

2026 VOTERS GUIDE:

Meet the candidates that will be on the November ballot. PAGE 7

Second filing period yields minimal candidates

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Following the conclusion of the second candidate filing period at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, area voters are left with little-to-no options in seven races come November.

In both Cambridge-Isanti School Board and North Branch Area School Board, the candidates are essentially running uncontested as there are the same number of candidates as open seats on the ballot. In Cambridge-Isanti, three of the four incumbents have filed for re-election. They are: Nikki Johnson, DeEtta Moos, and Kevin Gross. Only current board member Mark Solberg declined to run again. He is being replaced on the ballot by Keith Kohler, who was a prominent supporter of last year's referendum.

In North Branch, all three incumbents filed for re-election, with nobody else throwing their hat in the ring. Those incumbents are: Sarah Grovender, Jesse LaValla, and Adam Trampe. Come 2027, though, there will be either an appointment and/or special election to fill a vacant seat. Chair Tim MacMillan, who has two years left on his term, is the lone candidate for the Chisago County District 1 Commissioner seat.

In the Braham Area School Board race, only three candidates - Bret Cuda, Justin Karolevitz, and John W. Swanson, have filed to run for the three open seats.

In the North Branch City Council and Mayor races, there is only

one additional candidate running. Current Mayor Kevin Schieber is being challenged by former Public Works Director Shawn Williams. In the city council race, there will be at least one new member come the start of 2027 as Jim Ibinger, who was appointed to fill the remaining term of Peter Schaps, who resigned in April 2025 is the only current council member to run. Patrick Meacham, who was also appointed to fill a vacated seat just a month prior to Ibinger, declined to run for a full, four-year term. The two non-incumbents running are Tom Davis and Pete Johnson.

In Braham, the choices are even slimmer. In the mayor race, only former Isanti County Commissioner Terry Turnquist has filed to run. Current mayor Nate George is running for Minnesota State Auditor. For city council, as of Wednesday morning, according to the Secretary of State's candidate filing list on its website, Keith Lusk is the only candidate to have filed. However, current Council member Nicole Peltz indicated in a comment on a friend's Facebook post she filed to run for re-election on Tuesday, July 28 - the final filing day. There are two seats that will be on the ballot: Peltz's and Robert Knowles'.

All candidates in this second round have until 5 p.m. July 30 to remove their name from the ballot.

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Cyberattack blamed for water plant issue Monday in Braham

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The city of Braham is among at least five communities in Minnesota whose water systems were impacted by cybersecurity attacks on Monday.

As of Monday afternoon, the water plant was back online and operating as usual.

Earlier in the day, a notice was posted on Facebook, alerting residents that the water plant was "offline for an unknown reason." The city asked residents to minimize water use and to not water lawns until the service could be restored.

City Administrator Kevin Stahl said Tuesday afternoon that the issue was discovered shortly after 9 a.m.

"Our tech was going through just doing rounds," Stahl said. "He saw that it was alarming out that the tower was calling for water, but no water was going in. There was power to the plant, but no controls. That's when he expedited up through the chain.

"We looked at it and then we were making some phone calls, and we found out that there was at least four other cities with the same issue. So right there, we knew we needed to do something."

It was reported to city officials that Braham was one of five communities to be attacked in this manner. Plymouth and South St. Paul are two of the other cities that have confirmed that they were attacked.



CITY OF BRAHAM

Braham's municipal water tower.

NOT MECHANICAL

Stahl said it was apparent the problem wasn't a mechanical issue, "so we kind of started looking that route," he said. Control specialists were able to step in and restore backup software and then restarted the plant.

"About an hour and a half is what we were down," he said.

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Pine City family experiences close call with Boundary Waters wildfires

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Mountaintop vistas, clear drinkable water, huge white pines and endless trails with the sounds of every living forest creature moving through the brush and under canopies – all reasons to visit and portage in the Boundary Waters.

It was a camping trip to look forward to. One that the Espeseth family had always taken to enjoy the beauty and rustic feel of nature in the Boundary Waters.

The camping trip had gone well so far. The air was clear, and the sky was blue, with wind from the south blowing in hot summer air. Canoeing on the Little



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Smoke from the Sioux fire burning out of control.

Indian Sioux River by day and sitting by the campfire at night.

But two days into the trip, Jeff and Patty Espeseth, along with their son Andrew, and the Espeseth grandkids, Ingrid, Eli and Isaac, noticed a plane approaching.

It looked like a float plane was about to land on the water beside them. Sure enough, the float plane landed. It was conservation officers from the U.S. Forest Service alerting them to fires to the north.

They told the family they were still safe with the fires being five miles north but that they may get

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WILDFIRES: Dried creek creates dangerously low water supply for family of six

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another visit from the officers should the fires grow closer. They could now see smoke from the fires billow into the sky to the north.

Then the rangers came back – this time by canoe. The rangers told them a four-acre fire had popped up by their entry point. The group patiently waited until the rangers came back a second time that day to tell them the Sioux fire to the north had exploded out of control, and everyone would need to evacuate.

It was determined that an electrical storm caused the initial fires, creating lightning that struck trees, igniting the dry undergrowth like matchsticks, and the fire was now spreading to the south. “They said there were multiple fires to the north and the only way out was to go east,” recalled Jeff Espeseth. “We left at about 5:30 that night, on Saturday, July 11.”

Carrying all their gear and canoes, the group of six left the campsite and did two one-mile portages and arrived at Oyster Lake Camp around 10 p.m.

In the morning, they filled up water jugs and headed out to Oyster creek, only to find it dried up, the bottom filled

with green slimy bubbles. They had no choice but to hike through the muck, carrying the children in the canoes over 15 beaver dams for approximately three hours until they reached Moose River.

When they arrived at Moose River, it was 96 degrees. The river was low, but they were able to swim and cool off. Their water supply was also low, so using the water from Moose River, they filtered all they could get, amounting to about a gallon of filtered water before the water filter plugged up.

A family came with the group and followed them out of the campsite. The headwind from the south, sparing the families’ smoke from the wildfires, was the strongest Jeff had seen.

The group traveled about six miles on



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The Espeseth Family had to carry the children in the canoes over 15 beaver dams.

foot and paddled a couple of miles by canoe when they were able.

The group was able to make it back to the landing on Sunday after a 13-hour day of paddling, portaging and pulling canoes. It was another half mile to the parking lot where they were greeted by DNR officers with fresh, cool water. Jeff’s mouth was so dry he could hardly speak.

Jeff’s vehicle was another 12 miles away, having parked in a location that made sense if they were able to come back the way they came in. He was prepared to hitchhike, but a kind ranger gave him a ride. There he found his truck and was told it was about to be towed to a gravel pit where it had a better chance of withstanding the impending fire.

He was thankful his family made it out alive, as did the other campers nearby. But it was a bittersweet gratefulness.

“More so than the danger was the sadness of knowing that we would be the last visitors to these lakes pure enough to drink from and lined with massive pines, all consumed within two days of our parting,” he reflected.

FIRES STILL BURNING

The fires in the Superior National Forest and BWCA are still burning. According to MPR News on Monday, more than a dozen wildfires are still burning, and the BWCA remains closed until at least Friday of this week.

Efforts to establish control lines on a number of the fires near Ely have been successful, but evacuations were still necessary. However, multiple fires in and near the Boundary Waters are still burning uncontained, MPR reports.

Fires on this scale are unusual, according to officials. They warn there is more fire season ahead, and the fires may not be put out until it snows.

BRAHAM: FBI Investigating the attack

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Stahl also stressed that the hackers have no ability to remote in and alter feed rates, meaning the water itself couldn’t be altered.

“You have to physically be in the plant and mechanically change those, so there was no manipulation of any of our chemicals. They just shut virtually the controls off to the plant.”

Stahl explained that the wastewater plant and the water plant “talk to each other,” and this is where the vulnerability is. “They know how much water should

be expected, and that’s wireless, point to point. Somehow the bad actor got into that.”

The FBI in New York’s IT professionals are handling the investigation. Stahl has learned that they discovered controllers that are prone to cyberattacks due to their age.

“But they told us that they’re in meeting with the supplier to find out what the vulnerabilities were and how they’re going to remedy it,” Stahl said.

Stahl also assured residents that there now are no public-facing computers associated with the

wastewater and water plants, so no access can be gained.

Additionally, no data breach occurred, meaning residential addresses, phone numbers and other information was not gathered by hackers.

“That’s a whole different system as far as like user private information or anything that’s on the billing side and that’s not at the plant,” he said.

Braham officials asked residents to conserve water during the time the plant was down. The plant went back online just after 11 a.m., and water was being filtered as expected.

K9s United honors Isanti County Sheriff’s Office’s Fallen K9 Karma

The memory of Isanti County Sheriff’s Office K9 Karma will take center stage nationwide as part of the seventh annual virtual Fallen K9 Memorial Run.

Organized by K9s United, the nationwide event is scheduled for National Police K9 Day on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The annual tribute honors police canines nationwide that lost their lives in the line of duty.

K9 Karma is among the 23 fallen heroes recognized in this year’s memorial event. Handlers, runners, and supporters across the country are invited to participate by walking or running in their own communities to remember the service and sacrifice of these animals.

Registration for the virtual event, which includes options for a 9K, classic 5K, and a one-mile fun run, is open through Monday, Aug. 10. Entry fees are \$32 for children and \$42 for adults, which includes a limited-edition commemorative t-shirt.

Additional details and registration information can be found online through K9s United. -K9s United



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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 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.



BRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Night Out is Aug. 4, giving residents a chance to meet local law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders during community events across the area.

