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How lovely are thy branches

Cambridge Public Works employees put this year’s Cambridge Christmas tree into place at the corner of Highway 95 and Main Street in preparation of Saturday’s Snowflake parade. The tree will be officially lit at 5 p.m. Saturday, with the parade kicking off at 5:30 p.m.

Cambridge uncertain how to handle dueling cannabis store applications

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The city of Cambridge finds itself stuck between a rock and a hard place in regards to the seemingly simultaneous submission of two cannabis distributor applications.

Almost exactly one year ago, when the Cambridge Council was determining how many cannabis stores would be allowed within city limits, the council approved going with the minimum allowed by the state of one. At that time, the council was split between allowing one or two, however a compromise was reached to go with one with the understanding the council could raise it to two at any time.

Based on the current improbable turn of events, that is exactly what City Administrator Evan Vogel recommended the council do now.

According to Community and Economic Development Director Marcia Westover, the city received the two applications on the exact same day. She said both applications are fully filled out and meet all city zoning codes and ordinances. She added both prospective owners have been working closely with the city to supply site plans and any other requested business plans. She concluded by saying she and city attorney Liz Vieira could not come up with any findings of facts to legally deny either of the applications.

Westover said during the Planning Commission’s public hearing on both applications, the only concerns voiced was the location of one of the proposed locations — 130 Cleveland Street North, was directly adjacent to residential properties, needed a considerable amount of site improvement, and would most likely be inaccessible during the second phase of the



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The Cambridge City Council will have to decide whether to approve a cannabis store application at 130 Cleveland Street North (top photo) or an application for a cannabis store at 626 Main Street North (bottom photo). The only other option would be to modify its cannabis ordinance and allow two cannabis stores within city limits.

Highway 95 reconstruction project. However, since those concerns weren’t legal findings, the Planning Commission felt their hands were tied and they had no choice but to recommend increasing the maximum to two.

Vogel emphasized because of that, if the

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North Branch voters to decide technology levy extension

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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North Branch area voters will weigh in on renewing ISD 138’s technology levy at a special election on February 10, 2026.

The 3.203 tax rate, approved for 10 years in 2017, will continue, and will raise \$1,159,344 in 2028, its first year, if passed.

The renewal is tax-neutral, according to Todd Tetzlaff, the district’s director of finance and human resources, which means a successful renewal will not raise property taxes.

“Renewing the levy preserves the current level of investment,” Tetzlaff said via email, “allowing the district to maintain safe, reliable technology and infrastructure systems without increasing taxes.

“This is significantly different than the questions voters were asked to support in neighboring districts,” Tetzlaff added.

Unlike some school levies, state law requires capital projects levies to go before voters again at the end of their term, Tetzlaff said.

The levy amounts to a \$72 yearly

charge on a hypothetical \$250,000 home, according to Shelby McQuay, a senior municipal advisor and managing director of Ehlers Inc., the district’s financial advisor.

That charge pays for upgrades to building security, cybersecurity, classroom instruction technology, “preventative maintenance and energy-efficient improvements that reduce long-term costs,” among other things, Tetzlaff said via email.

Board chairperson Tim MacMillan expressed gratitude for Superintendent Sara Paul’s leadership, noting the

district is in a better financial position than it was in the past.

“This is good fiscal management,” MacMillan said, “of doing the right things, and applying small amounts, so we don’t have bigger problems down the road.”

The 2017 levy was approved by voters along with two bond questions, funds from both of which were used to perform safety system and ventilation upgrades to existing buildings, an expansion of the high school adding gym space and a weight room, among other projects.

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CANNABIS: ‘Tiebreaker’ might come down to which application was turned in first

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council was to choose between the two, it would open itself up for a lawsuit from the owner not chosen.

“When you deny, you have to be able to articulate the reason for denial,” Vogel said. “I am not sure that exists here.”

Additionally, based on state statute, once the city’s population eclipses 12,500, the city must increase its maximum number to at least two. He said based on current population projections, this will happen within the next two years.

“I want you to be aware there is a risk (of a lawsuit) for a conversation that is coming back in a year-and-a-half anyway,” Vogel added. “I am trying to protect the city’s financial interests going forward. We might not get sued, but we might. We are going to be talking about a second application in a year-and-a-half. We

are two summers away from a population of 12,500. And it (state statute) isn’t 13,00, it isn’t 17,000, it is 12,501. That’s the population number in which we will have no choice but to allow two licenses.”

Council member Aaron Berg immediately made a motion to keep the maximum number of stores at one and to approve the application for the store to be located at 626 Main Street North.

During discussion, the council bounced several possible solutions that didn’t include increasing the maximum. Council member Bob Shogren asked if the site on Cleveland Street was too close to a daycare center on Cleveland Street South. Westover said based on city ordinance, it has to be at least 500 feet away, and that location was just over that minimum distance. According to Google Maps, the daycare center is

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Evan Vogel
Cambridge City Administrator

one-tenth of a mile away, which equates to 528 feet.

The council also floated the idea of simply flipping a coin to determine which application to approve. Vieira stated she believed that would legally be considered an “arbitrary” decision, which opens the city up for litigation. After doing some quick research, Vieira altered her determination, saying a coin flip still wasn’t allowed, but the city could hold

a “lottery.”

WHICH CAME FIRST?

The council also asked if it could be decided based on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Westover said that isn’t written anywhere in the city’s ordinance; however, “that is what we have been telling everyone.” Again, after some quick research, Vieira stated the city could make a legal determination based on that premise. That revelation, however, only made the matter more complicated.

Originally, Westover said both applications were hand-delivered on the same day, but one was dropped off at the zoning office and one was dropped off at the police department. This prompted a discussion on whether security cameras could be utilized to obtain a time stamp of exactly when each application was

turned in. That idea was somewhat squashed as one of the prospective owners corrected Westover, saying he emailed his application. He said the timestamp of the email being sent was “12:47.” The other owner, who was also present at the council meeting, didn’t volunteer an approximate time his application was dropped off.

