day or \$35 for a year) to enter Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. Visitors can save time and purchase permits in advance on the DNR's permit webpage (mndnr.gov/permit) or buy a permit in person during open hours at a state park ranger station.

Dispose of holiday greens, Christmas trees correctly

Holiday greenery and Christmas trees bring joy throughout the season, but they can also hide dangerous pests. Diseases and invasive species can make their way into our landscapes on trees and boughs brought into Minnesota from other states. To protect our environment, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is asking residents to take these steps to properly dispose of greenery and trees after the holiday season:

The best option is to use a curbside tree collection or bring trees to a designated drop-off site. Check with your waste hauler, city, or county to see what services are offered in your area. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has a map of yard waste compost locations; contact locations directly to see if they accept trees and greenery. Don't toss trees and greenery into your backyard woods or residential compost pile, which can spread the invasive species or disease. Wreaths and other decorative greens

can be disposed of in trash cans. If your city or county does not have an organized pick-up or drop-off, the last resort is to burn the greens. Always check fire danger conditions and burning restrictions before burning and follow local ordinances. Pests of concern include elongate hemlock scale, a small insect established in the eastern United States where many Fraser firs are grown. Damage caused by this invasive insect can cause the needles of hemlocks, firs, and spruces to yellow and prematurely drop. Also, boxwood blight, a fungal disease, and round leaf bittersweet, an invasive noxious weed, are sometimes found on wreaths and centerpieces and can endanger native trees. If you suspect your greenery or tree may be infested with an invasive insect or disease, contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Report a Pest line at 1-888-545-6684, reportapest@state.mn.us, or through the online reporting form. - Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Isanti City Council pulls off flat levy

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The Isanti City Council metaphorically pulled a rabbit out of its hat, delivering a flat levy amount for 2026. The next several years, however, will reveal if its actions turn out to be just an illusion.

As late as the annual Truth in Taxation meeting, held on Dec. 2, it looked like the city was looking at a levy increase of 5.05%. While this amount would still equate to lower taxes for some residents based on the continued increase in the city's tax base and subsequent decrease in the tax rate, the council instructed finance director Nicholas Solberg to continue looking for ways to trim the budget even further.

During the Dec. 16 meeting, Solberg presented two options for the council to consider: the original levy amount, or a 0% increase (flat) levy amount. Solberg said the only difference between the two options was the city council would be taking an additional \$182,460 out of the fund balance. He said the first

option uses \$212,860 from the fund balance, leaving the fund balance at 50.87% of unrestricted balance. The second option takes \$395,320 from the fund balance, leaving a projected 47.20% of unrestricted fund balance.

Solberg said the downside to going with a flat levy this year is it sets up a potential double-digit levy increase percentage for next year.

"With the second option (the flat levy for 2026), just to get our tax levy back to where we're not pulling any amount from the fund balance in 2027, we would have a projected levy increase of 10.93%," Solberg said, "compared to the first option, we would only need to increase our total tax levy by 5.06% to make up that \$212,000 in fund balance used for 2026."

He also mentioned capital improvement projects slated for 2027 would increase the projected levy to 12.74% in 2027.

"Using those reserves is good to steady out the levy," Solberg said. "We just don't want to get to the point so that we are running the fund balance so low that now

we are not only trying to catch up to get to zero, but also needing to make up some of the fund balance."

Mayor Luke Merrill pointed out those numbers were assuming no growth, no sales of city owned property, and no budget cuts.

"Yep, but those numbers also don't include any increases to wages or steps or potential insurance wages," Solberg added.

Merrill also pointed out city policy called for a fund balance between 30% and 70%, "so even at 47% we would be right in the middle."

Merrill also noted the EDA is expected to sell some land worth approximately \$182,000, which would offset some of the projected levy increase under option two. He added the city anticipates on being debt-free starting in 2029, which will eliminate \$200,000 from each year's budget going forward.

Ultimately, the council approved going with a flat levy for 2026 by a 4-0 vote. Council member Steve Lundeen was absent from the meeting.