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 ecrlib.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.

AUG 4
Cambridge Night to Unite
Cambridge hosts Night to Unite from 4-7 p.m. at the Cambridge Fire Hall, 300 Third Ave. NE, with free food, root beer floats and a bounce house while supplies last.

North Branch Night to Unite
North Branch hosts Night to Unite at 6 p.m. in Central Park with water activities, a bounce house, DJ, food, community service vehicles and a foam party from 6-7:30 p.m.

Braham National Night Out
Braham hosts National Night Out from 5-7 p.m. at Freedom Park with free food, music, games, bounce houses, emergency vehicles, safety information and family activities.

Night to Unite in Isanti
The Isanti Police Department hosts Night to Unite beginning at 4 p.m. with Touch-a-Truck, bounce houses, K9 Cooper, free food and family activities at 901 E. Dual Blvd. NE.

AUG 5
Story stroll at Bluebird Park
Enjoy a Story Stroll at 5 p.m. at Bluebird Park Amphitheater, 201 Isanti Parkway NW, Isanti, followed by a free family concert at 6 p.m.

Storytime around the town
Join Miss Margaret for storytime from 10-10:30 a.m. at K & A Mini Golf, 215 Opportunity Blvd. N., Cambridge. No registration required.

Navigating the 2026 elections
Professor David Schultz presents "Navigating the 2026 Elections and Beyond" at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Northern Room at the Cambridge Public Library.

AUG 6
General Book Club
5:30 p.m. to discuss The Midnight Train by Matt Haig. Join us at Dana's Bookstore, 120 Heritage Blvd NE #3, Isanti.

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.
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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.

Medallion Hunt again part of next week's Braham Pie Day

STAFF REPORT
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The ever-popular Medallion Hunt will again be part of this year's Braham Pie Day.

Pie Day is set for Friday, Aug. 7, in and around the city of Braham. The winner of this year's medallion design is Dr. Suzanne Begin, pastor at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Participants in the annual Medallion Hunt, sponsored by the Braham Area Chamber of Commerce, are asked to first purchase a button at Braham Floral or Bomber Energy. The buttons are on sale now, and beginning Aug. 1, button holders can receive discounts and giveaways at participating businesses.

The Medallion Hunt itself begins with a clue, given out at 10 a.m. at the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel. The clue will lead hunters to the next cite, followed by additional locations and clues. The hunt is

expected to last about an hour.

The winner will be announced at 2:45 p.m. on the Pie Day stage and will receive \$200 in Braham Bucks, which can be used just like cash at Braham businesses.

MORE TO DO

Activities for the 36th annual Pie Day kick off at 7 a.m. with the tradition pancake breakfast at the Braham Event Center and continue throughout the day. The meal, prepared by Kathy's Kitchen, continues until 10:30 a.m.

The Pie Baking Contest will begin at 8 a.m. at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church. Celebrity judges this year are Rose McGee, Golden Valley, founder of the internationally recognized Sweet Potato Comfort Pie; Laurie Crowell, St. Paul, owner of the Golden Fig specialty grocery store; and Nicole Hvidsten, food editor at the Star Tribune. The pies will be auctioned

off at 3:10 p.m. at the Pie Day Stage by Steve Smith of Smith's Auctions Proceeds from this event benefit the Braham Area Committee for Kids.

Other activities throughout the day include the Sweet as Pie Car Show; children's crafts at the Kids 'N Berries Children's Tent; the annual craft show in Freedom Park; the Show of Small Quilts at Braham City Hall; Bingo in the park; the Recycled Braham Pie Tin Art Contest at the Braham Event Center; a Pie Eating Contest at the Kids and Berries Tent; and entertainment on the Pie Day stage.

Speaking of pie, fruit pie and ice cream will be sold in Freedom Park starting at 10 a.m. and will continue until the pie is gone.

A complete list of activities can be found on pages xxx and xx. More information can be found by visiting pieday.com or the Pie Day Facebook page.

Like father, like son

I have been using the suffix “III” in my name since well before professional athletes and other celebrities made it the thing to do. Naturally, growing up, I needed to use it for anything official in order to distinguish me from my dad. This was compounded even further for things such as medical records, as my grandpa had also been treated for something at the Cambridge clinic.

But, in regard to using it in things like my byline in the newspaper, my using the suffix was almost entirely out of pride in having that name. It is so appropriate. Anyone who has seen me and my dad together sees how much alike we look. However, even people who have seen us separately notice this. The ultimate example of this happened when I was

a teenager. I was home alone one summer day when there was a knock at the door. As I opened it, there were two people - a man and a woman who were total strangers to me standing there. Before I could even say a word, the man took one look at me and proclaimed to the woman, “Yep, he’s a Stickels all right.”

As you can imagine, that was a little shocking at first. Later on, my mom explained the two were my grandpa’s cousins who hadn’t seen me since I was maybe a year or two old. Finding this out magnified how appropriate it was that I was named after my grandpa and dad.

Physical similarities aren’t the only catalyst for using the suffix, though. We also sound alike. We used to take advantage of this, especially with telemarketing calls. The phone would ring, and the person would ask something like, “Is William Stickels there?” I would simply honestly answer, “That is me.” If it was a telemarketer, I would reject whatever they were selling. If it was something legitimate, I would either relay the information to Dad or admit, “Oh, you want my dad.”

The final reason for the suffix in my byline is that it was my dad who got me into photography. He took it up as a hobby after needing to learn how to take photos while he was working for the Isanti County Sherrieff’s Office. I thought that it looked like fun and made it a mission to earn enough money to buy my own camera. After only a few months of taking photos (mainly on vacation), a friend of my mom’s whose wife worked for the Isanti County News found out about my newfound hobby and offered to have me take action photos of high school sports. The rest, as they say, is history.

Now, I sadly have another reason to continue using the suffix: as a tribute to my dad, who just unexpectedly died, making me the last living William George Stickels. People have asked me if I had a son, would I have named him “William George Stickels IV.” Without hesitation, I responded “yes.” And my one main wish would have been that I would have given him a reason to wear that name with pride, just as my dad and grandpa had given me.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER: Fraud and more

To the editor,

Many people are not informed correctly in regards to the Save Act HR. 22 119th Congress, open it up and see for yourself who would not be eligible. Showing your citizenship should be very simple; birth certificate or Driver’s license to vote, mail in ballots for military, elderly, physically unable. Not a citizen of America no vote! October 25, 2012 Obama showed his ID before his vote. Recently in NJ over 6 thousand Noncitizen’s added to voter polls. In 2020 I received 5 mail-in ballots, think of what I could have done with those. In Minnesota you can vouch for 8 voters per voter, just go to your polls and vouch for any individual show address even if they do not live there and presto chango your vote counts. Geez, no fraud could come of this, right? ABC poll U.S. Adult voters support photo ID to vote 71% of Democrats- 95% Republi-

cans. For anyone to suggest there is no voter fraud, you then believe there is no Medicare/ Medicaid fraud which was finally addressed by the Trump administration. Faye Bernstein whistleblower and a Democratic voter in Minnesota, an employee of the Walz administration, showed proof of fraud in the State of Minnesota years ago and was told to keep quiet and she faced retaliation for bringing up Fraud in Federal backed programs. Walz, Ellison, Omar or anyone else that knew about the fraud should be in prison. California and Minnesota are the leaders of fraud, common denominator; Democratic Governors. Pass the save act in which the majority of voters support. Democrats tried to get the open border Illegals amnesty just for votes. Did not care about the hundreds of innocent Americans murdered/raped, butchered by Illegal criminals that received the red carpet from the Biden administration. Not one Democrat talked to the families

that lost their loved ones to the illegal murderers. Recently Sheridan Gorman was shot in the back murdered by Bidens open border Jose Medina. Gorman’s mother gave an emotional testimony to Congress urging Democrats to explain why sanctuary policies prioritized illegals over the safety of American citizens. Moreover, locally not one democrat supporter wrote anything in regards to the slaughtering of innocent women/children from Illegals. Pathetic! If you like socialism, communism, high taxes, massive inflation under Biden, men in women’s sports and bathrooms, Transgender dolls showing your children in Minnesota schools their private areas changed Walz approval, Lawlessness, open borders, support illegal criminals, terrorist protest, fraud, everything free on taxpayers for people who won’t work. Democratic party is for you.

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City of Cambridge New Housing and Commercial Activity

The City of Cambridge is bustling with building permit activity (along with street construction!). Housing and commercial development is active with several sites under construction. The Community Development Department has issued over 40 new single-family housing permits within six (6) developments in 2026, along with several notable commercial site permits. We hope this article will give you a glimpse of what you are seeing around town.

The Cambridge Cove development on the northwest side of town (Spirit River Drive, north of GracePointe Crossing) is in Phase 2 (and the final phase) of their plan. Phase 1 began in 2023 and is mostly complete. This development continues to build new homes at a steady pace along with new infrastructure to the area.

Millside at Cambridge Shores is a new housing development that began in 2025/2026 on the southeast side of town (Opportunity Boulevard, near Lake Fannie). This development will occur in three (3) to six (6) phases. Phase 1 has begun with grading, ponding, and new street/utility development. A total of six (6) new home building permits are issued. The City will likely see several more before the start of winter. Future city owned parkland along the shores of Lake Fannie will become developed in the future as this development progresses.

Honeysuckle Villas is underway on 16th Ave SE and Honeysuckle Lane SE. This development includes building a through-street connection to 16th Avenue and will consist of 29 new single family villa style homes.