After further discussion, Berg agreed to rescind his motion in order to table the topic until the Dec. 1 council meeting, so staff can see if video can be found indicating when the one application was physically turned in. In doing so, Berg informed the rest of the council that he will again make a motion on Dec. 1 to keep the maximum at one store.

Enjoy free entrance to Minnesota state parks, recreation areas Friday, Nov. 28

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is waiving vehicle fees to all 73 state parks and recreation areas on Friday, Nov. 28. The DNR offers four “Free Park Days” each year to encourage Minnesotans to explore a new park or visit an old favorite, and reap the benefits of spending time outdoors.

“After Thanksgiving celebrations, we encourage friends and family to get outside and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature,” said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR Parks and Trails Division. “State parks and recreation areas offer opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors together, and spending time in nature also positively affects our mental and physical wellbeing.”

Late November offers a variety of outdoor recreation options, including hiking, biking, photography, fishing and more. This time of year is particularly great for bird- and animal-watching as bare trees make it easier to spot wildlife.

State park visitors can also enjoy several free events on Nov. 28 (mndnr.gov/ptcalendar) including a naturalist-led hike at Wild River State Park, a Free Park Day scavenger hunt at Gooseberry Falls State Park, and a chance to learn about reptiles up close at Lake Maria State Park.

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead for their visit: Check visitor alerts and find directions on state

park and recreation area webpages (mndnr.gov/park-list) and follow any safety signs posted at the site.

Before a trip, download the free Avenza app and the park or recreation area’s GeoPDF map. Avenza will display a user’s current location even when not connected to the internet or cell service, a feature that is particularly useful in areas where cell service is spotty or nonexistent. Find additional information on the DNR’s GeoPDF webpage (mndnr.gov/geopdf). Visitors can also pick up paper maps outside each park’s ranger station.

Check the weather forecast before leaving home and dress appropriately for the conditions.

Visit the information signs near the park entrance for suggestions on what to see and do.

Consider wearing blaze orange or pink. While there are no special park hunts taking place on Free Park Day, hunting may be occurring on land adjacent to state parks and recreation areas.

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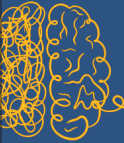
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Scrabble (2nd Monday)

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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

Mahjong

Noon to 3 p.m. at Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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



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Cambridge Curling Club hosts an open house on Nov. 21 from 5-9 p.m.

lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For info: sacs@midconetwork.com

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

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12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Mahjong

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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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.

FRIDAYS
Cribbage

12:45 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch.

SATURDAYS
Peace Walk

First and third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m., meet in the parking lot at Highway 95 and Birch, Cambridge. All are welcome.

NOV 21

Cambridge Curling Club Open House

From 5 - 9 p.m. Open to the Public, Refreshments provided. Current, Youth, and New members, and those who just want to check out what curling is all about are welcome and encouraged to attend. Cambridge Curling Club is located at the Isanti County Fairgrounds in Cambridge.

NOV 22

Cambridge Snowflake Parade

featuring visiting with Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. at City Center Mall, tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. at corner of Highway 95 and Main Street. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m., following same route as last year. Note: there is no chili feed this year.

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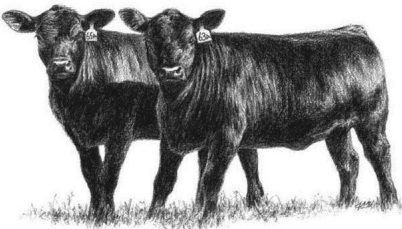
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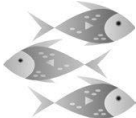
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Cambridge council faces no-win situation

Once again, the State of Minnesota's handling of legalizing cannabis use and sales has been exposed for the mess it is. Unfortunately, this evidence comes at the expense of a gigantic headache for the city of Cambridge.

As reported in this week's edition, the Cambridge Council has been placed in a virtual no-win situation regarding the city's imposed maximum number of cannabis retailers that can be located within city limits. The city had previously established what the state mandated as being the minimum number of retailers for a city with a population under 12,500, which is only one store.

Normally, there wouldn't be a problem with this, but in a turn of events few, if anyone, would have predicted, Cambridge received two equally eligible and acceptable applications on the exact same day. So, with a cap of only one, the council is being tasked with choosing between the two.

One of the major talking points we have heard coming from discussions regarding approving such applications is the council must have a well-established legal reason to reject an application, lest the city opens itself up to a lawsuit. The catchphrase we keep hearing is the application "can't be arbitrarily or seditiously denied." Isanti City Administrator Josi Wood even went so far as to advise the council unanimously approve eligible applications.

Cambridge City Administrator Evan Vogel emphasized the possibility of a lawsuit in this case as the primary reason for recommending the council simply amend its ordinance to allow for two stores within city limits. He backed that up with the accurate fact that in the near future, the city's population will eclipse the magical 12,500 mark, thus forcing the city to allow for two stores.

I respectfully disagree with this recommendation. In today's lawsuit-happy society, any action the council takes could turn into a lawsuit, no matter how common that action might be. Plus, given the insane instability of the state's legalized cannabis program, the possibility of a lawsuit for any reason whatsoever is high.

As unpleasant as having to defend a lawsuit might be, Cambridge's situation would make for a very compelling case study. It is the state's micromanaging of local government that has painted Cambridge into a corner. By having such identically eligible applicants based on state statute and city zoning codes and ordinances, the city is forced to find a way to choose between the two for reasons other than the legally definable ones. In this case, the city noted one of the proposed sites is directly adjacent to residential properties, is just outside the minimum allowable distance from a daycare center, and is in greater disrepair than the other.

I am far from a legal expert, but to me citing these facts accomplishes the spirit of the requirement that denials not be "arbitrary or seditious." Think of it being "tie-breaking criteria."

