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## Hippity Hoppity

Kids at the Cambridge Lutheran Church's "Rock'n Roll" Easter event had the opportunity to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny himself, along with engaging in an Easter Egg hunt, plus other games and crafts.

## Isanti County Dispatch setting up phone tree for non-emergency calls

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Over time, the Isanti County Emergency Dispatch has found itself performing more as phone operators, redirecting an increased number of non-emergency and solicitation/spam calls to the appropriate extension. The end result of this, according to dispatchers, is they are left with less time to handle the true emergency calls.

The solution, according to Captain Chad Meyer, is for dispatch to set up an automated phone tree for people who call into the county's non-emergency numbers. Meyer said the system will work similar to the multi-line phone systems used by many businesses. A computer-generated voice will instruct the caller to, "press one" for a certain department, "press two" for another

department, and so on. "All that takes away from being able to provide assistance for someone needing law enforcement or other emergency departments," Meyer said.

The only problem with creating a phone tree, according to Meyer, is the initial setup costs much more than he originally anticipated — just over \$13,000.

"When I got the quote back, I was in shock," Meyer said. "I sat on it for a couple weeks. I talked about it, deciding if it was something that was truly necessary. After talking it over, I decided it was worth it to go forward with it."

He added after talking with the person who provided the bid amount, he discovered part of the

**'It's worth the \$13,000 when literally, it could save a life.'**

Bill Berg  
Isanti County Commissioner

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## Proposed affordable housing project moves forward

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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A two-building, 180-unit affordable apartment complex proposed to be constructed just north of the former Perkins property in Cambridge is one small step closer to becoming a reality, with the next step most likely being a publicly higher hurdle to clear.

Reuter Walton, the developer of the complex, previously reached a purchase agreement with Lloyd Ostrom and Betty Lawrence in order to acquire a total of 7.75 acres of land located east of the Isanti County Highway Department facility, west of the Highway 65 bypass, and north of the former Perkins building. Before the sale is to be finalized, the property needed to be annexed into the Cambridge city limits, which will enable the city to extend city sewer and water through the

properties.

Since this is a voluntary annexation, there were no objections raised during a mandatory public hearing. Subsequently, the council approved the annexation unanimously.

This most likely won't be the case for the next step in the process — a public hearing regarding the establishment of Tax Increment Financing for the project. As part of the project, the city is requiring the developer to pay for the extension of Garfield Street along the west side of the property. Additionally, the developer would have to pay for city water and sewer connection to the property, plus a short street connecting Garfield Street to Emerson Street. A TIF would take the added tax revenue from the increased property value and apply that money toward those added expenses.

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The above map shows the proposed location for the apartment complex in the area behind the abandoned Perkins building.

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

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

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

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

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

221-6883.

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

**Alzheimer's Support**  
 Third Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info call Lyndsey Larson 763-691-6172.

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**Alanon**  
 7 p.m. at the Isanti Alano Club, 790 Heritage



**The Fare for All low-priced food sale returns to Rush City High School April 10.**

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**Chisago County Drop-In Center**

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

**THURSDAYS**

**East Central Baby Cafe**  
 Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For info. call 763-689-1711.

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

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

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

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

**Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House**  
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**Tax Help with AARP**  
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By appointment only by calling Seven County Senior Federation at 320-679-4700.

**SATURDAY**  
**GriefShare**

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

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

**Tax Help with AARP**  
 at Cambridge Public Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 18 By appointment only by calling Seven County Senior Federation at 320-679-4700.

**APRIL 10**  
**Fare For All low-priced food sale**

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

**APRIL 11**  
**Blue Star Moms Dinner & Comedy Show Fundraiser**

5 - 9:30 p.m. at Braham Even Center. Silent auction, dinner and comedy by Tim Harmston. Must purchase ticket in advance . https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pine-city-blue-star-moms-dinner-and-comedy-

show-event-2026-tickets-1981400165232

**BINGO**

from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Harris American Legion. Prizes are meat packs and cash. This is a family friendly event. Free coffee and cookies available. No alcohol allowed.

**SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS**

**CAMBRIDGE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Minnesota Writers Series to host Emma Törzs at Cambridge campus

**STAFF REPORT**  
 NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The Minnesota Writers Series will welcome Emma Törzs as its 2025-26 guest writer at Anoka-Ramsey Community College's Cambridge Campus on Tuesday, April 14. The event is free and open to the public. A free livestream will also be

available.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in Room G 202 at the Cambridge Campus, 300 Spirit River Drive South.

A livestream option will be available via Zoom at <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/8970529115?omn=93053377381>. The passcode is MNWRITER.

Törzs is a writer, teacher and occasional translator based in Minneapolis.

Her fiction has received a NEA fellowship in prose, a World Fantasy Award for Short Fiction and an O. Henry Prize.

Her debut novel, Ink Blood Sister Scribe, was an instant Sunday Times bestseller, a National Indie bestseller and a Good Morning America Book Club pick. The novel was also named one of The New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2023 and one of NPR's Best

Books of 2023. It has been published, or is forthcoming, in 13 languages.

The Minnesota Writers Series offers audiences the opportunity to hear directly from writers about their work and creative process. The event includes readings, audience questions and book signings following the program.

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## From seed to stability: A hands-on approach to ending hunger

As long as I've been alive I've been aware there is hunger in the world. As a child I was reminded at meal time to clean my plate because there were people in other parts of the world who were starving.

In the Christian community we hear a lot about missionaries working with people in countries where there is a food shortage.

In world news we hear of areas where there are food shortages, wars, and climate conditions making it difficult to grow adequate crops to feed people. Some of the hardest hit areas during the Covid-19 pandemic have been in Africa and Asia.

There are a number of world organizations like World Vision, Compassion and ECHO that are showing great progress in the food crisis.

ECHO is an international Christian organization that strengthens farmers, pastors and development leaders as they serve communities facing hunger and poverty.

It was established over 40 years ago with headquarters in North Ft. Myers, Florida. It continues to expand its advanced global seed banking.

