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## Glamor shots

A trio of North Branch students grabs a selfie following their prom's grand march on Saturday, April 25.

## C-I Schools' facilities maintenance budget stretched thin

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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With the voter rejection of Cambridge-Isanti Schools' bond referendum last November, the district is being forced to pick and choose which long-term facilities maintenance projects will be tackled, plus when such projects will take place.

According to Finance Director Chris Kampa, at the time of the referendum, the district was looking at \$45 million in LTFM projects, with the district only receiving approximately \$1 million per year from the state.

"LTFM funds can only be spent on deferred capital expenditures for fixing old buildings," Kampa explained. "Think leaky roofs, HVAC units, updating plumbing, or carpeting. What they cannot be used for is new construction, remodeling, or operating expenses."

"If you are doing the math, wondering how we can adjust \$45 million in needs with \$1 million per year in funding, the answer is we can't. Therefore, we prioritize."

Kampa said to determine which projects receive top priority, the district looks at four criteria: safety, critical infrastruc-

ture (whether or not it will shut down a building), repair and preventative maintenance, and cosmetic.

"Often, that last bucket never gets filled," Kampa said. "You see things like fences falling down all around the district."

Kampa acknowledged the district does have an LTFM reserve fund of approximately \$4 million; however, "in the context of \$45 million in needs, it's not enough to solve those problems."

Additionally, Kampa said it would be unwise to empty those reserves on the current list of projects.

"That fund balance is our safety net," Kampa said. "We have critical equipment across the district that is well past its useful life. When something fails — and it will — those funds are what we rely on to respond. Once that money is spent, it's gone."

For the fiscal year 2027, which for school districts begins July 1, 2026, the most expensive proposed projects are estimated at \$200,000 each for district-wide parking lot preventative maintenance and rooftop unit maintenance. Another estimated

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## North Branch council leans towards approving cameras

BY MOLLY WHELAN  
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North Branch is poised to add Flock surveillance technology throughout the city, but the council has yet to pull the trigger.

Instead, the five-member council, two of whom were initially opposed, focused on residents' negative feedback on the controversial automatic license plate reader technology, which will automatically capture images of the back of every vehicle that drives past one of the seven proposed cameras located throughout the city.

Rather than approving the draft policy and con-

tract, the council directed police chief Dan Meyer to make further changes to the policy, specifying that he has the unilateral authority to suspend sharing ALPR data with an agency in the event he hears of misconduct.

The council asked that Meyer inform the council of changes to the list of sharing partners at its next meeting following the change, and that adding agencies to the list require council approval. The council will consider the updated policy at its first

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## Bluejacket becomes first-ever state speech champ

STAFF REPORT  
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In the long and illustrious history of the Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket Speech team, there is one thing that has yet to be accomplished: a state championship. That all changed on Friday, April 25, as senior Lilia Asei-Dankwah was awarded first place in the Class AA Extemporaneous Reading category.

"Her finals performance was nothing short of beautiful," head coach Lee Orvik said. "The perfect capstone to a stellar career. One long-time state judge told me that Lilia is the best extemp. reader that judge has ever seen."

As a junior, Lilia had placed third at the state tournament in the same category.



Lilia Asei-Dankwah

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# First-ever Lakes & Pines gala set

BY MELISSA STRAND  
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Amid growing uncertainty surrounding federal funding it depends on, Lakes & Pines Community Action Council's board of directors decided to take matters into its own hands.

Because funding has been delayed, the board decided a bigger fund-raising push was needed. The results of this decision are the first-ever "Make It Happen" Gala.

The gala is set for 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 15. The gala is presented by Federated Co-Ops and will be held at the Braham Event Center.

According to Lakes & Pines, "This exciting new event aims to bring community members together in support of a critical mission — ensuring the continued stability and impact of essential programs serving local families and individuals."

## WAITING FOR FUNDS

According to board chair Tim Burkhardt, funding that normally arrives within two-to-three months has been delayed by nearly a year. After sharing these concerns at its annual meeting, which was attended by local legislators, county commissioners, and other local leaders, Burkhardt said the board recognized the need for a larger fundraising effort.

The gala will not only help raise money but also raise awareness of its programs and the people they serve. Lakes & Pines aims to "safeguard its ability to continue

providing vital community services if future funding is reduced, delayed, or interrupted."

According to Burkhardt, Lakes & Pines has helped hundreds of thousands of households across the region throughout its 60 years of existence. Serving Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine counties, it is one of 24 community action agencies in Minnesota assisting community members in need through its many programs. Some of these programs include the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Family Homeless Prevention, Weatherization Program, and Head Start.

As stated in its mission, Lakes & Pines' intent is to "build prosperous communities by serving local families and individuals in their pursuit of self-reliance."

The night aims to raise funds to keep these vital services available to those who need them across the seven-county region.

## SPONSORS AND DONORS

The Lakes & Pines' board of directors hopes to glean \$21,000 from this event. Community members, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to support the event not only through attendance but also through sponsorship or donations of auction items.

Businesses looking to support the fundraising effort through sponsorship can choose from four sponsorship levels, each offering promotional recognition through event materials, social media, and Lakes & Pines communication platforms, as well as com-

plementary tickets to the event. Sponsorship levels include Presenting Sponsor (\$2,500), Keep 'Em Warm Sponsor (\$1,000), Keep 'Em Fed Sponsor (\$500), and Keep 'Em Safe Sponsor (\$300).

Tickets to the Gala can be purchased in advance, with a deadline of Friday, May 8. They can be obtained by calling Lakes & Pines at 320-679-1800 or through email: lap@lakesandpines.org. Tickets include a buffet-style spaghetti dinner, and attendees will have a chance to participate in live and silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle, and a wall of wine raffle. Entertainment will be revealed the night of the event. While the word "gala" may suggest formal attire, there is no formal dress code.

While organizations like Lakes & Pines depend heavily on government funding, there is no substitute for the generosity of community members investing directly in their own communities. In his April 29, 1982, address to the nation, Ronald Reagan said, "Time and again the American people - you - have worked wonders that have astounded the world. We've done it in war and peace, in good times and bad, because we're people who care and who know how to pull together - family by family, community by community, coast to coast - to change things for the better. The success story of America is neighbor helping neighbor." Lakes & Pines invites the community to carry on this tradition of neighbor helping neighbor on May 15.

# MnDOT honors fallen transportation workers for Workers Memorial Day

The Minnesota Department of Transportation honors transportation workers who have been killed or injured while working on state highways, in recognition of Workers Memorial Day.

Gov. Tim Walz has proclaimed April 28, 2026, as Workers Memorial Day in Minnesota and the Interstate 35W Bridge in Minneapolis will be lit orange tonight to honor those who have died while working in work zones.

"At MnDOT, safety is at the center of everything we do. Workers Memorial Day is a somber reminder about the importance of keeping our work zones safe," said MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberg. "Every day, the people working on our roads work hard to keep you safe. Help keep them safe, too. Slow down when navigating work zones, obey work zone speed limits, put away the phone and all distractions. Together, we make these zones safe for everyone."

Thirty-six MnDOT workers and 17 contractors have lost their lives while working on Minnesota highways since 1960, including two workers who died in work zones last September. Immediately after those tragic deaths, MnDOT held a first-ever statewide safety stand down, where all employees participated in workplace safety training and reflection during the work day. MnDOT is now holding safety stand downs regularly, including one last week to mark Work Zone Awareness Week.

The agency reminds travelers that drivers and passengers suffer the majority of work zone deaths and injuries, and urges all drivers to follow these safety tips in work zones:

Drive the work zone speed limit. It helps create a consistent, more predictable traffic flow for everyone. The fine for speeding in a work zone is \$300.

Drive undistracted. Avoid using cell phones, mobile devices, adjusting the radio - even eating - while in a work zone.

Move over. Give workers room to safely complete their work.

Be patient. Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

Never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

Know before you go. Visit 511mn.org to get real-time information about traffic and road conditions, or download the free 511mn app at Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid unnecessary lane changes.

Do the zipper merge.

Visit MnDOT's Transportation Workers Memorial website to see the list of fallen workers in Minnesota, their stories, and the permanent worker memorial installation at MnDOT headquarters. -MNDOT

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**If interested, please submit resume to Jeff Andres, Publisher  
jeff@northstarmedia.net.**



## Annual National Day of Prayer gathering set for May 7

The Isanti County Ministerial Association invites the public to be part of a National Day of Prayer Gathering on Thursday, May 7, from 12-1 p.m. at the flagpoles at Isanti County Courthouse, 555 18th Ave. SW, Cambridge.

It will be a time of directed and spontaneous prayer for the community, state, nation, and world. Bring a camp chair for seating if needed.

With questions, contact North Isanti Baptist Church at 763-689-3576. -North Isanti Baptist Church

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## MON & THUR

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## MON - FRI

### Senior Dining

North Branch, Chisago County Senior Center 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-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

### 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.

### Knitting Night

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

## WEDNESDAYS

### Alanon

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

### Chisago County Drop-In Center

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

## THURSDAYS

### East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding 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



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### The city of Isanti is hosting its second Kids Archery Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 2.

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.

### Baby Storytime

co-hosted by Cambridge Library and ECFE. Begins at 9:30 a.m. at Cambridge

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

### Pancake Breakfast

Let's Go Fishing is hosting its annual pancake breakfast and silent auction fundraiser at Main Street Church in North Branch from 8 to 11 a.m.

### Second Kids Archery Day

Kids of all ages can learn how to shoot a bow and arrow from members of the Cambridge-Isanti Archery team. Event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Isanti Archery Range, located adjacent to the dog park and Rum River BMX.

## MAY 4

### Coffee Hour

Join the Friends of the North Branch Library from 9 to 10 a.m. for an hour of socializing and free coffee, tea and doughnuts. This program is geared toward ages 50 and over.

## MAY 5

### A Musical Evening with The Decibelles

Join the local women's acapella singing group organized by Play Inc Arts for a fun trip through the decades with songs from the 1930s to Ingrid Michaelson and Justin Timberlake. The concert will be at the Cambridge Library from 6 to 7 p.m.

### Chair Yoga & Functional Exercise Class

From 1 to 2 p.m. at the Cambridge Library. This class focuses on gentle movement to help improve flexibility, strength, balance, and overall mobility. Led by Lyrik from Physical Therapy Consultants. Intended for adults and seniors. Registration is required and a liability waiver will need to be signed.

