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## Local gym continues fight against Parkinson's effects

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Members of Rocksteady Boxing work out on rowing machines during one of their sessions.

If you pass by the unassuming storefront on Adams Street S in Cambridge, you might think Rocksteady Boxing is just another gym. Look closer, and you'll notice that the boxers aren't your typical gym rats. That's because all of Rocksteady's clients have Parkinson's Disease.

Parkinson's disease affects approximately 10 million people worldwide. It's a progressive neurological disorder that attacks the dopamine receptors in the brain. Exercise, which produces dopamine, isn't just a good idea; it's essential for those affected. As the Parkinson Foundation states, "Exercise is the medication."

K.C. Bohn, the owner of the Rocksteady franchise in Cambridge, sums it up this way, "If you had a disease and someone told you there was a pill you could take every day to make it better, you'd take it, right? That pill is exercise."

### MORE THAN JUST STRAPPING ON GLOVES

Originally, the space the gym occupies was a bike shop owned by Bohn. After one of his longtime customers was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Bohn became interested in the link between exercise and Parkinson's.

After seeing a news broadcast about Rocksteady Boxing, he decided that's what he could do to help.

Bohn believes the notion of boxing might be intimidating to some people looking for help with their diagnosis. That's why his approach is more of whole-body wellness. "It's a program about bringing people together who are all suffering from the same issues and being able to work out. The science

shows that they need 30 to 40 minutes of intense cardio. That's what we're trying to give them, along with the balance and core, and just bringing that camaraderie together. That's kind of what Rock Steady is to me."

Classes consist of interval training, which includes stretching, rowing, tai chi, strength exercises, and yes, boxing drills.

Dean Polsfut, who joined Rocksteady

after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's, acknowledges it can be intimidating at first.

"Absolutely. You don't know until you come here what it's all about, and when you get here, all you think you're going to do is come in here and just start boxing. You don't know much more than that. But once you get in here, you can see right away that it's more than just strapping on some gloves and hitting something. It's a complete fitness program that is so good for us."

Bohn deviated from the training he received from the Rocksteady corporate offices in Florida when he decided to adopt a more data-driven, whole-body approach. "If the science shows they need the high-intense cardio, how do you prove they're getting it? That's why we have the heart rate monitors. And then how else do you get your heart rate up? Well, you've got the exercise machines, the rowing machines, which work 85% of your muscles, plus your cardio. We try to incorporate things like that into the program. At the end of the day, when the class is over, the heart rate monitor sends them a report showing how many minutes they were in different zones. And I want them to be in that, 70 to 100% of their max heart rate for 30 to 40 minutes."

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## Ruby's Pantry ends service immediately

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After 20 years, Ruby's Pantry has shut down operations effective immediately, ending a food distribution program that operated in 80 locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin, including Isanti and North Branch.

Chisago County Health and Human Services confirmed the closure, stating that Ruby's Pantry North Branch, along with all locations, is no longer operating. "We are sad to see this resource no longer be available for our community," according to a statement shared on the Isanti Ruby's Facebook

page.

In an official statement, Ruby's Pantry said the decision followed months of internal changes.

"Over the past several months, we have been thoughtfully realigning the work, structure, and focus of Ruby's Pantry to ensure our mission remains at the center of everything we do," the organization said. "As a result, we have decided to end the operations of Ruby's Pantry effective immediately. We recognize that this is difficult news to receive and do not take this decision lightly."

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## ECRL's Isanti Outreach to close May 11

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Residents in and around the city of Isanti will soon need to head up to Cambridge in order to take advantage of East Central Regional Library services. According to Isanti city staff, the ECRL Board has formally approved the closing of Isanti's outreach services, effective May 11, 2026.

Since 2009, ECRL has offered limited services out of City Hall in the interest of "creating more library service connections in communities across the six-county region served by the ECRL system."





According to the original agreement between ECRL and the city of Isanti, the site was to be open one day a week for up to six hours. There was to be a minimum of 350 to 400 items of library materials, including books of various types covering all age groups, audiotapes, videos, DVDs, periodicals, and other items as

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CONTRIBUTED

The Isanti Outreach library, located in Isanti City Hall, will close for at least the rest of 2026 on May 11.

<p>420 Village Court, Cambridge • 3 Bed 3 Bath</p>  <p>Vaulted ceilings &amp; open floor plan. Many updates throughout including kitchen, bathrooms, patio, solar panels, and more! Established 55+ community. Main level laundry, baths &amp; bedrooms. A must see!</p> <p><b>\$340,000</b></p>	<p>3642 Maple Dr S, Cambridge • 3 Bed 3 Bath</p>  <p><b>PENDING</b></p> <p>Beautifully maintained rambler with full walk-out lower level on 1.41 acre lot on the edge of Goldenwood. Peaceful backyard views surrounded by nature, minutes from the Rum River. Features include: sunroom, granite countertops, deck, and lots of storage.</p> <p><b>\$380,000</b></p>	<p>31883 Lakeway Dr NE, Cambridge • 3 Bed 3 Bath</p>  <p>Live on desirable Lake Fannie! Main level primary suite, living room with a fireplace and views that are breathtaking from many rooms. Enjoy a sunroom, screened porch, 2 decks, and a walk-out lower level. Newer updates: interior paint, lakeside windows, roof, and driveway.</p> <p><b>\$595,000</b></p>	<p>1155 Joy Circle SW, Cambridge</p>  <p>Well maintained church building with 7410 square feet on a 3.84 acre lot with plenty of parking. Building is located on a mature lot with a playground. 6 additional residential lots could possibly be split from this PID.</p> <p><b>\$545,000</b></p>
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# ROCKSTEADY: Fitness program vital in minimizing symptoms of Parkinson's

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The staff is told when they start not to baby the participants. Tim Kosel, one of the trainers, confirmed, "They really emphasized that. Don't baby them. Make them work. They need that high-intensity interval training to see the benefits."

Bohn emphasized the balance. "We're their coach. We're their cheerleader. We need to know when to push them, and we need to know when to back off a little bit," he said. "But nobody wants to feel like they're being babied just because they have Parkinson's."

## PARKINSON DISEASE DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month. Each year, approximately 90,000 people are diagnosed, which presents in many different ways.

Steve Kast, who joined Rocksteady 18 months ago, realized there was a problem with his hands. "I couldn't tie fishing lines anymore," he said. "Too much shaking." Kast, who works out twice a week, also noticed difficulties with his speech. "I'm losing my voice. I used to be a loud person. Now I really got to work to be heard."

Colleen Ward-Dummer, who is the newest person to join the group, also noticed a tremor. "I had a tremor in my left leg."

