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2026 LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION WINNERS

Cambridge Mayor



Jeremiah Sedler
2,149 (54.93%)

Isanti Mayor



Chris Brooks
1,591 (51.67%)

Cambridge City Council



Aaron Berg
1,725 (26.87%)

Cambridge City Council



Tom Schibilla
1,839 (28.64%)

Isanti City Council



Nicholas Pederson
1,400 (34.19%)

Isanti City Council



Erika Zdon
1,578 (38.53%)

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Four-legged partners help officers build trust

BY STACY VERDICK CASE
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When Isanti County Investigator Sean Connolly and his K9 partner were called out to see if they could assist with a woman who needed a mental health evaluation, they knew that this person had interacted with law enforcement before. At that time, it had taken two hours to get her to agree to get into the ambulance. This time, Cooper, the K9 who was brought into the department to help with mental health calls, was able to calm the woman just by letting her pet him, and she agreed to go to the hospital in twenty minutes.

Cambridge's School Resource Officer Kevin Gross and his K9 partner Jack have the same task, but they're patrol area is limited to Cambridge-Isanti High School's halls. Nevertheless, Gross has seen similar responses from students. He points to one incident when Jack approached a withdrawn student and put his head on the student's lap. Soon after, the student began participating in class discussions.

Both instances show the value of the K9 programs in this area. Both dogs provide comfort to the people they serve in the community as well as their own handlers.

Gross said he hopes Jack can help bridge the gap between teenagers and police officers and build that relationship.

For Connolly, Cooper is another tool the sheriff's department can use to de-escalate situations. "He's doing the job nonverbal."

TRAINING FOR DUTY

Both K9 Cooper and K9 Jack were trained by Colorado-based

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Winter parking restrictions modified in Cambridge

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Cambridge residents and others who park on city streets are getting a relaxation of one of the winter parking restrictions; however, they will also have to pay closer attention to another restriction.

With overnight parking, the city is reverting back to no parking between the hours of 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. from Nov. 1 to March 31 — the same time frame prior to an ordinance change in 2020.

Cambridge Police Chief Shawn Machin said the change in 2020 to beginning no parking at 10 p.m. was due to a misinterpretation of state statute regarding needing to provide a four-hour warning before a vehicle can be towed.

"She (City Attorney Liz Vieira) cited all sorts of legal language that says we do have the legal authority to tow because it does say that (in the ordinance).

"This will allow for more consistency with other Minnesota communities," Machin said. "It will reduce unnecessary restrictions on residents and other visitors during evening hours, but it will allow public works to come out for clearing the streets during designated overnight periods. It will also maintain the police department's ability to issue citations and, when legally authorized and appropriate, tow vehicles parked in violation of the ordinance."

The other change that residents will have to pay more attention to is that the declaration of a snow emergency will now mean no parking on

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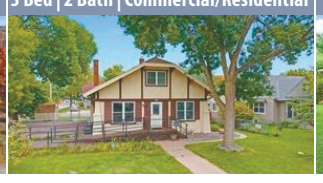
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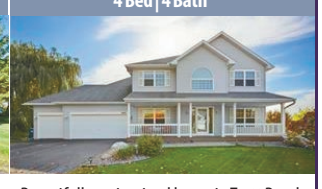
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K9: Both officers have seen first-hand the ability of their K9 partners to calm people

FROM PAGE I

Freedom Service Dogs of America. Freedom Services, which was founded in 1987 to help people with disabilities, has expanded its programs to place facility dogs like Jack and Cooper with professionals to provide mental health and crisis support. The organization prides itself on matching dogs to work that suits their strengths.

"Some dogs are better suited for facility dog work and other dogs are better suited for service dog work," said Kendell Frank from Freedom Dog Services. "We custom train each dog based on what the handler needs."

A dog might focus on one person and the specific tasks that person needs. Those dogs are able to ignore all other distractions even in large groups and key in on their human to make sure they're providing the care that their specific owner needs.

Facility dogs like Jack and Cooper tend to be more outgoing, affectionate, and comfortable being everybody's friends.

Frank said that, "Cooper showed a strong capacity to learn new skills." This was a useful quality for the varied work Connolly wanted him to do.

Freedom Services continues to support the officers and dogs even after placement. Frank says they are always available to help handlers with refresher training, new skills, and keeping the dogs healthy throughout their work lives.

That doesn't come cheap for an organization that relies on community donations to fund its work. The organization estimates that each dog costs about $50,000 from birth through retirement, including training and ongoing support. Donations help make partnerships like those with Cooper and Jack possible. Readers interested in donating, volunteering, or learning more about the programs can visit freedomservicedogs.org.

COOPER COMFORT IN CRISIS

When you meet Officer Connolly for the first time, the impression you get is, in a word, compassion. When he speaks about his job with the community, his focus is on helping people. He is hyper aware that the impression of police officers isn't always a good one. "I didn't like how everybody's impression of us is we're here when it's negative. The only time you're going to see a cop is when you're doing bad," he said. "No, we're also there to save your life. I have a lot of life-saving awards. My partners have a lot of life-saving awards. We're there to get your horse unstuck out of the mud. We're your therapists. We wear all these hats."

But that negative impression of what he and his fellow officers do had made him want to retire. Connolly, who was always known as the "huggy deputy", was struggling to reconcile what he knew his job is with the picture that had been painted of law enforcement in the media. "We have a great supportive community up here, but the thing was, it wasn't just the community; it was friends and family that were on Facebook bashing what I do for a living, and so I had to take myself off social media."

That's when Sheriff Seiberlich approached him with the idea of bringing a therapy dog into the department. "He's (Seiberlich) the one that actually was like, 'What do you think of this?' I said, Well, let me look." So Connolly researched therapy dogs on YouTube and decided that this might be the right fit. "And I'm like, let's get a dog that does everything, can do all the sides. Priceless, to be honest with you. It's definitely a value add for the community, for sure."

So in April of 2023, K9 Cooper joined Connolly as another way to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community. "The people that I arrested are still great human beings. They just had a bad day, maybe that day."

Cooper doesn't see the people he interacts with any other way than as human. "That's the other great part. He's unbiased to anybody and any person. All walks of life enjoy him and have the same smile as every single one of them, and they could be totally different from each other, but yet they're having the same exact experience with the same singular thing, which is a therapy dog."

Cooper is brought on calls where Connolly and the other officers think he can help deescalate a tense situation, especially when it comes to helping someone who is in crisis. Those crises can range from mental health crises to being with children who have been assaulted or seen their parents arrested, and he sits with people in court who are testifying.

Maybe most important of all, Cooper helps those who see the worst the world has to offer, the officers and staff. "I've had individuals waiting for me out in the parking lot just to see him because they're having such a bad day with stress and the mental stuff," says Connolly. "I've had employees that just come in and lay with him on his bed and not say a word to me while I'm doing my own work. Then they say, "All right, thanks, bye." And that's it. The people that I thought would never utilize him, utilize him."

JACK BRIDGING THE GAP

You can tell when you see School Resource Officer Kevin Gross interact with the kids at Cambridge-Isanti High School that he genuinely cares about them. That's why he wanted to bring in a school therapy dog to help better connect with the students. So when Officer Connolly connected him with Freedom Dog Services, he was quickly matched with Jack. "So my hope with him is just another way to bridge the gap between teenagers and cops," said Gross. "Just to build that relationship. He has gone far beyond that, like, to my wildest dreams."

Jack proved quickly he was exactly the bridge Gross was hoping for: "I had a student here that was just very angry and would never talk to me, like had some issues, and he wouldn't ever talk with me. The first day I had him here last year, he came. I didn't know he knew my name because he would just never say a word to me. Came up, 'Gross, you have a dog?' Like, yeah, this is Jack."

Jack is an employee of the city of Cambridge, so part of his duties are to interact with the community, and he has become popular with the kids even before they reach high school. "The new ninth-graders coming in just really flock to him. He's at events. I'll get him out in public, and I try to get him out there in the community. He's become his own little celebrity, and kids can't wait to come up here to the high school where Jack's going to be because he's here every day."

Gross has seen the difference that Jack has made in drawing out students who are struggling.

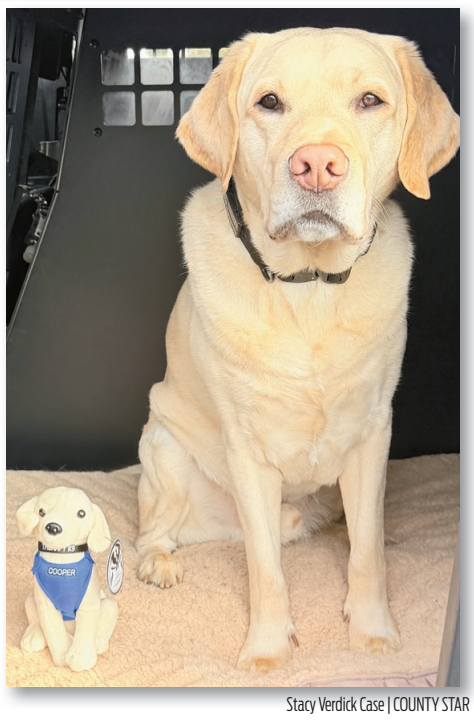
"They're attracted to him and attracted to his calmness. A lot of kids will mention his eyes. They're like, 'Well, he always looks kind of sad', and I said, I think he looks empathetic."

