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BALANCING ACT: Cambridge-Isanti Bluejackets, North Branch Vikings meet in gymnastics. PAGE 2

Cambridge Primary School teaching compassion through giving

BY STACY VERDICK CASE NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

One of the five core values of Cambridge-Isanti Schools'

'Bluejacket Way" is compassion — a lesson that Cambridge Primary School spent the past two months exploring through a program called the "Compassion Project." As part of this project, the students hosted a Toy and Food Drive to benefit area families.

"The whole month of November and December we're learning about empathy and compassion for other people," said Jodi Acker, School Counselor at Cambridge Primary School. 'The kids in the school have multiple lessons on how would you feel if you didn't have food and toys and trying to understand how these kids might feel. The food and toy drive is a way that we can help kids during the holiday season.'

This Compassion Project has been part of the school culture since before Jodi Acker began working at the school. 'I started working here in 2019 and before that Denise Stenberg was the social worker for 30 years. She had this all set up when I started, so I just kind of carried the torch from her."

Students in CPS' kinder-



Second grade students in Mrs. Schurbon's class Morgan, Kyzer, and Colton pose in front of the donated toys.

garten through second grade classes participate in lessons that focus on understanding how others feel and what it means to help. The donations are displayed in a decorated

school hallway so students can see the collection grow. At the conclusion of the drive, the Cambridge Lions Club collects the donations to distribute

"The kids have been bringing food and they're super excited about it," Acker said. "It's just so cool to see their hearts caring for other kids, and giving away stuff that they want.

Because a lot of times they're like I really want this, and there's going to be a child that really enjoys this. Or they'll, when they're shopping for food or looking in their pantry for food, they're thinking what would I want, so it's really neat to see it come to fruition and this year there have been more donations than any other year so far. Lots of food, lots of toys.

The students have clearly grasped the central idea. The visual impact of seeing the donations pile up has been a powerful teaching tool.

"It (bringing in food and toys) makes me feel good." Morgan, a second grader in Mrs. Schurbon's class, said.

Colton, also in Mrs. Schurbon's class, agreed. "It feels good helping."

As part of their lessons, students discussed if they were to create a giving project what would it be? Morgan, Colton, and classmate Kyzer agreed a stuffed toy drive would be their

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Cambridge Deputy Registrar changes name, adds services, moves

BY BILL STICKELS III NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

For decades, anyone needing to update their license plate tabs or transfer titles would have to go to the old, small building on Ashland Street. Starting Dec. 15, those services, plus several new ones, will be available inside the Cambridge

City Center Mall.

Known by virtually everyone as the Deputy Registrar, the privately owned business has been sold and renamed as Cambridge License Center. Additionally, the new owners expanded the services provided to include obtaining or renewing all three forms of driver's licenses standard, real, and enhanced. They will also provide several other new services (see sidebar).

Previously, those services were only provided by Isanti County at the Government Center. According to county officials, there had been an informal agreement between the county and Myron Lindstrom, the now-former owner, that the Deputy Registrar would not offer services that competed with the county's. However, with the ownership change and moving the business literally next door to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the new owners opted to make a "one-stop shop."

For the time being, Isanti County will continue to offer its current list of services, including driver's licensing and passports. However, the county is considering its options, which may include adding services such as license plate tabs • Spanish Manuals and vehicle title transfers as well.

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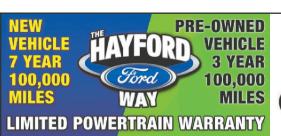
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UPCOMING HOME SCHEDULES

To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.mississippi8.org. Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons. Note: Northern Tier girls hockey is a co-op between Cambridge-Isanti, St. Francis, and North Branch. Northern Edge boys hockey is a co-op between North Branch and St. Francis. Their home games are at East Bethel.

Thursday, December 18

C-I boys swimming & diving vs. Princeton (5:30

•C-I gymnastics vs. St. Francis (6 p.m.) Northern Tier girls hockey vs. Chisago Lakes @ East Bethel (7 p.m.)

•C-I boys hockey vs. Hibbing (7 p.m.) •NB boys basketball vs. Chisago Lakes (5:15

p.m.) NB gymnastics vs. Big Lake (6 p.m.) •NB girls basketball vs. Chisago Lakes (7 p.m.)

Friday, December 19

C-I boys basketball vs. St. Francis (7 p.m.)

Saturday, December 20

•C-I girls basketball vs. St. Francis (1:30 p.m.) •C-I boys hockey vs. Pine City @ Cambridge outdoor rink - weather permitting (2 p.m.)

Monday, December 22

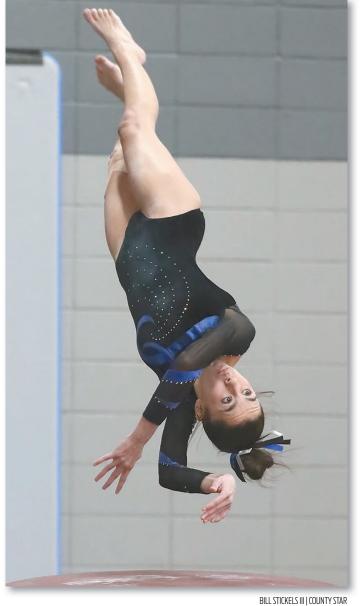
 C-I girls basketball vs. Chisago Lakes (7 p.m.) NB girls basketball vs. Hinckley-Finlayson (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 23

C-I boys basketball vs. Duluth East (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 30

C-I girls basketball vs. Stillwater (7 p.m.)



Cambridge-Isanti's Chloe Rist executes a half-on, full-off vault during the Bluejackets' dual meet at North Branch.



North Branch's Emma Fenton scored an 8.95 on her floor routine during the Vikings' home meet against Cambridge-Isanti. Fenton placed second in the all-around.

CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET, NORTH BRANCH VIKING SCOREBOARD: DECEMBER 10 - 16

December 10

Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Anoka 6

December 11

C-I girls wrestling 58, Annandale 18 C-I girls wrestling 60, Foley 12

C-I girls wrestling 48, Milaca 23 C-I boys wrestling 57, Monticello 10

C-I boys wrestling 60, North Branch 11

C-I boys swimming & diving 101, Chisago Lakes

*1st place finishers: 200 medley relay, Reid Streed (200 individual medley), Joshua Clinkenbeard (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Eddie Steman (diving), Gabe Ludwig (100 butterfly), James Haigh (100 freestyle), 200 freestyle relay

C-I gymnastics 138.85, North Branch 133.25 *Aubrey Wilson (C-I) - 1st place bars (9.125), beam (9.35), floor (9.2), All-Around (36.725); Ella Dick (NB) - 1st place vault (9.275) C-I girls basketball 22, Rogers 73 C-I boys hockey 9, Northern Edge 2 *Bennett Bergloff (C-I) - hat trick NB wrestling 12, Monticello 61

December 12

C-I boys wrestling 21, Apple Valley 47 C-I boys wrestling 42, Rosemount 25 C-I boys wrestling 54, Two Rivers 21

*Head coach Neil Jennissen moves into 5th place

- all-time wins

C-I boys hockey 3, Duluth East 8

Northern Tier girls hockey 4, Visitation 3 C-I girls basketball 61, Princeton 71 *Allie Troolin - 18 points

C-I boys basketball 61, Princeton 74

NB wrestling @ Washington Technology Magnet

Invite - 4th/8 teams *1st place finisher: Tucker Kovarik (107 pounds)

NB boys basketball 65, Big Lake 87 NB girls basketball 36, Big Lake 92

December 13

C-I girls wrestling @ Hopkins *Top finishers: Ava Lapoint (106 pounds), Ashlyn Bondeson (112 pounds) - 6th place C-I boys wrestling @ Maple Grove Invite -1st/11

*First place finishers: Wyatt Wald (114 pounds), Brady Huntley (121 pounds), Brock Brown (172 pounds)

December 15

Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Buffalo 4

December 16

C-I boys basketball 54, Anoka 70 Northern Tier girls hockey 4, Pine City 3 *Payton Buckley - 2 goals C-I boys hockey 1, Becker/Big Lake 2 NB girls basketball 18, St. Francis 89 NB boys basketball 79, St. Francis 92

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Cambridge backs out of NLX Alliance

BY BILL STICKELS III EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The city of Cambridge is taking a step back from active participation in the Northern Lights Express Alliance, signaling its growing belief the project may never become a reality.

Considering Cambridge was tabbed as being one of the locations for a depot stop for the passenger train service linking Minneapolis to Duluth via a high-speed railway, the city had previously been an active member in the alliance. However, since the state has slashed \$70 million from the previously earmarked \$190 million in state funding meant to match federal grants, the alliance has pivoted to a more stagnant position.

According to a recent press release, NLX is refining its 2026 strategy by shifting from growth-phase advocacy to project readiness and has reduced its budget to only \$54,100, a reduction of about 50%.

Keith Nelson, NLX chairman, says their new role is to preserve eligibility and safeguard previous investments.

