

Project Work

1. Central MN Manufacturers Association: Workforce Development Initiatives
 - Continued promotion and development of the Youth Apprenticeship Toolkit and the “K-12 Navigator” workforce development tools. These career exploration resources are aligned with the MDE career wheel system. Participation and site visits are increasing as manufacturers are adding their contact information and resources. School participation continues to increase. A promotional outreach initiative is underway with schools in the CMMA service area. CMMA marketing committee is creating new promotional materials for distribution.
 - Website: www.cmmaworks.org
 - <https://cmmaworks.org/k12-navigator>
 - <https://cmmaworks.org/youth-appren>
 - CMMA Breakfast Meeting breakfast meeting on April 25 at Moose Lodge, Waite Park
 - Speaker: Tammy Biery, Executive Director of Career Solutions
 - Tammy discussed workforce development grant initiatives that support the manufacturing industry.
 - Tour at CMWF
 - CMMA Tour of Manufacturing 2024 Kick Off meeting April 18
 - Approved one grant request for Robotics at a local high school
 - CMMA Golf Social - June 11 at Wapicada Golf Club in Sauk Rapids
2. Central MN HR Cooperative: meets monthly, second Thursday, 8:00 am–10:00 am. Group met on April 11, hybrid model. Discussion topics included recruitment, fair chance employment, and healthcare benefits.
 - Will have a CMJTS speaker on I-WE and DEI next month
3. Wright County Economic Development Partnership: <https://www.wrightpartnership.org/>
 - Continued development and promotion of web based career exploration data tool, *WorkForce Pathways*. This site assists Wright County businesses with their workforce needs to create a long-term vibrant community through education, training, marketing and collaboration. Members of this committee have been making presentations to high school student groups. This info can be located at <https://www.wrightpartnership.org/workforce-pathways-v2/>
 - Group continues alignment and collaboration with newly created Wright County EDA
 - 2024 Legislative Update Event:
 - June 27, 2024, 11:30am–1 pm, Wright County Government Center
4. Work-Based Learning Coordination:
 - Promotion and development of OJT and Incumbent Worker services and training. Providing CMJTS and CFC resources and services info to area businesses through outreach and response to incoming inquiries.
 - Two new WIOA OJTs in April: Machine Operator and Paralegal. One Sherburne County, one Wright County.
5. Create and broadcast a weekly (Monday) workforce/employment/training program entitled *Work Wright Radio* on KRWC, [Work Wright Radio | KRWC 1360 AM](#) featuring Wright County employers, careers, CareerForce Center (CFC) services and resources. Sharing info on CMJTS, UI, CFC partners, and more. April guests were MNL, Coborn’s, ServPro, and APT.

6. Providing job search assistance to active CMJTS job seekers as referred from ES in PA and Adult/DW. Assisting with job leads, employer connections and on the job training opportunities.
7. Facilitate the Monticello CFC job seeker professional development and networking group. Meets on Tuesday's 10:00 am–12:00 pm via Zoom. Community-based subject matter expert group facilitators discuss topics that include finance in career transition, advanced LinkedIn strategies and self- branding/promotion. Attendance is increasing. Most attendees learn of this group through DEED outreach; many people from the metro area attend. Continuing increase in job seekers from medical device, IT, and financial services industries.
8. Promoting Inclusive Workplace Employer designation initiative with DEED and other CFC partners to assist businesses with diversity and inclusion opportunities.
9. Participating in CMJTS DEI team to enhance CMJTS work environment and practices.
10. Assisted with mock interviews for sophomores at the DC high school on April 12.
11. Presented CFC/CMJTS services to laid off Federal Foam/Cokato employees on April 10.
12. Assisting with planning of the 3rd Annual Maple Lake Block Party/Job Fair on May 16.

Labor Market Info from MN DEED

The unemployment rate held at 2.7% in Minnesota in March, on a seasonally adjusted basis, for the third consecutive month.

The labor force grew to 3,097,736 workers, and the labor force participation rate increased to 68%. The number of unemployed ticked down to 84,205 workers and the number of employed increased to 3,013,531 workers.

The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.8% in March, on a seasonally adjusted basis. The labor force participation rate increased to 62.7%.

Unemployment Rates			
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023
Minnesota			
Seasonally Adjusted	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	3.2%	3.6%	3.3%
United States			
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8%	3.9%	3.5%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	3.9%	4.2%	3.6%

MN DEED County Unemployment Rates For March 2024, (not seasonally adjusted)