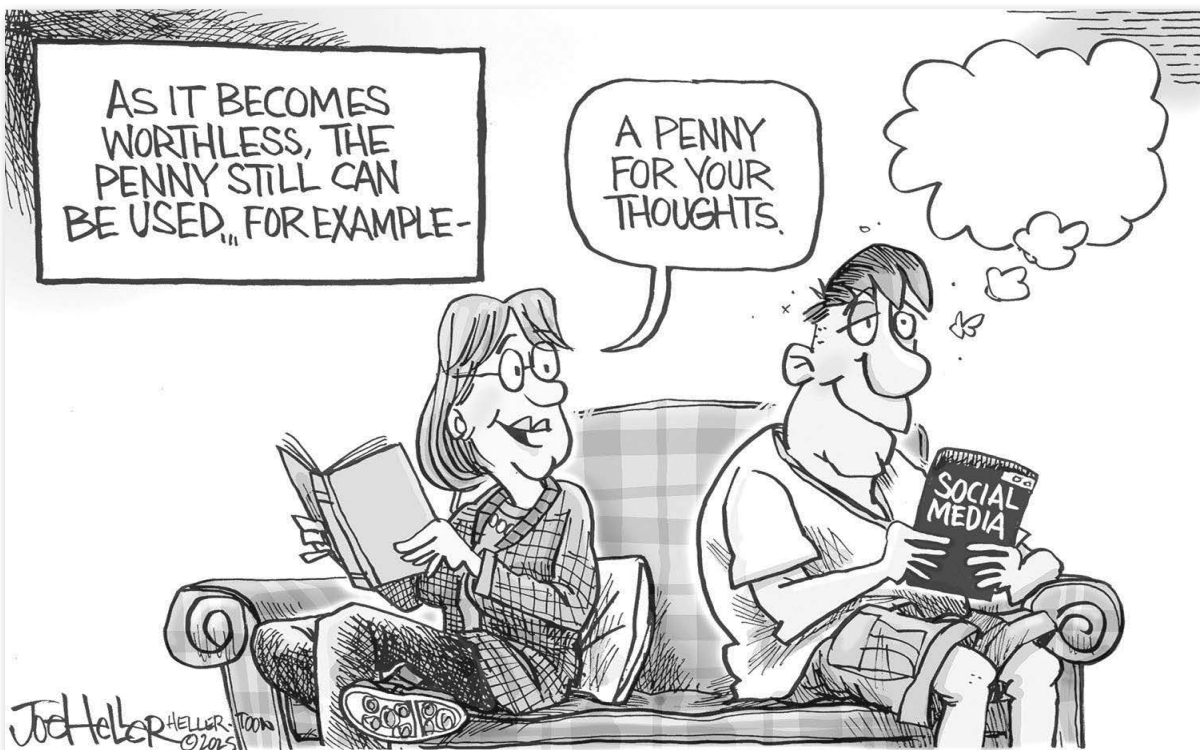
The council does have one final straw to grasp at in invoking "first come, first served" as their tie-breaker. Failing that, it is my opinion they stick to their guns of only one cannabis retailer, choose between the two and let the chips fall where they may, especially considering they very well would be facing a darned if you do, darned if you don't scenario.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I'm not your kind of Christian

To the editor,

Before I get into the core of my letter, I want to mention that my message applies to people of all faiths as well as people with no spiritual beliefs. The points I make should be universal to all people. I am angry about how the public perception of the religion I follow has been dragged through the mud by people calling themselves "Christian." The Christ I believe in is summed up in the Gospels, particularly in Matthew 25:34-46.

Supporting a leader and a political party who are fighting tooth and nail to stop SNAP benefits is not Christian. Those actions are not supported in Christ's actual words. From the NIV Bible Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

Supporting a leader and a political party who are putting tax cuts for the rich above affordable healthcare is not Christian. Those actions are not supported in Christ's actual words. From the NIV Bible Matthew 25:36, "... I was sick and you looked after me..."

Supporting a leader and a political party whose immigration policies needlessly break up families and routinely deny valid claims of asylum. Those actions are not supported in Christ's actual words. From the NIV Bible Matthew 25:35, "... I was a stranger and you invited me in ..."

I am continually astounded how some call themselves Christian and fail, in so many ways, to live up to the actual words of Christ. I do my best to be a follower of Christ, and no, I'm not your kind of Christian.

**Jeffrey Benny
Cambridge**

Post mortem on the referendum

To the editor,

I was at a community meeting a couple of weeks ago and a person facilitating the meeting stated that a community's schools are the major identity of the community. I absolutely believe that and while I live just outside of the C-I school

district, it is still the school district in my community. During the referendum I was criticized because I voiced an opinion about this major institution in my community.

That really didn't bother me because I knew my intentions were to help members of our community that would be hurt by the cost of these unrealistic referendums. Now it is time to look at how these referendums, that overwhelmingly failed, were placed on a ballot.

I believe there were two main reasons. First, as we now know, the no votes were nearly 50% more than the yes votes for question #1 and nearly twice as many no votes as yes votes for question #2. However, the seven member school board voted unanimously to place these unrealistic referendums on the ballot. Doesn't this tell us that this board is out of touch with the community they are elected to serve?

Secondly, the school administration put together a steering committee where more than half of that committee receives payments from the school district. This is a direct conflict of interest. Again, I place this on the school board. Where is the oversight?

Are you aware that this board, according to govsalaries.com and opengovpay.com gave this administration's superintendent a 29% salary increase, last year even though he was paid significantly over the state superintendent average? This is for a district with dismal proficiency ratings (i.e. high school math proficiency 35%, third grade reading proficiency 37% according to Niche.com and the americanexperiment.com)?

However, there is hope. Next year, 2026, four of the seven school board members will be up for election. I would urge you to get involved and elect members who are aligned with the values of our community. I know some will call this divisive but it is important to learn from mistakes in the past so we don't repeat them in the future with another off-year election with unrealistic demands from this administration.

**Keith Kersten
Stanford Township**

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The power of gratitude

As we move through November, conversations about gratitude seem to come more naturally. The season invites us to pause, reflect, and appreciate the many people and moments that shape our lives. It's a beautiful time to give thanks—but gratitude, when practiced year-round, is what truly sustains us. In Cambridge-Isanti Schools, gratitude isn't limited to one month of the year. It's part of who we are and how we lead—together.