ECHO's goals integrate the mission of linking churches with seed banks, agroecology, and sustainable farming training. ECHO has 20,000 network members in 190 countries.

This means practical solutions spread faster, farmers gain confidence and resilience, families experience improved nutrition and income, and communities move toward long-term stability.

Minnesota has provided strong leadership to ECHO's programs. For example, Mark Carlson, who grew up in Cambridge, Minnesota is employed by the State Department as a lawyer and serves on the board of directors for ECHO. His cousin, Dr. Doug Carlson, resides in Stillwater and is the former chair of ECHO.

Kathy and I were guests at an outdoor dinner at ECHO in March. It provided an update of their expansions into new regions and reports from their impact centers.

Bethel University for several years sent journalism students to assist with communications at ECHO for a semester.

One of the more impressive things we learned is that ECHO will suggest to a farmer in one of these arid areas of the world to try ECHO's method of farming. The farmer's first response is "If it doesn't work my children will starve". ECHO comes alongside the farmer and assures him that ECHO will reimburse finances if their method comes up short.

At harvest time, ECHO comes along side to measure the results and to celebrate the new farming methods. These new methods are shared with neighboring farmers. It is like a one-on-one learning process and the lasting change has impacted whole communities.

This helps farmers grow crops they can sell which enhances their income. ECHO has been feeding families for five generations which provides encouragement and hope.

When farmers have access to the right knowledge and resources, land is restored, families are nourished, and communities become more resilient.

If you are in the Ft. Myers area you will find it worthwhile to visit ECHO Global Farms. They have tours for individuals and groups. They also accept volunteers.

**GENE JOHNSON** is Publisher Emeritus of Press Publications, owner of the Isanti-Chisago County Star. He can be reached at ppinfo@presspubs.com.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Trump promised 'no more stupid wars'

To the editor,

You voted for him because he said "no more stupid wars". Then he attacked Iran.

He attacked Iran when no expert on the Iranian nuclear program said they were on the verge of building a nuclear bomb. He attacked Iran because he knew better than any expert.

He was surprised when Iran cut off the Straits of Hormuz. Twenty percent of the world's crude oil shipped by tanker ship goes through that 20-mile wide pinch point. Twenty percent of the world's liquified natural gas also goes through that area. Iran is on the northern border of the Straits. They can rain bombs down from the 3,000-foot-high mountains that they control. Anyone with even a minimal knowledge of geography and the world's oil markets could see Iran would close the Straits. Even if he didn't see it, he has people that should have told him not to attack. He attacked Iran because he knew better than any expert.

He plans on attacking Iran with you, your children, your grandchildren or someone you know. Iran's military is ranked 16th in the world by the Global Firepower Review. For reference, Venezuela ranked 45th. This is not Venezuela, This will be a killing field. Hundreds, if not thousands of military personnel, will die. He will likely do this because he says he's the "smartest person in the room".

If he settles his war of choice, any agreement will be weaker than the JCPOA agreement that he tore up in his first term as president. That agreement put restrictions on the Iranian nuclear programs and Iran was living up to it. Why would Iran sign an agreement stronger than the one that he tore up?

He promised "no more stupid wars". Then he attacked Iran. You don't need to support him any longer. There are people out here fighting against his policies and this war. Welcome, you can join us.

Jeffrey Benny  
Cambridge

### LETTER GUIDELINES

The Isanti-Chisago County Star encourages readers to share their viewpoints of community issues by writing Letters to the Editor. Publishing decisions are made on questions of free speech, good taste, public interest and public sensitivity.

The Star reserves the right to edit for accuracy, clarity, libel and civility and reserves the right not to publish a letter or to hold a letter to a later edition. Personal complaints or attacks, plagiarized material, religious treatises or submissions from organized letter-writing campaigns will not be published.

#### GUIDELINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

- Letters must be submitted by noon on Tuesdays to editor@countystar.com or via mail to 930 S. Cleveland St., Cambridge MN 55008. The Star reserves the right to extend its deadline in the interest of timeliness of letters and/or space availability.
- Letters to the editor must be 400 words or less.
- Each letter writer may have one letter published every 30 days, or four print cycles.
- Anonymous letters will not be published. Letter signatures must include the writer's first and last name, community of residence and

phone number. Phone numbers will not be published.

- Only letters originating from writers who live, work or have some other relevance to the Star circulation area will be published.
- An identification line may be added to the writer's letter identifying his or her occupation or title as it applies to the topic of the letter.
- Special rules apply during election season.

For questions about the Star's policies on letters contact the editor at 763-689-1181 ext. 107 or editor@countystar.com.

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# Springing forward: Celebrating growth, strengthening partnerships, and preparing for what's next

As we move into April, the signs of spring are beginning to show—longer days, renewed energy, and a strong sense of momentum across our schools. This time of year is always special. It offers both reflection and anticipation as we celebrate how far we've come and prepare for what's ahead.



**C-I School News**  
Dr. Nate Rudolph

## WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2039!

This spring, we are excited to welcome the Class of 2039 through our Kindergarten Welcome events at Cambridge Primary, Isanti Primary, and C-I STEAM School. For many families, kindergarten is an important milestone in each learner's journey filled with growth, opportunity, and connection. These early moments matter. They are the first chapter in each student's story as a Bluejacket, and we are honored to partner with families from the very

beginning.

At the same time, we are celebrating the Class of 2026 as they approach graduation. From their first days in our schools to where they stand today, their experience reflects years of effort, support, and opportunity. One of the highlights of the spring will be the Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Reception, scheduled for Friday, May 15, where students connect directly with the community members who are investing in their future. It is a powerful reminder

that in Cambridge-Isanti Schools, our students are supported every step of the way.

## A COMMUNITY THAT SHOWS UP

Our community continues to demonstrate what it means to truly support public education. Dollars for Scholars will once again provide a significant investment in our graduating seniors, continuing a tradition that has opened doors for thousands of Bluejacket graduates.