When asked how much of an impact Jack has had, Gross thinks for a minute. "Well, I think it's kind of hard to quantify sometimes because, if a situation doesn't blow up, you don't really record it as nothing happened. It is a lot less drama situations with kids when he's around."



CONTRIBUTED

Jack with his plushie.



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Cooper with his plushie.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Connolly and Gross are both extremely grateful for the community support they've received for this program. Both animals are wholly funded through donations. Businesses like East Central Veterinary Clinic, Fleet Farm, Rum River Outdoor Foundation and support from individual donors.

Cooper, along with the other Isanti County K9s, each have their own plushies, which are for sale at the Sheriff's office and at various community events throughout the year. The proceeds from these sales go to support the K9 program.

Ultimately, both dogs serve as a reminder that one of the best tools for bridging the gap between law enforcement, schools, and the community doesn't wear badges; they wear fur.



Officer Kevin Gross with Jack (right) and Officer Sean Connolly with Cooper (below).



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Cooper in his bed at the Sheriff's offices.



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Jack with students from left Anika Michaels, Evelyn Schmitt and Mackenzie Long.

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-register at least one day in advance call 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An annual registration form is required before dining.

MONDAYS

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church , 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

Family Groups meets Monday's 7 - 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minnesotan-orth-al-anon.org

Book Club

Third Monday 11 a.m. to noon at Isanti SAC, 140 Buchanan St., N. #164 Cambridge. Isanti County Library lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For info: sacs@midco-network.com

TUES & THURS

Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

3 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For info. call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

Alzheimer's Support

Third Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info call McKenna Dold 763-691-6172.

Memory Cafe

First Tuesday of every month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at GracePointe Crossing Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. Contact Julie at 763-306-5066 for info.

Grief Share

Faith Lutheran Church, 109 2nd Ave. NW, Isanti. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. 763-444-9201.

Celebrate Recovery

At First Baptist in Cambridge(304 Main St S.) every Tuesday. There is a light meal at 5:45 p.m., large group at 6:30 p.m., and small groups at 7:30 p.m. Visit Celebraterecovery.com for more info.

Knitting Night

hosted by the North Branch Library. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All forms of needlework welcome. Recommended for adults. No registration required.

PrimeTime Singers

The PrimeTime Singers meet Tuesday's at 1:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old N. Main St., Cambridge. Community choir for singers 60 and older. No membership fee or audition. Coffee and fellowship follow. Call 612-619-2111.

WEDNESDAYS

Alanon

7 p.m. at the Isanti Alano Club, 790 Heritage Blvd. Isanti. 763-444-4605



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Cambridge-Isanti High School hosts it's annual Veteran's Day breakfast on Nov. 11.

Chisago County Drop-In Center

Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adult-mentalhealth.org.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breast-feeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For info. call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for info.

Parkinson's Support Group

Third Thursday of the month – 1-2:30 p.m. The Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for info call 763-325-0100

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For info. call 612-251-6556 or email acanorthbranch@gmail.com

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

From 7-8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street, North Branch. Visit minnesota-al-anon.org for info.

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

Baby Storytime

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

Spring bowling with We R Able

We R Able offers drop-in bowling every other Thursday evening from 4 to 6 p.m. at JJ's Bowl and Lounge, 6427 Ash St., North Branch. The spring season dates are: May 14, 28, June 11, and 25. Balls and shoes are included in the fee. For more information call 320-358-3616.

SATURDAY

Joyful Walking Club

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

NOV. 7

Star of Hope Stuff A Truck

The Star of Hope Holiday food drive kicks on with a Stuff a Truck event hosted by Coborns 209 6th Avenue Northeast, Isanti. from 10 a. m. -2 p.m.

NOV. 8

Author Event Kristina Shuey

1 to 3 p.m. At Dana's Bookstore, 120 Heritage Blvd NE #3, Isanti, MN 55040. Local author Kristina Shuey is celebrating the release of The Ash Beneath the Snow, the sequel to her historical fiction novel about the Great Hinckley Fire of 1894, The Day the World Burned. Signed copies of both books will be available for purchase.

NOV. 11

Braham Veterans Day program

Braham Area High School will honor veterans with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria, followed by a 10 a.m. ceremony in the gymnasium. Guest speaker Amber Pedersen, a 1999 graduate who served 20 years in the Minnesota Air National Guard, will share remarks. Veterans and their guests are invited to lunch at 11 a.m.

Veterans breakfast at Cambridge-Isanti High School

7:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria, 430 Eighth Ave. NW, Cambridge. Veterans, current service members and their families are invited. Breakfast includes coffee, juice, rolls and breakfast pizza. A presentation will follow, unveiling new shadow boxes honoring Cambridge-Isanti graduates who died in World War II.

NOV. 12

Jenni Thyng concert

5 p.m. meal followed by music at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. A $5-$10 donation is suggested for the meal.

SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

CAMBRIDGE

140 Buchanan Street

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Star of Hope Holiday Food Drive

Join the Isanti-Chisago County Star in helping fill our food shelf this holiday season. From Nov. 2 to Dec. 11 donate a non-perishable food item at our office 930 Cleveland St. S Cambridge or one of our partner locations: Empire Insurance 6063 Main St. Suite A, North Branch; Scout and Morgan Books 114 Buchanan St N, Cambridge; and Sota Girls 108 Main St E ste 300, Isanti. Cash donations are also accepted.

Rush City Christmas Caring Tree

The Rush City Christmas Caring Tree will be set up at The Rush City Public Library from Nov. 17 thru Dec. 10. 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 them unwrapped to the Rush City Library by Sat., Dec. 12. Your generosity will be appreciated on Christmas morning. Questions, call Marilyn at 651-245-4677 or Shari at 320-358-3463.



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Ready to again get stuffed



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III

For the second November in a row, Isanti-Chisago County Star staff (and my mom) will be positioning ourselves at the entrance of Coborn's in Isanti for our Holiday Stuff a Truck.

Last year, we decided to do a Stuff a Truck as a kickoff for our Star of Hope Holiday Food Drive. This year, the calendar shook out so technically, it isn't the kickoff event, but it is in association with the food drive. The food drive itself began on Monday, Nov. 2 and will run through Friday, Dec. 11.

Besides our offices on South Cleveland Street in Cambridge, food, personal hygiene products, and yes, even pet food, can be dropped off at Scout & Morgan in Cambridge, Sota Girls in Isanti, or Empire Insurance in North Branch. We are thrilled these three local businesses have enthusiastically joined in on this event. What originally started out as a compulsive suggestion has turned into a real labor of love for us.

That first year, when it was just the food drive, we collected 332 pounds of food and $156 in cash donations. Not too shabby for a first-time, somewhat spur-of-the-moment effort.

Last year, our first Stuff a Truck alone garnered almost the same amount of food as the entire month-long food drive in 2024. Plus, the 2025 month-long food drive collected 537 pounds. We also collected a grand total of $500 in cash donations.

This year's Stuff a Truck looks to be even more successful than last year's. It is scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The date and time were suggested by Coborn's manager to coincide with the store's "Taste of the Holidays" event, which she said typically brings in more shoppers than a normal Saturday.

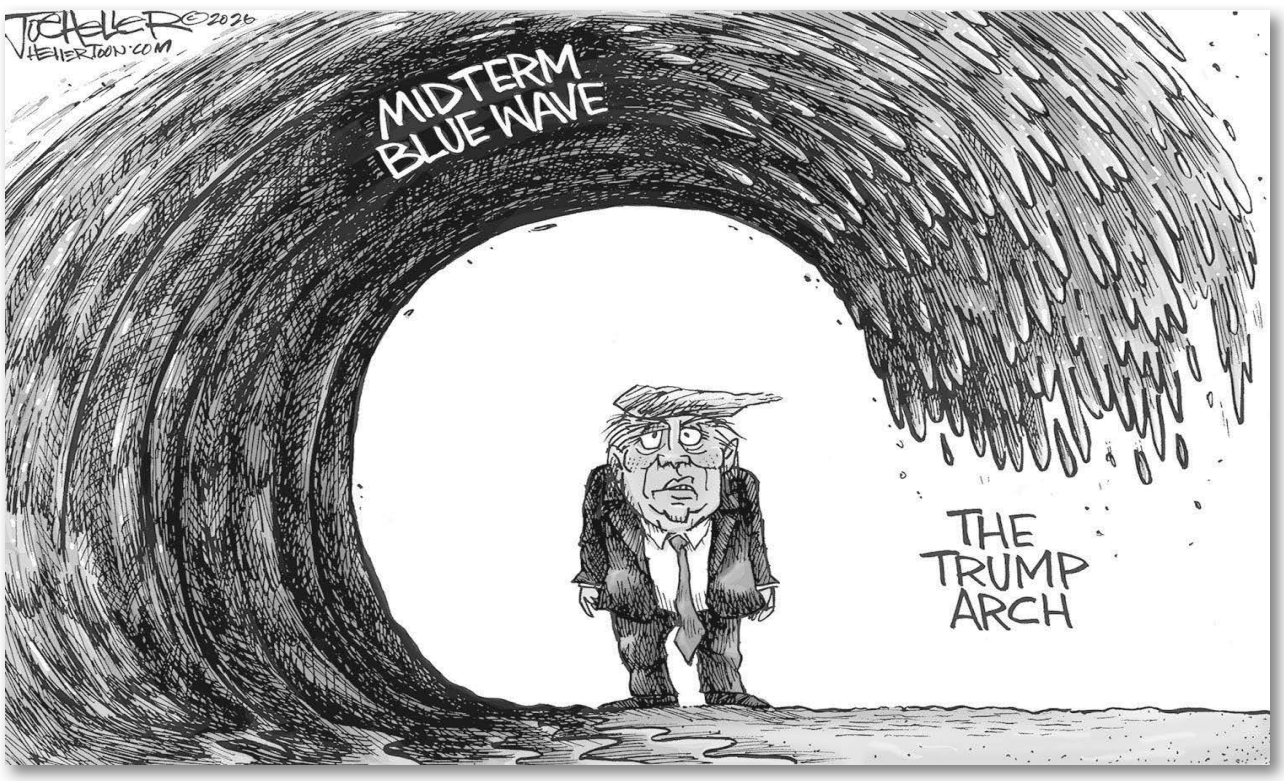
Making the day even more special, it just so happens to be my 56th birthday. I mention this only because the Star's co-owner has agreed to donate one dollar for every "Happy Birthday" I receive in person during those four hours.