Each day, I see gratitude lived out in the actions of our staff, students, and community. Teachers greet students by name each morning. Paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and custodians make sure every child is safe and cared for. Nutrition staff prepare meals

with warmth and pride. Principals and support teams work tirelessly to create positive, welcoming environments where every student can learn and grow. These simple daily actions—often quiet and unseen—reflect a deep sense of appreciation for one another and for the important work we share.

I'm especially grateful for the partnership of our families and community supporters who "show up" in ways big and small all year long. Families attend conferences and concerts, volunteer in classrooms, and encourage good habits at home. Local businesses and organizations host job shadows and internships, sponsor activities, and mentor students. First responders, healthcare partners, and civic groups collaborate with us on safety, wellness, and community events. Neighbors fill gyms and auditoriums to cheer on our students. Your time, resources, and encouragement lift our schools—and our kids.

Our students remind us every day why this gratitude runs so deep. Whether it's a kindergarten learning to read, a middle school student mastering a science experiment, or a senior planning their next steps beyond graduation, each success is made possible through encouragement, support, and care from the people around them. When we take time to notice and acknowledge these moments—big and small—we strengthen the fabric of our community.

Gratitude is not only a response to good times; it's a way to navigate challenges. It helps us focus on what unites us and on the progress we continue to make together. This month, as families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope we each take a moment to express appreciation—to our colleagues, neighbors, and loved ones—for the roles we play in one another's lives. And then, I hope we carry that spirit forward—into December, into the new year, and every day beyond.

To our staff, students, families, School Board, and community partners—thank you. Your commitment, compassion, and belief in what is possible make us proud to serve. Gratitude is not just something we talk about in November—it's something we live, together, all year long.

Wishing you a season—and a year—filled with peace, purpose, and gratitude.
GO BIG BLUE!

DR. NATE RUDOLPH is superintendent of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. He can be reached at 763-689-6202 or nrudolph@c-ischools.org.



C-I School News
Dr. Nate Rudolph

How NBAPS makes weather decisions

As winter weather becomes a more regular part of our days, it's important for families to know how North Branch Area Public Schools makes weather-related decisions. Families rely on timely, accurate information, and I want to share what goes into these early-morning decisions so you know what to expect when conditions become challenging.

Two values guide every decision we make: the importance of maintaining a predictable and consistent school schedule for students and families, and the safety of our students and staff when weather presents challenges. Whenever it is safe to do so, keeping school open and on schedule is our goal, and when conditions make travel unsafe, we will adjust as needed.

Because consistency and safety matter so much, it is also important to be clear about what we avoid.

North Branch Area Public Schools does not dismiss students early once the day has begun. We know that many families cannot adjust midday without notice, and unexpected early releases can create safety and supervision challenges for students.

With those guiding principles in mind, our planning begins long before the sun comes up. On evenings when winter weather is in the forecast, we closely monitor weather reports, radar, and updates from local agencies to understand what might be coming and when. If conditions appear likely to affect travel for the following school day, the preparation doesn't wait until morning.

When the forecast suggests that weather may impact the start of school, the early-morning work begins. Around 3:00 a.m., we partner with our transportation provider to compare updated forecasts with what we



NB School News
Sara Paul

are able to observe firsthand. This early check helps us understand how conditions are developing versus what was predicted the night before.

Shortly after that assessment, the window for making a decision approaches. By 5:30 a.m., based on our evaluations, along with forecasts and operational readiness, we decide whether to:

- Continue with a normal schedule,
- Move to a two-hour late start, or
- Close school for the day.

Once the decision is made, communication follows promptly. NBAPS sends updates directly to families through automated calls and emails, the district website, social media, and local television and radio stations. Messages are sent by 5:45 a.m. so families have as much time as possible to plan for their morning.

Even with this careful process, we also recognize the limits of weather prediction. We are humble enough to acknowledge that we might not get it exactly right every time. Weather can change quickly, and forecasts don't always match what we see on the ground, but we make each decision with care and with the best information we have at the moment.

Because we all play a role in winter safety, there are also steps we all can take to increase safety on our roads. Giving ourselves extra time in the morning, fully scraping off vehicles, bundling up, and slowing down on the roads all contribute to a safer commute for everyone.

While winter can certainly test our routines, there is still so much to get out and enjoy, and it's part of what makes living in Minnesota so special. Vikings have so much to look forward to this winter! Thank you for doing your part as we work together to ensure safety on our roads, enjoying all the events planned for this winter and adjusting schedules as needed.

SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.

How to navigate a four-way stop safely

Question: At a 4-way stop, when 2 cars stop at exactly the same time, which one has the right of way? Is it the car on your left? It seems like no one



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

knows what to do these days and everyone just sits there.

Answer: That is a good question for a good topic. Right-of-way and yielding laws help traffic flow smoothly and safely. They are based on courtesy and common sense. Violating these laws is a leading cause of traffic crashes.

- Intersections without traffic lights or signals: When you reach an intersection at the same time as another driver, the driver on the left must yield to the one on the right.

- All-way stops or flashing red traffic lights: When you reach an intersection at the same time as another driver, the driver on the left must yield to the one on the right.

- Left turns: When you want to make a left turn, you must yield to vehicles approaching from the opposite direction that are in the intersection or close enough to pose a risk of a crash.

- Green arrow signal for left turn: When a green arrow signals that you are allowed to turn left, you must yield to other vehicles or pedestrians already in the intersection. After yielding, you may continue in the direction of the arrow.

- Uncontrolled "T" intersections: When you approach an uncontrolled "T" intersection, you must yield to all cross traffic if you are the one turning.

- Entering a public road from a private road or driveway: You must stop and yield to pedestrians and traffic.

- Transit and metro mobility bus-

es: When driving in the right lane, you must yield to transit and metro mobility buses merging from a bus stop or shoulder. This includes yielding to any school bus trying to enter the lane from a shoulder, a right-turn lane, or other location where the school bus has stopped to load or unload passengers. The school bus must use the left turn signal to indicate intent to move into the right-hand lane.

