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Primary election trims down number of candidates for November

CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL



AARON BERG
649 votes (26.02%)

CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL



TOM SCHIBILLA
511 votes (20.49%)

ISANTI MAYOR



LUKE MERRILL
604 votes (39.84%)

ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT 5



KRISTI LAROWE
946 votes (56.44%)

CHISAGO COUNTY DIST. 2



CHRIS DUBOSE
833 votes (37.62%)

**VOTE TOTALS
FOR ELIMINATED
CANDIDATES**

CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL

Joe Morin
180 votes (7.22%)
Andrew Maher
141 votes (5.65%)
William Dordal
86 votes (3.45%)

ISANTI MAYOR

Jeff Johnson
207 votes (13.65%)
Joshua Lehn
103 votes (6.79%)

ISANTI COUNTY

DISTRICT 5
Stephanie Aronson
340 votes (20.29%)

CHISAGO COUNTY

DISTRICT 2
Paula Hanson
615 votes (27.78%)

***All vote totals are
unofficial until
validated by the
canvassing boards.**



BOB SHOGREN
467 votes (18.72%)



RONDA SZLAVICH
460 votes (18.44%)



CHRISTOPHER BROOKS
602 votes (39.71%)



JOSEPH FISCHER
390 votes (23.27%)



RICK GREENE
766 votes (34.60%)

Isanti County ‘steps away’ from using Flock cameras

BY BILL STICKELS III
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

After only one week of the extended trial period of Flock license plate readers by the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Wayne Seiberlich has announced he has discontinued the trial.

In a press release, Seiberlich states this decision was made strictly based on budgetary concerns.

“In taking the totality of this equipment’s effectiveness, its needs, and expenses associated with the technology, I am making the decision to step away from this technology,” he said.

At the same time, Seiberlich

indicates his staunch support of the system.

“The purpose of this trial was to determine whether this technology could provide meaningful public safety benefits while operating within constitutional and statutory requirements,” Seiberlich said. “I believe we have shown that it can. However, as Sheriff I also need to outweigh the needs and the wants.

“Prior to this test I cannot say that a need for this technology existed and I recognize that without this technology our office can still operate effectively and efficiently,” he continued. “I believe that this

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One Wild night

Nordy, the Minnesota Wild's mascot, signs his autograph for a young fan during the NHL team's Block Party held at Cub Foods in Cambridge on Thursday, Aug. 6. The Block Party was a traveling event around the state over the summer. It featured multiple hockey themed games, a street hockey rink, plus a few freebies.

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FLOCK: Sheriff won’t declare never using controversial license plate readers in future

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tool will undoubtedly enhance our ability to provide public safety and that it can be an instrumental resource in locating lost or missing people as well as aiding criminal investigations.

“Our agency has solved an arson investigation, aided in locating Silver Alters and recovered a stolen plate associated with entries in NCIC. That said, this technology comes with a cost of \$3,000 per camera. From a budgetary perspective, I must decide if this money could be put toward other current needs, such as improvements within our jail.

“This trial accomplished exactly what it was intended to do: it provided our office with firsthand experience, real-world data, and the opportunity to evaluate both the benefits and the concerns associated with license plate reader technology. Based on that evaluation, I have determined that, while

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Wayne Seiberlich
Isanti County Sheriff

the technology has demonstrated clear value as a public safety tool, it is not a necessary investment for our office at this time given our current budget priorities and operational needs.”

Seiberlich also emphasizes his decision has nothing to do with the rash of vandalism and theft of Flock cameras across the state. In Isanti County, two of the eight cameras had their poles cut down.

“This is in no way a political victo-

ry for any self-titled ‘patriot’ who has caused damage to the equipment,” he said. “Vigilante justice and criminal damage to property will never be tolerated or accepted in Isanti County.

“My responsibility as Sheriff is to be a careful steward of taxpayer resources while ensuring our deputies have the tools they need to protect this community. That means making decisions based on evidence, the law, and the needs of Isanti County — not politics

or public pressure from any particular group.”

Seiberlich did not say whether this “stepping back” meant the cameras would be removed or simply blinded with a dark plastic bag — similar to what the city of North Branch has done. He also states he “will continue to monitor cameras by Flock,” however it wasn’t clear if he meant if those cameras were the ones in Isanti County or other counties.

Seiberlich clearly states this doesn’t mean Isanti County’s use of Flock cameras, or perhaps other similar technology, won’t happen in the future.

“I will reiterate that this does not mean that a decision to invest in the technology in the future will not be considered,” he concluded. “As Sheriff I hold sole authority to implement technology in the interests of public safety, and, if its implementation fits within the budgetary needs of the office, I will reconsider its use in the future.”

Domestic disturbance, shots fired causes Isanti ‘shelter-in-place’

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A call that started as a simple domestic disturbance incident in the city of Isanti quickly escalated to shots being reportedly fired, a “shelter-in-place” order, and the cancellation of Wednesday night’s city council meeting.

According to a press release from the Isanti Police Department, at approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5, law enforcement responded to the 800 block of Cedar St. SW in Isanti regarding a report of a male throwing items into the street. Subsequently, the male was identified as 42-year-old Jason Michael Phillips. Upon arrival, the male retreated into the home, and officers heard and observed gunshots coming from the residence.

At that time, the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office issued the “shelter-in-place” order and a perimeter was established surrounding the house. Tactical response was requested from adjacent counties’ SWAT teams.

Over a nearly seven-hour period of time, the suspect barricaded himself, his wife, and five youth inside the house, with the suspect repeatedly firing his weapon, which struck neighboring houses but did not hit any persons. According to the incident report, during that time, three attempts to gain entrance to the house and extract Phillips and the six hostages — via gas, a mechanical breach, and with the use of explosives — were each unsuccessful due to constant gunfire from Phillips, who had positioned himself in the basement.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., an Anoka County SWAT member fired at the male suspect. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody, and he, along with the other occupants of the house during the incident, were transported to area hospitals, where they were evaluated and released. After being released from the hospital, Phillips was booked into the Isanti County Jail pending charges.

According to the incident report, during an interview with Phillips’ wife following her discharge from the hospital, she told an officer Phillips “had the family running ‘military drills’ before the incident.”

Phillips has been charged with 14 counts of 1st degree attempted murder of a peace officer, 14 counts of 1st degree assault - use of deadly force against a peace officer, one count of 2nd degree assault with a deadly weapon, one count of reckless discharge of a firearm within a municipality, one count of neglect of a child that results in substantial physical or emotional harm, and one count of 1st degree damage to property. All 32 charges are felonies.

The Isanti Police Department and Isanti County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting the investigation into the assault portion of the incident, with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigating the use of force by law enforcement.



Jason Michael Phillips’ initial mugshot shows him with black paint on his face.

North Branch pauses Flock license plate reader camera installation

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Following seemingly non-stop pushback via social media and a second “public information” meeting regarding the purchase and installation of seven Flock license plate reader cameras within North Branch city limits, North Branch Mayor Kevin Schieber has made the recommendation to pause the installation of any additional cameras.

As of Thursday, Aug. 6, three of the seven cameras have already been installed. However, none of them had started recording data yet. According to Schieber, “The city chose to put dark plastic bags over those cameras to signify they were not being used.”

According to Schieber, since Wednesday night’s meeting was a “work session” and not an official council meeting, no formal action could

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Kevin Schieber
North Branch Mayor

be made. Schieber said the contract with Flock, which was originally approved on a 3-2 council vote during its’ May 13 meeting, will be on the Aug. 12 council meeting for further discussion and possible action. That meeting was held after this edition went to press.

“Should the full city council choose to put the camera installations on an indefinite pause, we will remove the three cameras that have already been installed,” Schieber said.

Lake levels impacted by persistent drought

With lower-than-normal rainfall and higher-than-normal temperatures in the last few weeks, persistent drought and lower lake levels have become common across a large portion of the state.

Much of north-central Minnesota is experiencing storage drought. In years of significant drought, long-term water storage is depleted in lakes, soil and groundwater to a degree that typically takes years to reverse.