## MAY 2

### Paper Shredding Event

9 a.m.- noon Hosted by Empire Insurance Group, 5357 Wyoming Trial, Wyoming, MN. Securely shred old documents for free. For each bag shredded Empire will donate \$10 to Lakes Center for Youth Families. Enter to win one year of AAA. For questions call 651-462-3724

### Peace Walk

## MAY 7

### Book club

Dana's Bookstore in Isanti at 5:30 p.m. to discuss It's Not Her by Mary Kubica. Join us!

### Reflection on the Environment

We R Able is hosting an informal learning program by Katie Sausen focusing on nature photos created by Joe Sausen, at the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. Program runs from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 320-358-3616.

## SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

### CAMBRIDGE

140 Buchanan Street

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

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

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Thursdays

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

### CHISAGO COUNTY

38790 6th Avenue, North Branch

#### Mon, Wed, Fri.

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

#### Monday & Wednesday

500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

#### Tuesdays

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

#### Thursdays

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

#### Fridays

Cribbage - starting at 12:45 p.m.

# A Cappella Mayhem comes to the PAC

The Cambridge-Isanti High School choral department will host its second annual A Cappella Mayhem on Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the CIHS Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center.

The event continues a 20-year Mayhem tradition that began as April Mayhem before expanding into May last year.

A Cappella Mayhem will feature six ensembles from the region performing contemporary vocal music. The concert will include soloists and group harmonies presented without instrumental accompaniment.

Choir director Aaron Knudsvig started the event in 2025 after the school's a cappella group, the Unaccompanied Minors, performed at similar festivals. He said the event focuses on performance rather than workshops.

Participating groups include Shell Lake High School's Lyrical Lakers and Tonal Recall, as well

as two adult ensembles connected with Play Inc Arts: The Decibelles and Tonal Degenerates. Cambridge-Isanti High School groups performing include the Unaccompanied Minors and a student-run men's ensemble.

Tonal Recall recently placed third in the regional quarterfinals of the International Championship of High School A Cappella, marking its second-highest finish in nine years.

The program will include songs such as "Landslide," "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "You Can't Hurry Love," "I Hope You Dance," "One Call Away," and "I've Had the Time of My Life." The concert will conclude with a combined finale performance of "Use Somebody."

Tickets are available online at [www.cur8.com](http://www.cur8.com) and will also be sold at the door. ~CHS' Unaccompanied Minors



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Unaccompanied Minors is hosting A Cappella Mayhem May 9.

## Cost of publishing newspapers keeps rising

What can you do with \$50? You could get a fast-food meal for two and maybe a dinner for two at a local restaurant. Buy groceries for a week? No way but maybe a bag of groceries. You could probably fill the gas tank of a car. That would not even begin to cover a doctor's bill. Maybe it would cover a movie, but probably not if you add snacks. Streaming or cable TV? Nope.

My point is, there are a lot of things in a person's life they consider essential that are expensive and getting more and more expensive. I would like to add one more item to the list.

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I have been publishing newspapers for 30 years. For the first time in my career, I am taking a more direct approach than ever before and asking, maybe even pleading, for your support. If you want to see the Star continue to offer you the most trusted and reliable local source of news and advertising for free, we are asking for you to send in \$50, or whatever you can afford. We would very much appreciate anything you can give.

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From the Publisher  
Jeff Andres



## Tire checks urged as spring driving begins

Question: I know you talk about the importance of tires when it comes to the winter months but I think it's just as important to talk about it in the spring with rain and wet roads. Thank you.

Answer: It is always a good time to talk about tire safety. Tires must support your vehicle's weight and grip the road properly. Inspect tires regularly for cuts, cracks, uneven wear, bald spots, bulges and punctures. Always carry a good spare tire and check its pressure often. Tires have less traction on gravel or dirt roads than on concrete or asphalt.



Ask A Trooper  
Jesse Grabow

Tires can lose up to 1 PSI of pressure every month. Check your tire pressure often and never drive with under-inflated tires.

• Find your vehicle's recommended tire pressure on a sticker inside

the driver's door or in the owner's manual.

• Check tire pressure before driving or at least three hours after driving.

• Insert a pressure gauge into the valve stem on your tire. The gauge will show the measured PSI.

• Compare the measured PSI to the PSI on the sticker inside the driver's door or in the owner's manual, not the PSI on the tire's sidewall.

• If the measured PSI is above the recommended number, let air out until it matches. If below, add air until it reaches the proper number.

• Check your tires often for wear and damage. A tire is illegal if the tread is less than one-sixteenth inch deep.

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# Nominations for Best of contest now open

Time flies when you are having fun, right? It seems like we just wrapped up the 2025 Readers' Choice Best of the Star contest,



**From the Publisher**  
Jeff Andres

handed out all the awards and here we are ready to start it all over again. One of the most popular reader engagements we have done for the past six years is the Reader's Choice Best of the Star contest. This week is the start of the nomination period and it runs through Sunday, May 17 at 5pm.

I use this column to announce the nomination phase every year

and every year we get several emails after the nomination period is over asking how they can get their name or business in the contest. We tell those people they have to wait until next May for the next year's contest to make nominations. In addition to this column, we run ads in the Isanti-Chisago County

Star, our website and make almost daily posts on our social media pages, to make your nomination.

To nominate, simply go to [countystar.com/bestof](http://countystar.com/bestof) and recommend your favorite local place or person in one of the 170 categories. You can nominate for one or all of the categories once per day. The website also helps you with filling in the full name and address but please remember to be as complete as possible with a full name and where they work so we can contact winners in the end. For example, many times we cannot move someone to the voting phase because we do not know who "Mary" is or where she works.

After the nomination period is over,

we will go through each of the categories to select the five local businesses or people who have received the most nominations. We also will look at the nominations to make sure they are valid. Those categories that don't receive two or more nominations will not move on to the voting period.

The voting period for this year's contest will take place 9 a.m. July 8 until 5 p.m. on August 2. You will be able to go to the same website, [countystar.com/bestof](http://countystar.com/bestof) and see the five finalists in each category. Vote for as many categories as you want. You are able to vote one time every 24 hours. The contest is online only, no paper ballots will be available.

The winners will be announced on

September 30 in a printed section of the Isanti-Chisago County Star newspaper and online at [countystar.com/bestof](http://countystar.com/bestof). Winners receive a certificate to hang in their business and a window cling. You may have seen some of these in businesses from previous years or in advertisements in the newspapers.

**How popular is this contest?**

- 2025- 8,472 nominations and 66,955 votes
- 2024- 6,748 nominations and 54,753 votes
- 2023- 4,171 nominations and 47,941 votes
- 2022- 1,462 nominations and 14,855 votes
- 2021- 1,077 nominations and 9,038 votes
- 2020- 1,313 nominations and 11,470 votes

Based on this trend, we anticipate another record number of nominations and votes. This makes it more important than ever to nominate and vote early and often.

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## City tag-teams with researchers to combat Emerald Ash Borer

The city of Isanti leadership has partnered with researchers to revolutionize the fight against the invasive Emerald Ash Borer beetle.

Emerald Ash Borer has been a devastating insect that has affected much of Minnesota's beautiful Ash tree population. Ash trees are one of the more common trees in Minnesota and provide millions of dollars of measured and immeasurable value to our state.

This invasive beetle, until very recently, was expected to kill all Ash trees in Minnesota within the next 15 years. However, there has been promising University of Minnesota research that has restored a semblance of hope for the Ash species of trees.

Our Isanti City Council has had about a dozen discussions regarding how to manage the Ash tree problem that neither leadership, nor taxpayers are responsible for causing. Some cities are electing to cut down all the Ash on public property and planting new trees of a different species. That plan comes at the cost of millions of dollars of taxpayer funds that would create a large increase in property taxes — an increase potentially as high as 30% if all done in one year.

This is not reasonable. Our goal has been to come up with a creative solution to this problem at the lowest cost possible. Outside of the explicit cost, removal of all the affected ash trees in Isanti would dramatically change the cosmetic and biological health of the entire city.

Fortunately, I was able to get in contact with researchers at the University of Minnesota who recently developed a potential means of treatment that has been successful in lab scenarios. They have also done a few small-scale experiments in nature they believe have been effective at both slowing the spread and killing the beetle. After a couple discussions and a letter written to the state by the city, these researchers have agreed to work with the city of Isanti on a large-scale treatment

program, at no cost to the city.

The research study uses a specific Minnesota native fungi spore that kills the beetle when exposed at certain concentrations. Some spores from the fungi have also shown potential in infecting the beetle and then, hopefully, spreading that infection to other beetles.

This is a potentially systemic cure, if it can be validated in the field. In total, the city of Isanti has nearly 500 ash trees in public right-of-ways and in our parks. These are the most important trees, as they affect all residents and are a significant aspect of the tree cover and overall feel of our city. Many thousands of ash trees exist in the city limits.

The initial study will treat 100 trees with the fungi, 100 trees will be assigned as a control, and 30 trees will be treated with an effective (but expensive and non-systemic) insecticide treatment. There is a possibility we could treat as many as 300 of the city's essential trees over the next few years. Slightly different treatment methods will likely be used on each set of trees, to determine the best overall treatment method. This large-scale study could be revolutionary and change the course of the Emerald Ash borer problem the entire state, and much of the Midwest, is suffering from. I am very excited and proud that we are able to help facilitate this as a creative means of potentially systemic treatment, at no cost to the city.

Additionally, city leadership has discussed an "Adopt a Tree" type program. If you have an ash tree in your yard within the right-of-way and are interested in sacrificing it for the fungi study control, or in adopting and treating your tree (with insecticide or fungus), please reach out to me, a city council member or city staff.

Thank you to Council member Lundeen and the rest of the council who have had many healthy discussions on this topic. We are leaders here in the city of Isanti. We lead by example and think outside the box. We don't just spend your money; we find ways to provide more overall value than you pay in taxes.

LUKE MERRILL is mayor for the city of Isanti. He can be directly reached at 763-516-5082, or [Lmerrill@cityofisanti.us](mailto:Lmerrill@cityofisanti.us).



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Luke Merrill

## Minnesota starwatch for May 2026

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May opens and closes with full moons, but both make it hard to catch their moment of perfect fullness.

On May Day that moment arrives near noon, when the moon won't be visible from Minnesota. And on the 31st, perfect fullness comes at 3:45 a.m., when few of us are up. But there's a silver lining here. Because we'll have two full moons in a calendar month, the second one qualifies as a blue moon.

