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When one door closes, another stays open

Former Braham resident relaunches doorstep invention

BY STACY VERDICK CASE
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Necessity is the mother of all invention, and sometimes it's a mother tired of the door swinging closed.

Deb Calvano was folding laundry when inspiration struck. "I'll never forget this day. I had a basket of laundry I was folding. The door was bothering me again. I took out some socks, and I tied some socks together. I think I used like four socks or something. "I knew instantly if I had this problem, so did hundreds and hundreds of other people," Calvano said.

That improvised bundle of socks became a double-sided, under-the-door doorstep

originally called a SoftStopper. Now, more than 20 years after its, the product has a new name, Door Plushies, and a new distribution system.

For Calvano, who grew up in Braham, the relaunch of Door Plushie is not a comeback. Instead, it's "Finishing something I started," she said. "This is my dream."

THE FIRST TRY

Calvano first created SoftStopper in 1998 as a stay-at-home mother with two young children. The door to her children's room would not stay open a crack so she could hear them if they needed her. Propping the door open with stuffed animals meant constantly moving them, piling them up,



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Deb Calvano poses with several of the many different Door Plushies available.

or rescuing them from the family dog.

"I wasn't trying to invent anything. Just making what I needed."

While the socks she tied together solved the door-opening problem, the wadded-up fabric wasn't very attractive. "You spend all this money and all this time decorating your children's room, so they're abso-

lutely perfect, so of course I'm not gonna leave socks under the door because that's ugly."

Calvano grabbed some fabric scraps and pillow stuffing and set to work making small spheres to replace the socks, in fabric that complemented the decor. She showed a few people, and they wanted them too. That's how her manufacturing process began. "People started

saying, 'My son has trains in his room. Can you make one with fabric that has trains?' And I'd be like, yeah."

Those prototypes proved this product met a need. Calvano began creating more SoftStoppers shaped like different animals, selling them on the craft fair circuit. Eventually

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Isanti makes alterations to event permits

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The city of Isanti has made several changes to its special events permit ordinance, with most of the changes being welcomed by impacted organizations, but some may not be as popular.

According to City Administrator Josi Wood, the ordinance was being repealed and replaced based on the advice of the city attorney in order to clean up some of the language in the 17-year-old ordinance. At the same time, the council was able to make revisions to some of the policies and procedures included in the ordinance.

"It was outdated, and there were some practices that just didn't make sense," Wood said. "And the process was very time-consuming."

Several of the changes will significantly streamline the entire process. Any events that do not include alcohol, gambling, or significant road closures or traffic congestion no longer have to get council approval. The city admin-

istrator will now have the authority to approve such events. All family gatherings and peaceful assembly/protests, and events taking place in a city park rental or park facility being used for its intended purpose, now no longer need to apply for a permit. Also, special event permits will no longer be required to have a mobile food vendor on private property.

The new ordinance also removes the required notification of residences within 350 feet of the event, the sign permit fee, and the cleanup fee. However, the city reserves the right to charge an organization if it fails to clean up after the event, plus future permit requests could be impacted.

There are a couple of restrictions that have either been added or clarified within the new ordinance. Traffic control and parking plans may be required. Also, a security plan will be required when attendance is over 1,000 and/or alcohol or intoxicating substances are

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Fit as a fiddle

Bettina V of the band Ragtown entertains the crowd during the final Third Thursday event held in downtown Cambridge on Thursday, Aug. 20. Bettina's fiddle playing would have put both the Devil and Johnny to shame.

There is still one more Cambridge Concert in the Park remaining this summer, which will take place this Friday, Aug. 28, starting at 5 p.m. in the Cambridge City Park. The band is The Culture Collective, a Prince tribute band.

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Detour extends north of Cambridge to Braham beginning Aug. 31

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For current road conditions on state highways, visit 511mn.org. ~ MnDOT

MON & THUR

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

MON - FRI

Senior Dining

North Branch, Chisago
County Senior Center 11:45
a.m. Diners need to pre-regis-
ter 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 Luther-
an 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 minneso-
tanorth-al-anon.org

Book Club

Third Monday 11 a.m.
to noon at Isanti SAC, 140
Buchanan St., N. #164 Cam-
bridge. Isanti County Library
lends the books and there is
no cost to participate. For
info: sacs@midconetwork.
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 infor-
mation, 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



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Join We R Able for music by the Cross Country Band on Thursday, September 3, with musicians Jack and Pau-
lette. They perform Classic country, blues, and western swing.

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 Gra-
cePointe 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 Cam-
bridge(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 liv-
ing with mental illness. Info:
651-213-5600 or Adultmental-
health.org.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding
support from 11 a.m. to 12:30
p.m. at the Adult Enrich-
ment 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 minneso-
tanorth-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 minneso-
ta-al-anon.org for info.

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

Baby Storytime

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

Spring bowling with We R Able

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

fee. For more information call
320-358-3616.

SATURDAY

Joyful Walking Club

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

SEPT 3

Cross Country Band concert

Enjoy a 5 p.m. meal followed
by music from the Cross Coun-
try Band at the Chisago Coun-
ty Senior Center, 38790 Sixth
Ave., North Branch. Suggested
meal donation \$5-10. Info: 320-
358-3616.

SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

CAMBRIDGE

140 Buchanan Street

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Cribbage - 9 to 11 a.m.
Wizard 11 a.m. to noon
Pinochle 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Mahjong noon to 3 p.m.

Thursdays

500 - 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Bunco - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30
a.m. (Third Thursday of
month)

CHISAGO COUNTY

38790 6th Avenue, North
Branch

Mon, Wed, Fri.

Exercise with Connie - 10:30
to 11:30 a.m.

Monday & Wednesday

500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Cribbage - starting at 12:45
p.m.

Connect with the outdoors at the Minnesota DNR's 2026 State Fair exhibits, presentations

Through popular annual attractions,
exhibits, activities and presentations,
the Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources' building and surrounding
grounds at the Minnesota State Fair
(Aug. 27 to Sept. 7) provide a unique
opportunity for fairgoers to experience
and learn about nature.

"People often tell me that the DNR
is their favorite stop at the State Fair,
and I think that reflects how much
Minnesotans care about our natural
resources," DNR Commissioner Sarah
Strommen said. "From our fish pond
and native gardens to our knowledge-
able nature experts or stage presenta-
tions, the State Fair is an amazing time
to connect with or learn something new

about the outdoors."

The DNR Building and surrounding
grounds are located at the corner of
Carnes Ave. and Nelson St. in Falcon
Heights. The building is open 9 a.m. to 9
p.m. daily during the fair.

For more information on DNR at the
state fair and a complete schedule of
events, visit the DNR website (mndnr.
gov/statefair).

Some of the perennial DNR favorites
visitors can enjoy include:

Visiting the outdoor fish pond to
hear daily talks from DNR staff about
the three dozen species of native fish
featured in the pond.

Learning about how to prevent
wildfires at the Wildlife Prevention

Building, the 65-foot Fire Tower or with
Smokey Bear.

Asking questions about natural
resources and outdoor recreation from
the DNR or its partners at the DNR
Information Booth, the License Center
desk, the Minnesota State Parks and
Trails Center or partner booths.

Interacting with exhibits to learn
more about native species of birds in
Minnesota and their songs or how to
prevent the spread of invasive species.

Taking photos in front of giant butter-
fly wings, in a hiking boot, in front of a
nature backdrop, or with Smokey Bear.

Enjoying music or a presentation at
an outdoor stage.

New in 2026

Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
Bingo!

Aug. 27, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Families with kids of all ages can join
Woody Owl to play Bingo and learn
more about the Children's Outdoor Bill
of Rights and preparing for outdoor ad-
ventures. The Children's Outdoor Bill
of Rights is an initiative of Gov. Tim
Walz and the Governor's Children's
Cabinet to connect all Minnesota kids
to the outdoors.

