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**FEEL THE HEAT:** North Branch Midsummer Days creates warm memories for attendees. **PAGE 7**

## His 'pity party' over, ECE worker just happy to provide for his family

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Josh Knowles misses clapping. He also longs for the days when he could cut a steak and connect a garden hose.

But no mind. As Knowles says, "Necessity breeds ingenuity," and there are plenty of things he can accomplish in spite of losing most of his left arm following a work accident in March 2022.

One of those accomplishments — a minor feat for most people — is opening a bag of chips. He was able to make this happen through the use of the Metacarpal GEM, a fully articulated hand that offers better grip, control and confidence than previous devices.

### A BAD DAY

Knowles' amputation story starts as many do — with a normal day at work as an electric lineman at a Minnesota cooperative, a job he enjoyed.

"We're working in the substation, and I'm cleaning connections, and I'm up on a ladder, which is common," he said. "I find a loose connection, and ... I clean it, and put it back together. I move over to the next phase because everything went just fine and I'm cleaning, and the next thing I know, I reach over and my arm is warm, and it has kind of an orange glow to it. I'm like, 'Oh, that's weird.'"

"And then it clicks with me: Oh no, I'm taking a contact."

Knowles could feel the contraction and release, "like you put your arm in a bucket full of snakes." He realized what he was feeling was "the frequency, the hertz, the alternating current going on and off."

Knowing he could do nothing, he fell backwards, just missing a concrete post and a pillar on his way to the snowy ground. A co-worker, who had not witnessed the accident, asked Knowles if he was OK.

"I was like, 'Yeah, you got to call a mayday,'" Knowles said. In

lineman parlance, a "mayday" is a universally recognized radio distress signal declaring an immediate, life-threatening emergency. It is primarily used when a worker suffers severe injuries, is trapped, or is exposed to dangerous conditions (like a live wire or arch flash) and requires immediate rescue or medical assistance, according to Cooperative.com.

While his coworker was calling the mayday, Knowles said, the pain wasn't so bad — at first.

"But then the adrenaline wears off, and it's the worst pain you've ever felt in your life," he said.

Knowles, who lives in Mora with his wife Julie, a staff member at Emmanuel Baptist Church, remembers lying in the snow with an arm swollen someone had to cut off his sweater.

"And I use more language than I ever did in my entire life, waiting

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Josh Knowles opens a bag of Cheetos using a prosthetic hand. After losing most of his left arm in a 2022 work accident, Knowles has regained the ability to perform many everyday tasks, including opening snack bags.



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### Meet the new ambassadors

Mariah Kendall, Emma Ramacher, and Abbie Govednik will be representing the city of Cambridge at events across the state, along with local events, after being crowned 2026 Cambridge Ambassadors during the annual program held at the CIHS Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 20.

## Isanti County Attorney's Office needs new laptops

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In the post-COVID era of jurisprudence, modern technology has taken over. Today, a vast majority of court proceedings, including some trials, are being held remotely via Zoom. But with that comes modern technology glitches that threatens to hinder or even halt the justice system.

Just ask the Isanti County Attorney's Office. Over the course of 2026, attorneys have experienced being frequently dropped from zoom meetings, much to the disdain of the attorneys and judges.

"It's been very frustrating for staff," Halee Turner of the Isanti County Attorney's Office said. "Lately, it's becoming a daily interruption. It's upsetting the court and upsetting the judges."

"It's very frustrating on staff when they get kicked out of a Zoom meeting, and they go running

down the hall to try and get on somebody else's laptop, and then that laptop also kicks them out. We could write a book about this, but it would be a very sad book."

She said it isn't a remote problem with one or two of their computers, as the problem is happening with all nine of their Lenovo laptops. She said all nine were purchased together roughly six years ago during COVID. She added other departments also purchased similar computers during that same time; however, the issues only seem to be with the zoom software.

"For standard usage, if you are checking emails, you're doing things on your own software, its not that apparent there's problems," she said.

"We have been working with not only our internal IT department, but with Lenovo's warranty department," Turner said. "We've

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# PITY PARTY OVER: Metacarpal GEM prosthesis allows Knowles control of arm

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for the EMTs to get there, and I'm begging them for painkillers and such," he said. "They get me into the ambulance, and they give me enough fentanyl to put somebody out for eight hours, and it does nothing."

He was then given ketamine, used for pain relief and sedation. It knocked him out for two days.

By the time he awoke at Hennepin County Medical Center, doctors know they will have to amputate his left arm.

"What electricity does is it takes the most salty path, which is usually around your nerves," Knowles said. "It went through my hand and then it went out my elbow mostly. So that's where the most damage was."

"And it doesn't kill everything on the way. But if you've ever watched a campfire, not the whole log burns through the fire, it takes different routes."

Knowles can't say enough about the "wonderful burn unit" at HCMC, where he chose to stay because of its hyperbaric chamber. According to the Mayo Clinic, hyperbaric oxygen therapy "increases delivery of oxygen to the body by providing pure oxygen in an enclosed space with higher than normal air pressure." This will then accelerate healing.

"I was in there for 34 days," he said. "That was my recovery time, and the entire time I had to look at the US Bank

Stadium. I'm *never* going to that stadium. I don't care. I really don't. My room was right in line with the big TV that was out front, and at the time, it didn't work, and it was just white shining through my windows."

After the 34 days he returned home, a situation he calls "surreal."

"I had adjusted to living in a hospital," he said. "But my kids were good. I had huge support from church, family, and friends. So that was good."

What wasn't good was his recovery. He ended up with a bone infection that required surgery. Then another surgery. Then another.

"After the 12th one, you just quit counting," he said. "I wanted to get back to work in September, but it didn't pan out that way."

His previous employer no longer had a role for him and he found work with a new electric cooperative, East Central Energy in Brahm, where he works in the warehouse.

While in the hospital, Knowles was visited by Dr. Yakov Gradinar, who came to discuss prosthetics with him. Gradinar, a Ukrainian-American, is the chief medical officer of the Protez Foundation, based in Oakdale, which provided hundreds of Ukrainian soldiers and civilians prosthetics.

Gradinar discussed options for lower arm prosthetics. That include the traditional hook-shaped arm, which he was fitted with while still in the hospital.

"I still hadn't fully healed, but the

faster you can get somebody into a prosthetic, the more adaptable they can be and the less atrophy from muscles that you're going to handle," Knowles said.

Although fitted with a hook, Knowles explored other types of prosthetics at Limb Lab in downtown Minneapolis, where an expo was being held. He had briefly tried a myoelectric prosthesis, an advanced artificial device powered by electric motors. According to Limb Lab, myoelectric devices use microprocessors to read the electrical impulses or EMG signals from your muscles to allow the user to control the wrist or hand.

While at the expo, though, he learned about Metacarpal Prosthetics.

"I was looking at the (Metacarpal GEM), and I was really fascinated," Knowles said. "Since I was working here at ECE the time, I was like, that looks real easy, real basic."

The Metacarpal GEM prosthesis allows Knowles to control the arm.

"This is body-powered by my shoulder, much like the hooks are, so I can command it," he said. "I can apply the strength on pinching so I know how much pressure I'm holding on it instead of relying on sight and guesswork."

He added that walking around with a hand, rather than a hook "makes me feel a little bit more human." Children, for example, approach him and ask him questions, which he doesn't mind since they usually ask how the hand works, as opposed to adults, who ask how he

lost his arm.

Being able to use his prosthetic like a regular hand had advantages beyond just opening a bag of chips. He can peel potatoes and he can cut tomatoes without crushing them. The hand also had fingernails, so he's able to scratch an itch.

For those things he can't do, he jokes, "That's why I've got the kids." He and Julie have three: Mackenzie, 15; Benjamin, 12; and Sena, 9. Mackenzie designed the artwork on his sleeve.

He has had people tell him he is an inspiration, which he doesn't agree with.

"I'm just happy to be back working, happy to be providing for my family," he said.