The Bluejacket Education Foundation also continues to make a meaningful impact through its classroom grant program, helping bring innovative, hands-on learning experiences to life for our students. These partnerships matter. They expand opportunities, strengthen programming, and reflect a community that believes deeply in its schools.

We see that support in many ways—through volunteers in our classrooms, mentors working with students, and families who stay engaged in their child's learning. Our schools are stronger because of these connections.

## PROGRESS AND PLANNING

This time of year also represents an important transition point in our work. We have successfully closed the second trimester and are now fully engaged in the final stretch of the school year. At the same time, we are actively preparing for 2026-27.

Our Strategic Planning Task Force recently completed its annual review, providing valuable feedback as we build Year 4 of our Strategic Plan. This work

continues to be grounded in community voice and focused on what matters most—student growth, strong relationships, well-being, and meaningful opportunities for all learners.

We are also seeing encouraging results in our classrooms. Recent data shows continued academic growth in literacy, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels. This progress reflects the focused efforts of our staff, the support of our families, and the commitment of our students.

In addition, our teams are engaged in thoughtful planning around staffing, programming, and resource alignment to ensure we are well-positioned for the future. This work is intentional and aligned to our long-term priorities.

## LOOKING AHEAD

There is a great deal to be proud of in Cambridge-Isanti Schools. From our youngest learners just beginning to our seniors preparing for what comes next, our students are growing, achieving, and finding success in many ways.

As always, this work is not done alone. It is made possible through strong partnerships with our families and community. Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and belief in our schools.

Together, we are not only maintaining a strong system—we are building something exceptional.

**GO BIG BLUE!**  
**DR. NATERUDOLPH** is superintendent of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. He can be reached at 763-689-6202 or nrudolph@c-ischools.org.

## Repotting house plants

Plants become pot bound when the roots are circling the bottom of the pot or poking out of the drainage holes. When this occurs, it is time to move a plant to the next sized larger pot. Another indication that repotting is needed is if the plant's leaves discolor, wilt even after watering, or if the plant has been in the same pot for three or more years. After this length of time, the soil in the pot is likely out of nutrients.

Consider the following when looking for a new pot:

1. Size: the new pot should be no more than 2 inches in diameter larger than the container in which the plant currently resides. Too large of a pot may make the plant susceptible to root rot.

2. Shape: for ease of transferring between pots locate one of a similar shape. Look for pots that are wider at the top than at the base and 1-2 inches taller than the existing container. This will make transferring between containers easier.

3. Material: What the container is made of impacts the price, the weight and the drainage. While I love the beautiful colors of ceramic pots, the price, the weight and whether it has a drainage hole always factor into my purchase decision.

Purchase potting soil that best suits the type of plant being repotted. Many plants are fine with all-purpose potting soil; however, succulents require a more free draining mix and orchids require a mix that's primarily bark.

Once you have the new container and new soil, prepare the plant by watering it at least one hour ahead of time. This will help loosen the roots. An hour after watering has passed, lay out some old newspaper or a small tarp on which to set the new & old pot. This will help keep the soil mess contained.

Use a straight thin knife (like an old butter knife) and run it around the inside edge of the current pot. Try not to pull on the stem of the plant while doing this. Tip the pot gently on its side, tap along the bottom of the pot and use the knife to gently massage the plant out of it.

Hold the plant in your hand while gently loosening the root ball. Open the root structure by gently pulling the roots apart and dislodging the old soil. If the roots form a tight circle or are densely packed together, use a sharp knife or snips to carefully make 3-4 shallow vertical cuts to loosen and redirect the root growth. This should NOT be a full-on root haircut: think if it as a slight trim.

Before putting new soil in the new pot, place a coffee filter, paper napkin or paper towel over the drainage hole. This will keep any soil from spilling out the bottom. Now place potting soil in the bottom of the new pot. Hold the plant inside the pot to determine how much soil to add. The crown (where the foliage & roots meet) of the plant should sit 1-2 inches below the rim with the root ball resting on the new soil. Fill the pot with more soil. Gently tamp the soil down around the edges. Add enough soil to fill the pot just to the crown. Water the newly repotted plant thoroughly, until the water drips out of the drainage hole. Keep the plant out of direct sunlight while it acclimates to its new home.

Much of the material for this article was provided by Maggie Mah, University of California Master Gardener.

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](mailto:mnext-chisago@umn.edu) or by phone at 651-277-0151.

## Let's go for a walk together

One of the best parts of my role as superintendent is getting out in our community, seeing students, connecting with families, and being present in the places where learning and life come together.



**NB School News**  
Sara Paul

Walk and Roll to School is one of those moments.

I'd love for you to join us on Wednesday, May 6. We'll gather at St. Gregory the Great Church at 7:05 a.m. and begin walking at 7:15. From there, we'll head east on Maple, turn south on Grand, and make our way to Sunrise River School, picking up and dropping off students along the route.

This event reflects what makes our community

strong. The City of North Branch and North Branch Area Public Schools continue to prioritize safe routes for students, and that work is strengthened through partnerships with Chisago County's SHIP program and Safe Routes to School. City staff, police and fire, and our county partners will all be joining us, each playing a role in making our community safer and more connected.

We're grateful for the continued investment in sidewalks, crossings, and other safety improvements, and for St. Gregory's for once again hosting us.

I hope you'll join me, whether for the full walk or just part of the route, as we Walk and Roll Viking style.

**SKOL, Vikings!**  
**SARA PAUL** is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or [spaul@isd138.org](mailto:spaul@isd138.org).

## Requirements for trailers

Question: In your last Ask A Trooper article, you provided some information on pulling trailers. Can you talk a little more about trailer requirements?



**Ask A Trooper**  
Jesse Grabow

Answer: Here is some additional information on trailer requirements:

- Maximum length — 45 feet
- Maximum width — 8 feet 6 inches
- Maximum height — 13 feet 6 inches
- Tail lamps — two red
- Reflectors — two red
- Rear license plate lamp — one white

Trailer stop and turn signals must be used for night driving and whenever stop and turn signals on the towing vehicle are not visible to other drivers.