So, if you are in the area between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, stop on by Coborn's to do some shopping, try some food, and support a worthwhile charity.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Along those same lines, we are again running our "Opportunities to Give and Serve" weekly feature. Any holiday season-themed charity events or organizations can be featured. Since many of these events run for an extended period of time — like our food drive — this is the only time we will run the same information more than once. Just send your information to either editor@countystar.com or news@countystar.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will anything change?

To the editor,

Well the election is over — who won? Affordability is what the Dem's said--even though the Biden Administration drove up inflation, spending trillions on keeping the border open and pet projects- — none to help affordability. Remember they wanted high gas prices so everyone would buy an electric car? Now they want low gas prices and it's Trump's fault. Their policies of higher taxes and take from the successful — will make everything more expensive.

Did the election help the middle class?

All this Minnesota fraud — now the Democratic candidates say they are going to fix it. It has been eight years we have been talking about this, and it has mostly been covered up. Do you think they will fix it now? Will someone please fix it.

Our schools need so much help — with reading and math scores not keeping up with grade levels; and nothing is ever done about it. The Department of Education is wanting more financing without ever making any changes. There is a lot that can be done with better leadership — other states have done a lot to improve on reading and math scores. We could too, I hope we do.

This crime problem is a really bad and Dem's want to defund police and close prisons. How is that going to help anything?

I think we have been fooled in many ways. I'm hoping for many changes in our government and leaders. This election will show if this is possible.

Are we still Minnesota Nice? God Bless America.

Judy Hansen
Cambridge

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The *Isanti-Chisago County Star* encourages readers to share their viewpoints of community issues by writing Letters to the Editor. Publishing decisions are made on questions of free speech, good taste, public interest and public sensitivity.

The *Star* reserves the right to edit for accuracy, clarity, libel and civility and reserves the right not to publish a letter or to hold a letter to a later edition. Personal complaints or attacks, plagiarized material, religious treatises or submissions from organized letter-writing campaigns will not be published.

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Appreciating what matters most



C-I School News
Dr. Nate Rudolph

Fall has always been one of my favorite times of the year. There's something about the crisp morning air, changing leaves, and quiet of the outdoors that I look forward to every season. When I can find the time, there's a good chance you'll find me sitting in a deer stand, walking a field chasing pheasants, or spending time in a duck blind. Some of my favorite fall memories involve being outdoors with family, good friends, and our dog.

Over the years, I've come to appreciate that these experiences aren't really about the hunt. They're about the time spent together, the conversations, the stories, and sometimes just the opportunity to sit quietly and take in everything around us. Life gets busy, and those moments have a way of reminding me what's most important.

As we head into November and the Thanksgiving season, I find myself thinking about how much that same appreciation for people and relationships carries over into our schools.

In education, we spend a great deal of time talking about academics, student achievement, facilities, finances, and the challenges facing public schools. These are important conversations, but behind all of that work are people who care deeply about our students and the community we serve.

Every day across Cambridge-Isanti Schools, there are countless examples of people making a difference. A teacher who stays after class to help a student understand a difficult concept. A bus driver who greets students by name each morning. An Instructional Assistant who helps a child build confidence. A coach, advisor, or program leader who encourages a student to try something new. These moments may seem small, but over time, they help shape a student's experience and sense of belonging.

I'm equally grateful for the people and organizations throughout our community who support our schools. Over the past month, I've had the opportunity to attend both the Bluejacket Education Foundation's Future Fest fundraiser and the North 65 Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala. While each event had its own purpose, both brought together remarkable people who are supportive, collaborative, and deeply committed to the success of our communities and the region. It's encouraging to see so many individuals and organizations investing their time, energy, and resources into making this a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Our schools and students benefit tremendously from that spirit of community.

One thing I've learned throughout my career is that education is truly a team effort. Our mission to Educate, Empower, and Inspire Every Student, Every Day depends on staff, families, and community members working together, supporting one another, and recognizing that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed.

Of course, we face challenges. There will always be difficult decisions, competing priorities, and circumstances that test us. But I'm continually encouraged by the commitment of people who show up each day and work to make things better for our students.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope we can all find time to slow down and appreciate the people and experiences that matter most. For me, that might mean a quiet morning in the woods or an afternoon outdoors with family and friends. For others, it may be time around the dinner table, attending a school event, or reconnecting with someone special.

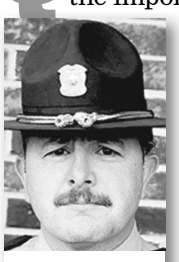
Whatever that looks like for you, I hope this season brings opportunities to enjoy those moments.

From all of us at Cambridge-Isanti Schools, thank you for the many ways you support our students, staff, and schools. We are fortunate to be part of a community that cares so deeply about its children and their future.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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

Hand signal refresher



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Question: With all these bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters can you please write about the important of hand signals and the law?

Answer: I sure can. This is a great topic when it comes to safety and sharing the road.

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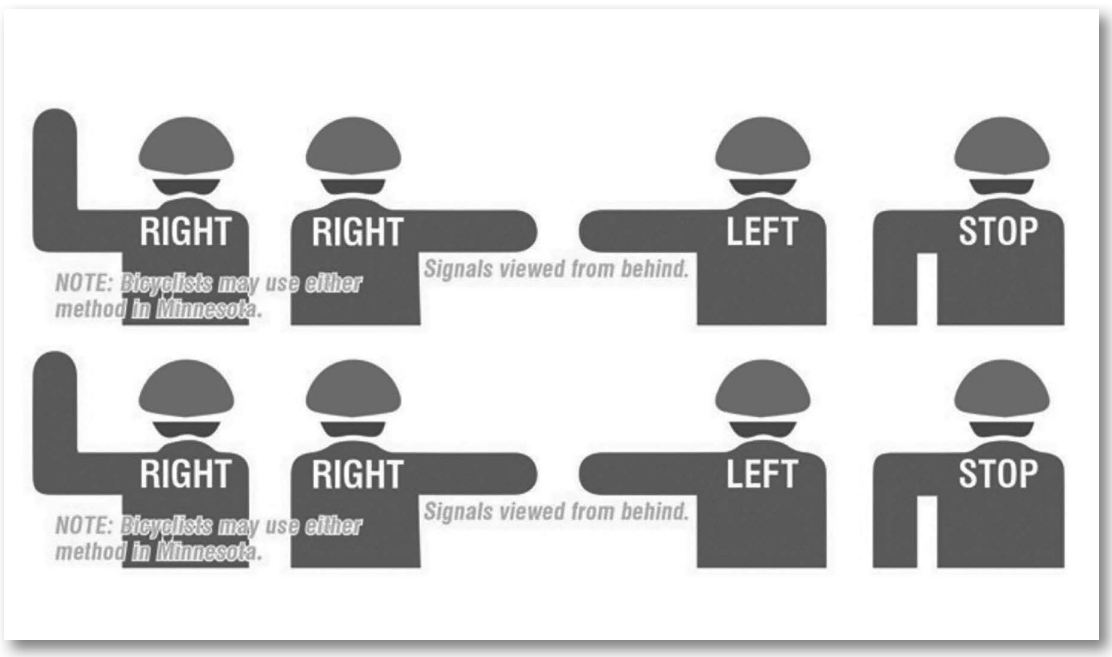
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• If riding in a group, point to and call out hazards to other bicyclists.

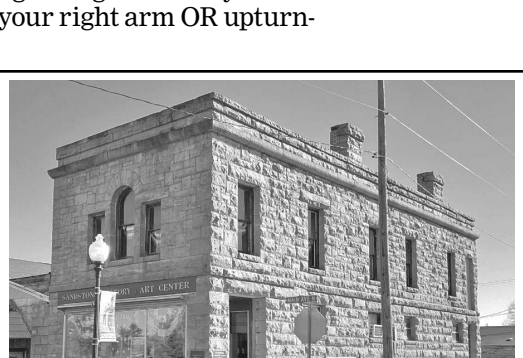
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Operators of e-bikes, e-scooters should learn the proper hand/arm signals to use while in traffic.



