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Letter from the Mayor



**Mayor
George A. Wimmer**

CITY MEETING DATES:

All meetings are held at
City Hall:
110 1st Ave. NW

CITY COUNCIL
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION**
Held at 5:45 prior to the
2nd City Council Meeting
of the month

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**
2nd Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

**PARK &
RECREATION
BOARD**
4th Tuesday of the month
at 5:00 p.m.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**
4th Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.

We have lots to talk about in this issue!

For the first time our Council meetings will be made readily available to the public. In an effort to continue to bring greater transparency to City Hall, City Council meeting audio is now posted on the City website. (www.cityofisanti.us) The public may listen directly from the website or download the audio.

We are completing the 2nd year of my "Mayor's Great Yard Award" recognizing the hard work of our City's residents. I want to thank Landmark Bank, Isanti Hardware Hank, and Northland Landscaping for funding the prizes.

The Water Treatment Facility has started construction with a cost lower than anticipated. I've asked City staff to recalculate our water rates and present the new options to Council. Since the higher water rates are reflective of the original construction cost estimates, it only makes sense that we should be able to lower the fees we all pay.

We are conducting a City wide contest to help design our City Flag. I am working to have prize money donated to reward our winning designers. This will be a fun and exciting process that will highlight our tremendous community spirit!

The Ever Cat Fuels bio-diesel facility has finished building its exterior structure and will be completing the interior mechanical construction this fall.

Isanti Retail Meats will be breaking ground shortly on Main Street and will take its place across from the Creamery – a milestone in Historic Downtown development.

The bike/walk trail connecting Isanti and Cambridge is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2009. The Isanti City Staff, Cambridge City Staff, Isanti County Staff and I are working out the details on a joint agreement to manage the design, construction, and future maintenance of the trail. This is an important physical and symbolic link to our neighbors to the north.

Isanti won the prestigious Economic Development Association of Minnesota's Business Recruitment award for bringing Ever Cat Fuels to Isanti. I was excited to accept this award as recognition of the success of our new approach to growing our business community. We are working hard to continue to build on our recent business growth to ensure a more diverse commercial base.

The Isanti Fall Music Fest is September 13th. There have been a number of changes to this Chamber Event. Look for updates soon on this event...

Our new Rental Ordinance will be taking affect in January. This ordinance will give Isanti a valuable tool to manage all the existing and new rental properties throughout the City. Our goal is to ensure the rights of both the property owner and renters while maintaining our collective property values.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let me know.
You may contact me at 763-444-7158 or email me at:
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Meeting dates as noted on page 2 and all changes will be posted on the website, at City Hall and the Post Office. Special Meetings & times will also be posted on the website, City Hall and Post Office.

Community Development

Ordinance Revisions

November 2007 the City Council approved the new Comprehensive Plan. This plan, which lays the foundation of the direction of the City is very important. After the adoption of the plan, Staff was directed to begin re-writing ordinances to reflect the direction of the City. The Housing Task Force, Business-Industrial Sub-Committee and Staff worked and brought the ordinances to the Planning Commission for their review. The Planning Commission will continue to review the proposed ordinances at their September 10, 2008 meeting. If you are interested in the draft document, please contact City Planner Krause at lkrause@cityofisanti.us or 444.5512. Any comments on the document should also be addressed to Mr. Krause.

Electronic Mapping

City Planner Krause has been and continues to work on updating the internet electronic maps for the City. As many of us know when we use internet mapping engines to assist us to get from Point A to Point B, many internet and electronic maps, such as Maps.com and Mapquest.com do not accurately depict our City. Internet mapping site issues include streets that exist are not shown on their maps or some streets that are not accurately shown. Ms. Krause has to add street by street the information and upon the streets being updated, she will then be adding home addresses. If you have any questions on this project, please contact City Planner Krause on this matter at 444.5515 or lkrause@cityofisanti.us.