"Engineering progress, state funding commitments and federal recognition now position NLX as a mature, shovel-ready corridor," Nelson said.

"It is looking to advocate a certain amounts of the funds that had been set aside for the project remain set aside for the project," Cambridge City Administrator Evan Vogel explained. 'So that things like environmental assessments, corridor ID studies, things of that nature continue in a way that if the political or economic environments change, the project is not needing to start over from scratch."

According to Vogel, part of that shift is offering a cost-free membership to previous members of the alliance. Vogel said the previous membership fees were \$9,000 per year. Based on that cost, the city council had already approved removing itself from the alliance — at least until the project's future again became more likely.

Vogel said continuing in the alliance at this time would most likely mean his participation in meetings. However, there was the possibility city staff our a council member would be called to go before the state legislature.

While previously trying to put a more positive outlook for the project, even Vogel is now admitting the future looks bleak.

"Funding may not be available in the short-to-midterm," Vogel said. "Congressmen Stauber and Emmer, and the state's Republican caucus did issue a letter of opposition to any federal funds going to any passenger rail project. This project is not going to happen in the short-term, without any major shift or very unexpected

Vogel added the existence of the alliance itself is on shaky ground as it is his understanding it only has enough money in its budget to keep going in 2026.

Additionally, Vogel said the city of Minneapolis and Hennepin County have already removed themselves from the alliance. He added the cities of Hinckley, Duluth, and Superior, plus St. Louis County have all indicated they will continue to be part of the

During discussion, Council member Molly Christian stated she has heard little-to-no support for the project from constituents. Vogel admitted that lack of support extended to Isanti County as a whole through the county commissioners, although the county itself has never been a part of the alliance.

Council member Mark Ziebarth countered that as long as it isn't costing the city any direct money in dues and the project still has a slight chance of going forward, he sees no harm in continuing with the alliance. Council member Bob Shogren took that sentiment one step further, volunteering to personally attend meetings instead of staff.

Ultimately, the council voted 3-2 to not be a member in the NLX Alliance for the year 2026. Shogren and Ziebarth voted nay.

Editor's note: Pine City Pioneer editor T.A. LeBrun contributed information







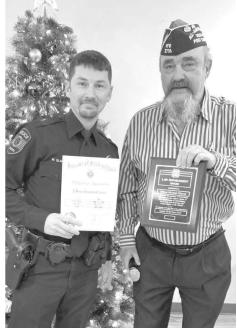












Isanti VFW presents youth & community awards

Isanti VFW Commander Tim Kent presents awards during a ceremony held Dec. 16 at the Isanti VFW. Honorees include Voice of Democracy winners Jaiden Lemke and Skyee Ward, who tied for first place, and Levi Foster and Lincoln Meyer, who tied for second place; Patriot's Pen winners Peter Koralewski, first place; Jace Draper, second place; and Ingrid Heine, third place. Also recognized were Mike Glavin as Officer of the Year, Rich Cieluch Jr. as Firefighter of the Year, and Ted Gehring as Teacher of the Year.

Out and About

returning Jan. 1 edition

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

SALVATION ARMY'S RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN THRU DEC. 23

Volunteers needed: The Salvation Army seeks bell ringers for two kettles at Cambridge Walmart, and one each at Fleet Farm, Cub and Coborn's in Isanti. Shifts available Dec. 22–23. Sign up at registertoring.com. For questions, contact Wes Harding at 763-222-5762.

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Stuff The Squad

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at County Market in North Branch. Donate nonparishable food item or cash to benefit local food shelves. Featuring cocoa with Cop.

CONGRATULATIONS Congratulations to all of this year's Christmas Coloring Contest entries!

Thank you to everyone who submitted coloring pages! Winners are listed below. Special thank you to the participating businesses that make these contests possible.

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<u>Walmart</u>

Kaisa Fahnestock Age 6 Cambridge Theo Fahnestock Age 7 Cambridge Egan Fahnestock Age 10 Cambridge

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is still taking place, contact the event's

return in our Jan. 1 edition.

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Generosity again comes through

or some reason, this Christmas season, or actually all of November and December, has flown by at the speed of light. At least part of it has to do with how late Thanksgiving was this year. For those who insist on not starting Christmas activities until after

Turkey Day, everything was condensed

into a mere 27 days.

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But even the time between Halloween and Thanksgiving seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye.

We here at the Star also fell victim to this condensed time warp. Even though we started our Star Holiday of Hope Food Drive a week earlier than last year, we felt almost caught off guard when the final day of the drive arrived last Friday. Even though we had a rousing start to this year's food drive with our inaugural "Stuff a Truck" event on Nov. 1, we discovered we didn't make nearly as many social media posts

reminding people of the much-needed

Thanks to our incredibly generous communities, though, our efforts didn't suffer. After loading all the boxes and bags into my car, transferring them into Family Pathways, and weighing them all, we were absolutely thrilled to discover we collected 537 pounds of food! This is just over 200 pounds more than what we collected last year. And, when you add in what we collected during the Stuff a Truck, this year's food donations came to a whopping 864 pounds of food collected! Additionally, we collected \$500.02 (Stacy made me put the exact amount; I would have just rounded it to \$500) in cash donations.

donations.

Of course, we didn't do this all ourselves. Like last year, Scout and Morgan in Cambridge, as well as Empire Insurance in North Branch and Lindstrom, were excellent partners as drop-off locations. Additionally, Pederson's Mill in North Branch and Minnesota Equipment joined in the effort this year. We also received a generous donation from South Main Dental in Cambridge, who held their own food drive to add to our donations.

Then there's Coborn's in Isanti, whose enthusiastic willingness to let us take up space in their entryway for the Stuff a Truck portion energized us so much, we are considering on doing another Stuff a Truck sometime in

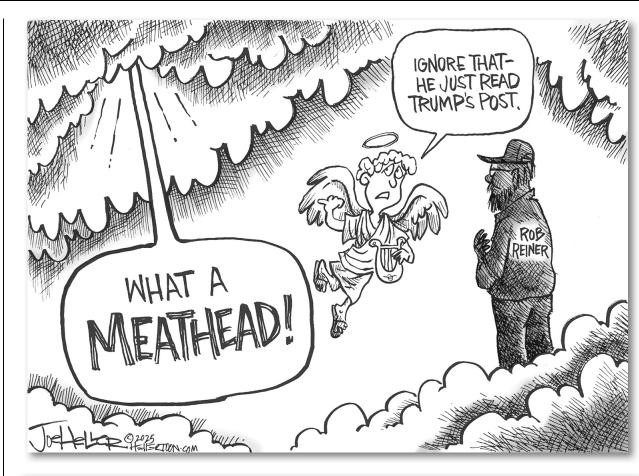
As if we weren't motivated enough to continue this event in the future, two scenes played out before our eyes while we were dropping off this year's donations. During the first drop-off, Stacy noticed a young girl whose mother was searching for a birthday cake for her daughter.

The second was this last drop-off, where there were several people "shopping," including one woman who spotted something she wanted among our donations, politely asking if she could grab it even before it made it

Besides the possible spring Stuff a Truck, we are already looking at ways to make next year's Star of Hope Holiday Food Drive bigger and better than this year's. The obvious goal will be to break the 1,000-pound mark, however I have a feeling that might be too low-hanging

Whatever the amount winds up being, we thank anyone who made even the smallest donation. Every little bit adds up and it goes to show how great our communities

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More important issues than delisting wolves

To the editor,

Upon reading a recent newsletter from Congressman Pete Stauber I learned that he is proudly moving legislation forward that will de-list the gray wolf from the Endangered Species List. He has titled the bill the Pet and Livestock Protection Act" (H.R. 845).

A small percentage of his constituents loose livestock to wolf depredation and those losses are subsidized 100% from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. According to MDA figures, in 2024 approximately \$189,000 was paid out to statewide livestock producers.

And pets?? Immediately I wondered where his priorities were lodged. Why not express concern for real threats to the health of kids and their

It is pathetic that he is putting his efforts on

de-listing the wolf when that issue impacts District 8 families far less than the rising costs of home heating and electrical bills. And how about prioritizing the soaring costs of healthcare and high grocery costs?

True to Stauber's script he warns us to be very afraid because a wolf was seen crossing Ely school grounds. Heaven forbid! I would argue that those school kids were indeed very lucky to have seen a wolf. Such a sighting shouldn't be a surprise when some Ely residents feed the deer. Wolves seek prey and deer are among their prey. Ticks are far more likely to attack you and feed on you than any wild mammal.

It's time to prioritize your Eighth District constituents over cattle, dogs and cats and go to bat for us on issues, such as affordability.