City of Sandstone, Minnesota
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
- Acquisition and Redevelopment of 402 Main Avenue North, Sandstone, MN-

The City of Sandstone is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and/or business owners for the acquisition and redevelopment of 402 Main Avenue North in the City of Sandstone, Minnesota – current home of the Sandstone History & Art Center.

This is an opportunity for an existing or new business to locate and operate at this ideal location in downtown Sandstone. The City is interested in attracting business to Sandstone that will benefit the overall community by providing jobs, services, and/or goods to the area. Priority will be given to proposals that will enhance the existing business climate.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2026. The full RFP package is available on the City's website: www.sandstone.govoffice.com; via e-mail request to Kathy George, City Administrator: administrator@sandstonemn.gov; or in person at the Sandstone City Hall, 119 – 4th Street, Sandstone, MN.

ECRL Reads Minnesota Author Loretta Ellsworth to visit the Cambridge Public Library

Join the Cambridge Public Library as this year's ECRL Reads author, Loretta Ellsworth, discusses her novel, The French Winemaker's Daughter at the Cambridge Public Library on Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m.

Loretta Ellsworth's The French Winemaker's Daughter, is the story of two women, one the only daughter of a Jewish Winemaker in Nazi occupied France, and the other, a 21st century female American pilot, who are connected across time by a rare bottle of wine hidden from the Nazis with a handwritten message behind a fake label, which ultimately winds up sold at the legendary Hotel Drouot, the oldest auction house in Paris.

Loretta Ellsworth was born in Mason City, Iowa, and grew up in a large family of seven children, two parents, and one bathroom. When she was young, she kept a diary, but she never considered becoming a writer until she had four children of her own. Her first book took her two years to write. She juggled writing with her work as a middle-school Spanish teacher, her kids' soccer games, and lots of family get-togethers.

Registration is encouraged for this free event. Walk-ins will be welcome as space allows. Register on ECRL's Events Calendar at ecrlib.org or by calling the library.

This program is part of the ECRL Reads Program and is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



The Cambridge Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 111 Dellwood St. N., Cambridge, and can be reached at (763) 689-7390. For more information, visit ecrlib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).

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Outreach by local parks may help increase physical activity of families who live nearby

We all know physical activity is important for children's health, because it helps to promote a healthy body weight and reduces the risk of cancer and cardiometabolic disease later in life. Yet between 72% and 80% of U.S. children do not get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day, with children from lower-income households and racial and ethnic minority groups at particularly high risk of low physical activity.

For urban residents, neighborhood parks could be part of the solution. Parks offer an affordable place for children to play, exercise, and participate in sports, and more than three-quarters of U.S. parents report living in a neighborhood with a park or playground. But simply living near a park doesn't guarantee that families will use it or know about the sports opportunities and other park programs available to them.

A new study led by the University of Minnesota School of Public Health (SPH) examined whether more intensive community outreach by local parks could help close that gap and encourage children to be more physically active. The outreach efforts included promoting programs through schools and community organizations, offering introductory activities that gave children a chance to try new sports, helping families register for programs, and directly sharing information about recreation opportunities with parents.

To conduct the study, researchers recruited 430 children ages 6 to 12 and their parents who lived near 20 parks in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The parks were randomly assigned to either intensive community outreach or their usual outreach, and researchers measured children's physical activity at the beginning of the study and again 12 months later. Published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the study found:

Intensive park outreach helped slow declines in children's light physical activity. Children ages 6–12 at intervention parks experienced a significantly smaller decline in light physical activity over the 12-month study period, averaging 9.6 more minutes of light activity per day than children at control parks.

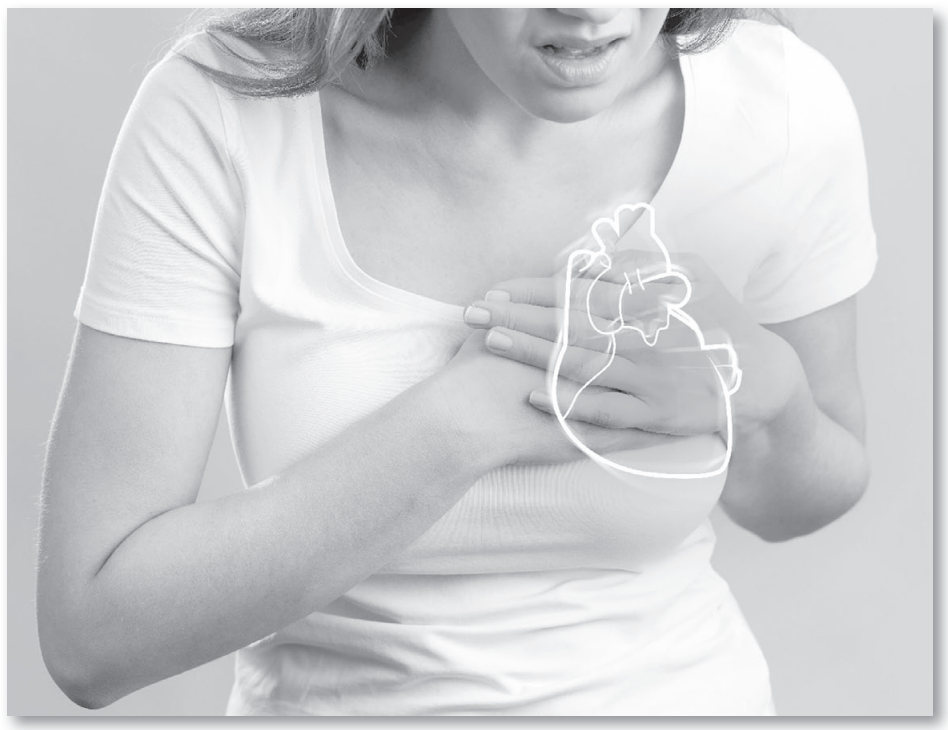
The intervention did not significantly increase more strenuous physical activity among children. There was no statistically significant difference between the intervention and control groups in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity.

Parents also experienced a measurable benefit. Sedentary time increased among parents in both groups, but the increase was 27.3 minutes per day lower among parents at intervention parks compared with those at control parks.

The study is part of SPH's Physical Activity and Recreation for Kids Study (PARKS) research project, a partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department examining how families living near neighborhood parks use park spaces and programming.

"This unique partnership between SPH and the Minneapolis and Saint Paul parks departments allowed us to conduct the first randomized controlled trial specifically examining whether intensive community outreach by local parks can help children be more physically active," said lead author and SPH Professor Simone French. "Our findings suggest that parks can play an important role in helping children stay active, but simply having programs available isn't enough. Park systems need resources to actively connect families with those opportunities through sustained, coordinated outreach. Future park-based efforts should build on and amplify that outreach to have a greater impact on children's physical activity."

The researchers noted that future studies could build on the findings by examining where children's physical activity occurs, helping determine whether park-based outreach leads to more activity in parks themselves or encourages children to be more active throughout the day. ~ U of M School of Public Health



As Minnesota hunters head into the field, know the warning signs of heart attack and stroke

Weather conditions, physical exertion and time spent in remote areas are among the conditions that make hunting season rewarding, yet these same factors can make a medical emergency more dangerous when every minute matters. Understanding the warning signs of heart attack and stroke and knowing how to respond, can help hunters act quickly if symptoms occur, according to the American Heart Association.

As hunters across Minnesota prepare for the season, planning should include more than equipment and safety gear. Understanding personal health risks and knowing how to get help can be just as important when spending long hours outdoors. In rural settings where EMS responses can be delayed and minutes matter, it's important for hunters to be ready to respond in a cardiac or stroke emergency.

Few recreational activities combine strenuous exertion, changing weather conditions and distance from medical care the way hunting can. For people who are not accustomed to that level of physical activity, those conditions may place additional strain on the heart. Cold temperatures can cause blood vessels to narrow, which may raise blood pressure and make the heart work harder, while sudden or vigorous activity can add to that strain.

"You don't have to have a known heart condition to experience a medical emergency in the field," said Dr. Brian Austin, interventional cardiologist for Essentia Health – St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. "Preparing for hunting season should include understanding the warning signs of heart attack and stroke, knowing what to do if symptoms occur and discussing an emergency plan with the people you're hunting with."

Preparation is as important as packing the right gear

Talk with a healthcare professional about whether strenuous activity is appropriate, especially if you have heart disease or risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or a history of smoking.

Build up physical activity gradually before hunting season rather than relying on the hunt as your first strenuous activity in months.

Avoid attempting to move heavy game alone. Use appropriate equipment or ask others for help.

Know the location of the nearest emergency services and whether cell service is available.

Know the warning signs of a heart attack

Chest discomfort: Pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and returns

Discomfort elsewhere in the upper body: Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach

Shortness of breath: This can occur with or without chest discomfort

Other possible signs: A cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

· Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but others begin slowly with mild pain or discomfort.