While Kast and Ward-Dummer had what people consider "typical" Parkinson's symptoms, there are other signs that people sometimes miss. A lesser-known symptom is changes to handwriting, which is what Jeff Stoks experienced. "I was writing smaller and smaller. And my wife said, 'What are you doing?' I couldn't even read my writing."

For Polsfut, his experience was different. "I had cognitive gaps. I worked in a corporate job, and in times of high pressure, my brain would lock up."

That wide range of symptoms can make Parkinson's easy to overlook in its early stages. Awareness is key. The more people understand what to look for, beyond tremors, the more likely it is that those living with Parkinson's will be diagnosed earlier and supported sooner. As Kosel said, "Once you've met one Parkinson's



Colleen Ward-Dummer takes a turn on the ropes under the watchful eye of trainer Tim Kosel.

patient you've met one Parkinson's patient."

## THE HIDDEN SIDE OF PARKINSON'S

According to the Parkinson's Foundation, roughly 50% of people diagnosed with Parkinson's disease will experience some form of depression. 40% will experience anxiety – both are largely overlooked and undertreated.

Bohn acknowledged the emotional side of Parkinson's, "Depression is a big one for almost all of them... there's a lot more going on than what people see."

"One thing that's really important to understand about Parkinson's is it comes fraught with depression and apathy and anxiety," said Polsfut. "A lot of people kind of succumb to that because they don't really know how to handle it."

The release of dopamine from exercise is a natural way to ease depression symptoms. And the camaraderie helps with the anxiety.

Bohn described the hesitation many feel: "They're nervous... they think people will look at them for their symptoms. But once they come in, they realize—these are my people."

"One of the most important parts of this, other than the obvious benefits of the exer-

cise, is the community that's built and the family that's built and the way that each other, you know, we're supporting each other during the exercise as well as the volunteers," says Polsfut

"That camaraderie is a big part of the class," said Bohn. "It took me a while to figure that out."

## POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

The program is entirely community-supported.

"Nobody gets paid. We're all volunteering our time," Bohn said. "If you can give me one hour once a month, I'd be happy with that."

For volunteers like Laurie Scheiller, that commitment quickly becomes something more.

"Number one, it's completely volunteer-driven. So I thought, well, any sort of organization that is completely volunteer-driven must be worth its weight, right? All these volunteers come twice a week, two times per day in those weeks. You get a little bit of a workout in. You get to volunteer. It makes you feel good. I've met such great people here, both in terms of other volunteers and in terms of the boxers themselves," she said. "This place is sort of a gift to me as well."

That sense of connection is



Jeff Stoks takes a turn at the punching dummy. While boxing exercises are still a component of the workouts, Rocksteady owner K.C. Bohn has implemented a full-scale cardio program into each session.

felt on both sides of the program.

"The volunteers are the best I've ever seen. They're just so invested in each and everybody's success," Polsfut said. "And by coming here, it's almost like a support group wrapped in an exercise program where you're able to talk to people about what you're going through without judgment."

Bohn said even small moments of support matter. "Sometimes volunteers will say to me, 'Are we really doing any good for this person, because they're kind of lost,' and I said, 'Well, look at it this way, their spouse just got an hour break. So that's what we're doing.'"

While there is no cure for Parkinson's, programs like this focus on managing symptoms and improving quality

of life. Bohn believes exercise plays a critical role. He also emphasized the need for greater awareness.

"We're barely scratching the surface. We need to get the word out," Bohn said. "This (exercise) is their only shot at slowing the disease."

That's why Bohn keeps the cost for membership low to make the program accessible to everyone.

For many involved, that immediate action, paired with a strong volunteer community, offers something just as important as treatment: a sense of support, purpose, and hope for living well longer.

"It used to be, 'You have Parkinson's, I'll see you in six months.'" Bohn says. "Now it's, 'You have Parkinson's, here's a program you need to get into right away.'"

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

**MONDAYS**  
**Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families**  
 7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

**Fresh Beginnings Alanon**  
 Family Groups meets Monday's 7 - 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org

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

**TUES & THURS**  
**Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's**  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

**TUESDAYS**  
**Braham Parkinson's Support**  
 7 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 Lyndsey Larson 763-691-6172.

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

**PrimeTime Singers**  
 Cambridge Lutheran Church, 1:30 p.m. A community choir for ages 60+, no audition or fee required. Fellowship follows rehearsal. Info: 612-619-2111.

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

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

**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 living with mental illness. Info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmentalhealth.org.

**THURSDAYS**  
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**The Taste, the primary fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Cambridge and Isanti, is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 9 at the Tibetan American Foundation in Isanti.**

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

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

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

**ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting**  
 7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For info. call 612-251-6556 or email acanorthbranch@gmail.com

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

**Medicare and Medicaid 101**

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

**Tax Help with AARP**  
 at North Branch Public Library from noon to 3 p.m. through April 16 By appointment only by calling Seven County Senior Federation at 320-679-4700.

**SATURDAY**  
**GriefShare**  
 At Joy Lutheran Church, from 9-10:30 a.m. each Saturday, except for the 1st Saturday of each month. **Will not be held April 18.** Meetings conclude for this session May 7. Contact Mary Schuett, 561-222-3347, for more information.

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

**Tax Help with AARP**  
 at Cambridge Public

Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 18 By appointment only by calling Seven County Senior Federation at 320-679-4700.

**APRIL 3**  
**Good Friday Cantata**  
 7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church. The Cambridge Lutheran Sanctuary Choir will be presenting the Cantata, A Gathering of Grace by Douglas Nolan. Call the church at 763-689-1211 for more info.

**APRIL 4**  
**Rock-n-Roll Easter Event**  
 9:30 a.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church for Aged 3 to grade 5. Egg hunt, games, easter story and music.

**Peace Walk**  
 9:00 a.m. The group meets in the parking lot at 95 and Birch. The walk takes about half an hour. Anyone is welcome to join.

**APRIL 9**  
**The Taste**  
 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Tibetan American Foundation, 1321 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti. Ticket available at the door or Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-taste-2026-tickets-1984072201364>

**Isanti County Master Gardeners**  
 6:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Library in the Opportunity Room. Dr. Andy Petran, owner of Twin Cities Berry Company, will give an overview of his high-density strawberry production techniques. Topics will cover the 'Fruit Factory' production tunnel system, its relation to hydroponics, environmental sustainability and production efficiency.

**Vaudeville & old time musician Jack Norton**  
 We R Able invites residents to a concert by musician Jack Norton. He will sing Vaudeville

and old-time music at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Ave., North Branch The evening begins with a 5 p.m. meal followed by music. For more info call 320-358-3616.

**APRIL 10**  
**Fare For All low-priced food sale**  
 Rush City High School (at Door 5) from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fare for All is open to ALL. Please note that Fare for All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards, but they do not accept checks.

## SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

**CAMBRIDGE**  
 140 Buchanan Street

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

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

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

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

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**Mon, Wed, Fri.**  
 Exercise with Connie - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
**Monday & Wednesday**  
 500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

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

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

**Fridays**  
 Cribbage - starting at 12:45 p.m.

## Turning wasted food into animal feed

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, nearly one third of all the food grown, produced, processed, transported, and intended for human consumption ends up discarded. Despite tremendous efforts, global food waste and loss remains a significant challenge.

But what if that wasted food could be redirected and help make our food systems more sustainable? Professor Jerry Shurson, a swine nutrition and feed specialist in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Minnesota sees turning food waste into animal feed as an essential part of a more sustainable future.

The potential environmental benefits of reducing food loss and waste are huge. In a 2023 paper

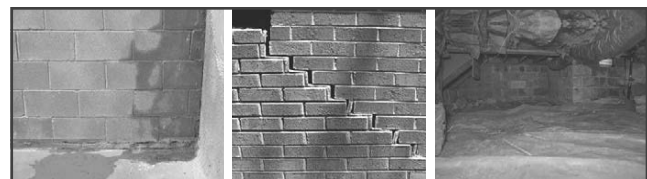
published in the journal Nature Food, authors found about half of the total greenhouse gas emissions from the global agri-food system can be attributed to just food loss and waste. With demand for animal based protein remaining high, so does the need to increase the sustainability of raising livestock.

"There are so many benefits to recapturing these nutrients - it's an economic advantage to the animal producers, reducing their feed costs. It helps make the animal protein more sustainable, reducing the carbon footprint. Companies can avoid landfills and the associated fees, and it creates opportunities for new entrepreneurs to start sustainable, local business," Shurson explained.

The biggest hurdles preventing

food loss and waste being turned into animal feed? Lack of consistent policies, outdated regulatory barriers, and a coordinated infrastructure. But these barriers can be overcome. Shurson points to Japan as an example, where government policies and incentives push to have zero organic waste at landfills and an "Eco-feed" program reducing the country's reliance on imported feed ingredients by collecting and processing locally-produced food waste.

"A lot of our policies are based on outdated concerns about food safety and food borne illnesses. Properly treated food waste is a safe and nutritious way to support animal production," Shurson said. - The University of Minnesota Department of Animal Science



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## Hopefully I'm nobody's fool

There is an episode of M\*A\*S\*H that is one of my favorites that is centered around April Fools Day. At the beginning, several of the main characters play pranks on each other, even though as Col. Potter brings up, it was still March.

"The festive spirit of April Fool can scarcely be contained within a mere 24-hour period," proclaims Major Charles Emerson Winchester.

As I'm sure almost everyone knows, this was set during the Korean War. This means all the pranks had to be physically done, and there weren't any remnants of the joke that might come back to bite you later on.

Today, that is far from the case. Thanks to the internet and especially social media, April Fools' pranks can live on in your timeline far past the actual day. Seven years ago, in this space, I commented how it was funny that every other day, people will believe anything they read, but they are overly skeptical on this one particular day. That sentiment, though, needs to be extended to roughly one week after April 1.

I will openly admit I did get fooled by one social media prank last year. It was a story about how ESPN was going to discontinue doing its popular College GameDay program remotely from various college campuses and instead put it back in a studio.

Now, if I had read that post on April 1, my guard would have been up, and I would have known immediately it was a joke. But, I didn't see it until a day or two later, and needless to say, I had let my guard down. To make matters worse, I relayed that piece of news to my sister and brother-in-law when we were together on Easter, almost three weeks later. They were immediately skeptical, which prompted me to find it again. And lo and behold, the article was date-stamped April 1.

As I said seven years ago, I will readily admit if I get pranked, and I will give the perpetrator their proper credit. To this day, I give Jeff, our publisher, credit for pulling off a great April Fools joke on several of the editors in our group. During a video conference call, he proclaimed he and his wife had purchased property in the Michigan Upper Peninsula (which we knew was his favorite vacation place) and he would be moving there.

But what made that prank great is that he actually pulled it off on April Fools Day. When you fall victim to an internet prank after the fact, it just makes it annoying.

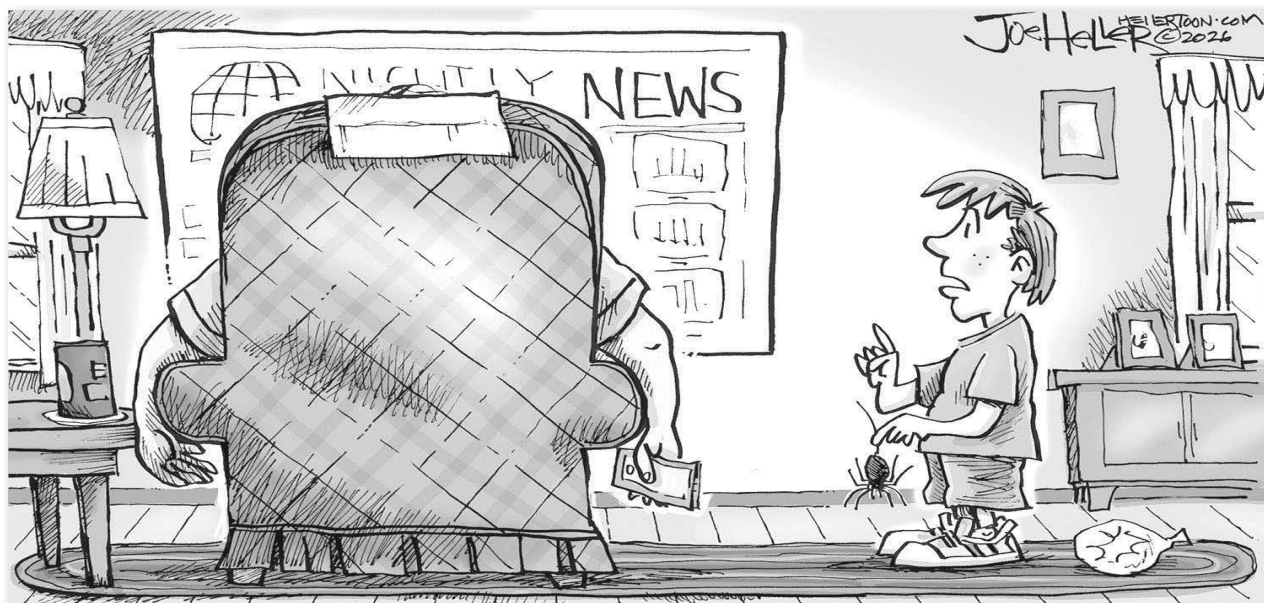
With the time delay between writing this column and when it is actually published, I can't say whether I have fallen victim to a prank this year or not. Hopefully I won't. But if I did, I would tip my cap to the prankster — as long as it was actually on April Fools Day.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III



"I'M GOING TO PASS ON APRIL FOOLING YOU THIS YEAR SINCE YOU SAID THAT EVERY DAY SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN SOME KIND OF CRUEL JOKE."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### PAID LETTER:

#### Supports Olseen for ECE Board

To the editor,

I'm writing to ask East Central Energy Co-op members to support Rick Olseen for their Board of Directors in District 3. Co-op members will receive a mail in ballot in early April and the member listed on the ballot can vote for a Board Director.