Knowles said he had his own "pity party" when he was in the hospital, one that abated when he saw a little red Radio Flyer wagon on his floor, used by children who, like him, ended up in the burn unit.

He often considers a scene from "Scent of a Woman," a film in which Al Pacino played a blind war veteran.

"In one of his speeches, he explains how he was in war and he saw men without limbs," Knowles said. "But the worst thing to see is an amputated spirit. There is no prosthetic for that."

"So to keep your head above water and to be able to choose the right thing to do, that was inspirational to me."

## Be extra cautious this Fourth of July, let the experts handle the fireworks

This Fourth of July, Minnesota physicians are once again urging their fellow Minnesotans to leave the fireworks up to the professionals.

"Every summer we hear of too many sad stories about people getting injured by fireworks," said MMA President Lisa Mattson, MD. "Last July, a 13-year-old Minnesotan in Mahnommen County died from a fireworks accident. So, please stay away from firecrackers, bottle rockets, Roman candles, sparklers, and all of those dan-

gerous items. It's better to be safe, than sorry."

According to the latest statistics (2024) from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), hands and fingers were the most often injured body parts (36%), followed by head, face, and ears (22%). In 2024, there were 11 reported fireworks-related deaths, which is a 38% increase over 2023. Overall, 14,700 people were treated in emergency rooms for fireworks injuries in 2024, and 1,700 of those involved the seemingly harmless

sparklers.

According to the CPSC, adults ages 25 to 44 made up the largest share of victims (32%), followed by people ages 15 to 24 (24%).

"Lighting off fireworks is a time-honored tradition in our country, but it's a dangerous one," Mattson said. "They can result in severe burns, blindness, scars, and even death. Please leave them to the professionals who can take all the necessary safety precautions."

- Minnesota Medical Association

## Green Thumb

Lawn & Garden Guide



### BUILDING A RAIN GARDEN

The benefits of rain gardens

Whether you live in the city or along a lake or river, managing stormwater runoff is important.

Rooftops, roads, driveways and sidewalks are hard surfaces that prevent rainwater and melting snow from reaching the soil and soaking into the ground. These hard surfaces also collect nutrient-rich yard and pet waste, oil and radiator fluid from autos, and other debris and pollutants..

### RUNOFF

- Washes debris and pollutants away, often directly into lakes, rivers and wetlands.
  - Erodes soil and carries it into our surface waters.
  - Can affect aquatic life if warm runoff enters lakes and rivers directly.
- In summer, runoff is often warmed as it flows over hard surfaces.

### RAIN GARDENS

- Collect stormwater runoff and prevent it from flowing directly into lakes, rivers and wetlands.
- Allow runoff to soak into the soil so sediments settle and plants absorb nutrients.
- Filter out pollutants from water before entering the groundwater.
- Prevent erosion by holding soil in place with their deep roots.
- Attract birds and butterflies.
- Require little watering and maintenance once established.

### DESIGN AND PLACEMENT

Rain garden designs can be simple or elaborate, depending on your gardening interest and experience. Before you start digging, it's best to sketch a design. You'll need to consider:

Location of the garden. Size you need. Shape you want. Type of soil you have. Plants you'd like to include. How much runoff you typically have. You may need more than one rain garden to accommodate the runoff.

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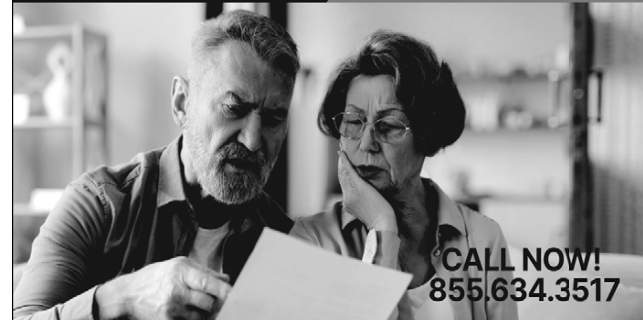


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from the

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in observance  
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Holiday

## 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

3 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For



FACEBOOK

Big Shots (Tribute to Billy Joel) perform June 26 at Cambridge Concerts in the Park from 5 to 7 p.m.

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 McKenna Dold 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.

### 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

### 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 bowling with We R Able

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.

## JUNE 26

### New Pathway's Open House

Noon - 4 p.m. New Pathways will host an open house for the community to tour their new facility. Lunch provided until it's gone.

### Cambridge Concerts in the Park

Big Shots (Tribute to Billy Joel) 5 to 7 p.m. at Cambridge City Park, 810 2nd Ave SW; the bad-weather backup location is the City Center Mall at 140 Buchanan St N.

## JUNE 28

### The Garms Family Gospel Concert

6 p.m. at North Isanti Baptist Church, 2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge. No charge, but freewill offering taken. Refreshments served.

For info call 763-689-3576.

### With one voice for Isanti County

Area worship leaders will lead praise and prayer from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bluebird Park Amphitheater, 201 Isanti Parkway NW, Isanti. Bring a blanket or chair.

## JUNE 30

### North Branch Summer Concert Series

Hailey Dance Studio and Hmong Folk Dance performers take the stage at 7 p.m. in Central Park. Food trucks at 6 p.m. and story time at 6:45 p.m.

## 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.

# Braham Catholic Church saved from merger

BY HOPE MURRAY  
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Parishioners at Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Braham know what it's like to have their prayers answered.

Instead of closing down and asking parishioners to merge with Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge, as was determined by the Diocese of St. Cloud earlier this year, the church is getting a dispensation of sorts.

In a letter to Father Peter VanderWeyst on Tuesday, Bishop Patrick Neary said that the Diocese would be making an emendation, or correction, to the merger decree Anno Domini; in this context the merger decree refers to an official, canonical document issued

by a Catholic bishop or diocese to consolidate multiple parishes into one decree Anno Domini.

Bishop Neary indicated that the Diocese had received a number of petitions for the revocation of the earlier decree.

"While the petitions differ in motivations and particular requests, the majority substantially call for the revocation or emendation of the decree insofar as it applies to the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in Braham," the bishop wrote.

"Among the many petitions, the contribution by Ms. Jessica Anlauf which presented ample primary and secondary proofs, demonstrating that Sts. Peter and Paul in Braham was explicitly established in 1984 without any intention that it have a proper resident pastor," he continued. "I had made my decree with the

presumption that any parish established after 1983 would conform to fundamental structure established in c. 515 §1 CIC83 and subsequent canons.

"Ms. Anlauf's finding overturns this presumption and connected motivations in the aforementioned decree."

He concluded by saying the church would continue to operate as it always had done.

The Diocese of St. Cloud in April announced its plan for the restructuring of its parishes across central Minnesota. That plan would have reduced the number of parishes from 131 to 48. The Diocese indicated that declines in church populations and the number of priests were major factors in the decision.

## Funding options for new highway department facility probably won't be well-received

Last week, the Isanti County Commissioners revealed what might be the alternative method of funding the construction of a new highway department facility. And I must say, at first glance, I have mixed feelings about it. I 100% agree with the commissioners that a new highway department facility is needed. As I mentioned in this space before, after taking a tour of the current facility, it is painfully obvious that a new facility is needed. And quite frankly, a small local sales tax increase would have been the best funding method. At the same time, though, even if the State Legislature had allowed the county to hold a referendum vote, I believe the chances of that referendum being voter-approved were very thin. So, the county would have had to have this conversation eventually.

In brief, for those who didn't read my story in the June 18 edition, the county is looking at four or five different funding sources: a wheelage tax increase, expiring debt service levy, reallocate existing road and bridge capital funding to facility debt service, property tax levy commitment, and proceeds from the sale of existing property.

While none of these options are ideal — especially as a sole funding source — they each have a different level of acceptance in my book. Obviously, the property tax levy increase is by far the least wanted option by everyone, including the commissioners themselves. If it can be held to somewhere around a 1% increase, that wouldn't be terrible. However, as the commissioners heard earlier in that same meeting, 2027 is going to be a very difficult year to continue their trend of minimal-to-no levy increase, even without adding this to it.