“A few heavy rain events aren’t enough to pull an area out of storage drought,” Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatologist Luigi Romolo said. “Over the past four years, north-central Minnesota has received 12 to 16 inches below normal precipitation. So, it would take months of precipitation far above normal amounts to bring lake levels and soil moisture back to typical levels.”

Although it can be frustrating to those who recreate or live on lakes, varying water levels are not only natural and normal, they’re essential to many important plant and animal species. Low water consolidates lake bottom sediment and can stimulate aquatic plant growth, both of which are helpful to the aquatic ecosystem. For example, some aquatic plants that

can’t germinate underwater provide habitat for fish and insects and help reduce shoreline erosion. More information is available in a DNR video about lake ecosystems (youtu.be/MMnf_yVHOWc).

“Patience is important when these cycles affect human enjoyment of a lake,” DNR Conservation Assistance and Regulation Section Manager Randall Doneen said. “While many are eager to see lakes at levels more conducive to boating and other uses, people should refrain from activities such as manipulating lake level outlets or undertaking enhanced shoreline alterations during temporary low-level conditions.”

To support a healthy lake, check with the local area hydrologist (mndnr.gov/waters/area-hydrologist-contact-information.html) prior to undertaking any construction activities within or near low water. The DNR regulates activities that occur below the ordinary high water level (mndnr.gov/waters/surfacewater_section/hydrographics/ohw.html). In areas currently experiencing low water, the ordinary high water level could be considerably farther up the banks than the current water level.

Lake levels and soil moisture are influenced by not only pre-

cipitation but also snowpack, groundwater levels, watershed conditions and evaporation. Storage drought is often compounded by increased water use, including irrigation for crops, lawns and athletic fields.

“Times of drought remind us of the importance of water conservation. Water use increases as conditions become drier, and that can impact water supplies,” Doneen said. “We encourage all water users to be mindful of how much water they’re using, not just during drought but on an ongoing basis.”

Minnesotans are encouraged to learn how much water they are using (mndnr.gov/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/water-conservation-residents.html) compared to the average American home and identify ways to reduce water use now and in the future. Reducing use today saves water for the future.

A map of Minnesota watersheds, a link to the U.S. Drought Monitor Map and more information about drought in Minnesota is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/climate/drought/index.html). The website includes a link where anyone can sign up to receive drought-related information and notifications. ~ MN DNR

MON & THUR

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

MON - FRI

Senior Dining

North Branch, Chisago
County Senior Center 11:45
a.m. Diners need to pre-regis-
ter at least one day in advance
call 651-674-1956 between 10
a.m. and 1 p.m. An annual
registration form is required
before dining.

MONDAYS

Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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

Book Club

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

TUES & THURS

Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's

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

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Memory Cafe

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

Grief Share



FACEBOOK

Blue Jacket Gymnastics is hosting their annual Car Wash Fundraiser on Aug. 15.

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Knitting Night

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

WEDNESDAYS

Alanon

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

Chisago County Drop-In Center

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

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

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

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

Parkinson's Support Group

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

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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

Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

Baby Storytime

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

Spring bowling with We R Able

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

SATURDAY

Joyful Walking Club

The 1st Saturday of each

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

AUG 15

Arts & Crafts Fair & Chalk Art Contest

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cam-
bridge City Center Mall, 140
Buchanan St N. The Chalk
Art Contest runs from 10 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m. This is a rain-or-
shine event, and will be held
inside the mall corridor in bad
weather.

Heritage Day

Celebrate America's 250th
with games, demonstrations,
music and Revolutionary
War reenactors from 11 a.m.
to 2 p.m. at the Isanti County
Historical Society on the Isanti
County Fairgrounds.

Gymnastics team car wash

Support the Cambridge-Isan-
ti High School gymnastics
team at a car wash from 9 a.m.
to noon in the Security Bank &
Trust parking lot behind Cul-
ver's in Cambridge. Donations
appreciated.

AUG 17

Learn how to use Libby

Learn to download free eB-
ooks, audiobooks and maga-
zines using the Libby app from
10-11 a.m. at the Alice Studt
Library in the Braham Event
Center. Registration required.
<https://eclib.libcal.com/>

AUG 18

North Branch Summer Concert Series

Mixed Precipitation pres-
ents "Pickup Truck Opera" at
Viking Plaza. Food trucks at
6 p.m., story time at 6:45 p.m.

and performance at 7 p.m.

AUG 19

Story stroll at Bluebird Park

Enjoy a Story Stroll at 5 p.m.
at Bluebird Park Amphithe-
ater, 201 Isanti Parkway NW,
Isanti, followed by a free fami-
ly concert at 6 p.m.

Storytime around the town

Join Miss Margaret for
storytime from 10-10:30 a.m. at
K & A Mini Golf, 215 Opportu-
nity Blvd. N., Cambridge. No
registration required.

AUG 20

Third Thursday

Ragtown performs 5:30 to
8:30 p.m. as part of Discover
Downtown, at the intersection
of 2nd Ave S and Main St S
in; the bad-weather backup
location is the Cambridge City
Center Mall at 140 Buchanan
St N.

Afternoon Movie at SAC's

2:30 at The Friendship Cafe,
140 Buchanan Ave. North,
Cambridge. The movie is Jer-
ry & Marge Go Large. We will
serve popcorn, soft drinks/
coffee at no charge. Open to all
55+ and guests. For more Info
763-689-6555. Ask for Shirl.

SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

CAMBRIDGE

140 Buchanan Street

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

CHISAGO COUNTY

38790 6th Avenue, North
Branch

Mon, Wed, Fri.

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

Monday & Wednesday

500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Cribbage - starting at 12:45
p.m.

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Get the picture?

Every year around this time, Minnesota-based Facebook photography pages get overrun with posts of “Minnesota State Fair photo contest rejects.” Basically, the state fair’s photo contest receives so many entries they must shrink them down to a more manageable number for the contest. In fact, there are so many rejects that an entire art show has been created to display the best of these rejects.

Last year, the Isanti-Chisago County Star started its own photo contest, with the winner being published on the front page of our “Best of” special section. While admittedly nowhere near the number of submissions as the State Fair, we did receive about a dozen high-quality submissions that made for a tough choice of the winner. In fact, it was successful enough for us to do it again this year.

So, from now through 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, we invite our readers to submit their best photos for the second “Best of” photo contest.

Like last year, we don’t have very much as for “contest rules.” Rather, we have a few recommendations that will increase your chances of being selected. The first, and I guess “biggest” (for lack of a better term) suggestion is your photo(s) should be taken in Isanti or Chisago County. Second, vertical photos fit better in the space on the front page. That doesn’t mean your photo can’t be horizontal. However, those are guaranteed to need to be cropped to fit the space. The third suggestion is that the resolution of the photo needs to be high enough to make a quality reproduction in approximately an 11x17 space.

And that’s about it. The sky’s the limit for photo subjects. We are pretty much looking for photos that visually represent what is great about this area. The subject doesn’t have to be associated with any of our categories. They can be with or without people in them. However, if there are people who might be recognizable, we do ask that you get permission from the subject(s) to submit the photo. This is especially true if it is a kid or if the photo is taken at an event that wasn’t open to the public.

There is no limit to the number of photos you submit. Once the deadline has passed, I will select around five finalists, which will be judged by various members of the Star’s staff and staff from the Star’s sister publications.

By entering the contest, you agree to allow the Star to use your submission in the Best of special section or in other publications as we see fit. The photos will not be used as part of any advertising without the photographer’s permission.

To make a submission, simply email a JPEG copy of the photo, along with the photographer’s name, to editor@countystar.com by the deadline. Use that same email for any questions regarding the contest.

If this photo contest follows the same path as participation in the actual Best of nomination and voting periods, we expect a considerable increase in submissions compared to last year, but don’t let that discourage you from entering. I look forward to seeing what this year’s “Best of” cover photo will be.

BILL STICKELS III is editor of the Isanti-Chisago County Star. He can be directly reached at 651-407-1245, through our main office number at 763-689-1181, ext. 156 or editor@countystar.com.



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER:

Save us from the SAVE Act

To the editor,

One topic in a recent letter was the SAVE act. Is the SAVE act really needed? The Heritage Foundation’s own fraud study shows very little election fraud. Nationally, the Heritage Foundation’s report cites 1,600 potential voting fraud cases from 1982 to 2025 when 1.3 billion votes were cast, which is .00001%.