"Hunters often expect to be tired or sore after a long day outdoors, but symptoms such as chest discomfort, shortness of breath or sudden weakness should never be ignored," Dr. Austin said. "If something doesn't feel right, stop what you're doing and seek help immediately."

Recognize warning signs of stroke with B.E. F.A.S.T.

B = Balance loss: Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination

E = Eye (or vision) changes: Sudden vision loss or trouble seeing in one or both eyes

F = Face drooping: One side of the face droops or feels numb

A = Arm weakness: One arm feels weak or numb or drifts downward when raised

S = Speech difficulty: Slurred speech or trouble speaking

T = Time to call 911: If any of these symptoms occur, even if they go away, call 911 immediately.

Be prepared to respond to cardiac arrest

Cardiac arrest is different from a heart attack. In cardiac arrest, the heart suddenly stops beating. A person may be in cardiac arrest if they are unresponsive and not breathing normally or are only gasping. If a teen or adult suddenly collapses:

1. Call 911.

2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest until professional emergency medical services arrive.

Learning Hands-Only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, or CPR, before a hunting trip can help someone respond if a member of the hunting party experiences cardiac arrest.

For information about heart attack and stroke warning signs, Hands-Only CPR and ways to support cardiovascular health, visit heart.org and stroke.org. ~ The American Heart Association

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North Branch Mayor



Shawn Williams
2,273 (50.10%)

Isanti County Commissioner Dist. 5



Kristi LaRowe
2,476 (65.52%)

Chisago County Commissioner Dist. 2



Chris DuBose
2,845 (53.02%)

Chisago County Commissioner Dist. 3



Marlys L. Dunne
2,711 (65.07%)

MN House Dist. 28A



Jimmy Gordon
13,570 (63.71%)

MN House Dist. 28B



Max Rymer
13,883 (62.77%)

MN Senate Dist. 28



Mark Koran
28,084 (64.84%)

U.S. Representative Dist. 8



Pete Stauber
190,743 (53.06%)

RESULTS FROM UNCONTESTED RACES

ISANTI COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Bill Berg (Incumbent) 3,013 (98.56%)

ISANTI COUNTY AUDITOR - TREASURER

Kara Eastlund 14,146 (99.05%)

ISANTI COUNTY SHERIFF

Wayne Seiberlich (Incumbent) 15,226 (98.69%)

ISANTI COUNTY ATTORNEY

Jeff Edblad (Incumbent) 14,108 (98.51%)

CHISAGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

Tim MacMillan 2,726 (98.70%)

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF

Brandon Thyen (Incumbent) 19,565 (98.82%)

CHISAGO COUNTY ATTORNEY

Janet Reiter (Incumbent) 17,510 (98.60%)

NORTH BRANCH CITY COUNCIL (ELECT TWO)

Jim Ibinger (Incumbent) 2,059 (42.62%)
Pete Johnson 2,662 (55.10%)

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOL BOARD (ELECT FOUR)

Kevin Gross (Incumbent) 7,318 (25.84%)
Nikki Johnson (Incumbent) 7,616 (26.89%)
Keith Koehler 6,810 (24.04%)
DeEtta Moos (Incumbent) 6,283 (22.18%)

NORTH BRANCH SCHOOL BOARD (ELECT THREE)

Sarah Grovender (Incumbent) 4,338 (32.54%)
Jesse LaValla (Incumbent) 4,330 (32.48%)
Adam Trampe (Incumbent) 4,533 (34.00%)

COMPLETE RESULTS OF CONTESTED RACES (UNOFFICIAL UNTIL VERIFIED BY CANVASING BOARDS)

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MAYOR:
Jeremiah Sedler 2,149 54.93%
Jim Godfrey (Incumbent) 1,740 44.48%

CITY COUNCIL:
Aaron Berg (Incumbent) 1,725 26.87%
Tom Schibilla 1,839 28.64%
Ronda Szlavich 1,591 24.78%
Bob Shogren (Incumbent) 1,238 19.28%

CITY OF ISANTI

MAYOR
Chris Brooks 1,591 51.67%
Luke Merrill 1,477 47.97%

CITY COUNCIL
Nicholas Pederson 1,400 34.19%
Erika Zdon 1,578 38.53%
Theodore Knudson 1,081 26.40%

NORTH BRANCH MAYOR
Kevin Schieber (Incumbent) 2,210 48.71%
Shawn Williams 2,273 50.10%

ISANTI COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 5
Kristi LaRowe (Incumbent) 2,476 65.52%
Joseph Fischer 1,287 34.06%

CHISAGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT 2
Chris DuBose 2,845 53.02%
Rick Greene (Incumbent) 2,489 46.38%

DISTRICT 3
Cyle Cramer 1,427 34.25%
Marlys Dunne (Incumbent) 2,711 65.07%

MN HOUSE DISTRICT 28A
Jimmy Gordon (R) 13,570 63.71%
Tim Dummer (D) 7,699 36.15%

MN HOUSE DISTRICT 28B
Max Rymer (R) 13,883 62.77%
Daniel Schmidt (D) 8,223 37.18%

MN STATE SENATE
Mark Koran (R) 28,084 64.84%
Max Glenna (D) - withdrew 15,149 34.98%

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 8
Pete Stauber (R) 190,743 53.06%
Trina Swanson (D) 168,350 46.84%

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR
Amy Klobuchar (D) 1,569,095 55.47%
Lisa Demuth(R) 1,205,788 42.63%

U.S. SENATE
Michele Tafoya(R) 1,232,677 43.55%
Peggy Flanagan (D) 1,520,296 53.71%

U of M spotlights resources for veteran and active-duty students

STAFF REPORT
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As Veterans Day approaches, the University of Minnesota is highlighting programs and services for veterans and active-duty service members pursuing higher education.

The university offers support across its campuses, including help with education benefits, career planning and the transition from military service to student life.

On the Twin Cities campus, the University Veterans Services Office assists students with admissions, the transition to college, federal and state education benefits, military leaves for students called to active duty and connections to campus resources.

The University of Minnesota Medical School's Military Medic to Medical School program provides a path to medical school for former military medics in cohorts of two to five. The program funds preparation for the Medical College Admission Test and offers individual advising, a two-semester seminar and a research project completed by each cohort.

The medical school's relationship with the Minneapolis VA hospital dates to 1946, when the school began forming an academic affiliation with the hospital. The first medical school resident rotated there on Jan. 1, 1946.

Minnesota Carlson offers veteran students career services, including individual coaching and connections to local, national and global companies with experience hiring veterans. The school also has a Military Veterans Academic Home on its second floor, a space that honors military and veteran students and scholarship donors.

The Student Veterans Association of Minnesota has more than 600 current student members, the university said. The student-led group hosts social gatherings, attends athletic events and works with university departments and other campus stakeholders to promote visibility for student veterans. In 2025, the group received university recognition for excellence in organization and officer transitions.

The university's support for veterans also received national recognition in the 2027 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. The University of Minnesota Crookston was ranked No. 1 among Midwest regional colleges for veterans. The University of Minnesota Duluth was ranked No. 7, tied with other schools, among Midwest regional universities for veterans.

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Trick-or-Treaters descend on downtown Cambridge, Isanti

Hundreds of kids, adults, and even a few animals took advantage of ideal weather on Friday, Oct. 30 to go trick-or-treating at businesses along downtown Cambridge and Isanti. While Cambridge has been offering this event for several years, this was Isanti's first foray into creating a Halloween tradition. Here are a few of our favorite costumes seen at the two events. For more photos, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.



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PAUL JOHNSON, SPEAKER

COMMUNITY GRIEF SEMINAR

"Making it Through the Holidays"

6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24

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Facing the holidays as a grieving individual can be both overwhelming and seemingly impossible to deal with. We would like to invite all families to share in our 31st annual seminar. This program is designed to give practical suggestions on how to cope with the additional stresses of the holiday season.

The seminar will be held by Paul Johnson, nationally known speaker on grief issues and former faculty member of Bethel University. A special, complimentary ornament will be provided to each family in remembrance of their loved one. This is for families we have served in the past year, also, other families not served by our funeral home are welcome to pre-register by November 11 to have an ornament at the seminar. Additional ornaments will be available through early December.