Economic Development Authority

cvita@cityofisanti.us • 763-444-5512

The City Council gave Economic Development three goals for 2008. Many people from Staff, Committees and sub-committees have been working to achieve the goals. Businesses looking to locate and re-locate often "shop" around to a variety of cities for incentives to move to a community. The City Council recognized the need for tools and made a revolving loan fund and tax abatement policy two of their goals. Both of the goals have been accomplished!

The City used the tax abatement policy for the Isanti Retail Meats project. This is the future business at the intersection of Main Street and First Avenue.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee has met and is prepared for businesses requesting these funds. All financial institutions in Isanti are members of the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Committee and are able to assist a City of Isanti business that might want to use an RLF in conjunction with another business loan. Often these loans are to assist in "gap financing" – the difference from what is needed by the business and the amount their financial institution is able to loan. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Community Development Director Vita at 444.5512 or cvita@cityofisanti.us or our website at www.cityofisanti.us.

A marketing plan was another goal of the City Council. Current accomplishments include letters to Blaine industrial businesses that lease their building to consider buying and or building in Isanti. We continue to refine our website and our reports show a high use on our website. Meetings are also taking place with site selectors that help businesses choose locations for businesses. Some additional accomplishments include: new TH 65 population signs, industrial park sign on TH 65 southbound, and the City's participation with the revitalization project in our downtown.

Isanti Retail Meats


The City Council approved the Development Agreement for the Isanti Retail Meats project in June. This project will bring a retail meat store to our downtown. Tax abatement was used to assist the business with building in downtown Isanti. The school district, county and City worked together with Mr. Demo (the owner), the East Central Regional Development Commission and Community Pride Bank to make this project happen. The many people that worked to make this project occur are anxiously waiting for the store to open with new options for food shopping in our community.

Downtown Committee

Wow has the downtown changed! Since the last publication of the Isantian, the Downtown volunteers have made the downtown shine. Some new items include: the mural on Family Pathways; street poles with flowers or banners; new trash containers; and benches. The committee has and continues to search for donations on these items. If you are interested, please contact the Isanti Chamber at 444.8515.

Many volunteers made the downtown project a success. Their dedication and commitment to the downtown is highly appreciated. The downtown committee is already working on Phase 2 – we have been discussing outdoor eating; decorating for other holidays; and events to bring more people to the downtown. If you have an idea, please contact Community Development Director Vita at 444.5512 or cvita@cityofisanti.us.

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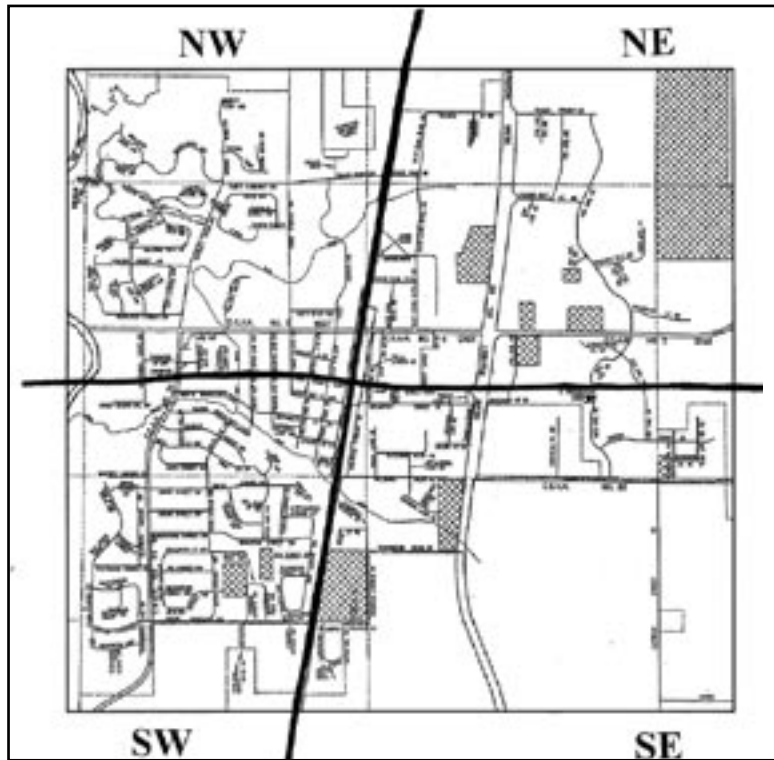
HOURS: Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.