The SAVE act requires the name a voter uses to vote is the same as on their birth certificate. So, married women who took their husbands last name or used a hyphenated name without legally changing their name, could not vote. The SAVE act is not needed to curb nearly non-existent voter fraud. It is purely a voter suppression tool.

The writer says he received five mail-in ballots in 2020. That year, there were presidential primaries, state primaries and a general election. He probably received Republican and Democratic ballots for the two primaries and one ballot for the general election. He asks “What could I have done with those?” If he used multiple mail-in ballots in a single election, he would have been called to the sheriff’s office to explain why he voted more than once. If his explanation did not hold up, he would have been charged with a felony crime.

Later in the letter, he correctly states that a voter can vouch for up to eight other voters. He writes about vouching for someone

“even if they do not live there and presto-chango their vote counts”. If someone vouches for voters who were not eligible to vote, then the vouching person and the illegal voters would be charged with felony crimes.

There are already very good safeguards against illegal voting. There are criminal penalties of up to \$10,000 fines and 1 to 5 years in prison for illegal voting. The SAVE act will not make our elections any more secure. The SAVE act is simply a way for Republicans in power to limit voting by people they don’t want to vote.

Jeff Benny
Cambridge

Thank you, Bradford!

To the editor,

After an incredible Bradford Days, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s celebration such a memorable success.

Being selected as your Grand Marshals has been a tremendous honor and a privilege we will always cherish. It has given us an even deeper appreciation for the people who make Bradford such a special place to call home. Bradford Days is more than a weekend of festivities—it is a celebration of the community that shaped our lives.

While Bradford has changed over the years, the values that define it have remained constant: a strong sense of community, generosity, pride, and gratitude. This year’s celebration reflected those enduring qualities and provided a wonderful opportunity to come together, reconnect, and celebrate all that makes our town so special.

To the many volunteers, organizers, sponsors, and attendees whose time, dedication, and enthusiasm made Bradford Days possible, please accept our heartfelt appreciation. Serving as your 2026 Bradford Days Grand Marshals has been a privilege we will always treasure, and we are deeply humbled to have represented this community. We look forward to celebrating Bradford Days with all of you for many years to come!

With sincere appreciation,
Eddie and Eileen
2026 Bradford Days Grand Marshals
Bradford

Socialism is very deceptive

To the editor,

All this talk about Socialism is not good for us as a free country. People need to study, what it is and what it does. Those who love it think it can make everyone equal because the government will own everything.

Just look at the damage that has been done to our economy in this terrible fraud situation, and government does not own everything, yet. They say the theft is about 1/3 of our federal budget. Just think how bad it would be if they had full control? Socialism is really about taking from the successful and competent and smart and distributing it to those who don’t work or who want free stuff. Our country was not formed

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New school year-lasting tradition

There is something special about August in Cambridge-Isanti Schools. While our schools have remained active all summer with community education programs, summer learning, facility projects, and countless other activities, August marks the transition to a new school year. Student-athletes are back on the fields and courts, activities are ramping up, staff are preparing for the return of students, and excitement is building for the first day of school. Across our district, this is a season of optimism, preparation, and fresh beginnings.



C-I School News
Dr. Nate Rudolph

Behind the scenes, preparations for the new school year are well underway. Custodial and maintenance teams are preparing classrooms and buildings, transportation staff are finalizing bus routes, nutrition services are getting kitchens ready, technology teams are equipping classrooms, and office staff are welcoming families while helping thousands of details come together. Across the district, our employees are working together to ensure students, families, and staff are ready for a successful start when school begins next month.

Soon, our staff will gather for Workshop Week to learn, collaborate, and prepare for the year ahead. As we do, we are reminded of the important partnership we share with our families and community. Through surveys and conversations, we continue to hear how much families value the teachers, principals, and staff who support students each day. We also know that strong partnerships are built through trust, communication, and follow-through. That trust is something we work to earn each day as we educate, empower, and inspire every student, every day.

Last week, we had the opportunity to attend Night to Unite events in both Cambridge and Isanti. It was a wonderful evening filled with conversations, laughter, and neighbors connecting with one another. One conversation, however, has stayed with me.

I met a wonderful couple who shared stories about a lifetime in Cambridge. The wife attended school in one of the Cambridge Country Schools and graduated in the old high school auditorium that is now the gym at Cambridge Intermediate School. As she reflected on her school years, her face lit up while telling me about placing third in the state in a high school essay contest and traveling to the Twin Cities to be recognized for her achievement. Decades later, the pride and excitement in her voice were unmistakable. She even promised to send me a copy, which I am looking

forward to reading!

It was a powerful reminder that school is about so much more than academics. The experiences students have, the relationships they build, the opportunities they are given, and the people who believe in them leave lasting impressions that shape their lives long after graduation. Those moments become stories that are shared with children, grandchildren, and future generations.

As we prepare to welcome students back, we are excited to create those same kinds of experiences for today's learners—moments that build confidence, spark curiosity, celebrate achievement, and create memories that last a lifetime. That has been the Blue-jacket tradition for generations, and it remains our privilege to carry it forward.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for the trust you place in Cambridge-Isanti Schools. Together, we look forward to another outstanding year of learning, growth, and opportunity.

Here's to a fantastic 2026-27 school year.
GO BIG BLUE!

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Getting ready for school bus stops

Question: I saw your last article was about stopping. With school just around the corner, can you talk about stopping for the school bus?



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Answer: I certainly can and with last year's law change it's a good reminder. Previously, the law required drivers to stop for a bus's red flashing lights and extended stop arm. Alarming, this could create a situation where some drivers might pass the bus when the lights were flashing but the stop arm wasn't

extended. The updated law closes the loophole and improves the safety of children across Minnesota. There's no more trying to beat the stop arm at the last minute when students are getting on and off the bus.

Motorists
• Red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus. Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying flashing red lights, regardless of whether the stop arm has been extended. This applies when approaching from behind the bus and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

• Motorists are not required to stop for a bus if the bus is on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median,

etc.) — but they should remain alert for children.

• Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

• The best way to be aware of your surroundings at all times is to put the distractions away.

Students
• When waiting for the bus, be patient, stand back from the road and no running or rowdy behavior.

• When on the bus, stay seated, listen to the driver and use quiet voices.

• When getting off the bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.

• Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

• When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

Consequences
• Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.
• Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

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).

they have) so I don't have to work for it. We want more rich people-not less. The rich are also the ones who do most of the giving to others who are in need, start charities etc.

We are the greatest country in the world because of our success, freedom, prosperity, and generousness. We have always helped other countries.

To keep our country we also need laws enforced, and police to do their jobs and border enforcement, this is government's job — law and order.

Now Socialism wants to destroy our freedoms. We have some examples of its success, some are Venezuela and Cuba; Russia and China are more Communist but Socialism and Communism go well together.

Judy Hansen
Cambridge

Funding available to bring more Minnesota foods to Kids

Minnesota schools, early childhood education (ECE) centers, and licensed in-home family childcare providers can now apply for funding to bring more locally sourced foods to kids' plates. Funding is available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Farm to Kids Programs, formerly known as the AGRI Farm to School and Early Care Grant Programs.

Approximately \$1.47 million is available through the fiscal year 2027 AGRI Farm to Kids Programs, including about \$250,000 for the Local Tots Cost-Share. The remaining funding will support First Bite, Full Tray, and Equipment grants. The programs reimburse eligible purchases of foods grown or raised in Minnesota and for eligible applicants, kitchen equipment used in the preparation of local foods.

Under the Walz-Flanagan administration, Minnesota tripled its annual investment in the AGRI Farm to Kids Programs, from \$377,000 in 2019 to \$1.47 million in 2027. As of April 2026, Farm to Kids Programs have awarded \$5.62 million in grants and cost shares to help schools and early care providers purchase food grown or raised in Minnesota and essential kitchen equipment. More than 600 schools, school districts, early care centers, and family daycares have received Farm to Kids funding.