> Tom Anderson **North Branch**

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ach year as December arrives, our calendars seem to fill faster than the snowflakes fall. Concerts, games, gatherings, shopping lists, school events, and the daily routines

of life all begin to stack on top of one



Dr. Nate Rudolph another. It is a season filled with anticipation and excitement—but also, at times, with pressure, worry, or loneliness. Amid the rush, it becomes easy to move from one task to the next without ever pausing long enough to truly experience the moments happening right in

Precious moments in a busy season

front of us. Recently, I have been thinking a great deal

about how quickly time moves. In schools, we often measure the year by milestones—new beginnings in September, the joy and energy of fall activities, winter concerts, spring transitions, and the proud celebrations of graduation. But in between those big markers are thousands of small, fleeting moments: a child's smile as they master something difficult, a teacher offering encouragement at just the right time, students helping one another, the simple joy of being part of a community. These are the moments that give our work meaning. They are also the moments that are easiest to miss when life becomes busy.

This time of year invites each of us to pause—however briefly—and notice the things we might otherwise overlook. Maybe it's a quiet morning before the day begins, a few minutes of conversation with a child or friend, the laughter that fills a kitchen, or the pride of watching students perform on stage. These moments may seem small, but they are often the ones we remember long after the season has passed.

I also recognize that the holidays are not easy for everyone. For many, this season carries reminders of loss. financial strain, or complicated family circumstances. Others simply feel the weight of expectations and the pressure to make everything "perfect." If this describes you, please know you are not alone. Our school community is full of caring people—teachers, staff, neighbors, and friends—who support one another through both celebration and challenge. My encouragement is not to chase perfection, but to embrace what is good, even if it is small. Sometimes the most precious moment of all is giving ourselves permission to breathe.

As we move into the final weeks of 2025, I hope each of us can find space to slow down, to listen, to laugh, and to connect. Look for the moments that bring joy, comfort, and meaning. Hold onto them. Share them. And when you see someone who may be carrying more than they show, offer kindnessan encouraging word, a simple checkin, or a reminder that they matter.

This season, I will be working to do the same. I will try to be more present with my family, more attentive in my conversations, and more grateful for the small things that make our community special. My hope is that we all finish the year not only having accomplished much, but having noticed much—especially the precious moments that make this season mean-

Wishing you peace, connection, and joy in the weeks ahead.

GO BIG BLUE!

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How to keep poinsettias healthy all season

oinsettias admired in our culture since Joel Poinsett brought them here from Mexico in the early 1800s. Synonymous with Christmas, poinsettias are a festive

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and charming seasonal decoration. Deep, vibrant red is most commonly selected, but other colors add interesting flair.

"Bracts" are what many people consider the blossoms of the plant. Bracts are actually the leaves that have changed colors in order to attract pollinating insects to the small, yellow flowers at the center. Aesthetically-pleasing plants

have stiff stems and healthy leaves (bracts) with no sign of wilting. Be wary of purchasing a poinsettia from a crowded sales display. Air circulation is crucial and crowding may cause premature bract loss.

Poinsettias are easy to care for. Avoid waterlogged soil; poinsettias do not like wet feet. Never water in decorative foil wrap. The sleeve traps water and kills the plant. Instead, water in sink and allow plant to drain before returning to decorative wrap. If the top inch of soil

feels moist, no more water is needed. Poinsettias need to receive indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. Avoid direct light by diffusing with a shade or sheer curtain. Be mindful not to place near a heating vent, fireplace or on top of an appliance or television. Provide mild, comfortable temperatures between 65-70 degrees. Don't expose plants to cold drafts as they may perish. When transporting, a large shopping bag will provide adequate

protection from chilly winds and tem-

peratures below 50 degrees. Never leave a poinsettia inside a cold, parked car!

Fertilize a poinsettia only after the "blooming" season is over. No fertilization is required during the holidays. In March, cut back to eight inches in height and continue to fertilize every couple of weeks and water, if necessary. Place the plant outdoors where it can bask in the warmth of spring and summer once night temperatures reach at least 55 degrees. Poinsettias will need to be transplanted to a pot one size larger with rich, organic soil in June. Prune no later than September first to keep plant compact and bushy. In October, plants must be kept in total darkness for fourteen hours each night. During October and November, plants

require six to eight hours of sunlight. Be aware that poinsettias are mildly toxic to cats and dogs. The plants contain a sap inside their leaves that can irritate a pet's mouth and esophagus. Pets who ingest the leaves or sap, may experience nausea, vomiting, excessive drooling or diarrhea. However, a cat or dog would have to eat a large amount to get seriously ill. Although poinsettias are not as toxic as some other plants, pet owners should either leave poinsettias out of their holiday celebrations or place the plants out of pet's reach.

Although it can be difficult to time and re-bloom a poinsettia, following a strict plan can reward you with a vivid display of holiday décor! By an act of Congress. December 12th has been set aside as National Poinsettia Day in remembrance of Joel Poinsett. Enjoy the Christmas Spirit with this traditional holiday staple.

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Forward together: Sharing our Viking story of purpose and planning

responsibilities we have in education is ensuring students leave our schools prepared for what comes next. Preparation looks different for each student, and that

is exactly the point. Our Viking story is rooted in helping students graduate with purpose, direction, and a plan that reflects their interests, strengths. and goals. **NB School**

At North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS), we believe learning should connect to life beyond the classroom and reflect the futures students are work-

ing toward. This work is grounded in access and belonging, with a commitment to ensuring every student sees themselves in the future we are preparing them for. When learning is relevant and students feel welcomed, valued, and capable, they are more engaged, motivated, and confident in the choices they make. Our Viking story includes creating supportive systems and learning environments where students experience belonging, explore their interests, take risks,

News

Sara

Paul

Student voice plays a critical role in shaping our Viking story. When students share that they value hands-on experiences, real-world applications, and opportunities to explore careers, we listen. That feedback informs our expansion of career and technical education, work-based learning, and pathways that allow students to earn credentials with meaning and value. Schools are one part of a larger ecosystem that includes families, local businesses, higher education, and community organizations. At NBAPS these partnerships strengthen our

with community needs and opening doors for students to experience careers, mentorship, and skill development in authentic settings.

Student focus and engagement come first, and technology is used when it supports learning. Social media and constant notifications compete for students' attention and can interfere with learning and relationships during the school day, which is why we maintain clear expectations around cell phone use. Last year was our first year implementing cell phone restrictions at the high school, placing NBAPS among the early districts in the state to take this step. Our students presented on this work at the Minnesota School Boards Association conference, which led multiple school districts to reach out to learn how the process was implemented. We have again been asked to present at this year's conference.

Educators and communities across districts, states, and the globe are engaged in conversations about how best to prepare students for the future. NBAPS is actively engaged in that dialogue through our focus on relevance, planning, and partnership. I recently had the opportunity to share our Viking story and district perspective as part of the Tech Together podcast hosted by CreateMPLS. Our commitment remains centered on evolving alongside our students and our community, always focused on what helps students thrive. For those interested in listening, the episode is available at https://creatempls.org/podcast.

This is the Viking story at NBAPS and it is a story we are proud to write together.

SKOL! Vikings!

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

What drivers should know before winter travel

uestion: I've seen the traffic safety information you share on your X account when it comes to dealing with winter weather and slippery roads. Can you write



about winter driving safety here for all of us? I'd like for you to share some basic winter driving tips. Thank you and be

Answer: I sure can. While summer months are the deadliest on Minnesota roads for fatal crasnes, wintertime leads to the most crashes and poses its own safety risks and

hazards. Stay safe while on the road in the winter:

- Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are too poor.
- Buckle up and make sure child restraints are secured tightly. We recommend you use bulky clothes and blankets on top of the child restraint harness, not beneath, to ensure harness restraints fit properly.
- Drive at speeds that are safe for the road conditions and provide for plenty of travel time.
- · Leave plenty of space to stop between vehicles.
- Use extra precautions when driving around snowplows by keeping at least 10 car-lengths behind plows.
- If you start to skid, remain calm, ease foot off the gas and turn the

steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.

- If vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply a steady firm pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump ABS brakes.
- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals.
- You must turn on your headlights when it is snowing or sleeting.
- Do not use cruise control on snow, icy or wet roads.
- Equip vehicles with a scraper/ brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction. Blankets, heavy boots, warm clothing and flashlights are also important, as are storing high-energy foods such as chocolate or energy bars.
- Be sure cell phones are charged for long trips, and inform your family or friends of your travel plan and schedule.
- If you get stranded, stay in the vehicle.
- · Parents of teen drivers should make sure they experience snow and ice driving in a safe environment, such as an empty parking lot.
- · For weather-related road condition information, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org

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

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DECEMBER 18, 2025

OBITUARIES

Kimberly "Kim" A. Lauseng

Kimberly "Kim" A. Lauseng, age 69, of Cambridge passed away at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis on December 11, 2025, surrounded by her family and friends.

Kim was born on November 12, 1956 to James



ember 12, 1956 to James (J.T.) and Thelma (Bigler) Wright in Wichita, KS. She graduated from Rush City High School in 1975. She enjoyed all of her school years, especially cheerleading. Kim met the love of her life, Douglas "Doug" J. Lauseng through their mutual friend, Gary, and they were married on September 18, 1982. Kim and Doug went on to have two children, Tiffany and Brittany.