The item I have the second-most problem with, though, is the wheelage tax. Each county in Minnesota has the authority to add a flat amount to your vehicle license plate tab renewals. Currently, Isanti County imposes a \$10 fee, which goes towards maintaining county roads. At the July 7 meeting, the commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding increasing that tax by \$10.

The argument for going with a wheelage tax is everybody who owns a vehicle will contribute to paying for the new facility, and not just property owners. That also means people with vehicles — who obviously use county roads — should be the ones helping to pay for their upkeep.

This may be true, but it also isn't a uniform way to pay for the new facility. Many families have multiple vehicles, which means they will be paying more than a single-vehicle family, even if the total number of family members may be the same. Additionally, the wheelage tax isn't value-dependent. A person who can only afford a \$5,000 car winds up paying the same as someone who owns a \$50,000 car.

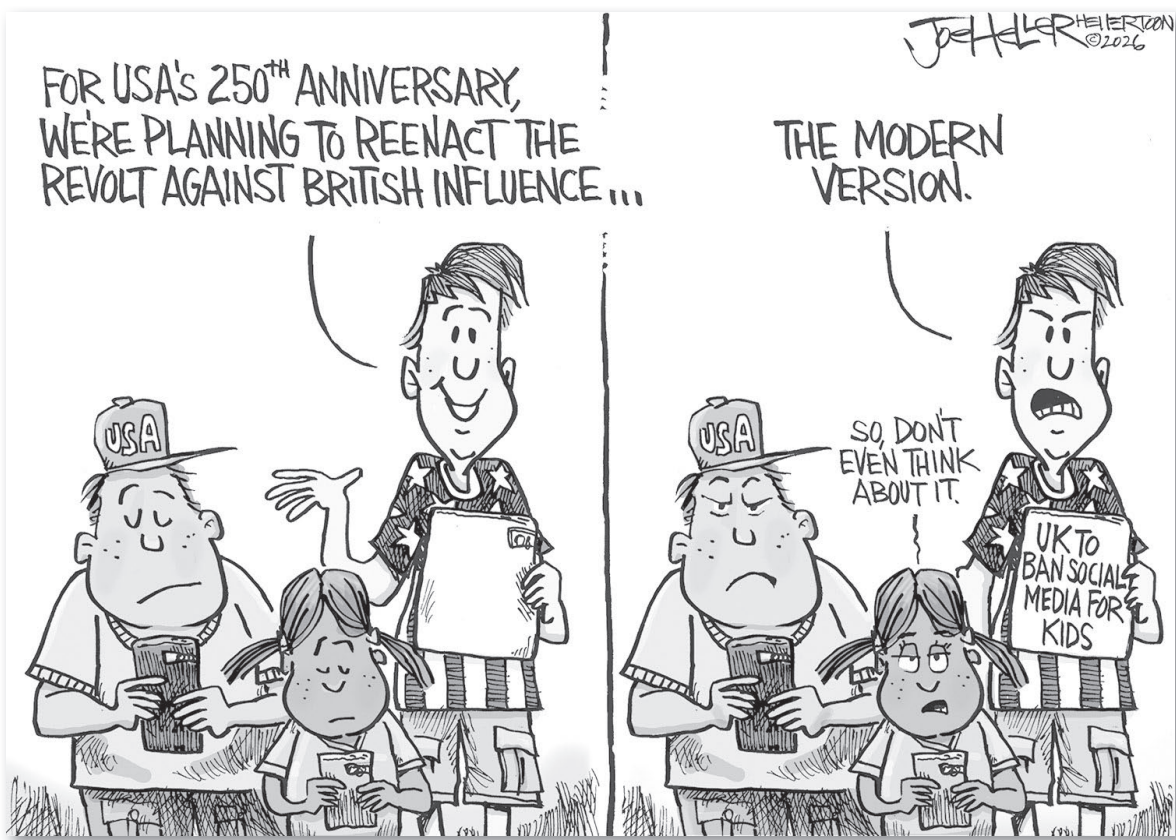
I trust Finance Director Chad Struss has scoured for any sort of better funding solutions. And I will admit I don't have any better ideas. However, especially considering how much the state's tab fees are and how much attention that has been given this past legislative session, I feel the county adding to that amount will not be a very popular decision.

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**Worth a Thousand Words**

Bill Stickels III



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thanks for another successful 'Taste'

**To the editor,**  
The Rotary Club of Cambridge and Isanti would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's Taste on April 9, either through sponsoring, being a food vendor, donating an item for the silent auction, and/or attending this event. There were over 330 who participated this year. Over

\$33,000 was made!  
Our Rotary Club contributes in several ways to our local communities. To name a few, we help cleanup area parks and fund projects like the bathrooms at Cambridge City Park; provide scholarships to local students; host/sponsor foreign exchange students both inbound and outbound; volunteer our time and resources to better our communities like the recent project we did at the

Cambridge Library.  
For more information on our Rotary Club, visit our web page at Rotary Club Cambridge-Isanti or you can email our Club at CambridgeIsantiRotary@gmail.com.  
Again, we thank you for helping us serve this community!  
**Lynnette Brambrink**  
Rotary Club of Cambridge-Isanti

## Staying safe around aggressive drivers



**Ask A Trooper**  
Jesse Grabow

**Question:** I have a new driver in my house. What advice should I give them when encountering a road rage type situation?

**Answer:** Stay safe if you encounter an aggressive driver. You can only control what you do and how you respond.

- Get out of their way.
- Stay calm – safely reaching your destination is your goal.
- Do not challenge them.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Ignore their gestures and don't

return them.

- Report aggressive driving by providing vehicle description, license plate number and location.

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# Godfrey running for Cambridge Mayor re-election

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I'm Jim Godfrey. As Mayor, I focus on our citizens and our future while safeguarding those qualities which make Cambridge a great place to raise a family. Fortunately, I work with great people. Our track record proves that a forward-looking vision delivers real results for Cambridge.



Jim Godfrey

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- Welcoming a new Veterans Administration clinic, Chipotle, and other

small businesses under construction. Collaborated with local stakeholders, state legislators, and Congress to faithfully upgrade our trails, parks, library, and water treatment systems. Developing the Highway 95 Corridor of Commerce to anchor regional growth, and improving infrastructure to ensure storm waters stop flooding our downtown.

•Attracted new businesses as well as re-investment in current businesses that meet the needs of our community. Maintaining Cambridge as a premier incubator for entrepreneurs to launch and expand their dreams. Working to draw destination retailers like Costco, Sam's Club, Scheels, or Cabela's to join our successful environment.

•Maintained and improved our City Parks while creating more activities for our families and children. Working to build a new regional public park including a lakeside beach attraction.

Every citizen in Cambridge deserves a city defined by livability, stability, fairness, integrity, and thoughtful optimism. By nurturing an environment rich with economic development, decent jobs, and safe streets, we will firmly establish Cambridge as Minnesota's Opportunity Community. I would be honored to continue the great work we have started and to earn your vote for Mayor of Cambridge.

# Fischer running for Isanti County District 5 Commissioner

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My name is Joseph Fischer, and I'm running for Isanti County District 5 Commissioner. I'm 38 years old and have spent most of my life in Isanti



Joseph Fischer

County. While I've lived and traveled abroad, this has always been home. I'm a county kid at heart, spending summer days at the lake, evenings around campfire with family and friends. That sense of community and quality of life is

worth protecting as our county continues to grow.

I come from a hardworking, trade-oriented family. My grandfather was a plumber who taught us the value of skilled trades. One of my early jobs was working with my uncle in plumbing. My first paycheck came from milking cows at Haudenschild Farms in Wyant Township. I also worked at Pizza Pub.