The 102-inch width limit (8 feet, 6 inches) for recreational vehicles does not include

attachments that do not extend beyond the vehicle's exterior rearview mirrors if the recreational vehicle is self-propelled.

The width of a trailer may not extend beyond the exterior rearview mirrors of the towing vehicle.

Type A, B or C motor homes may not be longer than 45 feet. The general length limit for single-unit vehicles is 40 feet.

All trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 pounds or more must be equipped with brakes.

All recreational trailers must have a clearly visible plate with current registration.

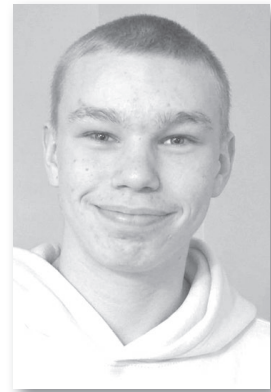
A safety chain must be permanently attached to the trailer and fastened to the vehicle used for towing.

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" @MSPPIO\_NW or reach him at, [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)).

## OBITUARIES

### Benjiman "Benji" Nordstrom

Benjiman Paul Nordstrom, 15, of Mora, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 3rd, 2026. Benji was born at Cambridge Medical Center on May 21, 2010. He was the cher-



ished son to his mother Magan Thiel, his father Christopher Nordstrom and stepfather Goldy Thiel.

Benji was a ninth grade student who attended Mora public schools. He had a heart

that was as big as his smile. Even on his bad days, he always wore a smile. Benji had an ability to meet a stranger and instantly make a friend. He had a special spot in his heart

for both young children and elderly alike. At every family function or large gathering, you could find Benji surrounded by children, whether he was pushing cousins on a swing or they were pretending to wrestle, they flocked to him. Benji also had a way of connecting with the elderly. He once volunteered at a local thrift shop and instantly developed a bond with one of the elderly workers there, eventually exchanging numbers and requesting to go visit her because she brought him baked goods.

Benji was very sociable and as a result, had many friends that he's made over the years. He enjoyed spending time with his friends gaming. He also loved many outdoor activities such as deer hunting, squirrel hunting and fishing. He had plans to fish with his big brother Austin. He loved wrestling and was inspired by his big brother Parker to take on JiuJitsu. He was a role model, protector and best friend to his little brother Brock. They

often had sleepovers with their joint friends, pulling all nighters gaming and watching movies. Benji has been interested in all things military, since he was a small child. He looked up to his father Chris who served time in the Army National Guard. He most recently had planned to serve his country by joining the marine corps or Army when he graduated high school. Many of Benji's friends might remember him best for his side hustle that he ran at school. He quite often woke up early so that he could walk to Coborns and stock up on energy drinks and little Debbie snacks that he could sell once he got to school. Benji was loved by all who met him and will be missed dearly. He was the very definition of kindness and love.

Benji is preceded in death by his Grandma Denise Nordstrom, Uncle Oscar Biederman and Great Grandfather Richard Nelson.

Benji is survived by his (Mother) Magan Thiel, (Father) Christopher

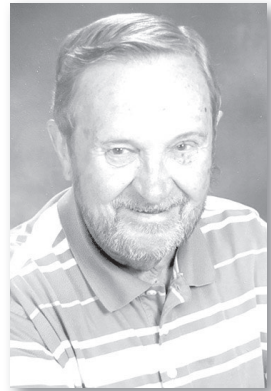
Nordstrom, (Step Father) Goldy Thiel, (Siblings) Austin Voss (Louisa), Parker Voss (Alexa), Brock Nordstrom, Ryce Thiel (Sierra), Bailey Thiel (Bailey), Araea Thiel, Isabella Thiel, (Grandparents) Linda and Brad Wahlstrom, Paul Nordstrom, Darius and Terri Thiel. (Aunts & Uncles) Roy and Emmy Biederman, Jennifer Stevens, Nate and Tiffany Nordstrom, Calli and Garyt Buck. Also survived by many other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Living Hope Church in Mora with Rev. Robert DeYoung officiating. Visitation will be from 3 until 4 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Brunswick.

Arrangements by Dresser Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Mora, MN. [www.methvenfuneralhome.com](http://www.methvenfuneralhome.com)

### Richard "Dick" D. Anderson

Richard "Dick" D. Anderson, age 91 of Cambridge, MN, passed away on March 30, 2026, at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Princeton. Fr. Kevin



Anderson will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass at the church. Burial will be at a later date at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

Richard Duaine was born to Guy and Dorothy (Erickson) Anderson on November 20, 1934, in Minneapolis. He graduated from Elk River High School in 1952. Dick enlisted and served honorably in the U.S. Army. He worked as an insurance

agent for State Farm for over 30 years. He married Patricia "Pat" on September 17, 1982, at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Blaine. Dick was a member of Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Princeton.

Dick enjoyed mowing lawns, particularly at his home and then at Purple Hawk Country Club in Cambridge. He liked his rare Brandy Manhattan. Dick and Pat enjoyed travels to Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Elko, NV, and the southern states of Florida, Texas, and Arizona. He was most proud to be a father and his favorite title was "Grampa." Dick will be greatly missed as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his wife, Pat; children, Greg (Debbie) Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Jerry (Lori) Marek, Cory (Heidi) Solberg, and Amy (Jon) Ludvigson; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Dave (Mary) Anderson; step-brother, Gordy (Linda) Meyer; foreign exchange student from France, Muriel Urago; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Charlotte; brothers, Loren (Arlene), Russell (AnnaMae), Robert, and Doug; step-father, Walter Meyer; and step-brother, Robert Meyer.

A special thank you to the VA Staff and Hospice for their care and love while they cared for Dick.

### Edna Marie Monson

Edna Marie Monson, of Braham, passed away on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5, 2026, at Rusheba Station in Rush City. She was 95 years old.