Woodhaven Acres 4th Addition began in 2025 and is located on Maple Drive S. and 34th Avenue SW. This development includes 10 new single-family homes and a through street connection to 34th Avenue SW.

TownsedgE Estates is located along Holly St. S. (Central Drive NE), north of the new Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk trail parking lot and features six (6) new single-family parcels.

Westwood Ridge will begin construction in the summer of 2026. Westwood Ridge is located south of Highway 95 just west of the Anoka Ramsey Community College and the (west) Kwik Trip. A total of 23 new homes will be constructed along with a new city street.

In addition to the single-family housing occurring, two 90-unit apartment buildings are proposed north of the former Perkins site. Site prepara-

tion will begin in the summer of 2026 and the first building to start in late summer/early fall. Garfield Street N. will be extended as part of this project, and underground parking will be available.

The former Perkins site is undergoing major redevelopment. The former restaurant building has been removed, site grading is wrapping up, and the access onto Highway 95 has moved to the east. The Chipotle building is well-underway and on its way to opening day. Les Schwab Tires is also planned for this site, but that building will occur in the future.

A new VA clinic broke ground just north of Target on 3rd Avenue NE. This will be a 22,000+ square foot clinic offering general practice, vision, and hearing services. The developer anticipates a 16-18 month total construction timeframe, therefore it is expected to open late 2027/early 2028.

Newton Financial constructed a new facility at 512 Main St. S. The existing building at 600 Main Street S. has been repurposed for two new businesses.

The Target store is undergoing a major remodeling project. These efforts include replacing the snack bar with a Starbucks, salesfloor, restroom, offices and stockroom remodeling, updated online pickup area, and exterior paint and signage.

New Pathways opened a multi-unit shelter for families experiencing homelessness. This building is located south of Central Green Park on the newly constructed connector street, Garland Street S. The new building replaces their previous housing options situated in various area churches.

City Center Market on Buchanan Street N. has expanded the size their grocery store and deli. Parking lot improvements are also expected to happen at this site.

The Minnesota State Hospital site (near the Rum River and Community Garden/Dog Park) is undergoing a large demolition project removing all existing buildings and underground facilities. At this time there are no reports on the future development of this site.

We hope this article helps explain some of what you might be noticing around town. Please contact City Hall if you have questions about projects, and as always, visiting our Website or Facebook page may be helpful. Our website can be found by visiting www.ci.cambridge.mn.us, and the Facebook page can be found by following [CityofCambridgeMinnesota](https://www.facebook.com/CityofCambridgeMinnesota).

Marcia Westover is the Community & Economic Development Director for the City of Cambridge. If you have any questions related to this column, please feel free to reach out by email at mwestover@ci.cambridge.mn.us or by phone at 763-689-3211.



Cambridge City Views
Marcia Westover

Best of Voting Continues

This year marks my fourth “Best of” experience here at the Isanti-Chisago County Star, and year over year it has grown by leaps and bounds. This year is no different, with 61,675 votes from 2,545 residents at the time of this writing.

Every year we compete with our sister papers to see who can get the most votes. We also take bets on how long it will be before someone calls to complain that they weren’t nominated or wants to know why we didn’t put them on the nomination list.

Our publisher patiently explains to each caller that we here at the Star don’t put anyone on the list. The community at large does.

The nomination process is long, and we shout that nominations have begun from the rooftops. Full social media campaigns are pushed out. Large color ads run weekly in the paper. There are ads on our website. Emails are sent. Still, at least twice a year we’re told we’re not doing enough to promote the nomination process. Short of knocking on every door in the two counties, we think we have done all we can to get the

word out.

For this year, the nominees are set. We can’t add or subtract anyone from the list. Now is time to vote for the best and like the nomination process, you are in control. We can only see the number of votes. We can’t change them. So if you want to award a rock again this year, we will crown that rock the best!

I’ve heard skepticism in the past when I say we don’t decide who wins or loses. There’s a vague notion that somehow the system is rigged. As someone on the inside, I can say for a fact that it is not. My vote doesn’t count any more than yours does.

The Star employees eagerly await the results of voting as much as you do. We ask if our favorites won or at least were runner ups. We are excited when the business owners come in to pick up their awards. They are excited because the community has spoken and decided that their business is the best. It validates all of their hard work and ours.

So if you haven’t voted for the best of yet today, take this as your sign to pop over to <https://www.isanti-chisago-countystar.com/bestof/> and vote for your favorite today.

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Case in Point
Stacy Verdick Case



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Applications now being accepted to become a Master Gardener

BY KATIE HAGEN
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Do you have an interest in gardening? Would you be willing to share your gardening knowledge and experience in your community? If you answered yes, then you should apply to become a U of M Extension Master Gardener. Apply for the Master Gardener core course between August 1 and October 1 to become a Master Gardener in 2027. Apply online at extension.umn.edu/master-gardener/become-master-gardener (or scan the QR Code), then click ‘Join Us’ to complete the online fillable application.

Individuals accepted into the program will start an internship that begins with a self-paced, 48-hour, online Master Gardener Core Course in January. The course will be available all year with one new gardening topic presented each week for twelve weeks by U of M Extension Horticulture staff. An instructor will be available each week via an online webinar in case you have questions.

There is a fee for the core course, but a partial scholarship may be available depending on the county which you apply for.

Following the core course, interns complete 50 hours of volunteer time in their first year and 25 hours in succeeding years by working with other master gardener volunteers in their county and/or on their own on a variety of projects that inform the public about gardening and horticulture. Volunteer projects can include horticultural days, community gardens, community education classes, youth gardening sessions, school gardens, ask a master gardener booth at the farmers’ markets or county fairs, newspaper columns, radio broadcasts, managing websites and social media, plus more.

If you have questions about the local county program or want to hear from another local volunteer, please reach out to Katie Hagen, the Extension Educator in Isanti County by emailing: hagen@umn.edu or calling 763-689-8254.



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Give the right of way to hearing impaired



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Question: I saw your recent article about the visually impaired and white canes. I don’t think a lot of people are aware for something similar for the hearing impaired. Can you talk about that?

Answer: You are correct. Minnesota has a law that when a totally or partially deaf person with a service dog identified with a burnt orange collar or leash, a driver shall bring such vehicle to a stop and give the right-of-way at any intersection of any street, avenue, alley, or other public highway to such pedestrian.

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

OBITUARIES

Dennis Errington

Dennis Errington, age 78, of Rush City, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 17, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born and raised on a dairy, corn, and hog farm on the Cannon River in Randolph, MN, Dennis lived a life defined by hard work, devotion, and deep pride in the people he loved. He was a godly man whose faith guided his steps, shaped his character, and remained a steady foundation throughout his life.

A proud veteran, Dennis served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1969. Much of his service was spent aboard the USS Tu-tuila off the coast of South Vietnam supporting Operation Market Time during the Vietnam War. His military service remained one of the accomplishments he held closest to his heart.

Dennis married the love of his life, Julianne on January 10, 1970 and established their family. Family was the core of his world and he was proud of our strength, support, and love for one another.

Dennis was a farmer first. Hog and corn farming shaped his character — patient, steady, humble, and grateful. It was the life he loved most.

Dennis also spent 20 years driving over-the-road

truck, a job he took on with the same dedication and reliability he brought to every part of his life. But no matter how many miles he traveled, his heart was always back home — with his family, his faith, and the land he cherished.

For almost forty years, Rush City was home. It was where he built his life, raised his family, and created the memories that will continue to live on through those who loved him. His faith was woven into the everyday moments of his life — quiet prayers, simple kindnesses, and a steadfast belief in God's goodness. Dennis lived his faith not through grand gestures, but through the way he treated people, the way he worked, and the way he loved.

Dennis will be remembered for his unwavering work ethic, his dry humor, his deep loyalty, and the way he lit up whenever his grandchildren were near. His legacy is carried forward in the family he built, the values he lived by, and the countless lives he touched along the way. Those who knew him take comfort in knowing he has gone home to the Lord he followed faithfully.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Julianne (Johnson) Errington, who was his steadfast partner through every season of life. Together they raised a family that became his greatest joy: Joey (Alison) Errington, Scott (Marnie) Errington, Tracy (Ashley) Huhn, Kelly (Tom) Filzen, and Sara (Greg) Imrick. Dennis was blessed with sixteen grandchildren, each of whom he cherished deeply: Brooke (Taylor) Tietze, Billy Errington, Jacob Huhn, Aimee Errington, Cora Huhn, Becky Errington, Andrew

Filzen, Jenna Errington, Nate Filzen, Lexi Errington, Bradley Filzen, Lilli Imrick, Leah Filzen, Gabe Imrick, Izzy Imrick, and Lucas Imrick. He is also survived by his siblings: Dale (Terry) Morrill, Delmar Errington, Diane Tatum, Douglas Errington, Darlene Imperial, Donna Errington and Robin (Ronny) Bakken.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father William F. Errington, his mother Mary (Brock) Errington, and his step-mother Fran (Dobrantz) Errington; brothers-in-law Joe Imperial, Dick Johnson; sisters-in-law Pat Errington, Bev (Jerry) Konobeck; uncle David Errington.

Pastor Joel Preston officiated funeral services for Dennis: 11 a.m.; Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at the Pine City Evangelical Free Church. A time of visitation and reviewal was planned from 5-7 p.m.; Monday July 27 at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City and also one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon immediately followed the funeral service at the Rock Creek City Center. The burial took place in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis on Wednesday July 29 at 1 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the: Rock Creek Lions Club, P.O. Box 230, Rock Creek, MN 55067 or VAMC Fisher House Foundation, 5045 East 54th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Rush City ~ Olson Chapel www.FuneralAndCremationService.com

Seeking clothing donations for Back-to-School Giveaway for local families

North Isanti Baptist Church is seeking donations of new or gently used clothing and other items for its 9th annual Back-to-School Giveaway in August.