Professionally, I have more than 15 years experience in information technology including managing

project budgets exceeding \$2 million. I hold an Associate degree in Systems Administration from Anoka-Ramsey Community College and am currently working toward a master's in cyber operations at Metro State. I also served as a volunteer Reserve Deputy with the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, which deepened my commitment to public service.

Isanti County is one of the fastest-growing counties in Minnesota, and our zoning and building compliance departments haven't kept pace. I support modernizing our zoning ordinances to make room for Accessory Dwelling Units, tiny homes, and other housing options, and creating a zoning subcommittee, so residents have a fair path to resolve disputes.

I believe in fiscal responsibility for stabilizing the county budget, exploring a cabin tax for out-of-county property owners, and ensuring property reassessments stay reasonable. I want to open county government with internship opportunities for students, and bring a practical, forward-thinking approach to planning for our county's next decade of growth.

To learn more, visit JosephFischer. Vote for videos on the issues and ways to reach me.

# Shogren seeks Cambridge council re-election

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I'm Robert (Bob) Shogren, and I currently serve on the Cambridge City Council. I've been married to Shannon for 27 years. We have four children



Bob Shogren

and four grandchildren...and a cat. We've been in Cambridge since 2001. That same year, I was appointed to the city council to serve the remainder of an open seat. Since then, I've served a total of 19 years on the council: 12 on/6 off/7 on. I've also served on the boards of the Economic Development Authority, County Parks, and Community Education.

Because of my many years of experience on council, I'm comfortable in this position of leadership and have a seasoned understanding of a city's proper role in local government. City residents are always my top priority when I vote on city issues. The areas where I feel the city should focus most of its governing power are economic development, public works, public safety, the library, and parks.

As your city councilman, I am committed to supporting residents of the city without undue influence from outside entities but willing to work with anyone providing needed services. I would like to continue to lead Cambridge toward a better and brighter future, so I'm asking you to re-elect me for city council in both the primary and general elections this year.

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# Szlavich running for Cambridge council

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It is no accident that my husband, Les, and I found our forever home here in Cambridge. Married for 35 years, our family's journey is deeply



Ronda Szlavich

rooted in the foundational principles of freedom. This journey started when my husband's family arrived here in Minnesota after escaping communism in Hungary. This heritage taught us never to take communi-

ty, safety, and individual liberty for granted.

Today, we are blessed with nine children and many wonderful grandchildren. And a total investment in the future of our beautiful city. I want to ensure Cambridge remains safe, welcoming, and prosperous for your family and mine for generations to

come. I firmly believe that all Cambridge residents deserve to have their voices heard. I am running as a common-sense, listening representative for you. I have no personal agenda.

My focus is entirely on serving you through three main pillars:

•Advocating for open, transparent communication so that your ideas, questions, and concerns directly shape city policy before the council makes final decisions.

•Working tirelessly to reduce double-digit tax levy increases to help families and seniors on fixed incomes continue to live comfortably in our community.

•Preserving our tight-knit, small-town character and unique local identity as we navigate growth.

As your representative, I will bring practical solutions, fiscal responsibility, and a deep respect for our shared values to the city council. I look forward to meeting you on the campaign trail, listening to your story, and earning your vote.

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# Bluejacket track and field earns All-American awards

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Coming off their state Class AAA team title, representatives of the Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket boys track and field team are now adding All-American honors to their resume.

Representatives of the Bluejackets were invited to compete in the Nike Outdoor Nationals at Hayward Field on the campus of the University of Oregon. There, they earned All-American status in three events — the 1600 sprint medley relay (the distance of the legs are 200 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, and 800 meters), the 4x100 relay, and pole vault.

The sprint medley relay team was comprised of Jackson Ziebarth, Cole Arneson, Brody Estrada, and Hunter Jacobson. They wound up taking second place by two seconds behind the first place team from Lincoln, South Dakota.

Next came the lone individual placing as Calvin Piescher topped his personal best height by clearing 16 feet, 6.5 inches, which was good enough for 7th place.

The final honor came via an incredible 4x100 relay race where the Bluejackets came within a heartbeat of winning the national title. The team of Simeon Porta, Knox Andrus, Anders Lillemo, and Jackson Ziebarth finished in second place by a mere two-hundredths (.02) of a second.

Ziebarth barely missed out on advancing to the finals in the 100 meter dash, missing out by a mere one-hundredth (.01) of a second. Also proudly representing CIHS were Wesley Kennedy, who finished 29th out of 45 competitors in the pole vault; and the lone Bluejacket girls representative, freshman Ashley Husbyn, who finished 41st in the freshman 400 meter race.



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The Cambridge-Isanti 4x100 relay team receives their second-place medals at the Nike Outdoor Nationals held in Eugene, Oregon.

## Check for invasive species before buying or selling docks, lifts, boats or other water equipment

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds people to check boats and trailers, docks and boat lifts, and all other water-related equipment for aquatic invasive species, especially when buying or selling used equipment.

“Although we are past the initial spring shoreline equipment installation rush, the mid-season market for used equipment presents a much higher risk of spreading AIS,” DNR Invasive Species Training Coordinator April Rust said. “This is because used docks, lifts, boats, trailers and swim rafts moved mid-season can carry attached AIS to waters that don’t have zebra mussels or other invasive species.”

Minnesota law requires that docks and lifts remain out of the water for at least 21 days before they can be placed into another waterbody. In addition, anyone who transports a dock or lift with attached zebra mussels from a shoreline property to another location for decontamination needs a free permit ([mndnr.gov/invasives/ais\\_transport.html](http://mndnr.gov/invasives/ais_transport.html)) to transport it legally.

The DNR recommends these steps:

Look for zebra mussels on the posts, footings, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that might have been submerged in water for an extended period. Ensure water is drained from equipment before transporting.

Hire DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses ([apps.dnr.state.mn.us/ais\\_business\\_training/lake\\_service\\_provider\\_permits/public\\_website\\_list](http://apps.dnr.state.mn.us/ais_business_training/lake_service_provider_permits/public_website_list)) to install and remove docks, lifts, rafts, boats and other water-related equipment. They have been trained on Minnesota’s aquatic invasive species laws and have experience identifying and removing invasive species.

Contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist ([mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html](http://mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html)) to report any invasive species not already known to be in the water body.

Whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minnesota law requires people to:

Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove

aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.

Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during transport.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minnesota waters.

Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one water body to another.

These additional steps reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:

Decontaminate watercraft and equipment – find free stations on the courtesy decontamination page of the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/decon](http://mndnr.gov/decon)).

Spray watercraft and equipment with high-pressure water or rinse with water if high-pressure water is not available.

Dry watercraft and equipment for at least five days before using in another water body.

More information is available on the aquatic invasive species page of the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/ais](http://mndnr.gov/ais)).

- Mn DNR

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# North Branch Midsummer Days shines with attendees



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A young girl is split between covering her ears due to the loud sirens and the anticipation of getting candy thrown from the passing by parade entries.



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A young girl waves as she passes by while riding one of the carnival rides in Central Park.



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The combination of playing in the foam pit and then washing the suds off by running through the fire hose sprinkler was a very popular feature with the kids on Saturday.



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Captain America gives a "damsel in distress" a ride during the Kiddie Parade.



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Riders of the Northwest Saddle Club make their way along the parade route.



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Riders get a thrill from one of the carnival rides.



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Hadley Hutchings and Declan Johnson were the honorary Queen and King of the Kiddie Parade.



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North Branch Youth Hockey Association players rollerblade along the parade route.

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## OBITUARIES

### Janet Elizabeth Anderson

Janet Elizabeth (Sherohman) Anderson, 73, of Cambridge, Minnesota, formerly of Columbia Heights and St. Francis, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Janet was born on May 29, 1953, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Thomas and Patricia (Andrews) Sherohman. She grew up in Columbia Heights, where she attended school and built many lifelong friendships. Following high school, Janet married and became the proud mother of two children, Will and Sarah.