Edna was born on March 1, 1931, in Lyman County, South Dakota, to parents Albert and Marie (Hoffer) Traxel. She grew up on the family farm south of Reliance, South Dakota. Edna was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

On June 11, 1952, Edna married Leo Wolf. They lived in Chamberlain, South Dakota until Leo passed away on September 13, 1954.

Edna worked as a waitress for many years. She moved to a farm near Brook Park, Minnesota in 1967 with her parents.

Edna married Robert Monson on September 4, 1993, and they made their home on her farm until 2000. They then moved to Braham, Minnesota where Edna enjoyed tending to the garden and flowers. After Bob's passing in March of 2026, Edna moved to Rusheba Station in Rush City where she was surrounded by love in her final weeks.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Braham. Edna enjoyed traveling, knitting, and quilting with her mother. She will be missed.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert, and three infant brothers.

She is survived by special friends, Lucas McMonagle and Bob and Alexis Hochstatter and their family, many other relatives and friends.

A Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Braham. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Mora. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes - Rock Chapel in Braham. Condolences may be posted at [www.hamiltonfhs.com](http://www.hamiltonfhs.com).

### County honors public health leaders

The Isanti County Local Public Health Recognition Award was presented during National Public Health Week 2026 to honor outstanding contributions to public health in the community. Pictured from left are Janet Sarver, Jason Lam, Madison Wiss and Randi Smith. Not pictured is Charity Allan.



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# DISPATCH: Phone tree to free up resources

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cost was for a representative to come and train dispatchers on how to navigate the phone tree.

Bob Shogren, who is the lead dispatcher, reiterated how the increased non-emergency calls have affected dispatch's ability to thoroughly handle emergency calls.

"We can actually spend more time on emergency calls, because we don't have to take the time to take all these other calls," Shogren said. "There's thousands and thousands (of non-emergency) calls we receive every year."

Isanti County Commissioner Bill Berg added he has seen firsthand how the dispatchers are getting bogged down with

non-emergency calls.

"I was in there one day, visiting with Bob, and he's on the phone trying to reroute calls," Berg said. "It can get in the way of true emergencies. It's worth the \$13,000 when literally, it could save a life."

Shogren emphasized the calling tree would not be in place for people who call 911.

"If you call 911, you will always get a dispatcher," Shogren said.

On a side note, Chair Alan Duff mentioned hearing at a Metropolitan Emergency Services Board meeting that people can also text 911 in an emergency.

"From what I can tell, a lot of people didn't know you can text 911 in an emergency," Duff said.

# HOUSING: Public hearing May 18

FROM PAGE I

During the initial discussion by the city council back in June, 2025, Council member Molly Christian raised concerns not only with issuing TIFs, but in the construction of another apartment complex in general. Christian raised those two concerns again during the discussion regarding only calling for a public hearing regarding the TIF request.

"I am not in favor," Christian said. "I've heard from a number of constituents that using TIF money for these developments, especially

more apartment buildings, which many in the community are against, is not a good use of taxpayer money."

The council ultimately approved calling for a public hearing during the May 18 city council meeting, where all the specific details regarding the TIF request will be explained, plus public comment will be heard before the council votes on whether to approve or deny the TIF request.

# Don't prune oaks April through July to protect trees from oak wilt disease

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is reminding Minnesotans that not pruning or cutting oaks from April through July is the simplest way to curb the spread of oak wilt disease.

Oak wilt is a non-native disease that can kill any oak species in Minnesota. Sap beetles spread oak wilt via fungal spores as they move from infected logs or trees to fresh cuts or wounds on healthy oaks. As weather warms, these beetles become very active, making spring and early summer a high-risk time to prune or cut oaks or move infected oak firewood.

After mid-July, the risk of wound infection drops. However, once an oak

is infected, the disease spreads down its trunk and through its roots to neighboring healthy oaks.

"Treating oak wilt can be difficult and costly, but fortunately, prevention is simple and cheap," said Brian Schwingle, DNR forest health program coordinator. "By following simple pruning guidelines and avoiding the highest risk period from April through July, people can limit the spread of oak wilt in their yards, woods and communities."

The DNR has confirmed oak wilt in 31 Minnesota counties and notes that the disease is slowly spreading north and west. No new counties had confirmed cases in 2025.

The DNR also cautions people not to move fresh oak firewood, which can spread oak wilt over long distances to new areas. Use locally sourced firewood or firewood certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture ([mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/firewood-certification](http://mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/firewood-certification)) to prevent transporting oak wilt and other invasive species.

More details about oak wilt, including identification, prevention, reporting instructions and mitigation, is on the DNR's oak wilt management webpage.

Looking for help to address oak wilt or other tree-related concerns? Visit the DNR 'Hiring an arborist' webpage ([dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/hiring-arborist.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/hiring-arborist.html)) for information on hiring a tree



care professional. ~ MN DNR

# Renew your watercraft registration

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages boat owners to renew expired watercraft registrations before this year's boating season.

The DNR urges boat owners to renew online ([mndnr.gov/buyalicense](http://mndnr.gov/buyalicense)) or in person rather than by mail. People can renew in person at a local deputy registrar's office ([dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/locations/Pages/find-office-locations.aspx#search=registrar](http://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/locations/Pages/find-office-locations.aspx#search=registrar)) or at the DNR Central Office, 500 Lafayette Road, in St. Paul.

Boat registrations are good for three calendar years. The DNR has details about how to renew watercraft, what information owners need to supply about their watercraft, and registration fees on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/licenses/watercraft](http://mndnr.gov/licenses/watercraft)). - MNDNR




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# New study debunks belief that introverts are better listeners

New Minnesota Carlson research debunks the idea that introverts are better listeners than extroverts.

The paper, published this month in the Journal of Vocational Behavior, is co-authored by Chris Winchester, '25 PhD, and Work and Organizations Professors Connie Wanberg and John Kammeyer-Mueller and Associate Professor Elizabeth Campbell. Winchester led the study as a Carlson PhD student and is now an assistant professor at Texas Tech University.

