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Let's play a game of Twister!

North Branch's Victoria Thurmer gets all tangled up with Cambridge-Isanti's Reese Andrus, eventually falling backwards over the sliding Bluejacket while trying to apply the tag on a close play at third base during the teams' game in North Branch. Andrus was safe on the play. For the result of this game and all other Bluejacket and Viking spring sports action from the past week, see page 9.

Morris takes over area Habitat For Humanity

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After leaving her seat on the Isanti County Board of Commissioners and going through the death of her husband, Susan Morris was looking for a new “home.” Recently, she has found just that in an organization that is famous for building actual homes.

East Central Habitat for Humanity, based in Cambridge, serves the counties of Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs. The affiliate recently welcomed Morris as its new executive director.

“God gave me the best job in the whole wide world. I get to work with people and be a blessing in their life and serve and bring a home into their life,” said Morris. “You know, how cool is that?”

Even though she has only held her new position for a few months, Morris is already going full-team ahead with ambitious plans for growing the organization.

Morris plans to create a map showing where Habitat homes have been built throughout the region to help identify both areas served and gaps in service. Based on that information, she hopes to build at least one home in each of the five counties annually. She said she is excited to lead the organization and continue supporting families in the community she calls home.

Her connections in local government may help build momentum for future projects. One way the organization saves money is by securing donated or discounted land. Local governments sometimes acquire land through tax forfeitures and may



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Former Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris was recently named executive director of East Central Minnesota's Habitat for Humanity.

choose to sell to Habitat for as little as one dollar.

“The city of Sandstone has been amazing. I think we’ve done four or five builds up in Sandstone because they’ve been such a great partner to work with,” Morris said.

Morris is also exploring new partnerships to expand Habitat’s reach. She said Joe Mulford of Pine

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Life's a beach for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's annual dinner/dance

BY BILL STICKELS III
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No matter what the weather will be on May 3 outside, there will be one place where it is guaranteed to have a tropical feel as the Armed Forces Reserve Center will be turned into “the largest beach party in Isanti County,” courtesy of Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

The local organization will be holding its annual dinner/dance fundraiser, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with a social hour and running to 10 p.m., with this year’s theme being a beach party. The dinner/dance is one of two major fundraisers for ICBYR, the other being a golf tournament in the fall.

ICBYR has become somewhat famous for its themed dinner/dances, with some of the themes being the 70s, a Cajun/Mardi Gras theme, Cinco de Mayo, and last year’s “Speakeasy,” which thus far has easily been the most popular theme.

ICBYR Chair Susan Morris admitted they seriously considered repeating the Speakeasy theme. However, they decided to switch things up for this year, and after looking over about 20 possibilities, they settled on going in a completely different direction with the beach theme.

While there won’t be any actual sand, “I don’t think

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Longtime funeral director helps families plan ahead before tragedy strikes

BY MELISSA STRAND
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After serving Cambridge and surrounding areas for over 25 years as a funeral director, Rebecca Nelson is stepping into a new role, focusing on a service she is passionate about: funeral pre-planning.

Nelson, a licensed funeral director, began working independently in January, offering personalized funeral planning services that allow individuals and families to plan for the inevitable without the added stress of making decisions amid grief.

“I just felt I needed to step into what I’ve loved most about my job,” Nelson explained, “which has been pre-planning.”

Nelson, a Cambridge-Isanti graduate, first became interested in funeral service during her senior year of high school after visiting a funeral home as part of a health occupations class. That same year, she experienced the traumatic loss of both her sister-in-law and her grandmother within the same month. The compassion and care shown by the funeral directors during that difficult time deeply impacted her.

“That’s why I went into mortuary science, because I wanted to help families the way my family was helped,” Nelson said.

PLANNING AHEAD

Nelson’s newly formed business, Nelson Funeral Planning, is a pre-planning service that allows individuals or families to organize and plan a funeral, taking the weight of decision-making off grieving loved ones. This can involve selecting a funeral home, deciding on forms of disposition, and outlining funeral service details, body-organ donations, and traditions and trends — all while the individual can still express their wishes. By doing that, it helps loved ones focus more on the grieving process and less on the logistics of planning a funeral.

“I love it...because I still get to serve people, and I still get to talk with clients about their wishes,” she shared.

TAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Nelson emphasizes that real funeral planning involves much more than selecting a type of disposition, but also how families and communities will come

together to remember and celebrate a life.

“My uncle used to tell me all the time, ‘I already have mine planned.’ The sad thing is, he died, and his plan was to be cremated. He didn’t actually have a plan other than that. His family didn’t really know what to do.

“For many, the act of pre-planning funeral arrangements provides a sense of peace, knowing their wishes will be honored and their loved ones won’t be burdened with decision-making during an emotional time,” she continued. “I think it’s good for people to educate themselves about these options, so then when they make a decision, it’s the right one for them.”

NOT TIED TO ONE FUNERAL HOME

One aspect that Nelson finds particularly rewarding is the ability to help families understand all their options, regardless of which funeral home they choose.

“I have pricing for all the different funeral homes in the area. I’m not working for a particular funeral home, so I can look at all the funeral home options.”

Nelson points out that while many funeral homes work with pre-planning companies, very few independent insurance agents offer the same range of options without being tied to a single funeral home.

“There are a lot of funeral directors who do what I do within the funeral home. There are a number of insurance agents that work for pre-planning companies that will do these things through a specific funeral home—the funeral home contracts this pre-planning company to do this for them. But there are not too many independent insurance agents who are not working for a specific funeral home,” she said.

What sets Nelson’s business apart is that she can offer families more choices across multiple providers while still keeping services local and accessible.

Nelson encourages people to remember that plans are never set in stone. “Plans can change. So, this can be reviewed. You can change it. You’re never obligated to use the funeral home that you select when we plan things out. Things can change. I’ve had people change from cremation back to earth burial in a matter of years because they’ve experienced services of different kinds with their friends and now they’re like, ‘You know, I really have given more thought to this, and I want to do it this way instead for my family.’”



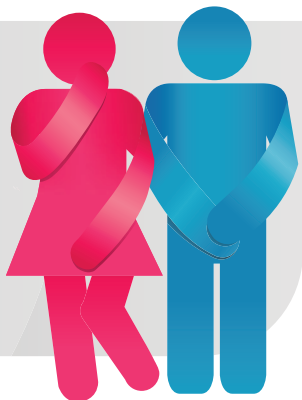
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Ultimately, Nelson’s goal is to help people think carefully about the legacy they want to leave behind, making the process as thoughtful and smooth as possible for both the individual and their loved ones. “I want people to do this ahead of time. I want them to be educated, think really thoughtfully about their family and who they love, and not deny them the opportunity to not only celebrate their life or grieve their loss, but to remember them,” she emphasized.

Nelson can be reached at 763-222-6988 or RNelson-Planning@gmail.com.

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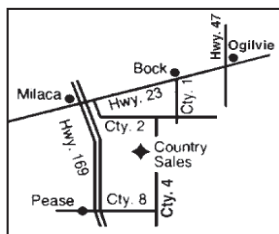
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MON & WED 500 Cards

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch at 12:45 p.m.

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 Bridge

1 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Scrabble (2nd Monday)

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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

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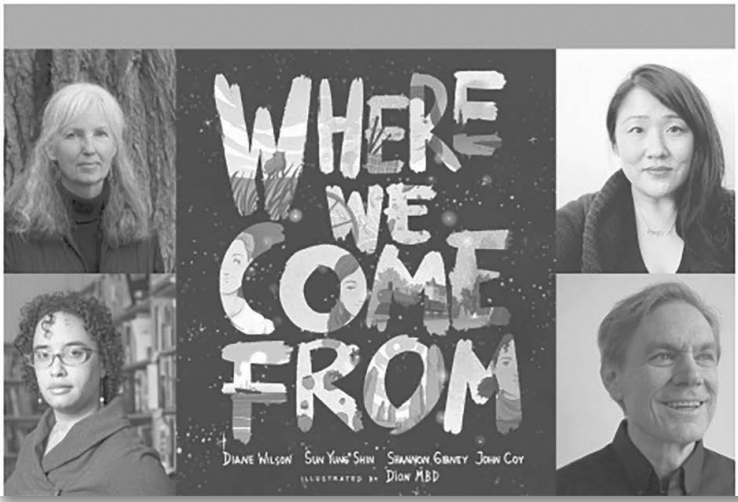
Noon to 3 p.m. at Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Fresh Beginnings Alanon

Family Groups meets each Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minneso-



ONE BOOK ONE MINNESOTA



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Cambridge Public Library will be hosting a statewide book club on April 26 starting at 10:30 a.m.

tanorth-al-anon.org for more information.

For info call Lyndsey Larson 763-691-6172.

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@midconetwork.com

Memory Cafe

A social gathering for people with memory loss and their loved ones to connect, build support networks, and have fun. 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 more info.

TUES & THURS Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

TUESDAYS

Braham Parkinson's Support

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

Alzheimer's Support

Third Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge.

Music

Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch Area musicians and vocalists donate their time and talents to provide music before the meal 11:15 a.m.

Dominos

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10 a.m.

Dominoes

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

PrimeTime Singers Rehearsal

Senior citizens, age 60 and over. 1:30 p.m., at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old N. Main St, downstairs in the

Choir Room. No auditions or fees required; new members always welcome. 612-619-2111.

WEDNESDAYS Cribbage

9 to 11 a.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Wizard

11 a.m. to noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Pinochle

12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Mahjong

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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. located at Main Street Church, 6500 Main Street, North Branch. For individuals 18 yrs or older living with mental illness. This is a place to spend time with peers in planned activities and groups. Our stff is also available to assist with connecting to resources and services. More info: 651-213-5600 or Adultmentalhealth.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 more info. call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

Parkinson's Support Group

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

Bingo

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10a.m.

Hand and Foot

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 12:30p.m.

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12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Bunco

Third Thursday 10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For more information call 612-251-6556 or email acanorth-branch@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 more information.

FRIDAYS Cribbage

12:45 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch.

APRIL 26 Author Event

Join the Cambridge Public Library at 10:30 a.m. in welcoming Minnesota authors Shannon Gibney and John Coy. The event is part of One Book/ One Minnesota, a statewide book club. No registration necessary.