Evening viewers may catch Venus blazing through the sun's afterglow in the west-northwest, or lighting up a dark sky for a short time after the afterglow fades. Two bright objects stand out above Venus. To the right is Capella, in the constellation Auriga, the charioteer. To the left shines Jupiter, which is on course to drop past Venus in June.

The spring constellation Leo, the lion, comes out high in the south early in May and ends the month high in the southwest. On the 22nd, a nearly first quarter moon visits Regulus, the bright star marking the lion's heart. Below and east of Leo glimmers Spica, the only bright star in Virgo, the maiden. You'll probably need a star chart to find Virgo, but not Corvus, the crow, a quadrangle of stars just below and west of Spica.

High in the southeast shines Arcturus, in the constellation Bootes, the herdsman. The brightest star in the northern hemisphere of sky, Arcturus can be found by extending the curve of the Big Dipper's handle. Its closest rival in brightness is Vega, in the constellation Lyra, the lyre of the mythical Greek musician Orpheus.

Vega is now in the morning sky, along with the other stars of the big Summer Triangle: Altair, in Aquila, the eagle; and Deneb, in Cygnus, the swan. While you're up, look near the southeastern horizon for Antares, the red heart of the summer constellation Scorpius.

### CLARIFICATION

•The date of the Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's "Kentucky Derby Dinner Party" is Saturday, May 2.

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## OBITUARIES

### Beverly Jane Larson

Beverly Jane Larson, 92, went peacefully into the arms of Jesus her Saviour on April 21, 2026 at The Legacy of Farmington, MN.

Beverly was born on April 28, 1933, to her parents Guy and Edna Jacques at their family home in



Quamba, MN, the third of five children. She attended grade school in Quamba and went on to attend high school in Mora, MN. After her father passed away prematurely, she, at 17 years of age, moved with her mother and four siblings to Cambridge where she graduated from high school in 1951.

Following graduation, Beverly began to venture out and moved along with her older sister, Gloria,

to Loring Park where they rented a tiny apartment together. From there, she took a bus to downtown Minneapolis where she was employed as a bank teller. When she later returned to Cambridge, she worked at Cambridge State Bank and it was during that time she met the love of her life, Robert Larson, while out with friends.

Robert and Beverly were married on June 4, 1955 at Cambridge Lutheran Church and were happily married for 66 years until Bob's passing in July 2021. Together they lovingly raised two daughters, Michele and Julie, in the home that Bob built for them in 1959. Bev loved to decorate her home for the seasons, creating beautiful flower arrangements and a homey and inviting atmosphere. Their home was filled with love, laughter and warm hospitality as she loved to host family and friends on many occasions such as holiday celebrations, family get togethers, card parties and ladies' circle. She always extended a warm and friendly welcome to whomever came to the door with a smile and cup of coffee.

Beverly and Robert were faithful members at Cambridge Lutheran Church throughout their entire marriage, and modeled their faith and family values to their daughters. Bev was involved with ladies' circle, Loaves and Fishes, and serving the community. She and Bob were also blessed to have both their daughters' weddings also celebrated there.

Beverly deeply valued her friendships and made many delightful memories, spending time together visiting friends over coffee and lunch dates, playing rousing games of dominoes and making various crafts. She most delighted in occasional family visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Beverly was a wonderfully devoted wife, loving mother to her children and tenderhearted grandmother and great-grandmother. Family was her most precious achievement.

She is survived by daughter Michele Horak (Dennis) of Farmington, MN, granddaughter Allison of Farmington, MN; daughter Julie Trandahl (Ted) of Tulsa, OK; granddaughter Amber Albergaria (Guilherme) of Tulsa, OK; great-grandchildren Samuel (19), Jonas (17), Hannah (13); grandson Josiah Trandahl (Madelyn) of Gallatin, TN; great-grandchildren Jude (11), Dylan (8), Parker (4); grandson Taylor Trandahl (Ansley) of Nashville, TN; great-grandchildren Scarlett (deceased), Baby boy T (arriving May 2026); grandson Mack Trandahl (Ana) of Arlington, VA; great-grandson Elijah James (9 months).

Beverly's surviving family and friends will deeply miss her presence and the joy she brought to all who knew her. May they continue in her memory to affectionately celebrate and fondly embrace the lasting legacy she leaves.

Funeral Service 1p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Visitation one hour prior to service. Interment in the church cemetery. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Natalie Benzen** and **Lisa Laursen**, of Braham; **Nathaniel Filzen** and **Kaia Hass**, of Cambridge; **Hudson Fairbanks** and **Anthony Henriquez**, of Center City; **Ashley Fairbanks**, **Devin Knops** and **Gabriel Widenstrom**, of Harris; **Amber Alm**, **Jessica Fauver** and **Caitlynn Scofield**, of Isanti; **Kadee Klecker**, **Emily O'Reilly** and **Sydney Reed**, of North Branch; **Ruby Beier**, of Ogilvie; and **Alexis Porter**, of Rush City (President's) from Pine Tech-

nical and Community College.

**Nathaniel Henry**, **Lukas Neyhart**, **Michele Rachal** and **Matthew Richey**, of Cambridge; **Tiffany Kafer**, **Joseph Krenz**, **Levi Krenz**, **Nathan Pace** and **Julia Stahley**, of Harris; **Preslie Kjoberg**, **Alysha Martin** and **Nedhi Uka**, of Isanti; **Haylee Braun**, **Amy Colliander**, **Jayme Demont**, **Jayle Dykhoff**, **Caleb Johnson**, **Tate Klanderud**, **Daniel Nelson** and **Ellen Peters**, of North

Branch; **Macie Babolik**, **Faith Cochran**, **Mavis Doeun** and **Grace Hilton**, of Rush City; **Trevor Gammel**, **Kylee Kirschman**, **Gavin McCarty**, **Jessica Waukazo** and **Owen Wolkerstorfer**, of Stanchfield; and **Mariah Carlson**, **Isabella Hansen**, **Anthony Krueger**, **Alexandra Kunshier** and **Drew Sisko**, of Braham (Dean's) from Pine Technical and Community College.

### Virginia E. Williams

Virginia E. Williams, age 90, of Cambridge passed away at home on April 24, 2026.

Virginia was born December 19, 1935 in Browerville, Minnesota. She graduated from Melrose High School in 1953. In 1956 Virginia was united in marriage to Alton Williams at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, Minnesota. They made their home and raised their family in Crystal, Minnesota before moving to Cambridge, Minnesota in 2004.

Virginia enjoyed country music, craft sales, ceramics, bowling, and playing cards with friends. She was a loyal fan of the Minnesota Twins. Virginia was a dedicated mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother



and friend to many.

Survived by children; Kathleen Clemente (Jose), Richard Williams, Patricia Brache (Ron),

Lynne Lack (Nigel) and Janet (Chris) Johnson; grandchildren, Jose Jr. (Emily), Scott (Danielle), Robert (Emily), Antonio (Nina), Lindsey (Jared), Adam (Caitlin), Jeremy (Clint) and Jenna (Eric); great-grandchildren, Carissa, Kaden. Mercedes, Rena, Dominick, Gabriel, Veda, Emery, Isla, Henry, Connor and Adalyn; sisters, Carol, Audrey and Annie (Glenn); and by other relatives and friends. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Al; and brother-in-laws, Ed and Carl.

Memorial Mass 11 a.m. Thursday, April 30 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Christ the King Catholic Cemetery in Cambridge. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

### Julie (Hammargren) Hardin

July 26, 1956-April 20, 2026

Julie Kay Hardin, 69, of Louisville, KY, formerly of Cambridge, MN, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026 from health issues.

Julie was born on July 26, 1956 and she graduated from Cambridge High School in 1974.



Julie enjoyed reading and beach vacations, and she loved the ocean. She cherished time spent with her grandchildren, family, friends, and neighbors. Her family described her as loving, caring, and funny. She had a deep love for animals and is survived by her beloved cats, Bella and Felix. Julie also had a strong faith in God.

Julie was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Hardin, Mother Hermoine (Hammargren) Schipper, Father G. Filmore Hammargren, brother Larry Hammargren and brother-in-law Randy Wright.

Julie is survived by her daughter Shelly (Steve) Moss, Crestwood, KY, son John (Misty) Scheufeli, Iron River, WI; sister Cathy Wright, Pillager, MN twin brother Jack Hammargren, Cambridge, MN; Stepdad Roger Schipper, Milaca, MN; grandchildren Eric, Dillon, Andrew, Joe, Ashley, Nick; and her great-grandchild Crew.

Graveside services will take place at Louisville Memorial Gardens East in Louisville, KY on June 5, 2026 at noon.

### Lenora Marie Robertson

Lenora Marie Robertson, age 99, of Cambridge, Minnesota passed away peacefully on April 25, 2026, surrounded by her family. Born on March 15, 1927, to Bertus and Lena Mellema, she was the ninth of ten children, living near Worthington Minnesota.



This was the beginning of a life filled with love and service to those who knew her.

Lenora married Ervin Robertson on June 27, 1946 and they began their lives together, farming over 40 years and raising five children on their farm near Bigelow, Minnesota. Lenora was perfectly suited to be a partner to Ervin on the farm, where her strong work ethic was put to good use. Her skills in cooking

wonderful meals, tending a huge garden, creatively sewing for the family and sharing in the farm work, both inside and outside of the house, made her a great helper in every sense of the word.

In December, 1948, a farm accident seriously injured Ervin. Many long years of surgeries and hospitalizations brought out her nature of having the heart of a caregiver. With three small children to care for and physical struggles related to his accident, Lenora lived out that passion. Later in life, she continued to pour herself into care for many family members and friends who needed her presence as they went through physical difficulties.

Hospitality came naturally to Lenora. Her table was rarely empty, welcoming new families from church every Sunday, neighbors, friends and often "drop ins" without any notice. Somehow, she was always prepared with something delicious from the oven. Warm conversation around the table brought her many friends over the years.

Lenora made music a cornerstone of family life. All five children were encouraged to grow in their musical abilities, sometimes with a stern hand. She loved to sing in church choir and for a time, in a women's trio, which she expressed as one of her favorite things to do.

Lenora was also interested in learning new skills involving herself in community classes and groups that encouraged creativity and personal growth. Family activities included 4-H clubs, travel, concert series, travelogues, and frequently hosting foreign students, all introducing her family to life beyond the farming community. Ervin and Lenora traveled extensively, being fascinated by history and other cultures.