A commonly held belief suggests introverts, who tend to be quiet and reserved, are better listeners than extroverts, who are typically more social and assertive. However, there is little academic research examining the potential relationship between this personality dynamic and effective listening. The researchers put the assumption to the test by completing four studies across different settings: general listening, project team listening, one-on-one meetings and conference interactions. In the studies, people evaluated themselves and others on their perceived listening

ability based on observable (intrusive interruption, speaking proportion and positive affect) and unobservable (self-focused attention) behaviors.

Overall, the researchers found: No introvert advantage: The results challenge the idea that introverts listen better.

Extroverts may have an edge: Two of the studies showed a small positive relationship, suggesting extroverts may have a slight advantage over introverts for their perceived listening abilities.

Skill development: The findings suggest the need to shift from personality-based assumptions and instead focus on better understanding how to develop listening as a skill.

"It is easy to assume that someone who is quiet is also a better listener, but listening is more nuanced than that," says Campbell. "Our research shows that effective listening is less about whether someone is introverted or extroverted and more about the behaviors that communicate attention and engagement to the speaker. This is good news because

it highlights that listening is a skill that anyone can develop, regardless of where they fall on the introversion-extraversion continuum."

Listening is a critical skill for leadership, career advancement and forming workplace relationships. Instead of thinking of listening as a fixed personality trait, the research suggests professionals can build and hone their listening abilities. This includes demonstrating outward engagement, like nodding, while managing self-focused attention to ensure they remain present with the speaker.

The research suggests new paths forward for future organizational behavior research to better understand listening and how it plays out in different settings. By treating listening as a behavioral competency rather than an inevitable byproduct of personality, organizations can better support employees in developing the communication tools necessary for career success and healthy workplace dynamics. - The University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management

## CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on March 29 - April 4. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Jeremy Jyrone White** (DOB 01/30/1993) of Bayport, was charged April 1 with Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree.

**Michael John Johnson** (DOB 08/26/1965) of Forest Lake, was charged April 2 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.

**Kealy Marie Nelson** (DOB 11/26/1996) of Woodbury, was charged April 3 with Check Forgery-Officer/Possess W/Intent to Defraud.

## ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on March 29 - April 4. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Gavin James Marshall** (DOB 02/03/1998) of Burnesville, was charged March 30 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

**Decarlo Dominatrix Ellis** (DOB 12/07/1984) of Dalbo, was charged April 1 with Domestic Assault - By Strangulation.

**Kody Michael Dynowski** (DOB 10/14/1998) of Mora, was charged April 2 with Possession of Burglary or Theft Tools.

# WORSHIP *guide*

## Baptist

### First Baptist Church

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

### North Isanti Baptist Church

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

### Sunrise Bible Church

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

## Catholic

### Christ the King

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

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

## Evangelical Covenant

### Karmel Covenant Church

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

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

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

Wednesday Programming (school year only):  
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.

## Evangelical Free

### Dale Evangelical Free Church

45268 Brunswick Rd, Harris, MN 763-689-5817  
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin.  
Sunday School - all ages 9am.  
Sunday Service 10:25am.  
[www.daleefc.com](http://www.daleefc.com)

### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

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

### Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

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

### Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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

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

### Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
HOLY WEEK SERVICES  
Maundy Thursday 7pm  
Easter Sunday 10am  
[www.livingbranch.org](http://www.livingbranch.org)  
email: [office@livingbranch.org](mailto:office@livingbranch.org)

### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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[stjohnsrushcity.org](mailto:stjohnsrushcity.org)

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[www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://www.trinitynorthbranch.org)  
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### The Journey New Life Church

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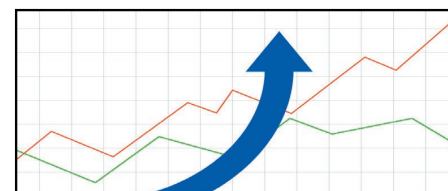
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR XCEL ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

Xcel Energy asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve an increase in natural gas rates beginning Jan. 1, 2026. The requested increase is approximately 8.2% or \$63.4 million. On average, the proposed final rate change would increase the monthly bill for a typical residential natural gas customer by 8.7% or \$7.11.

The MPUC may either approve, deny, or modify the requested changes, including approving a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any customer class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the fourth quarter of 2026. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at [www.missingmoney.com](http://www.missingmoney.com). To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

### Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will hold six in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on our request. Any Xcel Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Location
Monday, April 27, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Washington County Heritage Center 1862 Greeley St. S. Stillwater, MN 55082
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx (see access details below)
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Wyoming Area Library 26855 Forest Blvd. Wyoming, MN 55092
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Great River Regional Library Bremer Room 104 404 W St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301
Monday, May 4, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Winona State University Kryzsko Commons Purple Rooms 247 - 249 500 Huff St. Winona, MN 55987
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Ramsey County Library Community Program Room 2180 Hamline Ave. N. Roseville, MN 55113
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx (see access details below)
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Robert Trail Library Robert Trail Large Meeting Room 14395 S. Robert Trail Rosemount, MN 55068

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled—  
call (toll free) **855-731-6208** or **651-201-2213**  
or visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc).

### Virtual Public Hearings

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference.

**April 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** and **May 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

### Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information" type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

April 28, 2026 1:30 p.m.	May 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Event Number: <b>2490 656 2535</b> Event Password, if needed: <b>XCEL28</b>	Event Number: <b>2489 688 6927</b> Event Password, if needed: <b>XCEL55</b>

### Directions for Appearing via WebEx.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a WebEx application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
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Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

April 28, 2026 1:30 p.m.	May 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Phone: <b>1-855-282-6330</b> Access Code: <b>2490 656 2535</b> Event password: <b>923528</b> from phones	Phone: <b>1-855-282-6330</b> Access Code: <b>2489 688 6927</b> Event password: <b>923555</b> from phones

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press \*3** on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

### Public Hearing and Process Information

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, interested persons have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed in the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Please arrive at the beginning of the hearing to ensure you will have time to comment.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or [christine.pham@state.mn.us](mailto:christine.pham@state.mn.us) if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

### WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

You can still submit comments even if you do not attend a public hearing.