"Our AGRI Farm to Kids Programs help connect Minnesota children with Minnesota farmers," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "Students gain access to fresh, nutritious foods and learn more about where their food comes from, while schools and childcare providers create new markets for farmers and food businesses across the state. These investments pay dividends locally too, generating more than two dollars in economic activity for every dollar spent."

The AGRI Farm to Kids Programs include:

The First Bite Grant is intended for Minnesota K-12 school districts and ECE centers that are new to local food procurement and want to build skills and experience. Applicants may request \$2,500 to \$5,000, with no match required.

The Full Tray Grant is intended for school districts and ECE centers that have some local food procurement experience and want to expand their local food offerings. Applicants may request up to \$25,000 based on the number of meals served through federal meal programs, including the National School Lunch Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The Local Tots Cost-Share is intended for family childcare providers. New participants are eligible for full reimbursement of eligible purchases with no match required. Returning participants must provide a 1:1 cash match and are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible purchases. Awards are expected to average approximately \$1,000 per provider, though final amounts will depend on overall demand.

The Equipment grant is available to schools and ECE centers applying for a First Bite or Full Tray grant. Applicants may request up to \$20,000 for kitchen equipment to help process and prepare local foods. A 1:1 cash match is required. Equipment funding cannot be requested on its own and is not currently available to Local Tots Cost-Share participants.

Priority will be given to projects that purchase a wide range of agricultural products, including culturally relevant foods and specialty crops such as fruits, vegetables, culinary herbs, maple syrup, and honey. Applicants that provide a clear plan to source a variety of agricultural products will also receive priority.

Grant applications and cost-share letters of intent must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. Visit the Farm to Kids Programs webpage for full eligibility and application details for each funding opportunity, as well as information about previous grant recipients and funded projects.

Funding for the Farm to Kids Programs is made available through the MDA's AGRI Program, which administers grants to farmers, agribusinesses, schools, and others throughout Minnesota to advance the state's agricultural and renewable energy sectors. - Minnesota Department of Agriculture

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that way.
It was based on freedom and individuality—freeing up creativity and hard work (a government of the people, by the people, and for the people). Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, each to pursue his or her dreams and create maybe a business or invent new ways to improve what we have, many things could be discovered.

We need Capitalism for all of us to be free from government control, if we want prosperity. The Declaration of Independence gives rights to individuals, not the government.

There is not just so much money, Capitalism actually creates wealth new businesses, new ideas, all produces more wealth for everyone.

The idea of taking from the rich is just jealousy and greed. (I want what

Braham Pie Day a huge success despite intermittent raindrops



Members of the section championship Braham girls basketball team modeled pies during the annual auction.



Little Miss Cambridge Vivienna Block helps serve pie with the rest of the Cambridge Ambassadors.



A contestant in the youngest pie eating contest division pauses before diving back in.

Talking wildfire smoke health impacts with University of Minnesota

Wildfire smoke is becoming an increasingly common part of summer across Minnesota. According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, smoky skies are expected to be even more common this year, with 12 to 16 wildfire smoke impacts expected over the summer.

Sarah Lacher, PhD, with the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus, talks about the impact of wildfire smoke exposure on health, why it's harmful and ways to protect yourself.

Q: Why is wildfire smoke harmful to our health?

Dr. Lacher: Wildfire smoke is a complex mixture that changes depending on the fuel. Although the chemistry can change, toxic gases and small particles are always present. Particles that are 2.5 microns or less in diameter (PM2.5) are especially hazardous because when they're inhaled, they travel deep down into our airways. Once there, PM2.5 causes inflammatory and oxidative stress, which disrupts the normal day-to-day jobs of important lung cells. These lung cells are pretty tough as they have the molecular tools to repair damage at first. However, if PM2.5 causes chaos for too long, the repair mechanisms in these cells cannot restore order, leading to lung and heart disease. Additionally, PM2.5 can initiate inflammatory and oxidative cascades that harm blood vessels and may compromise critical defenses like the blood-brain barrier.

Q: What are the short-term and long-term effects of wildfire smoke exposure?

Dr. Lacher: The primary tissues affected by both short and long-term exposures are the heart, lungs and blood vessels. The symptoms people experience depend on a range of factors, but current underlying diseases and the concentration of PM2.5 in the air

are primary drivers. For short-term exposures, if people have asthma, COPD or other respiratory infections, their symptoms are likely to worsen in moderate AQI days. Overall hospitalizations and cardiovascular mortality also rise. As the AQI moves to unhealthy and hazardous levels, even healthy people are likely to experience irritation of their throat, nose and lungs. People are also reporting impacts on their mental well-being. Long-term exposure to hazardous wildfire smoke concentrations leads to significant impairment in lung function and these impairments have been measured in people for at least two years following the exposure. Additionally, the risks of cardiovascular, cancer and neurocognitive diseases also increase.

Q: Who is most at risk?

Dr. Lacher: Anyone with underlying heart or lung diseases like coronary artery disease, asthma, COPD or lung cancer is especially vulnerable, as wildfire smoke will worsen their symptoms. Current or former smokers or users of other inhaled recreational substances are also susceptible. Because pregnancy already carries inherent cardiovascular demands, wildfire smoke poses risks for both pregnant people and developing fetuses. Children are sensitive to wildfire smoke exposure, which can alter lung development, increase the risk of childhood asthma and potentially elevate disease risks later in life. People over the age of 65 are also at elevated risk of negative symptoms following wildfire smoke exposure, as are individuals with underlying inflammatory conditions such as obesity and diabetes. Finally, systemic racism and practices such as mortgage redlining have concentrated air pollution burdens in many communities of color and low-income populations, leaving these communities especially vulnerable as



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wildfire smoke adds to already elevated air pollution.

Q: What can I do to protect myself from wildfire smoke during poor air quality days?

Dr. Lacher: The fundamental principle of toxicology is that any substance can be hazardous, and it's the dose that determines the toxicity. Thus, one of the primary ways to protect yourself is to limit the time and duration of exposure to wildfire smoke. People are advised to stay indoors during hazardous AQI days. Indoor air filtration systems can further reduce PM2.5 concentrations. Personal AQI monitors can provide real-time air quality data, and consumer grade options are available for both indoor air filtration and personal monitoring. Finally, there is hesitancy around wearing KN95 masks, and I fear that people may not understand how they work. KN95 masks are designed to filter particles as small as 0.3 microns; PM2.5 includes particles up to 2.5 microns, thus a well-fitting KN95 will prevent most of this harmful particle fraction from being inhaled.

Q: How does your research advance health in Minnesota?

Dr. Lacher: Our work seeks to dissect the cellular stress response pathways

that are activated by wildfire smoke. Cells that regulate inflammation and barrier integrity in the lung are some of the first responders; these cells have evolved protective mechanisms that are activated after inhalation of wildfire smoke. However, these same repair mechanisms if overactivated can lead to disease. Using experimental data from cellular models, animal models and humans, we are characterizing the molecular drivers that determine cellular resistance or susceptibility to wildfire smoke, with the goal of developing therapeutic and prevention strategies to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities. We are also increasing community outreach on the Duluth campus and educating the public about the health risks of wildfire smoke and providing practical strategies to reduce exposure, which will help people in Northern Minnesota better protect themselves when the AQI is hazardous.

Dr. Sarah Lacher is an associate professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus. Her research focuses on characterizing cell-type specific patterns of gene regulation following exposure to inducers of stress. - The University of Minnesota Medical School

MnDOT, partners install digital speed signs throughout Minnesota

Speed is one of the leading causes of death and serious injuries on Minnesota highways, and this summer, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and partners throughout the state are helping make highways safer by installing more than 300 Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs. These signs are proven to lower speeds when installed in strategic locations.

In consultation with the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety, MnDOT purchased more than 300 of the signs for installation along rural highways. These signs detect and display speeds as drivers approach a town or a reduced speed zone. Minnesota Department of Public Safety law enforcement liaisons, local law enforcement and MnDOT worked together to identify locations for the signs, as well as other complementary strategies. After installation, the city or local

agency where signs are located will own, operate and maintain the signs.