All of Lenora's service flowed from one source. Lenora's relationship with Jesus was the center of her life, and her servant's heart was a reflection of that deep abiding faith. Her tangible love, generosity and compassion was her way of serving Christ.

Lenora was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin Robertson; daughters Leanna Kay Robertson and Susan Elaine Boyd, son Mark Alan Robertson. She is survived by her brother, Robert Mellema; daughters, Nancy Thielen (Mick), Ellen Voigt (Timothy), Mary Mork (Allen), daughter in law, Kathy Robertson, son in law, Chris Boyd; twenty grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren.

Funeral Service 11 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Cambridge, Minnesota, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. A fellowship reception will follow at the church. A family burial will take place in Worthington, Minnesota on May 28, 2026. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com)

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

#### Barbara Kruschel



A celebration of life for Barbara Kruschel, who passed away on February 23, 2026, will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Great Northern Room in the Cambridge Library, 111 North Dellwood Street, Cambridge, MN.

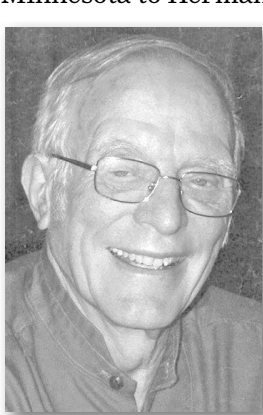
For Barbara's full obituary, see the March 5, 2026 edition of the Isanti-Chisago County Star or go to [www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com/obituaries](http://www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com/obituaries).

**OBITUARIES CONTINUED**

**Dale A. Sauer**

Dale A. Sauer, 88, formerly of Harris passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at Good Samaritan Home in Robbinsdale.

He was born February 21, 1938 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Herman and Marcella (Braun) Sauer.



Dale graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, enlisted in the Navy and is a University of Minnesota graduate. He served his country as a Navy veteran, a role he carried with honor throughout his life. After his military service, Dale worked for the State of Minnesota in a variety of roles.

Outside of his work and service, Dale found joy in spending time with family, farming, gardening, and living in areas rich with wildlife.

He was a member of Fish Lake Lutheran Church, served on their Cemetery Committee, and participated in a variety of church events.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Clifford and Helen Bolter, his first wife Carmen, and daughters Mindi and Diane.

Dale is survived by his wife Barbara, children Mark (Cathy) Sauer of Omaha, NE, Mike (Sharon) Sauer of Chaska, Brenden (Heather) Schaaf of Dayton, Katie Schaaf of Minneapolis, Annalise Schaaf of Houston, TX, three grandchildren Sarah Sauer, Stephanie Sauer and Riley Schaaf, brother Daryl Sauer of Deer River, other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service 2 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026 at Fish Lake Lutheran Church in Stark. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials are preferred. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com)

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

**FLOCK:** Council appears ready to approve license plate reader contract after making policy changes

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meeting in May, two meetings after the public hearing.

"I didn't agree with a lot of what was being said," Mayor Kevin Schieber said of the public hearing two weeks prior, at which members of the public spoke overwhelmingly against adding Flock cameras to the city. Schieber called their comments "negative" and "judgmental."

Flock ALPR cameras can be used to track stolen vehicles, find missing persons, and locate vehicles used in abductions. Schieber said if even one person is saved using this technology, it's worth the additional surveillance.

"If you're going to abduct a child, to me, you're a scumbag criminal who belongs in hell," Schieber said.

Schieber is also of the mind that non-criminals need not worry about the technology, because police will only use it to interrupt and prevent crime.

There have been reports where ALPR has been used to stalk citizens, including a former police chief's ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend. Lee Nygaard of Kansas tracked their cars more than 200 times, using the information to follow them out of town, each time claiming the search was related to a missing child or other legitimate law enforcement rea-

**'If you're going to abduct a child, to me, you're a scumbag criminal who belongs in hell.'**

**Kevin Schieber**  
North Branch Mayor

son. Flock representatives state that those incidences involved more advanced cameras than what North Branch is obtaining.

Additionally, safeguards have been enacted to prevent such unauthorized use. In Minnesota, law enforcement agencies must submit to biennial audits of Flock system use.

Meyer said he intends to allow all sworn officers access to the Flock system.

**ALTERNATIVE TO STATE FLAG**

The city may also feature a more welcome sight around town: its own flag.

Mayor Schieber proposed exploring a local contest to design a flag for the City of North Branch, to be flown in places formerly occupied by the Minnesota flag.

In August 2024, the council considered and passed, in a single meeting, a resolution to refuse to fly the newly-adopted Minnesota state flag or use the new state seal. Only Travis Miles, now the city's human resources director, opposed the resolution, which was proposed by since-resigned

Council member Peter Schaps.

Schaps argued the state did not adequately involve residents in the selection of the new flag and seal. Subsequent to that resolution's passage, the city quietly opted to fly neither the new flag nor the previous flag. State statute gives cities free will to choose which state flag to fly, or to not fly a state flag at all.

Schieber said a North Branch resident approached him and complained that the council had done exactly what they were complaining the state did: making a decision without any public input whatsoever.

"I think there's merit to that," Schieber said.

City Administrator Matthew Hill asked that council make clear it did not expect staff to design a new flag, instead handing the reins over to the community. Schieber suggested a partnership with the school district.

Hill also pointed out that the city is set to adopt a new comprehensive plan in the next two years, and a new flag design could be a part of that.

**LTFM:** Projects get prioritized based on four criteria, subject to change at any time

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\$170,000 would be used for district-wide safety enclosure.

The only six-figure project for a specific school building is hot water at the high school. Replacing radiant ceiling panels at Cambridge Intermediate School (\$80,000), resurfacing the CIHS gym floor (\$70,000), and pool area wall repair (\$50,000) are the only other larger-ticket individual

projects.

"For twenty-some years, we haven't had hot water in all of our locker rooms," Kampa said.

Beyond that, there are a number of smaller (in cost, not priority) projects that run from \$2,000 up to \$35,000, such as gym floor repairs at four buildings, bathroom repairs at Isanti Middle School, and moving little-used lockers from the

high school to Isanti Middle School.

Kampa noted this was just a preliminary list, which very well could be altered as project priorities change.

**REMAINING FY 2026 PROJECTS**

Kampa noted there is one major project to be completed this summer that is part of the 2026 fiscal year LTFM budget: the replacement of both sets

of bleachers in the CIHS gym. Over the past couple years, the bleachers have intermittently failed to fully extend and/or fully retract. This would be especially problematic if it were to happen ahead of the graduation ceremony, where the gym is filled to capacity plus an overflow crowd watching a video feed in the Performing Arts Center. Kampa said the bleacher replacement will begin "the

day after graduation."

Another much talked-about FY 2026 project that will be soon performed is the high school parking lot. According to Kampa, pothole patching will be done on Friday, May 8, which is a non-school day for students.

**Local agent honored with 2025 quality service award**

CENTURY 21 Real Estate LLC announced that Anna Magaard a sales affiliate of CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, Inc., had received the 2025 CENTURY 21 Quality Service Producer Award.

The Quality Service Producer Award is given annually to CENTURY 21 affiliates who have received a significant return rate on their post-transaction client satisfaction surveys.

Anna Magaard, a real estate professional, joined CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, Inc. in 2022. When asked about her award, Anna stated, "I am honored to accept this award and am so grateful to those I have had the opportunity to work with, especially my Century 21 Moline Realty

Team. To my clients, thank you for trusting me with one of the most significant decisions of your lives. It has been a privilege to help you find your dream homes or investment properties or sell your homes to begin a new chapter. Your satisfaction and happiness are the true measures of my success."

Carrie Gibbs, Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, Inc., praised Anna for her remarkable success in real estate. "Anna's extensive knowledge and passion shine through in every transaction," Carrie shared. "Her commitment to excellence has consistently made a profound impact on her clients, guiding them seamlessly through one



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**Anna Magaard**

of the most significant purchases of their lives. Tricia's dedication and expertise continue to set her apart as a top-performing agent, delivering exceptional results and building lasting relationships." ~ Century 21 Moline

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## C-I, NB SCOREBOARD: APRIL 22 - 28

### April 22

C-I girls golf @ Milaca - 4th/14 teams  
 \*Top finisher: Amber Grecula - 7th place (81)  
 C-I softball 5, Blaine 4  
 NB baseball 1, Monticello 13  
 NB softball 11, Monticello 8

### April 23

C-I boys and girls track & field @ St. Francis - cancelled (weather)  
 C-I baseball @ Zimmerman - postponed to TBD  
 C-I softball @ Zimmerman - postponed to TBD  
 NB boys tennis vs Monticello - postponed to May 6

### April 24

NB boys tennis 3, Grand Rapids 4

### April 27

C-I girls golf @ Pebble Creek - postponed to May 4  
 C-I baseball vs. Sauk Rapids-Rice - canceled  
 NB girls golf @ Pebble Creek - postponed to May 4  
 NB baseball at Cloquet - postponed to May 13

### April 28

C-I girls golf @ St. Francis - 2nd/9 teams  
 \*Top finisher: Nora Gustafson - 4th place (90)  
 C-I boys golf @ Pebble Creek - 9th/9 teams  
 \*Top finisher: Jacob Bostrom - 9th place (82)  
 C-I boys track & field @ Mounds View  
 \*First place finishers: Hunter Jacobson (800), SMR 1600, Logan Majorowicz,

Calvin Piescher (pole vault)  
 C-I baseball 0, Becker 12  
 C-I softball 7, Becker 3  
 NB girls golf @ St. Francis - 5th/9 teams  
 \*Top finisher: Jenna Minke - 4th place (90)  
 NB boys golf @ Pebble Creek - 1st/9 teams  
 \*Top finishers: Nicholas Melvin - 2nd place (77), Drake Dimich - 3rd place (78)  
 NB boys tennis 7, St. Francis 0  
 NB boys track & field @ Buffalo  
 \*Top finishers: 2nd place - 4x800 relay, Nolan Weidenhamer (high jump)  
 NB girls track & field @ Buffalo  
 \*First place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (400), Ella Dick (pole vault)  
 NB baseball 0, Princeton 12  
 NB softball 4, Princeton 5

## CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH HOME SCHEDULES: APRIL 30 - MAY 9

To see both schools' full schedules, go to [www.mississippi8.org](http://www.mississippi8.org). Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

### Thursday, April 30

•C-I boys tennis vs. Princeton (4 p.m.)  
 •C-I boys & girls track vs. Big Lake, North Branch, St. Francis (4 p.m.)  
 •C-I softball vs. Big Lake (5 p.m.)  
 •C-I baseball vs. Big Lake (6 p.m.)