### Comment Period

Comments will be accepted through **May 19, 2026**.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered for the record.

### How to Submit a Written Comment

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's website; (2) electronic mail; (3) U.S. Mail; or (4) fax. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select "Get Involved" from the dropdown menu on the top of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference MPUC Docket No. 25-356 in the subject line of your comment.



If you do not have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**  
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**Important:** Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from comments received.

### EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal will be held on **May 11 - 12, 2026**, starting at **9:30 a.m.** each day. The evidentiary hearings will be held at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person may attend via WebEx, a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through **WebEx** may request an electronic invitation by contacting MPUC staff **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or [christine.pham@state.mn.us](mailto:christine.pham@state.mn.us).

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce — Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General — Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

### TO LEARN MORE

Xcel Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

**Xcel Energy**  
414 Nicollet Mall  
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Phone 612-330-5500  
Web: [xcelenergy.com/company/rates\\_and\\_regulations/filings](http://xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings)

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If you have questions about the MPUC's review process or need assistance in submitting comments, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**  
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Please contact the MPUC staff **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or [christine.pham@state.mn.us](mailto:christine.pham@state.mn.us) as soon as possible if you need an interpreter or accommodation to attend a public hearing.

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Large Demand	17,776	\$15,015	\$15,809	\$16,108
Small Interruptible	6,745	\$4,633	\$4,898	\$5,001
Med. Interruptible	46,220	\$27,353	\$28,555	\$30,196
Large Interruptible	617,483	\$350,615	\$364,315	\$379,449
Large Firm Transport**	75,708	\$19,432	\$22,455	\$24,088
Small Interruptible Transport**	6,745	\$1,729	\$1,998	\$2,097
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## CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET SOFTBALL

**Head coach:** Cari Tohm  
**Assistant coaches:** Jill Mattson, Kevin Kostecka, Katie Sohn, John Brooks, Hope Tanko, Deb VanHecke  
**Who are the players to watch this year?**  
 We are led by strong senior leadership from Clara Rawson (OF) and Hailey Schmidt (C/3B), who set the tone both on and off the field. Senior Peyton Vanderlee is currently sidelined with an injury but continues to be an important presence, providing leadership and support from the dugout. Taitum Kostecka is a dynamic shortstop who brings a strong bat and speed on the bases, while Mackenzie Brooks will anchor our pitching staff from the circle. With nine returning varsity players, we bring valuable experience and depth that will be key throughout the season.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Our success this year will start with leadership, chemistry, and accountability. We have a strong core of returning varsity players who understand our expectations and bring valuable experience. Staying connected as a team, embracing defined roles, and supporting one another—whether on the field or in the dugout—will be critical, especially in close games. We also believe consistent effort, attention to detail, and playing with confidence

and energy every day will put us in a position to compete throughout the season.  
**What challenges will the team face?**  
 One of our challenges will be navigating roles and consistency as the season unfolds. We have a competitive roster with defined roles, and not everyone will be in the lineup every game, so staying connected, supportive, and ready when called upon will be important. We also have a young group in key spots, and continuing to grow, learn, and respond to adversity will be critical as we face stronger competition. How we handle those moments together will go a long way in determining our success.  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Our goals for the 2026 season are to continue building a connected, competitive team and to grow throughout the year. We want to compete every day, embrace our roles, and play with confidence and energy. Developing younger players while leaning on the experience of our returning varsity group will be important, and we want to put ourselves in position to be playing our best softball at the end of the season.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** St Francis will continue to be strong in conference and Forest Lake in section



2026 Cambridge-Isanti softball: (In numerical order) Clara Rawson, Avery Crittenden, Kallie Ostlund, Mackenzie Brooks, Melody Traczyk, Brooke Molitor, Kylie Kluck, Britton Molitor, Lilly Tanko, Hailey Schmidt, Taitum Kostecka, Amyia Polzin, Makyla Thurman, Quinn Smith.

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## NORTH BRANCH VIKING SOFTBALL



2026 North Branch Viking softball (In no particular order) Lily Bernard, Cora Groholski, Kaytlin Hammond, Sophia Peterson, Tori Thurmer, Abby Pfeifer, Alison Allaman, Aubrey Charpentier, Kara Sullivan, Jocelyn Meyer, Morgan Mann, Madison Orf, Ellcey Johnson, Dazie Peterson, Alyssa Rediske, Kalea Garcia, Ava Groholski

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**Head coach:** Kathy Crudo  
**Assistant coaches:** Sam Pederson, Carlie Hart, Mitch Minnig, Ava Sittlow, Cole Olson, Erin Pederson, Mel Jarvi  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** I think all of our upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) will be players to watch. They all bring something different, all are very talented and athletic and also veterans to the varsity squad.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Keys to success this year will be having our offense and defense always on. Every pitch, at bat, swing; every single play and throw. To be consistent with our hitting will be huge (not everyone going into a slump at the same time) because slumps will happen, just hopefully not to the whole team at once. I also think keys to success will be our team chemistry. If all of our upperclassmen are selfless teammates and individuals things will roll. We expect kids to have "bad days" their response to their "bad" days will be huge.  
**What challenges will the team face?** Challenges our team will face

is the amount of upperclassmen. It is nice to have veteran players (and senior heavy) but sometimes end of the year season there is a lot that comes with it to stay locked in throughout the entire season (prom, graduation, graduation parties, next steps, etc). I think if all of them can lock in on the "one last ride" and be committed to the team we won't have any challenges.  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Goals for the season are to get better every day. To be locked in on the end goal of success and state but the daily goal will be to get better every single day to give us that opportunity. Also for the senior class to leave their legacy and mark.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Opponents to watch for this year in conference would be Cambridge and Princeton both are very tough and have some big time names. I think Big Lake and Chisago will be good as well. As far as section goes: I hope us and I am assuming Rock Ridge, Chisago and Hermantown.