Wright County: 3.6%
 Sherburne County: 3.8%

Business Trends/Updates/Events

- Participated in a Business Recruitment visit with the City of North Branch for a business who is interested in locating in their Industrial/Business Park. Presented information on CMJTS tools, resources, and partnerships available for businesses. The potential employer would look to create approximately 80FTE in 2027.
- Presentation for the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce Board on CMJTS business services resources and programs – delivered on Thursday, April 4.
- **East Central Regional Development Commission/East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council** is hosting a *by invitation only* dialog session with MNDOT regarding the **Northern Lights Express Passenger Rail Project (NLX Express)** on May 9. The passenger rail line will run through 2 counties in East Central MN – Pine and Isanti. Information from this meeting will be shared by BSC in the May North Region Report.
- **Chisago County HRA-EDA** is hosting an **Employment Law Seminar** for businesses located in Chisago County on Friday, May 10, 8:30am-3:30pm at the Splitrocks Event Center, Wyoming, MN.
- **Isanti County Touch A Truck event – open to all on Thursday, May 16, from 4:30pm – 7:00pm at the Isanti County Fairgrounds.**
- **Glenn Metalcraft/Elemet Group** will be hosting an **open house** for their new building in Princeton on **May 16**. They are currently hosting a Princeton High School student in an internship as a manufacturing apprentice. They noted that recruiting continues to be a top issue for them. Link to video of building construction: <https://fb.watch/rd962RsH5L/>
- **Mille Lacs County Child Care Coalition** is hosting a Child Care Provider Appreciation event on Monday, May 20th.
- **Become Cyber Savvy** – free community event, Thursday, May 23, 4pm – 5:30pm at Anoka Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus. Online over Zoom will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month starting May 9th from 2pm – 3pm, and the 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm-7pm. Also available in an online self-paced course. Hosted by the Minnesota State IT Center of Excellence (see more details below).
- **North 65 Chamber** hosted the **State Isanti County** at their luncheon this month. Commissioner Alan Duff and County Administrator Amanda Usher shared a variety of highlights from the year which included: County is changing focus from social programs to public safety, focusing on important citizen rights, transparency enhancements, and new drainage ditch authority plan; probation department transitioned to community corrections, long-term infrastructure planning, established first 0% levy increase in +10 years; procuring former state hospital property, completing Imagine 2045 comp plan, exploring options for new highway dept. facility, working on staff retention and morale, economic development baby steps, many events being hosted by health and human services and case loads have increased, Sheriff's department added 2 new deputies and an Emergency Manager, recently added Maple Ridge Park Preserve – 730 acres; process 60 single family dwelling permits, #3 in population growth statewide behind Wright and Sherburne counties, various road projects,
- Attended **North Branch High School Career Fair** – Thursday, April 11, meeting with several new employer contacts willing to connect with youth for WEP/Job Shadow, etc. and renewed some previous contacts.
- **East Central Schools Career Fair** – Friday, May 3. BSC - assisting with business contacts and coordination.
- **Rush City High School Career Fair** – Thursday, May 9, 12:30pm – 3:00pm.
- **Chisago County Manufacturing Month** event hosted by Chisago County HRA-EDA will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, and will include business tours for high school students, and onsite speaker and business booths. Planning sessions are underway.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College Cambridge Advisory Committee hosted **the IT Center of Excellence** as a speaker at the April 18 meeting. Their new initiatives present a wealth of opportunities for CMJTS, the Board, and the communities and businesses we serve. **Some items include – free high school computer science curriculum, Cyber Internet Safety Training for community members “Becoming Cyber Savvy (in person and online)(CMJTS could offer to host an in-person training at our locations for customers and community members); Cyber Security for Employees (CMJTS could access this for our own employees and also promote this resources to the businesses we serve to use with their own employees), Advanced Cyber Security for IT Professions (customized training style for businesses to help protect their**

business and even specific departments – for example specific departments in manufacturing that are run by computer, Ag equipment run by computer, and many more – fee based on customer need). We can request a presentation for the Board on all of these tools. <https://www.minnesotatechresources.org/>

East Central Development Partnership – Hosted a FAM event on Wednesday, April 17 at Pizza Pub in Pine City. DEED Business Development Representative Matt Hauck was the keynote speaker. The May ECDP meeting, will be held in Chisago County at Bull Rush Golf Course, and will focus on workforce. Luke Greiner, Della Ludwig, and Rebecca Perrotti will share information during this regular membership meeting. BSC participates in monthly ECDP Executive Board meetings as well.

Human Resources Cooperative – Thursday, April 18, conversation centered around the challenges of Earned Sick and Safe Time. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 23 (date change) in-person at the Pine Innovation Center in Pine City. Check in and chat from 8am – 8:30, meeting from 8:0-10am.

Tiger Community Connections – Princeton High School is hosting mock interviews for students during the week of May 6-10 – more volunteers are needed. If interested now or being notified of future events during the coming school year feel free to reach out to Heather Sorenson - heather.sorenson@isd477.org. Princeton continues to work on planning for their Career Crawl for teachers, and their Tiger Career Pathways initiatives for students.

Cambridge-Isanti High School Careers, College, Community Collaboration continues to meet monthly and has been prioritizing tours of local manufacturers by their Career Center staff to develop relationships for future YST, CTE programming, and student internships.

Incumbent Worker Projects

New

- City of Hinckley, Pine County, 2 trainees
- Two additional project applications pending – 1 in Pine County, 1 in Chisago County.