I'm supporting Rick Olseen because of his many years of experience on area boards. He was elected to the North Branch School Board and served for 10 years. He was then elected to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners where he served for four years. Fourteen years on these policy boards gives him the experience to serve on the ECE board where his goal is for ECE to continue to provide reliable, dependable electricity at the lowest cost possible.

Rick then served our region in the Minnesota State Senate for four years and served on the Energy Committee there so he has knowledge of nuclear, coal, gas, solar, wind and new areas of technology to lead ECE into the energy future.

Rick is the President of Let's Go Fishing East Central Minnesota chapter, a non-profit organization of around 100 volunteers who took over 1,600 guests on fishing or boating trips at no cost to the guests! They take nursing home residents, group home residents, veterans and multi-generation families out on Rush Lake and Chisago Lake. He's also the Chisago County Citizen member on the East Central Regional Development Corporation where they work on economic

development projects, roads and transportation and energy in five counties.

Residents of North Branch are fairly new to ECE and many haven't voted in the past. I encourage members to read the Co-op Advantage and when the ballots come in the mail to be sure to vote!

Todd Maki Harris

#### What divides us

To the editor,

We now appear to be very divided. One Nation under God is what our Pledge of Allegiance says. We are celebrating our 250th anniversary this year and many things have tried to divide us as a country.

Fighting for our independence from Great Britain, the Civil War, are just a few. The Twin Towers attack (9/11) brought us together for awhile, we knew we needed God's protection, churches were filled but that soon faded. We became complacent again (we can do it) relying not on God but on ourselves.

Forgive us Lord. We want your help. Come and heal our land. We have enemies foreign and domestic, and that is government's job to protect us from enemies. It appears some in government on the left are fighting us here, and not foreign enemies. We do appear to have two sides: one side wants sanctuary cities. Protecting illegal immigrants first and legal citizens last. They want open borders. They refuse to deport those committing crimes. The left loves Socialism, and Marxism, which destroys everywhere it is tried.

There are differences in what we believe. I think most people want law and order. Most think the bor-

der should be closed, as it is now and as the president promised, that those entering illegally should be deported. It should be country over politics. How can we make things better without the criticism and trying to tear down others?

The right side loves law and order, police, ICE and other law enforcement. When laws are enforced, law breakers punished, things then get peaceful, and all people are not afraid to go out of their homes and feel safe, and cars are not stolen, like in Minneapolis. We have a Constitution and laws. Law was instituted by God coming down from Moses and the Ten Commandments, our Constitution was based on God's law. We all need rules to live by.

How can we do better? We are coming up to two great celebrations: Good Friday — Romans 5:8: But God demonstrates His own Love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Resurrection Sunday is this coming Sunday — Jesus showing us the way, overcoming death. He made the way for us. Believing in Him and inviting Him into our hearts, is a new beginning, Life in His Kingdom. We need to Pray.

Judy Hansen Cambridge

#### Grateful for new path, minus e-bikes

To the editor,

On the first warm day of spring I grabbed my dog and his leash to try out the newly paved trail connecting the south streets of Cambridge

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# Knowing the history of carrots makes them taste better

I recently attended a presentation on “Carrots in History & History in Carrots” given by Dr Phillip Simon of the USDA Agriculture Research Service. While I have no intention of traveling East Asian countries and all those surrounding the Mediterranean Sea gathering wild carrot seeds, I’m very glad he has done this.

Carrots started out as a plant native to Eastern Asia. Carrot is in the *Daucus Carota* family, which contains approximately 40 species. Its domestication started from Queen Ann’s Lace, which is white rooted. From Eastern Asia, the carrot spread to areas around the Mediterranean Sea where diversification increased to include other colors (purple, yellow, & orange along with white). The seeds and roots were used medicinally in ancient Greece and Rome. Carrot seed has been found in Swiss and German

campsites dating 3,500 to 5,500 years ago. By the 1600s carrots had spread worldwide.

It is thought that carrots were brought to North America by European settlers because the DNA in early strains of carrots is like that found in Europe. The Dutch are famous for cultivation of fruits and vegetables. They are most likely responsible for the propensity of orange carrots, however, there is no way to prove this from historical records.

There isn’t a lot of historical writing or images of carrots. It never received attention in history like the apple. The carrot is part of a “landrace”. This is the population of a crop that is more genetically diverse than something defined as a “cultivar”. It is often selected broadly for its ability to thrive in a particular geographic region rather than for its specific shape, color or other obvious characteristics.

A wide range of flavors is found among carrots and there is no association between color and flavor. In many areas of the world the carrot is not used raw for fresh eating. It’s primarily cooked. Purple carrots are the highest in antioxidants. Mainly orange carrots

are eaten raw.

In the United States half of the raw carrots we eat are “baby carrots”. These are not actually a specific variety, but rather they are the result of someone coming up with a way to use carrots broken on the production line. Now carrots are intentionally cut into a smaller size or harvested before reaching maturity to fill the demand for “baby carrots”.

I can’t say that I spent a lot of time thinking about where the carrot I’m eating originally came from or that “carrot seed hunters” go around the world gathering seed varieties, but knowing this makes each bite taste better.

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## Rookie guide to towing a camper

**Q**uestion: I just purchased a pull behind camper. I have never owned or pulled one before. I have been doing some

research so I know what to do and expect. I thought it would be helpful as I know I am not alone in this situation. Can you write about this?



Ask A  
Trooper

Jesse Grabow

**A**nswer: If you pull a camper or trailer with your vehicle, you must maintain at least 500 feet of following distance from other vehicles.

When loaded, 10 to 15 percent of the trailer’s weight should be balanced on the hitch between the trailer and vehicle. When correctly loaded, the trailer’s floor should be level. After the first few miles, stop and check the hitch, tires, lights and load. Repeat this process at all rest stops.

Travel at a slower speed. Many trailers have smaller wheels that turn faster than your car wheels, causing heat buildup that can lead to trailer wheel bearing failure.

Remember that the brakes on your vehicle were probably not

designed to handle heavy trailer loads. A sudden stop at high speed could flip both the trailer and the car.

Speed up carefully, using a lower gear if necessary. Maintain enough following distance to prevent the need for sudden stops. When passing other vehicles, remember the additional length of your trailer and be aware that your ability to accelerate is reduced.