- Funeral processions: When a funeral procession identifies itself with headlights or hazard warning lights, you must yield to the entire procession.

- Pedestrians: You must yield to pedestrians crossing at intersections and crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked.

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Cambridge Lions seek new members

The Cambridge Lions Club is seeking new members as it looks to sustain its long-running presence in the community.

Founded in 1955, the service organization has supported local projects and events for nearly seven decades. Members help staff the group's food trailer at the Isanti County Fair, the antique fair and other community gatherings, with proceeds supporting local initiatives.

Club leaders say additional volunteers are needed to maintain those efforts as the city continues to grow. Membership is open to adults 18 and older.

The Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion, 220 Main St. S. in Cambridge. Questions can be directed to cambridgelions1955@gmail.com. - The Cambridge Lions Club

Joy Lutheran Church preparing to move to new Cambridge location

Joy Lutheran Church, LCMS, will soon move from its longtime home at 1155 Joy Circle to a larger facility at 33525 Jefferson St. NE in Cambridge.

Founded in 1970, the congregation has been part of the Goldenwood neighborhood since 1973. The church underwent a major remodel in 2018 to improve space and efficiency, but continued growth prompted the search

for a larger building.

That opportunity came when the former Calvary Baptist Church property in Cambridge became available. After purchasing the site earlier this year, Joy Lutheran began renovation work in mid-August with the help of construction crews and church volunteers. The move to the new building is expected to take place in early December.

Plans for additional improvements include installing an elevator in February and adding a carport entry and new parking lots in the spring.

Joy Lutheran Church continues to invite the community to join in worship and participate in its ministries during this period of transition and renewal. - Joy Lutheran Church

OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann Erickson

Barbara Ann Erickson, 74, of Cambridge, MN passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, October 18, 2025 surrounded by her family.

She was born November 16, 1950 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Robert and Darlene (German) Zellner. They later moved to a Minneapolis suburb and finally the Dalbo area where she graduated from Cambridge High School in 1968.

She married David Erickson in 1970 and enjoyed 55 years of wedded bliss. She co-owned an office supply business in Cambridge for several years and later became a para-professional special education teacher for the Cambridge-Isanti school district. She retired when her first of four grandchildren were born. She spent the rest of her life enjoying her grandchildren as they grew up and became young adults, going to each and every event they participated in. She enjoyed traveling around the country, setting foot in all but two states. She visited many friends, connecting with each of them while traveling this great country of ours.

Barbara is survived by her husband David, her son Chad (Cassie) Erickson and her grandchildren Alexandra and Sophia, her daughter Kimberly (Brandon) Pound and her grandchildren Maliyah and Lleyton Pound, other relatives, and many good friends.

Private services were held. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.





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LIONS THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER
Needs volunteers to help deliver meals please contact John at Post-Haste 651-237-1115 Monetary donations Welcomed please mail donations to North Branch Lions PO Box 172, North Branch, MN 55056 or Drop off at Post-Haste Business Solutions 38868 12th Ave, North Brnach, MN 55056. If you or someone you know would like to receive this meal please contact Post-Haste Business Solutions: 651-237-1115 or the Chisago County Senior Center 651-674-8658 Please reserve by Monday November 24, 2025 by noon.

TOY DRIVE
Idle Hands Tattoo 303 Credit Union Drive Northeast Suite 5, Isanti. Bring a new unwrapped toy. All toys collected will be

donated to local Charites to help families in need.

CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP
Pump Republic has decided to sponsor a local Isanti/Cambridge family this year for Christmas. Nominate a family in need via Pump Republic's Facebook page. A name will be drawn on Nov. 23 to make sure we have plenty of time to shop for gifts and get them to you by Dec. 20.

MINNCO ANGEL TREE
Visit Minnco's Virtual Angel Tree or an In-Branch Angel Tree, select an individual or family from the list, then purchase and wrap presents for them. Yours may be the only gifts they receive this year. Please Hurry! Gifts must be returned to a Minnco location by Saturday, December 13!

SALVATION ARMY'S RED KETTLE
NOV. 28 – DEC. 23
Volunteers needed: The Salvation Army seeks bell ringers for two kettles at Cambridge Walmart, and one each at Fleet Farm, Cub and Coborn's in Isanti. Shifts available Nov. 28–29; Thursday–Saturday the weeks of Dec. 1, 8 and 15; and Dec. 22–23. Sign up at registertoring.com. For questions, contact Wes Harding at 763-222-5762.

DEC. 20
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NOV 22
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Warm Hands and Noggins
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NOV 18 – DEC 12
Rush City Christmas Caring Tree
The Christmas Caring Tree will be set up in the Rush City Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 18 until Friday, Dec. 12. The tree will be decorated with Christmas Wish tags from children in the Rush City School District. Select a Wish tag(s), purchase gift(s) for the child and return unwrapped to the library by Fri., Dec. 12. Your generosity will be appreciated on Christmas morning. Questions, call Marilyn at 651-674-7336 or Shari at 320-358-3463.



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Gillespie Law marks opening

Rachel Gillespie (with scissors) is joined by family and friends, plus representatives of the North 65 Chamber of Commerce and city of Isanti in a commemorative ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of her law firm in downtown Isanti.

ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Nov. 9 - 15. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Reece Zain Parker McQuiston (DOB 01/10/2002) of Hinckley, was charged Nov. 10 with two counts of Assault-4th Deg-Correctional Employee; Prob. Officer; Prosecutor;

Judge -Demonstrable Bodily Harm.
Brent Travis Eckman (DOB 09/15/1972) of Stanchfield, was charged Nov. 13 with Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent.
Jack Leonard Williams (DOB 07/23/1968) of Isanti, was charged Nov. 14 with Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Nov. 9 - 15. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Kevin Gene Hemmer, Jr. (DOB 09/06/1986) of Rush City, was charged Nov. 12 with five counts

of Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn.
AJ Harley Voight (DOB 01/20/2001) of Harris, was charged Nov. 13 with Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Alcohol Concentration .08 or More.