Items needed are new or gently used children's and adult clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats and mittens. New socks and underwear will also be accepted. All items are made available free to area families, and leftover items are donated to a

homeless ministry in the Twin Cities.

Donations can be dropped at North Isanti Baptist Church, 2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge (near middle school) on any Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Sundays 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The event will be held Aug. 12-13 from 12-7 p.m. at the church. No pre-registration is necessary. For details, call the church at 763-689-3576. ~ North Isanti Baptist Church

Glenna running for State Senate Dist. 28

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My name is Max Glenna. I'm from Shafer, I graduated from Chisago Lakes High School, I'm an engineer by trade, and I'm running to be State Senator for District 28 in Isanti and Chisago Counties as a member of the DFL.



Max Glenna

I'm running because I'm sick and tired of politics. It's exhausting. We're all exhausted, and what frustrates me most is that the things that actually affect our everyday lives are getting ignored. That's what I'm looking to change. I'm running to lower property taxes and get more state funding to our schools and counties.

Things have gotten too

expensive here. Our property taxes are way too high. Our school referendums keep failing. And a lot of that starts at the state level. State funding hasn't kept up with rising costs, so more of it gets pushed onto us locally.

And it's clear the politicians we have on either side aren't representing us anymore, because they've had plenty of time to fix our taxes, costs, and school systems, and they've only gotten worse.

I don't have a background in politics. But I'm throwing my hat in the ring because I'm a guy who's tired of watching our problems get ignored, and I'm willing to work hard to fix them.

But I can't do it alone. Whether you're able to volunteer or come out to vote this November, I need your help. Problems like these don't get fixed by waiting on the folks already in charge. They get fixed by regular people who know we can do better, and work together to make it happen. And that's really the only way they ever have.

Medallion hunt returns to Isanti County parks

The Isanti County Parks Department will hold its 11th annual Find it in the Parks Medallion Hunt beginning Aug. 17.

The hunt runs through Aug. 21, or until the medallion is found. New clues will be posted each day at 8 a.m. beginning Aug. 17 on the Isanti County Parks Facebook page.

A total of \$1,250 in prizes will be awarded to the person who finds the hidden medallion and returns it to the Isanti County

Parks Department office at 555 18th Ave. SW in Cambridge.

The medallion will be hidden in one of six Isanti County parks: Dalbo County Park, Becklin Homestead County Park, Irving & John Anderson County Park, Springvale County Park, Vegsund Family County Park or Wayside Prairie County Park.

For more information, call the Isanti County Parks Department at 763-689-8220. ~ The Isanti County Parks Department

Heritage Day to mark 250th anniversary

STAFF REPORT
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The Isanti County Historical Society will hold its annual Heritage Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, with special activities commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution will take part in the event dressed in period clothing representing ancestors who fought during the Revolutionary War.

Heritage Day will include musket and cannon firing demonstrations and a display of eight historic flags. The exhibit will feature flags ranging from one used by the Sons of Liberty to the Grand Union Flag, as well as several versions of 13-star flags, including the flag commonly known as the Betsy Ross flag.

Family activities will also be offered throughout the event.

The Isanti County Historical Society is located in the northwest corner of the Isanti County Fairgrounds, 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge.



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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

From the editor:

The *Isanti-Chisago County Star* understands how important election guides are to voters in helping them make an educated decision on who they want to represent them.

For the 2026 Primary, in-person voting will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

The Star sent out brief questionnaires to candidates, with nine responding. Their responses are printed on this page and pages 8 and 9.



AARON BERG

City of residence:
Cambridge

Why are you running for election for Cambridge city council?

I am running for re-election because I care about Cambridge and want to continue serving our community with integrity, preparation, and accountability. Serving on the Cambridge City Council has strengthened my belief that decisions are made through preparation, listening to residents, and understanding the long-term impact of every decision. My experience serving on the Cambridge City Planning Commission, the Cambridge-Isanti School Board, the Cambridge City Council, and in local government administration has shaped my approach to public service and reinforced the importance of well-informed leadership. I believe residents deserve elected officials who are prepared, accessible, transparent, and committed to serving the community's long-term interests. I will continue working to ensure Cambridge remains a safe, financially responsible, and welcoming community while protecting the quality of life residents value.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?

My primary focus will continue to be responsible long-term planning. The decisions we make today about growth, infrastructure, housing, public safety, parks, and economic development will shape Cambridge for decades. Responsible planning means looking beyond today's decisions and understanding how they will affect Cambridge for years to come. By planning ahead, we can make wise investments, support local businesses, ensure city services keep pace with growth, and preserve the quality of life that makes Cambridge a great place to call home.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?

Every decision begins with preparation. I review agenda materials thoroughly, ask questions when needed, listen to residents, city staff, and subject matter experts, and consider the legal, financial, and long-term impacts of each proposal. Before reaching a decision, I consider the staff recommendation and the perspectives of residents who will be affected. I approach every issue with an open mind and evaluate it on its own merits. I believe every resident deserves to know that decisions are made thoughtfully, transparently, and with the community's long-term interests in mind.



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BOB SHOGREN

City of residence:
Cambridge

Why are you running for election for Cambridge city council?

I am blessed to be able to live in a nice community, and I'd like all city residents to share the same feeling. The current city council works very well together to promote growth and provide economic development opportunities, and I want to keep the positive momentum going in Cambridge. My service on the city council is a great way to give back to the community, and it's a privilege to serve.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be



TOM SCHIBILLA

City of residence:
Cambridge

Why are you running for election for Cambridge city council?

My name is Tom Schibilla and I am running for Cambridge City Council. I have lived in Isanti County for most of my life and in Cambridge for over 20 years. I raised my family here and am proud to be from Cambridge. I am currently serving on both the Isanti County and City of Cambridge Parks and Recreation Boards.

As your neighbor and active member of the community, I am committed to ensuring that every voice is heard. I believe Council members should listen more and talk less. I believe citizens should be allowed to speak at all meetings, whether an item is on the agenda or not. The Council should actively serve the people and encourage conversation.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be

CHISAGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



CHRIS DUBOSE

Residence:
Chisago County

Why are you running for election for Chisago County Commissioners?

I became involved in the community right after I moved here in 1996. I volunteered for Planning Commission and loved it. I like being active, I like to think I have a lot to offer, and I've accomplished a lot over the last 30 years. I have been County Commissioner, Mayor, City Council, City and County Planning Commissions, Economic Development(s) Park Boards, Budget, Sewer, Bike Trail, and was even the LAPD Police Commissioner when we merged departments. Im also active in Rotary, Good Neighbors, and Foundation. I love volunteering and helping the community.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?

Controlling taxes is my #1 priority but related to

and why?

Economic development keeps taxes lower for everyone and helps to fund important items like public works, public safety, and other government services. It also brings new businesses and opportunities to Cambridge, including jobs.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?

The first thing I do is ask how my vote will affect those who live within the city limits of Cambridge; after all, those are the people I represent. My vote must always be whatever results in the best value for those living in the city. I welcome and consider input from city residents, and I put little stock in outside interference. Ultimately, every vote comes down to the same question I have asked throughout my years on the council: "Is this in the best interests of the citizens of Cambridge?" If the answer is yes, that is how I will vote.

and why?

I will prioritize keeping the City of Cambridge accountable for all decisions. I am willing to put in the time to make informed decisions on all issues. I have been reading all the City Council packets, which tend to be about 200 pages. I not only read them, I submit requests for additional information when I have questions. I spent hours learning about TIF districts prior to the recent meeting. Are people aware there are already 8 housing TIF districts in Cambridge, with some expiring as late as the year 2050? Do people know the new planned 180 unit apartment buildings will pay only 40-80% as much in property taxes than a non-low income apartment complex would? Again, I will do the research.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?

I have attended all meetings for more than 2 1/2 years, so I'm aware of the current issues. I will ensure that information is easy for the layperson to understand. I will talk to as many constituents as possible and encourage people to attend meetings. I will listen to all concerns and opinions on issues and vote accordingly.



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STEPHANIE ARONSON

City of residence:
Isanti

Why are you running for election for Isanti County Commissioners?

I am running because Isanti County needs leadership that is open, accountable and willing to challenge the status quo. Many residents feel a growing disconnect between the public and the people making decisions on local boards and commissions. When the same familiar voices dominate those spaces, it becomes harder for new ideas to be heard and for citizens to trust that decisions are being made transparently.

I want to bring fresh perspective, encourage difficult conversations and work to restore trust and confidence in District 5 through accountability.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?

My focus is to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of county decision-making. Residents deserve a county board that addresses issues promptly, sets clear priorities and follows through before problems grow larger or become harder to solve. Too often, local government becomes

slow, fixated on upfront cost rather than long-term value, and hesitant to make necessary decisions. Delays can leave residents frustrated, create uncertainty for families and businesses, and make it harder for the county to respond to growth, infrastructure needs, public safety concerns and other practical responsibilities. I would work to reduce the footprint of local government and improve the efficiency of county decision-making.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?

My decision-making process always begins with clearly defining the scope and nature of the issue. From there, I'd gather information, consult with knowledgeable professionals and consider the experiences of people directly affected by the decision. For issues of greater public interest, I believe it is especially important to review the facts, evaluate alternatives and consider both immediate and long-term consequences.