UFAudio

Aug. 31, 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

UFAudio is a multi-genre rock-and-
roll band, dripping with psychedelic
overtones and atmosphere. - MNDNR

RIP, Columbia House

Last week, I heard the announcement that Columbia House has closed for good. Quite frankly, I was a little surprised they made it this long. For those who don't know, Columbia House was a membership music purchasing service best known for its offer to new members of being able to purchase 12 CDs (or cassettes) for a penny. Obviously, though, there were catches to this seemingly incredible offer. The biggest catch is you had to purchase a certain number of additional CDs at regular price within your membership period. Naturally, their "regular prices" were way higher than what you would pay for the same CD in some brick-and-mortar store.

That wasn't the most notable catch, though. The service also featured a "selection of the month," which was some random CD. If you didn't return the postcard saying you didn't want the selection of the month by a certain date, they automatically sent you that selection and billed you for it.

If you were a procrastinator or were disorganized, this meant you wound up collecting a whole bunch of CDs you had no intention of purchasing and most likely wouldn't even listen to once — at the whopping cost of at least \$15 each. To make matters worse, music stores that purchased used CDs wouldn't give you as much money for Columbia House copies.

For most people, that would be a gigantic waste of money that far outweighs the original 12 CDs for a penny. I, however, inadvertently found a loophole that turned the tables on Columbia House. One of the conditions of the selection of the month is that if you don't open the box it was mailed in, you could simply do a return to sender and not get charged for the unwanted CD.

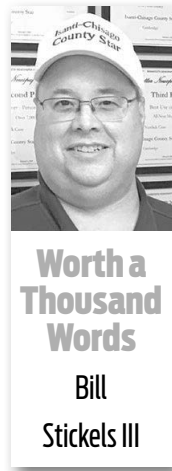
Even better, if you executed this loophole a certain number of times, Columbia House would "punish" you by outright canceling your membership. What that meant is you were no longer obligated to purchase your minimum number of regular-priced CDs, and you still got to keep those original CDs you paid a whole penny for.

Of course, once you had your membership canceled, you were placed on a list of not being able to rejoin. But considering databases were nowhere near as advanced as they are today, people could easily rejoin by using a different name or mailing address.

Ultimately, the rise of music streaming services is what led to Columbia House's downfall. The company discontinued CD sales in 2008, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2015, with the DVD sales portion hanging on until also being overrun by streaming services, which put the final nail in the company's coffin last week.

Ironically, some industry experts are proclaiming CDs are making a comeback, similar to the way vinyl records are. Despite that, I don't know if Columbia House's tactics would work under today's consumer environment. Besides, they'd have to come up with a different initial offer since the penny has been discontinued. And "12 CDs for a nickel" just doesn't sound as attractive.

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Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER:

Politicians show poor judgement

To the editor,

Most of us have better things to do than follow the news about politics. The details and accusations go both ways.

One thing I know for sure is that I am paying \$5.50 a gallon for diesel fuel for my truck. I know that inflation is a growing problem and that ground beef at Walmart costs \$6.50-\$8.50 a pound. I know Canada is good for Minnesota because we do lots of business with them including they sell us hockey sticks. President Trump has fumbled the ball by creating a war he promised he wouldn't.

It costs me each time I fill my truck. I know my wife complains about how much groceries cost. I have been to Canada and I see Canadians visiting the U.S. We have been friends for a long time.

The bottom line is that our Republican representatives like Pete Stauber support this president and in my mind that shows poor judgement. Trump has turned our friends against us. That is never smart. I don't like being so political but this is the truth. If the person you want to represent you supports Trump than that person also has poor judgment and you should not vote for that candidate.

Howard Lewis
Cambridge

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Talking back-to-school anxiety with University of Minnesota

Back-to-school season can come with mixed feelings for young learners. While some students are excited to return to the classroom, it can also cause anxiety for many others. Katie Lingras, PhD, LP, speaks about the signs and causes of back-to-school anxiety, and how parents can provide support.

Q: Why do so many children experience anxiety as the school year approaches?

Dr. Lingras: The summer can be filled with lots of fun activities — camps, family time, vacation, and even day-to-day time in the sun at our many beaches and community pools. However, kids often don’t have a lot of structure (or the structure changes from one week to the next) in their days and weeks compared to during the school year. Even mealtime and sleep schedules often change during the summer. Adjusting back from that can be challenging for both adults and children. New school years also bring uncertainty as teachers and classroom peers change, routines change, and sometimes even the school itself is new.

Q: What are some common sources of anxiety during back-to-school season?

Dr. Lingras: New school years can bring lots of changes —basic things like back-to-school clothes or supplies can generate anxiety for those who might be socially aware or anxious about what peers think. Changes to routine are inevitable from one year to the next — new teachers will do things differently than a past teacher, but children won’t yet know what those differences will be. New logistics, like opening a locker or changing classes, can be relevant for the older pre-teens/adolescents. Depending on a child’s previous experience in school, specific anxieties about school may exist — academic struggles, school violence, racism/discrimination or other “specialized situations” may apply to a lot of children when all of the possibilities are added up.

Q: What are some of the symptoms of anxiety in children?

Dr. Lingras: Children who have the language to express their internal experience may share worries verbal-

ly, but oftentimes anxiety is an inner experience. Some children may not even recognize that what they are feeling is anxiety, let alone have the words to express that. It’s important to be on the lookout for any of the following: stomachaches or headaches, sleep difficulties (i.e. difficulty falling asleep, waking up in the middle of the night, having bad dreams or nightmares), changes in eating patterns (i.e. eating more than usual or eating less/refusing to eat), increased fidgeting (including playing with hair, picking at or biting nails or skin), asking a lot of questions — especially things that have been “asked and answered,” needing to control things or have them “my way,” needing to have things “perfect,” or expressing worries (including things that may not seem rational).

Q: How can parents support their children who may be dealing with anxiety?

Dr. Lingras: My biggest tip would be to proactively open up the conversation and explicitly create a safe space to talk. This starts with checking in early and often about how children are feeling, but then also letting them know that they can come back with questions or things they’re thinking. It can also help to normalize the worries — a lot of children worry about starting school and/or changes that come with a new year. Letting children know they are not alone can be helpful and help them feel comfortable with expressing their thoughts and worries to someone else. We can also prepare them as much as possible ahead of time (i.e., visits to the new school or teacher/classroom, driving the bus route, checking out the new bus stop, trying out the new locker combination, walking the halls to trace how you will change classes, etc.) but also acknowledge that things will come up even when you prepare.

Identifying trusted adults or peers they can confide in when worries or unexpected things can happen is also helpful. Also, identifying go-to calm down skills that can help with relaxation when worries pop up, such as deep breathing, star or square breathing, progressive muscle relaxation or a



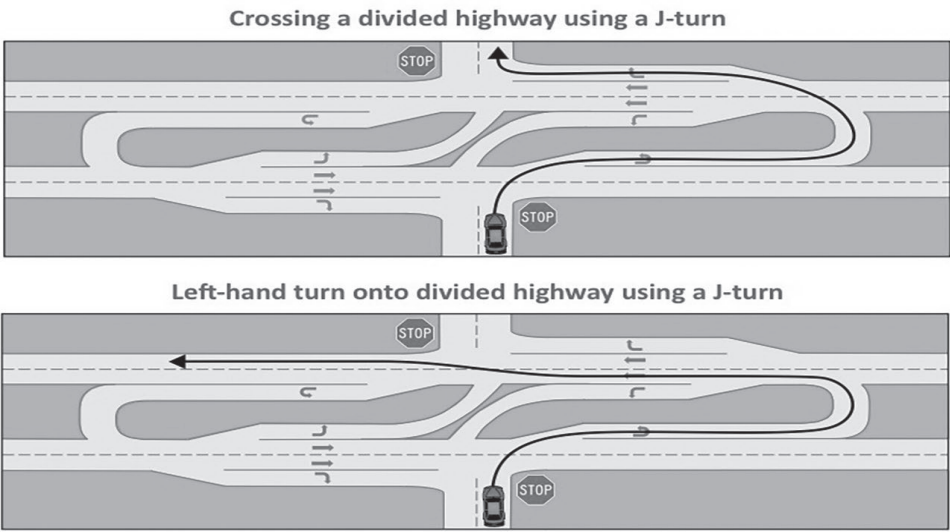
calm jar.
Q: How does your research advance health in Minnesota?