Community Development

Street directional required with new addressing system

In March 2007, the City Council had approved a new street addressing system for the east side of TH 65. In doing so, all addresses throughout the City of Isanti would be required to include the necessary street directional as part of their mailing address. As shown on the map provided, the City of Isanti is divided into four (4) quadrants based upon a "zero line". Where Main Street divides the City into north and south; the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Line divides the City into east and west. The result is four (4) quadrants which include:



northwest, southwest, northeast, and southeast, within the City of Isanti.

The City wants to remind residents to please use the proper directional (NW, NE, SE, and SW) as part of your mailing address. Staff is continually working with the United States Postal Service, utility providers, Isanti County, and various map data companies to ensure that all addresses are being identified with the appropriate directional notation. If you have questions or are unsure about which directional to use, please contact City Hall for clarification.

TH 65 & CSAH 5 Intersection Project

Beginning September 22 the intersection of TH 65 and CSAH 5 is planned to be under construction. In a construction schedule determined by MNDOT, we have been informed that the project is planned to take a total of 35 working days. With the weather and weekends, the project could extend into mid – November.

MNDOT will be placing an additional left turn lane to TH 65 northbound traffic at the CSAH 5 intersection and concrete medians on CSAH 5 on either side of TH 65. Also, CSAH 5 will be milled and overlaid from Dahlin east; and the TH 65 / CSAH 5 intersection will have noticeably different turn lanes in all directions. As the project continues there will be a detour (the route is planned from TH 65 south to Main Street west to Credit Union Drive, north to CSAH 5), lanes will be reduced from 2 to one, and the signal lights may be down for a time. We ask for your patience during this project. This project is to increase the safety of the intersection for all of us. Details of the project are on the City website, a large image is at City Hall, and Staff is eager to answer your questions on this matter.

Per the request of City Staff, MNDOT has met with Mayor Wimmer, Council Member Duff, School District Staff and Isanti Police Department on the project. Bus transportation of Isanti children was and is a major concern discussed at the meeting. The outcome of the meeting is that no issues are expected in bussing. City Staff will be working with school district staff to ensure that all Parents and School District Staff are informed to this project – we all want a great beginning to the school year.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking of vehicles is not allowed on City streets between the hours of 1am and 8am from November 1st through March 31st of every year. Parking is permitted on streets between the hours of 6am and 8 am provided that snow removal has been completed or there is not snow. Parking is not permitted in the City's downtown municipal parking lot (located south of Main Street and west of the railroad tracks) between the hours of 1am and 5am. Your cooperation will help make snow removal effective.

Foreclosed Properties

Foreclosures of homes have been and continue to be a significant issue for the City. Staff continues to monitor and meet frequently on the foreclosed homes within our City. Staff is working to handle issues on these properties in order to keep our neighborhoods strong and vibrant. We ask that you report any neighborhood foreclosed home concerns to City Hall, and if something appears unusual, please contact the Police Department. Some items that we are working on: utility shut-offs to prevent freezing pipes and snow removal for this winter, nuisance removals and other monitoring. The watchful eye of many of you has been appreciated by City Staff.

If you dig a hole:

Please call Gopher One State at 1.800.252.1166 to Locate your utilities for Free!