Master Gardener author to visit Cambridge Public Library

Join the Cambridge Public Library on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. as we meet Phyllis Root and Kelly Povo, authors of Searching for Minnesota's Native Wildflowers; A Guide for Beginners, Botanists, and Everyone in Between.

Phyllis Root is a writer, Kelly Povo is a photographer, and they love searching for and learning about Minnesota's native wildflowers—the ones that have been growing here for centuries. They happily climb steep hills, wade streams, search in bogs and fens, and brake for wildflowers they see along the road. Learn about the wildflowers they search for, why they search, and where they (sometimes) find some of Minnesota's little-known native wildflower treasures. They will also share stories of their own adventures (and misadventures) that led to their first book, a Northeastern Minnesota Book Award finalist, and to their forthcoming book, Wildflower Chasing: An Adventurous Guide to Minnesota's Native Wildflowers and Their Unique Habitats. Phyllis, an award-winning author, has written many picture books about Minnesota, including Big Belching Bog, Plant a Pocket of

Prairie, One North Star, and The Lost Forest, all published by the University of Minnesota Press. Kelly, a professional photographer for over thirty years, has exhibited in galleries and art shows across the country. Her photographs have been published on posters, calendars, note cards, and in books.

After their first book about wildflowers Kelly and Phyllis started a blog (flowerchasers.com), and they frequently send audio postcards of their searches to Minnesota Public Radio. They are still chasing flowers and love sharing what they learn with fellow wildflower lovers.

Whatever they are doing, Phyllis and Kelly laugh—a lot.

This event is made possible by the Isanti County Master Gardeners and the University of Minnesota Extension in partnership with the East Central Regional Library.

No registration required. Everyone is welcome! We'll meet in the Great Northern Room on the lower level of the library.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library. -East Central Regional Library

Safety must be the priority around cold water

Anglers and paddlers have wasted little time getting out on open water across Minnesota. However, with water temperatures still dangerously low, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds anyone around lakes, rivers, and ponds that cold water is dangerous and unexpected falls quickly can turn tragic.

About 30% of fatal boating accidents each year happen during the cold-water period, and many involve victims who weren't wearing a life jacket. The most effective way to survive a fall into cold water is to wear a life jacket and make sure it's buckled or zipped.

As boaters and paddlers take the season's first trips to the water, they should:

Wear a foam-filled life jacket. (Inflatable life jackets may not fully inflate when the water is

cold.)

Ensure their watercraft is registered and equipped with proper safety equipment, and that all equipment is functioning properly.

Distribute weight evenly and abide by manufacturers' weight limits to reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.

Have a means of communication and ensure someone knows where they're going and when they plan to return.

Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.

For more information about staying safe on and around cold water, visit the DNR's cold water safety page: (mndnr.gov/safety/boatwater/cold-water.html). -MNDNR

Sure, you're an astro-NOT

I'm not the biggest pop culture/entertainment "news" follower. I much prefer to focus on news topics that actually impact me. But even I couldn't avoid the news and more specifically the aftermath of the recent "space flight" by Katy Perry, Gayle King, Lauren Sanchez, Amanda Nguyen, and Kerianne Flynn.



Worth a Thousand Words
Bill Stickels III

Quite frankly, this is the perfect example of why I try to ignore this type of "news." Simply put, this was a publicity stunt performed by a bunch of supposed celebrities who have way too much money. For that reason, and that reason alone, I take umbrage with them declaring how this in any way, shape or form empowered women.

My biggest issue, though, is with them now being classified as "astronauts." Yes, by the strictest of scientific definitions, their capsule did barely go into space. That is known as the Karman line, which equates to an altitude of 100 kilometers (62 miles). Perry's party climaxed at 106 kilometers (just under 66 miles). In other words, if Cambridge was the Karman line, the capsule wouldn't have even reached Isanti. By way of comparison, Laika, the Russian dog who was the first animal to orbit Earth, reached 584 miles above the Earth's surface.

Further, the capsule was 100% automated. All they did was go along for a ride — and of course, take tons of photos (using remote-controlled cameras). There's an episode of "The Big Bang Theory" when Howard Wolowitz talks to a classroom of girls about going into space. One of the girls asks him if he flew the rocket to the International Space Station. When he answered that he didn't, her response was "So you just flew around? That's kinda like my uncle. He's a flight attendant." Yep, that pretty much sums up Katy Perry and company. Ironically, Howard's reaction to that comment by saying "No, I'm an American hero and your uncle serves nuts" is pretty similar to Katy Perry and company's reaction to critics.

Maybe, just maybe, if they had done something, anything scientific on their trip, I would think differently. How about keeping track of their vital signs to determine how an "average" human body reacts to the G-forces, weightlessness, and stress levels of taking off and landing? That would at least help justify the launch. Heck, even HAM, the first chimp in space back in 1961, performed some tasks he was trained to do while reaching an altitude of 157 miles.

It also would have helped if they didn't make such ludicrous comments going into the launch about "taking glam into space" and "putting the a** in astronaut." Those sorts of comments show even they weren't taking this seriously and looked at it as nothing more than an overly expensive joyride.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hail to "King" Trump

To the editor,

There's an old saying: "You can't fix stupid." The psychocrat lunatic crybaby Democrats whining about the tariffs. Here are top Democrats that rallied to impose tariffs: Obama — October 2012; Schumer — April 6, 2005 ; Pelosi — June 27,1996; Bill Clinton — Dec., 1999. On May 14, 2024 Janet Yellen stated, "Tariffs don't up cost." Watch their YouTube videos.

Finally, President Trump taking action, brought 130 countries to the bargaining table. Evil Psychocrats promote violence, burn Teslas, shoot dealerships, throw a rock through windshield of a pregnant woman's Tesla, want Trump/Musk murdered.

Democrats continue to lie that Republicans are taking away Social Security/Medicare, liars! Democrats fear mongering tactic! Dumbacrats hand out Social Security to illegals and Somalis like candy at a parade. 4,820,677, (that's 4 million) just illegals from 2021 to early 2025 destroying SS.

Psychocrats never address or write about these following issues: \$36 trillion deficit, interest payment alone 952 billion; Biden/Harris massive inflation they created hurting working Americans; Biden/Harris illegals murdered/raped hundreds of innocent women and children, recently another mother of five children and a young boy murdered however, CNN, MSNBC and Democrats support one wife beating MS-13 tattooed illegal deported.

The USPS in 2024 lost \$9.5 billion, losing billions for decades. Sell USPS immediately! Bill Clinton fired 400,000 federal employees, Dictator or Hitler? November 7, 1983, two left wing lunatics ignited a bomb in the U.S. capital that tore through the second floor attempting to assassinate Republican Senators, Bill Clinton commuted their sentences. In 2022, GDP was negative two full quarters, S&P negative for the year, stock market plunged.

DOGE saving fraudulent federal tax dollars, Democrats support fraud, have no regards for our tax

dollars. Psychocrats support murderer Luigi Mangione, shot a man in the back, death penalty! Stupid ignorant Governors from Minnesota, California, Maine still allowing male transgenders to play in women's sports and allowed in women's lockerrooms, ignoring federal law banning this stupidity.

Democrats lied about Biden's mental incompetent status, even back to 2020 elections. Shows you the character of Democratic party and supporters. Obama warned us, "Don't underestimate Joe's ability to %\$#@ things up." 1994 Hillary Clinton stated, "We could use someone like Donald Trump for President."

Thank you, conservatives, for returning illegal murderers back where they belong. Supporting tax cuts. Not swearing, dancing, rioting, supporting violence like Democrat idiots. Hail to "King" Trump for, transparency, chaos, caring about our country and keeping us safe.

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Nominations for Sixth Annual Reader’s Choice contest start 9am April 30

One of the most popular reader engagements we have done for the past five years is the Reader’s Choice Best of the Star contest. Every year we have done the contest, I will get SEVERAL calls and emails asking how a business or person can get a name added to the list of nominations. Unfortunately, it is usually after the nomination phase is over so I can only say that they will have to wait until next May to catch the next year’s contest. So once again my column is your notice, along with the ads in the Isanti-Chisago County Star, ads on our website and ads on



From the
Publisher
Jeff Andres

our social media pages, to make your nomination. This week is the start of the nomination period of our sixth annual Reader’s Choice Best of the Star contest. This is your opportunity to support your favorite local business, artist, teacher, professional and more by nominating them in one of the 175 categories. To nominate, simply go to countystar.com/bestof and recommend your favorite local place or person. You can nominate as many times as you like and can nominate for one or all of the categories. The website also helps you with filling in the full name and address but please remember to be as complete as possible so we can contact winners in the end. For example, recommend your favorite waitstaff person but be sure to include the name of the restaurant with their name so we know how to contact them if they are the winner. The nom-

ination period runs from 9 am April 30 until 5 pm on May 18, a short time period so make your nominations early. 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 not 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 am July 9 until 5 pm on August 3. You will be able to go to the same website, 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. This year one lucky person will be randomly drawn during the voting phase

and will win \$100. The winners will be announced on October 2 in a printed section of the Isanti-Chisago County Star newspaper and online at 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? In 2024, the Reader’s Choice Best of the Star had 6,748 nominations and 54,753 votes. In 2023, those numbers were 4,171 nominations and 47,941 votes. In 2022, there were 1,462 nominations and 14,855 votes. In 2021, there were 1,077 nominations and 9,038 votes. For the first contest in 2020, there were 1,313 nominations and 11,470 votes. Jeff Andres is the publisher of Northstar Media and Kanaber Publications. He can be reached at jeff@northstarmedia.net.