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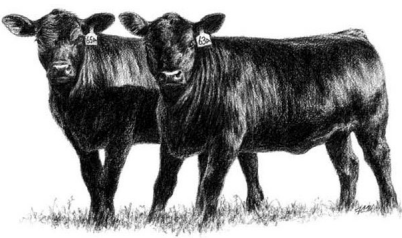
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9. The person holding the Mortgage:
is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are Towne Mortgage Company DBA AmeriCU Mortgage.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Members Cooperative Credit Union..
INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$ 183,673.00.
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: \$149,465.62.
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 01/29/2026, 10:00 AM, at 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 07/30/2026.
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 Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage
Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
8530 Eagle Point Blvd.
Suite 100
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
25-003362-1
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PROBATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
File Number: 30-PR-25-99 Case Type: Informal Probate
In re the Estate of Valerie Lynn Grover, Deceased
Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.
Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:
Self-Represented Litigant:
Sandra Dee Gallagher
Address: 19445 Flamingo ST NW, Cedar MN 55011
Email: sangalley@comcast.net
Phone Number: 763-238-8248
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.
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.
Probate Registrar: _____
Date: 12/10/2025
Court Administrator: Erin Boettcher
Date: 12/10/2025
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NOTICES
NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, MN OFFICER FILING NOTICE
Any eligible resident of North Branch Township wishing to file for township office for the March 10, 2026, election may file an affidavit of candidacy with the Clerk. Office is open for one three-year term for the office of Supervisor. Filing begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed by making an appointment with the Town Clerk by calling 763-286-3733 or emailing shawnw@twp.northbranch.mn.us. Filing fee is \$2.00.
Shawn Williams
North Branch Township Clerk
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2025
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; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.
• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
• Approved the consent agenda items A – J

• Held 2026 Street Project Improvement Hearing and Assessment Hearing
• Reviewed the Personnel Policy
• Discussed the State Wide/Local Affordable Housing Aid
• Approved the Construction Contract for Airport Pavement Crack Sealing
• Approved Digester Cover Plans and Specifications, and Ordered Advertisement for Bids
• Approved Resolution R25-093 Interim Use Permit for Cannabis Retail Business at 626 Main St. N.
• Approved Resolution R25-094 Interim Use Permit for Cannabis Retail Business at 130 Cleveland St. N.
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2025
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; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.
• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
• Approved Consent Agenda Items A - E
• Held Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
• Approved Resolution R25-100 Setting the 2026 Final Property Tax Levy
• Approved Resolution R25-101 Adopting the 2026 General Fund Budget
• Approved Resolution R25-102 Adopting the 2026 Airport Operating Special Revenue Fund Budget
• Approved Resolution R25-103 Adopting the 2026 Debt Service Fund Budgets
• Approved Resolution R25-104 Adopting the 2026 Capital Fund Budgets
• Approved Resolution R25-105 Adopting the 2026 Enterprise Fund Budgets
• Discussed and Approved the Personnel Policy
• Discussed the Submitted Cannabis Applications and Approved One Application
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2025
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; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.
• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
• Approved Consent Agenda Items A - M
• Swore in Officer Block
• Recognized Employees for Years of Service
• Discussed Continuing a Membership in NLX Alliance Board for 2026
• Discussed and Approved 2026 Class & Comp Adjustments
• Discussed Panhandling
• Approved Contract with Traut Companies for emergency well repairs
• Approved ORD 810 Rezoning area near Main St. S., Central Ave SW, and Fern St. S.
• Approved Resolution R25-107 a PUD Amendment for Cambridge Junction
• Approved Resolution R25-108 a Preliminary Plat for Cambridge Junction
• Approved Resolution R25-109 a Final Plat for Cambridge Junction
• Approved ORD 811 Zoning Map Amendment (Rolling Meadows West) (PIN: 15.031.0700)
• Approved ORD 812 a Future Land Use Map Amendment (Rolling Meadows West) (PIN: 15.031.0700)
• Approved Resolution R25-110 a Preliminary Plat of Rolling Meadows West
• Approved Resolution R25-111 a Final Plat of Rolling Meadows West
• Held closed session to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals
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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE CHISAGO COUNTY HRA-EDA
The Annual Meeting of the