Throughout her life, Janet lived in several communities throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. She dedicated 30 years of service to Hennepin County Medical Center before retiring. Janet made her home in St. Francis from 1991 until 2021, when she moved to Cambridge. She quickly embraced her new community, and cherished the many friendships she formed there.

Janet had a deep love for gardening, and was an active member of the Cambridge Community Garden. She delighted in sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with others, encouraging many to discover the joys of gardening for themselves. Janet was also an excellent cook who found great pleasure in preparing meals for family and friends. In addition, she was a lifelong fan of the Beatles, was a highly accomplished dart player, and proudly held the title of Minnesota State Women's Singles Dart Champion 10 times.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Patricia (Andrews) Sherohman, and her brother, Thomas Sherohman.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, Will Anderson (Christine Sunnarborg) of North Branch, and Sarah Anderson (Jacob Joachim) of Grantsburg, Wisconsin; her grandchildren, Bunny Anderson of Isanti, Zachary Joachim (Holly Johnson) of Ham Lake, and Max Anderson of Duluth; and her great-grandchildren, Timothy and Corrine.

Janet is also survived by her siblings, James (Jackie) Sherohman of Minneapolis, Patricia Welch of Wyoming, Susan Waters of Canada, Joseph Sherohman of Osseo, Robert (Michelle) Sherohman of Anoka, Kathleen Sherohman of Columbia Heights, and Gerard Sherohman of Minneapolis, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Celebration of Life Gathering 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 28, 2026 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com)



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### Players help fight hunger

Members of the North Branch football team presented a \$1,000 donation from the North Branch Quarterback Club to Donna Setter, coordinator of the Vikings Vittles program. The donation will help support the organization's efforts to provide food assistance to more than 150 children and families each week through school-year backpack programs, summer food distribution and school-based Care Closets serving students throughout the North Branch School District.



### Gayle Charlotte Green

Gayle Charlotte Green, age 86, of Milaca, Mn, formerly of Cambridge, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by her family and friends at her home on June 22, 2026.

She was born on July 14, 1939. Her parents were Arden and Edna Thomassen and they lived in Northeast Minneapolis.

Gayle graduated from Edison High School in 1957. Shortly after graduation, she met the love of her life, Gary Green. They were married on June 28, 1958. They were married for 67 years before Gary passed away on September 28, 2025. She worked at the Cambridge Elementary School from 1972 until 1978. Gayle loved to garden and bowl. She especially loved nature and wild animals that she viewed on her property.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gary, granddaughter Kaija Green; grandson, Charlie Hanson and her brother Arden Thomassen.

She is survived by her children Allan (Denise) Green, Brian (Vikki) Green and Lynn (Ed) Hanson; grandchildren Nick (Heidi) Green, Andy (Kady) Green, Ben (Nichole) Green, Emily (Rick) Weeks, Courtney Hanson and Heather Hanson; great-grandchildren Carson, Gavin, Wyatt, Sawyer, Dawson, Shiloh, Makayla & Kennidee Green; Keegan Coralyn, Rikson, Lexi, Emily, Aryan & Carmella Weeks; Piper, Leighton, Tucker, Tate & Lawson Connor; Laken Peterfeso.

Also survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral Service 11 a.m. Friday June 26, 2026 at Cambridge Lutheran Church 621 Old North Main St. Cambridge, MN

Visitation 1 hour prior to services at the church on Friday

Interment at Cambridge Lutheran Cemetery Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home 763-689-2244

Online condolences can be shared at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com)

## STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

### Student Achievement Lists

**Jozie Terry**, of Isanti; **Alyssa Dean**, **Emma Scott** and **Lindsey Weidendorf**, of North Branch; and **Owen Anderson** and **Kirsten Ziesmer**, of Rush City (Dean's) from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Hailey Bistodeau**, of North Branch (Dean's) from Buena Vista University.

**Ayla Anderson** of Stanchfield (Dean's) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Angela Bunnell** and **Grace Gabler**, of Cambridge; and **Abigail Bier**, of North Branch (President's) from Bemidji State University.

**Jade Fauver**, of Cambridge; **Cierra Karels** and **Kayleigh Tobias**, of Isanti; and **Josie Parrucci**, of North Branch (Dean's) from Bemidji State University.

**Benjamin Freitag**, of Isanti (President's) from Minnesota State College Southeast.

**Alexandra Lindman**, of Isanti (Honor Roll) from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

**Trevor Hauptert**, **Audrey Herbst** and **Grace Weibel**, of Cambridge; and **Carson Langevin** and **Camden Rafferty**, of North Branch (Dean's) from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

**Danielle Page**, of Cambridge (Dean's) from

University of Maryland Global Campus.

**Eli Meltzer** and **Noah Meltzer**, of Cambridge (Dean's) from Utah Tech University.

**Heidi Hedberg**, of North Branch, received the Bison Merit Award from North Dakota State University.

Lucienne Bina of Cambridge, and Jack Baker of North Branch (Dean's) from St. Olaf College.

**Derrian Dick**, of North Branch; **Charles Zabinski** and **Harley Anne Spano-Shively**, of Isanti; **Jacob Meyer**, **Anthony Espitia-Gregorio**, **Hunter Curtis**, **Anna Katelyn Cain** and **Eli Schurbon**, of Cambridge;

and **Sara Kathryn Platz** and **Beau Oliver Hudoba**, of Braham (Dean's) from North Dakota State University.

### Degrees

**Hailey Bistodeau** (Bachelor of Science, Computer Science - Information Technology Track), Cum Laude, of North Branch, from Buena Vista University.

**Greta Rundquist** (Bachelor of Arts, Biology), of Rush City, from St. Olaf College.

### Scholarship

**Heidi Hedberg**, of North Branch, received the Wayne and Dorothy Gustafson Scholarship and the Prakash and Sandy Mathew Scholarship from North Dakota State University.

### Bruce Nelson

Bruce Nelson, formerly of Pine City, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Society in Maplewood, Minnesota.

Bruce Elvon Nelson was born on February 2, 1947, to Marvin and Lucinda (Long) Nelson in Kalispell, Montana, where his grandfather operated a logging business. While he was young, his family moved to San Jose, California, and later to Pine City, where he attended Pine City Schools. He graduated from Pine City High School in 1965.

At age 20, Bruce married his college classmate, Donna Mae Lewis, on September 2, 1967. They shared 48 years of marriage and deep companionship until Donna's death in 2015.

Bruce was deeply involved in his community and was a longtime member of the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Lions, and many charitable organizations. He also developed an interest in politics and ran for state office twice.

Known for his friendly nature, Bruce was a devoted husband, father, uncle, and friend to many. It was hard to go anywhere with him without stopping to visit someone.

Bruce is survived by his son, Bruce "Jr" Nelson of St. Paul; daughter, Sheila Nelson of Pine City; nephew, Jason (Piper) Sauter of Pine City; nieces, Amanda Root of Hinckley, Abby (John) Williams of Pine City; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marvin and Lucinda Nelson; his loving wife, Donna Nelson; sister, Bette Root; nephew, Justin Root.

Pastors Tim Adams & Bruce Thompson will officiate at services for Bruce: 5 p.m.; Friday, June 26 at Journey North Church with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Funeral arrangements for Bruce Nelson are entrusted to the: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City, Swanson Chapel

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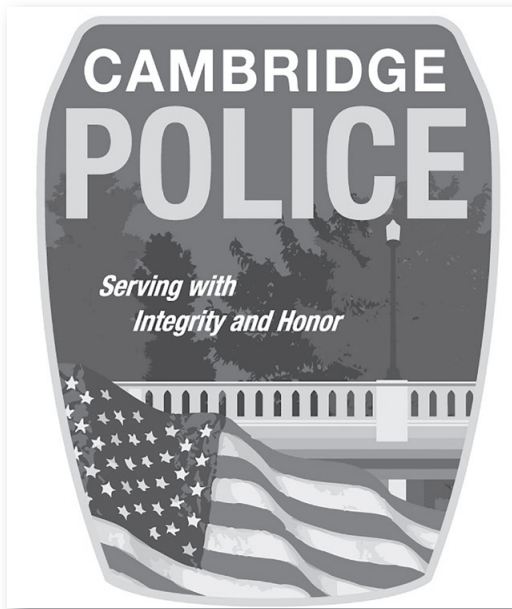
# Cambridge Neighborhood Watch informational meeting scheduled

**STAFF REPORT**  
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The Cambridge Police Department is looking at setting up Neighborhood Watches throughout the city. As part of the program's kickoff, Officers Kevin Gross and Dan Owl will be hosting an informational meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 25 in the Cambridge City Hall council chambers.