Walk and Roll Viking style on May 7

There’s nothing better than seeing Vikings gather for a great purpose. Walk and Roll to School Day is a great way to come together to show our Viking pride. With spring in the air, outdoor activity not only boosts physical health but also reduces stress and lifts your mood. So come join us for some fresh air and Viking fun! On Wednesday, May 7, at 7:05 a.m., we’ll gather at the North Branch Area Library (6355 379th St.) and kick off the morning with a group walk and bike ride. Our route will take us south on CR-30, and east on



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377th/378th to Grand Avenue. We’re proud to partner with The City of North Branch, Chisago County’s Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), and we’ll be joined by city leaders, SHIP staff, and members of the North Branch Police and Fire Departments. If you’d like to join us on May 7, meet us at the library parking lot at 7:05 a.m. We’ll begin walking and rolling at 7:15 a.m. Everyone’s welcome, so bring your family, friends, or neighbors and let’s make this a memorable morning. Walk and Roll Viking style—it’s one more way we come together for a great purpose and show our Viking pride. I look forward to seeing you there. Vikings, let’s Walk and Roll! SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.

Tree Myths - (Part Two)

A Chinese proverb tells us, “The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.” Well, since we can’t make our trees any older or larger, let’s talk about how to improve our tree terrain so we can better grow these majestic gems. Here are a few more common myths to break down: Myth 1: “Cover tree wounds with latex paint.” Tree wound sealers have been touted as necessary after pruning. However, trees have been taking care of their damaged appendages just fine, long before we stepped in with latex or tar, by compartmentalizing the wound. In time, new wood grows around the afflicted area. Covering the wound with sealer can unknowingly seal in moisture which promotes decay. The kindest cut: Best way to avoid pest problems and unsightly infections is to prune in late winter or early spring with clean, sharp tools and avoid any type of dressing that covers the wounds. Myth 2: “Needles from pine trees (or evergreen trees) can be used to make soil acidic.” Evergreen needles have a pH of approximately 3.5 and are quite acidic. However, the needles aren’t able to increase the acidity of the soil appreciably. The impact on pH is minimal as the needles are slow to decompose, and as the microbes break them down, the needles lose their acidity. Adding sulphur is a proven way to acidify soil. The real dirt: evergreen needles (a.k.a. pine straw) make a great mulch around trees and plants, but will not do much to alter the pH of your soil. Myth 3: “Tree trunks must be covered with wraps or plastic.” Sunscald, insects and damage from weed trimmers (a.k.a. Toro blight) can certainly take their toll on trees. It’s commonplace to see home and commercial



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areas with young trees wrapped in paper, burlap or plastic tree guards. They can have their place if used correctly at the right time of year. Sunscald occurs during late winter when the stronger angle of the sun warms up the bark during the day and stimulates cell activity. When the temperature drops at night, these active cells under the bark are killed and cause visible damage. Tree wraps can prevent sunscald when used on young, thin-barked trees, like maple, apple, crabapple, honeylocust and cherry trees. They’re unnecessary on older trees or trees with thicker bark like oaks. Since black plastic absorbs more sun, apply paper or white plastic wraps in late fall and remove them right away after the last frost in the spring in order to prevent moisture from causing fungus or bacteria to grow in warmer weather. When tree guards stay on too long, the bark tissue can grow into the wrap potentially strangling itself. Also, it’s better to carefully use the weed trimmer near trees to prevent damage than to leave a tree guard on year round. Myth 4: “The more mulch the better.” Using copious amounts of mulch has become ubiquitous in landscapes and hardscapes. Drive near shopping centers and restaurants and you’ll notice heaping mounds of mulch surrounding helpless trees. Excessive mulch can suffocate roots by reducing Oxygen and water. When mulch piles against the tree trunk it contributes to moisture, decay and disease. Deep mulch also provides clandestine cover for rodents which can damage the bark. The healthy way to mulch is to keep it several inches away from the trunk and only use two to three inches of mulch to cover the root area. One of the best tidbits of gardening advice you’ll ever encounter is: Mulch like a donut, not a volcano! Chisago County Master Gardeners is part of a collaboration between Chisago County and The University of Minnesota Extension to deliver practical education and research you can use at home, at work and in your community. You can reach Chisago County Extension services by email at mnext-chisago@umn.edu or by phone at 651-277-0151.

What’s an exempt railroad crossing?

Question: The other day I came across a railroad crossing sign with the word “EX-EMPT” placed on it. What is that all about? Answer: An X-shaped sign identifies a railroad crossing. If there is more than one track, a sign below the cross-buck indicates the number of tracks. Warning signs, pavement markings, gates and flashing red lights



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Jesse Grabow

are positioned at most railroad crossings. Pavement markings include a stop line, an “X” and the letters “RR” painted on the pavement in front of the crossing. An “exempt” sign means that bus and truck drivers, who are usually required to stop at railroad crossings, may proceed without stopping. However, drivers still need to look in both directions for trains. A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Tip. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on X @MSP-PIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

NBAPS special education records disposal

North Branch Area Public Schools is preparing to dispose of special education student records for the graduation class of 2016. If you have any need of these records or questions about the disposal, please contact Katie Soule at 651-674-1013 by June 6, 2025.

Annual National Day of Prayer Community Luncheon set for May 1

The Isanti County Ministerial Association invites the public to be a part of the National Day of Prayer luncheon on Thursday, May 1, from noon-1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street South, Cambridge. It will be a time to pray for the nation, state, military, schools and local leadership, to hear words of encouragement and visit with

others in the local faith community. The speaker will be Ben Geisler, teacher and football coach at Cambridge-Isanti High School. Tickets are \$10 at the door. No need to RSVP. With questions, contact North Isanti Baptist Church at 763-689-3576. - Isanti County Ministerial Association

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OBITUARIES

Anna Petruniak Fuhol

Anna Petruniak Fuhol, age 100, of Cambridge, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at the farm she called home for the past 64 years.

Anna was born on April 1, 1925, in Poland to Nickoli and Nastacia Petruniak. During World War II, she endured unimaginable hardship while being placed in a German labor camp, where she worked on a farm.

Following the war, Anna met Wladimier Fuhol in a refugee camp in Austria. The two were married on June 29, 1949. While living in the camp, they welcomed two children. Eventually, the family was sponsored by a church in Crookston,

Minnesota, and immigrated to the United States. They later settled on a farm east of Cambridge, Minnesota, which became the heart of the family's life.

On the farm, Anna and her husband, Wally, raised eight children. While Wally commuted to the city for work, Anna ran the household and managed the farm. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Anna also became a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti.

Anna was known for her extraordinary garden, overflowing with flowers and produce. Her many talents included crocheting, canning, and above all, nurturing her family with unconditional love, warmth, and generosity. Family gatherings were often filled not only with her children and grandchildren, but also with friends and neighbors—a testament to Anna's open heart and caring spirit.

She is survived by her seven children: Maria Simone of St. Petersburg, Florida; Wladimir (Tammy) Fuhol, Jr. of Stanchfield; Eda Fuhol of Cambridge; Jim Fuhol of Cambridge; Larry Fuhol of Isanti; Nick (Joy) Fuhol of Cambridge; and Don Fuhol of Cambridge. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many dear friends.

Anna was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wladimier Fuhol; her son, Steven Fuhol; son-in-law Tony Simone, and three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti. Visitation will take place at the church from noon until the time of the service. Interment will follow at Isanti Union Cemetery. After the service, there will be a luncheon at the church. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](https://www.strike-life.com/tributes/anna-fuhol).

New public water access on St. Croix River

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The St. Croix River's newest public water access is now open for anglers, boaters and more to enjoy recreating along this National Wild and Scenic River.

Located in Oak Park Heights directly north of the St. Croix Crossing Bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin, the new St. Croix Crossing PWA features 35 parking/trailer spots, a double boat launch, an area to clean and drain boats to remove aquatic invasive species, and a portable toilet.

The opening of this PWA marks the completion of the mitigation plan associated with the construction of the St.

Croix Crossing Bridge, which replaced the Stillwater Lift Bridge as a key vehicle crossing between Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Minnesota DNR has spent several years working cooperatively with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council and the Union Pacific Railroad to address a variety of access challenges at the PWA site.

With the new St. Croix Crossing PWA complete, the Minnesota DNR now operates four boat launches along the Lower St. Croix River, including the St. Croix Boomsite in Stillwater and landings within Interstate and William O'Brien state parks.

James “Jim” Richard Collins

James “Jim” Richard Collins, of Grasston, Minnesota passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at Cambridge Medical Center. He was 79 years old.

Jim was born in St. Paul on July 7, 1945. Jim's family lived in St. Paul and California before settling in Lexington, Minnesota. Jim graduated from Centennial High School in 1963. He joined the Army in 1965 and was stationed in Germany for two years. Upon his return, Jim worked for the railroads before establishing his career at Midwest Asphalt Corporation where he worked until he retired.

Jim enjoyed being outdoors. He loved taking walks with his dogs in the woods, gardening, baling

hay, and his ongoing battle with the local beavers on the placement of their dam. Jim enjoyed working on his vintage tractors and farm machinery as well as attending farm auctions and threshing shows. He also loved giving his grandsons tractor rides.

His departure leaves behind a legacy of joy, a toolbox of memories, and he will be greatly missed.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents William and Marcella (Carter) Collins and brother Roger Collins.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Kelly (Lowell) Samuelson, Kristine (Todd) Kobienia, and Amanda (David) White; grandsons Elias and Adam Kobienia, Henry and Oliver Samuelson; brother Denny (Brenda) Collins; and his beloved dog Lady.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held Friday, May 2, 2025 from 4-6 p.m. at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home, 311 Ashland St S, Cambridge MN.

Robert A. Sarault

Robert A. Sarault, age 76, of Cambridge passed away April 18, 2025 at St. Cloud Hospital.

Robert Allen Sarault was born April 8, 1949 in Fowler, Indiana to Melvin and Margaret (Jones) Sarault. He was raised and attended school in

Fowler. Bob then served his country in the US Air Force during Vietnam. On August 5, 1983 he married Mary (Olson) Hill in Annandale. Bob was a contractor and a trucking company business owner. They lived several places in Minnesota, remodeling homes every couple years and moving on to the next one. They have made their home in Cambridge since 2016. Bob and Mary camped in Texas and Arizona in the winter

for many years. He loved fishing, hunting, teasing people and nobody left him without a hug. He also loved attending the Vietnam Veterans Reunion in Kokomo, Indiana. He was a member of the Braham VFW and Cambridge Lutheran Church.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Mary; step-sons, Troy (Karin) Hill and Jeffrey (Patty) Hill; grandchildren, Tanner, Drake, Joshua and Zachary; brother, Tom; sisters, Mary, Doris, Kathy and Diana; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Don.