Speed feedback signs are one tool MnDOT uses to improve highway safety. During the Walz-Flanagan Administration, MnDOT has installed hundreds of safety improvements on Minnesota's highways, including 82 roundabouts, 83 J-Turns and 115 miles of high-tension cable barrier. This summer, MnDOT is launching a work zone speed safety camera pilot project to look at ways to reduce speeds in highway work zones.

"Slowing down saves lives. It's that simple," said MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger. "By deploying speed feedback signs, MnDOT is working with our local partners to help make Minnesota roads safer for all travelers. But safety is everyone's respon-

sibility. Drivers, please pay attention to your speed and follow the posted speed limit."

Obedying the speed limit gives drivers more control over their vehicle, allows them to respond to changing road conditions and makes crashes less deadly. Speeding even a small amount over the limit increases the risk of a crash and makes crashes more dangerous overall. Preliminary 2025 data shows there were 388 speed-related serious injuries and 102 speed-related fatalities in Minnesota, and that approximately 65 percent of speed-related deaths had at least one driver going just 10 mph or more over the speed limit.

Cities can install these speed feedback signs at their own cost on any road with owner permission and should contact their local MnDOT office to start the process. - MNDOT

A moon mission with Pine City roots

Local family's son helps bring Artemis II astronauts home

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For Kevin M. Pieper, son of Doug and Vicki Pieper of Pine City, interest in space exploration began long before he helped bring astronauts home from the Moon during the recent Artemis II mission.

It began in Maple Plain, Minnesota, where Pieper grew up fascinated by the night sky. Pieper recalls watching the stars and northern lights during Minnesota winters. He was fascinated by the comet Hale-Bopp and, as a child, dreamed of one day becoming an astronaut.

While that dream took a different path, Pieper ultimately found himself playing a key role in one of NASA's most historic missions.

Now a U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and commander of First Air Force Detachment 3, Department of War Human Space Flight Support, Pieper led the recovery effort for the astronauts on Artemis II should something go awry.

During the Artemis II launch, he directed the DoW Support Operations Center at Patrick Space Force Base, FL (approximately 20 miles south of Kennedy Space Center), which provides command and control for global rescue forces and direct communication with NASA's Kennedy Space Center and Johnson Space Center through AFSPACE and USSPACECOM.

Following the return from the Moon, Pieper

was aboard the USS John P Murtha and served as primary liaison between NASA, the U.S. Navy forces conducting the recovery, AFSPACE rescue forces on alert for any contingency, and USSPACECOM, whose ultimate responsibility is Human Space Flight Support.

During the mission, he could be found on major national news networks commenting on the efforts.

LEADING TO ARTEMIS II

Pieper's parents encouraged his interest in aviation and supported him as a Civil Air Patrol cadet in high school. In high school, he earned his solo certificate in general aviation. His parents also taught him the importance of hard work and dedication and encouraged his desire to serve his country.

"I am proud to honor them through my service," Pieper says.

Pieper graduated from Orono High School and later from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, earning a bachelor of science in Atmospheric Sciences. From there, he entered the Air Force, earning his pilot wings from Fort Rucker, Ala. He joined the Air Force's Combat Search and Rescue forces as an HH-60G Pave Hawk pilot in January 2011.

From there, Pieper increased his education, earning master's degrees in business administration and Master of Military Operational Art and Science, graduating from

Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College, and other certifications. Through the Air Force, he served in several leadership roles and was deployed extensively conducting Casualty Evacuation and Combat Search and Rescue as Pilot, Aircraft Commander, and Flight Lead to Afghanistan in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and FREEDOM SENTINEL, as well as Squadron Director of Operations to Turkey in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

Vicki Pieper said she always knew he wanted to fly, and as he advanced in his career, it was somewhat stressful as a parent. "We told him he could call anytime and ask for prayers – and he did. We got calls from school and trainings about grades and prayers for wisdom and courage and safety from Afghanistan. Often in the middle of the night," Vicki recalls. "Each step of his path has been covered in prayers: his, ours and those of many others."

Doug and Vicki have lived in Pine City for a number of years, and Pieper said he enjoys returning to the community and spending time with family when he can. Those visits have become less frequent recently as his work supporting NASA missions has kept him busy.

HISTORIC MOON TRAVEL

His background in rescue operations prepared him for the Artemis II



U.S. NAVY.

NASA Astronaut Reid Wiseman, Artemis II mission commander, exits the Orion crew module onto the front porch before transiting to amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha (LPD-26), April 10, 2026.

responsibility. All of that preparation was designed around one principle: Be ready if something goes wrong.

Fortunately, during Artemis II, Pieper and his team never had to execute one of their contingency rescue plans.

"There wasn't anything in particular unexpected that we had to handle differently," Pieper says. "We were pleasantly surprised by how smoothly the entire mission sequence from launch to landing happened."

But that did not mean there was nothing to worry about.

Pieper said his team maintained a vigilant watch throughout the mission, particularly during the most dynamic phases of flight. They monitored communications and spacecraft status and remained ready to respond if necessary.

In this position, Pieper was able to experience some of the wonder of the mission.

"For me, the most exciting part of the mission was during the lunar flyby and seeing the photos they took from the far side, especially the 'earthset' photo and hearing the reactions of the crew as they admired the view that they described as 'moonjoy,'" recalled Pieper.

RE-ENTRY TO EARTH

The most intense moment came during re-entry. "The six-minute blackout period during re-entry was the most intense," he recalls, as his team and the NASA leads sat in the operations center aboard the

'You could hear a pin drop until the capsule appeared on camera and the crew checked in on the radio.'

Kevin Pieper

U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and commander of First Air Force Detachment 3, Department of War Human Space Flight Support

USS John P. Murtha, silently watching the blip on the map tracking the capsule's position move across the Pacific.

"You could hear a pin drop until the capsule appeared on camera and the crew checked in on the radio. We all cheered!" said Pieper. "Then we watched intently as each parachute deployed during the landing sequence until we had a successful splashdown."

After splashdown, Navy divers were the first members of the recovery team to make contact with the astronauts. Pieper's team watched live video from the divers' helmet cameras as they approached the capsule, opened the hatch, and began the astronauts' initial medical assessment.

"Watching their live helmet cameras as they entered the capsule was a very happy moment for the team," Pieper said.

REFLECTING ON MISSION

Looking back, Pieper said he is humbled to have played a role in the historic mission.

He also emphasized that Artemis II's smooth recovery was not the work of one or two people.

Years of planning,

training, experimentation, and contingency exercises by NASA, the Department of War, the Navy, and other organizations had prepared the team for launch day, he adds.

"When the time came for the mission, I was the leader in the seat," Pieper notes. "And it went so smoothly because of years of dedicated team members from NASA and DoW getting everything planned and prepped."

Today, Pieper lives in Melbourne, Florida, just outside Cape Canaveral. Pieper's unit continues to support NASA missions to and from the International Space Station, including Soyuz and Commercial Crew flights, with rescue forces standing ready.

The team is also preparing for Artemis III. Because of career and assignment timelines, Pieper does not expect to be in the commander's seat for that mission.

But he remains confident in the team he will leave behind.

"I know my team will do an awesome job," he said.



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Kevin with his parents Doug, and Vicki Pieper of Pine City.

OBITUARIES

Janice LaRae (Quiggle) Swanson, of Braham passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026, with family by her side at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. She was 70 years old.

Janice was born on March 20, 1956, to John and Marjorie (Nelson) Quiggle at the Braham Community Hospital in Braham, MN. Janice had a twin sister Jeanne RaNae, who followed several minutes later. They were both a surprise to all their family and friends. They also had three older brothers Jack, Dick and Bruce. Janice and her twin sister Jeanne were baptized together at Spectacle Lake near Cambridge MN in August of 1966 by Rev Bill King. They grew up on her parent's dairy farm NW of Braham in the Seward community.