At the meeting, homeowners, renters, business owners, or any other community members can learn about how Neighborhood Watch works, crime prevention and neighborhood safety, building stronger community connections, opportunities to get involved, and the next steps for creating local Neighborhood Watch groups.

Additional details and questions can be directed to Officers Gross and Owl or Chief Shawn Machin at the Cambridge Police Department at 763-689-9567.



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**Baptist**

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

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

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

**Catholic**

**Christ the King**  
305 Fern Street N  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
763-689-1221  
Friday 8:30am  
Saturday 4pm  
email brigitte@isantiacc.org  
Website: isantiacc.org

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.  
763-444-4035  
Email: brigitte@isantiacc.org  
Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am.  
Sun. 8:30am.  
isantiacc.org

**Evangelical Covenant**

**Karmel Covenant Church**  
5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN  
763-389-3169  
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis  
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson

Sunday School for All Ages (school year only): 9-10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Programming (school year only):  
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.

**Evangelical Free**

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

**Kost Evangelical Free Church**  
37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72  
651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org  
Pastor Josh Jensen  
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School  
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm  
Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.

**Oxlip Evangelical Free Church**  
29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)  
763-444-5134 oxlip.org  
9am Worship Service  
10:45am Christian Education  
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 to 7:30pm

**Wyanett Evangelical Free Church**  
12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95  
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org  
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/Prayer 2:00 pm  
Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton  
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**Lutheran**

**Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister  
905 Central Drive West  
320-396-2755  
www.brahamlutheran.org  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
In-person & Live on Facebook  
Community Campfire Gathering June 3, July 1, Aug 5; 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Bring lawn chair and singing voice  
All Are Welcome!

**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**  
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following  
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

**Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge  
763-689-1211  
Traditional/Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary/Commons: 9:30 a.m.  
KidZone 9:30 a.m.  
www.cambridgelutheran.org  
Facebook: fb.com/Cambridgelutheran  
YouTube: tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran

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

**First Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.  
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt  
Sunday Worship 9:20am  
Coffee & fellowship following service  
Email: firstlutheran@q.com  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

**Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge  
763-689-4355  
www.joylutheran.net  
Pastor James Ritter  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

**Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch  
651-674-5576  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
Sunday Worship 10am  
VBS! June 21-25th 6-8pm  
www.livingbranch.org  
email: office@livingbranch.org

**Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5315  
Pastor Sue Olson & Pastor Rebecca Holland  
All Are Welcome!  
Sundays  
9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School  
Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017.  
763-689-1687  
Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30  
Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the Fall  
Coffee fellowship after worship  
www.salemlutherandalbo.com

**Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).  
651-674-4606.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.slchurch.org  
Email: sl.lchurch@gmail.com  
**8:15am** Worship with fellowship following

**St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch  
Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor;  
Sunday 9am Worship;  
10:20am Adult Bible Study;  
Thursday 6:30pm Bible study.  
Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

**St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
980 West 4th Street, Rush City  
320-358-3623  
Sunday 8:45am Worship  
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study  
stjohnsrushcity.org

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), Braham  
320-396-3103  
9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.  
8am Worship.  
ststephensbraham.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch  
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon  
In person and online worship  
9 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship  
www.trinitynorthbranch.org  
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

**Non-Denominational**

**Grace Gospel Church**  
37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080  
763-308-5618  
Coffee fellowship: 9:45am  
Service: 10:00am  
Pastor: Tim Miller  
www.gracegospelmn.org  
info@gracegospelchurchmn.com  
Located just north of Grandy on 65, across from East Central Diesel, with three large crosses near the road.  
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**Journey of Faith**  
Bible based worship.  
651-600-9878.  
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com  
Sunday fellowship 9am  
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am  
Come as you are. All welcome.  
Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.

**JustPassinThru IHS Ministries**  
Becoming Agape – Allowing the Holy Spirit to transform lives  
763-228-0883  
Meeting at Crossroads Commons  
1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN  
justpassinihs@gmail.com  
JustpassinThru.net  
Pastor Tom Bakke  
Sunday mornings at 10 am  
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

**Pentecostal**

**The Journey New Life Church**  
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti  
Pastor David L. Willis.  
Sunday 10am Worship & the Word & Kids' Church.  
Sunday 6pm Family Worship.  
Wednesday 7pm Family Breakout Classes.  
763-689-4471  
Thejourneynlc.org

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## PROBATE

### STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY

District Court 10th Judicial District  
 Court File Number: 30-PR-26-38  
 Case Type: Formal Unsupervised  
**Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing**  
 In re the Estate of BONNIE JEAN DEERING, Deceased

You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse.

#### Hearing Information Probate Hearing July 21, 2026 2:00 PM

The hearing will be held via Zoom and appearance shall be by video unless otherwise directed with Judicial Officer Carrie A. Doom, Isanti County District Court.

The Minnesota Judicial Branch uses strict security controls for all remote technology when conducting remote hearings.

**You must:**  
 • Notify the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.  
 • Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to

see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit <https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings> for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.

• Contact the court at 763-290-7020 if you do not have access to the internet or are unable to connect by video.  
 • If you need an interpreter, contact the court before the hearing date to ask for one.

#### To join by internet:

• Type <https://zoomgov.com/join> in your browser's address bar.  
 • Enter the Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode (if asked):  
 Meeting ID: 161 642 3439  
 Passcode: 633567  
 • Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.

• Click the Join Audio icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.  
 • Click Start Video.

Para obtener más información y conocer las opciones para participar en audiencias remotas, incluido cómo enviar pruebas, visite [www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings](http://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings).  
 Booqo [www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings](http://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings) oo ka eego faahfaahin iyo siyaabaha aad uga qeybgeli karto dacwad-dhageysi ah fogaan-arag, iyo sida aad u soo gudbineyso wixii caddeymo ah.

**Important!**  
 You may be connecting from home, but it is still a court hearing. Pay attention and follow all rules.

Dated: June 03, 2026  
 cc: SHERI LILLIAN STEWART  
 Erin Boettcher  
 Isanti County Court Administrator  
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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: Lizzard Prints Yoga, LLC  
 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: Stanchfield, MN 55080  
 APPLICANT(S):  
 Name: Lizz Johnson  
 Address: 38275 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080

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: Elizabeth Johnson  
 MAILING ADDRESS: 38275 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080  
 EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: omsohum007@gmail.com  
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## NOTICES

### CITY OF NORTH BRANCH CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA FLINK AVENUE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SAP 225-118-004

**GENERAL NOTICE**  
 The City of North Branch (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of Flink Avenue Trail Improvement Project. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received online through QuestCDN vBid™ until Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 10:00am local time. Immediately following expiration of the time for receiving bids, representatives of the City of North Branch will publicly view Bids at an online Bid opening meeting. Those interested in viewing the online Bid opening are welcome to join the meeting by logging on to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 1.929.205.6099 and entering Meeting ID 979 0568 7697 and Passcode 245855. The as-read online Bid results will be available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) following the Bid opening.