Memorial service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3 at Cambridge Lutheran Church with a visitation one hour prior at the church. Military Honors will be provided by the Braham VFW. Burial will be in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude or Tunnel to Towers. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](https://www.strike-life.com/tributes/robert-sarault).

Patricia A. Powers

Pattie Ann Powers passed away on March 2, 2025, at the age of 54.

No Services will be held. She is survived by her sons, Zachary (Courtney) Lance, St Cloud, MN and Nicolas Lance, and grandson, Archer Lance, Cambridge MN.

Pattie was preceded in death by her daughter Gabrielle Amelia Lance.

James Carl Wredberg

James Carl Wredberg, 65 of Princeton, passed away peacefully the evening of Thursday, April 10 surrounded by loved ones. He passed at Fairview Southdale in Edina. James (Jim) was born on February 29, 1960, to Carl and Betsey Wredberg in Rush City.



James is survived by Teresa (Wife/Best Friend), Sandra Henderson (Mother-in-law), Susan McGimpsey (Sister), John Henderson (Brother-in law), Sherri Musick (Sister-in-law), Jesse (Son) and Rachel (Daughter-in-law), Tiffany (Daughter). Grandkids: Shealynn, Ashton, Braxton, Taylor and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

James is preceded in death by Carl and Betsey Wredberg (Parents), George Henderson (Father-in-law).

James was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He adored nature and his pets. James was a free spirit whose humor knew no bounds. Early in life, Jim grew up playing basketball. That followed him through his life. As he approached adulthood, he found an interest in Karate. After he graduated high school in 1978, he joined the Air Force where he met the love of his life, Teresa (Terri). Shortly after a son Jesse was born. A few short years later his daughter Tiffany was born. Once he ended his military career, he decided to re-join his parents in Princeton where he would spend the rest of his life. Jim worked several odd jobs before finding his occupation as a pipefitter welder/fitter for LU 539. He took personal pride in his union and the welfare for his country as he passed.

Jim enjoyed multiple things in his life including family, friends, traveling, antiques, nature, history, puzzles, recreational vehicles of all types and many other interests. Jim was always a humanitarian, willing to lend a hand to anyone in need.

There will be a celebration of life/open house on May 4, at Princeton Civic Center from noon-4 p.m. Princeton Civic Center 503 N 9th St. Princeton Mn. 55371

Myron L. Larson

Myron L. Larson of Cambridge, Minnesota, passed away on March 2, 2025, in Minneapolis following an accident at home. He was born on May 24, 1945, in Minneapolis and was the only child of Maxine and Loris Larson.



Myron was preceded in death by his parents; ex-wife, Norma Jean Larson; daughter, Lisa Larson; and grandson, Nate Larson. He is lovingly remembered by his children: Donna Johnson (Trent), Elizabeth Larson (Will Kuehn), and Andrew Larson; grandchildren: Alex Larson, Tim Strom, Abby Larson, Logan Kuehn, and Grace Larson; as well as many great-grandchildren.

A devoted member of Cambridge Lutheran Church, Myron found joy in faith and fellowship. He actively participated in men's Bible study and shared his love of music through the Sanctuary Choir and Prime Time Singers. His worship often included dance, a reflection of his joyful spirit.

Myron gave generously of his time to the community. He volunteered with local food banks, Shalom Thrift Shop, Path to Home, and rang bells for the Salvation Army during the holidays. A passionate conservationist, he championed recycling and cared deeply for the environment.

He enjoyed the outdoors—working outside, camping, and biking—and was a familiar presence at senior dances throughout the area.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m., at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old N. Main St., Cambridge. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., with lunch to follow the service.

May Myron's memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire acts of kindness and stewardship.

BEACH: Night to include limbo, cornhole, costume contest, along with annual silent, live auctions

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the AFRC would appreciate us putting a bunch of sand on their gym floor,” Morris said, there will be a large number of beachy activities. Morris said they will hold a Hula Hoop contest, cornhole games set up, a limbo contest, and like always, a costume contest.

Morris admitted she isn’t sure what kind of costumes will be adorned, however nothing within common decency is off limits.

The menu will also feature a Hawaiian/beach theme of grilled Hawaiian beef kabobs, huli-huli chicken kabobs, Hawaiian macaroni salad, a tropical salad, and cilantro. This year, after also serving as the caterer, Morris has passed on the food duties to Sandy and Jason Abraham. The cash bar will also feature themed drinks, including obviously pina colodas and margaritas.

Even the live entertainment will fit the theme as local musician Kenny Krona will be performing a musical tribute to the late Jimmy Buffet.

Besides the admission fee, which is \$45, funds will be collected via the always popular live dessert auction, along with other items such as two pork halves being auctioned off

live. There will also be a silent auction. Morris said if anyone wishes to donate items for either auction, they can bring them to the AFRC on Friday, May 2.

Like in years past, the Polar-is Battalion Sea Cadets will be there to serve dinner, bus tables, and “model” the desserts in the auction.

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon offers financial and other forms of support to both area veterans and members of the military currently deployed abroad, and their families. The support can be anything from helping pay off monthly bills to covering unexpected expenses. It could also be a volunteer offering a ride to an appointment or even doing yard work.

The organization works closely with the Isanti County Veterans Services to help discover what immediate needs past and present members of the military and their families may need. Over the years, ICBYR has become known as one of the most active chapters in Minnesota.

Tickets for “the largest beach party in Isanti County” can be purchased online at www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org/tickets-donations or at the door on May 3.

Minnesota moms: Join the Mother’s Day weekend fishing challenge

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Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend Saturday, May 10, through Sunday, May 11, when Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

To participate in the challenge, moms simply need to join the 2025 Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge Facebook group and submit one photo of each fish they catch on May 10-11. All participants who submit a fish will be entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Angler Organization and their partners.

Before the challenge begins, participants are invited to join pre-challenge fishing 101 webinars hosted by Women Anglers of Minnesota. The first webinar, on trout fishing, will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6. The second webinar, on shore and lake fishing, will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The webinars will take place in the challenge Facebook group. Participants can join either webinar or both. The 2025 Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge is a collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Student Angler Organization (studentangler.org) and Women Anglers of Minnesota (womenanglersmn.com).

To see challenge details and sign up to get notified when the challenge goes live, visit the Take a Mom Fishing webpage (mndnr.gov/takemomfishing). The challenge Facebook



group is not yet active, but it will go live Friday, April 25.

This is the third year the DNR and its partners are hosting the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge. During the 2024 challenge, more than 3,000 Minnesota moms from across the state participated, catching 1,500 fish.

The Minnesota Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother’s Day. Fishing season dates and regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR fishing webpage (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 available on the Minnesota DNR learn to fish webpage (mndnr.gov/gofishing).



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MORRIS: One of new executive director’s first duties is completed house dedication

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Technical and Community College recently reached out to discuss a potential collaboration with the school’s construction program. Her goal is to secure a piece of property near Pine City, where students and Habitat volunteers could work together to build a future home.

HABITAT’S IMPACT

Habitat for Humanity, founded in Georgia in 1976, is a nonprofit that works globally to improve housing and support community development. Today, it operates in more than 70 countries and has helped more than 62 million people access affordable housing.

In Minnesota, 24 Habitat affiliates serve 59 counties. During fiscal year 2024, the organization distributed more than \$2 million in aid to 293 households.

“I think people don’t always realize the full impact of having that homeownership piece a part of their life,” Morris said.

According to Habitat, surveys of homeowners show a range of positive impacts tied to homeownership. Respondents report better health, improved grades among children, increased savings, and stronger community ties. Many also pursue further education or job training and report

improved self-esteem.

Habitat for Humanity not only builds homes but also offers the mortgages for these homes. Chad Faur, a board member and loan officer with New American Funding, has helped facilitate that process.

As part of Habitat’s “sweat equity” program, future homeowners are required to contribute a set number of hours helping to build their own home. The experience allows families to see firsthand what goes into constructing a house and to play an active role in the process.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are always welcome — and not just those handy with a hammer. Morris said she currently has no support staff, and one of her biggest needs is office help.

“One of the big needs I have right now is people to help with administrative-type or secretarial-type work,” Morris said. “I have a lot of data that needs to be entered into programs for our donor program, and then we need to organize and do a fundraiser.”

In addition to volunteers, Morris said she hopes to find more board members, particularly for Chisago, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs Counties.

“So, there’s a lot to learn, but I’m excited and I’m up for it,” Morris said. “And I love this community so much,

you know, East Central Minnesota, this is my home.”

“My roots go deep, and I care deeply about this community,” said Morris. “So, getting to help others to help them have a higher standard of living by owning their own home is just a real blessing. I’m super excited about the opportunity, and I want to knock it out of the park and be a blessing to our community.”

If you or someone you know needs affordable housing, visit East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity’s website at ecmhabitat.org to fill out an application. To volunteer or inquire about becoming a board member, contact Susan Morris at 763-286-1953.

MOST RECENT BUILD

East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity will host a public dedication ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at 610 Angle Ave. in Sandstone to celebrate the completion of the home built for Steven and Caitlin Williamson and their children.

The ceremony will honor the many volunteers, donors, and community members who contributed time, materials, and expertise to make the project possible. Attendees will gather to dedicate the home to the family, who will soon move in.

The home was built through a combination of community partnerships,

volunteer effort, and state funding. It was completed for roughly \$100,000 less than a typical Habitat home, thanks to subcontractors who worked free of charge or at significantly reduced rates.

General contractor Troy Haug of Mark Haug Construction in Pine City became involved after attending a fundraising gala for Habitat for Humanity. Moved by the mission, he reached out to subcontractors he works with and received strong support from the local construction community.

“We do this every day, all day — scheduling contracted work — so it wasn’t that big of a deal. We just included it with our whole barrage of jobs that are going on and we just considered it another project and we just kept it in as such,” said Haug. “but a lot of this credit goes to these framers, siders, roofers, drywall... people of that nature, that really stepped up and were willing to help the cause and donate. What they did was huge for this project.”