In 1970 her parents sold their farm, and they moved into the town of Braham. Janice attended Braham Public Schools and was involved in FHA, band and choir. She later graduated from Braham High School in 1974. During Janice's teenage years, she and her family started attending the Braham Evangelical Covenant Church. She became very involved in the church and started singing in the choir where she met John Swanson. Those church and after choir practice visits turned into a two-year courtship. John and Janice were married on September 14, 1974, by Rev. Berner Swanson at the

Janice LaRae (Quiggle) Swanson

church. After marriage, Janice joined her husband John on his family's dairy farm where they worked side by side with the family milking cows and feeding calves. Taking care of the animals was Janice's specialty, especially tending to newborn calves. She also did an exceptional job of keeping all the cattle records for the farm. During hay baling and silo filling times, she enjoyed preparing meals for all the workers. In addition to the farm work, Janice was an active member of the Braham Evangelical Covenant Church. She was involved in many aspects of the church, especially the Covenant Women's group.

Janice and John were blessed with three children. Amanda Rae was born December 1, 1975, John Erik was born January 2, 1979, and Kristina Lynn was born July 7, 1982. They all grew up on the farm working together and developing a good work ethic. Her greatest joy was caring for her husband and children. Janice was an accomplished seamstress which started in high school. She sewed all her own clothing, her wedding dress and clothing for her children. Later in life her sewing gift turned into quilting, and she made beautiful quilts of all sizes. Janice also enjoyed reading and crocheting, but putting in a big vegetable garden brought great joy every year. The entire family helped and the kitchen became an assembly line with all the canning and freezing of produce.

On October 1, 2015, John and Janice sold their herd of milking cows which was one of the hardest days of their lives. Following the sale of the herd, they were able to do some traveling together, which most of that time was spent at John's maternal families homestead in Cook, MN. Soon John's health began to fail, and Janice took care of him in every

way possible. John passed away on February 9, 2021. After John's death, Janice continued to work some part-time jobs and when she fully retired, started to do some traveling. She went on several bus trips, with some of her favorite destinations being in Banff Canada, Colorado, Texas, Vermont and Branson MO.

Throughout Janice's entire life, she worked for the Lord and did it with joy and grace. The bible verse from 2 Timothy 4:7-8 describes Janice's life. It says: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day."

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, husband John, and brother Dick (Ila) Quiggle.

She is survived by her children, Amanda (Tom) Visser, John Erik (Sonja) Swanson, Kristina (Ron) Snodgrass; sister Jeanne (Mark) Johnson; brothers, Jack (Yvonne) Quiggle and Bruce (Margo) Quiggle; brother-in-law Duane (Kathy) Swanson; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026, at the Braham Covenant Church with Pastor Jake King officiating. Memorial Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon will immediately follow the service. A private inurnment will be in the Rice Lake Cemetery in Braham. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes – Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.hamiltonfhs.com.

Thomas Michael Wetther

Thomas Michael Wetther, age 69, of Cambridge, MN, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at M Health Fairview Southdale Hospital.

Thomas was born on July 28, 1957, in Minneapolis, MN, to David and Lillian (Reineccius) Wetther. He was baptized and confirmed at the Cambridge Lutheran Church. Tom grew up in a family with eight siblings in Isanti Township. He was educated in Isanti and Cambridge, MN, and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1975. He was employed at the Charcoal Plant in Isanti, MN, for ten years, then at Turnquist Paper (now Veritiv) in Minneapolis, MN, for thirty years as a warehouseman.

On November 27, 1992, Tom married Diane (Swanson) Dalen. They resided in Grandy for a year and then moved to Princeton, MN, in 1993 through 2015. In September 2015, they moved to Cambridge, MN.

Tom enjoyed all sports and always kept up on how various teams were doing in their leagues. He participated in outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, canoeing, golfing, camping, and fishing. Some of his family and friends went on his annual fishing trip to the Lake of the Woods, as well as many BWCA trips. In 1990, he completed his solo bike trip across the U.S.A. Tom and Diane enjoyed traveling together, and in September 2013 they met their goal of traveling to all 50 states in the U.S.A. Also, they visited all Minnesota State Parks.

Tom's faith was the foundation and focus of his life. He was an active member of the Cambridge Lutheran Church, serving as an usher, delivering Meals on Wheels and Path to Home. He always enjoyed young people and was a confirmation mentor to several boys.

Tom will be remembered most for his caring, easy-going, fun-loving personality. Tom cared deeply for his family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them. He will be deeply missed and celebrated by all who knew him.

Tom was survived by his wife, Diane Wetther; stepsons, Darwin Dalen (Jonathan Schultz) of Grand Rapids, MN, and Jamie (Shannon) Dalen of Pine City, MN; step-grandchildren, Glenn, Tucker, and Oliver Dalen. Tom is also survived by his brother, Larry (Janice) Wetther of Stanchfield, MN; sisters, Carole (Larry) Wilson of Isle, MN, and Tina (Robert) Marshall of Isanti, MN, nephews, niece and other relatives.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, David and Lillian Wetther; brothers, Timothy, Terry, Jon, and Corey Wetther; and sister, Robin Wetther.

Funeral Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment in Cambridge Union Cemetery. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge. carlsonlillemoen.com

Emily Joy Schindeldecker

Emily Joy Schindeldecker, our beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend. Emily was born on October 8, 2001, and passed away peacefully on August 9, 2026, at the age of 24.

Born with tuberous sclerosis, she faced life's challenges with quiet strength and was surrounded by the love and devotion of her family throughout her life. Though she was nonverbal, she communicated in countless meaningful ways through her expressions, smiles, eyes, and the joy she found in the people and things she loved.

She found happiness in life's simple pleasures. She could often be found watching the chipmunks

outside, laughing along to America's Funniest Home Videos, and enjoying her favorite characters from Minions and SpongeBob SquarePants. She especially looked forward to sharing her grandma's homemade hotdishes and her mom's pickles, two of her favorite treats.

She shared an extraordinary bond with her sister, whose love, care, and unwavering devotion enriched her life every day.

She was also blessed by the kindness and compassion of the many personal care attendants who cared for her over the years, becoming an important part of her journey and helping her experience comfort, joy, and dignity.

Though her doctors believed there was nothing

Warren L. Schluck

Warren L. Schluck, age 91, of Cambridge died suddenly August 3, 2026 at home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Marlys; children, Kevin (Paula) Schluck, Karin (Jim) St. Jacques, and Greg (Mary) Schluck; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held in several weeks at Common Ground: A United Methodist Community in Cambridge. Another obituary with details will be published when services are confirmed. Online condolences can be placed at StrikeLifeTributes.com.

more they could do, her mother's unwavering love, devotion, and determination carried her through two more precious years, a testament to the extraordinary bond they shared.

She will be forever loved and deeply missed by her mother and stepfather, Julaine and Shawn Ziemke; her devoted sister, Chelsey (Nilofar) Amirzadeh; her step-siblings, Sadie and Trevor Ziemke; her grandmother, Lorna Larson; her aunt, Rhonda (Suresh) Sivarajah; her cousins; and all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandfather, Dwaine Larson, and her aunt, Nicole Larson. Their love remained a cherished part of her life, and their memories will forever be held close by her family.

Although her life looked different than many, the love she inspired was immeasurable. She taught those around her patience, compassion, unconditional love, and the beauty of celebrating life's smallest moments. Her gentle spirit and the joy she brought to those who loved her will never be forgotten.

Her family is deeply grateful for the love, support, and kindness shown to her throughout her life and asks that she be remembered for the happiness she brought to others and the love she so effortlessly inspired.

Celebration of Life 11 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026 at Springvale Baptist Church (410 County Hwy 6 Stanchfield, MN 55080) Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Condolences at carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

Student Achievement Lists

Miciah Reichle of Cambridge (Dean's) Concordia University Wisconsin

Degrees

Theresa Swager of North Branch (Associate in Applied Science, Business Management and Technical Diploma One Year, Customer Service Manager) from Northwood Technical College



OBITUARIES

Elaine Hierlinger-Engquist

Elaine was born to Alex and Ida (Miller) Engquist on May 5, 1938, in Cambridge, Minnesota. Elaine graduated from Cambridge High School and later married Merle Hierlinger of Crown, Mn where she lived and raised her family for her entire life.



Elaine also owned and operated Hierlinger Shoes in Princeton, which just celebrated its’ 50th anniversary of being in business. Elaine was very involved in the community and many organizations over the years. She was involved in the Chamber of Commerce, MN Workforce and the Rum River Festival and made many donations to local organizations over the years. Elaine loved to visit with her customers. She prided

herself on being able to help each and every customer find the right solution and was often used as a referral from many doctors in regards to patients with foot problems. She absolutely devoted her life to her beloved shoe store.