Chisago County Housing & Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority (HRA-EDA) Board has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2026, beginning at 3:00pm at the Chisago County HRA-EDA Offices, 38871 - 7th Avenue, North Branch, MN. The HRA-EDA meets monthly, the first Tuesday of the month, at 3pm, at their office located in North Branch. Meetings may also be held on other dates as well as various locations throughout the county, as designated by the Executive Director.
/s/Nancy Hoffman
Executive Director
Dated: December 18, 2025
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on December 25, 2025
SUMMARY PUBLICATION ORDINANCE
Ordinance 810 amended the Zoning Map for multiple parcels of real property in the SE ¼ of Section 5, Isanti Township, Isanti County, Minnesota. Said properties are located east of Main Street South in and adjacent to the Oak Terrace Addition. These properties changed from BT (Business Transition) to R-1 (Low Density Residential). A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.
ATTEST:
Monica Seiberlich,
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION ORDINANCE
Ordinance 811 amended the Zoning Map for certain real property described as The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ of NW ¼) of Section 31, Township 36, Range 23, excepting therefrom the West 390 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter thereof, Isanti County, Minnesota (PIN: 15.031.0700). This property changed from RA Rural Residence/ Agricultural to R-1 One Family Residence district. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.
ATTEST:
Monica Seiberlich,
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on December 25, 2025
SUMMARY PUBLICATION ORDINANCE
Ordinance 812 amended the Future Land Use Map for certain real property described as The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ of NW ¼) of Section 31, Township 36, Range 23, excepting therefrom the West 390 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter thereof, Isanti County, Minnesota (PIN: 15.031.0700). This property changed from Rural Residence to Low Density Residential. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.
ATTEST:
Monica Seiberlich,
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION ORDINANCE
The Cambridge City Council adopted Ordinance 813 which provides a fee schedule to all licenses, fees, and permits issued by the City of Cambridge.
ATTEST:
Monica Seiberlich
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on December 25, 2025
ISANTI COUNTY SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The complete minutes are available for public inspection in the Administration office at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 or online at www.co.isanti.mn.us/agendacenter
Members Present: Chairman Alan Duff (virtual); Commissioners: Steve Westerberg, Todd Christensen, Bill Berg, Kristi LaRowe.
Members Absent: None.
Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Steve Westerberg.
• Approved the following County

Business Items: November 18, 2025, County Board Meeting Minutes and Minutes Summary, Personnel Action Items, Community Health Board Action Items, Personnel Policy Updates, Set Public Hearing for Isanti County Capital Improvement Plan, Utility Permits, Claims and Warrants.
• Approval for bid from Huffcutt Concrete in the amount of \$56,615 to construct and place a restroom at Springvale County Park. This project is funded through a Park Legacy Grant.
• Approved 2026 calendar year contracts between Isanti County Health and Human Services and the following: Avivo, Canvas Health, Ohana Guardianship Services, Adult Mental Health Initiative and Bridging, Adult Mental Health Initiative and MN DHS, Isanti County Attorney's Office with MN Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Support Division for 2026 and 2027, and the Grant Acceptance Contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services and MN Department of Human Services.
• Approved the Final Plats for Lilenthal Addition, Springer Woodlands, and Schowalter Acres.
• Approved the Resolution requesting MN Legislative Authorization to impose a local option sales tax of 0.25% on non-essential items, as defined by the MN Department of Revenue. The funds would be allocated to the Isanti County Highway Department Facility Project.
Approved the Resolution supporting the County's LRIP application for CSAH 5 segment from SCAH 12N to County Road 48 and committing to required local responsibilities.
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ORDINANCE NO. 840
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 831 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 6, 2025, ORDINANCE NO. 823 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 17, 2024; ORDINANCE NO. 809 ADOPTED ON MAY 7, 2024; ORDINANCE NO. 797 ADOPTED ON 9-19-2023; ORDINANCE NO. 765 ADOPTED ON 12-21-2021; ORDINANCE NO. 727 ADOPTED ON 4-7-2020 TITLED ENUMERATION OF FEES.
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1 – Amendment.
Ordinance No. 831; Ordinance No. 823; Ordinance No. 809; Ordinance No. 797; Ordinance No. 765; Ordinance No. 727 Enumeration of Fees, A. Administration and F. Parks and Recreation shall be hereby amended as follows:
§ 160-2. Enumeration of fees.
A. Administration.
(1) Administrative hearing filing fee: \$75.
(2) Adult use fee: \$2,500.
(3) Adult use investigation fee: \$300.
(4) Affidavit of candidacy: \$15.
(5) Cannabinoid registration: \$125.
(6) Cannabis registration:
(a) Cannabis Microbusiness: No fee
(b) Cannabis Mezzobusiness: \$500
(c) Cannabis Cultivator: \$500
(d) Cannabis Manufacturer: \$500
(e) Cannabis Retailer: \$500
(f) Cannabis Wholesaler: \$500
(g) Cannabis Transporter: \$250
(h) Cannabis Testing Facility: \$500
(i) Cannabis Delivery Service: \$250
(j) Cannabis Event Organizer: No fee
(k) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer: \$500
(l) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer: \$125
(m) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Wholesaler: \$500
(n) Medical Cannabis Combination Business: \$500
(7) Cannabis registration renewal:
(a) Cannabis Microbusiness: \$1,000
(b) Cannabis Mezzobusiness: \$1,000
(c) Cannabis Cultivator: \$1,000
(d) Cannabis Manufacturer: \$1,000
(e) Cannabis Retailer: \$1,000
(f) Cannabis Wholesaler: \$1,000
(g) Cannabis Transporter: \$500
(h) Cannabis Testing Facility: \$1,000
(i) Cannabis Delivery Service: \$500
(j) Cannabis Event Organizer: No fee
(k) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer: \$500
(l) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer: \$125
(m) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible

Wholesaler: \$1,000
(a) Medical Cannabis Combination Business: \$1,000
(8) Copies - standard printed: \$0.25 per page.
(9) Copies - large format printed: \$5 per page; \$20 per plan set.
(10) Copies - USB drive: \$5.
(11) Dog bite: actual cost including containment.
(12) Dog boarding (at impound): per contract.
(13) Dog impound 1st time: per contract.
(14) Dog impound 2nd time: per contract.
(15) Dog impound 3rd time: per contract.
(a) Additional fee for pickup (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. and holidays): per contract.
(16) Euthanasia/disposal: actual cost.
(17) FAX - in: \$0.25 per page.
(18) FAX - out: \$0.25 per page.
(19) Gambling permits - application and gambling investigative fee: \$50.
(20) Investigation/background fee: \$35.
(21) Kennel license (commercial): \$100 per year.
(22) Kennel license (residential): \$50 per year.
(23) Mowing abatement: per mowing contract.
(24) Noncompliance fee: \$25.
(25) Notary: \$5 per document.
(26) Pawnbroker/shop: \$1,500.
(27) Pawnshop investigation fee; initial application only, does not apply to renewal: \$1,500.
(28) Pawnshop transaction fee: \$1.30.
(29) Peddler license:
(a) Day: \$25.
(b) Month: \$75.
(c) Seasonal (six months or less): \$200.
(30) Peddler investigation fee: \$35.
(31) Peddler license and investigation fee - nonprofit: no charge.
(32) Retail fireworks permit - application fee: \$15.
(33) Retail fireworks permit - permit fee: \$25.
(34) Returned checks: \$30.
(35) Secondhand goods dealer: \$1,500.
(36) Secondhand goods dealer investigation fee; initial application only, not for renewals: \$1,500.
(37) Secondhand goods dealer, temporary: \$750.
(38) Secondhand goods dealer transaction fee: \$1.30.
(39) Small cell wireless.
(a) Annual fee per support structure/pole: \$150.
(b) Annual maintenance fee per support structure/pole: \$25.
(40) Small cell wireless facility electrical service fee.
(a) Per radio node less than or equal to 100 watts: \$73 annually.
(b) Per radio node over 100 max watts: \$182 annually; or actual cost of electricity annually, if costs exceed either of the preceding amounts.
(41) Small cell wireless/pole attachment permit fee: \$250 plus actual engineering costs if additional review is required.
(42) Special assessment fee; unpaid utility bills, code enforcement violations, etc.: \$30 per assessment.
(43) Special meeting request: \$500.
(44) Special vehicle permit: \$25.
(45) Staff time (not specified elsewhere): actual hourly wage multiplied by 145%.
F. Parks and Recreation.
(1) Bluebird Amphitheater.
(a) Full-day rental: \$350.
(b) Full-day rental - nonprofit: \$175.
(c) Half-day rental: \$150 (four hours or less).
(d) Half-day rental - nonprofit: \$75 (four hours or less).
(e) Refundable damage deposit: \$250.
(f) Speakers w/ tripod (two): \$25.
(g) Microphone: \$10.
(h) Podium: \$15.
(i) Damage cleaning fee: \$75 per hour.
(j) Stains/structural damage fee: \$75 per hour.
(k) Other damage fee: based on replacement cost.
(2) Printed copy of Comprehensive Park Plan: \$10.
(3) Community garden - ground plot (season fee): \$15.
(4) Community garden - raised bed (season fee): \$20.
(5) Park dedication fee (residential): \$1,800 per unit.
(6) Park dedication fee - multifamily with recreational amenities: up to 10% reduction of \$1,800 per-unit fee.
(7) Park dedication fee (all others): \$1,800 per commercial/industrial acre.
(8) Park shelter electric box deposit: \$50.
(9) Park shelter fee.