I believe in using a practical, adaptable approach of What-If analysis and careful consideration of how a decision may affect residents, county services, property rights, local businesses, public safety and future growth. My goal is to make decisions that are well-informed, lawful and grounded in reason and transparency.



JOSEPH FISCHER

City of residence:
Cambridge

Why are you running for election for Isanti County Commissioners?

I'm running on zoning reform and stabilizing the budget. Too many unforeseen expenses have piled up, and the county's emergency fund is gone it was used to keep taxes low with no long-term plan. We didn't save enough, and now we're facing a massive shortfall. I'm already talking with state representatives about ways they can help the county with some of the federal spending cuts that have left counties holding the bag. I also want to open county government to internships that give our youth college credit and hands-on experience.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?

My main goal is zoning reform. Tiny houses and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are becoming a real solution for people who can't afford traditional property, and for aging residents who want to stay close to family. To make that work, we need to move away from paper applications that get lost or delayed, and support newer building technologies and methods. We should also allow alternative sewer systems, like waterless toilets and holding tanks, while ensuring proper oversight so waste management stays safe for years afterward. I'd like to see inspectors out in the field more often to help residents navigate building code, and a real escalation process for zoning disputes, so problems don't end up in court.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?

I also want to restore the county board meeting livestream. Residents can't weigh in on an issue they don't know the details of. I'll make myself available to walk through the pros and cons of anything people want to discuss, and I'll always explain my reasoning and lay out the options clearly. Board meetings and livestream Q&A sessions should happen weekly, not occasionally. I'm an independent and will always work with everyone. We are neighbors, not oppo-



KRISTI LAROWE

City of residence:
Isanti

Why are you running for election for Isanti County Commissioners?

- Approved ECE Fiber Optic expansion to better serve the residents in my District and add choices

- Abolished the Orange Frog Program
- Gave you back the right to vote for County Auditor/Treasurer
- County budget maintained and found efficiencies, resulting in only a 1.33% annual adjustment (three yr avg), which is the lowest levy rate in Minnesota Counties for the past three years

I serve on:

- Lakes and Pines Board of Directors

- Lakes and Pines Fundraising Committee member
- Central MN Council on Aging
- Library Board
- HHS Board

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?

Taking great pride in respecting our tax dollars, and promoting conservative spending.

As a County Commissioner, we work on the budget each year. We have been able to show budgetary restraints, and shift reserves to our County needs more efficiently. We categorize the greatest needs of each department. With the Department Heads and the Board working together, there has been a huge success!

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?

With Lakes and Pines on the forefront of the

community, they have an understanding of the importance of building a reserve and alsoinvolving the community. Their first Gala was a success with different businesses and community involvement making it an enjoyable eveningand good fundraiser. Being on the Fundraising Board helped me to become more engaged and understanding of the needs of the community.

The Library Board also has started to look into ways the Community can fundraise. What a great opportunity for residents and businesses to participate! The Library Director is open to have community involvement and supports the efforts in fundraising. Please contact Carla Lydon, Executive Director, at: www.ecrlib.org or call the Cambridge Library.

I welcome input from residents as we pursue practical solutions that affect families, workers, and local businesses.

Join me in building a stronger Isanti County...this campaign is about building a better future together!

RONDA

SZLAVICH

FOR CITY COUNCIL

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JOSHUA AUGUSTINE LEHN

City of residence:
Isanti

Why are you running for election for Isanti Mayor?
I am running for Mayor because Isanti is my home, and I believe leadership begins with service. As a firefighter, technology professional, entrepreneur, nonprofit leader, and community volunteer, I have learned how to listen, solve problems, and bring people together. I want to help Isanti remain safe, welcoming, and financially strong while planning responsibly for growth. A strong community is not built because everyone agrees; it is built because neighbors choose to care for one another and work together toward a shared future. My goal is an accessible city government that respects every resident, stewards public resources, and preserves Isanti’s close-knit character for future generations.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?
My focus would be community engagement and cooperation. Our greatest resource is the knowledge, experience, and willingness to serve found among residents, businesses, schools, nonprofits, faith communities, and civic organizations. When people are heard early and invited to shape solutions, government makes better decisions and earns greater trust. Strong relationships also allow us to address public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and growth more effectively. A connected community is safer, more resilient, and better prepared for the future. Government cannot solve every challenge alone; lasting progress comes from shared ownership, partnerships, and neighbors serving alongside one another.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?
I will begin by listening. I will review agenda materials, ask questions, gather facts, and consider financial, legal, and long-term consequences. For matters of significant public interest, I will seek input from residents, businesses, city staff, and community organizations before reaching a conclusion. I will evaluate whether each proposal is lawful, practical, fiscally responsible, transparent, and in Isanti’s overall best interest. I will explain my reasoning publicly, treat disagreement respectfully, disclose conflicts, and reconsider when credible new information emerges. Whenever possible, public input should occur early enough to influence a decision—not after the outcome has effectively been determined.



JEFF JOHNSON

City of residence:
Isanti

Why are you running for election for Isanti Mayor?
I am running for election because I want to make a positive difference in our community. I believe in listening to people’s concerns, working collaboratively to solve problems, and making thoughtful decisions that serve everyone’s best interests. My goal is to bring integrity, accountability, and a practical approach to leadership while helping create opportunities and improvements that benefit our community now and in the future.

Besides taxes, If you were only allowed to focus on one topic during your term as mayor, what would that topic be and why?
If I were limited to focusing on just one issue during my term, it would be economic growth and job creation. A strong local economy benefits everyone by attracting new businesses, supporting existing employers, and creating quality job opportunities for residents. When businesses thrive, our community becomes more resilient, families have greater opportunities, and we build a stronger foundation for the future. By working to encourage responsible development, support local businesses, and invest in workforce opportunities, we can strengthen our community while improving the quality of life for everyone.

What process will you take for deciding how to vote on agenda topics, especially ones that are of greater public interest?
When deciding how to vote on agenda items, especially those of significant public interest, I will take a thoughtful and transparent approach. First, I will review all available information, including staff recommendations, financial impacts, legal considerations, and community feedback. I will listen to residents, local businesses, and other stakeholders to understand how each issue affects our community in both short-term and long-term.

I believe every decision should be guided by what is in the best long-term interest of our community, not by politics or outside pressure. I will ask thoughtful questions, consider different perspectives, and evaluate both the short-term and long-term impacts before making decisions. My commitment is to be fair, informed, and accountable while ensuring residents understand the reasoning behind my votes.



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Allina Health earns national recognition for sustainability efforts

Allina Health earned national recognition from Practice Greenhealth for its sustainability efforts. The system and individual sites, including all its hospitals, received awards.

Allina Health received the System for Change Award for setting systemwide sustainability goals and tracking progress and outcomes.

Abbott Northwestern Hospital received a Green-health Leader Award and a Circle of Excellence Award for Waste.

12 additional Allina Health sites received Green-health Champion Awards: Buffalo Hospital, Cambridge Medical Center, Faribault Medical Center, Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital – Unity Campus, New Ulm Medical Center, Owatonna Hospital, River Falls Area Hospital, St. Francis Regional Medical Center, United Hospital, United Hospital – Hastings Regina Campus and Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute – Golden Valley.

“We’re honored to be recognized by Practice Green-health for the progress we’ve made in reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions across our health system,” said Suzanne Savanick Hansen, manager of environmental sustainability, Allina Health. “These awards reflect the commitment and creativity of our teams and the measurable impact of the sustainability programs we’ve implemented.”

Systemwide, Allina Health continues to strive toward the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and reaching net zero emissions by 2050. These goals align with the international Health Care Climate Challenge.

Thanks to the ingenuity of Allina Health care team members, Allina Health has developed innovative ways to support initiatives, including the sustainability revolving fund. The health system created a budget to fund projects to reduce environmental impact. Savings generated through energy-efficient projects are reinvested in future sustainability measures.

With the sustainability revolving fund, the health system has purchased energy efficient lights as well as reusable metal trays for operating rooms at United Hospital in St. Paul. The trays help maintain sterility for surgical instruments while eliminating large amounts of single-use blue wrap that previously was discarded after each use.

“The investment in these trays will save more than \$100,000 annually while significantly reducing the amount of plastic waste generated in our operating rooms,” said Hansen.

The health system continues to use Rheaply, a reuse platform that allows surplus furniture and supplies to easily be redistributed within the system or properly donated, rather than being discarded. Green



Teams, which consist of employees who support sustainability efforts at the sites, continue to lead projects such as a metal recycling initiative, Clean Sweep Days, in which they clean out storage areas and identify reusable items, and Earth Day events.

Buffalo Hospital, River Falls Area Hospital and St. Francis Regional Medical Center each purchase 100% renewable electricity from their utility providers.

“Our responsibility to community health extends beyond the care we provide in our hospitals and clinics,” Hansen said. “Reducing waste, lowering emissions and supporting environmental stewardship are import ways we help keep our communities healthy and safe.” ~ Allina Health

WORSHIPguide

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 (contempo-
rary 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
Tuesday 6 pm Mass
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: 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 fol-
lowed 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
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Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
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lowing
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 accessi-
ble.
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
www.livingbranch.org
email: office@livingbranch.org

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040
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10:30
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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.sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
8:15am Worship with fellowship fol-
lowing

**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

Methodist

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CITY OF ISANTI ORDINANCE NO 846

ORDINANCE NO. 846

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 817 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2024, NO. 811 ADOPTED JUNE 4, 2024, ORDINANCE NO. 763 ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2021, ORDINANCE NO. 725 ADOPTED ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND TITLED PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1- Amendment for Article II. Ordinance No.817, Ordinance No. 811, Ordinance No. 763, and Ordinance No.725 codified in Chapter 245 of City Code, are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 245

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS

ARTICLE II Mobile Food Units.