On-going

- Kendall Family Services, Chisago, Isanti, Washington Counties, 3 trainees
- Advanced Volumetrics, Wright County, 25 trainees

On-going file management and follow up for IW files in WF1.

Operation Exploration Planning – Coordinating presenters for the weeklong healthcare camp to be held at the Mora High School the week of June 24-28. Newly scheduled employers include Lighthouse Child and Family Services, Kendall Family Services, and Anoka Ramsey Community College Pharmacy Tech program. Additional presenters previously listed include – tour to highlight occupations, lunch and bingo with residents at St. Clare Senior Living, Life Link III will fly in and land at Mora High School to share about their occupations and show their helicopter, Sheriff's Department and Fire Department to highlight dispatch and EMS coordination services, CPR/First Aid training will be provided, Welia will be providing presenters from HR, Clinic Nursing, Imaging, and Rehab Services, Embrace Orthodontics. Coborn's, Kwik Trip and Welia have committed to donations for lunch and snacks. Seeking additional donations.

Social Security Advocacy Services – Working on cases in the East Central Region at various stages in the application process. Working one on one with individuals to assist in filing applications and key function and work history reports, helping to identify progress on their cases and to submit information in a timely manner that will support their case.

Local Layoffs – have reached out to contacts in the community to learn more about recent local business closings and subsequent layoffs in an attempt to connect those who may have been dislocated with available program resources.






Timber Valley Grille – Milaca

Circle B Weddings and Events – Isanti





Grant Team – participated in a call for the Meet Processing Train and Retrain grant, editing for proposals and regional plan.

Unemployment Rate Data and Information



Local Unemployment Statistics for March 2024

More Info	Area - click name for historical data	Labor Force	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment	Employment to Population Ratio	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
	Chisago County	30,372	NA	29,096	NA	1,276	4.2%
	Isanti County	22,171	NA	21,044	NA	1,127	5.1%
	Kanabec County	9,432	NA	8,763	NA	669	7.1%
	Mille Lacs County	13,079	NA	12,144	NA	935	7.1%
	Pine County	14,728	NA	13,716	NA	1,012	6.9%

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	Minnesota	3,103,046	68.1%	3,005,113	65.9%	97,933	3.2%
	U S Seasonally Adjusted	167,895,000	62.7%	161,466,000	60.3%	6,429,000	3.8%
	Minnesota Seasonally Adjusted	3,097,736	68%	3,013,531	66.1%	84,205	2.7%

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 	EDR 7E- East Central	89,782	NA	84,763	NA	5,019	5.6%



PROTECT YOURSELF WITH OUR CYBER SECURITY TRAINING



Scan the QR Code
to Register



FREE Community Event

Become Cyber Savvy

May 23rd

4-5:30pm

Anoka Ramsey Community College,
Cambridge

This training is perfect for
everyone who is interested in
learning how to:

- Identify potential risks
- Create a safe password
- Protect your technology systems
- Get real life examples

Go to our website and learn more about
our training.
<https://www.minnesotatechresources.com>



“The State of Isanti County”

Presented by:

County Board Chair Alan Duff &
County Administrator Amanda Usher



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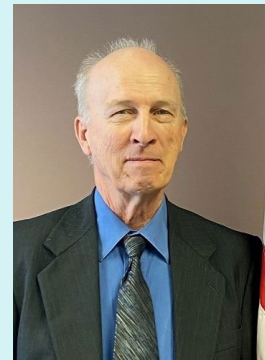
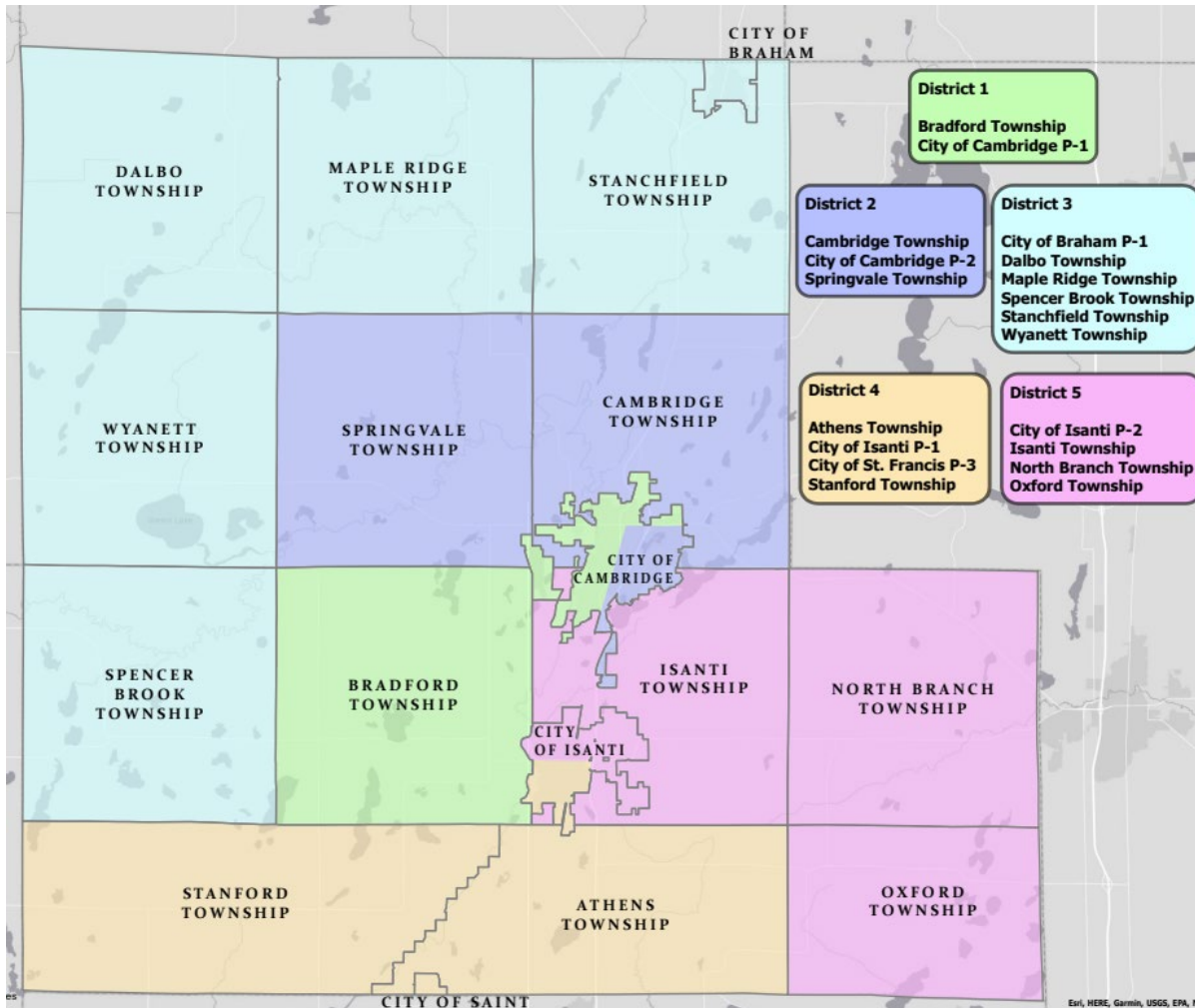
County Board Leadership



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District 3



District 4



District 5

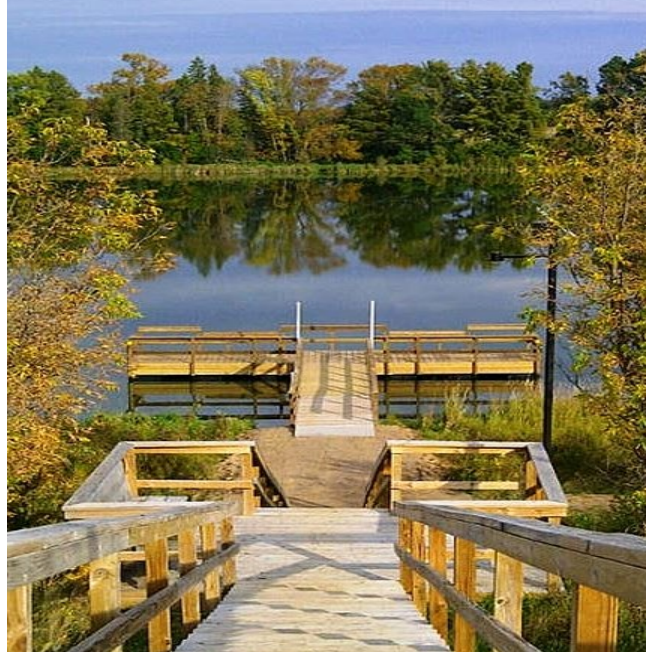
2023 Highlights

- Transparency Enhancements
- Changing Focus from Social Programs to Public Safety
- Focusing on Important Citizen Rights
- Completed a New Drainage Ditch Authority Plan



2023 Highlights Continued

- Probation Department Transitioned to Community Corrections
- Long-term Infrastructure Planning
- Established the first ZERO percent levy increase in over 10 years
- Living Within Our Means



2024 Priorities

- Procuring former State Hospital Property
- Completing Imagine 2045 Comprehensive Plan
- Exploring options for a new Highway Department Facility
- Road Improvements, including repaving of 30 miles of county roads and County Road 5/Dual Boulevard roundabout
- Negotiating contracts with seven unions
- Low taxes while maintaining sufficient fund balance reserves



2024 Priorities Continued

- Auditor presents Voting Procedures
- Updating County Mission and Strategic Planning Priorities
- Updating our Contracting Policy
- Staff Retention and Morale
- Economic Development “Baby Steps”





The work we do in the office... and in the community!