Local churches are preparing gifts for the family, including quilts, Easter baskets, and books for the children.

“And it’s going to be kind of like Christmas for that family. Not only do they get a new house, but the kids get a bunch of gifts, and the parents get a beautiful quilt made by a congregation here locally,” Morris added.

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C-I, NB SCOREBOARD: APRIL 16 - 22

April 16
C-I baseball 8, North Branch 1
C-I softball 7, North Branch 0
C-I girls golf @ Milaca - 5th/16 teams
*Top finisher: Amber Grecula - 2nd (80)
C-I boys tennis 6, Monticello 1

April 17
C-I boys tennis vs. North Branch - postponed
NB girls golf @ Monticello - 11/16 teams
*Top finisher: Ashley Bistodeau - 13th place (85)
NB boys golf @ Pebble Creek - 2nd/20 teams
*Top finisher: Nicholas Melvin - 5th place (74)
NB girls track & field @ home invite
*1st place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (200, 400), 4x200 relay, Ella Dick (pole vault)
NB boys track & field @ home invite
2nd place finishers: Jordan Stumm (800), 4x200 relay

April 19
C-I boys track and field @ Stillwater
*Top finishers: 4x100 relay (1st), Wesley Kennedy & Calvin Piescher (tied for 2nd, pole vault)

April 21
C-I girls golf @ Chisago Lakes - 5th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Amber Grecula - 11th place (97)
C-I boys tennis 4, St. Cloud Apollo 3
C-I baseball 7, Chisago Lakes 6
C-I softball 4, Chisago Lakes 1
*Makenzie Brooks - 12 strikeouts
NB girls golf @ Chisago Lakes - 3rd/9 teams
*Top finisher: Jenna Minke - 3rd place (87)
NB baseball 6, Zimmerman 5

NB softball 14, Zimmerman 4

April 22
C-I boys golf @ Monticello - 7th/9 teams
*Top finisher: Keegan Westman & Tanner Jones - 18th place (82)
C-I boys tennis 6, Becker 1
C-I girls track @ North Branch Conference Triangular
*1st place finishers: Makenna Sjoberg (800), Ashley Lehrer (1600), Ava Miller (3200), 4x400 relay, Julia Sickler (long jump, triple jump)
C-I boys track @ North Branch Conference Triangular
*1st place finishers: Simeon Porta (100), 4x200 relay, 4x400 relay, Josh Osei-Dankwah (shot put), Jason Ziebarth (discus), Calvin Piescher (pole vault), Jayden Kuhlman (triple jump)
C-I baseball 0, Becker 14
C-I softball 5, Becker 1
*Tatum Kostecka - home run
NB boys golf @ Monticello - 3rd/9 teams
*Top finisher: Nicholas Melvin - 8th place (78)
NB boys tennis 4, Princeton 3
NB girls track & field @ home Conference Triangular
*1st place finishers: Dakota Esget (100), Sophia Thorsen (200), Derrian Dick (400), Ella Kuhlman (300 hurdles), 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, 4x800 relay, Asaysha Olson (shot put), Heidi Hedberg (discus), Ella Dick (pole vault)
NB boys track & field @ home Conference Triangular
*1st place finishers: Jordan Stumm (3200), Brody Rothe (110 & 300 hurdles), 4x800 relay
NB baseball 3, Princeton 11
NB softball 4, Princeton 3



Catcher Marcus Hubbard tags out Jacob Robillard on a close play at home during the game at Cambridge. The Bluejackets topped the Vikings 8-1.

UPCOMING HOME SCHEDULES: APRIL 24 - MAY 3

To see both schools' full schedules, go to www.mississippi8.org . Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.	
Thursday, April 24 •C-I softball vs. Zimmerman (5 p.m.) •C-I baseball vs. Zimmerman (7 p.m.)	Monday, April 28
Tuesday, April 29 •NB baseball vs. Princeton (4:30 p.m.) •NB softball vs. Princeton (5 p.m.)	Thursday, May 1 •C-I boys tennis vs. Big Lake (4 p.m.)
Wednesday, April 30 •C-I boys tennis vs. Andover (11:30 a.m.) & Hibbing (3:30 p.m.) •C-I boys golf @ Purple Hawk (3 p.m.) •NB softball vs. Coon Rapids (4:30 p.m.)	Friday, May 2 •NB boys tennis vs. Pine City (4:15 p.m.) •NB softball vs. Hermantown (4:30 p.m.)
	Saturday, May 3 •NB boys tennis vs. Cloquet, Fridley, Hibbing (9 a.m.)



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Braham Area Education Foundation welcomes Braham graduates Josh Vaughan, Isaiah Dahlman for Spring Gala

The Braham Area Education Foundation is gearing up for another special celebration of Braham’s history and its future, with its Seventh Annual Spring Gala on May 3 at the beautiful Braham Event Center. The event will include a live and silent auction and a special conversation with Braham Graduates Josh Vaughan and Isaiah Dahlman, moderated by broadcaster and Braham graduate Jim Erickson. The Gala will also include recognition of the current members of the Braham Hall of Fame, along with the induction of its newest member.

Josh Vaughan graduated from Braham Area High School in 2005, after helping lead Braham to back-to-back state championships in boys basketball. Vaughan’s many accolades included being named a finalist for Minnesota’s “Mr. Basketball” award, and he went on to play Division I college basketball at North Dakota State University (NDSU), where he played in the 2009 NCAA Tournament. Vaughan went on to serve as the director of basketball operations at Wofford College and NDSU; as an assistant coach at Minnesota State University (MSU) Moorhead and the University of Mary; and as the Head Coach at Dickinson State University and Associate Head Coach at Northern State University. Throughout his career, Vaughan has coached numerous all-conference athletes and

several All-Americans, and has been a part of multiple conference and tournament championships. Vaughan holds a Bachelor’s Degree from NDSU and a Master’s Degree from MSU Moorhead, and he and his wife Halie have two sons and a daughter.

Isaiah Dahlman graduated from Braham Area High School in 2006, after helping lead Braham to three straight state championships in boys basketball. Dahlman graduated as Minnesota’s all-time leading scorer, and his many accolades included being named Minnesota’s Mr. Basketball and Minnesota’s Associated Press Player of the Year. Dahlman went on to play college basketball for Michigan State University, where he was named a captain of two Big Ten Championship teams and played in two Final Fours. Post basketball, Dahlman transitioned to a career in business. He has spent the last 11 years at the Perrigo Company where he has held roles of increasing responsibility, including leading marketing and business development for a \$2 billion consumer healthcare portfolio, and currently serves as the Vice President & General Manager for Perrigo Direct. Dahlman holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Michigan State where he was a two time All Big Ten Academic Team member, and an MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Isaiah lives in Ada, Michi-

gan, with his wife Natalie and their two sons, Luca (5) and Nico (3).

Jim Erickson is a 1988 graduate of Braham, and a graduate of the Brown Institute School of Broadcasting. Jim began his radio career in 1989 as a morning show host and sports play-by-play announcer at WCMP radio in Pine City. Jim later spent two stints with BOB FM Radio in the Twin Cities, and currently is the host of BOB FM’s Morning Show and All Request Lunch Hour. Jim also spent a combined four seasons working in minor league hockey from 2004 to 2008, as the play-by-play announcer and director of media relations with the Memphis RiverKings of the Central Hockey League and the Iowa Stars of the American Hockey League. Jim was voted “Best Broadcaster” and “Broadcaster of the Year” following the 2006-07 Central Hockey League season. More recently, Jim has been the television play-by-play voice for various Minnesota Prep Bowl High School Football games since 2010, and since 2015 he has been the television play-by-play voice for all 14 games of the Class A and AA Minnesota State Boys High School Hockey Tournament. Jim also handled the play-by-play duties for Minnesota’s Class A state tournament hockey games from 2012 to 2014, and for the Class A and AA Minnesota State Girls High School Hockey Tournament from 2014 to 2016. Since 2016, Jim has



served as the radio play-by-play voice for St. Cloud State Men’s Hockey, and has been the television play-by-play voice for St. Cloud State’s home games since 2024. Jim and his wife Chrissy reside in Otsego, Minnesota.

Tickets to the Gala, which will include a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner beginning at approximately 6:15 p.m., are \$50, and are available for purchase at the Braham Area High School Superintendent’s Office at the Braham Area High School. Tickets and sponsorships may also be purchased online at secure.qgiv.com/event/brahamedgala2025. ~ Braham Area Education Foundation

Talking spring allergies with University of Minnesota

As winter fades and spring arrives, so does allergy season. The runny nose, sneezing and watery eyes that come with spring allergies can sometimes dim the excitement of the new season.

Neal Godse, MD, with

the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview, talks about spring allergy symptoms and steps to keep them under control.

Q: What are the main causes of spring allergies?

Dr. Godse: Allergies

are an inflammatory response that our bodies create in response to some external irritant. Early spring allergies are typically caused by tree pollens — commonly birch, maple and oak — and, later in the season, by grass pollens. Molds

can also grow in damp, snow-melt environments and are another common source of spring allergies.

Q: What are the most common symptoms of spring allergies?

Dr. Godse: Runny nose, sneezing, itchy/watery eyes, nasal congestion — difficulty breathing through the nose, or a “stuffy nose” — facial pressure and headaches are classic issues that people with spring allergies face. This can also affect sleep, create fatigue and cause brain fog when severe.

Q: What steps can you take to minimize your exposure to allergy triggers?

Dr. Godse: It can be difficult to avoid exposure to spring allergens. With the weather getting better, people want to be

outside! Some helpful strategies include staying indoors with air conditioning on days with high pollen counts, using an air filter to reduce airborne pollen counts in your home, keeping windows closed at night and using a mask when gardening or doing yard work.

Q: What are the available options for managing allergy symptoms?