The Project includes the furnishing of all labor and materials for the construction complete in-place, of the following approximate quantities:  
 2,100 C Y Excavation – Common (P)  
 3,400 C Y Common Embankment (CV) (P)  
 15,300 S F Steel Sheet Pile Wall  
 700 L F Ornamental Metal Railing  
 20,900 S F 4" Bituminous Walk  
 1,400 L F 18" RCP Storm Sewer  
 700 L F Concrete Curb and Gutter

The provisions of MINN. STAT. 16C.285 Responsible Contractor are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/ submission to the Advertisement for Bids of the City of North Branch shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website for a nonrefundable fee of \$55 by inputting Quest project #10239233 on the website's Project Search page.

The website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the website [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources.

Bids will only be accepted via the electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any Bids received without explanation. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.

For all further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DATED: June 10, 2026  
 BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY

**COUNCIL**  
 s/s Matthew Hill  
 City Administrator  
 City of North Branch  
 PUBLISHED IN: Isanti - Chisago County Star June 18, 2026 and June 25, 2026  
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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

File Type: Quiet Title  
 Court File No. 30-CV-26-349  
**SUMMONS**  
 Blake Pierre, Plaintiff,  
 vs  
 City Wide Properties, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, and all other persons known or unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this Summons.

2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an *Answer*. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called *service*. You must serve a copy of your *Answer* or *Answer and Counterclaim* (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the *Summons* and *Complaint*.

**ANSWER:** You can find the *Answer* form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at [www.mncourts.gov/forms](http://www.mncourts.gov/forms) under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the *Answer* form.

3. **You must respond to each claim.** The *Answer* is your written response to the Plaintiff's *Complaint*. In your *Answer* you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the *Complaint*. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.

4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written *Answer* within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their *Complaint*. If you agree with the claims stated in the *Complaint*, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the *Complaint*.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this *Summons* in person or by mail at this address:  
 Lodge Law Office  
 1250 E. Moore Lake Dr., Ste. 215C  
 Fridley, MN 55432.

5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *Answer* for your next steps.

6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:  
 • Visit [www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp](http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp) and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.  
 • Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

**NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written *Answer*, even if you expect to use ADR.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that no personal claim is made

by plaintiffs against any of the defendants.

You are hereby notified that the object of said action is to determine the title and adverse claims to the lands hereinafter described and that such action affects the following described land situated in Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows:

The South 658.46 feet of the East 330.80 feet of the West 1323.2 feet of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 34, Range 24, Isanti County, Minnesota, as measured along the West and South lines of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter.

And an order that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the property described herein and that none of said defendants have any right, title, estate, interest or lien thereon, except as alleged in the Complaint.

Dated: April 23, 2026  
 STEVEN J. LODGE, PLLC  
 s/Steven J. Lodge  
 Steven J. Lodge, #256146  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 1250 E. Moore Lake Dr., Ste. 215C  
 Fridley, MN 55432  
 (763) 205-3058  
 steve@lodgelawoffice.com  
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### DALBO TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

The township clerk will be accepting filing affidavits for the following offices:

Supervisor C, 6 year term  
 Clerk, 4 year term  
 Interested citizens may file beginning

July 14, 2026 until July 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

To make an appointment to file for either position, or for further information, please contact:

Deborah Marlton  
 Dalbo Township Clerk  
 7600 380th Ave NW  
 Dalbo, MN 55017  
 763-742-0289  
 There is a \$2.00 filing fee.

The last day for a candidate to withdraw from a Township Election is July 30, 2026.

Due to the State Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, the regular August Town Board Meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The township election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 in conjunction with the United States General Election.

Polling hours are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

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### SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 15, 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 (via Zoom).

• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

• Approved Consent Agenda Items A through N

• Held a public hearing and approved Resolution R26-044 Conduit Debt Financing for Cambridge Family Apartments

• Approved Development Contract with Reuter Walton

• Approved Resolution R26-042 approving a daycare for more than 14 people at 1155 Joy Circle SW

• Approved Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Isanti County Sheriff's Office for the new records management system

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### PUBLIC NOTICE LAKE FRANCIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The Lake Francis Improvement District will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Bradford Town Hall, 4175 305th Lane NW, Cambridge, MN.

The Agenda will include:

• A reading of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting.

• A Report on the Activities of the Board in the past year

• Discussion of plans to treat selected areas of the lake for Aquatic Invasive Species in 2026.

• A vote to approve projects with costs expected to exceed \$5,000

• A vote to approve a budget for the fiscal year 2026

• A vote to approve property assessments to satisfy budget requirements.

• An Election for one executive board member

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## PUBLIC HEARING

### CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Cambridge Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 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 Brent Linn, 3425 Norway Dr S, Cambridge MN 55008; for an Interim Use Permit for the Keeping of Chickens. The legal description is part of Lot 1, Block 4, Woodhaven Acres 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** – A request by Thomas Demars & Melissa McMillan, 1125 Joes Lake Rd SE, Cambridge MN 55008; for an Interim Use Permit for the Keeping of Chickens. The legal description is part of Lot 2, Block 5, North Ridge 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** – A request by Jenna Schmidt & Clara Sivertson; 2554, 160th Ave, Graston MN, 55030; for site address 211 Cleveland St S; for an Interim Use Permit extension (IUP R24-016) for a non-residential daycare facility in I-2 zoning. The legal description is part of Lot 1, Central Industrial Area, Isanti County, Minnesota.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – A request by the Marcos Gomez, 200 2nd Ave SE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to amend Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.040 Business Districts; to allow Truck Rentals in B-1 Downtown Business Zoning.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** – A request by the City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to amend Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.041 Industrial Uses; to allow Mini Storage in I-2 and I-3 Zoning via Conditional Use Permit rather than Interim Use Permit.

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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### CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Cambridge Township will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. at the Cambridge Town Hall, 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge, MN. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing on a proposed "Cambridge Township Planning Commission Ordinance," which updates and replaces the Town's current Planning Commission Ordinance. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

Darrell Vosika, Clerk  
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## SCHOOL BOARD

### SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

### CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Complete minutes are available for public inspection at the District Office (625 Main St N., Cambridge, MN) or at [www.c-ischools.org](http://www.c-ischools.org).

Regular School Board Meeting – May 21, 2026

With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: None

• Chair Sprandel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

• Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Roby, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Solberg, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit made by Gross, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.

• Motion to adopt the resolution to accept gifts, grants, or devise of real or personal property made by Johnson, seconded by Halverson. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

• Motion to approve Beaudry Oil as the FY2027 Transportation Diesel Fuel & Gas Bid made by Moos, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Year 4 of the Strategic Plan made by Johnson, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the Language Access Plan made by Roby, seconded by Sprandel. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the student trip to Galapagos, June 7–17, 2027 made by Solberg, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the 2027 student trip to Germany, June 14–July 2, 2027 made by Johnson, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the MOU for Union President made by Moos, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the MOU for NKT Gen Teacher Apprenticeship made by Solberg, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Policies 403, 611, 906, and 908 as presented made by Johnson, seconded by Roby. Motion carried.

• Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

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### NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 911 (CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 911 shall begin on July 14, 2026, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. At that election, four (4) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 625 Main Street North, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

Dated: 6/18/2026  
 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Is/ Mark Solberg  
 Independent School District No. 911

(Cambridge-Isanti Schools)  
 State of Minnesota  
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# Area Fireworks DISPLAYS

## Friday, July 3 • Rush City

The main 2026 fireworks event in Rush City is the annual "Flickabirds Fireworks" at Flickabirds Resort East Rush Lake on Friday, July 3, 2026, starting at dusk (around 9 PM) with music until 1 AM.

**Flickabirds Resort • East Rush Lake, 50091 Clover Trl, Rush City**

**Music:** 9 PM-1 AM Rev'd Up playing in the bandshell

**Parking:** Very limited; carpooling is strongly advised due to high traffic

**Bring:** Chairs or blankets for grassy viewing areas; no carry-ons (will be confiscated)

**ID & Age:** ID checks; anyone over 21 must wear a wristband

**Food:** Limited menu; food truck available; outside bar with cash-only option

**Other Notes:** Boat launch closed; ATM on site

## Saturday, July 4 • Braham

A 250 Year Celebration! — marking 250 years of American independence (1776-2026). Braham will celebrate its 250th Independence Day with a larger-than-ever fireworks display at dusk on July 4, 2026, starting around 9 PM at Braham High School.