Wind and rain will affect your ability to handle and control a vehicle pulling extra weight. When towing a trailer or camper in wet or windy conditions, slow down more than you would normally do in such weather.

Allow plenty of room for turns. Long trailers will swing closer to the edge of the road than your vehicle.

Pay extra attention to your vehicle’s cooling system when towing extra weight. Your engine will overheat more easily in warm weather, at high speeds and in hilly areas.

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## OUTREACH: Isanti’s closure direct result of less funding from county than requested

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requested and available from the ECRL collection. New items would be rotated in every three to four months.

The contract between ECRL and the city of Isanti has been renewed on a biannual basis since the original agreement, with the last renewal being made in January, 2025. The contract did have an opt-out by either party without penalty, with a 30-day notice.

According to a letter from ECRL Executive Director Carla Lydon to the Isanti Council, the decision to close the Isanti Outreach location was strictly financial.

“We regret the necessity of ceasing this service to your community for

the calendar year 2026,” reads the letter. “This decision... is a result of Isanti County’s reduced 2026 funding to the library. The county has formally indicated that they are unable to meet their share of the organization’s budget request by \$6,035, and as a result, ECRL needs to reduce services in the county proportionally.”

At the beginning of 2026, ECRL reduced the operating hours of the Cambridge Library by 5.5 hours per week. That reduction was also due to the decreased funding from the county.

“ECRL is committed to minimizing the impact this decision has on members of

your community, particularly those who may have limited ability to receive library services without this outreach stop,” continues the letter. “We are in the process of developing plans to assist as needed.

We hope that others in the community without such limitations will make use of other libraries nearby.”

According to Lydon, there was 871 visits to the Isanti Outreach in 2025, with 1,171 items circulated.

ECRL’s other Outreach in Isanti County, located in the Braham Event Center, will continue, however it will be on a reduced basis, via hold pickup lockers ECRL has at the Event Center.

Despite the closure and reduction in services, Lydon said ECRL will

provide an outreach summer reading program kickoff event in both Isanti and Braham in June. That event, which typically involves an opportunity for kids to get an up-close experience with wildlife, is funded with state Legacy funds and has already been scheduled for this year.

The letter concludes by saying the closure may not necessarily be permanent. “We appreciate the valued partnership we have enjoyed with the city of Isanti for the past decade and will welcome a discussion about reinstating services in 2027 as interest and funding allows.”

**‘We regret the necessity of ceasing this service to your community for the calendar year 2026.’**

Carla Lydon

ECRL Executive Director

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to the Cambridge-Isanti walking and biking trail. I applaud the city of Cambridge for the many recent improvements to the parks and recreation in our neighborhoods.

During my walk an electric fat-tire bike quietly came up close behind us on the path, surprising me and my dog and then closely passed around us. The trail signage says “No motorized bikes.” Yet, a few yards away the biker still on the walkway met another walker and commented, “This trail wasn’t meant for dogs.” To punctuate his view he made a u-turn, this time on the road, to give us an offensive hand gesture.

Cambridge has made so many recent improvements for its residents. Obviously to the many children and adults who use our parks and trails, they are much appreciated. I look forward to many walks with my dog and hope those on electric bikes will enjoy the open road!

Sylvia Fleming  
Cambridge

### The cost of war

To the editor,

We have made it far too easy to go to war — and far too easy to avoid paying for it.

The United States now routinely funds conflicts through deficit spending, pushing the financial burden onto future generations who had no voice in the decision. We are, quite literally, forcing the unborn to pay for our wars.

It wasn’t always this way. During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson relied heavily on Liberty Loan war bonds, requiring Americans to directly finance the conflict. War demanded immediate, visible sacrifice. Today, since the War Powers Resolution of 1973, military action is largely funded through congressional appropriations, often detached from any direct public financial responsibility.

If a war is truly necessary, the case for it should be strong enough to ask Americans to pay for it now, not decades later. Any authorization of force should include a clear, time-bound funding plan that covers its full cost.

War should never be politically easy or financially invisible. Requiring the public to bear its cost in real time would ensure it remains a last resort.

Lynnae Bina  
Cambridge

## Minnesota’s moose population remains relatively stable

The most recent Minnesota moose population estimate is approximately 4,470 animals, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ 2026 population survey.

Results suggest that after a steep decline from a population estimate of 8,000 in 2009, Minnesota’s moose population appears to have somewhat leveled, fluctuating around 3,700 animals in recent years.

Despite recent estimates suggesting relative stability in the population and reproductive success, Minnesota DNR researchers point out that Minnesota moose remain at risk. Climate change, parasites, habitat loss and predator impacts on calf survival

all play a part in the long-term survival of the moose population.

Ongoing research by the DNR, 1854 Treaty Authority and Grand Portage Band of Chippewa aims to better understand reproduction and survival. Funding for the research is provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Collaborative landscape-level habitat work with state, tribal, federal, county and non-governmental organization partners also continues. Partners are currently completing the planning phase funded by the

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation America the Beautiful Challenge, and will be transitioning into the implementation phase where the goals are to address barriers to habitat management and implement habitat work within three core areas of approximately 50,000 acres each in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook counties. Both the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the 1854 Treaty Authority are full partners on the moose survey and contributed funding and personnel for the 2026 annual survey. The survey is available on the Minnesota DNR’s moose management webpage ([mndnr.gov/moose](http://mndnr.gov/moose)). - MN DNR

## OBITUARIES

### Cheryl A. Lindgren

Cheryl A. Lindgren, 77, of Princeton, MN passed away on March 19, 2026, at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, surrounded by her loving family. Born on December 12, 1948, in Rush City, MN, to Arthur and Lois (Johnson) Swanson.



She married the love of her life, Gary Lindgren, on April 20, 1968, at Calvary Lutheran Church of Rush Point. Together, they built a life filled with joy, overcoming challenges with unwavering support for one another.

A graduate of Cambridge High School in 1966, Cheryl's professional life was as diverse as it was fulfilling. She worked at Stratte Drug and Helga's in Cambridge, and Lutheran

Brotherhood in Minneapolis. Her entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly as she became the proud owner of Rum River Sweets in Cambridge and Lindgren's Big Game Processing in Edgewood.

Cheryl's life was a testament to her strength and compassion. Having survived cancer twice, she transformed her personal trials into a mission to help others. Alongside Gary, she dedicated herself to raising funds for the Children's Cancer Research Fund and Make A Wish, hosting golf fundraisers at Grandy Nine Golf Club. Their efforts brought hope and support to countless families facing the unimaginable.