Throughout her life she enjoyed fishing, bowling, playing pull tabs, and trips to the casino. She began working as a waitress, held a few finance positions, worked at Cub Foods for many years, and in Court Administration at the Isanti County Government Center for 34 years. After retiring from the Isanti County Government Center on March 6, 2020, Kim enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, swinging in the backyard and watching TV with Doug, playing dice and cards with family and neighbors, and playing Candy Crush every night in bed. Kim was known for her unique, infectious laugh that she gave freely whenever she found something funny. She was so easy to love because of her desire to help people and how much she cared for others. She will be missed

Kim is survived by her husband, Doug; her two daughters, Tiffany (Brent) Kafer, Brittany (Jeff) Sibell; and her seven grandchildren, Brennan, Mikayla, Savannah, Linkon, Koltyn, Chelsey, and Jensen. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Thomas Wright, sister-in-law, Diana Wright; and sister. Linda Wolf.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge. A time for visiting will be held from 4 p.m. until the service at 6 p.m. Online condolences can be made at Strike-LifeTributes.com.

Elaine Margaret Anderson

Elaine Margaret Anderson (nee Dow), age 88, of



Cambridge passed away
December 11, 2025 at GracePointe Crossing. She
is survived by her loving
husband, Gary; sons, Jim
(Jana Almendinger) and
Steve (Debbie); five siblings,
five grandchildren, three
great-great-grandchildren,
other relatives and friends.
A memorial service will be
held at a later date at Strike
Life Tributes in Cambridge.
Online condolences can be
made at StrikeLifeTributes.

Roger Edward Anderson

Roger Edward Anderson, formerly of Braham and Mora, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge. He was 89 years old.

Roger was born on April 18, 1936, in Tamarack,



Minnesota to parents
Edward and Ailie (Latvala)
Anderson. He grew up in
Cloquet where he attended
Garfield grade school before
moving to Kettle River in
the 6th grade. In eighth
grade he began school in
Moose Lake, graduating
in 1954. Roger was drafted
into the United States Army
in October of 1954 and
served active duty overseas
until October of 1958.

On August 20, 1960, Roger was united in marriage

to Elva Johnson at the Hope Lutheran Church in Moose Lake. They made their home in Braham and were blessed with three children. Roger worked in the twin ports area until 1964 when he began his 33-year career by working as a lineman at East Central Electric. Over the years he rose to be the Cambridge Area Supervisor and finally a staking engineer before retiring in July of 1997. He and Elva moved to Mora where they enjoyed many years living by the river. Roger loved to garden and keep meticulous care of his lawn and home.

Roger was an active member of the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Braham since 1964, serving in numerous roles including the church council, being an elder, and singing in the choir. Roger loved the outdoors hunting and fishing. He had a passion for sports, especially baseball, golf, and bowling. He was an avid Twins and Viking fan, win or lose. Most of all, Roger loved his family and spending time with his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. He will be dearly missed.

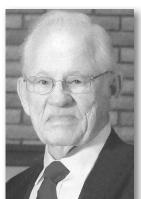
Roger was preceded in death by his parents.
Roger is survived by his wife Elva; children, Cheryl (Tim) Sorensen, Debbie (Jim) Knickerbocker, and Phil (Ginger) Louma Anderson; grandchildren, Bethany (Pat) Sellers, Jordan (Anthony) Pierce, Caleb (Heather) Sorensen, Luke (Brooke) Sorensen, Hope (Zerek) Marsyla, Grace (John) Novotny, Rhea (Ben) Bloomquist, Hannah (Dan) Gelhar, Aliina (Tanner) Olson, and Kaisa Louma Anderson (Ryan Bottema); 26 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild; brothers, Rodney (Vicky) Anderson, James (Debbie) Anderson, and Mark (Heidi) Anderson; sisters-in-law, Patty LaFontaine and Judy Johnson; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Braham with Pastor Grant Bode officiating. Military Honors were provided by the Braham VFW. A private Interment was in the Sunset Cemetery in Moose Lake. Memorials are preferred to the St. Stephen's Lutheran church in Braham. Arrangements were entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes – Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.hamiltonfhs.com.

Calvin Lloyd Schaeffer

Calvin Lloyd Schaeffer, formerly of Stanchfield, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at Covenant Living in Golden Valley. He was 100 years old.

Born August 30, 1925, on the family farm in



Stanchfield, he was the first boy following seven girls born to Lloyd and Hattie (Anderson) Schaeffer. Two additional sisters and two brothers rounded out a fam ily of 12 children.

Calvin enjoyed helping on the family farm in Stanchfield from the time he was a young boy, to weekends and summers during his teaching career, and following retirement when he and wife, Jane, moved back into the farmhouse.

He enlisted into the United States Army Air Core during World War II and served a tour of duty in Italy. He was assigned to work with electronics and radio communication, which laid the foundation for future schooling and a career in electronics with an emphasis in radio and television. Calvin taught many years at the Minneapolis Vocational High School and Hennepin Technical Institute in downtown Minneapolis.

Calvin and his family were active members of Edgewater Baptist Church, Minneapolis, until retirement in 1983, when they rejoined the Stanchfield Baptist Church. Following retirement from teaching in 1983, Calvin took up golfing, helping at Stanchfield church, and traveling with the Peterson brothers and their wives. Calvin and Jane enjoyed many winters in Florida and with sisters Nita and Hazel in Texas. He also enjoyed helping others with repairs, crossword puzzles, fishing, hunting, and golfing with friends and grandsons until age 99.

Calvin and Jane were married for 54 years and were blessed with five children, 10 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. After Jane's death, he married Ann Moline, a lifelong friend. They lived at Covenant Village in San Diego, CA, until Ann's death.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Jane (Larson), and second wife of 11 years, Anne Moline; parents, Lloyd and Hattie (Anderson) Schaeffer; siblings, Dorothy, Hazel Lillicrop, Melba Dahlin, Violet Stork, Laura Dahlin, Julia Miller, Gertrude Johnson, Juanita Christensen, Harold Schaeffer, Ramona Fredin, and Byron Schaeffer; Son-in-law James Hansen.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Degrees

Jack Borer (Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science), Madison Coleman (Master of Science, Applied Health Science), and Deanna Fairbanks (Bachelor of Science, Dental Hygiene Post

Timothy Charles Niemela

Timothy Charles Niemela was born July 13, 1960 and passed away November 28, 2025 at his home of natural causes.

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Tim was born to Edwin and Sharon Niemela in Coon Rapids MN. The Niemela family moved to a farm in Isanti Mn in 1971 where Tim loved to play

in the barn, ride dirt bike, and play with his siblings doing everything country life brings.

In 1978 Tim moved just down the road from the farmstead at the age of 18 where his only child Jennifer was born. Tim continued to enjoy outdoor life and found his love for building big mud trucks. Tim was a Union 49er heavy machine operator for his entire career. Tim and his family purchased their

first home east of Isanti where Tim's family enthusiasm grew for big trucks and mudding. Tim could

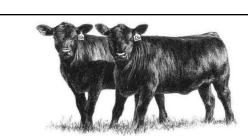
fix, build, and do anything he set his mind to.
In 1996 Tim had a devastating health problem that kept him from doing the things he loved which changed his life dramatically. His love for mudding continued, with help from his many friends he was able to continued to enjoy the things he loved.

As his health declined he became more dependent on his family and friends who he often expressed his love for. During these times Tim found the Lord and trusted in his savior.

Tim proceeded in death by his mother Sharon Niemela, brother Ronald Niemela, his brother inlaw Delray Anderson, and many aunts, uncles, and loved ones.

Tim will be missed by his daughter Jennifer (Jesse) Pierce, his father Edwin Niemela, sisters Jeanna Anderson, Renee (Bradley) Reents, Shari (Daniel) Hartog, grandchildren Erick Niemela, and Jasmine (Noah) Nikkel nephews Andrew (Ashley) Geis and Bryant (Kelsey) Geis, nieces Emily and Abby Hartog along with many of his friends he considered family

A celebration of life will be planned in the spring of 2026.



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OBITUARIES CONTINUED

Erle Kermit Anderson

Erle Kermit Anderson, 88, of Cambridge, MN, went home to his Lord and Savior after a life marked by faith, devotion, and generosity. Born July 26, 1937, in Arlington, MN, he was the son of Kermit and Luella Anderson. A lifelong learner,



Erle graduated from Litchfield High School and the University of Minnesota, later earning a master's degree from Brown University. He taught high school mathematics in Hopkins, Litchfield, and Alexandria, inspiring generations of students.

In 1961, Erle met Marjorie Carlson, who became the love of his life. After coming to faith during graduate school, he returned to Marge transformed, and

they married on April 6, 1963. Together they raised three sons—Brian, Kyle, and Trent—and welcomed 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Erle served with Christian Service Brigade, directed Camp Nathanael, and was known as "Mr. Gideon" for his leadership in Gideons International. He filled his life with teaching, woodworking, sports, and sharing his faith. His family remembers him as joyful, creative, and endlessly encouraging—always ready to play, build, teach, or cheer from the sidelines.