Community Development

CITY PARKS:

RIVERSIDE PARK

503 Rum River Drive NW
Corner of Rum River Drive NW & Hillock St.



RUM RIVER MEADOWS PARK

1108 South Passage SW
Along the north side of South Passage, just west of County Rd. 23.



MATTSON PARK

311 5th Avenue Northwest
Intersection of Main St. West & 5th Ave. NW.



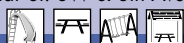
WHISPER RIDGE PARK

795 3rd Ave SW
Nestled behind homes on the corner of Cottonwood St. SW & 3rd Ave. SW.



ISANTI TOT LOT

518 Dogwood Street SW
Nestled behind homes on the corner of Cedar St. SW & 6th Ave. SW.



VFW PARK

410 Railroad Avenue SW
Intersection of Railroad Ave. SW and Palomino Road SW.



UNITY PARK

420 3rd Avenue NW
North of Unity Blvd. NW.



BLUEBIRD PARK

201 Isanti Parkway NW
Intersection of 3rd Ave. NW and Isanti Parkway NW.



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From the Building Department

The Building department is busy with some of the following construction projects: Primary school heating and cooling system renovation, the bio-diesel plant, water treatment facility, a new 36 unit apartment building, Faith Lutheran Church elevator, the liquor store remodeling project, and residential construction projects! Other non-construction related projects include: the rental property and foreclosure projects. Please read the special articles related to those items within this publication.

Backyard recreational fires are regulated by the State Fire Marshal. The regulations require a fire ring. The dimension of the fire ring is restricted to 3' maximum diameter and the flame should not extend more than three feet in the air. There is also a 25' minimum distance required from the ring to a structure or combustible material. This could be a fence, wood pile, wood swing, deck or even something in the neighbors' yard.

If you have a swimming pool, it is important to know that the State of Minnesota currently only requires a permit if the pool is over 24" deep and holds greater than 5000 gallons of water. If you have such a pool you are required to obtain a permit and follow all the regulations and responsibilities as dictated by statute and ordinance. Please call me at 444.5512 or e-mail building-inspections@cityofisanti.us with any questions or concerns.

Bike/Walk Trail Linking Isanti and Cambridge

After several years of planning and fundraising, the Bike/Walk Trail linking Isanti and Cambridge is on its way to becoming a reality. Funds have been allocated by the federal government as well as by the state government, the City of Isanti, City of Cambridge, and Isanti Township to help with the design and construction of this regional trail project. As a result, representatives from the City of Isanti, the City of Cambridge, Isanti County, and the Bike/Walk Trail Committee have been meeting to discuss the location, design, and timeframe for the development of the trail. This trail will serve as a major transportation linkage between the City of Isanti and the City of Cambridge. While the project is only in the preliminary design phases, both communities hope that the trail will be constructed and open to the public by the end of 2009.

City Flag Design Contest

Upon construction of the new city hall, a fourth flag pole was placed near the entrance to the facility. This flag pole was placed in anticipation of the creation of a city flag. At the most recent Park and Recreation Board meeting, the group had requested that the residents of the community be included in the design process. City staff, along with Mayor Wimmer, will be working to prepare and outline a design contest for the city flag that will be open to all Isanti residents. Further information regarding the contest, rules, and deadline for submittal of a flag design will be forthcoming, watch the website.



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Wise Ways to Use Water

- Fall and Winter are generally wet months therefore this reduces the need for watering but doesn't mean you don't water at all. Always check soil for moisture when there is a dry fall or winter.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
- Install covers on pools and spas. Check for leaks around your pumps too.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it does not need water. If it stays flat, fetch the sprinkler.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.



City of Isanti Municipal Election

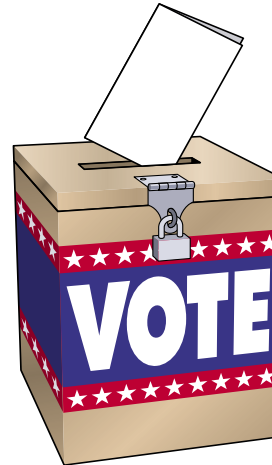
Primary Elections: September 9, 2008
General Elections: November 4, 2008

Voting Location: City Hall
110 1st Ave NW

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the Municipal Primary Election, voters had the opportunity to vote for two candidates out of the five candidates that filed for the two Council Seats.