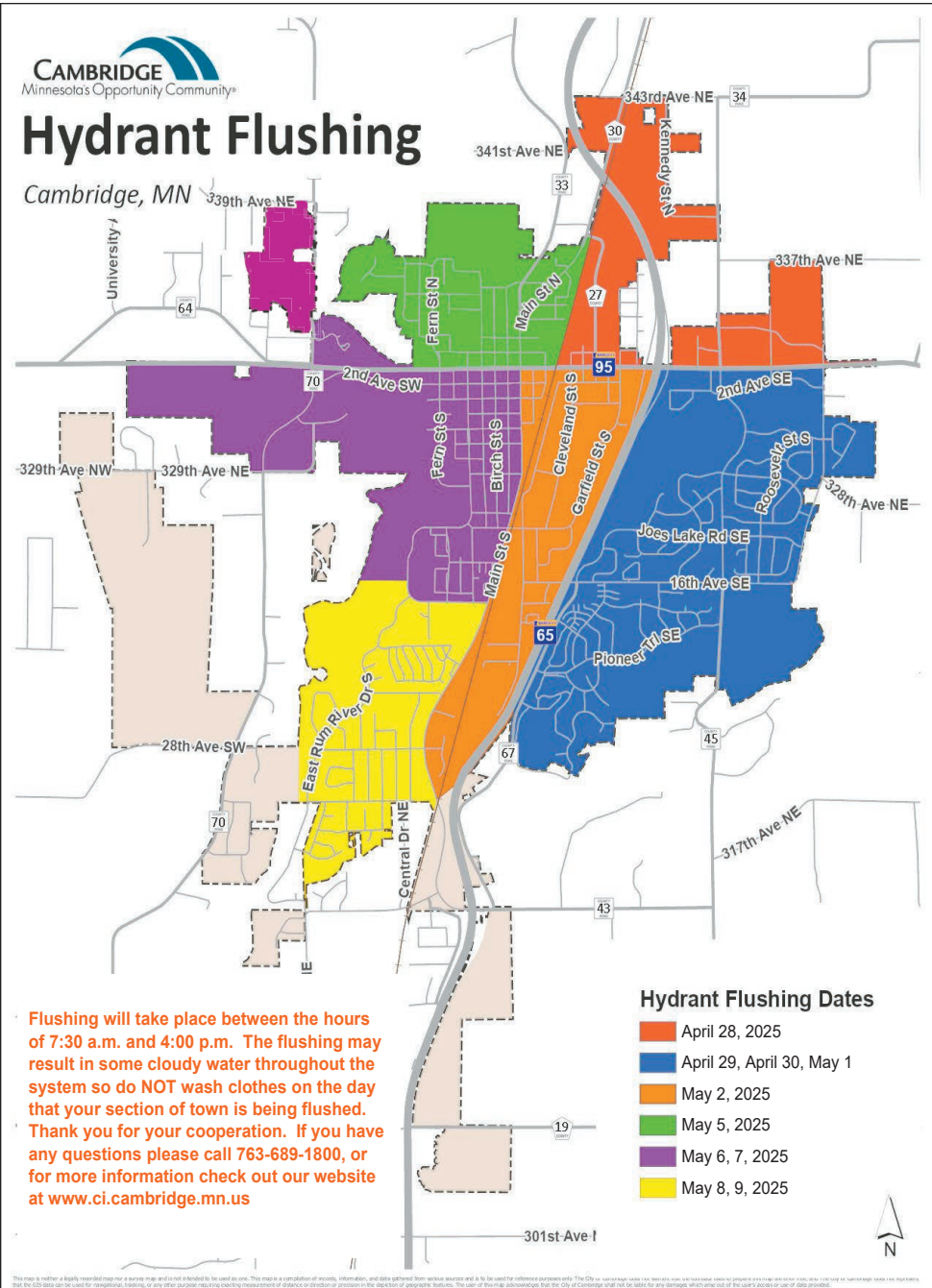
Dr. Godse: There are a number of good options for treating allergies. Nasal saline can help flush irritating allergens out of the nose. Oral and topical antihistamines block histamine, one of the key inflammatory chemicals released in response to allergens. Nasal steroid sprays are powerful anti-inflammatory medications that work very well to reduce symptoms. Be

careful of decongestant sprays: these can help with symptoms, but can damage the nose over the long term.

Q: How does your work at the University of Minnesota advance health in Minnesota?

Dr. Godse: Our research at the University of Minnesota Medical School is focused on better understanding how issues like nasal allergies play into chronic inflammatory sinus diseases and how we can treat these issues in a more comprehensive and targeted way.

Dr. Neal Godse is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a rhinologist and skull base surgeon at M Health Fairview. ~ University of Minnesota Medical School



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Cambridge continues human trafficking agreement with BCA

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The Cambridge Police Department will continue to partner with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to combat human trafficking for at least the next five years. The Joint Powers Agreement, which Cambridge first signed in 2018 and was renewed in 2020, gives the Cambridge Police Department instant access to any necessary resources for cases they are investigating. In exchange, CPD will offer officers to help with BCA investigations in this area. According to Police Chief Shawn Machin, the time commitment from the officers is minimal and has not disrupted the day-to-day operations of the CPD. Additionally, any overtime and travel expenses are paid for by the BCA.

Machin said when the city first entered into the agreement in 2018, CPD’s affiliate investigator on the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force assisted in three human trafficking operations — one of which was based out of Cambridge, resulting in a total of 60 arrests. Machin acknowledged that CPD didn’t take part in any operations from 2020 to 2025 “somewhat due to COVID and due to other issues.”

Despite that lack of participation over the last five years, Machin says it is important to renew the joint powers agreement for another five years.

“They do a tremendous job,” Machin said. “They take a lot of very bad people off the streets. Human trafficking continues to be an issue both state-wide and here in the city of Cambridge. We routinely have subjects attempting to solicit images from juveniles in our city. There are also many occasions where subjects attempt to make contact with juveniles from our city.

“The operation we held here in Cambridge in 2018 was eye-opening for myself,” Machin continued. “Although there were only a few arrests made during the operation, there were many other subjects who contacted the MNHITF agents pretending to be juveniles, but ultimately backed out prior to coming to the city.”

MUNKBERG PROPERTY SALE SOON TO BE FINALIZED

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, the city’s purchase of the Munkberg property will close in the next week.

“By the end of next week, the city will be the owner of the 125-acre parcel on Lake Fannie,” Vogel said, “and we will continue our efforts to work with developer partners and others to get the housing piece going in short order.”

Vogel said if all goes according to plan, grading will begin on the housing portion in June or July, with the first footings and foundations being placed in September or October.

Head-on collision results in fatality

STAFF REPORT
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A two-vehicle head-on collision on Highway 65 in Stanchfield Township has resulted in one driver being killed and the other driver with life-threatening injuries.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol’s incident report, at approximately 11:07 p.m. on Monday, April 21, emergency personnel responded to the crash at the intersection of 389th Ave NE. Upon arrival, they discovered a Ford F150 and a Chrysler Town & Country that had collided in the northbound lane.

The initial investigation states the F150, driven by 17 year-old Kalen Nicholas Frederick Kluge of Braham, was traveling northbound on Highway

65 when it collided with the Town & Country, driven by 64 year-old Kenneth Michael Snyder, also of Braham. The report indicates Snyder, who was traveling south, entered the northbound lane at the time of the collision.

Snyder, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was declared dead at the scene. Kluge was flown to Hennepin County Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

The incident report indicates alcohol was not involved in the crash.

In the past month, there have now been seven fatalities from vehicle crashes in Isanti County and Nessel Township in Chisago County.

Cambridge-Isanti High School finishes fourth at State Personal Finance Challenge

Students from Cambridge-Isanti High School placed fourth in the 2025 State Personal Finance Challenge hosted at the University of Minnesota, excelling among 10 schools from across Minnesota. From the state competition, the first-place student team, Mounds View High School, advances to the National Personal Finance Challenge in June.

The top-placing schools of the 2025 State Personal Finance Challenge are as follows: 1st Place – Mounds View High School, Arden Hills: Teacher: Aaron Oseland

2nd Place - Stillwater Area High School, Stillwater - Teacher: Travis Birkliid

3rd Place – Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights - Teacher: Dean Simmons

4th Place – Cambridge-Isanti High School, Cambridge - Teacher: Breanne Schoen

The Personal Finance Challenge program is the flagship

program of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education providing students from across the state an opportunity to demonstrate their critical-thinking and financial communication skills. Each year, more than 300 high school students participate in the online qualifying competition that tests their familiarity with fundamental areas of personal finance including insurance, investing, saving, budgeting, and more. The state competition utilizes a case-study format. Students demonstrate financial planning for a fictional family. Their task is to help the family reach their financial goals and apply their knowledge of personal finance concepts. They present their recommendations to a panel of judges representing industry, academia, and government. The top four teams from the case-study round battle it out in a quiz bowl finale for first

through fourth place.

This year, over 350 students from 19 schools participated in the Personal Finance Challenge program, with 40 students advancing to the state in-person competition. Students were excited to apply the knowledge they had gained in the course of their studies, and many judges commented on how eager and well-prepared the students were in their recommendations.

The 2025 Personal Finance Challenge program is made possible through the generous support of the Allianz Life Foundation, RBC Wealth Management, Aegon Transamerica Foundation, the Travelers Foundation, and the U.S. Bank Foundation. The National Personal Finance Challenge is supported by the Council for Economic Education. - Minnesota Council on Economic Education



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Landscape lighting has become increasingly popular in recent years. Such lighting can extend living spaces, and many homeowners report that a well-lit landscape helps them feel more safe at home. Though the final cost to light up a home’s exterior will depend on the size of a property, landscape lighting is among the more budget-friendly home renovations homeowners can consider. According to the renovation experts at Angi.com, the average cost of a landscape lighting project is \$4,000. Considering how much landscape lighting transforms the look of a property at night, that’s a lot of bang for homeowners’ bucks. Solar lights are popular, but homeowners may want to consider electrical wiring that ensures lights maintain their awe-inspiring glow throughout the night. Electrical work requires additional labor, and thus a higher price tag. However, Angi notes that modern LED bulbs consume just 25 percent of the energy used by incandescent alternatives, which can make them a more reliable option than self-installed solar lights.



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Isanti Neighborhood Market moves to new location

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Why did the Farmers Market cross the road? To get to the larger space. After the last couple years of squeezing into the Members Coop parking lot, Isanti’s Neighborhood Market is making about a 500-yard trek to the open field north of the Amoco gas station. According to organizer Elizabeth Anderson, the move was needed as the number of vendors has ballooned from somewhere around a dozen a couple years ago to up to 30 in 2024, with estimates of 450 people attending each Friday.