### Saturday, May 2

•NB boys tennis vs. Cloquet, Totino Grace (10 a.m.)

### Monday, May 4

•C-I boys golf home meet (noon)

### Tuesday, May 5

•C-I baseball vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)  
 •C-I softball vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)  
 •NB girls golf home conference meet @ Bulrush (noon)  
 •NB boys tennis vs. Foley (4 p.m.)

### Wednesday, May 6

•NB boys tennis vs. Monticello (4 p.m.)

### Thursday, May 7

•NB baseball vs. Zimmerman (5 p.m.)  
 •NB softball vs. Zimmerman (5 p.m.)

### Saturday, May 9

•C-I boys tennis vs. Blaine, Brainerd (9 a.m.)



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Cambridge-Isanti pitcher Mackenzie Brooks struck out 15 Becker batters and hit a solo homerun during the Bluejackets' 7-3 win over the Bulldogs.

# STAR of Hope SPRING FOOD DRIVE



## Stuff a Truck

May 9

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m

at



209 6th Avenue Northeast,  
Isanti



Thursday, May 7  
1:30-2:30 PM

Welia Health-Mora | Conference Room 2  
301 Highway 65 South | Mora, MN 55051

Managing diabetes is daily work—support can make it easier.

Welia Health's **Diabetes Support Group** offers a welcoming space to connect, learn, and share experiences with others living with diabetes and their loved ones. Led by healthcare professionals, discussions focus on practical, real-life topics to support day-to-day diabetes care. **You're welcome here—no matter where you are on your diabetes journey.**

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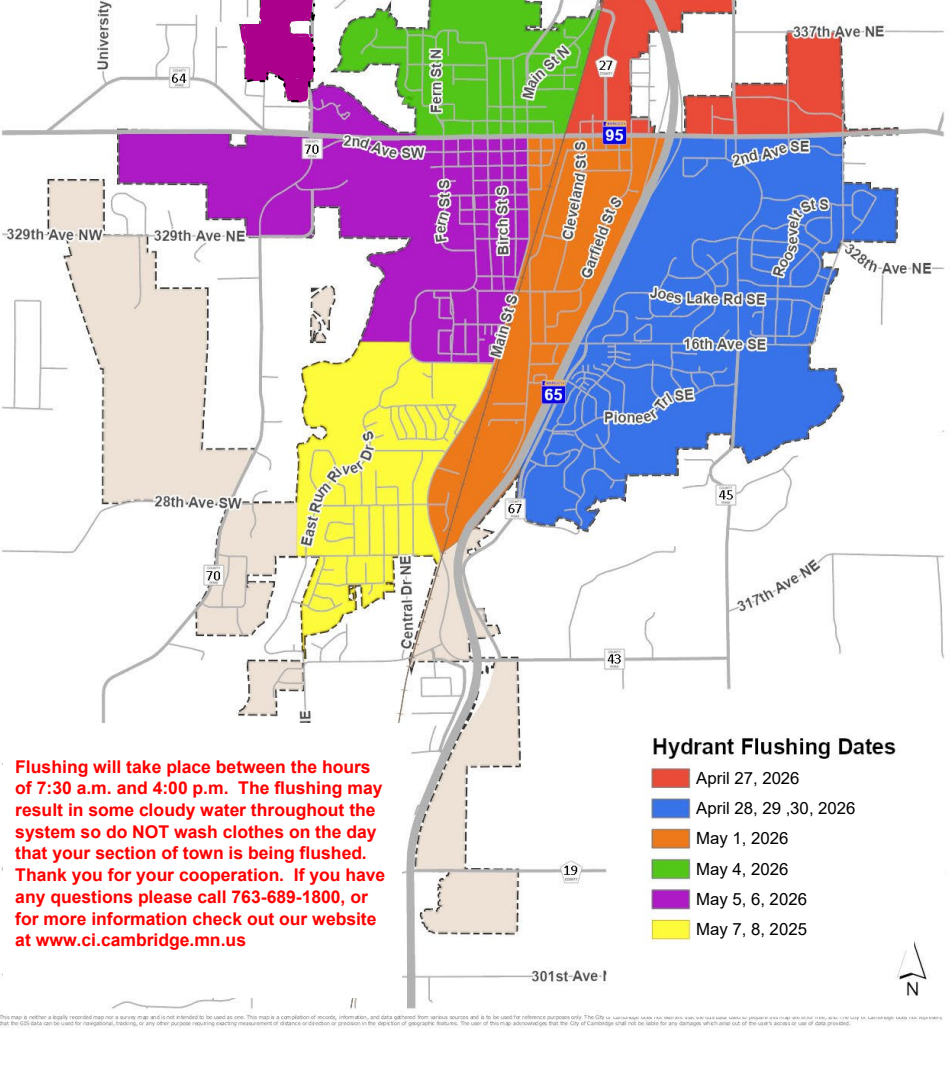
Scan the QR code for more upcoming dates or visit [WeliaHealth.org/SupportGroups](http://WeliaHealth.org/SupportGroups) to explore all Welia Health Support Groups.





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Cambridge, MN



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## Lung Disease SUPPORT GROUP



Tuesday, May 5  
1:00-2:00 PM

Welia Health-Mora | Conference Room 4  
301 Highway 65 South | Mora, MN 55051

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Led by experienced Welia Health pulmonary rehabilitation specialists, the **Lung Disease Support Group** offers education, coping strategies, and encouragement for individuals living with COPD, asthma, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary fibrosis, and other chronic lung conditions. **Connect with others who truly understand the challenges of living with lung disease.**

**Have questions or want to learn more?**  
Please call Welia Health Rehabilitation Services at **320.225.3646**.

Scan the QR code for more upcoming dates or visit [WeliaHealth.org/SupportGroups](http://WeliaHealth.org/SupportGroups) to explore all Welia Health Support Groups.



# MOTHER'S DAY! Gift Guide

Sunday, May 10

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# Minnesota moms: Join the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages moms who live in Minnesota to join a free virtual fishing challenge during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend Saturday, May 9, through Sunday, May 10, when Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

"Fishing has always been one of my favorite traditions. There's nothing like being out on the water and sharing that time with the people you love," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Take a Mom Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity to carry that tradition forward and welcome more women into the outdoors. Whether it's your first cast or your hundredth, we want every mom to feel like she belongs out on the water."

"The Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge is a wonderful way to celebrate the role moms play as leaders and teachers in the outdoors," said Sarah Strommen, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources commissioner. "Whether fishing with friends or family, getting outdoors as a new angler or an experienced one, Minnesota moms are building community and

making connections and memories that last far beyond a day on the water. I want to invite all Minnesota moms to join this fun challenge by sharing their fish photos. I can't wait to share mine!"

To participate in the challenge, moms simply need to join the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge 2026 Facebook group and submit one photo of each fish they catch on May 9-10.

The 2026 Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge is a collaboration between the Minnesota DNR, Student Angler Organization ([studentangler.org](http://studentangler.org)) and Women Anglers of Minnesota ([womenanglersmn.com](http://womenanglersmn.com)). All participants who submit a fish photo will be entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Angler Organization and their partners. Participants are also invited to tune in for pre-challenge fishing webinars, hosted by Women Anglers of Minnesota, to brush up on technique before heading out.

"Thank you to our partners and every mom who participates in this challenge," said Cara Hanson, DNR marketing coordinator. "This challenge isn't a

competition. It's all about sharing the fun and encouraging moms to get out and enjoy fishing."

This is the fourth year the DNR and its partners are hosting the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge. During the 2025 challenge, more than 2,700 Minnesota moms from across the state participated, catching 1,600 fish.

"Our goal is to surpass 10,000 participants in the challenge's first four years," Hanson said.

To see challenge details and join in the fun, visit the Take a Mom Fishing webpage ([mndnr.gov/take-mom-fishing](http://mndnr.gov/take-mom-fishing)).

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend was established in Minnesota in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day. Fishing season dates and regulations are on the Minnesota DNR fishing webpage ([mndnr.gov/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/fishing)). More information about how and where to fish, fishing equipment, ways to catch different kinds of fish, and fishing ethics and stewardship is on the Minnesota DNR learn to fish webpage ([mndnr.gov/gofishing](http://mndnr.gov/gofishing)). -MNDNR

## WORSHIP *guide*

### Baptist

#### First Baptist Church

304 S. Main St., Cambridge, 763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs. [firstbaptistcambridge.org](http://firstbaptistcambridge.org)

#### North Isanti Baptist Church

Lead Pastor: Travis Blake  
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. [www.nibchurch.com](http://www.nibchurch.com)  
Email: [nibchurch@msn.com](mailto:nibchurch@msn.com)  
763-689-3576.  
8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)  
10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

#### Sunrise Bible Church

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

### Catholic

#### Christ the King

305 Fern Street N  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
763-689-1221  
Friday 8:30am  
Saturday 4pm  
email [brigitte@isantiacc.org](mailto:brigitte@isantiacc.org)  
Website: [isantiacc.org](http://isantiacc.org)

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN. 763-444-4035  
Email: [brigitte@isantiacc.org](mailto:brigitte@isantiacc.org)  
Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am.  
Sun. 8:30am.  
[isantiacc.org](http://isantiacc.org)

### Evangelical Covenant

#### Karmel Covenant Church

5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN 763-389-3169  
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis  
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson

Sunday School for All Ages (school year only): 9-10 a.m.

Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday Programming (school year 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](http://www.daleefc.com)

#### Kost Evangelical Free Church

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72  
651-583-3281 • [Kostchurch.org](http://Kostchurch.org)  
Pastor Josh Jensen  
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School  
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm  
Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.

#### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti (1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)  
763-444-5134 [oxlip.org](http://oxlip.org)  
9am Worship Service  
10:45am Christian Education  
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 to 7:30pm

#### Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95  
[www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org](http://www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org)  
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/Prayer 2:00 pm  
Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton  
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### Lutheran

#### Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister  
905 Central Drive West  
320-396-2755  
[www.brahamlutheran.org](http://www.brahamlutheran.org)  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
In-person & Live on Facebook  
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School  
Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult  
All Are Welcome!

#### Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following  
[my.calvaryofrushpoint.org](http://my.calvaryofrushpoint.org)  
Office: [calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com)

#### Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge  
763-689-1211  
Traditional service: 8:30 a.m.  
Contemp service: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
KidZone 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
[www.cambridgelutheran.org](http://www.cambridgelutheran.org)  
Facebook: [fb.com/Cambridgelutheran](https://fb.com/Cambridgelutheran)  
YouTube: [tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran](https://tinyurl.com/Cambridgelutheran)

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

32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333  
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.  
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/  
Bible Class 10:30am  
[www.christcambridge.com](http://www.christcambridge.com)

#### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris. 651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt  
Sunday Worship 9:20am  
Coffee & fellowship following service  
Email: [firstlutheran@q.com](mailto:firstlutheran@q.com)  
[www.firstlutheranharris.org](http://www.firstlutheranharris.org)

#### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge  
763-689-4355  
[www.joylutheran.net](http://www.joylutheran.net)  
Pastor James Ritter  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

#### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch  
651-674-5576  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
Sunday Worship 10am  
Sunday School 9am  
Sunday Adult Bible Study 9am  
Tuesday Bible Studies 1pm & 7pm  
[www.livingbranch.org](http://www.livingbranch.org)  
email: [office@livingbranch.org](mailto:office@livingbranch.org)

#### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5315  
Pastor Sue Olson &  
Pastor Rebecca Holland  
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Sundays  
9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School  
Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation

#### Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017.  
763-689-1687  
Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30  
Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the Fall  
Coffee fellowship after worship  
[www.salemlutherandalbo.com](http://www.salemlutherandalbo.com)

#### Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).  
651-674-4606.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.slchurch.org  
Email: [slchurch@gmail.com](mailto:slchurch@gmail.com)  
**8:15am** Worship with fellowship following

#### St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch  
Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor;  
Sunday 9am Worship;  
10:20am Adult Bible Study;  
Thursday 6:30pm Bible study.  
Email: [stjohnlutheran@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://ststephensbraham.org)

#### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Methodist

#### Common Ground - A United Methodist Community

404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.  
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.  
Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
Livestream of services and more info at [commongroundumc.org](http://commongroundumc.org).  
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### Non-Denominational

#### Grace Gospel Church

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

Bible based worship.  
651-600-9878.  
[faiththroughaction777@gmail.com](mailto:faiththroughaction777@gmail.com)  
Sunday fellowship 9am  
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am  
Come as you are. All welcome.  
Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.

#### JustPassinThru IHS Ministries

Becoming Agape – Allowing the Holy Spirit to transform lives  
763-228-0883  
Meeting at Crossroads Commons  
1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN  
[justpassinihs@gmail.com](mailto:justpassinihs@gmail.com)  
JustpassinThru.net  
Pastor Tom Bakke  
Sunday mornings at 10 am  
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

### Pentecostal

#### The Journey New Life Church

601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti  
Pastor David L. Willis.  
Sunday 10am Worship & the Word & Kids' Church.  
Sunday 6pm Family Worship.  
Wednesday 7pm Family Breakout Classes.  
763-689-4471  
[Thejourneynlc.org](http://Thejourneynlc.org)

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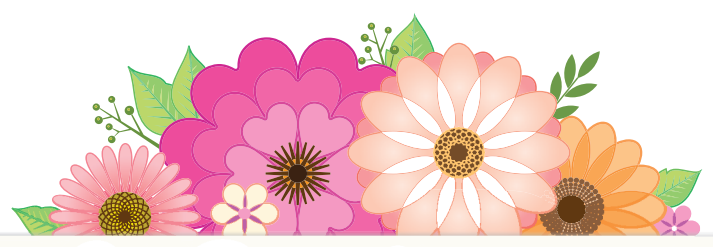
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## PROBATE

### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY ISANTI DISTRICT COURT

District Court  
10th Judicial District  
Court File Number: 30-PR-26-26  
Case Type: Informal Probate  
In Re The Estate Of Albert Marlin Johnson, II, Deceased

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

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name: **Kristina Lynn Johnson**  
Address: **7075 Humber Trail NE North Branch MN 55056**

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

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

Attorney for Personal Representative  
**ANN MARIE TESSNEER**  
Attorney License No.: 264519  
43020 Blackhawk RD  
Harris MN 55032  
Telephone: 763-552-8933  
E-Mail: ann@tessneerlawoffice.com

Probate Registrar: Pamela Kreier

Date: April 14, 2026  
Erin Boettcher, Court Administrator

Date: April 14, 2026  
**Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 23, 30, 2026**

## FORECLOSURES

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks  
Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04  
Form 60.2.1 (2009)  
DATE: April 23, 2026

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

#### INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

- Date of Mortgage: July 11, 2022
- Mortgagors: Elijah Benner, an unmarried person.
- Mortgagees: Figure Lending LLC.
- Recording Information: Recorded on July 15, 2022, as Document Number A517553, in the Office of the County Recorder of Isanti County, Minnesota.
- Assignments of Mortgage, if

any:

Assigned to Valley Strong Credit Union, by written assignment recorded on October 2, 2024, as Document Number A532993 in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14.044.0080

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

That part of Lot 1 of Auditor's Subdivision Number 7, to the Village of Braham, described as followed Commencing at a point 649 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, In Township 37 North, of Range 23 West, Isanti County, Minnesota then South along the East line of said Forty, a distance of 240 feet, then at a right angle West 350 feet then North at a right angle, and parallel with the East line of said Forty, a distance of 240 feet, and thence at a right angle 350 feet, to point of commencement and there to terminate.

Excepting therefrom that part thereof lying southerly of a line described as follows: Said line to commence at a point 746.67 feet south of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, In Township 37 North, of Range 23 West, Isanti County, Minnesota as measured along the east line of sold Northwest Quarter; thence deflecting to the right (West) 90 degrees, 350 feet, more or less, to the West line of said Auditor's Lot 1, and said line there terminating, Isanti County, Minnesota.

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

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 408 Cherry Ave N, Braham, MN 55006.

#### OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Figure Lending LLC.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

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

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$68,079.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$84,297.52.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota, at public auction on 06/30/2026, 10:00 AM., 2440 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008.

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

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family

dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. On 12/31/2026.

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

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

Valley Strong Credit Union  
Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 8530 Eagle Point Blvd. Suite 100 Lake Elmo, MN 55042 26-000473-1

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## SCHOOL BOARD

### SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Complete minutes are available for public inspection at the District Office (625 Main St N., Cambridge, MN) or at www.c-ischools.org.

Regular School Board Meeting – March 19, 2026

With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: None

• Chair Sprandel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

• Motion to approve the revised meeting agenda made by Johnson, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item G (Personnel Action), made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Item G: the Personnel Action made by Johnson, seconded by Roby. Motion carried. Abstained: Solberg.

• Motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit made by Solberg, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

• Motion to adopt the resolution to accept gifts, grants, or devise of real or personal property made by Gross, seconded by Roby. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

• Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Budget made by Johnson, seconded by Sprandel. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the CIHS Overnight Trip Requests as presented made by Solberg, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Health Premiums with a 4% increase for 2026-2027 made by Moos, seconded

by Gross. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the Dental Insurance Provider and Premiums with a 0% increase for 2026-2027 made by Moos, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Fairview as the district's EAP Provider made by Johnson, seconded by Solberg. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve EyeMed as the district's Vision Provider made by Gross, seconded by Roby. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Lincoln Financial as the district's Life, AD&D, and Long Term Disability Provider made by Moos, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the 2026-27 READ Act Training MOU made by Solberg, seconded by Roby. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve the MOU Speech Lane Change made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

• Motion to adopt the Non-Renewing Probationary Teaching Contracts Resolution made by Johnson, seconded by Moos. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

• Motion to approve the removal of Policies 491, 701.2, and 909 as presented made by Gross, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

• Motion to approve Policies 205, 414, 506, 623, 722, and 806 as presented made by Solberg, seconded by Sprandel. Motion carried.

• Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. made by Gross, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

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## NOTICES

### NOTICE FANNIE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Fannie Lake Improvement District / Aquatic Conservation Services will be treating Fannie Lake for Curly leaf pondweed with Flumioxazin sometime after May 10, 2026.

Some areas of the lake may be treated within 150 feet of the shoreline. If you do not want this treatment within 150 feet of your shoreline, contact one of the Fannie Lake Improvement District board members prior to May 8, 2026.

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### GENERAL NOTICE OF CORPORATE DISSOLUTION OF WILD HARE MANUFACTURING INC.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Please be advised that the Minnesota Business Corporation known as Wild Hare Manufacturing Inc., heretofore organized and existing under the provisions of

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 302A, whose registered office and principal executive office is 6061 259th Ave. NE, Stacy, Isanti County, MN 55079-6127, is in the process of dissolving.

Pursuant to shareholder action dated December 10, 2025, the corporation will be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sections 302A.721 and 302A.727.

A Notice of Intent to Dissolve, as provided for under Minnesota Statutes Section 302A.721 has been filed by the corporation with the Minnesota Secretary of State on April 10, 2026.

All debts owed to the corporation and all claims against the corporation will be received by Michael (Mike) P. Bensen and must be presented in writing at 6061 259th Ave. NE, Stacy, MN 55079-6127 by July 22, 2026.

Dated: April 16, 2026  
/s/ Michael P. Bensen  
Corporate President/CEO  
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### SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Council Members Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.

• Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

• Approved Consent Agenda Items A through K

• Proclaimed May 2026 as Building Safety Month

• Approved the 2025 Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2025

• Approved the Airport Bids and Professional Service Agreements

• Approved SEH Proposal for Engineering Services for Preparation of ERP and RRA Updates

• Approved 2025 Street Improvements-Approve Change Order No 1

• Approved Millside at Cambridge Shores, Phase 1 – City Utilities Inspection Agreement

• Approved MnDOT TH 95 Roadway Widening Project – City Utilities Inspection Agreement

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### SUMMARY PUBLICATION ORDINANCE 815

The Cambridge City Council adopted Ordinance 815, amending the City's Fee Schedule. The complete Fee Schedule is available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

ATTEST:  
Monica Seiberlich, City Clerk and

Assistant to the City Administrator  
Date of Publication: April 30th, 2026

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### ORDINANCE NO. 411-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION §66-8 DEFINITIONS, REGARDING THE DEFINITION FOR AN "IMPERVIOUS SURFACE" AND CITY CODE SECTION §66-855 SURFACING, REGARDING SURFACING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

The North Branch City Council hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Amending Language Regarding the Definition for an "Impervious Surface"

City Code Section §66-8, is hereby amended by adding the following underlined language and deleting the following strikethrough language.