Health and Human Services

- Caseloads have increased in many of the program areas
- Very busy with Health Care Renewals post pandemic
- Conducted “One Pill Can Kill” events at local schools.
- Working on Reducing Opioid Fatalities and Near Deaths.
- The Baby Café is open each Thursday through a partnership with Allina and Cambridge-Isanti Schools
- Focused efforts on Suicide Prevention in Isanti County – Mental First Aid Trainings will be offered to residents soon!
- Special Committee has been working to address the Childcare Shortage in Isanti County!
- Hosted and participated in many community events including Operation Community Connect, a Baby Shower Event for families, Moving Forward (an informational event for those with disabilities), Senior Fairs, and the annual Career Day at CIHS.



Isanti County: The Fentanyl Crisis
What every person MUST know

Join us for this free event
Wednesday, March 27
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Braham Event Center

Doors open at 5:30 pm with free pizza and community resources
Program begins at 6:15 pm
Open to the public: Students and families are encouraged to attend

VIEWING OF 'MINNESOTA'S FENTANYL CRISIS'
Investigated by WCCO

Panel Discussion with local experts

East Central Drug Task Force Agent
Braham Police Officer
Braham School Counselor
CMC Emergency Department
Recovering Hope/Steve Rummier
Hope Network Counselor
Impacted Community Members

Be the lifeline.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

If you or someone you know needs support now,
call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org)



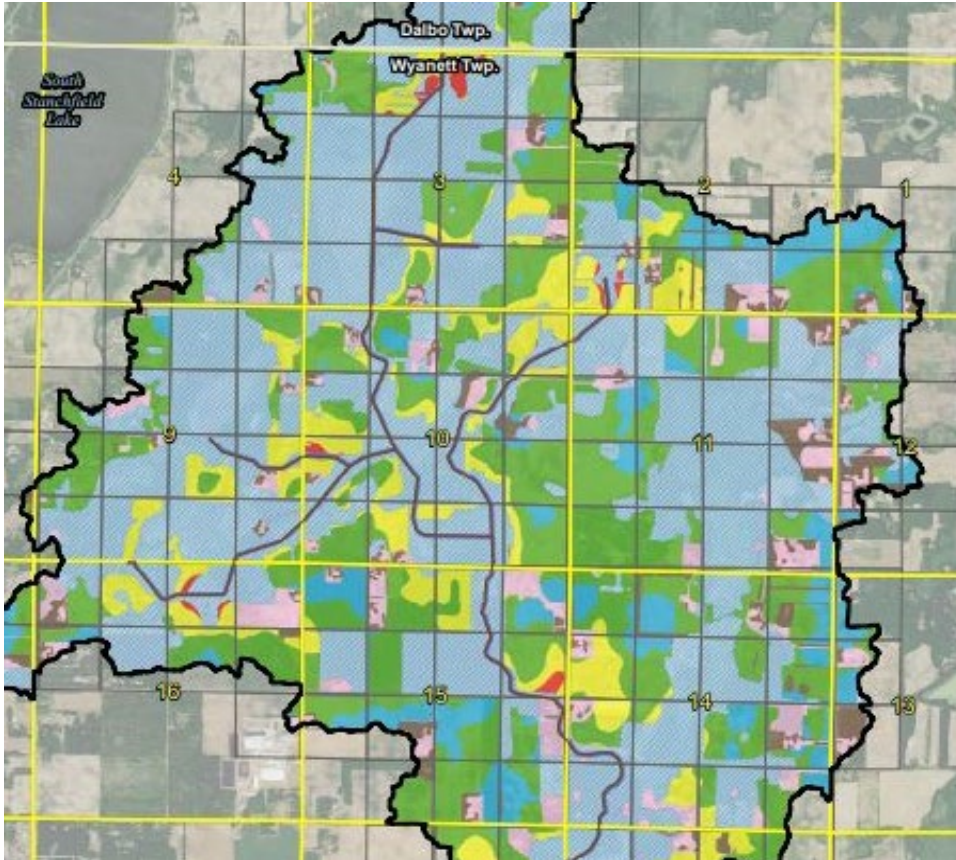
SHERIFF

- Conducted 3,982 security checks of properties and businesses
- Completed over 2,500 traffic stops in 2023
- Answered 7,282 incoming 911 calls
- Processed 1,131 inmates in our jail
- Provided Safety and Security for the Isanti County Fair
- Added two new deputies and an Emergency Manager



Environmental Services

Parks, Ditches, & U of M Extension



- Six County Parks
- *Recently added* Maple Ridge Park Preserve - a 730-acre wildlife preserve.
- Our Parks Department and 4-H programs host several events throughout the year.
- Over 300 kids enrolled in 4-H!
- The first updated Redetermination of Benefits on a County Ditch was completed recently.