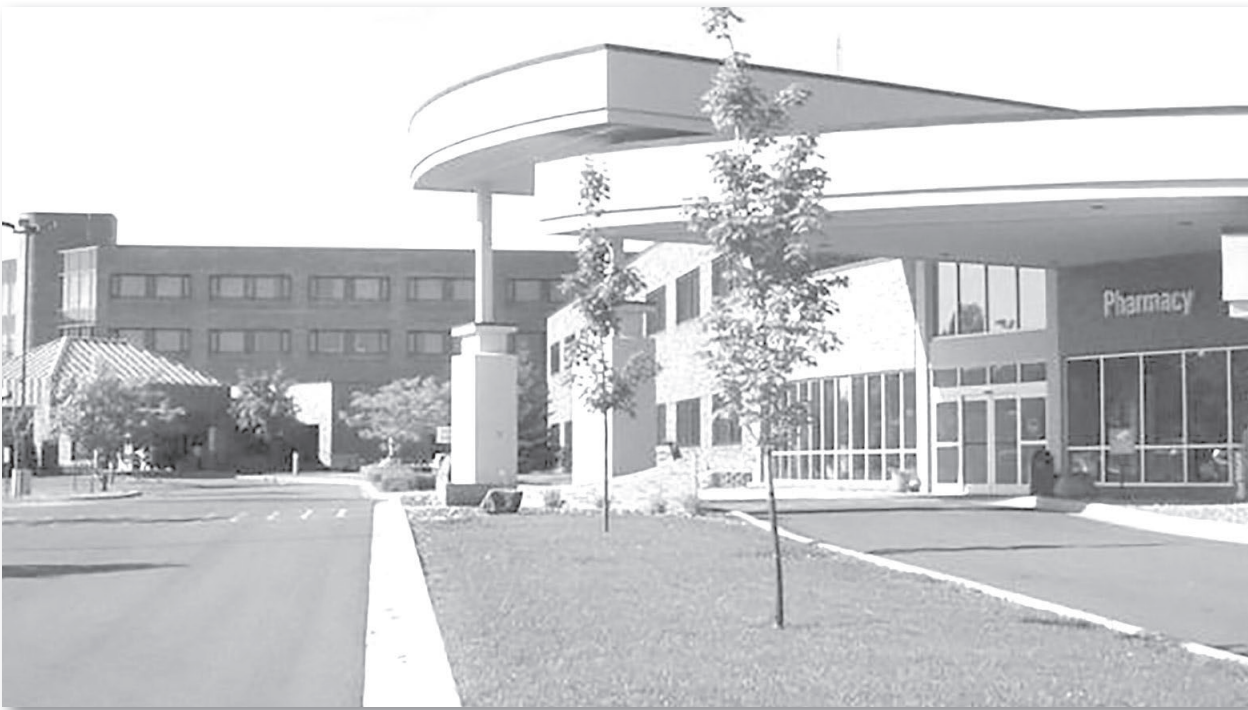
Elaine loved to live and had many friends and activities that brought her joy, such as spending time with family and visiting. She enjoyed going out to eat and was often seen at the K-Bob Café in Princeton with her friends. She enjoyed tending to her flowers, especially dark red geraniums, and loved to mow and tend to her yard. Elaine prided herself on her appearance and always wanted to look “put together”. Every Wednesday, she looked forward to having her hair done by her dear friend Mindy.

She also loved listening to classic country music artists like Jim Reeves, Ray Price, Eddie Arnold, and Molly B polka music, on the RFD channel, plus reading the weekly newspapers and watching Sunday football.

Elaine is survived by her children; Scott Hierlinger, Penney Hammer, Paula (John) Rebhan, and; sister, LaVonne (Doug) Springer; sister-in-law Jackie Engquist; grandchildren, Hunter, Tanner, Emily, Andy, Joey, Petia, Jacob, Jonah; and great-grandchildren Tucker, Dakota, Hallie, Tate, Graham, Malcolm and Elizabeth and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merle; long-time companion, Sonny Steeves; brother Lyle Engquist; son-in-law Tom Hammer.

The family thanks Quiet Oaks Hospice facility and the St Croix Hospice team for their amazing loving care for Mom over the last few months.



ALLINAHEALTH.ORG

Cambridge Medical Center
recognized for stroke care

Cambridge Medical Center has received four American Heart Association awards recognizing its stroke treatment and adherence to research-based care guidelines.

The Allina Health hospital received the Get With The Guidelines Silver Plus award, Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite, Target: Diabetes Honor Roll and Get With The Guidelines Rural Stroke Silver recognition.

The awards are part of the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines program, which evaluates hospitals on their use of current, evidence-based guidelines for treating stroke patients. The program is designed to improve patient outcomes, support recovery and reduce hospital readmissions.

“At Allina Health Brain and Spine Institute, we are committed to providing expert stroke care throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin,”

said Dr. Ganesh Asaithambi, system medical director of the institute’s stroke and neurology programs. “By following the latest guidelines and streamlining care, we aim to continuously improve as we deliver timely, effective stroke treatment.”

According to the American Heart Association’s 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report, stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death in the United States. Research has shown patients can have better outcomes when care teams consistently follow evidence-based treatment guidelines.

“These awards reflect Allina Health Brain and Spine Institute’s commitment to caring for people in their community who need stroke care,” said Dr. Karen E. Joynt Maddox, chair of the American Heart Association Quality Oversight Committee.

Cambridge Medical Center was one of 11 Allina Health hospital campuses recognized by the American Heart Association for stroke care. - Allina Health

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East Central Baby Café
receives national award

Baby Café USA, a national nonprofit organization with more than 140 Baby Café sites across 25 states, is pleased to announce East Central Baby Café in Isanti County, Minnesota, as the first recipient of the Lucia Jenkins Community Impact Award.

The award is named in honor of Lucia Jenkins, RN, IBCLC, founder of Baby Café USA. Mrs. Jenkins opened the first Baby Café in the United States in 2007 and later founded Baby Café USA. For nearly 20 years, she has been helping communities across the country expand access to equitable breastfeeding services and peer support so that families can achieve their breastfeeding goals. The Community Impact Award recognizes a Baby Café that carries forward Mrs. Jenkins’ vision of community-based support, honoring the growing impact of the network she began and the meaningful difference Baby Cafés are making for families across the country.

East Central Baby Café serves a rural county of approximately 44,000 residents. Through partnerships with Allina Health, Early Childhood Family Education, WIC, and Family Home Visiting nurses, the Café has built a trusted referral network that connects pregnant and postpartum families with free lactation support, education, and social connection. These partners regularly refer families to Baby Café, helping reduce barriers to care and increasing access for those who may not

otherwise seek lactation support.

The broader impact of East Central Baby Café’s work is especially significant in a rural community where an estimated 10–11% of birthing people experience postpartum depressive symptoms. The Café provides a welcoming, judgment-free space that helps families build confidence, connect with peers, and form supportive relationships during the perinatal period. Continued growth in both online reach and in-person attendance reflects increasing awareness and engagement among families seeking support.

Along with the award, East Central Baby Café will receive \$500 to further its work. The Café plans to use the award for educational materials, participant comfort items, and printed flyers and resource booklets that can be shared through its community partners. These resources will help reach families who may not be active on social media while strengthening awareness, referrals, and peer connections.

Last year, Baby Café USA supported nearly 40,000 visits nationwide, helping families access free, community-based lactation support and empowering parents to meet their breastfeeding goals. The Lucia Jenkins Community Impact Award is being presented in celebration of World Breastfeeding Week, August 1 through 7. - Baby Café USA

Rush City man drowns while fleeing police

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

A 55 year-old Rush City man died from drowning in the St. Croix River while fleeing police on Thursday, Aug. 6.

According to a press release from the Chisago County Sheriff’s Office, at approximately 5:56 p.m. on Aug. 6, law enforcement attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by 55 year-old Matthew A. Norman, of Rush City. According to the press release, Norman had an outstanding felony warrant.