Preceded in death by his parents; sister Karen Anderson and brother-in-law Lloyd Jones. He is survived by his wife Marge; children, Brian (Lauren) of Lake Elmo, Kyle (Sonya) of Princeton and Trent (Beth) of White Bear Lake; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; siblings, Neal (Cathy) Anderson, Juel Anderson, and Annie Jones; and extended family.

Erle leaves a legacy of faith, service, and love that touched countless lives.

A Celebration of Life will be held Dec. 29 at First Baptist Church, 305 Main St., Cambridge, MN. Visitation 10 a.m., Service 11 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Memorials to Camp Nathanael, First Baptist-Cambridge, or Recycled Lives.



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Members marks 12 Days of Giving in Isanti

Members Cooperative Credit Union, which operates a branch in Isanti, is celebrating its sixth annual 12 Days of Giving campaign. The 2025 Isanti-area recipient is Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution. Pictured from left are Roy Hesse, Ginger Hesse, Chaz Schaeffer, Heather Tuomala, Calvin Stenlurd, Darlene Aleckson, Nicole Thompson, Janelle Tusler and Daisy Boehmer. Since launching the campaign in 2020, Members has donated a total of \$180,000 to local community organizations.

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COMPASSION: Kids embrace 'Bluejacket Way'

When asked why they thought helping others matters, their response was quick.

"If you don't have any food you can die," Morgan said.

"Yeah," Kyzer said. "And when they come home, they'll kind of get bored because they have no toys to play with."

For Acker, the most rewarding part is seeing the students' excitement in giving.

"It's just been a joy to see them," she said. "Wanting to help other kids and how excited they are to do it. They just have amazing hearts. Our students just have big hearts. So it's been really fun. It's been really fun.'

Acker believes the project's main lesson is that even the school's youngest students can be agents of change.

"A lot of times kids think because they're kids, they



Members of the Cambridge Lions Club load the donations from the Cambridge Primary School's Toy and Food Drive. The Lions will distribute all the donations locally.

can't do anything," she said. "But they can. They can do a lot to help. The kids learning these skills at a young age is

going to affect them the rest of their lives. It's a concept that it's great to bring, as they're growing older and as adults."

Library hours decreasing

NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The East Central Regional Library has announced the Cambridge Library will be open 5.5 hours fewer each week, beginning Monday, January 5.

According to a press release from ECRL, the change in hours is due to a decrease in funding from Isanti County. In its budget request to all counties serviced by ECRL, the library board presented two options: the same amount of funding as in 2025, which would cause a small decrease in hours and/or services at that county's branch(es); or an increase in funding for 2026, which would allow those branches to maintain the

Not only did the Isanti County Commissioners reject the

funding increase, they also trimmed another 5% from the 2025 funding amount. This 5% decrease was also imposed on the other non-profit organizations that receive funding from the county in consideration of services provided to county residents.

Beginning Jan. 5, the new library hours will be:

•Monday: 9am-6pm

•Tuesday: 9am-8pm (no change) •Wednesday: 9am-6pm

•Thursday: 9am-8pm (no change)

•Friday: 9am-5pm

•Saturday: 9am-3:30pm

•Sunday: CLOSED (no

The North Branch Library, which is also part of the ECRL system will also have the same new hours as the Cambridge Library.

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Baptist

First Baptist Church

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

North Isanti Baptist Church

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

10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

Springvale Baptist

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

Sunrise Bible Church

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

Catholic

Christ the King

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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

Braham Evangelical Lutheran 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 Resnawn Gaming Ministry for te 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

Lutheran

LIVING MESSAGE!

Church (ELCA)

Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton

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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 folmy.calvaryofrushpoint.org.

Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

763-689-1211 Traditional service: 8:30 a.m. Contemp service: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. KidZone 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. www.cambridgelutheran.org Facebook: fb.com/Cambridgelutheran 10:30

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS) Spring Lake Lutheran Church 32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-

Pastor Samuel L. Biebert. Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/ Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one Bible Class 10:30am www.christcambridge.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessi-

Pastor Vicki VanderVegt Sunday Worship 9:20am Coffee & fellowship following service Email: firstlutheran@q.com www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, 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 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7PM Sunday Worship 10am Sunday School 9am Sunday Adult Bible Study 9am www.livingbranch.org email: office@livingbranch.org

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA) ststephensbraham.org

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 $We dnesdays\ 6\ pm\ Confirmation$

Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687 Join us for worship every Sunday at YouTube: tinyurLcom/Cambridgelutheran Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the

> Coffee fellowship after worship www.salemlutherandalbo.com

(ELCA) 8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958,

North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of block on Erickson Road). 651-674-4606. Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org Email: sll.church@gmail.com 8:15am Worship with fellowship fol-

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.), PO Box 37, Braham 320-396-3103 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 10:30am Worship.

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon In person and online worship 8 & 10 am Worship 9 am Coffee Hour 9 am Sunday School www.trinitynorthbranch.org office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

Common Ground - A United **Methodist Community**

404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071. Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday 9:30am Worship. Livestream of services and more info at commongroundumc.org. Everyone Counts!

Non-Denominational

Grace Gospel Church

37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080 763-308-5618 Coffee fellowship: 9:45am Service: 10:00am Pastor: Tim Miller www.gracegospelmn.org info@gracegospelchurchmn.com Located just north of Grandy on 65, across from East Central Diesel, with three large crosses near the road. 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

justpassinihs@gmail.com Justpassinthru.net Pastor Tom Bakke Sunday mornings at 10 am Sunday nights and Wednesdays

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church

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North Branch final levy set at 4.42% increase

BY MOLLY WHELAN

NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Lower city taxes are in store — theoretically — for some North Branch residents with the city council approving a \$6.9 million levy for 2026.

This represents a 4.42% increase over last year's tax revenue, but with growth in North Branch, owners of property that did not increase in value over last year will actually be paying less in city taxes.

Included in the budget are repairs to the leaking roof and other aspects of the fire house, GIS equipment replacement, "phased retirement" of the city's building inspector and three increases in the police department: two promotions and one additional officer.

"Our staff is asking for the things that they need to serve our community," Mayor Kevin Schieber said

Richard Meyer, the city's building official, is retiring in 2026. Finance Director Sharon Wright told the council there is a shortage of qualified building inspectors in the state at the moment, and enticing one from another city

may not be possible. Meyer will stay on during the search and to train a replacement who is on the path to certification, Wright said. This will run the city \$50,000.

The city council previously agreed to a bond to cover heavy equipment purchases, and finally settled on buying and outfitting four new police cars using bank financing, with the down payment coming from the equipment fund.

The council declined to add \$100,000 to the capital equipment fund, down from \$150,000 to cover Meyer's retirement, putting the final levy below the maximum set at \$7 million.

Wright said the \$100,000 from the levy would have been in addition to \$300,000 from the liquor store fund, plus additional funding from other sources. Schieber said because Meyer's phased retirement and the police cars are funded, the additional levy money was unnecessary, even though it will make scant difference to an individual property owner.

"Sometimes I think just, symbolically, that helps our residents and our taxpayers understand that we are listening, we are trying to find that right balance," Schieber said.

The levy and budget passed unanimously.

Stanchfield college student travels to Brazil for climate change debate

Gabe Evenocheck of Stanchfield was among 10 students from the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University who traveled to Belém, Brazil, in November to attend the world's largest climate change conference, known as COP30. The event drew about 50,000 participants from around the world.

CSB-SJU is one of only three higher education institutions in the Upper Midwest granted observer status, allowing students to observe international climate negotiations and discussions. Evenocheck is a junior majoring in environmental studies at SJU.

"This experience gives our students a front-row seat to the global conversation on climate policy," said Troy Knight, associate professor of environmental studies.

After returning, the students will continue research and share their findings in Minnesota, contributing to a broader understanding of global climate policy. The College of Saint Benedict



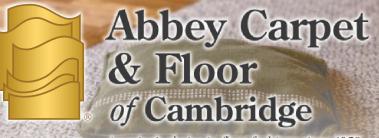






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Making the nice list in Braham

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus pose for a photo with a young visitor during Braham Santa Day on Dec. 13. For more photos from the annual event at Braham Event Center, go to www.isan-ti-chisagocountystar.com.