Cheryl and Gary cherished their winters in Mesa, Arizona, where they spent 25 seasons on a golf course, enjoying the warmth and camaraderie of friends. Their love for adventure took them on many motorcycle trips across the United States, from the scenic coasts to the majestic national parks. Cheryl and Gary enjoyed many trips traveling to foreign countries.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Patrick Lindgren, brother, Ronald Swanson, and sister, Susan Johnson.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Gary Lindgren; son, Todd (Ashley) Lindgren; grandchildren, Austin and Sophia; sisters, Bonnie Herringshaw and Deb (Rick) Olson, other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026 at North Isanti Baptist Church. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment in Cambridge Union Cemetery. Memorials Preferred to Children's Cancer Research Fund. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### Marie Ann Addison

Marie Ann Addison, age 63, of Braham, passed away from cancer on Monday, March 23, 2026, surrounded by her children. She will be remembered for her quiet nature and the life she lived her own way.



Marie was the loving mother of seven children, Bobby, Nick, Denise, Pat, Matt, Cynthia, and April; five beloved grandchildren, Nadia, Marshall, Melody, Kol and Bryn.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Lillian (Nelson) Michaelson, and daughter Heidi.

Marie worked for many years as a certified nursing assistant at several locations within the community where she provided care and support to those in need.

Though often reserved, Marie enjoyed conversations, especially about current events—and liked sharing what she learned with others. She had a gentle love for cats and found comfort in their companionship.

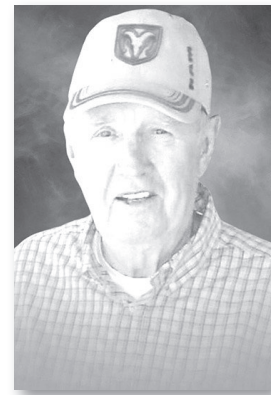
Marie's life reflected resilience, dedication, and a steady love for her family. She passed away peacefully and will be remembered by her family and those whose lives she touched, with comfort found in the memories and the times they shared with her.

In keeping with Marie's wishes, no service will be held. Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes – Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at: [www.hamiltonfhs.com](http://www.hamiltonfhs.com).

### David R. Blosberg

David R. Blosberg, 86, of Cambridge, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Cambridge Medical Center.

Born on September 21, 1939, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Ole and Ruth (Hawkinson) Blosberg,



David grew up embracing life's simple joys and the excitement of a great find.

Known to family and friends as a natural "wheeler and dealer," David had a lifelong passion for cars — especially the fancy ones. He had a keen eye for quality vehicles and delighted in sharing them with others, often selling a beauty at a fair price to someone lucky enough to cross his path. His love of automobiles naturally led to his career

managing parking ramps, where he combined his expertise with a steady hand. Motorcycles brought him equal joy; some of his happiest times were spent on afternoon rides with his beloved wife, Lorna, frequently stopping at a casino along the way.

After retiring, David settled into a cherished routine that reflected his warm, community-oriented spirit. Mornings often found friends and relatives gathering at his and Lorna's home for coffee and conversation. This lively group became fondly known as the "Coffee Club," where topics ranged far and wide but inevitably circled back to fond memories of growing up in Cambridge.

David also enjoyed keeping a close watch on the stock market in the afternoons, always with an interest in finance and the day's market moves. Above all, he will be remembered for his quick humor, easygoing conversations, and genuine kindness that made everyone feel welcome.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Ole and Ruth Blosberg; and his brothers, Gerald (Joyce) Blosberg and Dennis (Viola) Blosberg.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna, of Cambridge; his brother, Kenneth (Marilyn) Blosberg, of Cambridge; nine special nieces and nephews; and a wide circle of cousins and dear friends.

He "rode" off to the "Spirit in the sky" on March 10, 2026

Celebration of Life begins at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 9, 2026 with a brief service at 11:30 at the Isanti Community Center, 208 1/2 1st Avenue NW, Isanti, MN. With a Celebration of Life Gathering and reception to follow. Interment in Cambridge Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials are Preferred to the Isanti County Historical Society. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### Ellamae Linnea Hanson

Ellamae Linnea Hanson, 85, of Cambridge, MN passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at Grace-Pointe Crossing.

She was born November 18, 1940 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Knute and Eleanor (Stanley) Lindmark.



She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Russell Hanson, daughter LaDawn Wallskog, sister Harriet Tyler.

Ellamae is survived by her children Shawn (Dayna) Anderson of Montevideo, Adrienne (Dave) Schrunk of Oak Grove, Shane Anderson (Pamela Swenson) of Stanchfield, seven grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, brother Harry Lindmark of Elk

River, sisters Beverly Anderson of Coon Rapids, Barbara (Doug) Corbin of Otsego, step children Todd (Mary) Hanson of Embarrass, many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Calvary Lutheran Church of Rush Point. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment in Morningside Memorial Gardens. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### Deborah Rae (Lofboom) McGivern

Deborah Rae (Lofboom) McGivern, age 63, of Cambridge went into the loving arms of her Savior on March 25, 2026 at Birchwood Healthcare Center in Forest Lake.



Deborah Rae McGivern was born at the Cambridge Hospital on September 12, 1962 to Dennis and Nola (Hawkinson) Lofboom. She graduated from Stillwater High School in 1981 and then attended the University of Minnesota – Crookston where she was the Culinary program and graduated in 1984. While in high school she worked at The Lowell Inn in Stillwater for five years until 1982. Her college roommate asked her to come to Scottsdale, AZ for a visit and she applied

for a job at the Scottsdale Hospital and moved down there to pursue her career. While there she met the love of her life, John "Hap" McGivern and they were married on June 24, 1994. John preceded her in death in 2016 and her special dog, Saydee.

Deb had many hobbies, cross-stitch, crocheting and knitting and scrap-booking. She made many books for special people. Debbie had many health problem all stemming from her life living with Lupus. She never let it get her down and went on valiantly throughout her life.

Debbie is survived by her loving mother, Nola (Hawkinson) Lofboom; brother, Dan Lofboom; nieces, Alexandra Lofboom and Elizabeth Andrews; step son, Dustin Sztek; mother-in-law, Jan McGivern; sister-in-law, Jill (Todd) Myrick; uncles, Rick (Debra) Lofboom, Tom (Anne) Lofboom, Jim Saari; aunt, Mary (Tony) Deets; and many cousins, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Hap" McGivern; father, Dennis Lofboom; brother, Terrance Lofboom; grandparents, Elof and Olive Lofboom and Olga Hawkinson; father-in-law, Jack McGivern; aunt, Jan Lofboom. A special thank you to Birchwood Senior Living in Forest Lake for the loving and wonderful care she received and the many friends she made while there.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25 at Fish Lake Lutheran Church in Harris. A time for visiting will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials can be donated to Fish Lake Cemetery Fund or the Fish Lake Lutheran Church in Harris Memorial Fund. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

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# CIHS Theatre combines two arts into one production

**STAFF REPORT**  
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Like an artistic equivalent of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, for its annual three-act play, the Cambridge-Isanti Theatre Department is taking "two great tastes that taste great together" — combining both the visual and theatre arts into one visually spectacular production.