Dr. Lingras: My clinical expertise is early childhood mental health, although I work with children/families through early adolescence as well. I focus on experiences related to trauma or stress, as well as behavioral challenges that impact a child’s daily settings (like home and school). I provide direct care to children and families and I also train students who are in training to become psychologists via clinical supervision and seminars.

My research is focused on program evaluation in clinical settings, specifically how best to support and advance mental health knowledge for providers without that training background who are faced with mental health questions in their work, such as teachers and primary care providers. I also work in spaces related to faculty, staff and learner well-being, designing and eval-

uating programs that support ongoing learning in the interest of improving interpersonal interactions and workplace safety.

Dr. Katie Lingras is an associate professor in the Medical School’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, a member of the Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain and a child psychologist with M Health Fairview. Dr. Lingras is focused on bridging gaps between academic research and practice by providers who work directly with children. Her research is focused on social-emotional development and early childhood mental health, broadly, with specific attention to program evaluation and issues of implementation and sustainability. She works with schools and primary care settings in the community to support and train providers who work with children and families. -University of Minnesota Medical School



J-turns demystified



Question: I am seeing more and more of these “J-turns” in Minnesota. Can you explain those to people who might not be familiar? Thank you.

Answer: J-turns are used to decrease fatalities and injuries caused by broadside crashes on four-lane divided highways.

At a J-turn, drivers on the side street approaching the divided highway always make a right turn. To cross the highway or make a left turn from the side street:

1. Come to a complete stop.

2. Turn right onto the highway.
3. Enter the designated left-turn lane that leads to the median opening and complete a U-turn.

When making the right turn, you can cross both lanes and move into the left-turn lane in one motion when it is safe to do so. This minimizes the time spent in the through lanes of the divided highway. When completing the U-turn, you must yield to oncoming traffic and stop if necessary, before entering the through lanes of the divided highway.

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Antlerless deer lottery

Firearm and muzzle-loader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a deer permit area that is designated as antlerless permit lottery must purchase their license by Sept. 10. Hunters who purchase their license (mndnr.gov/buyalicense) by Sept. 10 are automatically entered into the lottery for the DPA they declare.

Successful applicants will receive a postcard in the mail from the MNDNR authorizing them to take an antlerless deer using their regular license in that antlerless permit lottery area. The authorization will be valid for both the firearm and muzzle-loader season; however, hunters must still have a valid license for the season they plan to hunt.

No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with either-sex, two-deer limit, three-deer limit, or five-deer limit designations.

The application deadline for adult special

firearms hunts is also Sept. 10. New this year, hunters can apply to both the antlerless permit lottery and special hunts. More information about special hunts is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/special-deer-hunts.html) and on page 101 in the MN hunting regulations book.

Hunters who wish to buy licenses online or via the new mobile app (mndnr.gov/buyalicense) will need to create their online account before buying a license. Anyone who has purchased a license online, by phone or in person (mndnr.gov/licenses/agents-map.html) in the past should use their nine-digit MNDNR number (visible on their latest license) to input when creating their account in the new system where possible, to ensure the smoothest experience. A how-to video about signing in to the electronic licensing system is available on YouTube (youtu.be/s5ETbFV8fXo). -MNDNR

PLUSHIES: Inventor doesn't let TV show rejection decrease her faith in the product

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she began selling handmade SoftS-toppers at 25 Hallmark stores around Minnesota. Sales got to the point where Calvano needed help with manufactur- ing. Linen and Things had placed an order for 2,000 stoppers, so in 2005 she placed her first order with an overseas manufacturer.

While Calvano had sales experience, she had no experience in starting or running a business. “I just sort of plunged in.” She figured things out as they came up, like when she met with Linen’s and Things and they said she needed a UPC.

“I go, I am working on that right now and make a note to self to work on UPCs.”

Calvano found challenges around every corner. Babies R Us wanted clam- shell packaging that cost more than the actual product. But the real challenge was making people understand what the product did. “Nobody understood what it was. People would think it was just a little stuffed animal.”

There were setbacks in the manu- facturing process as well when she re- ceived a truckload of 10,000 door stops. By chance, she put one of the bunny soft stops under the door, and it hopped out. “It hopped forward because it wasn’t manufactured properly, and then I’m like, oh, that’s just a coincidence, right?” So she tried another bunny, and it hopped out too.” Calvano laughed when she discovered the problem.

“I can’t even believe I laughed, because mind you, this was costing me a fortune, and I’m like, ‘oh my god. The bunnies are hopping out from the door’; the other ones, some of them, were crooked. I should have cried, but I didn’t. I just laughed.

Instead of getting upset, she did the only thing she could think of to do. She repaired 2,000 bunnies by hand. Calvano carried doorstops with her everywhere, to doctor’s appointments on planes, sometimes handing out stop- pers for free to curious onlookers.

Just as everything was beginning to take off, her family’s needs took priori- ty. Calvano took time to help an injured



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Deb Calvano works in her “factory,” which doubled as her dining room.

family member and raise her children. “It’s just life. Being a mom, having kids, and just living. All the things you do as a mom.”

So Calvano made the decision to put the SoftStoppers on the shelf. For now.

SHARK TANK

SoftStoppers stayed on the shelf until one day her son came to her with an idea. “My son, who is like 14, he goes, ‘Mom, there’s this new show, Shark Tank. You got to go on it.’”

Calvano had no idea what he was talking about. “I hadn’t seen (Shark Tank), because I think it only had six episodes.”

After researching the show, Calvano booked a flight to Texas. “They were having auditions in Texas at the stadi- um where the Mavericks play. I bought a ticket, and I packed up the suitcase, and I filled it up with everything that I had.”

She arrived at the audition three hours early only to find that a local disk jockey had announced on the radio that anyone with an idea for a product should go to the Shark Tank auditions.

“Half of Dallas had shown up,” Cal- vano said. “There were more than 500 people there. The Shark Tank people were blown out of the water. They were completely unprepared.

People who had hastily drawn sketch- es were in line; as was a woman with a salad dressing recipe who had come dressed as a piece of lettuce. The Shark Tank judges were overwhelmed, and by the time Calvano met with them, she could tell they were exhausted. While they took her information, they did not call her back to be on the show.

The experience was still valuable to Calvano. She discovered she still had faith in the product. “I learned that you just have to keep going. It didn’t make me waver. ‘Oh jeez, Shark Tank didn’t

PERMITS: Revisions open door for council charging for expenses incurred from events

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being served.

“Less government, more freedom,” Mayor Luke Merrill summarized.

ADDED FEES

One change that may result in some pushback from certain organiza- tions is that the council will now be able to “re- quire payments to the city of other charges for the re- covery of city costs related to the special event, which may include the hourly cost for any employees working on a special event as established by the city council.”

Merrill and a couple of other city council members have broached this topic the past couple of years — specifically when it came time for the issuance of the Isanti Fire- fighters Rodeo’s special event permit. The Isanti Police Department bud- gets for a certain amount of overtime to have addi- tional officers on patrol during the popular event that draws thousands of

people to Isanti for two nights.

Merill and other council members have contended the Firefighter Rodeo Association should com- pensate the city for that overtime, even though the Association doesn’t specifically request the extra law enforcement. Merill even went so far as voting against the rodeo’s special event permit this past spring, citing his desire to further discuss compensating the city for those overtime hours.

The rodeo currently hires a security compa- ny to monitor the rodeo grounds. Additionally, some of the firefighters volunteer to enhance the safety and Allina EMTs are on site for medical emergencies.