At the General Election, voters will vote for two candidates for the two Council seats that have a four-year term. And vote for one candidate for the Mayor's seat that has a two-year term.



Rental Ordinance

A Rental Dwelling Unit Ordinance was adopted by the City of Isanti in May 2008. The new ordinance regulates the licensing and use of rental dwelling properties within the City limits. On January 1, 2009 the owner of every residential rental dwelling unit must be licensed by the City. There are prerequisites before a license may be obtained and certain deadlines that shall be met. So if you are an owner, landlord, manager or agent of a residential rental property(s) you need to notify the City of Isanti Building Department immediately. The ordinance states that operating a residential lease without the license is a misdemeanor and fully punishable by law for violating.

Upon contacting the Building Inspections Department we can schedule a pre-inspection to assist you on the requirements under the ordinance. The rental and residential maintenance ordinance is on the City website at www.cityofisanti.us. Please contact Building Official Rick Sames at 444.5512 or building-inspections@cityofisanti.us for any concerns that you may have on this matter.

City Offices Closed

October 13

Columbus Day

November 11

Veteran's Day

November 27 & 28

Thanksgiving

December 24

1/2 day Christmas

December 25

Christmas

2009 Budget

The Isanti City Council plans to approve the 2009 Preliminary Budget and tax levy at the September 2, 2008 City Council meeting along with dates for the truth-in-taxation hearings to be held in late November and early December 2008. Property owners will receive notices from the County in mid November informing them of the truth-in-taxation hearing dates, time and place along with information on their proposed property taxes for payable year 2009. You will also be able to find this information on the City's website. The Final 2009 Budget and tax levy will then be approved by the Isanti City Council at their last meeting in December.



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The Isanti County Safe Cab Program Makes a Difference in Safety!

Did you know that since December of 2003 there is a service in Isanti County that provides rides to persons who have been drinking and feel they should not drive?

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The Safe Cab program is a collaboration between the liquor business owners, Judge James Dehn, the East Central Regional Development Commission, local donors and Cambridge Cab among others. Working together to reduce DUI's makes our roads safer and reduces deaths and injuries. This cost effective program has provided over 1,000 rides in its short existence and is privately funded.

Running nearly every day of the year the Safe Cab program is becoming a national model of how to combat DUI deaths, accidents, injuries and arrests. It is so successful that it is currently considering expanding to portions of Pine, Chisago and Northern Washington counties.

None of this would be possible without the partners and donors that make it possible. The participating liquor establishments are:

Cambridge Bar & Grill, Cambridge, MN
Sidelines Sports Grill, Cambridge, MN
American Legion Post # 290, Cambridge, MN
VFW Post 2735, Isanti, MN
Junction Bowl, Isanti, MN

We would also like to thank McDonald Distributing of Rush City for their generous support of the program and the following donors:

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If you or your business would like to donate to the Isanti County Safe Cab program please call Bob Boltenbeck at the East Central Regional Development Commission at 320-679-4065. We appreciate your donations to keep our road safe!



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Isanti Water Treatment Facility

Construction of the Isanti Water Treatment Facility is underway, the new facility which is located on the same site as the Isanti water tower. The water treatment plant will treat the Cities drinking water to reduce radium, manganese and iron. Radium must be removed from the water to comply with federal drinking water standards. Manganese and Iron are removed for aesthetic reasons. Manganese will create black streaks in your fixtures and iron will make the water red or orange in color. Bids were received on July 8, 2008 with the low bid being substantially under budget. Municipal Builders, Inc. from Andover was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract. A groundbreaking ceremony took place on August 6 to celebrate the new start of the construction on the new facility. The construction crews are currently preparing the site and footings for the new building. Municipal Builders, Inc. has indicated they would like to have the new building enclosed by the end of December, 2008 so they can work throughout the winter on interior piping and plumbing. If construction goes as planned the new facility could be in operation and delivering treated water to all Isanti residents as early as early as August 2009. Please call City Engineer Brad DeWolf P.E. at 612-756-1032 if you have any additional questions.