The play itself is "My Brother's Gift," an adaptation by Claudia Haas from the writings and memories of Eva Geiringer Schloss and the poetry and paintings of Heinz Geiringer. It is based on the true story of Heinz Geiringer, a trained musician at only 15 who was forced to live in hiding during WWII. During that time, he turns to painting and poetry to express his everyday terror, but hope of the future.

After the war, Heinz's sister, Eva, and their mother (who were also in hiding separately from Heinz) were able to recover his artwork and have since shared it with the world. The original paintings and his poems have a home at the Dutch Resistance Museum.

"The play is about creating art and a family who appreciated the value of all the arts," says director Viva Anderson. "Through Heinz's inspired paintings, nostalgic love of life, and his sister Eva's remembrances, we are shown the power of art to offer hope and healing."

In conjunction with the play's emphasis on the visual arts, works of CIHS students, other local artists, along with copies of the paintings by Heinz Geiringer himself will be on display prior to each performance. The copies of Geiringer's works are on loan from the Danville Station and Museum in Danville, Iowa.

"We are thrilled to be able to feature copies of Geiringer's works," Anderson said.

For Anderson, this play will be extra-special for another reason. After 30 years of "doing theatre" with CIHS, Anderson will be retiring.

"My life goal has been to be a positive influence to at least one person every day," Anderson said, "and boy oh boy, what a joy and a privilege it has been to work with theatre students for all of these years."

Showtimes for "My Brother's Gift" are Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. There is no Saturday performance due to a scheduling conflict for cast members also in Speech.

Tickets can be purchased online at cur8.com or at the Richard G. Hardy Performance Arts Center ticket booth one hour prior to each performance. Adding a little levity and to raise additional funds, a Pie-in-the-Face will be held at each performance. For more information, call 763-689-6466 or email vanderson@c-ischools.org.



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**Shauna Marie Carr**

Shauna Marie Carr, age 46, of West St Paul, MN, passed away on Friday March 27, 2026. She was born August 26, 1979, in Mora, MN, daughter of Rande Carr and Marvin Carr.



Shauna graduated from North Branch Area Public Schools in 1998. She participated for many years in Special Olympics and earned several medals in bowling (following in her Grandma Gloria's footsteps), cross country skiing, shot put, and track. Shauna enjoyed working and she had many jobs over the years. She took pride in working and it gave her a sense of accomplishment to work and

earn her own money.

Shauna will be remembered for her contagious smile and her capacity to love those around her. She was a friend to all. She loved her family and we loved her. She will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her Grandparents, Richard and Gloria Crow, and her uncle, Rick Crow.

Happy to have shared in her life are her mother Rande Carr, her father Marvin (Loretta) Carr, her sister Tammy (Doug) Hoveland, her nephews Donovan (Lilly) Hoveland and Daniel Hoveland, her great nephew Jace Hoveland, her Aunt Linda (Roy) Stagemeyer, her Aunt Josie Crow and special Cousins Jennie Succio, Adam Crow, Ashley Albers, and Wade Stagemeyer.

Shauna has lived at New Challenges since 2004, and we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the love and care they gave her. We are especially grateful to Abbie, Alix, and Layla for the exceptional care they gave her.

Shauna will be laid to rest with her Grandpa and Grandma Crow at Rosehill Cemetery in Hinckley, MN with a Celebration of Life to follow at a later date.

Gary L. Jensen, age 78, of Cambridge, Minnesota, passed away on March 27, 2026 at Ecumen in North Branch.

He was born on April 5, 1947, in Vermillion, South Dakota to Ivan and Betty (Millage) Jensen.



Gary proudly served his country in the United States Navy and later in the Air Force Reserves. He was active during the Vietnam era and again during Desert Shield, demonstrating a deep sense of duty and commitment to something greater than himself. His military service was an important part of his life, and it stood as a reflection of the strength, discipline, and patriotism that guided him.

Gary found joy in simple pleasures and in the company of those he loved. He especially loved being in the sun and spent much time around the pool in Arizona, where he enjoyed the warmth and relaxation of those moments. He also cherished being outside at Ecumen, where he could enjoy the fresh air and the beauty of the outdoors. Gary loved to drive and travel, and he found

happiness in the open road and the experiences that came with it. He also enjoyed playing Texas Hold-Em and cribbage, especially when he could share those games with his sons Jerry and Kevin. These times together created memories that will be treasured by his family for years to come.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Gary is survived by his wife, Teri Jo; his sons, Jerry Jensen and his wife Melissa Knutzen of Cambridge, and Kevin Jensen and his wife Stacy of Isanti; his stepchildren, Mark Jendro and his wife Lana of Andover, and Kevin Jendro and his wife LaTecia of Richfield; his grandchildren, Alex and Amanda Jensen, Jack, Anne, Karaigan, Ryan and Everett Jendro, Kyle Johnson, and Tyler Holland; his brother, Keith Jensen and his wife Carol of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; his sisters, Vicki Fullenkamp and her husband Greg of Atlanta, Georgia, and Dawn Myron of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; his mother-in-law, Shirley Karstens of Cambridge; and many other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

Celebration of Life Gathering 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home in Cambridge. Military Honors by Isanti VFW Honor Guard at 12:30 p.m. Interment in Fort Snelling National Cemetery 12:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com).

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# STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Isanti Primary School: **Seth Vang**

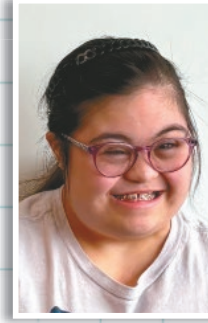
Seth Vang is a 2nd grader at Isanti Primary School. Seth demonstrates our 5 Character Traits of Honesty, Respect, Self-Discipline, Compassion and Responsibility daily. He is a role model to all of his classmates. He loves sports, riding his bike and recently has picked up fishing. Seth is very active with his family in their church. We are very proud of Seth and his daily focus on

respect and responsibility.



Art and Science Academy: **Summer Albrecht**

Summer Albrecht, a fourth grader at Art and Science Academy, is a great example of a STAR student. She starts each day with a positive attitude and consistently shows kindness, respect, and a willingness to do her best. From the moment she joined our classroom, her positive energy and dedication to doing her best have truly shined. Summer leads by example, consistently treating others with consideration and thoughtfulness. She has a natural gift for lifting up her peers, offering constant encouragement and a supportive hand. Her joyful spirit and "can-do" attitude have made our classroom a much brighter place. Way to go Summer!