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St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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Dec 24th at 4 p.m. with Children's Choir Dec 24th at 10 p.m. with incense Dec 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mary, Mother of God:

Dec 31st at 6:30 p.m. | Jan 1st at 8:30 a.m

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Tuesday, December 24 6:00 PM

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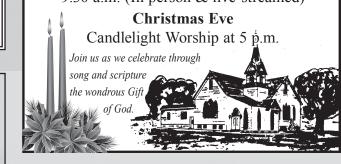
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South Isanti Baptist Church

2-1/2 miles east of Isanti on County Rd. 5 southisantibaptist.org 763-444-5860

> **Christmas Worship** Sunday, December 21

9:30 a.m. (In person & live-streamed)



Christmas Eve Worship Service 4 pm

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Christmas Eve - December 24

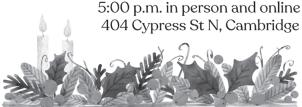
4:00pm Family Christmas with Holy Communion

10:00pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Day - December 25 9:00 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Service

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Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch • 651-674-7047 • trinitynorthbranch.on Christmas Worship Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24 Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion 2 p.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. Livestreamed on YouTube, available on Facebook later. **Thursday, December 25** No worship services scheduled Sunday, December 28

9 a.m. - Blessings & Carols Worship

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Wednesday, December 24th

5:30pm - Candlelight Service of Blessing with Holy Communion



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New Year with us! ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH 305 Fern St N, Cambridge Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

CATHOLIC CHURCH 207 Whiskey Road N.W., Isanti

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Christmas and the

Christmas Day, December 25th 9:00am Morning Mass

New Year's Day, December 31st 4:00pm Vigil Mass

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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04 Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing

Form 60.2.1 (2009)

DATE: November 21, 2025 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 3.

2. Mortgagors: Clare Leon Iorrisette and Valerie Kay Morrisette and Morrisette, Husband and Wife.

Mortgagees: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Members Cooperative Credit Union. 4. Recording Information:

Recorded on August 24, 2015, as Document Number A452340, in the Office of the County Recorder of Isanti County, Minnesota

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if

Assigned to Towne Mortgage Company DBA AmeriCU Mortgage by written assignment recorded on 10/24/2025, as Document Number A540628, in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 07.003.0400 and 07-003-1000

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Parcel 1:

The East 545 feet of the South 200 feet of the North 817.4 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 3, Township 35, Range 22, Isanti County, Minnesota; subject to the existing County State Aid Highway Number 21 along the East line thereof. AND

Parcel 2:

The South 400 feet of the North 1017.4 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 3, Township 35. Range 22, Isanti County, Minnesota excepting therefrom the East 545 feet of the North 200 feet thereof. Subject to the existing County State Aid Highway Number 21 along the East line thereof.

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: 32350 Cedar Crest Trl NE, North Branch, MN 55056.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA 9. The person holding the Mortgage:

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

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

Company DBA AmeriCU Mortgage

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 Members Cooperative Credit Union.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

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

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

183,673.00. 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: \$149,465.62.

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 01/29/2026, 10:00 AM, at 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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOP MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 8530 Eagle Point Blvd.

Suite 100 Lake Elmo, MN 55042

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ASSUMED NAME

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA **SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED** NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a

ASSUMED NAME: Isanti Eye Clinic

PRINCIPAL PLACE BUSINESS: 281 5th Ave NE Isanti MN 55040 USA APPLICANT(S)

Name: Blaine Eye Clinic 12170 Aberdeen Address:

St NE Blaine MN 55449 USA Optometrists, P.A.

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undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/ her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Nathan Sulerud Provided

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ASSUMED NAME: JODY LYNN SUPER THUNSTROM

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: wpjl legacy trust -office of the trustee P.O. Box 298 Isanti, MN 55040 USA

APPLICANT(S):

Name: Address:

2 8 4 8 0 jody lynn super tucker st ne, isanti, minnesota 55040

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SIGNED BY: jody thunstrom, trustee super

MAILING ADDRESS: Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: Wadethuns@aol.com

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ASSUMED NAME: PATRICK THUNSTROM PLACE OF

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: WPJL Legacy trust P.O. Box 298 Isanti, MN 55040 APPLICANT(S):

Name: Address:

wade thunstrom 2 8 4 8 0 tucker st ne, isanti, minnesota 55040

wade p thunstrom 2 8 4 8 0 tucker st ne, Isanti, minnesota 55040

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thunstrom ,statutory agent MAILING ADDRESS: None

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: WPJL of fice of the trustee @gmail.

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT File Number: 30-PR-25-99 Case

Type: Informal Probate In re the Estate of Valerie Lynn

Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)

TO INTERESTED ALL PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Litigant: Self-Represented

Sandra Dee Gallagher Address: 19445 Flamingo ST

NW, Cedar MN 55011 Email: sangalley@comcast.net Phone Number: 763-238-8248

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

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

Probate Registrar:

Date: 12/10/2025

Court Administrator: Erin

Date: 12/10/2025

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PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HARRIS

CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held before the City of Harris Planning Commission on Monday January 26th, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City of Harris City Hall located at 43970 Ginger Ave, Harris Minnesota, regarding the following matter: Subject of the hearing is

consideration of amendments to the City Code relating to the regulation of water and sewer utilities within the City of Harris As such both written and oral comments will be heard. The

Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council for their consideration. The City Council will consider the ordinance at the February 9, 2026 meeting. Ordinance 54.02 and 54.03 Contact the City of Harris at 651-

674-7546 or clerk@harrismn.com with any questions or concerns. Additional information is available from the city office during normal business hours. The public is invited to comment during the hearing or provide written comments at or prior to the hearing. All persons

desiring to be heard with reference to the proposal will be heard at this meeting

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a proposed Preliminary Plat and Variance to reduce the minimum lot depths for a proposed housing development named "Fairway Field" at PID 11.00071.00.

Applicant(s)

Larry Beach Construction Inc. Property Owners(s) Larry Beach Construction Inc.

General Location(s) Northwest corner of Flink Ave and

Legal Description NW 14 OF SW 14 EX THAT PT LYING N OF LINE 667 FT S OF

CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

& PAR TO & MEASURED AT R/A FROM N LINE OF NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4,

PID(s) 11.00071.00

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov

Ryan Saltis rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch. Minnesota. The purpose of this

public hearing is to allow for public

testimony regarding a Conditional

Use Permit for a proposed wireless communication tower located at PID 11.00223.00. Applicant(s)

Vertical Bridge Property Owners(s) Vertical Bridge

General Location(s) West of Keystone Ave, South of

Legal Description N ½ OF NE ¼, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

PID(s) 11.00223.00

PETITION

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan

Saltis at rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov Ryan Saltis rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov

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NOTICES

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA **COUNTY OF BARNES IN** DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF B.E.S.R, MINOR CHILD.

Case No. 02-2025-DM-00062 NOTICE OF FILING

Jamie Lynn Stanton Ring and Dylan Miles Stanton Ring, Petitioners,

Matthew Tyler Engelstad, and the Executive Director of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Defendant. [¶1.] PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that a Petition in the above-entitled matter has been filed with the Clerk of District Court in and for Barnes County, North Dakota, requesting a final decree of adoption of B.E.S.R. born January 8, 2015, minor child, should said petition be granted. [¶2.] Pursuant to N.D.C.C. §§ 14-15-11 and 14-15-19, notice must

be given by publication of the petition

at least once a week for three

consecutive weeks in the official

newspaper of the county. The last

publication as required under this

subsection must be at least ten days

before the time set for hearing. [¶3.] You are hereby notified that

Petitioners will request entry of the Courts Final Decree of Adoption of B.E.S.R. Any person opposed to the granting of this Petition should voice objection hereto or forever be silent. Said petition will come on for hearing before the Honorable Nicholas D. Thornton, Judge of the District Court in and for Barnes County, North Dakota, in the chambers of said Court located in the Barnes County Courthouse in the City of Valley City, County of Barnes, North Dakota on

Dakota on January 7, 2026, at 11:30 Dated this 24th day of November,

2025. /s/ Lynn Slaathaug Moen Lynn Slaathaug Moen (ND ID#06716) NILSON BRAND LAW 36 Main St W Mayville, ND 58257

701-786-6040 (Office)

701-997-0870 (Fax)

lynn@nilsonbrandlaw.com ATTORNEYS PETITIONERS

Jamie & Dylan Stanton Ring Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on December 4, 11, 18, 2025

FOR

FISH LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING FOR TOWNSHIP ELECTION Notice is hereby given to qualified

voters of Fish Lake Township that

filing for town office will be held beginning December 30, 2025, and ending at 5:00 pm on January 13, Office to be filled at the March Annual Election is for 1 Supervisor

(three-year term) If you wish to file for candidacy, please file with the township clerk by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment or need further information, please contact the town clerk at clerk@fishlaketownship. com or 651-248-4968. The clerk's office located at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN 55032 will be open

for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on January 13, 2026 Andrea Nekowitsch

Fish Lake Township Clerk December 8, 2025 Published in the Isanti-Chisago

County STAR on December 11, 18, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for newspaper publishing services will be received by Isanti County until Friday, December 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., at which time bids will be opened in the office of the Isanti County Administrator: further the bid will be awarded during the annual County Board Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday,

January 6, 2025, in the Government Center Board Room.

Bids are being requested on the following separate items:

1. Legal Notice and Proceedings 2. County Financial Statement

3. Delinquent Taxes By Order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 18th

day of November, 2025.