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Public Notice

Important information about your drinking water

Tests show levels of radium 226 and radium 228 above drinking water standards

The City of Isanti public water supply routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Recent testing results show that the average level of combined radium 226 and radium 228 was 6.0/pico-Curies per liter (pCi/L). This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 5.4 pCi/L.

Radium 226 and Radium 228 occur naturally within the groundwater. Some people who drink water containing radium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

This is not an emergency. You do not need an alternative source of water, such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Home water treatments units are available to reduce radium 226 and radium 228, which include water softening, reverse osmosis, and distillation. It is recommended that these home water treatment units be certified to ensure radium removal. The use of carbon filters is not recommended for removal of radium, as radium may accumulate in the filter over time.

Your public water supply is exploring methods to reduce the level of radium 226 and radium 228, which may include an alternative water source or water treatment. You will be informed when the public water supply has reduced the level of radium and meets the standard.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact: Irene Bauer, City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator, 763-444-5512 or by mail at 110 1st Avenue North, PO Box 428, Isanti, MN 55040. This notice is being sent to you by City of Isanti City Hall.

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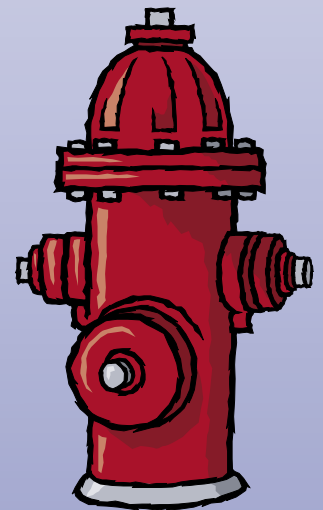
SEE UPDATE ON PAGE 8.

Flushing of the Water Mains Scheduled for September 29th – October 10th.

If you live in or near an area that is being flushed, your water may have some discoloration for a short period of time. You should avoid doing laundry at this time or running your water, as this can actually bring discolored water directly into your home's pipes. Run your tap after the flushing and it should clear up.

Watch the website for updates on which areas will be flushed on certain days within the scheduled time:

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Community Events

Upcoming Events

September 13th

Fall Music Fest

October 11th

Old Tyme Dance

October 11th

Make a Difference Day

October 25th

VFW Kids Halloween Party

October 31

Trick & Skate

November 9th

Home for the Holidays

December 6th

Santa Day & Town Tree
Trimming

December 13th

VFW Kids Xmas Party

December 31st

New Year's Eve Bash

Isantian Deadlines & Contact Info

The Isantian is published four times a year. The next edition of the Isantian newsletter will be sent out December 15th with an advertising deadline of December 1st.

If you would like to advertise in the Isantian, please contact Sue Beckman, 763-691-6035 or Karen Barth 763-691-6007 at the Scotsman/Isanti County News.

For additional information regarding any of the content of the Isantian, please see our website www.cityofisanti.us or contact the city staff at the numbers listed on Page 3 of this newsletter.

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Welcome Back to School

Yes, school is just around the corner. Parents have asked me how they can help their child be successful in school. One effective and relatively easy way is to help them set goals and then work to achieve the goals. Much like each of us, setting goals for ourselves, our families and our work, our children need to have direction and focus as well.

Even our youngest children can set goals and learn to organize and develop routines to successfully achieve their goals.