The new ordinance also spells out conditions when “the city may sponsor, participate in, or other- wise support a special event, including through the waiving of fees and/ or waiving the recovery of city costs, provided the city administrator or

(another) designee deter- mines all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- Be an activity that will serve as a benefit to the community as a whole and which, at the same time, is directly related to the functions of govern- ment
- Be a community-wide event
- Be free and open to the public
- Not be an event or- ganized for the primary purpose of political or non-secular activity
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 - Be considered an event that would otherwise be provided by the City (fee for service)
- Generate a positive economic impact for the City, as determined by the City; and
- Generate positive me- dia exposure and visibility for the City, as determined by the City.”

City of Isanti data center moratorium now one year

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The Isanti City Council is adjust- ing its moratorium on data centers down from 30 months to 12 months.

According to Community De- velopment Director Stephanie Hillesheim, the maximum length of such a moratorium is 12 months.

“I know we discussed 30 months or 18 months, but it’s 12 months. That’s the longest we are allowed to put the moratorium on for,” Hillesheim said. “We have to be proving staff is working on an ordinance and doing research on it.”

Interestingly, Hillesheim said the urgency to decide whether to place a moratorium on data centers has increased since the topic first came up a couple of months ago.

“I will say I have, since our last meeting, received two phone calls about data centers,” she said. “We don’t have the infrastructure for data centers at this time, but it’s al- ways changing. Especially as more people put on moratoriums, they are looking for more locations.”

Council member Steve Lundeen noted that with the current drought, the Minnesota DNR is clamping down on excessive water usage by cities. And since Isanti is already

want me. Maybe I ought to hang it up. I never thought that. Not for a second.”

A NEW WAY TO MARKET

A few years later, her kids were off to college, and she had gone through a divorce; Calvano decided it was time to try again. “I thought if you’re going to do this, you’ve gotta do this,” she said. “What are you going to do, wait until you’re 85?”

The wait was over, and after so many years, the marketplace had changed significantly. With the rise of social media, Calvano now had the ability to create a short video to show buyers how the product worked. This eliminated confusion over what the product does.

But before she could relaunch, Calva- no took a hard look at her product. She redesigned the pieces so they hugged the door better, and decided it needed a rebrand. “I started looking at it, and then I said this is a bad name.”

Using ChatGPT, she brainstormed a new name for her designs. Eventually she settled on Door Plushies, which she felt more accurately described her prod- uct. “It’s a door plushie. It says exactly what it is.”

When she first began, Calvano was hesitant to license her product to other companies to produce. “I was so pas- sionate about the product. I didn’t hear the passion in anybody else’s voice.”

This time, she did her research, which led her to Becker and Associates and Anjar Co., which are a “global intellectual property and brand man- agement agency that specializes in the toy and game industry.”

Becker agreed to represent Door Plushies, and Calvano opened an Etsy shop, etsy.com/shop/DoorPlushies, to collect real-world sales data that could secure a deal.

Now six months into her relaunch, Calvano has seen interest from some of the largest manufacturers in the indus- try. “Everything that’s happening now, it’s like I’m doing Shark Tank in the real world. This is what’s happening to me every day. It’s unbelievable.”

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Stephanie Hillesheim
Isanti Community Development Director

approaching the maximum water usage for a town this size, the city might have an ally in the DNR in staving off the construction of data centers here.

The council unanimously ap- proved the draft ordinance for a 12-month moratorium. Hillesheim said the draft will be posted for the required 10 days and will come back before the council at its next meet- ing for final approval.



BILL STICKELS III | COUNTY STAR
Bluejacket senior Anya Lowman earned a straight-set victory over Eagan's Lauren Yan at third singles during the Bluejackets' season-opening match.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH AUGUST 21 - 25 SCOREBOARD

August 21 C-I girls tennis 2, Eagan 5 C-I girls tennis 6, Anoka 1 NB girls tennis 6, Hibbing 1	August 24 NB girls tennis 7, Aitkin 0	August 25 C-I girls tennis 7, Coon Rapids 0 C-I girls tennis x, Elk River x
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CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 4 HOME SCHEDULES

Below are the scheduled dates for the home competitions for each of the Cambridge-Isanti and North Branch fall sports. To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.gobound.com . Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.	•NB boys soccer vs. Proctor (5 p.m.)	•NB girls soccer vs. Jordan (7 p.m.)
Thursday, Aug. 27 •NB girls tennis home quad (9 a.m.)	Saturday, Aug. 29 •C-I boys soccer vs. Anoka (3 p.m.)	Wednesday, Sept. 2 •C-I boys soccer vs. Forest Lake (5 p.m.) •C-I girls soccer vs. Forest Lake (7 p.m.)
	Monday, Aug. 31 •C-I girls soccer vs. Coon Rapids (7 p.m.)	Thursday, Sept. 3 •C-I girls tennis vs. Annandale (4:30 p.m.)
	Tuesday, Sept. 1 •C-I girls tennis vs. Mora (4 p.m.) •C-I boys soccer vs. Watertown/Mayer (7 p.m.) •NB volleyball vs. Grand Rapids (6 p.m.)	Friday, Sept. 4 •NB football vs. Two Harbors (7 p.m.)

Hunters urged not to shoot ear-tagged, radio-collared research bears

The Minnesota bear hunting season opens Tuesday, Sept. 1, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is asking hunters to avoid shooting marked research bears. These bears have large, colorful ear tags and wear radio collars.

Researchers with the Minnesota DNR are monitoring 50 radio-collared black bears across the state, especially in bear hunting zones 27, 45 and parts of the no-quota zone. Most of the radio-collared bears live in or near the Chippewa National Forest, Camp Ripley, the Brainerd/Baxter area and Duluth. However, the bears also range widely from these sites. All but two of these bears are female.

More information for hunters is available in a previous DNR news release (mndnr.gov/news/2026/08/17/hunters-urged-not-shoot-ear-tagged-radio-collared-research-bears). Photos of collared research bears and some research findings gained from them are available on the Minnesota DNR bear hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/bear). - MNDNR



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OBITUARIES

Henry "Hank" Anthony Hasser Jr.

Henry "Hank" Anthony Hasser Jr., of Braham, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at LeVande by Vive in Cambridge. He was 95 years old.

Hank was born on October 7, 1930, in Pine River, Minnesota to Henry and Ann (Lingen) Hasser Sr., the seventh of 12 children. When Hank was 17 years old the family moved to a farm in Stanchfield, Minnesota where he graduated from Braham High School. He was drafted into the Army in 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1954. On June 25, 1955, he married Lenore Larson from Grandy, Minnesota. They lived in various places until they purchased their farm in rural Braham in 1958, where they chose to raise their eight children. He worked in commercial construction most of his life as a journeyman, retiring in 1992. Hank was key in helping build the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Braham. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and active in keeping the church clean and repaired. After retirement he volunteered at Grasston Christian Academy doing maintenance and repairs from 1985-1994. In their later years, Hank and Lenore bought a cabin on Mow Lake where they enjoyed fishing and lake life. Hank was competitive, he loved playing board games and cards with his brothers, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many friends.

He is welcomed in death by his parents; son Stephen; grandsons, Brandon and Thomas; great granddaughter Alivia; brothers, John, Robert (Muriel), Joseph and Donald; sisters Rita, Mary Kuntz and Martha Smith; brother-in-law Roy Stradtman.

He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife Lenore, children Michael (Virginia), Henry (Toni), Tom (Glenda), Bill (Sue), Mary Gardner, Robert, and Christopher (Kristin); daughter-in-law Virginia Hasser; brother Francis (Sandra); sisters Betty Stradtman, Beatrice (Richard) Prellwitz, Laura (Everett) Balko; sister-in-law Lila Hasser, BettiRuth Anderson and Lorraine Rote; 25 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Braham.

Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be in the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Braham VFW Post 1738.