Amanda Usher County Administrator 555 18th Avenue ŚW Cambridge, MN 55008 (763) 689-3859 Published in the Isanti-Chisago

NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, MN OFFICER FILING NOTICE

County STAR on December 11,

18, 2025

Any eligible resident of North Branch Township wishing to file for township office for the March 10, 2026, election may file an affidavit of candidacy with the Clerk. Office is open for one three-year term for the office of Supervisor. Filing begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed by making an appointment with the Town Clerk by calling 763-286-3733 or emailing shawnw@twp. northbranch.mn.us. Filing fee is \$2.00. Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY

OF CHISAGO CITY OF NORTH **BRANCH** ORDINANCE NO. 403-25 AN ORDINANCE

IMPLEMENTING A GAS SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES, ENERGY SUBSIDIARY OF WEC ENERGY, A

WISCONSIN CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH

ORDAIN:

determined by applying the following schedule per customer premise/per

month based on metered service to

Class 1 All residential, regardless

customers (Using 1,500 therms or

\$6.00 per

retail customers within the City:

of volume \$4.00 per month Class 2 All Class 1 Commercial

less per year)

BRANCH, MINNESOTA. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH DOES

SECTION 1. The City of North Branch ("City") Municipal Code is hereby amended to include reference to this Ordinance (the "Fee Ordinance"). Subd. 1. Purpose. The North

Branch City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that provide gas services within the City.

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 380-24, a Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") between the City of North Branch and Minnesota Energy Resources, a subsidiary of WEC Energy Group, A Wisconsin Corporation, its successors and assigns (the "Company"), the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on the Company, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 9 of

the Franchise Agreement and in the Schedule A.

Subd. 2. Franchise Fee Statement. A franchise fee (the "Fee") is hereby imposed on the Company, under the Franchise Agreement in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance as Schedule A, commencing with the Company's March, 2026 billing month. There shall be no gap in the payment of the franchise fee by the Company from the existing franchise fee ordinance to this Fee Ordinance, which shall supersede and replace the former franchise fee ordinance. Subd. 3. Account Based. This

Fee is an account-based fee on each premise and not a meter-based fee. In the event that an entity more than one meter at a single premise, but only one account, only one Fee shall be assessed to that account. If a premise has

two or more meters being billed at different rates, the Company may have an account for each rate classification, which will result in more than one Fee assessment for natural gas service to that premise. If the Company combines the rate classifications into a single account, the Fee assessed to the account will be the largest Fee applicable to a single rate classification for energy delivered to that premise. In the event any entities covered by this Fee Ordinance have more than one premise, each premise (address) shall be subject to the appropriate Fee. In the event a question arises as to the proper Fee amount for any premise, the Company's manner of billing for energy used at all similar premises in the City will control.

Subd. 4. Payment. The Fee shall be payable to the City in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 8 of the Franchise Agreement. The Company shall make each payment when due. If required by

the City, the Company shall provide at the time of each payment a statement summarizing how the Fee payment was determined, including information showing any adjustments to the total surcharge billed in the period for which the payment is being made to account for any uncollectibles, refunds or error corrections. Subd. 5. Surcharge. The City

recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow the Company to add a surcharge to customer rates of City residents to reimburse the Company for the cost Subd. 6. Enforcement. Any

dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this Fee Ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Franchise

Subd. 7. Effective Date. The effective date of this Fee Ordinance shall be after its publication and ninety (90) days after the sending of written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Fee Ordinance to the Company by certified mail. Collection of the Fee pursuant to this Fee Ordinance shall commence as provided herein above. This Fee Ordinance, upon its effective date. supersedes in its entirety the prior gas service franchise fee ordinance between the parties, Ordinance No. 284-18. Ordinance No. 284-18 shall remain in effect until the effective date of this Fee Ordinance such that there shall be no gap in the collection and payment of the required fees.

Passed by the City Council of the City of North Branch, Minnesota, this day of _

2025.

Kevin Schieber, Mayor ATTEST: Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk

SCHEDULE A Fee Rates:

Gas Utility The Fee shall be in an amount

Class 3 All Class2 - Class 5 Commercial customers (Using 1,501 therms or more per year)

\$10.00 per month

Franchise fees are to be collected by the Company at the rates listed above and shall be submitted to the

City on a quarterly basis as follows: January - March collections due by April 30. April - June collections due by July 31.

July - September collections due by October 31. October - December collections due by January 31.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE 2026 SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2026 budget information concerning the City of Cambridge to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute §471.6965. This budget publication is not complete. The complete budget may be examined at Cambridge City Hall, 300 Third Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN or online at www.ci.cambridge.mn.us. The City Council approved this budget on December 1, 2025.

Budgeted Funds	Governmental	2024 <u>Actual</u>	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted
Revenues				
Property T	axes	\$6,887,769	\$7,058,548	\$7,362,526
Sales Tax		800,000	800,000	800,000
Special As	sessments	851,887	361,260	361,049
Licenses &		405,440	352,544	410,150
Intergover	nmental	3,356,948	2,592,690	4,132,898
	or Services	708,786	545,345	654,871
Fines & Fe	orfeits	58,884	42,100	47,100
Investmen	t Income	802,742	46,533	62,300
Miscellane		48,297	100,152	31,100
TOTAL REV	VENUES	13,920,753	11,899,172	13,861,994
Expenditures				
Current:				
	overnment	1,919,609	2,097,268	2,381,126
Public Saf		3,706,076	3,810,239	4,261,983
Parks & R		1,686,173 633,144	2,051,168 782,220	2,119,530 867,109
Economic		280,749	331,000	354,000
Capital Ou		7,390,265	7,979,300	17,478,464
Debt Serv-		1,515,000	1,565,000	1,630,001
	Fiscal Chg	467,984	439,281	585,338
	OTAL	17,599,000	19,055,476	29,677,551
EXPENDIT	URES			
Over (Under)	Expenditures ing Sources (Uses)	(3,678,247)	(7,156,304)	(15,815,557
	ceeds & other	1,982,477	5,781,100	3,614,215
Transfers	In	5,373,970	1,668,895	11,709,224
Transfers		(4,782,330)	(1,398,819)	(1,209,687
TOTAL OTI SOURCE (U	HER FINANCING SES)	2,574,117	6,051,176	14,113,752
and Other Fin	ciency) of Revenues lancing Sources itures and Other les	(1,104,130)	(1,105,128)	(1,701,805
Property Tax to Fund This	Levy Requirement Budget	<u>\$6,833,555</u>	\$7,175,233	\$7,472,000

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ENTERPRISE FUNDS 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET

	Water	Wastewater	Storm	Street Light	Liquor	2026 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget	2024 Adopted Budget
Sale and Cost of Sales						Buuget	Duuget	Duuget
Sales Cost of Sales Gross Profit					6,573,800 (4,804,500) 1,769,300	6,573,800 (4,804,500) 1,769,300	6,368,800 (4,709,800) 1,659,000	6,112,200 (4,616,482) 1,495,718
Operating Revenues Charges for Services	2,301,331	3,110,496	578,487	<u>261,023</u>	0	6,251,337	6,112,246	5,460,569
Total Profit and Operating Revenues	2,301,331	3,110,496	578.487	261,023	1,769,300	8,020,637	7,771,246	6,956,287
Operating Expenses Personal Services Supplies	709,453 161,000	1,153,948 379,700	50,536 1,050	0	718,174 43,200	2,632,111 584,950	2,353,926 505,850	2,227,086 493,700
Other Operating Expenses	444,700	632,300	109,200	240,000	330,600	1,756,800	1,637,856	1,563,305
Depreciation	900,000	1,770,600	510,000	0	70,000	3,250,600	3,158,000	3,056,886
Total Operating Expenses	2,215,153	3,936,548	670,786	240,000	1,161,974	8,224,461	7,655,632	7 340 9
Operating Income (Loss)	86,178	(826,052)	(92,299)	21,023	607,326	(203,824)	115,614	(384,690)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)								
Interest Earnings	75,000	100,000	0	0	10,000	185,000	177,000	2,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	50,000	0	0	300	50,300	230	240
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(50,366)	(117,526)	(55,127)	0	0	(223,019)	(136,222)	(234,194)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	24,634	<u>32,474</u>	(55,127)	0	10,300	12,281	41,008	(231,954)
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	110,812	(793,578)	(147,426)	21,023	617,626	(191,543)	156,622	(616,644)
Net Operating Transfers In (Out)	65,000	(105,000)	0	<u>0</u>	(425,000)	(465,000)	(93,684)	(145,000)
Net Income (Loss)	175,812	(898,578)	(147,426)	21,023	192,626	(656,543)	62,938	(761,644)

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Isanti County has new website address

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Due to a recent state mandate, web surfers wanting to access information about Isanti County will need to enter in a new domain name.

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is www.isanticountymn. gov. In the next up to six months, the county's email addresses will also change to ending in @ isanticountymn.gov.

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NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 402-25

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO CITY OF NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 402-25

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON EAST CENTRAL ENERGY, A MINNESOTA COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, MINNESOTA ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The City of North Branch ("City") Municipal Code is hereby amended to include reference to this Ordinance (the "Fee Ordinance"). **Subd. 1. Purpose.** The North

Branch City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that provide electric services within the

(a) Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 276-18, a Franchise Agreement "Franchise Agreement") between the City of North Branch and East Central Energy, a Minnesota cooperative corporation, its successors and assigns (the "Cooperative"), the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on the Cooperative, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 10 of the Franchise Agreement and in the fee schedule attached hereto as Schedule A.