§66-8 DEFINITIONS  
"Impervious surface means an artificial or natural surface, including bituminous (asphalt) and concrete, through which water, air, or roots cannot penetrate."

Section 2. Amending Language Regarding Surfacing

City Code Section §66-855, is hereby amended by adding the following underlined language and deleting the following strikethrough language.

§66-855 SURFACING

All areas used for parking and driveways on residential lots 2.0 acres or smaller shall be hard surfaced with bituminous or concrete pavement as approved by the City's Public Works Director.

All driveways and parking areas serving commercial and industrial uses shall be hard surfaced with bituminous, concrete, or equivalent pavement as approved by the City's Public Works Director.

On residential lots two (2) acres or less, the driveway from the public street to the front façade of the principal dwelling shall be hard surfaced with bituminous (asphalt) or concrete. Parking areas and driveways located within the side or rear yard may be surfaced with gravel or other approved aggregate material.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall have full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of North Branch, Chisago County, Minnesota, this 22nd day of April, 2026.

Kevin Schieber, Mayor

Attested:

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk  
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## ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on April 19 - 25. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Samuel Ray Lindstrom (DOB 05/02/1997) of Ham Lake, was charged April 22 with one count of Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon;

and two counts of Threats of Violence -Reckless Disregard Risk.

Lance Michael Arthurs (DOB 06/14/1988) of Milaca, was charged April 24 with one count of Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle; and one count of Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

## CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on April 19 - 25. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Eugene Hans Henderson (DOB 07/31/1973) of North Branch, was charged April 20 with Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent.

Anazario Sotelo Lucas (DOB 06/10/1993) of Inver Grove Heights, was charged April 24 with Dangerous Weapon Firearm Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual.

Ashley Lauren May (DOB 08/06/1992) of Cold Spring, was charged April 24 with Receiving Stolen Property.

City of Isanti, Minnesota Summary Financial Report Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations Governmental Funds For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024			
	Total		Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2025	2024	
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 4,011,443	\$ 3,936,206	1.91 %
Licenses and permits	465,198	458,889	1.37
Intergovernmental	2,692,223	1,568,340	71.66
Charges for services	540,434	624,418	(13.45)
Fines and forfeits	22,136	34,018	(34.93)
Special assessments	57,623	41,582	38.58
Investment earnings	222,812	289,075	(22.92)
Miscellaneous	24,242	28,038	(13.54)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 8,036,111</b>	<b>\$ 6,980,566</b>	<b>15.12 %</b>
Per Capita	\$ 1,072	\$ 945	13.48 %
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	\$ 1,021,379	\$ 879,794	16.09 %
Public safety	2,926,471	2,931,647	(0.18)
Public works	575,565	538,653	6.85
Parks and recreation	510,733	467,290	9.30
Economic development	125,033	113,628	10.04
Capital outlay			
General government	24,282	202,177	(87.99)
Public safety	124,862	274,507	(54.51)
Public works	2,673,115	1,143,968	133.67
Parks and recreation	377,571	277,886	35.87
Debt service			
Principal	170,000	220,000	(22.73)
Interest and other	20,895	25,919	(19.38)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,549,906</b>	<b>\$ 7,075,469</b>	<b>20.84 %</b>
Per Capita	\$ 1,141	\$ 958	19.11 %
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 935,000	\$ 1,105,000	(15.38) %
Per Capita	125	150	(16.81)
General Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 3,115,091	\$ 3,031,843	2.75 %
Per Capita	416	410	1.28

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Isanti to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Hall, 110 1st Avenue Northwest, Isanti, MN 55040. Questions about this report should be directed to the Finance Director at (763) 444-5512.

**PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED**

**ISANTI 2025 DRINKING WATER REPORT**

**MAKING SAFE DRINKING WATER**

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 378 to 380 feet deep, that draw water from the Mt. Simon and Woneoc-Mt. Simon aquifers.

Isanti works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Josh Becker, Public Services Director, at 763-274-4890 or jbecker@cityofisanti.us if you have questions about Isanti's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily mean that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by visiting the website [epa.gov/safewater](https://www.epa.gov/safewater).

**Isanti Monitoring Results**

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test

drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

**How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables**

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Definitions**

• **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

• **Contaminant:** Any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.

• **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

• **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

• **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.

• **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.

• **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

• **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

• **ppt (parts per trillion):** One part per trillion is like one drop in one trillion drops of water, or about one drop in 20 Olympic sized swimming pools. ppt is the same as nanograms per liter (ng/l).

• **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

**Monitoring Results – Unregulated Substances/ Emerging Contaminants**

In addition to testing drinking water for contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, we sometimes also monitor for contaminants that are not regulated. Unregulated contaminants do not have legal limits for drinking water. MDH, EPA, and other health agencies may have developed comparison values for some of these compounds. Some of these comparison values are based solely on potential health impacts and do not consider our ability to measure contaminants at very low concentrations nor the cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment. These values may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impractical for a water system to meet (for example, large-scale treatment technology may not exist for a given contaminant). Sample data are listed along with comparison values in the table below; it is important to note that these comparison values are not enforceable.

Detection alone of a regulated or unregulated contaminant should not cause concern. The significance of a detection should be determined considering current health effects information. We are often still learning about the health effects, so this information can change over time.

A person drinking water with a contaminant at or below the comparison value would be at little to no risk for harmful health effects. If the level of a contaminant is above the comparison value, people of a certain age or with special health conditions-like a fetus, infants, children, elderly, and people with impaired immunity—may need to take extra precautions. We are notifying you of the unregulated/ emerging contaminants we have detected as a public education opportunity.

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the Agency should consider regulating those contaminants in the future.

• More information is available on MDH's A-Z List of Contaminants in Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/>

[water/contaminants/index.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html))

• Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 4) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html>)

• Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>)

• EPA has developed a UCMR5 Program Overview Factsheet (<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-02/ucmr5-factsheet.pdf>) describing UCMR 5 contaminants and standards.

In the past year, your drinking water may have tested for additional unregulated contaminants as part of the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>) and results are still being processed. The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR 5) Data finder allows people to easily search for, summarize, and download the available UCMR 5 analytical results (<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule-data-finder>).

**UNREGULATED/EMERGING CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.**

Contaminant	Comparison Value	Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results
Sodium* (2023)	20 ppm	14.8 ppm	N/A
Sulfate (2023)	500 ppm	7.88 ppm	N/A
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA) (2021)	7000 ppt	3.4 ppt	0.00 - 3.40 ppt

\*Note that home water softening can increase the level of sodium in your water.

**Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available on EPA's website [epa.gov/safewater](https://www.epa.gov/safewater).

**Service Line Material Inventory**

Isanti has completed and submitted our service line materials inventory to the Minnesota Department of Health. The service line inventory is publicly available, and you can check the materials for your service line by visiting the Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT) (<https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>). You may also contact us at [JBecker@cityofisanti.us](mailto:JBecker@cityofisanti.us) (Josh Becker). We conducted a City wide meter changeout. During those changeouts we personally field verified and took pictures of each service line. As of 08/28/2025, our inventory contains 0 lead, 0 galvanized requiring replacement, 0 unknown material, and 2622 non-lead service lines.

**Learn More about Your Drinking Water**

**Drinking Water Sources**

Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are six main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

• **Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.

• **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.

• **Pesticide:** Generally, any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

• **Herbicide:** Any chemical(s) used to control undesirable vegetation.

• **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources

include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

• **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

• How Isanti is protecting your drinking water source(s);

• Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;

• How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa.html>) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Lead in Drinking Water**

Lead can cause serious health problems, babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk. You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. There is no safe level of lead.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for proving high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes from service lines but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** before drinking tap water flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

• Activities such as taking a shower, doing laundry or dishes help keep water moving in your home system but are not a replacement for running the tap before you drink if it has not been used for a long period of time.

• The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. **Know your service line materials** by contacting your public

water system, or you can search for your address online at the Minnesota Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (<https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>).

• **Protect Your Tap:** A quick check for lead (<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead>) is EPA's step by step guide to learn how to find lead pipes in your home.

3. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.

4. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

• Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to purchase a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

5. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run. You can use a filter certified with ANSI/ NSF standards 53 and 42 for lead reduction.

• Read about water treatment units:

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and other steps you can take to minimize exposure are available at:

• Visit EPA Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)

• Visit the Minnesota department of Health Lead in Drinking Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)

• To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/ts/common.html>)

6. **Be Aware:** Head Start Programs, Child Care Centers, Public and Charter Schools all have requirements to test for lead in drinking water. These programs can learn more about requirements and resources for testing and remediation at MDH Drinking Water in Schools and Child Cares (<https://www.web.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/schools/index.html>)

**Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances**

**LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.**

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.87 ppb	0 out of 20	N/A	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	1.3 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.67 ppm	0 out of 20	N/A	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

**INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.**

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha (8/28/2025)	0 pCi/l	15 pCi/l	8.7 pCi/l	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (8/28/2025)	0 pCi/l	5 pCi/l	2.2 pCi/l	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.

**CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (7/7/2025)	N/A	80 ppb	10.9 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA) (7/7/2025)	N/A	60 ppb	5.5 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.45 ppm	0.70 – 2.08 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

**OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.65 ppm	0.65 - 0.66 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

**Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)**

**Fluoride:** Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible,

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**PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED**

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
2025 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT**  
The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the

City of Cambridge for interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Hall, 300 Third Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 or is available on the City's website at [www.ci.cambridge.mn.us](http://www.ci.cambridge.mn.us).