When setting goals with your children, be specific and keep them simple and easy to achieve. Achievable and effective goals for your child:

- are realistic;
- help them grow as they work toward desired results;
- are something they want to achieve;
- are something they believe they can do; and
- are within their skills and abilities.

Possible goals for a younger child might be to make his/her bed every day without being told to do so; to take care of the family pet; read a book for a set number of minutes every night, etc.

With older children you should develop more elaborate goal statements that include step-by-step lists of actions to be taken to achieve the goals and the benefits of reaching the goal. Set timelines and target dates for achieving the goals and discuss solutions for possible setbacks or roadblocks along the way.

When your children set goals, write them down, (younger children can draw pictures of themselves working toward their goal), and display the goals somewhere in your house where they can be seen every day. Discuss the goals at regular weekly intervals and ask your children how they are doing. Help them by problem solving small obstacles as they arise, and compliment them on their progress no matter how small it may seem.

Over time goal setting will become a natural part of your time with your children. It will lead to communication about important parts of their lives and their future. It will offer you insight into their thoughts and dreams, and establish the framework for their success in school and beyond.

Bruce Novak, Superintendent of ISD #911

Did You Know? ISD #911 offers Career Exploration

Did you know the Cambridge-Isanti High School has a comprehensive Career Service Center to assist you and your child with career exploration?

If your child is beginning high school, graduation may seem like a long way off. Yet it is during these years that teens should be exploring interests that may lead to full-time jobs, admittance to technical schools, community colleges or universities.

By exploring interests now through volunteer work, hobbies or internships, you can better help your son or daughter decide what career path to take upon graduation. Research shows if youth can see their dreams as possible paths toward employment, they are more likely to reach their career goals.

Early and ongoing career exploration can help raise the topic for discussion at times when your teenager is most receptive. As a parent look for information beginning with freshman orientation, that will help you and your child begin the process of career exploration.

Opportunities available to your daughter or son include programs such as: Job shadowing; Mock interview; Volunteering; Tours of local businesses and manufacturing; or Guest speakers from our business community and others.

If you have questions or interests contact Ms. Mari Ringness and/or Ms. Amanda Vagle at the Cambridge-Isanti High School Career Services Office at 763-689-6025 or 763-689-6026. You can also learn more by going to the Cambridge-Isanti High School Website.



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Robin Hardy, sponsored by Isanti Lions; Stephanie Hanson, sponsored by Lake State Federal Credit Union; and Mariah Harper, sponsored by Captain's on Long Lake.

Since July the 2008 Isanti Ambassadors have represented the City of Isanti at many out-of-town parades and coronations, as well as many local community events.



Rum River BMX

When the leaves start to turn golden and other activities start to wind down... the action is still heating up at Rum River BMX. With one of the non-profit association's biggest seasons ever cruising along we want to remind you that there is still lots of time to get involved! Try one of our many up-coming BMX for beginner classes, they are all listed on our web-site (www.rumriverbmx.com) on the race task bar or you can get the information by calling our track hotline @ 763-444-5429. Moms and Dads, brothers and Sisters are all joining in the fun! If you're not sure about what to expect...don't worry come on down and check it out by watching a race for free! That's right all spectators watch the racing for free, we race on Tuesday nights starting at 6:00pm until the second week of September and then switch to Saturdays with racing getting underway at noon. We have a special rider appreciation race on September 20th where we will give out all kinds of awards and prizes. There is going to be a parent's race, a tot's race, a pit-bike race and some of the best riders in the state coming to take part in the fun. Don't worry about starting late or missing out as our memberships are all good for one calendar year from the date of sign up and with our "Get up, Get out & Ride" sponsorship you can't go wrong! Racing is based on age and skill level so you won't feel like you were thrown in the deep end of the pool. Winter riding is available through our partnership with the only indoor race track in Minnesota just a few minutes away. Join the excitement that is taking hold of the country, become part of the Rum River BMX family.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do while helping your community at the same time? Please see below for some options. They can use your help and can be satisfying at the same time!

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