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

(a) Resident: no charge.
(b) Nonresident or business: \$10.
(c) Nonprofit: \$5.
(10) Special event cleanup deposit: \$100.
(11) Tennis court usage.
(a) Resident (individual).
[1] One court: no charge.
[2] Two courts: \$6/hour.
(b) Nonresident (individual).
[1] One court: \$6/hour.
[2] Two courts: \$12/hour.
(c) Group, league, business, industry: \$15/hour.
(d) Nonprofit.
[1] One court: \$3/hour.
[2] Two courts: \$6/hour.
(e) Per season single court only - rates determined on a case-by-case basis by the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council.
(12) Unity Park softball field usage.
(a) Resident: \$15 per day.
(b) Nonresident: \$25 per day.
(c) Nonprofit: \$7.50 per day.
Section 2- Effective Date.
This Ordinance takes effect upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Isanti.
Adopted by the City Council this 16th day of December 2025.

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Effective Date: December 25, 2025
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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Harris, Chisago County, Minnesota, will conduct a public hearing to accept public input and consider amending the City of Harris Fee Schedule. The hearing will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at approximately 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter at the Harris City Council Chambers, located at 43970 Ginger Ave, Harris Minnesota. The purpose of the public hearing is to accept input on the proposed fee schedule. Those not able to be present at this meeting should submit their opinions in writing to the Harris City Clerk, 43970 Ginger Ave, Harris MN, prior to the hearing.
Additional information is available from the city office during normal business hours. The public is invited to comment during the hearing or provide written comments at or prior to the hearing. All persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposal will be heard at this meeting.

The city council may vote to adopt the proposed ordinance after the public hearing on Monday January 12, 2026.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
December 18, 2025
Notice is hereby given the Isanti County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the County Board Room at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 to consider the following requests:
1. Organizational Meeting.
2. The request of Josiah & Rachel Tiegs, 6805 253rd Avenue NW, St. Francis, MN 55070 to present a preliminary plat of Tiegs Addition. Legal description is the E ½ of the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 15, Township 34, Range 25, Stanford Township.
3. The request of Joshua Rhoades, 31874 Zest Street NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 to present a preliminary plat of Rhoades Acres. Legal description is the W ½ of the SE ¼ Fct. Except: S 528' of W 412.5' of Section 2, Township 35, Range 23, Isanti Township.
4. The request of Reliable Land & Trust, PO Box 32, Cambridge, MN 55008 to present a preliminary plat of Stanford Meadows West. Legal description is the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 34, Range

24, Stanford Township.
5. The request of Thomas Wolcyn Trustee / Evergreen Acres, 4040 Highway 95 NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 for a conditional use permit for a rural tourism request to operate an event center for wedding venues and events. Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 Krona Estates of Section 30, Township 36, Range 24, Springvale Township.
Holly Nelson
Isanti County Deputy Zoning Administrator
“PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a quorum of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners may be in attendance at this meeting with one member of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners as the designated voting representative to the Isanti County Planning Commission. Any other members of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will be attending as members of the audience with no participation, membership, or voting rights at this meeting of the Isanti County Planning Commission.”
This further serves as notice that if the legal criteria are met for members to participate in the meeting by telephone or interactive technology, some members may do so.
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.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
December 18, 2025
Notice is hereby given the Isanti County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** In the County Board Room at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 to consider the following requests:
1. Organizational meeting.
2. The request of Reliable Land & Trust, PO Box 32, Cambridge, MN 55008 to vary the maximum length for a cul-de-desc in a proposed subdivision. Legal description is Pt of SW ¼ of Section 2, Township 34, Range 24, Stanford Township.
Holly Nelson
Isanti County Deputy Zoning Administrator
This further serves as notice that if the legal criteria are met for members to participate in the meeting by telephone or interactive technology, some members may do so.
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.
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CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF MEETING
The City of Cambridge Planning