**Braham High School • 531 Elmhurst Ave S, Braham**

**Beer Garden:** 3-7 PM at Braham High School, hosted by Home Town Liquor (proceeds benefit the Braham Fire Department's new fire truck fund)

**Food:** Hot dogs, root beer floats

**Music:** Patriotic and family-friendly performances

**Family Fun:** Bounce house, Bicycle decorating contest, Patriotic costume contest (K-4th Grade, 5th-12th Grade, 13-Adult) Judging begins at 8 PM

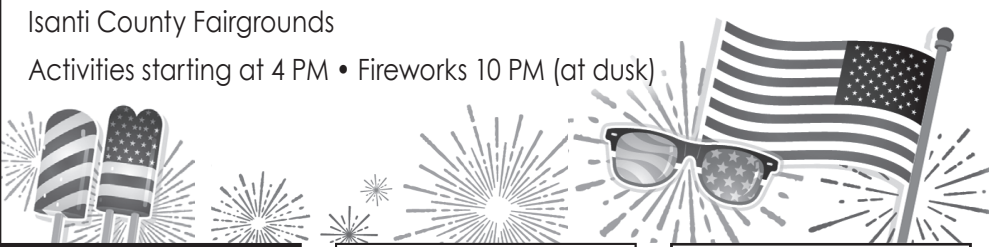
**Fireworks Highlights:** Expanded show compared to last year's display brahammn.gov

**Best viewing:** Braham High School grounds and nearby RiverHaus area

**Other Notes:** Arrive early to enjoy the beer garden, food, and activities before the fireworks; Bring blankets or chairs for the evening; For the best view, head to the Braham High School or RiverHaus locations

## Saturday, July 4 • Cambridge

Isanti County Fairgrounds  
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# LAPTOPS: Expense unexpected, but may be covered under warranty

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tried swapping things. We've tried putting things like new motherboards and other things I don't even know how they get in a computer."

"It's all related to the laptop themselves," Isanti County IT Leader Dave Pikal added. "We've worked with Lenovo doing driver updates, software updates, swapping out the hard drive, swapping out the motherboard. It's something internal with the chip set of the laptop itself. The one thing we found to not cause the issue is a new laptop."

Turner said the IT department has four extra laptops they have been able to use on a temporary basis. So, what the county attorney's office is requesting is purchasing five new laptops plus docking stations and then reimbursing the IT department for the four laptops. She said the cost is just under \$2,000 for each laptop and docking station.

Unfortunately, Turner said this is obviously an unexpected expense, so it wasn't part of their 2026 budget. She did say Lenovo will take back the computers and determine if the issue is covered under any sort of warranty, which could decrease the final cost.

"So the goal is to get 'er done and purchase the laptops because we have to do business all day, every day?" Commissioner Bill Berg asked. "And then we eventually find out what that cost difference is."

Since this is an unbudgeted

expense, Turner wasn't sure where the funding would be coming from. Berg suggested perhaps the commissioner's contingency fund. However, Chair Alan Duff said he wasn't sure if they had that much available in that fund.

"From my perspective, I'm not too crazy about diving into our contingency," Duff said. "Its been working for six months, and with another one or two on loan from the IT department — it's not the perfect answer, but it at least helps them get by in the short term."

"The reality though, from what I read, is if we order them now, it will take six to eight weeks (to deliver)," Berg countered. "I know what it's like to try and do business on a daily basis via Zoom. And it not working well, it's crazy, difficult."

Berg suggested the commissioners approve the purchase of the laptops now, which wouldn't need to be paid for until they were delivered, and in the meantime, Turner will look into the county attorney's current budget, plus work with Finance Director Chad Struss to figure out how to pay for them. That motion was approved 4-1, with Duff casting the lone nay vote.

"I'm not a big fan of funding things that are not in our budget, so I'm wrestling with this," Duff said.

"You don't plan on your engine going out on your vehicle," Berg summarized, "but sometimes things happen."

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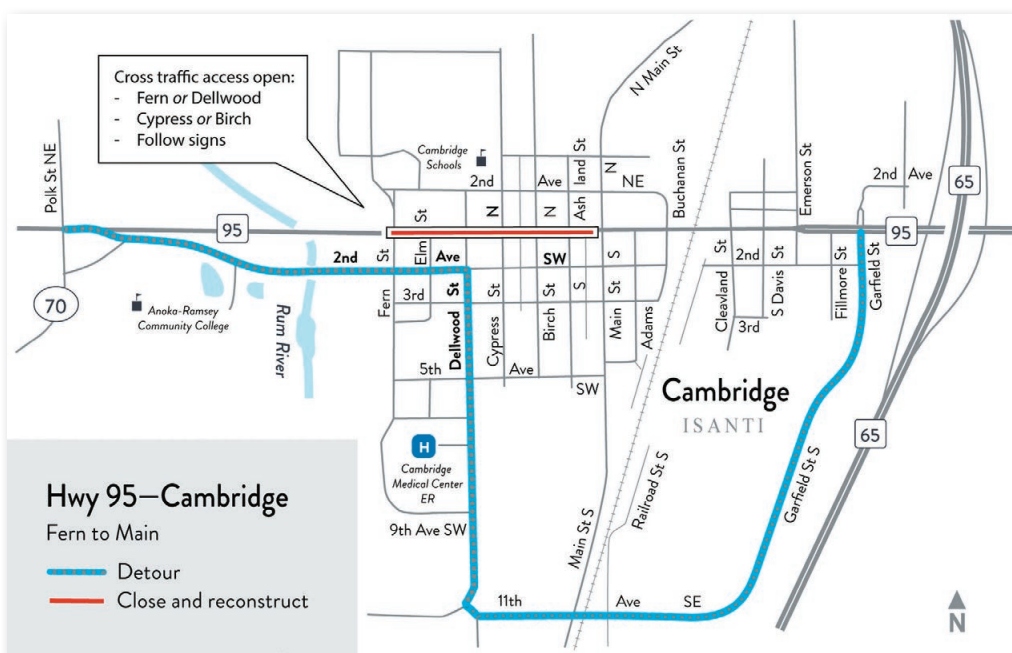
**Allan Duff**

Isanti County Commissioner Chair

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**Bill Berg**

Isanti County Commissioner



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Maps shows the new detour of highway 95 slated to remain until October 2026.

## Highway 95 detour route changing

STAFF REPORT  
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Beginning Thursday, June 25, commuters through Cambridge along Highway 95 will experience an adjusted detour route as part of the ongoing Highway 95 expansion project through downtown Cambridge.

According to a press release from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the detour for eastbound traffic will now be from 2nd Ave SW at the temporary junction point just west of the Rum River bridge, to south on South Dellwood Street, to east on 11th Avenue until it turns into South Garfield Street, and back onto Highway 95 at the stoplights.

While the suggested detour for westbound traffic will be to turn off Highway 95 onto South Garfield Street, Highway 95 will remain open for local traffic and access to downtown businesses from Garfield Street to Main Street. The hard closure of Highway 95 will be just to the

west of Main Street.

According to MnDot, the original plans were to have the stretch between Fern Street and Dellwood Street open by late July as the project shifts east to between Dellwood and Main Street. However, "delays in the delivery of signal-system components require the contractor to adjust the schedule."

For local traffic, north/south traffic will be able to use the Fern, Dellwood, Cypress, and Birch Street intersections. However, any of those four intersections may be temporarily closed for a period of time while work is being done on the underground utilities. The Fern Street and Dellwood Street intersections are anticipated to be permanently reopened in mid-July.

This new detour route is expected to be in effect until mid-October. At that time, the entire stretch of Highway 95 is expected to reopen until reconstruction resumes east of Main Street in May 2027.



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