North Branch Area HS: **Leeann Otterson**

Leeann Otterson is a junior at North Branch Area High School and an active member of both the choir and the Adaptive Bowling team. She finds great joy in spending time with her friends through these activities, and her enthusiasm shines in everything she does. In bowling, she has achieved a personal best score of 100, a milestone she is proud of. Leeann enjoys every season of the school year, but spring is her favorite. Outside of school, she loves spending time with her mom, especially on shopping trips to the Mall of America. Known throughout NBAHS for her uplifting spirit, Leeann brings positivity wherever she goes. A short conversation with her can brighten anyone's day, and her kindness leaves a lasting impression on those around her.



Isanti Primary School: **Avery Cady**

Avery Cady is a 2nd grader at Isanti Primary School. Avery is an outstanding role model to all of the students at IPS, and is an ambassador for showcasing our 5 Character Traits. She approaches each school day with enthusiasm, bringing a love of learning that is especially evident in her favorite subjects—art and reading. Whether she's working on a creative project or exploring a new book, her curiosity and dedication set her apart.



Art and Science Academy: **Colin McCraner**

Colin McCraner is a standout sixth grader at Art and Science Academy who arrives at school every day eager to learn. A kind and respectful peer and student, he balances a genuine passion for music—playing trumpet in the school band and learning guitar—with an active role in the theater department's tech crew. Beyond the arts, Colin maintains good grades while competing on the Bluejacket Archery Team. We are incredibly proud of everything you've achieved, Colin!



Norse Area Learning Center: **Austin Payne**

Austin Payne, an 11th-grade student at Norse and proud member of the high school JROTC program, is a truly deserving Student Achiever. He is kind, respectful, and consistently brings a positive presence to school each day. Austin prioritizes attendance and works hard to complete all of his assignments, demonstrating strong dedication to his learning. His positive attitude and strong character make him a great role model for others. Austin aspires to become a firefighter, and with his work ethic and commitment, he is well on his way to reaching that goal.

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# Council member continues push for more stringent cannabis regulations

BY MOLLY WHELAN  
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More cannabis retail restrictions may be in North Branch's future as one council member continues to pursue them, despite steadfast pushback from his colleague.

Council member Robert Canada, who failed to halt the licensing process for a store across the street from his home, continues to push for tougher location restrictions than he supported when passing the city's cannabis laws less than two years ago.

Canada is asking the city to add 500-foot buffer zones around all public parks, where it is already illegal to smoke cannabis or drink alcohol, after his attempt to add buffer zones around adult day centers like the one near his home failed.

Council member Jeff Goulet, who joined the council after the initial laws were passed unanimously in September

2024, has been the only consistent opponent of Canada's push, arguing that restricting the location of legal dispensaries is not a meaningful way to protect vulnerable populations from accessing and using cannabis, which is Canada's stated purpose.

As Mayor Kevin Schieber pointed out, cannabis retailers are required to take extensive security measures to ensure only legal adults are allowed inside a store. James Rayer, owner of licensee Wild River Cannabis LLC, has told the council the details of his security plans, including having staff accompany customers at all times.

And this time around, Council member Patrick Meacham pointed out that vulnerable adults are not, despite opponents' arguments, the legal equivalent of children.

"They have just as much right as you or I, with a state I.D., to walk into a liquor store or go down to a gas station and

get CBD," he said. "They have not been civilly committed, they have not had their civil liberties taken away, and to me, that kind of felt like an overreach.

"Just because you're, by statute, a vulnerable adult, it doesn't take away your rights," Meacham said.

Meacham said being admitted to a hospital for a certain length of time, for example, can make someone legally a vulnerable adult, meaning many adults have fit that description at one point in their lives.

Goulet said he would only support further buffer zone restrictions if the city also included alcohol sales, because both substances are now legal and should be regulated similarly.

"Why would we do it differently?" he asked the council.

City Attorney Robert Kringler of Flaherty & Hood, P.A., previously informed the council that its options for restricting cannabis retail locations

were limited, both by state law and by the city's own action in adopting a less restrictive ordinance in 2024.

At that time, the city declined to impose the strict limitations on location and hours permitted by state law, instead only requiring 1,000 feet of buffer between schools and other cannabis retailers, and allowing the stores to operate from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. The state also allows cities to enact buffer zones around children's day care centers or athletic fields, for example, but North Branch declined, favoring instead greater freedom of location choice for cannabis business owners.

Police Chief Dan Meyer has said in a letter to the council that a legally licensed and compliant cannabis retailer is, in his opinion, not likely to cause increases in crime.

"Our police department will conduct periodic compliance checks on any cannabis dis-

pensaries within the city, similar to what we currently do with our tobacco and alcohol licensees," Meyer wrote.

The council, via Canada, has directed staff to explore adding buffer zones around parks and limiting the number of hours the stores can operate. Rayer has said previously that he does not intend to stay open late into the evenings.

Currently, with the license issued to Rayer, the city is at its self-imposed maximum number of cannabis retailers allowed within city limits. However, the city is growing, which will mean they will have to entertain any other license applications submitted once its population hits 12,501. State law dictates that cities and counties must allow at least one cannabis retailer for every 12,500 residents.

North Branch's population was recorded as 10,787 in the 2020 Decennial Census, but the 2024 estimate from the state places it at 12,159.

## WORSHIP *guide*

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#### 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  
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### Catholic

#### Christ the King

305 Fern Street N  
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763-689-1221  
Friday 8:30am  
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email brigitte@isantiacc.org  
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#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.  
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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  
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#### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)  
763-444-5134 oxlip.org  
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10:45am Christian Education  
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www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org  
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320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
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my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

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#### Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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#### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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email: office@livingbranch.org

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Email: sl.church@gmail.com  
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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)

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651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon  
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**ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS**

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on March 22 - 28. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Elizabeth Ann Treichel** (DOB 12/14/2006) of Cambridge, was charged March 23 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.  
**Parker Jeffrey Sandquist** (DOB 09/06/2001) of Cambridge, was charged March 26 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on March 22 - 28. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Abraham Isaac Jones** (DOB 12/27/1978) of North Branch, was charged March 23 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.  
**Mason Matthew Mora** (DOB 05/05/2005) of East Bethel, was charged March 24 with Counterfeiting of currency - Uttering or possessing.

**John William Hofer** (DOB 07/17/1984) of Scandia, was charged March 25 with Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.  
**Labriah Shaleemon Vincent** (DOB 12/08/2004) of Flint, was charged March 26 with Theft-By Swindle.  
**Ian Michael Erickson** (DOB 05/31/1992) of Rush City, was charged March 26 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State.

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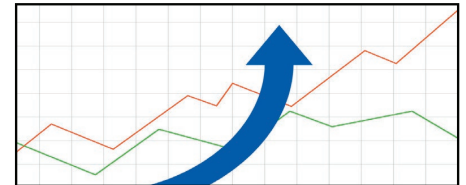
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