Commission will hold a regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm** in the Council Chambers of Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, to discuss the following public hearing items and other items on the agenda.
1. **PUBLIC HEARING** – A request by Justin & Jessica Kluck, 523 Main St W, Cambridge, MN 55008; for a variance for driveway width and drainage & utility easement placement. The legal description is lengthy, including part of the Giles Block, Isanti County, Minnesota.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING** – A request by RIC Property Management Inc, 725 3rd Ave SE, Cambridge MN, 55008; for the Preliminary Plat Benk Retail Addition Phase 2. The existing legal description Outlot F, Benk Retail Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.
More information is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, including full legal descriptions. Cambridge Planning Commission Meetings are typically scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are open to the public.
Marcia Westover
Community Development Director
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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Dec. 7 - 20. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Vanessa Linette Werner (DOB 06/24/1978) of Cambridge, was charged Dec. 8 with Neglect or Endangerment of a Child/Neglect.
Joshua David Werner (DOB 09/04/1974) of Cambridge, was charged Dec. 8 with Neglect or Endangerment of a Child/Neglect.
Jorge Damian Peralta Medina (DOB 08/19/1980) of Debary, FL, was charged Dec. 10 with Theft-By Swindle.
Taylor Israel Balis (DOB 12/28/1994) of Braham, was charged Dec. 10 with two counts of Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.

Stephen Paul Volby (DOB 05/20/1975) of Long Lake, was charged Dec. 11 with Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent.
Sarah Ann Wagner (DOB 12/20/1983) of Brook Park, was charged with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.
Aaron Robert Wallin (DOB 02/23/1982) of Shoreview, was charged Dec. 12 with Financial Exploitation-Vulnerable Adult- Uses/Manages or Takes Property For Benefit of Someone Else.
Brooke Robin Johnson (DOB 02/12/1984) of Isanti, was charged Dec. 16 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State.
Christopher Paul Love (DOB 01/13/1986) of St. Paul, was charged Dec. 18 with Domestic Assault.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Dec. 7 - 20. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Jesse Alexander Meegan (DOB 02/19/1990) of Loretto, was charged Dec. 8 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
Lamontre Antoine Logan (DOB 05/04/1994) of Minneapolis, was charged Dec. 8 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation. On Dec. 11, he was charged with Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.
Michael Steven Johnson (DOB 05/31/1984) of Isanti, was charged Dec. 11 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.
Michael Thomas Rapponotti (DOB 09/25/1981) of North Branch, was charged Dec. 12 with Possess Ammo/ Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence.
Randolph Scott Romero (DOB 09/21/1968) of Grasston, was charged Dec. 18 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

CLASSIFIEDS & EMPLOYMENT

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Snow Maintenance

Plowing and shoveling free estimate call Jesse 320-372-0090

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Services

Alterations and clothing repairs, 25 years experience. 320-396-4152 Contact Rosemary. Braham

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Heating & Cooling

Central Boilers. Classic Edge Titanium HDX EPA certified OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. \$2,000 Tax Credit. Prices as low as \$230 per month! Call Rasmussen Construction Inc. 612-805-2362.

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Help Wanted

Press Publications is hiring an Administrative Assistant, for 2 days/week, 10 hours total. Send resume to ar@presspubs.com

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Child Care

Deb's Tiny Tots experience. Infant thru school ages. Certified CPR/First Aid. Braham. 763-333-4990.

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Farm Misc

23 acres of tillable farmland for lease North of Brook Park. Previously planted with alfalfa and soy beans. \$60/acre. Kyle 612-325-2527

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Firewood

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Rentals/ Residential

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City Administrator

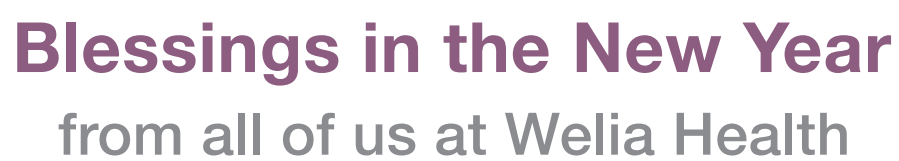
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