		§245-21.	Hours of Operation.
§ 245-11.	Definitions.	§245-22.	Water Supply.
§ 245-12.	Application.	§245-23.	Waste Disposal.
§ 245-13.	State License.	§245-24.	Self-Containment.
§ 245-14.	Insurance.	§245-25.	Inspections.
§ 245-15.	Background Investigation.	§245-26.	Locations.
§ 245-16.	Duration of Sales and Unit Standards.	§245-27.	Prohibited Activities.
§ 245-17.	Overnight Storage.	§245-28.	Special Events.
§ 245-18.	Signs.	§245-29.	Suspension; Revocation.
§ 245-19.	Noise and Lighting.	§245-30.	Violations and Penalties; Enforcement.
§245-20.	Parking.		

§ 245-27. Locations.

~~A. Mobile food units shall only be allowed to operate on private property in zoning districts where retail sales are allowed as permitted or conditional uses under the City's Zoning Ordinance. Mobile food units may be allowed in public rights-of-way, residential zoning districts or park zoning districts in conjunction with an approved special event permit.~~

~~A. Mobile food units may operate on private property provided that the property owner requires all appropriate state licenses per the MN Department of Health (as applicable), assumes responsibility and holds insurance liability for their activities and conduct.~~

B. Mobile food units cannot be located within 500 feet from the perimeter of any pre-approved festival, sporting event or civic event unless license is issued for the mobile food unit to be part of the festival or event.

C. Mobile food units cannot be located within 200 feet of an entrance to a brick-and-mortar restaurant unless: 1) the license is issued in conjunction with or the mobile food unit is operating pursuant to an exception for any pre-approved event, festival, sporting event or civic event; or 2) the brick and mortar restaurant is closed and not doing business during the measured from the primary entrance of the restaurant, and the primary entrance is the door along the street where the restaurant is physically addressed. For purposes of this provision, distances of a restaurant within a multi-tenant facility or strip mall will be measured from the primary entrance of the restaurant business.

D. A copy of the written permission from any restaurant owner if the mobile food unit is requesting to be located within 200 feet of a restaurant must be included with the license application.

E. Ice cream novelty mobile food units, ~~or mobile food units of similar nature as approved by the City Clerk,~~ are allowed ~~permitted~~ to operate within the public right-of-way in residential districts.

§ 245-29. Special Events.

The following standards shall apply to all events that are authorized by a special event permit:

~~A. It is not necessary for each transient merchant or mobile food unit to obtain a license under this chapter provided that the property owner, sponsor, promoter, and/or organizer does the following:~~

- ~~• of the event or obtains a special event permit if required under Chapter 278, and from the City Council;~~
- ~~• m) Maintains a list of all participants~~
- ~~• and a) Assumes responsibility and insurance liability for their the merchants or mobile food unit's activities and conduct.~~

B. The ~~property owner,~~ sponsor, promoter ~~and/or~~ organizer of the event may designate where peddlers, ~~merchants,~~ and mobile food units set up their booths, sales stands or vehicles...

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 21st day of July 2026.

Mayor Luke Merrill

Attest:

Jaden Strand
City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director

Posting Date: June 18, 2026
Reading Date: July 21, 2026
Publication Date: July 30, 2026

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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.

8. **Real Property.** This action involves, affects or brings into question the real property situated in the County of Isanti, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The North 350 feet of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part thereof lying easterly of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled.

AND
That part of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), lying westerly of the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the North 350 feet thereof, and FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part thereof lying Southerly of the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23); thence North along the West line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4), a distance of 660 feet; thence East and parallel to the South line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) a distance of 1,320 feet more or less, to the East line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4), a distance of 660 feet; thence East and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot (3) to the intersection with the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled and there to terminate.

AND
That part of the South Sixty (60) feet of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), lying west of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled.

AND
That part of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), lying westerly of the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the South 60 feet thereof, and FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that part thereof lying Northerly of the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23); thence North along the West line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4), a distance of 660 feet; thence East and parallel to the South line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) a distance of 1,320 feet more or less, to the East line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) a distance of 1,320 feet more or less, to the East line of said Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) (also being the West line of Government Lot Three (3), Section Six (6), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23)) to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence continuing East and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot (3) to the intersection with the centerline of County Road No. 70 as presently laid out and traveled and there to terminate.

LINDBERG LAW OFFICE, P.A.
Date: April 23, 2026
By: /s/ Grant W. Lindberg
Grant W. Lindberg, #347644
100 Buchanan St. N., Suite 2
Cambridge, MN 55008
(763) 689-6896
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fannie Lake Improvement District will hold their Annual meeting in conjunction with a picnic at Lakeside Christian Church (32393 Rendova Circle N.E.) at 1:00pm August 23rd, 2026.

Items on the Agenda are: proposed projects in excess of \$5000.00, weed treatment updates, boat inspection updates, approval of assessments to satisfy budget requirements, approval of proposed budget for fiscal year, election of 3

positions on the board of Directors & Take up and consider other new business & miscellaneous items.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors please contact one of the Board members.

Anyone needing an absentee ballot (1 per family) for the election of Board of Directors can contact the Isanti County Administration office.

As the meeting is on Sunday, Absentee ballots must be received at P.O. Box 229 Cambridge, MN. 55008 by noon on August 20th, 2026.

There will be a short meeting after this meeting to elect 2026-2027 FLID officers.

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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 20, 2026

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

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

- Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- Approved Consent Agenda Items A through H
- Approved Ordinance 818 amending City Code Title XV, Chapter 156 Land Use, Section 156.041 to allow mini storage via Conditional Use Permit
- Denied Ordinance 819 amending City Code Title XV, Chapter 156 Land Use, Section 156.040 regarding automobile sales and rental (specific to U-Haul) in the B-1 Downtown district

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CITY OF NORTH BRANCH CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 413-26 AN INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING STUDY AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON HIGH UTILITY DEMAND USES

Section 1: Purpose and Intent. The purpose and intent of this interim ordinance ("Ordinance") is to protect the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the city of North Branch (the "City") by (i) imposing, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 462.355, subdivision 4, a moratorium on High Utility Demand Use, as that term is defined herein, during the term of this Ordinance; and (ii) authorizing a study related to the local regulation of High Utility Demand Uses.

Section 2. Legislative Findings. The City Council of the City of North Branch hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The City is a governing body for the purposes of the

Municipal Planning Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462 (the "Act"), and it has previously exercised its authority pursuant to the Act to adopt North Branch City Code, Chapter 66, entitled the Zoning and Subdivision Code of the City of North Branch, which contains the City's official codified land use controls (hereinafter, the "Zoning Ordinance");

(b) Section 462.355, subdivision 4 of the Act authorizes the City to adopt interim ordinances to regulate, restrict, or prohibit any use, development, or subdivision within the City, the purpose of which are to protect the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the City;

(d) The City recently determined that although the Zoning Ordinance imposes express regulations on numerous types of uses in its respective zoning districts, it does not impose any express rules or regulations specifically related to High Utility Demand Uses;

(e) The City will benefit from establishing its own local rules and regulations related to High Utility Demand Uses within the Zoning Ordinance; and

(f) It is in the best interests of the public to place a City-wide moratorium on High Utility Demand Use facilities to provide City staff, consultants, and the City's planning commission with a meaningful opportunity to study whether and how the City should amend its official controls to effectively regulate High Utility Demand Uses moving forward.

(g) That Battery Energy Storage Systems shall be exempted from the moratorium established in interim ordinance, finding that these systems are separately regulated and approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and do not pose the same level zoning and planning impacts as opposed to other High Utility Demand Uses. Battery Energy Storage Systems are defined as facilities that use battery technology to capture and store electrical energy from generation facilities, including solar panels and other renewable energy sources, for future use and release into the energy grid system.

Section 3. Definitions. For purposes of this Interim Ordinance, High Utility Demand Use means a principal land use that, because of its operational characteristics, requires substantial electrical transmission, distribution, or utility infrastructure beyond that typically associated with commercial or industrial development within the City. Examples of High Utility Demand Uses may include, but are not limited to: Cryptocurrency mining facilities; Data centers; Hydrogen production facilities; Artificial intelligence computing facilities.

For the purpose of this definition, High Utility Demand Uses include any use, whether new or expanded, classified as commercial, industrial, or agricultural, that meets any of the following criteria:

1. A facility and its connected associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts or more but less than 50 megawatts.
2. A facility and its connected associated facilities with a projected average water use of 50,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD) or more.
3. Development of any facilities and its connected associated facilities in excess of 450,000 gross floor square feet.

This definition does not include Battery Energy Storage Systems, which are explicitly carved out from the regulations of this interim ordinance.

This definition shall not constitute a permanent zoning definition and is intended solely for purposes of this Interim Ordinance.

Section 4. Study Authorized. City staff, consultants, and the City's planning commission are hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study of High Utility Demand Uses, including but not limited to: cryptocurrency mining facilities; data centers; hydrogen production facilities; artificial intelligence computing facilities data centers. Such study shall include an analysis of their relevant localized impacts and how other communities regulate them, and provide the city council with recommendations on whether and how the Zoning Ordinance should be amended to better address the aforementioned void. The planning commission may make such recommendations on this issue as it deems appropriate.