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form and mailing it to the DNR License Center with payment. Costs vary depending on recipient age and license type, and processing takes about three weeks. For more information, including an application form, go to the lifetime hunting and fishing license page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/licenses/lifetime). Customers can also stop by the DNR License Center in the St. Paul Central Office to drop off applications and purchase lifetime licenses. Visiting in person may reduce the processing time. Please be aware that a social security number for the licensee is required on the application, even if it is being purchased as a gift.

NATURE STORE
Nature Stores have an assortment of Minnesota state park and recreation area apparel, jewelry, mugs, books, games and more, with a unique selection at every store. Head to the Nature Store page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/state_parks/nature_stores.html) to find a nearby location. Winter store hours vary across state parks, so call ahead to check store hours before a



visit. Gooseberry Falls, Itasca, Tettegouche, Fort Snelling, Lake Carlos and William O'Brien state parks offer the largest selections and extended hours. One gift idea: DNR's 2026 state park mug. Each year, Minnesota State Parks and Trails releases a handmade, limited-edition mug featuring a notable state park. The 2026 mug highlighting Glendalough

State Park will be available online (mndnr.gov/naturestore) starting Friday, Nov. 28 and in Nature Stores over the coming months (while supplies last). Some additional items, like Hiking and Passport Club booklets, are also available online. Online Nature Store orders can only be shipped to Minnesota addresses. Please allow 10 days for delivery. -The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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New Isanti County judge brings anything but doom to bench

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Those summoned to appear before Isanti County's newest judge are bound to be in for an unexpected, but pleasant surprise. Who could blame them, though, for thinking the worst when reading they would be appearing before a 5-foot tall magistrate with "Judge Abby Stone" on the "Night Judge"?

The mismatched number isn't lost on Carrie Doom, or her cohorts, however. "When we first became (law firm) partners, a couple of my buddies told me I should change my name to 'Gloom' and Doom," Sheriffwood McKinnis said. "Now, Judge Klossner will have can have Judge Gloom and Judge Doom."

In reality, Doom is just the opposite of her last name, as offered by two stories from McKinnis.

"How am I going to replace week-to-week, month-to-month, year-after-year, walking into Carrie's office just to say 'good morning, only to have her jump out of her skin'?" McKinnis shared. "It got to the point I would announce I was coming down the hall, and she would still jump."

The second story involved Doom participating in a tradition at the firm of drinking a shot of tequila after a successful case.

"I want you to know there is no greater entertainment in life than watching Carrie Doom try to drink tequila," McKinnis joked. "She could comfort her face in supernatural ways. Those of you that remember the movie 'The Mask' starring Jim Carrey, he's got nothing on Carrie Doom."

All kidding aside, McKinnis and her now fellow judges proclaim how Doom is the perfect choice for a judge.

"Carrie is uniquely qualified for this new position of great responsibility," McKinnis said. "Carrie is diligent, thorough, and hard working. I believe these characteristics will serve her well on the bench."

"One of the great responsibilities and



New Tenth District Judge Carrie Doom is sworn in by Isanti County Judge John Klossner as held at the Isanti County Government Center. Doom is replacing Isanti County Judge Amy Brosnahan, who recently retired.

Thank you for your service

Area veterans were treated to a free breakfast of sweet rolls, breakfast pizza, coffee, orange juice, and handmade "Thank you" notes at Cambridge-Isanti High School's annual Veterans Day breakfast.

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Isanti approves skateboard park improvements, non-committal on pickleball courts

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Come next summer, there will be added attractions to Bluebird Park in Isanti, however not as many as one prominent group was hoping for.

During the Nov. 5 Isanti City Council meeting, the council was presented with a request from the fund with Park Dedication Committee to fund one construction project and one reconstruction project within Bluebird Park. The council, however, opted to only immediately go forward with the reconstruction project, while being noncommittal on funding the construction project.

The project that will go forward is the first phase of reconstructing the skateboard park. The council has been consulting with advocates for an expanded skateboard park and representatives for a company that can fix and construct skateboard park features for several months. Through those discussions, the council was advised if they approve phase 1 of the project, that could be accomplished over the winter and be placed in the park as soon as weather permits next spring. The cost for phase 1 would be not to exceed \$72,000.

"I would like to see us do the phase 1 of the skate park this year," Mayor Luke Merrill said. "I think it is something we have talked a lot about and gotten a good value."

On the flip side, the council decided to hold off on allocating no more than \$200,000 from the same Park Dedication Fund — which currently has \$400,000 in it — for the construction of six pickleball courts. The courts were recommended to be constructed in the area where a recreational ice skating rink is typically placed during the winter.

According to Public Services Director Josh Becker, he only obtained one general estimated

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Fraley hired as new Public Works Director

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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Lindstrom’s loss is North Branch’s gain as the city council narrowly approved Matt Fraley as its new director of public works.

The two nay-sayers, council members Jim Ibinger and Jeff Goulet, complained of a lack of consultation with the full council during the hiring process.

Fraley will replace Shawn Williams, a veteran city employee, who resigned in September shortly after the city celebrated his 30-year employment anniversary.

Several individuals have spoken out against the city since Williams’ resignation, including former council member Kelly Neider, claiming he was walked off the job and that losing him was a mistake.

According to the staff report, Fraley was one of seven applicants, from a total pool of 43, who proceeded to an interview. Fraley has a certificate in public works and has completed further university-based learning in public works leadership. He has 19 years of public works experience, mostly in leadership roles.

The selection committee consisted of North Branch’s City Administrator Matthew Hill, Community Development Director Nate Sondrol, HR generalist and former city council member Travis Miles, Chisago County engineer and Public Works Director Joe Triplett, and Justin Messner of WSB, which provides engineering services to the city.

Goulet said he was surprised when

he got this week’s agenda and saw hiring Fraley was up for consideration.

Council member Patrick Meacham said he had a similar reaction, but argued the council hired Miles and Hill in their respective positions to do the work of collecting applications, interviewing candidates, and selecting the best person for the job.