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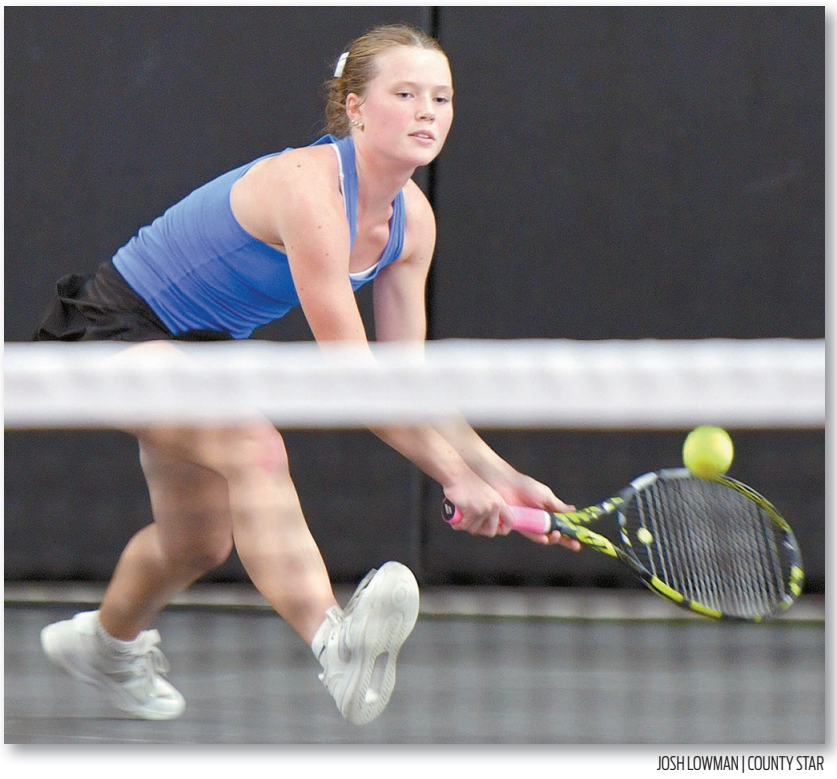
North Branch's Amelia Lattimore hits a spike past a Grand Rapids defender during the Vikings' Section 7AAA semifinal match against the Thunderhawks. North Branch went on to defeat Grand Rapids 3-1 to advance to the section finals against Princeton. That match was held on Wednesday, Nov. 4 - after this edition went to press. To see those results, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.



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Jackets make a racquet at state

The Bluejacket girls tennis team again made history at the State Class AAA Individual Tournament as the doubles team of Allie Troolin and Anya Lowman (top photos) finished in fourth place in doubles. The duo won their first three matches in straight sets before being defeated in the semifinals by a strong team from Edina. They then lost a heart-breaker to a team from Minnetonka in the third place match 10-5 in a third-set tiebreaker.

(Left photo) Scarlet Porta had the misfortune of drawing another strong player from Edina in her singles opening round. Porta bounced back from that to win her consolation quarterfinal match before falling in the consolation semifinals, also to a player from Minnetonka.

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Students pictured left to right in the front: Rowan Hagenbuch, Mercy Havrilla and Molly Williams. Adults from left to right are: NBAMS art teacher Lee Ann Falen, Assistant Principal Matt Lattimore, Lions Club member Bob Olsen, Lion John Dolin, Lion Fred Scott and NBAMS Principal Kelly Detzler.

North Branch Middle School student win art contest

North Branch Area Middle School students had the opportunity to create a Peace Poster for a contest with the North Branch Lions Club. Art teacher, Lee Ann Falen, and Lions Club member, Bob Olsen, worked together to offer students the challenge of visually representing what the contest theme of "Harmony in Humanity" could look like. Students with birthdays between the dates of 11.16.2012 and 11.15.2015 were eligible to participate. A total of 18 students submitted a poster project.

The final results were:

1st place with $100 prize--7th grader Rowan Hagenbuch

2nd place with $75 prize--8th grader Mercy Havrilla

3rd place with $50 prize--8th grader Molly Williams

The next step is having Rowan's drawing move on to another round of judging. This is an international contest, so only one project from many countries will be chosen as the overall winner. A HUGE thank you to the North Branch Lions Club for hosting the contest and for the generous cash prizes. ~ North Branch Area Middle School

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WINTER PARKING: Ordinance change provides more flexibility for snow removal

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city streets at any time of the day while the snow emergency is in effect.

"This change would provide Public Works with greater flexibility to conduct snow removal operations when conditions warrant, rather than limiting snow emergency parking restrictions to specific overnight hours," Machin said.

According to Public Works Director Todd Schwab, a snow emergency is generally declared in anticipation of at least three inches of snow falling. City Administrator Evan Vogel said the city tries to provide as much advance warning of a snow emergency as possible; however, "Minnesota winter weather can be fickle." Alerts will be sent out through the city's website, social media pages, plus Isanti County's Regroup emergency notification system, or its successor. Alerts will also be sent to both local newspapers to share through their website and/or social media pages.

Additionally, Machin said they will make every attempt to locate the owner of a car before towing it, including knocking on doors.

"We do the best we can to educate people," Machin said. "The last thing we want to do is remove the car of someone who didn't know there was a snow emergency."



OTHER AREA CITIES

Below are the specific times and conditions when no parking will be enforced for the other cities in the area.

Isanti - No parking on any city street between 1 to 8 a.m. from Nov. 1 through March 31. Parking is permitted from 6 to 8 a.m. if there is no snow or it has been removed. The city removes snow within the city limits on public sidewalks and trails for every two-inch or more snow event.

Braham - No parking is permitted on any city street, city-owned parking lot, or public right-of-way from Nov. 1 to April 1 between the hours of 2 a.m. to 7 a.m.

North Branch - It is unlawful for anyone to park a vehicle on a public alley, street, or highway within the city limits between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. from Nov. 1 until April 1, inclusive, or after any snowstorm until the snow has been removed or during snow removal time. It is unlawful for anyone to park a vehicle in a city-owned parking lot, except by city permit, between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. from Nov. 1 until April 1, inclusive, or after any snowstorm until the snow has been removed or during snow removal time.

Rush City - No parking on any city street from 2-6 a.m. from Nov. 1 through April 15. No parking on streets any time snowfall exceeds three inches until streets are cleared.

Harris - No Parking on any Street 1 a.m. to 7 p.m. No Parking anytime when snow exceeds three inches until streets are cleared. Violators will be towed.

Dalbo Fire counters service time claims

BY BILL STICKELS III
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

In the aftermath of the meeting between Springvale Township and the Cambridge and Dalbo Fire Departments, representatives from Dalbo have released their own service call statistics that differ from those presented by the Cambridge Fire Department.

"We were invited to discuss the fire line map as requested by the township, not to discuss our call times or responses," Carey Olson, treasurer of the Dalbo Fire Department, said in an email to the Star.

Olson added they do not have access to the same sources for call data as Cambridge, who used Law Enforcement Technology Group and other software programs to compile the statistics used at the meeting for both fire departments.

"This led us back to our actual paper records, which we pulled data from," Olson said.

Based on their records, the average response time for Dalbo was 13.2 minutes, rather than the over 17 minutes that was claimed by Cambridge Fire. Additionally, Olson said the type of calls differs between Cambridge and Dalbo.

"The Dalbo Fire Department responds to all medical calls, not just emergency medical calls like Cambridge Fire, such as heart attacks, and therefore our response times will look longer than Cambridge Fire if an average of all calls are used," Olson said. "Some medicals are non-life threatening, and we will respond routinely, as warranted by the nature of the call."

Olson said this difference is caused by the closer proximity of Allina Health's EMS stations to the city of Cambridge.

"Dalbo Fire responds to all medicals because the ambulance response can be unpredictable, depending on where it is responding from and how busy they are; fire responds to assist in filling that gap because of distance," Olson said, adding that when the information from dispatch indicates the call is a non-emergency, the responders make sure to respond "as quickly and safely as possible."

JUST FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

Olson said Dalbo isn't trying to push Cambridge out of servicing Springvale Township — they are just following a request from Springvale Township.

"Dalbo Fire did not solicit a change to the fire service line," Olson said. "We responded to what was requested by the Springvale Township supervisors at our annual fire department meeting in January. Our only intention is to fulfill that request and provide the best service we can to the residents we serve in an honorable, responsible manner."

Olson concluded by saying no matter where the border line is drawn, Dalbo is committed to giving the best service possible to Springvale Township and all the other areas they cover.

"We are proud of the service we provide, the history of our department, and the commitment of our volunteers," Olson said. "Dalbo Fire Department is committed to providing the same level of care, dedication, and service to our community as any other fire department. We take great pride in serving our community, often for very little compensation."

Highway 65 reopens as 2026 construction wraps up

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will reopen Highway 65 from Cambridge to south of Brunswick by noon, Friday Nov. 6, as crews wrap up construction for 2026. With this year's work finished, the detour will lift and motorists may once again travel the corridor without restrictions.

The two-year project began in July to improve 10 miles of Highway 65 from the end of the four-lane in Cambridge to south of Kanabec County Road 45 north of Braham. Crews completed resurfacing, culvert replacements, guardrail updates and installed new storm sewer and sidewalks in Grandy.

MnDOT thanks the traveling public, residents and area businesses for their patience throughout the four-month detour.

Crews will return in the spring as construction resumes from Braham to south of Brunswick. Additional traffic impacts, detours and access changes will be announced ahead of next year's work.

When complete in summer 2027, drivers in Isanti and Kanabec counties will see smoother lanes, better storm drainage, safer intersections and improved walking access in Grandy.

For more information, visit the Highway 65 Cambridge to north of Braham project web page.

For more information on projects in central Minnesota, follow us on MnDOT Central Facebook. For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit 511mn.org or get the free smartphone app.

~ The Minnesota Department of Transportation

Measles cases in Minnesota hit highest total in 36 years

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) today reported that the number of measles cases in Minnesota for 2026 has reached a total of 80 cases — the most the state has seen in a single year since 1990. Health officials are stressing that now is the time for people to check their vaccination status and make sure they are up to date.

All but two of the 2026 cases have been among people who had not received two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, and most of them (71%) have been children (under 18 years old).