Section 5. Moratorium Imposed A moratorium is hereby imposed throughout the City on High Utility Demand Uses, which during the term of this Ordinance shall be considered a prohibited use within the City. During the period of the moratorium, all property in the City is subject to the following as it pertains

to High Utility Demand Uses:

1. No building permits shall be issued for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or expansion of any structure or improvements except for (i) necessary repairs of existing structures; (ii) tenant improvements made to existing structures for commercial, industrial or business park use.; or (iv) construction or expansion of structures or installation of equipment for an existing or approved data center project.
2. No proposal for rezoning (which includes planned development amendments and planned development concepts) or comprehensive plan amendment shall be recommended for approval or approved by the planning commission or the city council.
3. No conditional use permit or variance shall be recommended for approval or be approved by the planning commission or the city council.
4. No portion of any property in the City shall be replatted or subdivided, except for the purpose of consolidation of parcels of land into single ownership.
5. No application for the establishment or expansion of a data center shall be accepted, processed or approved.

Applications submitted after the effective date of this Interim Ordinance shall be subject to this moratorium.

Section 6. Exemptions. The following shall not be subject to this Interim Ordinance:

1. Projects that have received all required local land use approvals prior to the effective date of this Interim Ordinance.
2. Building permits associated with projects previously approved by the City.
3. Routine building permits, tenant improvements, maintenance, repairs, remodeling, or expansions that do not establish a new High Utility Demand Use.
4. Public utility maintenance, repair, replacement, or emergency work.
5. Battery Energy Storage Systems, as defined above, that:

a. Have previously received all required approvals from the City; or

b. Are currently subject to the permitting and regulatory authority of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, including projects for which an application has been filed or a permit has been issued under applicable state law prior to the effective date of this Interim Ordinance.

Nothing in this Interim Ordinance shall be interpreted to interfere with or regulate facilities subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Section 7. Duration This Interim Ordinance shall remain in effect for six (6) months from its effective date unless repealed earlier by the City Council.

Section 8. Penalty and Enforcement. The City may enforce this Ordinance through criminal prosecution or by undertaking such civil actions or proceedings, including, without limitation, injunctive relief, as it determines appropriate to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any violation or threatened violation of this Ordinance. The initiation of one type of enforcement action shall not preclude the City from instituting any other action or proceeding available to it under law to enforce this Ordinance. Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for up to 90 days, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both, plus the costs of prosecution. Each day that a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 9. Severability. Every section, provision and part of this Ordinance is declared severable from every other section, provision and part thereof. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not invalidate any other section, provision or part of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted by the North Branch City Council this 22nd day of July 2026.

Kevin Schieber, Mayor

Attested:

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk

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NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ISANTI TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Other Civil - Quiet Title

Court File No. 30-CV-26-600
SUMMONS

Anita S. Bergin, Bryan T. Bergin, JoAnn L. Sprino and Brian J. Sprino, Plaintiffs,

vs.
Joyce V. Lehrke, the unknown heirs of Joyce V. Lehrke, Kimberly Meck, Kelli Melting, Ruth M. Heinen, the heirs of Ruth M. Heinen, Patricia J. Heinen and Peter J. Heinen, Peter M. Holt, the unknown heirs of Peter M. Holt, Debra Sabin, Todd Holt, Carla Bergloff and Anniisa Holt, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

Defendants.
This Summons is directed to: Joyce V. Lehrke, the unknown heirs of Joyce V. Lehrke, Kimberly Meck, Kelli Melting, Ruth M. Heinen, the heirs of Ruth M. Heinen, Patricia J. Heinen and Peter J. Heinen, Peter M. Holt, the unknown heirs of Peter M. Holt, Debra Sabin, Todd Holt, Carla Bergloff and Anniisa Holt, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiffs have 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 Plaintiffs 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 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 than 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:

Lindberg Law Office, P.A.,
100 Buchanan St. N., Suite 2,
Cambridge, MN 55008.

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 and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.
- Court Administration may have

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

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: **Homeschool Trellis**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **28559 Holly Dr NW Isanti MN 55040 USA**
APPLICANT(S):
Name: **Isanti Analytics LLC**
Address: **28559 Holly Dr NW Isanti MN 55040 USA**

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

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable

chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Ryan Whitacre**
MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **ryan.whitacre58@gmail.com**
Work Item **1657466300029**
Original File Number **1657466300029**

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SUMMARY PUBLICATION
Ordinance 818 amended Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.041 Industrial Districts, to allow Mini Storage via the Conditional Use Permit Process in certain Industrial Zoning districts, rather than via Interim Use Permit. 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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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.
Regular School Board Meeting – June 18, 2026
With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: Director Kevin Gross

- 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 Moos, seconded by Roby. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit made by Solberg, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.
- Motion to adopt the resolution to accept gifts, grants, or devise of real or personal property made by Johnson, seconded by Roby. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, Absent; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.
- Motion to approve the FY2027 Preliminary Budget made by Johnson, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.
- Motion to adopt the resolution related to the election of school board members and calling the school district general election made by Johnson, seconded by Halverson. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes;

Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, Absent; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

- Motion to approve the Local Education Agency Representative made by Solberg, seconded by Roby. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the 2025-26 Teaching & Learning Advisory year-end report made by Moos, seconded by Roby. Motion carried.
- Motion to adopt the Census Resolution made by Johnson,

seconded by Halverson. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, Absent; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

- Motion to adopt the 2026-27 MSHSL Resolution for Membership made by Solberg, seconded by Sprandel. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, Absent; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

- Motion to approve the NXT Gen EMC_I MOU made by Halverson, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Policies 412, 505, and 703 as presented made by Moos, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. made by Johnson, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

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City of North Branch		For the Year Ended December 31, 2025	
SECTION II: EXPENDITURES		Amount	
Include all governmental funds and component units. Exclude enterprise funds (water, sewer, etc.)		(round to nearest dollar)	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		Click here for instructions for this section	
1	Governing Board (including Mayor, Council, and Supervisor)	1	\$ 28,663
2	Administration and Finance (clerk/treasurer, deputy clerk, etc.)	2	\$ 690,735
3	Other General Government (elections, audit, legal, accounting, LMCIT/MATIT, etc.)	3	\$ 1,087,119
4	General Government - Capital Outlay	4	\$ -
PUBLIC SAFETY		Click here for instructions for this section	
5	Police/Sheriff - Current Expenditures (include police relief, forfeiture fund)	5	\$ 2,850,814
6	- Capital Outlay	6	\$ 265,219
7	Corrections - Current Expenditures	7	
8	- Capital Outlay	8	
9	Ambulance - Current Expenditures (include rescue squad, 1st responders)	9	
10	- Capital Outlay	10	
11	Fire - Current Expenditures (include fire relief)	11	\$ 692,904
12	- Capital Outlay	12	
13	Other Protection - Current Expenditures (include building inspection, flood control)	13	\$ 424,098
14	- Capital Outlay	14	\$ -
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS (Roads & Bridges)		Click here for instructions for this section	
15	Administration (for counties only)	15	
16	Street Maintenance and Storm Sewers (include street cleaning)	16	\$ 1,574,614
17	Snow and Ice Removal	17	
18	Street Engineering	18	
19	Street Lighting	19	
20	Street Construction - Capital Outlay (include bridges, sidewalks and storm sewers)	20	\$ 2,563,290
21	Street - Other Capital Outlay (buildings and equipment)	21	
SANITATION		Click here for instructions for this section	
22	Garbage and Other Refuse Collection and Disposal (enterprise fund accounting preferred)	22	
23	Other Sanitation - Current Expenditures (weed & pest control, recycling, gopher bounty)	23	
24	Sanitation - Capital Outlay	24	
HEALTH		Click here for instructions for this section	
25	Current Expenditures	25	
26	Capital Outlay	26	
HUMAN SERVICES		Click here for instructions for this section	
27	Income Maintenance	27	
28	Social Services	28	
29	Other Human Services Costs	29	
30	Capital Outlay	30	
EDUCATION		Click here for instructions for this section	
31	Current Expenditures (for special districts only)	31	
32	Capital Outlay (for special districts only)	32	
CULTURE AND RECREATION		Click here for instructions for this section	
33	Libraries - Current Expenditures	33	
34	- Capital Outlay	34	
35	Parks and Recreation - Current Expenditures (include community center, Cable TV)	35	\$ 310,898
36	- Capital Outlay	36	\$ 476,389
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Click here for instructions for this section	
37	Housing and Urban Redevelopment - Current Expenditures	37	
38	- Capital Outlay	38	
39	Economic Development - Current Expenditures (include business loans)	39	\$ 166,957
40	- Capital Outlay	40	
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES		Click here for instructions for this section	
41	Current Expenditures	41	
42	Capital Outlay	42	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES		Click here for instructions for this section	
43	Airports - Current Expenditures	43	
44	- Capital Outlay	44	
45	Transit - Current Expenditures	45	
46	- Capital Outlay	46	
47	Cemetery - Current Expenditures	47	
48	- Capital Outlay	48	
49	All Other - Current Expenditures (identify each category and amount)	49	
50	All Other - Capital Outlay (ONLY items not classified elsewhere) (identify each category and amount)	50	
51	Capital Project Fund Outlay for Enterprise Funds (water, sewer, etc.)	51	
52	TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	52	\$ 7,826,802
53	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	53	\$ 3,304,898
DEBT SERVICE		Click here for instructions for this section	
54	Principal Payments on Bonds	54	\$ 966,000
55	Principal Payments on Other Long-term Debt and Short-term Debt	55	\$ 276,290
56	Interest and Fiscal Charges (Bond Issuance Costs)	56	\$ 219,325
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (should equal total on financial statement)			
57	Calculate (add lines 52 through 56)	57	\$ 12,593,315
OTHER FINANCING USES		Click here for instructions for this section	
58	Investments - Purchased (CDs., savings deposits, etc.)	58	
59	Principal Payments - Refunded Bond (payment to escrow agent)	59	
60	Other Financing Uses (Include Interfund Debt)	60	
61	Transfers to Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds	61	
62	Transfers to Governmental Funds	62	\$ 754,407
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES			
63	Calculate (add lines 57 through 62)	63	\$ 13,347,722