“It’s grown exponentially,” said Anderson. “We’ve got more vegetable vendors, more meat vendors because people are looking for healthy choices.” Besides the typical Famers Market vendors, Neighborhood features food trucks, other non-traditional vendors, plus other events thrown in throughout the season such as a chainsaw carving demonstration.

“It’s really become a family destination,” Anderson said. “I see a lot of

young moms getting wagons out of their trucks and putting their kids in them.”

To accommodate the increased participation, Amoco gas station, which is located across County Road 5 to the north of the previous location, has agreed to let the market set up and park in an open field on the north side of its property. As an added benefit, Amoco will give people access to its restrooms. The added space will allow for over 40 vendors.

“The owner was really enthusiastic (about having the market on his property),” Anderson said.

This year, the Neighborhood Market will kick off its season on Friday, May 2 and it will run each Friday through Oct. 17 (weather permitting). The market will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. As part of the “grand reopening,” there will be a flamenco dance demonstration.

For more details regarding the Isanti Farmers Market, including weekly updates on vendors, food trucks, or other events taking place, go to The Neighborhood Market on Facebook.



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Non-traditional Farmers Market features such as chainsaw carving and the upcoming flamenco dancing demonstrations have added to the allure of Isanti’s Neighborhood Market.

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

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

South Isanti Baptist Church
3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.
763-772-3832, Pastor Randy Barrows.
Sunday Worship 9:30am. Wednesday "Life & Light" Bible studies for all ages. Adults & children. For info call or go to southisantibaptist.org.

Springvale Baptist
Pastor Zane Hall
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
763-689-1373
springvalechurchmn.org

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 or 651-674-4107.

Catholic

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: annseton76@gmail.com. Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am. Sun. 8:30am.
stelizabeth-isanti.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 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
Karmelcov.org

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church
45268 Brunswick Rd,
Harris, MN 763-689-5817
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin.
Sunday School – all ages 9am.
Sunday Service 10:25am.
www.daleefc.com

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

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church
29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti
(1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
9am Worship Service
10:45am Christian Education
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6:30 to 8pm

Wyanett Evangelical Free Church
12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm
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Tuesday thru Thursday

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)
621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge
763-689-1211
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
www.cambridgelutheran.org - fb.com/CambridgeLutheran

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:30am
www.christcambridge.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt
Sunday Worship 9:20am
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Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge
763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
Pastor James Ritter
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)
6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch
651-674-5576
Pastor Glen Kleppe
Sunday Worship 8am
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Sunday Adult Bible Study @ 9:15am
Tuesday Adult Bible Studies @ 1pm
Wednesday Youth Group @ 6:30pm
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Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056 (9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
8:15am Worship with fellowship following

St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
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Sunday 9am Worship;
10:20am Adult Bible Study;
Thursday 6:30pm Bible study.
Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
980 West 4th Street, Rush City
320-358-3623
Sunday 8:45am Worship
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study
stjohnsrushcity.org

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham
320-396-3103
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.
10:30am Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
In person and online worship
8 am & 10 am worship
9 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour
9 am Sunday School
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

Common Ground - A United Methodist Community
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Justpassinthru.net
Pastor Tom Bakke
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Sunday nights and Wednesdays

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. No Will has been prepared for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Kelly M. Collver, whose address is 212 Main Street E. Silver Lake, Minnesota 55381, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 10, 2025 Registrar: Court Administrator: Kris Cunningham

Joslin & Moore Law Offices, P.A. Clark A. Joslin MN# 52802 221 2nd Avenue NW Cambridge, MN 55008 PBT-222 112/2915 2 Telephone: 763-689-4101 Facsimile: 763-689-9497 e-mail: cjoslin@joslinmoore.com Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 17, 24, 2025

STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT File Number: 30-PR-25-24 Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of James Richard Collins, Deceased

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated 4/18/2016

as been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Self-Represented Litigant: KELLY MARIE SAMUELSON Address: 428 SOUTHWILL DR, ROSEVILLE MN 55113

Email: kmcoll@yahoo.com Phone Number: 651-428-3555 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.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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.

Date 4/21/25 Probate Registrar: Court Administrator: Erin Boettcher Date: 4/21/25 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 24, May 1, 2025

ASSUMED NAME

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: Grandpa's quilting

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 3135 RUM RIVER DR S CAMBRIDGE MN 55008

APPLICANT(S): Name: Edgewood Machine Inc. Address: 3135 Rum River Dr S Cambridge MN 55008 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Gary Ramberg MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: gdrberg@gmail.com Work Item 1556033300026

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NOTICES

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE RFQ FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CAMBRIDGE AIRPORT

The City of Cambridge is requesting Statements of Qualification ("RFQ Proposal") from interested and qualified consultants for professional engineering and architectural services for the Cambridge Municipal Airport ("Airport"). Professional, technical, and advisory services are needed for projects identified in the Airport's Capital Improvement Plan.

Information regarding this RFQ can be found on the City of Cambridge website www.ci.cambridge.mn.us or by contacting Lucas Milz, Airport Manager at lmilz@ci.cambridge.mn.us or 763-689-1800.

Submissions should be made no later than 12:00 PM on May 6, 2025

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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 April 20 2025. 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 April 18, 2025

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CAMBRIDGE SELF STORAGE AND ISANTI SELF STORAGE

This is notice of intent to sell items located at Cambridge Self Storage and Isanti Self Storage. If Lissette Chumley F26, Jay Holden E23, Crystal Inderlee E31, Robert Blake Schiller E72, Corissa Wilson S36, Derek Hari N62 and Brad Rudquist

E401 do not pay their balances in full by May 12, 2025 at 9AM, online auctions will be held May 13, 2025 at 9AM at www.storageauctions.net. The units appear to contain household and garage items.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OUTSOURCING THE MOWING OF NUISANCE WEED/GRASS ABATEMENT LOTS

The City of Isanti is accepting proposals for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 season for nuisance weed/grass abatement lots. Interested parties please visit the City's website for more details. All proposals submitted must be clearly marked "Proposal for Nuisance Weed Abatement Services." Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

Jaden Strand City Clerk Publish on: April 24, 2025 Posted on: April 16, 2025

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ISANTI COUNTY SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE APRIL 1, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The complete minutes are available for public inspection in the Administration office at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 or online at www.co.isanti.mn.us/agendacenter

Members Present: Chairman Alan Duff; Commissioners: Steve Westerberg, Bill Berg, Todd Christensen, Kristi LaRowe.

Members Absent: None. Meeting called to order by Chairman Alan Duff.

• Approved the following County Business Items: March 18, 2025, County Board Meeting Minutes and Minutes Summary, Personnel Action Items, MOU with Teamsters Family Services, Resolutions for Authorization of Non-Elected Department Heads Group and "All Other Non-Contract" Participation in Health Care Savings Plan, Resolution in Support of Retaining Local Zoning Authority, Resolution in Support of One County One Senator, Group Utility Permits, and Claims and Warrants.

• Approve payment for Memorial Plaques for the Sheriff's department.

• Approved the 2025 Isanti County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and Delegation Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and approved the 2025 Agreement with WaterGuards, LLC.

• Approved the Final Plat of: Nettestad Estates, Vassar Addition Arrangement, Roxbury Landing, and Streed Family Addition.

• Approved the low bid from Northland Recreation to build a 20' x 20' Park Shelter and the low bid from Mid-State Masonry to complete the apron, footings, and shelter slab at the Irving & John Anderson Park.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DEPOSITORY AND BANKING SERVICES

The City of Isanti is requesting proposals from qualified institutions to provide the highest quality depository and banking services at a competitive price. A proposer must be a federally or State of Minnesota chartered financial institution within the city limits of Isanti or surrounding area and must be able to comply with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 118A relating to Depositories of Public Funds. Scope of services, more information and required unit charge summary is available at www.cityofisanti.us. All proposals shall be clearly identified as Banking Services Proposal for the City of Isanti. An email, submitted to jwood@cityofisanti.us, and two printed copies of your proposal should be forwarded to the City at the following address by 4:30 p.m. on May 9, 2025: City of Isanti Attn: Josi Wood, City Administrator 110 1st Avenue NW P.O. Box 428 Isanti, MN 55040 Publish on: April 24, 2025 Posted on: April 16, 2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 838 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 818 ADOPTED ON

APRIL 22, 2025, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 794 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, ORDINANCE NO. 784, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023, ORDINANCE NO. 770, ADOPTED ON AUGUST 3, 2022 AND ORDINANCE NO. 768, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022, ORDINANCE NO. 763, ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2021 AND ORDINANCE NO.753 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021 TITLED PARKING AND STORAGE THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 – Amendment. Ordinance 818, Ordinance 794, Ordinance 784, Ordinance 768, Ordinance 763, Ordinance 753, Ordinance 770 Codified in Chapter 227 of the City Code, are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 227 PARKING AND STORAGE ARTICLE II

General Parking Regulations § 227-2. Parking regulations.

C. Parking, stopping, and standing provisions.

(5) No parking is allowed on any of the following streets or highways:

(a) Along either side of Third Avenue NW beginning at its intersection with Isanti Parkway NW to the point at which the City of Isanti corporate boundary ends and Isanti Township begins (Jackson St NW).

(b) Along either side of Railroad Ave SW beginning at its intersection with Palomino Road SE to its intersection with Passage SW.

(c) Along either side of Heritage Blvd beginning at its intersection with Trunk Highway 65 heading west to its intersection with Whiskey Road NW.

(d) Along either side of Fourth Avenue SW from its intersection with Main Street W heading south to its intersection with Elizabeth Street SW.

(e) Along either side of Elizabeth Street SW from its intersection with Fifth Avenue SW heading east to its intersection with Second Avenue SW.

(f) Along either side of Fifth Avenue SW from its intersection with Elizabeth Street SW heading south to its intersection with S Brookview Lane SW.

(g) Along either side of Second Avenue SW from its intersection with Main Street W heading south to its intersection with Elizabeth Street SW.