“At the end of the day, I don’t want to look through 43 applications, nor am I the person that should be entrusted in that,” Meacham said.

“I almost feel like this is a symbolic vote, then, like we’re voting our faith in Matthew versus the candidate, because we don’t have a lot of information,” Goulet said.

“So maybe that’s what this is, but it doesn’t feel right to me.”

Mayor Kevin Schieber pointed out the council was afforded the opportunity to provide feedback on the position description.

“There was some input,” Schieber said, “I don’t feel like we were totally blindsided.”

Ibinger reminded Miles that the taxpayers are at the top of his organizational chart, and the council should have had the opportunity to represent them during the process.

Hill said the selection committee did provide updates to the personnel advisory committee. Schieber responded that because the process looked to be moving along well, he did not feel the need to bring it up to the council.

Following the vote, the council agreed to discuss the department head hiring process at a future work session.

Cambridge to distribute \$30,000 in ‘unexpected’ money

Funds strictly dedicated for affordable housing aid

BY BILL STICKELS III
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It isn’t often a city is the unexpected recipient of state funding, but that is exactly what has happened with the city of Cambridge.

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, these funds, which it appears will be issued yearly, can only be distributed for a select few uses, including:

- Emergency rental assistance for households earning less than 80% of area median income;
 - Financial support to nonprofit affordable housing providers;
 - Construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition or removal of structures, construction financing, permanent financing, interest rate reduction, refinancing, and gap financing of housing to provide affordable housing; or
 - The development of properties that are rented at market value if the relevant unit of government submits with their report to Minnesota Housing a resolution and supporting documentation showing that the area meets the requirements of Minnesota Statute 462A.39, subd 4, para. (a).
- Vogel admitted when the check for \$29,983 was received, he was unaware of this new state program.
- “I got a text from Caroline (Moe, the city’s deputy city administrator and finance director) saying, ‘Do you know what this is from?’”
- On top of that, Vogel said about

three weeks ago he discovered one of the conditions of the money is the city must file a report providing a general description of what the money is intended to be used for.

“It’s important to note the funds must be dedicated, not obligated and not spent (by Dec. 1),” Vogel added.

Because of the time crunch, Vogel recommended the city dedicates the money to “the lowest hanging fruit,” which would be financial support to nonprofit affordable housing providers.

While the council didn’t specify exactly which organization(s) the money would go to, New Pathways was specifically mentioned as a possible recipient.

“I think New Pathways would qualify,” Vogel said. “I don’t know if there are other providers that meet that definition specifically.”

Council member Molly Christian wasn’t as enthusiastic about the unexpected money.

“We heard tonight about a lot of people feeling overtaxed,” she said. “It’s frustrating when the state distributes money without it being specifically requested. This isn’t the state’s money, it is our money because we are taxpayers. On the other hand, the state loves to spend money. So if we don’t accept this and it goes back to them and they just spend it somewhere else.”

Ultimately, the council unanimously approved dedicating the money to a nonprofit affordable housing provider.



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Minnesota Humanities Center Announces \$6,299,000 in Cultural Heritage Legacy Grants

The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces a Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment Cultural Heritage grant opportunity.

The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$6,299,000 (less allowable administrative fees) to MHC from the Legacy Fund to administer grants through a competitive application process to individuals and organizations for Cultural Heritage grants. These grants, consistent with legislative intent, will work to create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the many diverse cultural groups that make up Minnesota, including but not limited to Indigenous organizations, communities whose culture and heritage have been historically underrepresented, recent immigrant communities, and veterans.

Kevin Lindsey, MHC’s CEO, noted, “In the midst of substantial reduction in funding at the federal level, we know this funding provided by the Minnesota Legislature will be welcome

relief to the many wonderful arts and cultural organizations throughout Minnesota.” Lindsey added, “Because of Legacy Amendment funding, this is the third consecutive biennium that MHC has been able to provide Cultural Heritage funding to celebrate the rich cultural programming throughout our state.”

MHC will accept grant applications through December 8, 2025, and will ultimately make awards, less administrative costs.

MHC has multiple avenues to support applicants. “We post our frequently asked questions on our website, host several virtual informational sessions, and our staff make themselves available to work with individuals and organizations on their application proposals,” said MHC Grant Manager, Tristy Auger. “We are happy to answer any and all questions applicants may have regarding the application process, and we are committed to providing excellent technical assistance for all applicants,” added Auger. ~ The Minnesota Humanities Center

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

North Isanti Baptist Church

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

Springvale Baptist

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9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
763-689-1373
springvalechurchmn.org

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 sunriseiblechurch.org or 651-674-4107.

Catholic

Christ the King

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

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Evangelical Covenant

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

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

Kost Evangelical Free Church

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org
Pastor Josh Jensen
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm
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29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
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10:45am Christian Education
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www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
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Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am
www.christcambridge.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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320-396-3103
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ASSUMED NAME: Selah Collaborative

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 209 1ST AVE E CAMBRIDGE MN 55008 USA

APPLICANT(S): Name: Sara M. Nunes Massage Therapy, LLC

Address: 11445 HOMER RD PINE CITY MN 55063 USA

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SIGNED BY: Sara Milanio Ruth MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

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NOTICES

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The City of Isanti is currently seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. Appointees play a vital role in advising the City Council on the development, maintenance, and programming of our community parks and recreational facilities.

AVAILABLE TERMS Multiple terms are available, with service beginning in January 2026.

Terms will be appointed for the following lengths:

• Two 3-Year Terms APPLICATION DEADLINE

All completed applications must be received by: Monday, December 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM (Noon)

HOW TO APPLY Interested individuals must

submit a completed application for consideration. Applications are available at City Hall during regular business hours or can be found on the official City website.

Completed applications should be returned to the City Clerk's office using one of the following methods:

1. In Person: Drop off at the Administration Office in City Hall.

2. By Mail: Send directly to City Clerk Jaden Strand.

3. By Email: Send the completed application to Jaden Strand at jstrand@cityofisanti.us.

For questions regarding the application process or the Parks and Recreation Board's work, please contact the City Clerk's Office.