Veteran Services

Assist Veterans with many services, including:

- Healthcare
- Financial Assistance
- VA Home Loans
- Educational Opportunities
- Mental Health Help



Official Ballot

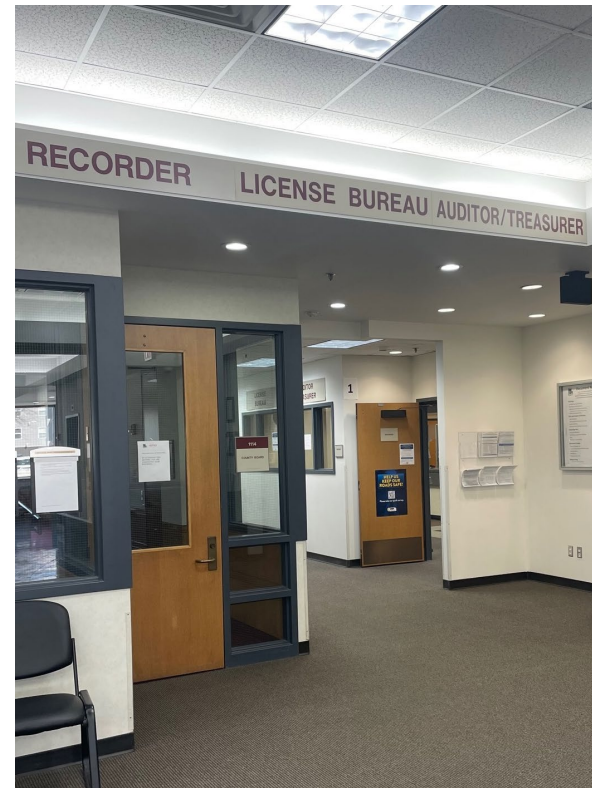
Town Election Ballot
Town of Stanford
March 12, 2024

Judge _____
Judge _____

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

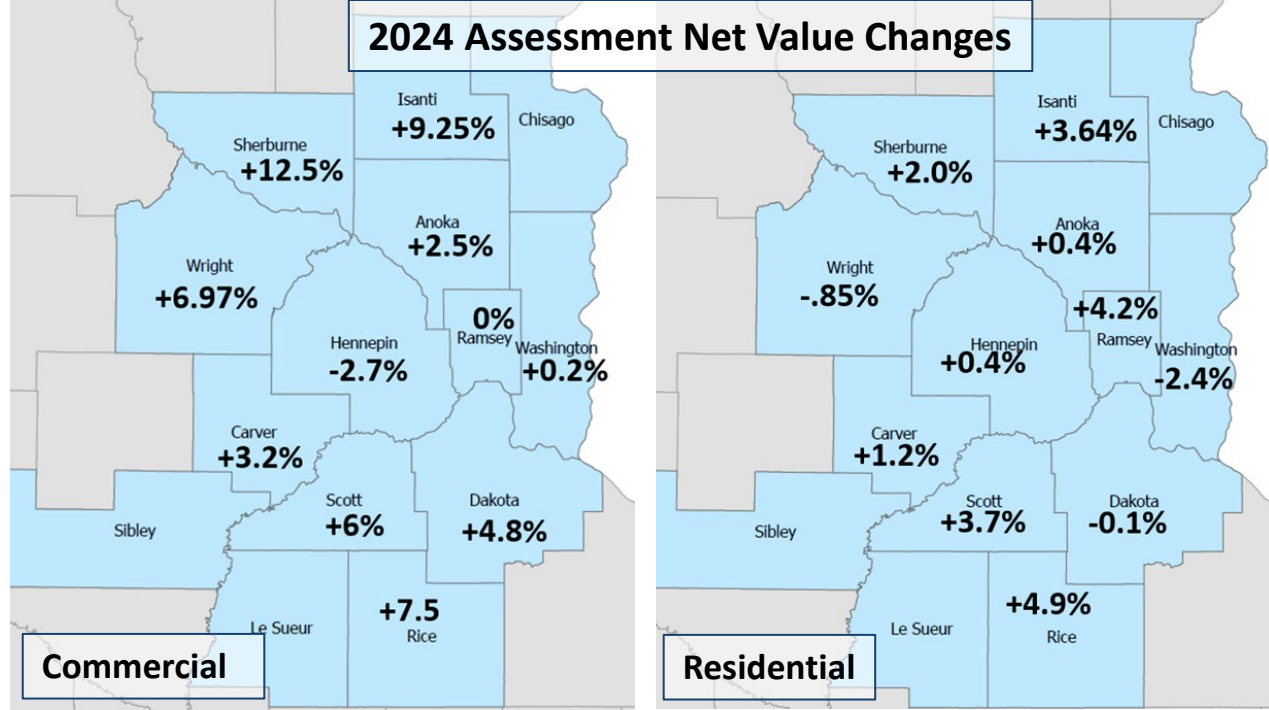
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Town Clerk Vote for One	
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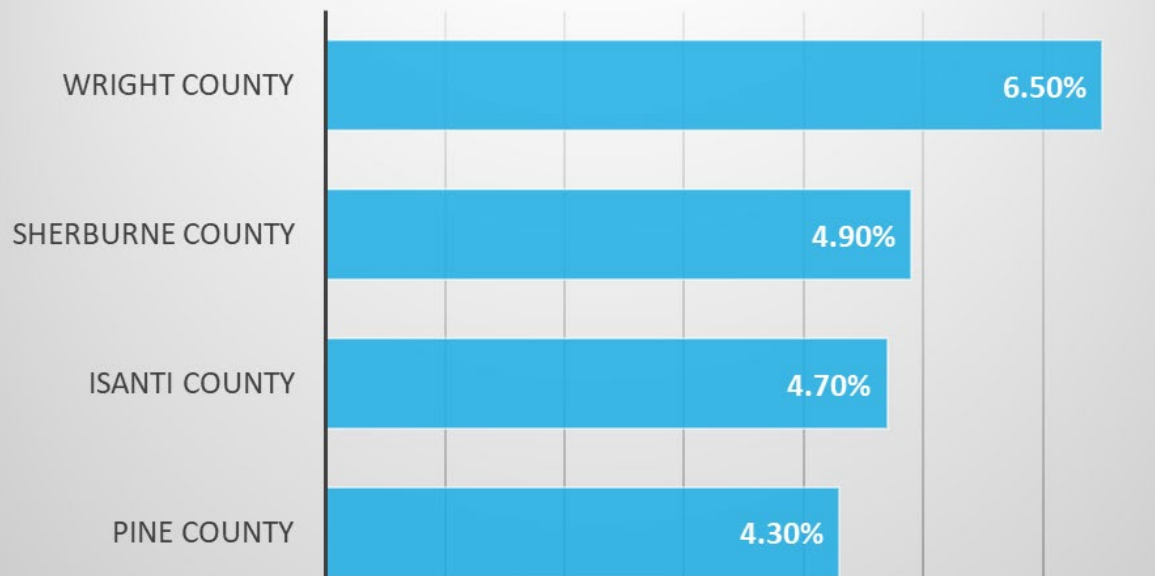