(h) Along either side of Isanti Parkway NW, from Third Avenue NW to East Dual Boulevard NE.

(i) Along either side of Broadway Street SE, from Highway 65 NE to 6th Avenue NE.

(j) Along either side of 6th Avenue NE, from Broadway Street SE to Heritage Boulevard NE.

(k) Along the west side of Centennial Drive NW, from Heritage Boulevard NW extending South 905 feet except for the bus staging area where bus parking is allowed from 2:30-4:30 pm.

(l) Along the south side of Palomino Road SE, from Railroad Avenue SE to Trunk Highway 65.

(m) Along the south side of Main Street East, east of the Elim Street NE intersection to Highway 65 NE.

(n) Along the west side of Dahlin Avenue NE, from Heritage Boulevard NE to Main Street E.

(o) Along the East side of 9th Ave from 8th Ave NE extending south 500' (feet).

(p) Along both sides of 8th Ave NE extending South from Heritage Blvd NE to the intersection of 8th Ave NE and 9th Ave NE.

(q) Along both sides of 8th Ave NE extending 300' (feet) Southwest from the intersection of 9th.

(r) Along the west side of 3rd Ave NW extending 170' (feet) North from Heritage Blvd NW continuing along the west side of 3rd Ave NW 550' (feet) north between the hours of 3:15 and 4:15 Monday thru Friday.

(s) Along the east side of 6th Avenue SW from South Brookview Lane SW to Edgewood Street SW.

(t) Along the south side of Unity Blvd with the exception for staging to pick up or drop off of students.

(u) Along either side of 1st Ave NW within Bluebird Park.

(v) Along the north side of Isanti Parkway from Whiskey Road NW to Blossom Blvd NW.

(w) Along the east side of 3rd Ave NW between heritage Blvd and Unity Blvd NW.

(x) Along the north side of Dogwood Street SW from Whiskey Road to 6th Avenue SW.

(y) Along the north side of Birch Street SW from Whiskey Road to 6th Avenue SW.

Section 2 – Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council this 15th day of April 2025.

Interim Mayor Luke Merrill Attest: Jaden Strand

City Clerk Posting Date: April 1, 2025

Reading Date: April 15, 2025 Publication Date: April 24, 2025

Effective Date: April 24, 2025 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 24, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING

CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Cambridge Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, to discuss the following public hearing items and other items on the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Jake Hatella, 1842 12th Place SE, Cambridge, MN 55008; for the keeping of Fowl. The legal description is Lot 3, Block 1, North Ridge 6th Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Steve Strandlund Jr, PO Box 129, Isanti, MN, 55040; for a Preliminary Plat of Woodhaven Acres 4th Addition. The legal description is Outlot A, Woodhaven Acres 3rd Addition (approximate location is along Maple Drive S and 34th Avenue SW)

3. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Steve Strandlund Jr, PO Box 129, Isanti, MN, 55040; for a Preliminary Plat of Woodhaven Acres 5th Addition. The legal description is Outlot A, Woodhaven Acres 3rd Addition (approximate location is along Maple Drive S and 34th Avenue SW)

4. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by the City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to amend Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.040 Business Districts; to remove Cannabis retail from allowed uses in B-1 and B-1A zoning.

More information is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, including full legal descriptions. Cambridge Planning Commission Meetings are typically scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are open to the public.

Marcia Westover Community Development Director Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 24, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA AMENDMENTS TO THE ENABLING RESOLUTION CREATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of East Bethel will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2241 221st Avenue NE, East Bethel, Minnesota.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on amending the enabling resolution creating the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to change the membership composition.

Residents wishing to speak in reference to this matter should attend this meeting. Please contact City Hall at 763-367-7840 with any questions about the public hearing.

Matt Look City Administrator Published in the Isanti-Chisago County Star on April 24, 2025.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Harris, Chisago County, Minnesota, will conduct a public hearing to accept public input and consider amending the City of Harris Fee Schedule. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at approximately 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter at the Harris City Council Chambers, located at 43970 Ginger Ave, Harris Minnesota. The purpose of the public hearing is to accept input on the proposed fee schedule. Those not able to be present at this meeting should submit their opinions in writing to the Harris City Clerk, 43970 Ginger Ave, Harris MN, prior to the hearing.

Additional information is available from the city office during normal business hours. The public is invited

to comment during the hearing or provide written comments at or prior to the hearing. All persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposal will be heard at this meeting.

The city council may vote to adopt the proposed ordinance after the public hearing on May 12, 2025.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 17, 2025

Notice is hereby given the Isanti County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 to consider the following requests:

1. The request of Mylo & Patricia Twingstrom, 29200 Goldenrod Drive NW, Isanti, MN 55040 to construct two additions to an existing pole type structure with less than the required setback from the centerline of a Township Road and with less than the required setback from a County Road. Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 River Ridge 3rd Addition of Section 25, Township 35, Range 24, Bradford Township.

2. The request of Thomas Pelzer, 27304 Carr Street NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398 to construct an attached garage with less than the required setback from the ordinary high watermark of a recreational development lake. Legal description is Pt Govt Lot 2 (Parcel 1) S 60' Lying W of Rd of Section 6, Township 34, Range 25, Stanford Township.

3. The request of Shea & Amanda Streed, 29968 6th Street NE, Isanti, MN 55040 to construct a detached garage with less than the required setback from the centerline of the township road. Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 German Estates 2nd Addition of Section 19, Township 35, Range 23, Isanti Township.

4. The request of Great River Energy, 12300 Elm Creek Blvd N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 to vary the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, General Regulations, Subdivision 10, Commercial Wireless Telecommunication Towers and Antennas, #7 e. & I to construct a commercial wireless telecommunication tower and antenna with less than the required setback from the DNR protected waters wetland and to be less than the required setback from the right of way of all county, township and private road easements. Legal description is Pt. of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 21, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge, Township.

Trina Bergloff Isanti County Zoning Administrator This further serves as notice that if the legal criteria are met for members to participate in the meeting by telephone or interactive technology, some members may do so.

If you would like to attend this meeting via Tele – Conference, please go to the Isanti County webpage at www.co.isanti.mn.us for instructions.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 17, 2025

Notice is hereby given the Isanti County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008 to consider the following requests:

1. The request of Stephen T. & Ann-Marie Hosch, 25708 Virgo Street NE, Stacy, MN 55079 to present a preliminary plat of Hosch Bauer Hills 2nd Addition. Legal description is Lot 2 Block 1 Hosch Bauer Hills of Section 17, Township 34, Rang3e 22, Oxford Township.

2. The request of Mike & Leslie Kelzenberg, 5235 313th Avenue NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 to present a preliminary plat of The Bluffs of Rum River. Legal description is Pt SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and Pt NE ¼ of the NW ¼ lying southerly and easterly of the River of Section 12, Township 35, Range 25, Spencer Brook Township.

3. The request of C & K Holdings LLC/Chris Webb, 38612 Highway 65 NE, Stanchfield, MN 55080 to amend the conditional use permit dated February 12, 2004, for a used/wholesale car lot to include new and used trailer sales/equipment trailers and enclosed trailers. Legal description is Pt SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 37, Range 23, Stanchfield Township.

Trina Bergloff Isanti County Zoning Administrator TB:HN

“PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a quorum of the Isanti County

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

Board of Commissioners may be in attendance at this meeting with one member of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners as the designated voting representative to the Isanti County Planning Commission. Any other members of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will be attending as members of the audience with no participation, membership, or voting rights at this meeting of the Isanti County Planning Commission.”

This further serves as notice that if the legal criteria are met for members to participate in the meeting by telephone or interactive technology, some members may do so.

If you would like to attend this meeting via Tele-Conference, please

go to the Isanti County webpage at www.co.isanti.mn.us for instructions.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a conditional use permit for multiple principal buildings on one parcel for the Main Street Apartments. The proposed

site would include four (4) two-story buildings with 8-unit apartments in each building for a total of 32 units on the property.

Applicant(s)
Bigfork Valley Log Cabins, LLC

Property Owner(s)
S3 Main, LLC

General Location(s)
North of Main Street, South of Elm Street, West of 3rd Street and East of 4th Street

Legal Description
Lots One(1) Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), Block Twenty-four (24), Townsite of North Branch, Chisago County, Minnesota.

PID(s)
16.00323.00

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Nate Sondrol at nathans@ci.north-branch.mn.us.

Nate Sondrol
nathans@ci.north-branch.mn.us
(651) 674-8113

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as

soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a proposed preliminary plat and a zoning text amendment to clarify single family homes as a permitted use in the R-3 zoning district on the property known as Cedar Ridge Community.

Applicant(s)
Cedar Ridge Community LLC

Property Owners(s)
Carroll Holdings LLC

General Location(s)
East side of Falcon Ave and West of Interstate 35 near 381st Lane and 382nd Drive

Legal Description
Outlot C and D North Branch

Meadows, Chisago County, Minnesota

PID(s)
11.00413.05 and 11.00413.06

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Nate Sondrol at nathans@ci.north-branch.mn.us.

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ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on April 13 - 19. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Donald Ray Levercom, Jr. (DOB 05/22/1996) of Cambridge, was charged April 14 with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

Jayson Matthew Zaffke (DOB 07/19/2002) of Cambridge, was charged April 17 with five counts of Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14; and five counts of Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn.

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on April 13 - 19. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Joseph Daniel Crum (DOB 11/11/1982) of Superior, WI, was charged April 14 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State - extradition waived.

Kasey Lynn Swenson (DOB 01/26/1988) of Shafer, was charged April 16 with Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplish Present.

Shaina Anne Sirleaf (DOB 02/10/1988) of Chisago City, was charged April 17 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

Matthew Steven Madsen AKA Matthew Steven Woltersaar (DOB 01/14/1983) of North Branch was charged on April 17 with one count of Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence; and one count of Cannabis - 1st degree - Unlawfully cultivates more than 23 cannabis plants.

CLASSIFIEDS

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401 Auctions

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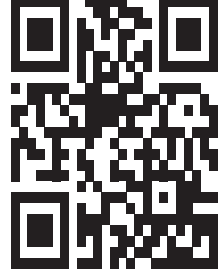
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