Jaden Strand City Clerk

763-762-5759

Posted: 10-15-2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 SUMMARY OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRIS, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the following Chapter 154 entitled Zoning is hereby adopted to amend Sections 154.03 (Definitions) and 154.14 (District Regulations), and to add Section 514.34 (Kennel Performance Standards).

Section 2. That the City Council finds that the cost of publication of the full ordinance is prohibitive and a summary of the ordinance would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance.

Section 3. That this is a summary of the adopted ordinance and the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall or by standard or electronic mail upon request.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication of the approved summary, whichever is later.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06 SUMMARY OF ADOPTION OF THE REGULATION AND REGISTRATION OF CANNABIS RETAIL AND BUSINESSES WHICH INCLUDE CANNABIS MICROBUSINESS WITH RETAIL OPERATION ENDORSEMENT, CANNABIS MEZZOBUSINESS

WITH RETAIL OPERATION ENDORSEMENT, CANNABIS RETAILER, MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAILER, AND LOWER-POTENCY HEMP EDIBLE RETAILER.

CITY OF HARRIS, CHISAGO CO UNTY, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the following Chapter 119 is hereby amended to add the articles to adult use cannabis products and retail operations.

Section 2. That the City Council finds that the cost of publication of the full ordinance is prohibitive and a summary of the ordinance would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance.

Section 3. That this is a summary of the adopted ordinance and the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall or by standard or electronic mail upon request.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication of the approved summary, whichever is later.

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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF CITY OF NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 399-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH BRANCH CITY CODE, CHAPTER 18: BUSINESSES, ARTICLE XII: CANNABIS REGULATION

The City Council of the City of North Branch has adopted Ordinance No. 399-25. This Ordinance amends Chapter 18: Businesses, Article XII to require the registration of lower-potency hemp edible retailers in the City of North Branch and to make other changes consistent with amendments to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 399-25 may be obtained at no charge at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, MN 55056.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor Attested By:

City Administrator

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PUBLIC HEARING CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Cambridge Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, to discuss the following public hearing items and other items on the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Kelly Ostrom, 2910 Holly St S, Cambridge, MN 55008; for an Interim Use Permit for the keeping of fowl. The legal description is Lot 15, Block 1, Goldenwood, Isanti County, Minnesota.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by The City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008; for a rezoning of multiple parcels from BT (Business Transition) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). The parcels included are 15.055.0061, 15.055.0081, 15.055.0090, 15.055.0100, 15.055.0011, 15.055.0021, 15.005.3300, 15.005.3500, 15.005.3800, 15.005.4100, 15.005.3200, 15.055.0110, 15.055.0120, 15.005.3900, 15.055.0130, 15.055.0140, & 15.055.0150. The legal descriptions are Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and part of lot 6, Block 1; and Lots 1 through 5, Block 2, Oak Terrace Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota; and those exception parcels of the Oak Terrace Addition, with lengthy legal descriptions including part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 5, Township 03S, Range 023, Isanti County, Minnesota.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Cambridge Junction LLC, 5201 Eden Ave, Ste 370, Edina MN, 55436; for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment. The legal description is Lots 1 and

2, Block 1, and Lot 1, Block 2, Cornerstone Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Cambridge Junction LLC, 5201 Eden Ave, Ste 370, Edina MN, 55436; for a Preliminary Plat of Cambridge Junction. The legal description is Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, and Lot 1, Block 2, Cornerstone Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Jesse Jondahl, 31871 Nightingale St NW, Cambridge MN, 55008; for a Rezoning. The legal description lengthy and includes parts of the North ½ of the NW ¼, Section 31, Township 036, Range 023, Isanti County, Minnesota.

6. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Jesse Jondahl, 31871 Nightingale St NW, Cambridge MN, 55008; for a Preliminary Plat of Rolling Meadows West. The legal description lengthy and includes parts of the North ½ of the NW ¼, Section 31, Township 036, Range 023, Isanti County, Minnesota.

More information is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, including full legal descriptions. Cambridge Planning Commission Meetings are typically scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are open to the public.

Marcia Westover Community Development Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING HIDDEN PRAIRIE FINAL PLAT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of East Bethel City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., at the City Hall, 2241 221st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN.

The hearing will be to consider a proposed ordinance under Appendix A - ZONING, Section 1, Subdivision. 7 – Official Zoning Map, to rename 198th Street NE to 198th Avenue NE within the plat of Hidden Prairie.

The public is invited to provide comments at the hearing.

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Matt Look City Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a proposed Preliminary and Final Plat for a lot split, creating two additional lots for Walker Hill Farm at 40926 Hemingway Ave.

Applicant(s) Sarah Wald Property Owners(s) Violet Bibeau

General Location(s) South side of 410th Ave, West of Hemingway Ave

Legal Description THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼), SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP THIRTY-FIVE (35), RANGE TWENTY-ONE (21), Chisago County, Minnesota

PID(s) 11.00148.00

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at ryans@ci.north-branch.mn.us.

Tonya Kostuch tonyak@ci.north-branch.mn.us

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Applicant(s) Sunrise River Commons East LLC.

Property Owners(s) Sunrise River Commons East LLC.

General Location(s) North side of Hwy 95, West of I-35, East of Marketplace Rd.

Legal Description Lot 1, Block 2, NORTH BRANCH MARKET PLACE, Chisago County, Minnesota

PID(s) 11.00410.14

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at ryans@ci.north-branch.mn.us.

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

10th Judicial District Court File Number: 30-PR-25-89 Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of Sheila Rae Novotny, Deceased

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

Last Will dated October 6, 2022

has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has

informally appointed the following: Self-Represented Litigant

Crystal Ann Novotny

Address 573 Taft Loop South Cambridge MN 55008

573 Taft Loop South Cambridge MN 55008

Email crystalinderlee52@gmail.com

Phone Number 763-341-6044

as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Probate Registrar

Date 10/23/2025

Court Administrator Erin Boettcher

Date 10/23/2025

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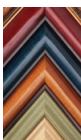
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