Finance & Property Services

- Helped over 15,000 customers get their Drivers License
- Issued over 1,300 Birth Certificates
- Assisted over 300 couples obtain a Marriage License
- Provides Election Judge Training – If you are interested in becoming an election judge, please contact your City or Township Clerk.



County Population Growth



Assessor

- **Population Growth (2020 – 2023)**
 - Isanti County: 4.7%
 - #3 in Population Growth Statewide
- **Assessment Growth (2020-2023)**
 - Assessment Growth: 36.62%
 - 974 Single-Family Homes
 - \$378,448,400 in New Construction Value
 - Agricultural: \$20,425,000
 - Residential: \$301,262,800
 - Multi-Family: \$32,264,100
 - Industrial: \$2,182,700
 - Commercial: \$22,273,100

Highway

- 3rd Annual Touch a Truck Event on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Isanti County Fairgrounds!
- CSAH 5 reconstruction from HWY 47 to CSAH 10 that included improvements including:
 - 8-foot-wide paved shoulder on each side of the road
 - Dedicated right turn lanes
 - Bypass lanes for safety improvement
- Maintain 359 Miles of County Roads
- Conduct inspections on 36 Bridges
- SLOW year for plowing. Plenty of salt for next year.





Probation

Isanti County Probation transitioned to Community Corrections on July 1, 2023, and brought in 1.6 million dollars of State funding. Currently the department is overseeing the following numbers of offenders.

- Adult Active cases = 785, High, Med, Low probation offenders
- Juvenile Active cases = 93,
- Probation Service Center = 561, Low risk administrative cases

County Attorney's Office

- Opened 1,030 new cases in 2023
- Helped over 1,000 victims
- Participates in community events and provides educational lessons from real-life cases to student drivers

Business and Business-Related News for Economic Development Region 6E: April 2024.

DEED News: DEED announced more than \$2.2 million in land redevelopment funding to eight communities statewide – creating or retaining 91 jobs, collectively increasing local tax bases by \$3.1 million and leveraging more than \$228.7 million in private investment. The Redevelopment Grant Program helps communities with the costs of redeveloping blighted industrial, residential, or commercial sites and putting land back into productive use. The Demolition Loan Program helps communities with the removal of dilapidated or unsafe structures to prep sites for future development. Hutchinson was awarded a grant!

Hutchinson: Jorgensen Hotel The city of Hutchinson was awarded \$150,000 in Redevelopment Grant funds for demolition on this 0.26-acre site. Built in 1916, the existing Jorgensen Hotel has been home to a bank, restaurant, drug store, bowling alley and apartments. After the original hotel burned down, it was rebuilt using large amounts of concrete, which has proven to be costly for past redevelopment attempts. The current plan is to demolish the site and redevelop it into a new hotel. It is anticipated this project will create six jobs, increase the property tax base by \$121,200 and leverage \$8 million of private investment. Matching funds will be paid by tax increment financing and the developer.

Hutchinson and Litchfield Newspaper closing:

Hutchinson Leader will cease operations April 28, bringing an end to its more than 140 years of service to Hutchinson and the McLeod County area. The Leader's shopper companion, Weekend Leader Shopper, and its sister publications, the Litchfield Independent Review and Meeker County Advertiser, and the Crow River Press printing business also will close. The Leader and Independent Review, like many newspaper businesses around the country, have been challenged during the past decade or longer by changing lifestyle habits, especially by the dramatic shift in advertising revenue from local print publications to digital options such as Google, Facebook and Amazon.