Questions about this report should be directed to Caroline Moe, Deputy City Administrator-Finance Director at (763) 689-3211.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
December 31, 2025  
With Comparative Totals For December 31, 2024

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Redevelopment Capital Fund	Local Option Sales Tax Fund	2024 Street Improvement Project Fund	2025 Street Improvement Project Fund	EDA Operating Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
									2025	2024
<b>Assets:</b>										
Cash and investments	\$5,005,341	\$3,228,330	\$597,818	\$5,036,474	\$49,457	\$979,201	\$543,949	\$8,727,596	\$24,168,166	\$22,860,070
Accrued interest receivable	24,785	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,785	29,143
Due from other governmental units	4,424	-	-	528,128	-	-	-	32,033	564,585	1,047,707
Accounts receivable - net	123,598	-	-	-	-	-	1,235	294	125,127	113,936
Property taxes receivable:										
Delinquent	57,699	6,339	-	-	-	-	-	232	64,270	61,847
Due from County	71,903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,903	39,936
Prepaid items	559,063	-	-	-	-	-	2,807	1,088	562,958	598,382
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,044	24,044	27,604
Interfund receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	272,093
Loan receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,170	32,170	38,540
Lease receivable	318,026	-	-	-	-	-	848,924	-	1,166,950	1,168,527
Special assessments receivable	-	3,068,948	-	-	-	-	-	17,438	3,086,386	2,092,553
Land held for resale	-	-	957,340	-	-	-	-	-	957,340	-
Total assets	\$6,164,839	\$6,303,617	\$1,555,158	\$5,564,602	\$49,457	\$979,201	\$1,396,915	\$8,834,895	\$30,848,684	\$28,350,338
<b>Liabilities:</b>										
Accounts payable	\$180,512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,290	\$927	\$102,844	\$286,573	\$393,104
Salaries payable	389,610	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	389,610	348,558
Contracts payable	-	-	-	-	49,457	308,479	-	-	357,936	37,940
Interfund payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	272,093
Deposits payable	271,679	-	-	-	-	-	13,287	12,457	297,423	244,697
Unearned revenue	-	1,429,454	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,429,454	397,200
Total liabilities	841,801	1,429,454	-	-	49,457	310,769	14,214	115,301	2,760,996	1,693,592
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>										
Related to leases	318,026	-	-	-	-	-	848,924	-	1,166,950	1,168,527
Unavailable revenue	57,699	1,645,833	-	-	-	-	-	17,670	1,721,202	1,757,200
Total deferred inflows of resources	375,725	1,645,833	-	-	-	-	848,924	-	2,888,152	2,925,727
<b>Fund balance:</b>										
Nonspendable	559,063	-	957,340	-	-	-	2,807	25,132	1,544,342	625,986
Restricted	-	3,228,330	-	5,564,602	-	-	-	727,498	9,520,430	8,562,184
Committed	920,580	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	920,580	796,772
Assigned	-	-	597,818	-	-	668,432	530,970	7,949,472	9,746,692	10,372,254
Unassigned	3,467,670	-	-	-	-	-	-	(178)	3,467,492	3,373,823
Total fund balance	4,947,313	3,228,330	1,555,158	5,564,602	-	668,432	533,777	8,701,924	25,199,536	23,731,019
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$6,164,839	\$6,303,617	\$1,555,158	\$5,564,602	\$49,457	\$979,201	\$1,396,915	\$8,834,895	\$30,848,684	\$28,350,338

Fund balance reported above  
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:  
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.  
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures, and therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.  
Net pension asset (liability) related to the Cambridge Fire Department pension plan.  
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Cambridge Fire Department pension plan.  
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Cambridge Fire Department pension plan.  
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.  
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The assets and liabilities are included in the government-wide statement of net position.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025  
With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Redevelopment Capital Fund	Local Option Sales Tax Fund	2024 Street Improvement Project Fund	2025 Street Improvement Project Fund	EDA Operating Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
									2025	2024
<b>Revenues:</b>										
General property taxes	\$6,491,941	\$732,909	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$7,224,850	\$6,887,769
Tax increment collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	820,222	820,222	668,391
Licenses and permits	661,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	661,693	661,693	405,440
Intergovernmental	2,166,397	-	-	-	-	252,400	-	642,021	3,060,818	3,362,288
Special assessments	-	511,117	-	-	-	-	-	3,808	514,925	851,887
Charges for services	285,000	-	-	-	-	-	215,758	455,505	956,263	702,896
Local sales tax	-	-	-	1,922,980	-	-	-	-	1,922,980	1,931,774
Fines and forfeits	50,932	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,932	58,884
Investment income	182,830	85,390	55,236	192,797	-	43,250	11,352	317,313	888,168	1,039,685
Other	41,842	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,608	76,450	42,636
Total revenues	9,880,635	1,329,416	55,236	2,115,777	-	295,650	227,110	2,273,477	16,177,301	15,951,650
<b>Expenditures:</b>										
Current:										
General government	2,150,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,305	2,169,765	1,919,609
Public safety	3,900,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,423	4,008,373	3,663,242
Public works	2,339,278	-	-	-	-	-	-	199,702	2,538,980	2,368,821
Economic development	-	-	22,609	-	-	-	191,637	764,613	978,859	959,889
Capital outlay:										
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,622	116,622	198,868
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,355	171,355	1,079,899
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	546,955	546,955	274,217
Debt service:										
Principal retirement	-	1,565,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,565,000	1,515,000
Interest	-	431,061	-	-	-	-	-	-	431,061	386,913
Paying agent fees	-	9,796	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,796	4,223
Bond issuance costs	-	-	-	-	-	76,520	-	-	76,520	76,848
Construction/acquisition costs	-	-	2,025,617	-	110,215	5,408,190	60,030	314,869	7,918,921	6,102,083
Total expenditures	8,390,688	2,005,857	2,048,226	-	110,215	5,484,710	251,667	2,240,844	20,532,207	18,549,612
Revenues over (under) expenditures	1,489,947	(676,441)	(1,992,990)	2,115,777	(110,215)	(5,189,060)	(24,557)	32,633	(4,354,906)	(2,597,962)
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>										
Bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-	3,815,000	-	-	3,815,000	1,885,000
Bond premium	-	-	-	-	-	360,487	-	-	360,487	97,477
Sale of property	1,311,622	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,311,622	19,171
Transfers in	692,630	800,000	-	-	71,332	1,477,388	350,000	3,443,235	6,834,585	6,480,630
Transfers out	(3,321,796)	-	-	(898,296)	(331,147)	-	-	(1,947,032)	(6,498,271)	(6,053,650)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,317,544)	800,000	-	(898,296)	(259,815)	5,652,875	350,000	1,496,203	5,823,423	2,428,628
Net change in fund balance	172,403	123,559	(1,992,990)	1,217,481	(370,030)	463,815	325,443	1,528,836	1,468,517	(169,334)
Fund balance - January 1, as previously presented	4,774,910	3,104,771	3,548,148	4,347,121	370,030	-	208,334	7,377,705	23,731,019	23,900,353
Change within financial reporting entity (nonmajor to major fund)	-	-	-	-	-	-	204,617	(204,617)	-	-
Fund balance - January 1, as adjusted	4,774,910	3,104,771	3,548,148	4,347,121	370,030	-	208,334	7,173,088	23,731,019	23,900,353
Fund balance - December 31	\$4,947,313	\$3,228,330	\$1,555,158	\$5,564,602	\$ -	\$668,432	\$533,777	\$8,701,924	\$25,199,536	\$23,731,019

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025  
With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	602 Wastewater	603 Storm Sewer	604 Street Lights	610 Municipal Liquor Store	901 Housing	Totals	Totals	
<b>Operating revenues:</b>									
Liquor store sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$6,312,969	\$ -	\$6,312,969	\$6,457,843	\$ -
Customer billings	2,231,176	2,883,607	533,415	260,735	-	-	5,908,933	5,799,192	609,156
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	228,833	228,833	240,489	-
Rental and service income	-	-	-	-	-	96,660	96,660	111,006	-
HUD operating subsidy	-	-	-	-	-	453	453	524	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,315
Insurance dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,095	46,169	-
Sale of water meters	42,095	-	-	-	-	-	42,095	46,169	-
Total operating revenues	2,273,271	2,883,607	533,415	260,735	6,313,422	325,493	12,589,943	12,655,023	636,471
<b>Operating expenses:</b>									
Cost of liquor store sales	-	-	-	-	4,622,647	-	4,622,647	4,739,209	-
Salaries and wages	359,335	821,868	50,344	-	445,040	70,556	1,747,143	1,648,985	-
Employee benefits	125,366	321,198	26,104	-	175,164	28,703	676,535	634,404	307,221
Professional services	49,053	172,094	-						

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Norby - 320-279-0712</b></p> <p><b>Saturday May 16 10:00 a.m. Bostrom's Farm Machinery Auction. 3 miles South of Isanti on Highway 65 to 265th Ave. W. 1/2 mile. Hay, straw &amp; firewood sold at 1:00 p.m. Call now to consign for free advertising. Auctioneers: Lyle Bostrom (30-29), Nathan Bostrom (30-47), Cullen Bartz (30-48). 612-270-6395, 763-286-6840. www.bostromsauctions.com</b></p>	<p><b>401 Auctions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday May 2nd 10:00 a.m. Retirement Farm Auction. 2363 County Rd. 105, Barnum, MN 55707. Sharp Tractors, Hay equipment Trailers and skid-mount attachments, skid-mount, farm machinery, turkey equipment, farm supplies and misc. Auctioneers: Steve Reinhardt lic. #01-12, Carol Reinhardt lic. #01-15. Reinhardt Auction Service 218-845-2260 www.reinhardtauctions.com</b></p> <p><b>Sunday May 17 2 p.m. Live On Site Real Estate Only Auction. 1500 Olympic St., Braham, MN. 5 bedroom home with a large shed on 5 acres in Braham, MN. Open House: Sunday, May 3, 2026 from 2-4 p.m. Auctions by Robyn. Auctioneer, Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. 33-21. robyn2229@gmail.com, midwestauctions.com/robyn, auctionsbyrobyn.com, 320-291-9566.</b></p>	<p><b>405 Moving Sales</b></p> <p><b>Moving Sale WE ARE SELLING EVERYTHING WE OWN 51735 Belle Isle Dr, Rush City. Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 8-4. 2400 lb. boat lift with 22 ft canopy, 2005 Polaris Ranger side by side with dump bucket, plow, and covered cab, 16 HP Craftsman Riding Mower with bagger and cart, Matching leather reclining sofa/love seat and power recliner, Bedroom furniture, Oak Armoire desk, 2-piece oak desk and hutch, Barnwood bar Kayaks, Paddle board, Fishing equipment, Exercise bike, Antiques and collectibles, Books/DVDS and videos, Tons of kitchen items, Signed framed prints, and much more! Cash only Link to photos https://bit.ly/4tzpJVX</b></p>
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