While most people who get measles recover, the disease can cause lifelong complications or even death. With more than 4,500 measles cases reported in the U.S. so far this year, it is now more important than ever to get vaccinated to prevent these serious risks.

Over the past year, MDH has identified several clusters of measles cases stemming from people who traveled within the United States. There is a historic amount of measles circulating in the U.S. currently, so health officials expect Minnesota to see more cases in the coming weeks and months. Measles is extremely contagious and a single introduction into a community with low vaccination coverage can quickly lead to outbreaks.

Vaccination rates dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic and have not rebounded to prior levels. This leaves many people, especially children, vulnerable. Vaccination protects you and your family, and it helps protect those who can't get vaccinated because they are too young, are pregnant, or have certain medical conditions.

MDH encourages people to check their immunization records to confirm that they and their children have received the MMR vaccine. Anyone who has questions about the MMR vaccine is encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider. For those who want to get vaccinated, contact your regular healthcare provider. If you do not have a regular provider, other options include local health departments or community health boards, pharmacies or retail locations.

~ MN Department of Health

Talking AI and education with University of Minnesota



A new report from leading experts in learning, technology and education details ways that generative AI can both support and challenge learning for students in every stage of education.

Panayiota (Pani) Kendeou, lead author of the report and professor in the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development, answers questions about the main findings and what they mean for students and educators across the state and beyond.

Q: In what ways can generative AI be useful for students?

Prof. Kendeou: Generative AI can be a valuable learning tool when it helps students strengthen their understanding. Our report found that its greatest promise lies in supporting activities such as practicing what students have learned, receiving feedback, exploring examples and checking their understanding. For example, a student who has learned a new math concept could ask AI to generate practice problems or explain why an answer is incorrect. A student preparing for a science test could use it to create a quiz or identify ideas or concepts that they need to review more.

The important distinction is between using AI to learn versus using AI to complete a task. We want students to do the initial thinking themselves and then use AI to practice, get feedback and deepen their understanding. In other words, AI should support learning processes, not replace them.

Q: What does the research tell us about how generative AI affects student learning?

Prof. Kendeou: Generative AI is changing how students access information and approach learning tasks, creating both opportunities and new considerations for educators. Our experts paid particular attention to how students build knowledge and develop independent thinking skills.

Learning requires effort. Students need to engage with new information, connect ideas, remember what they have learned, question evidence and work through setbacks. When AI immediately provides a summary, writes an essay or solves a problem, students may miss the very thinking that helps them learn. Skills such as critical thinking, evaluating information and self-monitoring remain especially important in an AI-enabled environment. Our report emphasizes that the most effective use of AI will be one that complements, rather than replaces, the mental effort that helps students learn. The challenge for educators and families is to ensure that using AI does not remove the 'productive struggle' through which students develop knowledge, confidence and independence.

Q: How might generative AI affect learners at different stages of development?

Prof. Kendeou: Our experts agreed that the impact of generative AI can vary across age groups, with younger learners warranting particular attention. Elementary school students are still developing foundational knowledge and skills, including reading, writing, reasoning and the ability to manage their own learning. These foundations require sustained practice. As AI tools become more common, it is important to ensure that students continue to have opportunities to build these foundations themselves. For example, while an AI-generated summary may support understanding of a text, it does not replace the reading practice that helps children become strong readers. For older students, the focus shifts toward ensuring that AI complements, rather than replaces, activities that strengthen critical thinking, independent judgment and problem-solving.

Q: How does generative AI impact the social aspects of learning?

Prof. Kendeou: Learning is not simply an individual activity. Students learn by talking with classmates, asking teachers questions, discussing disagreements, working through problems together and developing relationships. Our experts caution that relying too heavily on AI may reduce these opportunities. A student who consistently turns to a chatbot instead of a classmate or teacher may get an immediate answer but miss the opportunity to learn how to communicate, collaborate, consider different perspectives or navigate tensions or disagreements. These interactions matter well beyond school. They help young people develop empathy, a sense of belonging and the ability to work with others.

Q: How do you hope this report will be used to help educators across the state?

Prof. Kendeou: I hope this report helps Minnesota educators and school leaders move beyond the question of whether AI is good or bad for education. A more useful question is: What thinking do we want students to do, and how can AI support rather than replace it?

Our report identified with precision where AI offers opportunities for learning and where greater caution is needed. For schools, the goal should not be to simply adopt more technology — or prohibit it altogether. It should be to make thoughtful, age-appropriate decisions grounded in how students actually learn. Those decisions should be grounded in stronger research going forward. Educators deserve evidence and they need to be active participants in building that evidence alongside researchers.

Panayiota (Pani) Kendeou is a Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Guy Bond Chair in Reading in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Kendeou directs the Reading + Learning Lab and co-directs the College of Education and Human Development Learning Informatics Lab. Her areas of expertise include reading comprehension; AI, digital, and media literacy; science of learning; educational technology; misinformation correction, and more. Dr. Kendeou will be leading an open webinar on The Opportunities and Risks of GenAI in Education on Thursday, October 29, at noon. ~ The University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development

The new center brings together three leading universities and industry partners to drive powertrain innovation and develop next-generation engineers

The University of Minnesota is driving off-highway vehicle powertrain innovation into the future with the launch of the Powertrain Research for Off-highway VEhicles Center (PROVE) in January 2027. Developed in consortium with Iowa State University and Carnegie Mellon University, PROVE will be a world leader in collaborative, precompetitive research that produces transformational change in off-highway vehicle powertrain technology and the sector's workforce.

Off-highway vehicles are the heavy machinery muscle behind industries such as construction, agriculture, forestry and mining and consume 3% of energy in the United States. Unlike on-highway vehicles, off-highway machines must provide power for propulsion and demanding work functions such as digging, lifting, harvesting and material handling, creating significant opportunities for innovation in powertrain architectures, components, and controls.

PROVE will focus on identifying the most effective solutions for specific applications through the investigation of alternative fuel prime movers, battery electrification, hybridization and integration of mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic powertrains. The research will also go beyond technical performance and incorporate economic viability, practical implementation, supply chain resilience and manufacturing critical components at scale.

PROVE will conduct research in three main areas:

Systems and Control: Addresses the design challenges of powertrain architecture, including the integration of electric, hydraulic and mechanical systems as well as hybrid architectures.

Components: Focuses on the optimization of critical sub-systems, including prime movers, energy storage devices, and power transmission components.

Modeling, Simulation, and Testing: Works on defining realistic duty cycles, developing high-fidelity models and validating systems via digital twins, hardware-in-the-loop systems and vehicle testbed experiments.

Beyond its technical and economic research, PROVE will play an important role in developing the current and future engineering workforce. Industry-engaged research, student training and professional development opportunities will help prepare engineers to address interdisciplinary challenges of modern off-highway powertrains.

PROVE fills a need for precompetitive interdisciplinary research in off-highway vehicle powertrain innovation. By combining expertise across universities — including decades of pioneering research in fluid power and advanced powertrain technologies at the University of Minnesota — with the practical knowledge and research priorities of industry partners, the center will address complex engineering challenges and accelerate the development of more efficient, productive and cost-effective powertrain solutions. This collaborative approach pools resources, addresses common technical barriers, shares foundational research, and reduces development risk, benefitting the entire industry by preemptively solving the problems of the near future. The advancements made by PROVE's research will allow original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to make data-driven architecture decisions and component manufacturers to design transformative solutions that meet evolving industry demands.

Learn more about the research, experts and Leadership Circle on the PROVE website. ~ Alex Skjong

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OBITUARIES

Carol Ann Sabin

Carol Ann Sabin age 93 of Cambridge, MN, passed away peacefully at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge on October 30, 2026.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, parents Anna & Wesley Peters; brother Bruce Peters; sisters Alice Fiebing, Bernice Babb and Patricia Phillips.



Carol is survived by her son Wayne Sabin and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Carol worked as an LPN at the Princeton Hospital for many years. She also farmed with her husband Robert. She was a foster parent for many, many years, remaining friends with many of her foster kids. After retirement, she volunteered at Shalom shop in Cambridge and at the local schools. In her spare time, she loved to embroider and played piano and accordion. She was very fond of her cats.

Funeral service 11 a.m. Tuesday November 10, 2026 at Joy Lutheran Church 33525 Jefferson St. NE Cambridge, MN

Visitation one hour prior to service at the church

Interment King Cemetery, Spencer Brook Township, Isanti County.