Subd. 2. Franchise Fee Statement. A franchise fee (the "Fee") is hereby imposed on the Cooperative, under the Franchise Agreement in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance as Schedule A, commencing with the Cooperative's March, 2026 billing month. There shall be no

gap in the payment of the Fee by franchise fee ordinance to this Fee Ordinance, which shall supersede and replace the former franchise fee ordinance.

Subd. 3. Account Based. This Fee is an account-based fee on each premise and not a meterbased fee. In the event that an entity covered by this Fee Ordinance has more than one meter at a single premise, but only one account, only one fee shall be assessed to that account. If a premise has two or more meters being billed at different rates, the Cooperative may have an account for each rate classification identified in the Franchise which will result in more than one franchise fee assessment for electric service to that premise. If the Cooperative combines the rate classifications identified in the Franchise into a single account, the franchise fee assessed to the account will be the largest franchise fee applicable to a single rate classification identified in the Franchise for energy delivered to that premise. In the event any entities covered by this Fee Ordinance have more than one premise, each premise (address) shall be subject to the appropriate fee. In the event a question arises as to the proper fee amount for any premise, the Cooperative's manner of billing for energy used at all similar premises in the City will control. **Subd. 4. Payment.** The franchise

fee shall be payable to the City in accordance with the terms set forth in the Franchise, including Section 10 of the Franchise Agreement. The Cooperative shall make each payment when due. If required by the City, the Cooperative shall provide at the time of each payment a statement summarizing how the Fee payment was determined, including information showing any adjustments to the total surcharge billed in the period for which the

payment is being made to account for any uncollectibles, refunds or error corrections.

Subd. 5. Surcharge. The City recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow the Cooperative to add a surcharge to member rates of City residents to reimburse the Cooperative for the cost of the fee.

Subd. 6. Enforcement. Any dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.5 the Franchise

Subd. 7. Effective Date. The effective date of this Fee Ordinance shall be after its publication and ninety (90) days after the sending of written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Fee Ordinance to the Cooperative by certified mail. Collection of the Fee pursuant to this Fee Ordinance shall commence as provided herein above. This Fee Ordinance, upon its effective date, supersedes in its entirety the prior electric service franchise fee ordinance between the parties, Ordinance No. 277-18. Ordinance No. 277-18 shall remain in effect until the effective date of this Fee Ordinance such that there shall be no gap in the collection and payment

Passed by the City Council of the City of North Branch, Minnesota, this day of 2025.

Kevin Schieber, Mayor ATTEST:

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk **SCHEDULE A** Franchise Fee Rates:

The franchise fee shall be in an amount determined by applying

the following schedule per member premise/per month based on metered service to retail members within the City:

Rate classes for electricity:

User group	Residential and	Using less 5,000 kWh per	\$5.25 per month
1	small commercial	month on average	77 A 18
User group	Medium	Using 5,000 - 10,000 kWh per	\$17.50 per month
2	commercial	month on average	
User group	Large commercial	Using more than 10,000 kWh	\$35.00 per month
3		per month on average	

Franchise fees are to be collected by the Company at the rates listed above and shall be submitted to the City on a quarterly basis as follows: January - March collections due

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NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 404-25

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO CITY OF NORTH **BRANCH**

ORDINANCE NO. 404-25 ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER CORPORATION, ITS PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH, MINNESOTA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The City of North Branch ("City") Municipal Code hereby amended to include reference to this Ordinance (the "Fee

Subd. 1. Purpose. The North Branch City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that

(a) Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 278-18, a Franchise Agreement (the 'Franchise Agreement") between the City of North Branch and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and assigns (the "Company"), the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on the Company, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 9 of the Franchise Agreement and in the fee schedule attached hereto as

Schedule A. Franchise Fee Statement. A franchise fee (the 'Fee") is hereby imposed on the Company, under the Franchise Agreement in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance as Schedule A, commencing with the Company's March 2026 billing month. There shall be no gap in the payment of the Fee by the Company from the existing franchise fee ordinance to this Fee Ordinance, which shall supersede and replace the former franchise fee ordinance. Subd. 3. Account Based. This

Fee is an account-based fee on each premise and not a meterbased fee. In the event that an entity covered by this Fee Ordinance has more than one meter at a single premise, but only one account, only one Fee shall be assessed to that account. If a premise has two or more meters being billed at different rates, the Company may have an account for each rate classification, which will result in more than one Fee assessment for electric service to that premise. If the Company combines the rate classifications into a single account, the Fee assessed to the account will be the largest Fee applicable to a single rate classification for energy delivered to that premise. In the event any entities covered by this Fee Ordinance have more than one premise, each premise (address) shall be subject to the appropriate Fee. In the event a question arises as to the proper Fee amount for any premise, the Company's manner of billing for energy used at all similar premises in the City will control.

Subd. 4. Payment. The Fee shall be payable to the City in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 9 of the Franchise Agreement The Company shall make each payment when due. If required by the City, the Company shall provide at the time of each payment a statement summarizing how the Fee payment was determined, including information showing any adjustments to the total surcharge billed in the period for which the payment is being made to account for any uncollectibles, refunds or

Subd. 5. Surcharge. The City recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow the customer rates of City residents to reimburse the Company for the cost

Subd. 6. Enforcement. Any dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this Fee Ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.5 of the Franchise Subd. 7. Effective Date. The

effective date of this Fee Ordinance shall be after its publication and ninety (90) days after the sending of written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Fee Ordinance to the Company by certified mail. Collection of the Fee pursuant to this Fee Ordinance shall commence as provided herein above. This Fee Ordinance, upon its effective date, supersedes in its entirety the prior electric service franchise fee ordinance between the parties, Ordinance No. 279-18. Ordinance No. 279-18 shall remain in effect until the effective date of this Fee Ordinance such that there shall be no gap in the collection and payment of the required fees.

Passed by the City Council of the City of North Branch, Minnesota, this day of

2025.

Kevin Schieber, Mayor

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk

SCHEDULE A Fee Rates:

Electric Utility

The Fee shall be in an amount determined by applying the following schedule per customer premise/per month based on metered service to retail customers within the City:

Class	Amount per month
Residential	\$5.25
Small C&I: Non-Demand	\$7.00
Small C&I: Demand	\$17.50
Large C&I	\$35.00
Public Street Lighting	\$0.00
Municipal Pumping: Non-Demand	\$0.00
Municipal Pumping: Demand	\$0.00

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NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 405-25

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CHISAGO CITY OF NORTH BRANCH ORDINANCE NO. 405-25

ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GAS SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH, MINNESOTA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH DOES ORDAIN: SECTION 1. The City of North

Branch ("City") Municipal Code is hereby amended to include Ordinance"). Subd. 1. Purpose. The North Branch City Council has determined

that it is in the best interest of the

City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that provide gas services within the City. (a) Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 280-18, a Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") between the City of North Branch and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and

assigns (the "Company"), the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on the Company, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 9 of the Franchise Agreement and in the fee schedule attached hereto as

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Passed by the City Council of the City of North Branch this

Kevin Schieber, Mayor

ATTEST: Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk

SCHEDULE A

Fee Rates: Gas Utility The Fee shall be in an amoun

determined by applying the following schedule per customer premise/pe month based on metered service to retail customers within the City:

Class	Amount per month
Residential	\$3.00
Commercial Firm: Non-Demand	\$6.00
Commercial Firm: Demand	\$6.00
Small Interruptible	\$10.00
Medium & Large Interruptible	\$10.00
Firm Transportation	\$0.00
Interruptible Transportation	\$0.00

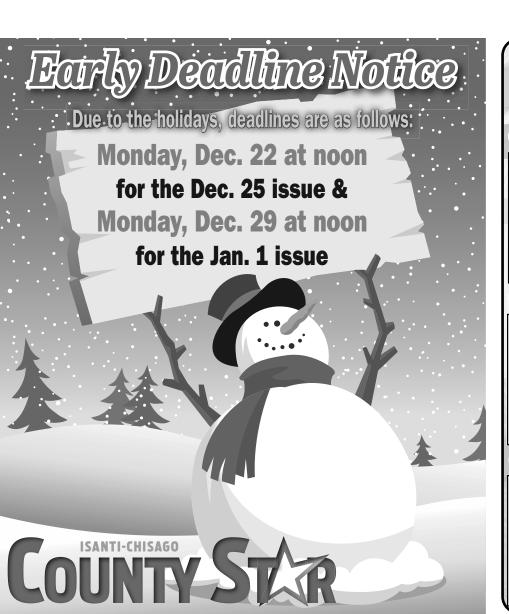
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The hourly rate is \$17-\$25 per hour. Full job description and application can be found at https://harrismn.com, Position is open until filled, but applications received by Friday December 26, by noon will receive priority consideration. Send applications to City of Harris, 43970 Ginger Avenue, Harris, MN 55032 or Clerk@

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