City of North Branch		For the Year Ended December 31, 2025	
SECTION I: REVENUES		Amount	
Include all governmental funds and component units. Exclude enterprise funds (water, sewer, etc.)		(round to nearest dollar)	
TAXES		Click here for instructions for this section	
1	Property Taxes (include Tax Forfeited Property)	1	\$ 8,184,656
2	Tax Increments (TIF)	2	
3	Franchise Taxes - (fee from private sector only) e.g. Cable TV	3	
4	Local Sales Taxes (do not include Minnesota sales tax on this line)	4	
5	Hotel/Motel Taxes	5	
6	Gambling Tax (gambling contributions should be recorded on line 53 below as Miscellaneous Revenue)	6	
7	Gravel Tax	7	
8	Wheelage Tax (for counties only)	8	
9	TOTAL TAXES (add lines 1 - 8)	9	\$ 8,184,656
10	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (include delinquent charges)	10	\$ 128,671
11	LICENSES AND PERMITS	11	\$ 366,396
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES		Click here for instructions for this section	
12	FEDERAL - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG, including Entitlements CFDA #14.218 and 14.228)	12	
13	- Education	13	
14	- Transportation	14	
15	- Human Services	15	
16	- Emergency Management Aid	16	
17	- Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)	17	
18	- Other Federal Grants	18	
19	STATE - Local Government Aid (LGA) (for cities only)	19	\$ 1,030,822
20	- County Program Aid (for counties only)	20	
21	- Agricultural Market Value Credit	21	
22	- Taconite Homestead Credit	22	
23	- Taconite Aids	23	
24	- PERA Aid	24	
25	- Transportation/Highway User Tax/Gasoline Tax/Town Road Allotment	25	
26	- Disparity Reduction Aid (DRA)	26	
27	- Police and Fire Aid	27	\$ 315,210
28	- Town Aid (for towns only)	28	
29	- Human Services	29	
30	- Education	30	
31	- Other State Grants and Aids (payments in lieu of taxes)	31	\$ 1,151,352
32	COUNTY - Highways (include town road allotment on line 25)	32	
33	- Other County Grants	33	
34	LOCAL UNITS - IRRRB Grants	34	
35	- Other Local Units Grants	35	
36	TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES (add lines 12 - 35)	36	\$ 2,497,384
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		Click here for instructions for this section	
37	General Government (include auto registration, filing fees, city/town hall rent)	37	\$ 173,535
38	Police and Fire Contracts	38	\$ 26,412
39	Other Public Safety (include ambulance and fire calls)	39	
40	Streets and Highways	40	\$ 91,800
41	Sanitation (Garbage, Recycling, S.A.C. and Other Refuse) (enterprise fund accounting preferred)	41	
42	Libraries	42	
43	Parks and Recreation (include hall rent, community center, park dedication fees)	43	
44	Airports (include hangar rent)	44	
45	Transit	45	
46	Cemetery (include plot sales)	46	
47	Housing and Economic Development	47	
48	Other Service Charges (include W.A.C., misc. rent/lease)	48	\$ 77,550
49	TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES (add lines 37 through 48)	49	\$ 369,297
50	FINES AND FORFEITS (35000)	50	
51	ADMINISTRATIVE FINES (only include M.S. 169.999 total collected, not net) (35000)	51	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		Click here for instructions for this section	
52	Investment Earnings (checking, savings, interest and investments)	52	\$ 320,805
53	All Other Revenue (identify each category and amount)	53	\$ 255,872
54	TOTAL REVENUES (should equal total on financial statement) (add lines 9, 10, 11, 36, and 49 through 53)	54	\$ 12,123,081
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Click here for instructions for this section	
55	Investments - Sold or matured (CDs., savings withdrawals, etc.)	55	
56	Borrowing - Bonds Issued (net proceeds) (Include bond premiums and discounts)	56	
57	- Other Long-Term Debt (Include capital leases)	57	
58	- Short-Term Debt	58	
59	Other Financing Sources (Include Interfund Debt, Sales of Fixed Assets)	59	
60	Transfers from Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds	60	
61	Transfers from Governmental Funds	61	
62	TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (add lines 54 - 61)	62	\$ 12,123,081

Area communities plan National Night Out celebrations Aug. 4

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Residents across the area have several opportunities to meet local law enforcement, first responders and neighbors Tuesday, Aug. 4, as communities celebrate National Night Out and Night to Unite.

BRAHAM

Braham will host National Night Out from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Freedom Park in downtown Braham. The free event is intended to bring residents, first responders and community organizations together while promoting public safety and community partnerships.

The evening will include free hamburgers, chips, beverages and ice cream, along with music from a DJ. Family activities will include bounce houses, an obstacle course, water slide, inflatable axe throwing game and foam cannon.

Braham Police and Braham Fire will be on hand for meet-and-greet opportunities, and emergency vehicles will be on display. Children can receive free Summer Safety Kits, and information on child passenger safety and car seat safety will be available. Giveaways, safety education and other family activities are also planned.

CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge will hold its Night to Unite community event from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Cambridge Fire Hall, 300 Third Ave. NE. The event will



BRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Visitors to Braham's Nite to Unite, will have a chance to meet Cooper, the therapy K-9 for the Isanti County Sheriff's Office.

include free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and root beer floats while supplies last. A bouncy house will also be available for children.

ISANTI

In Isanti, the Isanti Police Department will kick off its 2026 Night to Unite celebration at 4 p.m. at the Isanti Police Department, 901 E. Dual Blvd. NE. Activities include Touch-a-Truck and two bounce houses. Isanti County Investigator Connolly and his K9 partner, Cooper the therapy dog, are scheduled to attend. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and water will be available free while supplies last.

North Branch will hold its Night 2 Unite celebration at 6 p.m. at Central Park and will include water activities, a bouncy house, a DJ, food and community service vehicles. A foam party is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Established in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out and the regional, Night to Unite, began as a grassroots campaign where residents turned on their porch lights and gathered outside to promote crime prevention and build stronger police-community partnerships. The event has since grown into a nationwide tradition. Residents are encouraged to get out on Tuesday, Aug. 4, to connect with their neighbors, meet local law enforcement and first responders, and take part in these vital community celebrations.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Cars

BARN FIND: 1996 Chev Cavalier 2 Door, No accidents, Org. paint, 100% rust free, Southwestern car. original muffler. Always gargaged. Mag wheels. A/C, moon roof, newer tires. Needs work. \$2500 firm. 8 miles west of Pine City on Co. rd 7-Grasston. 480-758-9742.

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Motorcycles

For sale 1985 Honda Classic Night Hawk 700. Runs good. New battery and title. 320-496-0199 \$1000

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Campers/RV's

2014 20' Camper Trailer. Very nice. Lightly used. Stored Inside. \$12,000. 612-5554-1609.

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Services

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

Designs by Jeff: Custom airbrushing, vehicle wraps, fleet graphics, signs, logo designs. Over 35 years of experience. DesignsByJeff.com 763-443-3135

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Lawn Care

P&G Outdoor Seniors' Lawn Cleanup Special. Lawn mowing, rough terrain mowing, tree branch waste removal, pole saw work, trail grooming, odd jobs. 320-679-3375 or 608-547-3054.

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Help Wanted

Centennial School District NOW HIRING: Kid's Club Staff, Custodians, Nurses, Food Service Staff, Paraprofessionals To apply visit: isd12.org/join-our-team

CLEANING SPECIALIST: Reliable, independent cleaner needed for small office in Baldwin, once weekly (Fri or Sat). Good pay. Call 715-829-3173 and leave contact info. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

Family Eye Clinic - Front Desk: Part-time, Amery & Luck, WI. Seeking personable, organized person for greeting patients, scheduling, records. Email Gracie: amery@satterlundeclinic.com Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

Hospice of the Midwest is looking for volunteers. Please, scan QR Code for more info

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Help Wanted

Greenview, Inc. - Custodial Work: PT light custodial work at Wild River State Park, MN. For age 55+ workers. Apply: www.greenviewmn.com or call 651-639-1913. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE: Hiring Associate Degree Nursing Instructors, New Richmond Campus - Full-Time and Part-Time/Adjunct positions available. Apply online: www.northwoodtech.edu/employment. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

NUTRITION PROGRAM MANAGER: ADRC of St. Croix County seeks a part-time Nutrition Program Manager in Woodville, WI, \$20.83? \$23.56/hr. Apply at scwv.gov/jobs by 8/9/26. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. CROIX FALLS: Now hiring - Special Education Paraprofessionals, coaches (Cross Country, Basketball, Drama Director), Kids Kare staff, and substitutes (teaching, paraprofessional, bus driver, custodial, food service). Open until filled. Details: www.scf.k12.wi.us. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

Village of Grantsburg - Public Works Administrative Assistant: Part-time, 20-24 hrs/wk, M-F. HS diploma required; computer/word-processing skills needed. No benefits. Apply by 8/5/26: resume & letter to 316 S. Brad St, Grantsburg, WI 54840. EOE. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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Diabetes

SUPPORT GROUP



Thursday, August 6
1:30-2:30 PM

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Managing diabetes is daily work—support can make it easier.

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Have questions or want to learn more?

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