A Luncheon will immediately follow the services.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials are preferred to the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Bonnie Lou (Levine) Krinke

Another beautiful voice has joined the angels in heaven; Bonnie Lou (Levine) Krinke passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 10, 2026, at the age of 86. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.



Bonnie and her sister, Joan (Levine) Falls were raised in Stanchfield, MN and attended school in Braham, MN. During her senior year, Bonnie was homecoming queen.

Bonnie met her future husband David Krinke at the Rush City Roller Rink, they were married August 23, 1958.

In 1970, they moved to California, where Bonnie appreciated weather that allowed her to grow flowers

year-round. She loved all flowers, especially roses. Feeding Hummingbirds became a favorite pastime as well.

For several years, Bonnie and Dave ranched in Nebraska and Montana. Bonnie worked beside David as his hard-working ranch hand raising cattle. After selling their Montana ranch, they enjoyed 18 years living near Widow Lake, Minnesota where Bonnie was a member of the Red Hat Society, church groups, and an extension club. Their final move was to Cambridge, MN.

There was very little Bonnie couldn't do. Her list of talents included, but were not limited to, singing, sewing, playing piano, painting, baking, decorating, cooking fabulous meals, crocheting, fishing, photography and keeping a household running as smooth as satin.

After 65 years of adventures and marriage, David passed away in 2024.

Family and friends always were top priority for Bonnie, especially her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. There is an unfillable void in the universe without her presence.

Waiting in heaven for Bonnie were her husband David, infant daughter Sherri, and her parents Dora and Orin Levine.

Bonnie is survived by her daughters Tami (David), Holly (Kevin), Kelly (Tom), eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and her sister Joan and brother-in-law Don, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Student Achievement Lists

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Degrees

Chong Her (Accounting), of North Branch, from the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Arin Zimpel (Business), of Braham; Jaemon Schultz (Electrical Line Worker Technology), of Cambridge; Drew Johnson (Electrical Line Worker), of Isanti; and Evan Overson (Heating, Ventilation, AC & Refrigeration)

End the summer with great concert by Play Inc Arts

Play Inc Arts will kick off the fall season with an energetic evening of contemporary a cappella music featuring two of its dynamic vocal ensembles, The Decibelles and Tonal Degenerates, on Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

The Decibelles bring their distinctive blend of musicianship and harmony to the stage, while the Tonal Degenerates deliver their signature combination of vocal talent, humor, and high-energy performance. Together, the groups promise an entertaining night that celebrates both the artistry and fun of singing together.

Perennial favorites at Play Inc's Holiday Variety Show as well as the first two years of A Cappella Mayhem, it's been two years since these two groups did a concert that featured just the two of them. Each group will perform two sets of music. The evening will give both groups a chance to showcase some new music, revisit some crowd favorites and showcase a few songs that were arranged by some of the performers.

The concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Whether you are a longtime fan of a cappella music or experiencing these ensembles for the first time, the concert promises an evening of memorable music and entertainment.

WHAT: Play Inc Arts: The Decibelles & Tonal Degenerates

WHEN: Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Anoka-Ramsey Community College

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North Branch imposes water restrictions

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The city of North Branch has imposed water use restrictions, effective Tuesday, Aug. 25. The restrictions are needed due to current water demand and the need to maintain adequate water supplies and system capacity in the midst of the ongoing drought.

According to a press release from the city, “The City asks all residents and businesses to conserve water and limit non-essential outdoor water use until further notice.”

The city has established an even/odd schedule for watering lawns and other landscaping. Properties with even-numbered addresses may water only on even-numbered calendar days. Conversely, properties with odd-numbered addresses may water only on odd-numbered calendar days. Additionally, sprinkling is only allowed between 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. and/or 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

These rules apply strictly to city-metered water and does not apply to properties with private wells.

Anyone with questions regarding this policy or needing to report an issue can contact North Branch Public Works at 651-674-8493.

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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Aug. 16 - 22. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Luke Warren Brewster (DOB 11/11/1979) of Cambridge, was charged Aug. 17 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

Benjamin Joseph Katzke (DOB 08/06/1997) of Robbinsdale, was charged Aug. 18 with one count of Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor

Vehicle; and one count of Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent.

Matthew John Stone (DOB 11/03/1977) of Braham, was charged Aug. 20 with Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.

Steven Richard Shackle, Jr. (DOB 09/16/1974) of Coon Rapids, was charged Aug. 21 with Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Aug. 16 - 22. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Alexis Marie Staples (DOB 03/01/2002) of Onamia, was charged Aug. 19 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

Samantha Jo Betancourt (DOB 09/20/1995) of Forest Lake, was charged Aug. 19 with two counts of theft by swindle.

Kirk Douglas Brune (DOB 05/01/1958) of Pine City, was charged Aug. 21 with one count of Criminal Sex Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration -Victim Under 16-Signif Rel-Multiple Acts Over Time; and one count of Criminal Sex Conduct-2nd Degree-Victim Under 13-Actor greater than 36m Old.

Anthony John Thompson (DOB 05/14/1982) of Mora, was charged Aug. 21 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.



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Sun. 8:30am. isantiac.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.	Dale Evangelical Free Church 45268 Brunswick Rd, Harris, MN 763-689-5817 Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin. Sunday School – all ages 9am. Sunday Service 10:25am. www.daleefc.com Kost Evangelical Free Church 37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72 651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org Pastor Josh Jensen Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month. Oxlip Evangelical Free Church 29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47) 763-444-5134 oxlip.org 9am Worship Service 10:45am Christian Education Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 to 7:30pm Wyanett Evangelical Free Church 12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95 www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/Prayer 2:00 pm Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton A LOVING CHURCH PROCLAIMING A LIVING MESSAGE!	Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister 905 Central Drive West 320-396-2755 www.brahamlutheran.org 9:30 a.m. Worship Service In-person & Live on Facebook 9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult All Are Welcome! Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA) Pastor Vicki Vandervegt. 320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr. 10:30am Worship with Fellowship following my.calvaryofrushpoint.org. Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA) 621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211 Traditional/Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary/Commons: 9:30 a.m. KidZone 9:30 a.m. www.cambridgelutheran.org Facebook: fb.com/Cambridgelutheran YouTube: tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS) 32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333 Pastor Samuel L. Biebert. Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am www.christcambridge.com First Lutheran Church (ELCA) 43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible. Pastor Vicki VanderVegt Sunday Worship 9:20am Coffee & fellowship following service Email: firstlutheran@q.com www.firstlutheranharris.org	Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge 763-689-4355 www.joylutheran.net Pastor James Ritter 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS) 6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576 Pastor Glen Kleppe Sunday Worship 10am 8am Worship Begins Sept. 6th www.livingbranch.org email: office@livingbranch.org Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315 Pastor Sue Olson & Pastor Rebecca Holland All Are Welcome! Sundays 9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation Salem Lutheran Church 4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687 Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the Fall Coffee fellowship after worship www.salemlutherandalbo.com Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA) 8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road). 651-674-4606. Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org Email: sll.church@gmail.com 8:15am Worship with fellowship following	St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship; 10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday 6:30pm Bible study. Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623 Sunday 8:45am Worship Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study stjohnsrushcity.org St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), Braham 320-396-3103 9 :15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 8am Worship. ststephensbraham.org Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon In person and online worship 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship www.trinitynorthbranch.org office@trinitynorthbranch.org	Non-Denominational Grace Gospel Church 37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080 Coffee fellowship: 9:45am Service: 10:00am Pastor: Tim Miller www.gracegospelmn.org info@gracegospelchurchmn.com Located just north of Grandy on 65, across from East Central Diesel, with three large crosses near the road. We look forward to having you! Journey of Faith Bible based worship. 651-600-9878. faiththroughaction777@gmail.com Sunday fellowship 9am Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served. JustPassinthru IHS Ministries Becoming Agape – Allowing the Holy Spirit to transform lives 763-228-0883 Meeting at Crossroads Commons 1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN justpassinihs@gmail.com Justpassinthru.net Pastor Tom Bakke Sunday mornings at 10 am Sunday nights and Wednesdays

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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04
Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks
Form 60.2.1 (2009)
DATE: August 4, 2026

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED
1. Date of Mortgage: August 23, 2019

2. Mortgagors: Tracey Setterlund; Unmarried

3. Mortgagees: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, its successors and assigns.

4. Recording Information:
Recorded on August 27, 2019, as Document Number A485815, in the Office of the ? County Recorder ? Registrar of Titles of Isanti County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any:

Assigned to LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, by written assignment recorded on March 8, 2024, as Document Number A529058 in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 150480280

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

Lots 1 and 2, excepting the West 45 feet of Lot 2, Block 6, Conger's Addition to the Village of Cambridge, Isanti County, Minnesota.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ?