Memorials preferred

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home 763-689-2244

Online condolences can be shared at:

www.carlsonlillemoen.com

STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

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Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576.
8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

Catholic

Christ the King
305 Fern Street N
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-1221
Tuesday 6 pm Mass
Friday 8:30am
Saturday 4pm
email brigitte@isantiacc.org
Website: isantiacc.org

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

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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, MN 55040
(1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134
oxlip.org
Sunday Service:
9 am Worship Service
10:45 am Christian Education
Awana Children's Ministry (Ages 3 years to 8th grade) Wednesdays 6 pm to 7:30pm

Wyanett Evangelical Free Church
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www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
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763-689-1211
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Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
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www.christcambridge.com

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651-674-5576
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Sunday School 9:15am
www.livingbranch.org
email: office@livingbranch.org

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4638 381st Ave NW, Dalbo, MN 55017
763-689-1687
Pastor Kae Evensen
www.salemlutherandalbo.com
See calendar for activities & services
salemlutheranchurchdalbo@gmail.com
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Sunday Service & Sunday School
9:00 am June 8, 2026 - May 30, 2027
10:30 am June 6, 2027 - May 28, 2028

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;
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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
8 & 10 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship
9 a.m. Sunday School
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

Common Ground - A United Methodist Community
404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge.
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Lot 10, Block 6, Oak Meadows, Common Interest Community No. 2005-7, Isanti County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of October 23, 2026, from Ashley Olsen, title holder, to Oak Meadows Townhomes Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Six Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Six and 60/100ths Dollars ($6,326.60) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

WHEREAS, no action is now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof;

WHEREAS, the owner has not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

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(1) Street Address of Property: 1894 Buchanan Street SE, Cambridge, MN 55008

(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/or Broker: N/A

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 15-169-0320

(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A

(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A

(6) Date on which Occupant must vacate Property, if mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or property redeemed under 580.23: 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2027. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: October 23, 2026

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By:_____

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE

Autism Matters, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, is in the process of dissolving. The company has filed a Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Minnesota Secretary of State. That notice was filed July 31, 2026. Any claims against the company must be presented to 34030 Kale Avenue, North Branch, Minnesota, 55056 on or before January 31, 2027.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2026.

Mark Essling

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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2027 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2026.

What is a qualifying relative?

For occupied agricultural or residential property, "qualifying relative" means a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece. This relationship may be by blood or marriage.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2026.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor. **All Relative Homestead applications must be filed annually.**

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2026 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

What if I want to apply for agricultural homestead on an unoccupied property?

Special agricultural homestead allows property owners to receive homestead on unoccupied agricultural property if certain requirements are met. Contact the assessor's office for more information.

Isanti County Assessor's Office (763) 689-2752

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 345.75, notice is hereby given that tangible personal property has been abandoned during a criminal investigation and remains unclaimed within Spencer Brook Township, Isanti County, MN.

Any person claiming ownership of the tangible property must contact the East Central Drug Task Force at 320-566-4153 within 30 days of the publishing date herein. If the property remains unclaimed, ownership may be transferred in accordance with applicable Minnesota law.

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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Oct. 25 - 31. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Narendra Kilari (DOB 06/07/1988) of Eden Prairie, was charged Oct. 26 with one count of Attempted Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present; and one count of Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.

Jason Roger Pinske-Tufty (DOB 06/26/1996) of Coon Rapids, was charged Oct. 28 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

Sean Terrance Macaulay (DOB 04/08/1963) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 29 with one count of Identity Theft-Transfers/Possesses/Uses Identity of Other Person; and one count of Forgery-Use False Writing-Identification/Recommend.

Amy Elizabeth Heckler (DOB 08/01/1982) of Isanti, was charged Oct. 30 with Arson-1st Degree-Dwelling.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Oct. 25 - 31. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Tanner Lee Dettman (DOB 07/12/2006) of Lindstrom, was charged Oct. 27 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

Scott Glenn Starfield (DOB 05/15/1971) of Lake Elmo, was charged Oct. 27 with two counts of Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

Dustin Michael Peters (DOB 03/01/1987) of Ashland, WI, was charged Oct. 27 with Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 25 grams or more, 100 dosage units or more; heroin or fentanyl.

Daniel Junior Pineiro Bigboy (DOB 05/28/2001) of Saxon, WI, was charged Oct. 27 with Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 25 grams or more, 100 dosage units or more; heroin or fentanyl.

Nicolas Equinn Ramone Perry (DOB 08/29/1994) of Roseville, was charged Oct. 29 with Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present.

Cyrus Valazques (DOB 11/14/2003) of Sioux City, IA, was charged Oct. 29 with Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present.

Joshua Jeffrey Letourneau (DOB 10/30/1982) of Rush City, was charged Oct. 29 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State - extradition waived.

Joedy Lynn Nebola (DOB 11/27/1964) of Chisago City, was charged Oct. 29 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

Jose Eusebio Gonzalez, Jr. (DOB 07/05/1978) of Wyoming, was charged Oct. 30 with Domestic Assault.

Ronald Edward Katchmark (DOB 02/07/1993) of East Bethel, was charged Oct. 30 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

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AMERY HOUSING AUTHORITY seeks Facility Manager for Evergreen Village Apartments. Handle tenant applications, rent collection, activities, lunch program. Requires 2 years office/bookkeeping experience, QuickBooks, Microsoft Office. Medical experience preferred. Email resumé: aha@ameryhousing.org Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GRANTSBURG has an immediate full-time opening for an iForward Student Advisor. Work from home with summers off, helping students at its virtual K-12 school succeed. Details: gk12.net. EOE. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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U.S. Farm Report brings agriculture panel to University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences hosted the U.S. Farm Report College Roadshow on Oct. 22, bringing students, alumni and agriculture experts together on the St. Paul campus.

It was the fourth consecutive year the roadshow visited the university. The event was part of homecoming week and took place ahead of the Minnesota-Iowa football rivalry game.

Host Tyne Morgan moderated a panel discussion near the bronze bull sculptures on campus. Panelists were Leah Anderson, president of WinField United and senior vice president at Land O'Lakes Inc.; Ed Usset, a CFANS agricultural economics professor; and Pauline Van Nurden, director of the Center for Farm Financial Management and an Extension economist.

The panel discussed corn, soybean and wheat markets, WinField United's acreage projections for 2027, rising demand for farm financing and ways farmers can protect profit margins in the coming year.

The program also featured research by CFANS faculty members on manure management, soil microbes, cold plasma technology in food production and climate risks in the Upper Midwest.

Students cheered during the taping and took part in an agriculture-themed sign competition. The program was sponsored by John Deere and Cropland and streamed and broadcast nationwide over the weekend.

A recording of the panel discussion is available at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXGC-MuUaCts

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Cambridge-Isanti HS: Taylor Larkin

Cambridge-Isanti High School is proud to recognize sophomore Taylor Larkin as a Student Achiever. Taylor is an exceptionally dedicated and involved student who balances academics with an impressive variety of extracurricular activities and community commitments.

Taylor is involved in Boys Swimming, Boys Track, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band 1 and 2, and serves in the pit orchestra for Phantom of the Opera. He also serves as the Girls Swim Manager, holds the rank of Petty Officer First Class (PO1) in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and is a Color Guard Captain. In addition, Taylor gives back to his school community by serving as a crossing guard at Cambridge Intermediate School and a lifeguard at CIHS.



Art and Science Academy: Jace Munsell

Jace Munsell, a second-grade student at Art and Science Academy, has been named October's STAR Student in recognition of his exceptional character and resilience. He earned this honor by consistently practicing safety throughout the school. Always bringing a positive attitude, Jace helps others and leads by example, showing his peers how to be kind and respectful to everyone. He regularly goes above and beyond in everything he does, demonstrating a strong work ethic both academically and personally. Keep up the fantastic work, Jace, and continue to be the star you are. We are all so proud of you!



North Branch Area HS: Alice Arbogast

North Branch Area High School junior Alice Arbogast is building a strong record of creativity, curiosity, and involvement. After taking drawing in ninth grade and ceramics last year, Alice joined Art Studio, where she values the freedom to experiment with different materials and add personal meaning to her work. She plans to enter pieces in this year's Mississippi 8 Conference Art Show. Alice is also beginning her fourth year on the speech team and is developing an original oratory topic. Beyond the arts, she participates in tennis and the school musical. Alice's willingness to explore new ideas and challenge herself makes her a Student of Excellence.



Cambridge-Isanti HS: Sage Christensen

Sophomore Sage Christensen exemplifies what it means to be a CIHS Student Achiever through her dedication to academics, athletics, leadership, and community service.

Sage maintains a 4.0 GPA while participating in Girls Tennis and Golf, taking PSEO and AP coursework, and serving as a student aide in the CIHS Front Office. She has also demonstrated leadership in her Child Development class. Beyond school, Sage demonstrates an impressive work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit. She works at Rachel's Closet, serves as Marketing Manager for Choice Construction, and operates her own photography business, Sage Christensen Photography.



Art and Science Academy: Edith Goudge

Edith Goudge, a first grader at Art and Science Academy, is highly deserving of our STAR Student Award for the month of October. Edith consistently demonstrates what it means to be Safe at school. She makes good choices, follows school expectations, and shows that she cares about keeping herself and those around her safe. Edith safely and appropriately uses classroom tools, including scissors, and demonstrates responsibility when completing classroom activities. She also does a wonderful job keeping a calm body, using self-control, and staying focused and ready to learn. Edith shines by consistently demonstrating safe behaviors in the classroom, hallways, and throughout our school.



North Branch Area HS: Ilynne Pachuca

North Branch senior Ilynne Pachuca has made music and service central to her high school experience. A longtime choir member, Pachuca has served as a section leader and president of Valkyrie Choir, helping lead warmups and rehearsals. She also participates in student council and theater, performing in last year's "Mamma Mia" and hoping to take part in this year's productions. Her choir experiences include Dorian and All-State Choir. Pachuca plans to attend college in Duluth and hopes to continue singing. She credits her choir director with building her skills and giving students opportunities to grow.



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