Shortly after the attempted stop, Norman fled from deputies in an effort to evade arrest. Deputies engaged in a pursuit, which concluded when Norman drove into the St. Croix River at the Railroad boat landing.

The report goes on to say deputies observed Norman exit the vehicle and begin swimming away, however they lost sight of him in the water. An extensive search involving water, ground, and air resources immediately began and continued into the night.

The following morning, at approximately 9:04 a.m., Chisago County Water Patrol deputies located Norman’s deceased body approximately one-eighth of a mile downstream from where he enter the river.

Agencies assisting with the response included the U.S. National Park Service, Minnesota Department



of Natural Resources, Almelund Fire Department, Lindstrom Fire Department, Chisago City Fire Department, Stacy Fire Department, and the Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office.

Elk River teen dies in motorcycle crash

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

An 18 year-old Elk River man died as a result of injuries sustained when the motorcycle he was driving collided with the rear of another vehicle near Rush City.

According to a press release from the Chisago County Sheriff’s Office, at approximately 1:49 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, Nathaniel L. Johnson, 18, of Elk River was traveling on Rush Point Drive when he collided with the passenger vehicle at the intersection of Rush Point Drive and Fairfield Avenue.

A Chisago County Sheriff’s Deputy arrived at the scene within minutes of the crash and began providing aid to Johnson. He was transported via Life Link to a Level 1 trauma center, however he ultimately died during transport.

According to the press release, Johnson was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. Additionally, drugs and alcohol are not suspected to have been contributing factors in the crash.

The unnamed driver of the passenger vehicle was uninjured and remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation.

W O R S H I P *guide*

Baptist First Baptist Church 304 S. Main St., Cambridge, 763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs. firstbaptistcambridge.org North Isanti Baptist Church Lead Pastor: Travis Blake 2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nibchurch.com Email: nibchurch@msn.com 763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship Service (traditional style) 10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style) Sunrise Bible Church 41300 Second St., North Branch, Pastor David Stertz. Sunday school for all ages 9:30am, Sunday morning Worship 10:30am, Sunday evening 6pm, Wed. Kids 4 Truth & Bible studies for all ages 6:30pm. More info at sunrise bible church.org or 651-674-4107.	Evangelical Covenant Karmel Covenant Church 5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN 763-389-3169 Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson Sunday School for All Ages (school year only): 9-10 a.m. Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday Programming (school year only): Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m. Evangelical Free Dale Evangelical Free Church 45268 Brunswick Rd, Harris, MN 763-689-5817 Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin. Sunday School – all ages 9am. Sunday Service 10:25am. www.daleefc.com Kost Evangelical Free Church 37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72 651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org Pastor Josh Jensen Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month. Oxlip Evangelical Free Church 29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47) 763-444-5134 oxlip.org 9am Worship Service 10:45am Christian Education Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 to 7:30pm	Wyanett Evangelical Free Church 12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95 www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/ Prayer 2:00 pm Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton A LOVING CHURCH PROCLAIMING A LIVING MESSAGE! Lutheran Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister 905 Central Drive West 320-396-2755 www.brahamlutheran.org 9:30 a.m. Worship Service In-person & Live on Facebook 9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult All Are Welcome! Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA) Pastor Vicki Vandervegt. 320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr. 10:30am Worship with Fellowship following my.calvaryofrushpoint.org. Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA) 621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211 Traditional/Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary/Commons: 9:30 a.m. KidZone 9:30 a.m. www.cambridgelutheran.org Facebook: fb.com/Cambridgelutheran YouTube: tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran	Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS) 32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333 Pastor Samuel L. Biebert. Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:30am www.christcambridge.com First Lutheran Church (ELCA) 43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible. Pastor Vicki VanderVegt Sunday Worship 9:20am Coffee & fellowship following service Email: firstlutheran@q.com www.firstlutheranharris.org Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge 763-689-4355 www.joylutheran.net Pastor James Ritter 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS) 6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576 Pastor Glen Kleppe Sunday Worship 10am www.livingbranch.org email: office@livingbranch.org Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315 Pastor Sue Olson & Pastor Rebecca Holland All Are Welcome! Sundays 9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation Salem Lutheran Church 4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687 Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the Fall Coffee fellowship after worship www.salemlutherandalbo.com	Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA) 8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road). 651-674-4606. Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org Email: sll.church@gmail.com 8:15am Worship with fellowship following St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship; 10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday 6:30pm Bible study. Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623 Sunday 8:45am Worship Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study stjohnsrushcity.org St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), Braham 320-396-3103 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 8am Worship. ststephensbraham.org Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch 651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon In person and online worship 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship www.trinitynorthbranch.org office@trinitynorthbranch.org	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 Coffee fellowship: 9:45am Service: 10:00am Pastor: Tim Miller www.gracegospelmn.org info@gracegospelchurchmn.com Located just north of Grandy on 65, across from East Central Diesel, with three large crosses near the road. We look forward to having you! Journey of Faith Bible based worship. 651-600-9878. faiththroughaction777@gmail.com Sunday fellowship 9am Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served. JustPassinthru IHS Ministries Becoming Agape – Allowing the Holy Spirit to transform lives 763-228-0883 Meeting at Crossroads Commons 1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN justpassinihs@gmail.com Justpassinthru.net Pastor Tom Bakke Sunday mornings at 10 am Sunday nights and Wednesdays
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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Items on the Agenda are: proposed projects in excess of \$5000.00, weed treatment updates, boat inspection updates, approval of assessments to satisfy budget requirements, approval of proposed budget for fiscal year, election of 3 positions on the board of Directors & Take up and consider other new business & miscellaneous items.

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

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

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

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

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BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Stanford Township Hall, 505 261st Avenue NW, Isanti, MN

Saturday, Sept. 5,2026, 10 a.m.

The business of this meeting is to elect three (3) new directors, vote on the board-approved budget and property assessment, plus address other business to come before the membership. Ballots, agenda, and reports will be sent to members via email prior to the meeting.

This is an important meeting for members to attend.

Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on August 6, 13, 2026

SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 820 places a one-year moratorium on data centers pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 462.355, subdivision 4. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.

ATTEST:
Monica Seiberlich,
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator

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CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that the City of East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the City Code relating to residential rental properties and short-term rentals.

The proposed amendments would revise Chapter 50 – Rental Properties to clarify that Chapter 50 applies to residential rentals involving occupancy for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or more and does not apply to short-term rentals to be regulated under other provisions of the City Code specifically relating to short-term rentals. Chapter 50 currently contains the City's general rental licensing provisions and broadly defines rental dwellings and licensing requirements. The proposed amendment is intended to distinguish traditional residential rental properties from short-term rentals, which are anticipated to be defined and regulated under a separate ordinance amendment, Chapter 51 – Short-Term Rentals.

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: Tuesday August 25th at or about 7:00 pm

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled

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Date: 8/7/26
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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04 Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks

Form 60.2.1 (2009)

DATE: August 4, 2026

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

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: August 23, 2019

2. Mortgagors: Tracey Setterlund; Unmarried

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

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

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any:
Assigned to LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, by written assignment recorded on March 8, 2024, as Document Number A529058 in the recording

office stated in paragraph 4.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

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

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

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

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

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:
? is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

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

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

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

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

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

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

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff

of Isanti County, Minnesota, at public auction on 10/07/2026, 10:00 AM., 2440 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008.

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

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

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

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
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ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Aug. 2 - 8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Austin Leonard Jordan (DOB 04/19/1999) of Isanti, was charged Aug. 3 with Predatory Offenders-Registration Required-Felony Offenses.

Steven Andrew Terrell (DOB 03/22/1991) of Stanchfield, was charged Aug. 3 with Possession of Shoplifting Gear.

Sarah Nicole Englund (DOB 10/15/1986) of Cambridge, was charged Aug. 6 with Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard

Risk.

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Jonny Fabian Castillo Calle (DOB 10/18/2000) of Minneapolis, was charged Aug. 3 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State - extradition waived.

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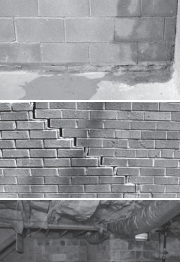
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