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 609 2nd Ave Sw, Cambridge, MN 55008.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

? is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are loanDepot.com, LLC

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, its successors and assigns 100853706001327632.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

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

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$ 156,905.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$147,375.84.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota, at public auction on 10/07/2026, 10:00 AM., 2440 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008.

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

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. On 04/08/2027.

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

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

loanDepot.com, LLC

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 8530 Eagle Point Blvd. Suite 100

Lake Elmo, MN 55042 26-002314-1
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NOTICES

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2026

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

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

• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

• Approved Consent Agenda Items A through H

• Discussed Petition Filed by Residents Living Along Dellwood St S

• Discussed Correspondence Received by Area Collective Bargaining Units

• Discussed and Approved Post Office ADA Pedestrian Ramp Installation

• Approved FAA Grants for Apron Reconstruction and SRE Building Construction at the Cambridge Airport

• Approved Minnesota Statewide Affordable Housing Aid Program Application Materials

• Discussed Code Enforcement Complaints

• Discussed Third Thursday Event Planning and Involvement

• Held Closed Session pursuant to MN Stat 13D.05(subd3)(3) to consider offers or counter offers on the sale of real or personal property located at 630 Railroad St S. (PIN 15.270.0040)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cambridge Economic Development Authority has developed its Annual PHA Plan and the 5-Year Capital Fund Plan for Fiscal Year beginning 2027 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 121 South Fern St., Cambridge, MN. The Authority's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday between 8 AM and 2 PM. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 PM on October 19, 2026, at the Cambridge City Hall located at 300 Third Avenue NE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 845 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 460 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 5, 2009 TITLED SPECIAL EVENTS THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1 – Repeal and Replace
City Code Chapter 278 is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Chapter 278
SPECIAL EVENTS

§ 278-1. Purpose and intent.

§ 278-2. Definitions.

§ 278-3. Permit required.

§ 278-4. Requirements for issuance of a Permit.

§ 278-5. Permit application procedures.

§ 278-6. Fees, charges and promotion.

§ 278-7. Granting a permit.

§ 278-8. Denial of permit.

§ 278-9. Enforcement.

§ 278-10. Revocation of permit.

§ 278-11. Termination of permit.

§ 278-12. Violations and penalties.

§ 278-1. Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the orderly, compatible, and safe use of property for temporary special events and to assure adequate provision of parking, traffic, sanitary facilities, utilities, and safety services. Special events may be further defined and regulated in a special events policy approved by Council.

§ 278-2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

APPLICANT — Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, society, or group seeking a special events permit from the City to conduct or sponsor a special event.

OUTDOORS — Activity conducted outside of a permanent, enclosed structure or building.

PROPERTY, PRIVATE — Any property not under ownership by the City or as listed below under the definition of "property, public."

PROPERTY, PUBLIC — Any property owned by the City, to

include but is not limited to streets, rights-of-way, parks, easements, boulevards, pavilions/shelters, buildings and parking lots.

SPECIAL EVENT —

A. Any temporary event, sponsored by or organized by one or more organizations, entities, or individuals, with the event held or to be held in full or in part:

a. Outdoors on City-owned land, or a public right-of-way intended for the gathering or movement of people or vehicles, and the event is open to the general public; or

b. Outdoors on City-owned land, a public right-of-way intended for the gathering or movement of people or vehicles, or privately-owned land, and the event is likely to impact vehicular or pedestrian traffic on a public right-of-way by increasing its hourly flow by at least 50 percent or otherwise impede the orderly, unobstructed, or free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any such right-of-way.

B. This section shall not apply to the following:

a. Any permanent place of worship, stadium, athletic field, arena, theatre, auditorium, school-sanctioned events on school property, or fairs conducted pursuant to Minn. Stats.

b. Special events or activities permitted or licensed by State law or ordinances of the City, other than this chapter, including publicly-sponsored activities

c. Events taking place in a city park rental or park facility being used as its intended purpose

d. Events in the nature of family gatherings

e. Garage sales

f. Non-recurring auctions or estate sales

g. National Night to Unite events established through the City Police Department

h. Funeral processions

i. Peaceful assembly or protests pursuant to Minn. Stats.

j. Activities conducted by a governmental agency acting within the scope of its authority; and

k. Residential neighborhood block parties.

§ 278-3. Permit required.

No person shall conduct or allow to be conducted any special event as defined in this chapter without first obtaining a special events permit.

§ 278-4. Requirements for issuance of a Permit.

The following standards and information shall apply to all special events:

A. *Maximum Number of People.* The applicant shall not sell tickets to more than the maximum number of people stated in the special event permit.

B. *Sound Equipment.* Sound-producing equipment, including, but not limited to, public address systems, radios, phonographs, musical instruments, and other recording devices, shall not be operated at the permit location so as to be unreasonably loud or be a nuisance or disturbance to the peace and tranquility of City residents.

C. *Sanitary Facilities.* In accordance with State Department of Health regulations and standards and local specifications, adequate sanitary facilities shall be provided that are sufficient to accommodate the projected number of persons expected to attend the event.

D. *Security.* The applicant shall employ at its own expense such security personnel as are necessary and sufficient to provide for the adequate security and protection of the maximum number of persons in attendance at the special event and for the preservation of order and protection of property in and around the event site. No permit shall be issued unless the Chief of Police is satisfied that such necessary and sufficient security personnel will be provided by the applicant for the duration of the event.

E. *Solid Waste Disposal.* A sanitary method of disposing of solid wastes, in compliance with State and local laws and regulations, shall be provided and shall be sufficient to dispose of the solid waste production anticipated for the maximum number of people allowed by the permit. Plans shall include a provision for holding and collecting all such waste at least once each day, sufficient trash containers, and sufficient personnel to perform such tasks.

F. *Parking and Traffic Control.* A parking and traffic control plan for the number of persons projected to attend the event shall be submitted. Such plan shall be sufficient to ensure a free flow of traffic and make available rapid access for emergency vehicles. Further, the applicant shall provide adequate off-street parking facilities on the site or within 1,500 feet thereof to accommodate the projected number of persons expected to attend the event. When adequate off-street parking facilities are not available

within 1,500 feet, the applicant may propose an alternate plan to bus attendees from a remote location.

G. *Signs.* All signs placed for the event must be included in the sign site plan and can only be placed on the day(s) the event is held as stated on the permit application.

H. *Mobile Food Units.* The applicant shall provide the City evidence for events on city property (or cause the food vendor to provide evidence) that all food vending operations at the event have all required food licenses from the State Department of Health, as applicable, as well as any applicable mobile food unit permit required under Chapter 245, pertaining to regulation and zoning. The applicant shall comply at all times with the applicable health codes and regulations. Proof of license shall be kept on site for immediate inspection. It is the responsibility of the applicant to retain a copy of the vendor's license for events on private property. The applicant assumes all liability for mobile food units on private property.

I. *Fire Protection.* The applicant shall, at its own expense, take adequate steps to ensure fire protection as determined by the Fire District Chief.

J. *Duration of Special Event.* The applicant shall operate the special event only on those days and during the hours specified on the permit, which shall not be for more than seven days, subject to any other limits imposed by other sections of the City Code or State law.