CherryRoad Media taking over for the Hutchinson Paper: CherryRoad Media, the media division of CherryRoad Technologies of Parsippany, New Jersey, has announced it will be opening two new community journalism operations, the Litchfield Rail and the Hutchinson Station, with publication of the new newspapers to begin May 9. Staffing the new community newspapers will be previous editorial and advertising staff from the Leader and Independent Review, including Editor Brent Schacherer, who has been doing journalism in Hutchinson and Litchfield for 25 years.

Ridgewater College news: The Customized Training department at Ridgewater College is excited to introduce three new entry-level, accelerated training programs this summer: **welding, limited energy, and carpentry.** These meticulously crafted programs are designed to provide individuals with the essential skills needed to excel in high-demand careers.

April 2024 Events in Region 6E:

April 3rd- ‘Truck Day’ by Ridgewater. 6 Businesses attended with vehicles and Ridgewater’s Truck Simulator.
Total Students: 200

Link: <https://www.wctrib.com/news/local/touch-a-truck-career-expo-takes-over-willmar-senior-high>

April 12th – Hutchinson Tiger Path High School hiring event. Total Businesses 37. Students 250

April 18th- Willmar Employer Presentation by CMJTS for High School job fair success businesses: 12

April 23th- Transition Trek Table for CMJTS Disability services. Businesses 12. Attendees 20

Link: <https://www.bhmschools.org/13th-annual-transition-trek-arrives-april-23>

April 25th- Willmar HS job fair. Businesses 44, students 1350. Every school in Kandiyohi County sent students.

Link: <https://www.wctrib.com/news/local/photos-job-fair-career-expo-sees-highest-business-turnout-in-seven-years>

April 26th- EXPLORE Regional Career Day for High Schoolers at Ridgewater College Willmar. Business-23 students-450. <https://ridgewater.edu/events/explore-your-future/>

April 29th- PRIDE Transitions presentation at their Informational Meeting event about CMJTS Disability Services. Link: <https://www.bhmschools.org/pride>

There were **464** postings on Minnesotaworks.net for Region 6E.

An **decrease** of 38 job postings from **502** in 30 days.

Kandiyohi County:	202 posts (187 FT and 15 PT)	Down from last month:
	212 posts (195 FT and 17 PT)	
McLeod County:	149 posts (127 FT and 22 PT)	Down from last month:
	154 posts (134 FT and 20 PT)	
Meeker County:	75 posts (67 FT and 8 PT)	Down from last month:
	95 posts (77 FT and 18 PT)	
Renville County:	38 posts (37 FT and 1 PT)	Down from last month:
	41 posts (40 FT and 1 PT)	

Committee/Project Involvement/Misc. Business Service Coordinator Activity Highlights

I have been fortunate to participate in several EDA, Community based, and agency based virtual meetings:

- Translator Certification training partnership with ABE Willmar and Hutchinson.
- Mid-MN Regional Transportation Coordinating Council MMRTCC.
- Open Doors for Youth Sub Committee Staffing strategies.
- LYFT committee Advisory Board meeting.
- Willmar High School job fair planning committee meeting.
- EXPLORE Career Day Ridgewater Willmar planning committee twice a month.
- Ticket to Work, Benefit Analysis and Placement Referral customer meetings and intakes.
- Monticello CareerForce staff coverage days.

Incumbent Worker projects in process:

Pact for Families: Interpreter Certification training. \$2,300, 3 trainees.

K&S Millwrights: Crane Operator training. \$17,520. 3 trainees.

Incumbent Worker Projects:

Unlimited Ag: CDL Training Ridgewater College. 5 trainees. \$25,000. Modification to end date.

Follow Up IW Projects:

Haug-Kubota Implement: CDL training, Ridgewater College, 3 trainees, \$5600.

Nanotech Precision: Awarded 6/7/2022. Apprenticeship program development training. 4 trainees, \$25,000.

IRD Glass: Software training, Leadership Development, Reasonable Suspicion for Leaders.

Loftness Farm Equipment: AWS Welding protocol. Trainees: 16 total \$11,600.

Southwest Initiative Foundation: DEI and Leadership training: \$21,600 with 22 trainees.

Whirltronics: Master CAM & Leadership training: \$7,300 with 3 trainees.

Custom Products: Awarded 5/23/2022. Leadership and Lean training. 47 trainees. \$23,181.00.

Haug Implement Willmar: CDL training Ridgewater College. 4 Trainees. \$25,000.

Minnesota DEED Unemployment Statistics posted are 30 days behind.

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McLeod County	19,419	NA	18,690	NA	729	3.8%
Meeker County	14,044	NA	13,472	NA	572	4.1%
Renville County	8,042	NA	7,653	NA	389	4.8%