K. *Cleanup Plan.* The applicant shall, at no cost to the City, immediately clean up, remove, and dispose of all litter or materials of any kind that are placed or left on the premises because of the event. If the applicant neglects or fails to proceed with cleanup within a two-hour period immediately following the end of the event, or if the cleanup is done in an inadequate manner, the City Administrator or his/her designee shall clean up and charge the applicant for cleanup. Not cleaning up after an event can impact approval of future events for an applicant.

L. *Insurance.* Before the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall provide the City with a certificate of liability insurance showing proof of general liability insurance and liquor liability insurance acceptable to the City.

a. Applicant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the event commercial general liability insurance or equal special event coverages protecting it from claims or damages for bodily injury and property damage that may arise from or in connection with the event's operation and use of the City's property as required by State law.

b. If alcohol will be sold or served, the applicant must have liquor (dram shop) insurance providing coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, along with the applicable license required under City Code and State law.

c. The City shall be endorsed as an additional insured on all liability policies. The applicant's insurance shall be primary.

d. The City reserves the right to modify these insurance requirements depending on the nature and scope of the event.

M. *Claims.* The applicant shall agree to defend and hold the City harmless from claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, of any nature of character, arising out of, or related to an event authorized by a special event permit, including attorney fees and all expenses.

N. *Damages.* The applicant shall indemnify the City for damages that may result to City property as a result of a special event.

O. *Waiver.* The City Administrator or his/her designee may grant a waiver from the requirements of this section where the applicant shows that strict compliance with this chapter would cause an exceptional and undue hardship or, under the circumstances the requirements of this chapter are unnecessary. Such waiver shall not be granted if doing so would cause a detriment to the public health, safety, or welfare or impair the intent and purpose of the provisions of this section.

P. *Additional Requirement.* The City Administrator or his/her designee may place any other conditions reasonably calculated to protect the health, safety, and welfare of persons attending the event or City residents.

§ 278-5. Permit Application Procedures.

An application for a special events permit shall be filed with the City Clerk not less than 45 days before the first date of the proposed special event. The application shall be signed by the person, persons, or parties conducting the event and shall be accompanied by the following information:

A. The names, addresses, and other contact information for the person or persons responsible for conducting the event

B. Date of proposed special event

C. Type and description of the special event and a list of all activities to take place at the special event

D. Address of proposed special event

E. Map of routes, proposed setup/staging areas, fencing, entertainment, portable toilets, and other related items to the special event, if applicable

F. Name of property owner at the permit location, if different from the applicant

G. A statement of the locations where the applicant has promoted, operated, or conducted similar events within the last five years

H. Duration of the special event, total number of days and/or hours during which the special event is to be held

I. Estimated number of persons to attend

J. Any public health plans, including supplying water to the site, solid waste collection, and provision of sanitary facilities, if applicable

K. Site plan for signs including permission from property owner(s)

L. Fire prevention and emergency medical services plans, if applicable

M. Security plans required when attendance is expected to exceed 1000 people and/ or alcohol or intoxicating substances are being served or permitted; plans must include:

a. Personnel Detail: Specify the number of security officers, volunteers, or staff, including their roles and positions.

b. Site Plan/Map: A detailed map showing fencing, barricades, entry/exit points, emergency vehicle access, first-aid stations, and stages.

c. Crowd & Access Control: Plans for bag checks, ID checks for alcohol (including wrist banding and ID scan), and managing capacity limits.

d. Emergency Procedures: Detailed protocols for medical emergencies, evacuations, severe weather, or security incidents (e.g., unruly participants).

e. Traffic & Parking: Plans for parking management, shuttle services, and street closures if necessary.

N. Parking plans; include approval from property owner(s) if using private or exclusive property

O. Safety plan including pedestrian crossing plans

P. Weather contingency plan, if applicable

Q. Construction contingency plan, if applicable

R. Whether food or alcohol will be served at the event and if it is provided by a licensed caterer

S. Whether gambling will be held at the event

T. A detailed description of all public rights-of-way and private streets for which the Applicant requests the City to restrict or alter normal parking, vehicular traffic, or pedestrian traffic patterns, the nature of restrictions or alterations, and the basis

U. A description of any services, City personnel, City equipment, and City property the Applicant requests the City to provide, including the Applicant's estimated number and type needed, and the basis on which the estimate is made

V. Whether any sound amplification or public address system will be used or if there will be any playing of any music or musical instruments

W. Applicant signature and property owner's signature, if different from applicant; and

X. Any other information requested by the City, acting through its City Administrator or his/her designee, deemed reasonably necessary in order to determine the nature of the special event and the extent of any services necessitated by the event.

§ 278-6. Fees, Charges and Promotion.

A. Fees, if any, for a special events permit shall be established by the City Council in Chapter 160.

B. The City shall also require the payment to the City of other charges for the recovery of City costs related to the special event, which may include the hourly cost for any employees working on a special event as established by the City Council and equipment charges for the use of City equipment, at usage rates as established by the City Council.

C. In accordance with a written policy applying to special events, the City may sponsor, participate in, or otherwise support a special event, including through the waiving of fees and/or waiving the recovery of City costs, provided the City Administrator or his/her designee determines all of the following conditions are satisfied with respect to the special event. The special event must:

a. Be an activity that will serve as a benefit to the community as a whole and which, at the same time, is directly related to the functions of government

b. Be a community-wide event

c. Be free and open to the public

d. Not be an event organized for the primary purpose of political or non-secular activity

e. Either:

i. Not be a for-profit event and not be an event that pays for event staff time; or

ii. Be considered an event that would otherwise be provided by the City (fee for service)

f. Generate a positive economic impact for the City, as determined by the City; and

g. Generate positive media exposure and visibility for the City, as determined by the City.

D. Any promotion of a special event by the City, including through the City social media, City web page, City publications, or by proclamation, shall be in accordance with the City's policies regarding those matters.

§ 278-7. Granting a Permit.

A. The City Administrator and his/her designee(s) will review and determine whether or not a request for a special event satisfies all the conditions of this chapter and other applicable chapters of City Code. In the event the City determines the special event does not meet these criteria, the application shall be denied.

B. Significant road closures or traffic impacts will be brought to City Council for consideration of approval.

C. Special event applications that request the consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages at the event must be accompanied by a Liquor License application, if required, and follow regulations as outlined in Chapter 76 of City Code and brought forth to City Council for consideration of approval. The applicant must follow all State laws pursuant to Minn. Stats. For alcoholic beverages.

D. Special event applications that request gambling at the event must be accompanied by a Gambling Permit application and follow regulations as outlined in Chapter 178 of City Code and brought forth to City Council for consideration of approval. The applicant must follow all State laws pursuant to Minn. Stats. for gambling.

E. If the applicant agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit and all requirements of this chapter, the special event satisfies all applicable criteria and is approved through departmental review, and the City Administrator grants approval, the City Clerk shall issue the permit. Any request approved by the City Administrator that includes significant road closures, major traffic impacts, consumption or sale of alcohol, and/or gambling must also receive City Council approval prior to permit issuance.

§ 278-8. Denial of Permit.

A. Without limiting any of the other provisions in this section, the City shall have the right to deny the permit if, in the judgment of the City Administrator or his/her designee, granting of a permit would adversely affect the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of the City. Such denial may also be based upon the following circumstances:

a. The event would unreasonably inconvenience the general public

b. The event would unreasonably infringe upon the rights of abutting properties

c. The event would conflict with another proximate event or interfere with construction or maintenance work

d. There are not sufficient safety personnel or other necessary staff to accommodate the event

e. The event affects other issues in the public interest as identified by the City

f. The proposed special event violates City Zoning Code

B. The City Clerk shall provide written notification of a denial of a special event permit. Any applicant shall have the right to appeal the denial of a special event permit to the City Council. The appeal shall be filed within five days after the receipt of the denial to the City Clerk. The City Council shall act upon the appeal at the next scheduled meeting following the receipt of the notice of appeal.

§ 278-9. Enforcement.

The Police Department and other such officers, employees, or agents as the City Administrator or his/her designee, shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

§ 278-10. Revocation of Permit.

The permit for a special event may be revoked by the City at any time if any of the conditions necessary for the issuing of or contained in the special event permit are not complied with or if any of the provisions of this chapter are

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violated.
§ 278-11. Termination of Permit.
An applicant granted a permit under this chapter may elect to terminate the permit at will by giving written notice to the City Clerk at least seven days prior to the first day of the event or as practical as possible. If insufficient notice is given to terminate a permitted event that involved the City undertaking contracted work in connection with the event, the applicant shall pay the City for a two-hour minimum charge for the relevant staff time, and the applicant shall compensate the City for any contractual expenses incurred and losses suffered by the City as a result of the termination. The City Administrator or his/her designee has the authority to cancel or stop an event if it is deemed that the public health, safety, or welfare would be better served with additional restrictions. No special event permit may be transferred to another person or location without the prior written consent of the City Administrator or his/her designee.

§ 278-12. Violations and penalties.
A. It shall be unlawful for any person or group to sponsor or conduct a special event which requires a permit pursuant to this chapter unless a valid special event permit has been issued for the event.
B. The special event permit authorizes the applicant or sponsor to conduct only such a special event as is described in the permit, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit. It shall be unlawful for the permittee or sponsor to willfully violate the terms or conditions of the permit.
C. Any person(s) found in violation of any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to penalties as set forth in Chapter 1, Article I, of this Code of the City of Isanti.
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.
Adopted by the City Council this 18th day of August 2026.

Mayor Luke Merrill
Attest:
Jaden Strand
City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director
Posting Date: June 18, 2026
Reading Date: August 18, 2026
Publication Date: August 27, 2026
Effective Date: August 27, 2026
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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 – July 23, 2026
With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: None
• Chair Sprandel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
• Motion to approve the revised meeting agenda made by Nikki Johnson, seconded by Brette Halverson. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item C (Personnel Action), made by Mark Solberg seconded by Becky Roby. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve Item C: Personnel Action made by DeEtta Moos seconded by Kevin Gross. Motion carried. Abstained: Johnson.
• Motion to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit made by Kevin Gross seconded by Brette Halverson Motion carried.
• Motion to adopt the resolution to accept gifts, grants, or devise of real or personal property made by Nikki Johnson, seconded by DeEtta Moos. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.
• Motion to approve the FY2026 Long-Term Facilities & Maintenance Ten-Year Plan made by Nikki Johnson seconded by Brette Halverson. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve the Athletics Agreement Between C-I Schools and ASA made by Mark Solberg, seconded by DeEtta Moos. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve the authorization of Nate Rudolph as Iowa for the MDE External User Access Recertification System and Amy Sachs to add & remove names for ISD 911 made by Kevin Gross seconded by Nikki Johnson. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve the Student Handbooks & Code of Conduct made by Becky Roby, seconded by Heidi Sprandel. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve the Facility User Fees made by Mark Solberg seconded by Becky Roby. Motion carried.
• Motion to approve Policies 401, 626, 710, & 903 as presented made by Nikki Johnson seconded by DeEtta Moos Motion carried.
• Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. made by Nikki Johnson seconded by Kevin Gross. Motion carried.
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Cambridge man sentenced in fatal crash

BY SIERRA KINGEN
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Cory Olson, 42, of Cambridge has been sentenced to a total of seven and a half years in prison for criminal vehicular homicide after a crash on July 2, 2025 resulted in the death of Kameron Lee Ellis, of Hinckley, and the critical injuries of three children.

THE INVESTIGATION

After an investigation, reconstruction of crash and release of blood test results, Olson is being charged with criminal vehicular homicide (with controlled substance), three counts criminal vehicular operation (great bodily harm with controlled substance), three counts of criminal vehicular operation (substantial bodily harm with controlled substance), and a DWI.

The July 2 crash resulted in the death of 63-year-old Kameron Lee Ellis of Hinckley and injury of three children, with each of them in critical condition. The crash occurred at approximately 6 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 48 and Wildlife Road. Ellis’ Ford F150 was completely destroyed and found in the ditch, according to the criminal complaint. Lifesaving measures were attempted, but he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Witnesses reported Olson driving at a high rate of speed and not stopping at the stop sign on Wildlife Road before proceeding into the intersection at Highway 48, hitting Ellis’ vehicle with both vehicles ending up in the ditch.

Olson’s vehicle, a 1999 Ford F150 was also found in the ditch flipped over with Olson pinned in the vehicle. A juvenile female and juvenile male were also found pinned in the vehicle, one of which was not moving, and another juvenile male was found in the grass near the truck screaming in pain with obvious broken bones. None of Olson’s underage passengers were wearing a seatbelt; Ellis was wearing his seatbelt, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report.

IMPACT STATEMENTS

On Aug. 24, 2026, Olson sat in a Pine County Courtroom surrounded by family and friends of Ellis, and sitting before the Honorable Judge Jason Steffen. Those in attendance heard family impact statements from both the Ellis’ side and the statements from Olson’s own family and children. Marilyn Ellis, Ellis’ daughter-in-law, read the impact statements from the Ellis family.

Ellis’ family spoke highly of Kameron, calling him honorable, the glue to the family, and responsible. Ellis’ wife, Patty Ellis, also added he was the bread winner of the family, only four years to retiring. His absence leaves the family tight for money, “Kameron and I were a month away from [our] 44th anniversary.”

Austin Ellis’, son of Ellis, explained fear of driv-

ing in his impact statement. This was echoed in the other Ellis impact statements as well. The family stated Olson took their sense of safety when driving, fearing if something like that could happen to them.

“Dad should have been home, spending time with mom and [their foster daughter], nodding off while watching T.V., or scrolling through Tiktok. Not lifeless in the back of an ambulance on the way the morgue.” Shelby Flores, Ellis’ daughter, stated in her statement.

As for Olson’s family, Olson’s family member’s statement was read by the court. His family member now taking care of his three children, spoke of how the children have already suffered homelessness and an unstable living environment. Now, they have lived through major injuries from the crash and have to live with the scars from the recovery, as well as life long issues the crash has caused.

Olson’s lawyer spoke on Olson’s behalf, stating Olson is sorry for what had happened, and is “wracked with guilt.”

Olson made no comment during this sentencing.

THE SENTENCE

Judge Steffan accepted Olson’s guilty pleas. Olson has been sentenced to 72 months for count 1 of criminal vehicular homicide. He is sentenced to 28 months, and to be served concurrently with the first count for count 2 of criminal vehicular operation. He is sentenced to 33 months, and to be served concurrently with counts 1 and 2, for count 3 of criminal vehicular operation. He is sentenced to serve 18 months, and to be served consecutively with count 1 for count 4 of criminal vehicle operation. He is also ordered to pay \$4,141.00 to the Ellis family.

“Our hearts go out to the victim’s family. Nothing we do in court will repair the loss of a great human being or even come close to filling this void in this family’s lives. Our thoughts are also with the children harmed. This was a senseless and easily preventable tragedy.

“Our team secured convictions on the top counts (one for each victim) and obtained the maximum punishment allowed under law. Although a 90-month prison sentence seems grossly disproportionate to the harm caused here, it is the maximum we were allowed under the state’s sentencing guidelines, which is what courts are required to follow. These guidelines do account for his past criminal conduct. The dismissed counts were lesser counts, and the courts cannot sentence on lesser counts when convictions are obtained on the top counts. This sentence is essentially the same or possibly higher than he would have received had he went to a jury trial and was convicted of all counts.” Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson states.

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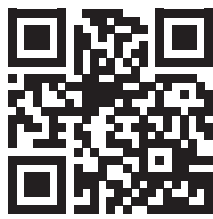
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