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**NORTH BRANCH VIKING GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD**



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**2026 North Branch Viking girls track and field**

**Head coach:** Norm Nagel  
**Assistant coaches:** Same as boys track and field  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Kellie Kipp (vertical jumps and re-lays), Ella Dick (pole vault and relays), Brooke Giese (pole vault), Evelina Gilkerson (middle and long distance), Ava Witkowski (Mid and long distance), Valerie Zarbok (hurdles), Heidi Hed-

berg (throws).  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** We need to stay healthy and keep climbing that mountain. We have a great mixture of upper and lower classmen on this year's team. I'm really excited to start putting the puzzle together for this years squad. We will be very strong in the field events and sprints. Our distance crew will be

a little deeper than last year.  
**What challenges will the team face?** The weather will be a great factor. It could affect the early part of the year. If we can't get outside the field events might suffer a little until it warms up.  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Create a positive team culture. Have fun and have the kids want to come back the next day. Get some ath-

letes M8 Conference recognition. All Conference Academic and All State Academic recognition. Send some athletes to the state meet.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Monticello in the conference and Cloquet in the section.

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**2026 Cambridge-Isanti girls track and field**

**Head coach:** Michael Galligan  
**Assistant coaches:** Stacey Nelson-PV, Clint Lundeen-HJ, Kyle Willette-Throws, Jacob Ziebarth-LJ/TJ, Emma Gross-Sprints, Angela Larson-Distance  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Returning state entrant in the pole vault senior Aubrey Wilson. Senior Lydia Smisson in Distance. In the Long and Triple Jumps, a pair of Juniors,

Lily Gravem and Rilynn Herbst. Middle Distance is led by Julia Steman, along with Ashley Lehrer and Husbyn. Sprinters sophomore Chloe Rist and senior Elaina Bellows. Victoria Herzog and Megan Cronin head up the hurdle squad. Herbst and Taylor Dybvig in the throws. Farrah Plocher already sits atop the High Jump depth chart.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Large numbers will

mean more depth across all squads  
**What challenges will the team face?** Losing Makenna Sjoberg for the season due to off season injury is definitely a very challenging setback.  
 Additional challenge comes with getting a large number of new to high school track people ready for varsity level competition in a very short period of time. This group is an incredibly positive and hard working team and I

know they'll give it everything they've got.  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Improve our standing in Conference and Section and advance people to State.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Monticello and Blaine

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**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET BOYS TENNIS**

**Head coach:** Thea Lowman  
**Assistant coaches:** Macy Hartman, Jim Lepping, Josh Lowman, Jennifer Magnuson, Phil Yerigan, Jacob Zacharias  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** We return three letterwinners from our 2025 Conference Champion and Section Runner-up team. Returning All-Conference Honorable Mention players to watch this season are Aiden Knudsvig and Tinga Kiriago. Also returning is Cameron Bless, who was a key contributor and match-winner in our section run last season.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Our returning letter-winners are passionate about tennis, are positive leaders, and have had great successes on the tennis courts, including earning back-back Conference Championships and placing second in Section 7AA last season. We are looking for these players to utilize their past competitive experiences and successes to step into these season's positions with determination while helping guide and encourage those new to varsity. We also look for those new to varsity to embrace the opportunities and possibilities this fresh season



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**2026 Cambridge-Isanti boys tennis: (grades 9 - 12, in no particular order) Cameron Bless, Vincent Chulla, John Elliott, Henry Keillor, Heemstra Kiria-go, Aiden Knudsvig, Maxwell Korts, Jerimiah Lammers, Joshua Lindberg, Elliott Lindberg, Matvii Pais, Jacob Pauly, Corbin Persson, Orion Rongitsch, Jackson Ryber, Travis Shattuck, Jayden Smiley, Wyatt Stengel, Jaden Vang, Vinson Vang, Mason Wayman, August Wolf.**

brings. Approaching each day with a growth mindset and focus on team will make for a successful season.

**What challenges will the team face?** Having lost fourteen seniors to graduation—eight of which were in our regular line-up last season, including a three-time Conference MVP

and two-time Section Champion Doubles Team—we are a young and inexperienced team. Although, this means our athletes will be facing new levels of play this season, this also means players have great opportunities for growth both individually and as a team.

**What are your goals for the**

**2025 season?** With the bulk of our team being new to varsity, we are looking to gain court experience and match confidence as the season progresses. We strive for each player's individual tennis game to improve each time we step on the courts and for our team to continue the Bluejacket Tennis

culture focused on a positive mindset, relentless effort, and great sportsmanship.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Conference: Becker. Section: Blaine

**NORTH BRANCH VIKING BOYS TENNIS**



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**2026 North Branch Viking boys tennis**

**Head coach:** Joel Santjer  
**Assistant coaches:** Bryant Meyer, Brandon Hunter  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Wyatt Helberg is back as a junior after making it to the State semi-finals last year. He is starting out the year ranked fourth. After only losing two players from last year, we're excited to be bring-

ing back most of the line-up. We're excited to see how our singles players match up, and how our doubles players adapt.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** We're going to have to play our best tennis day in and day out. We've got a lot of great competition that will push us early and often.

**What challenges will the team face?** The spring weather seems to always be the biggest hurdle. Hard to play tennis in 40 degree weather with the wind blasting in your face.

**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** We hope to continue to compete well in the Section and Conference. We made it as a team to the Section semi-fi-

nals last year, it'd be great to be back and try to punch up a bit.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Pine City is starting out ranked in the top few in the State for single A. Mora and Foley are always right there too, and I'm sure will be again. Lots of great teams in the conference too.

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**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**



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**2026 Cambridge-Isanti boys track and field**

**Head coach:** Kent Viesselman  
**Assistant coaches:** Stacey Nelson (pole vault), Clinton Lundeen (High jump), Kyle Willette (throws), Joe Simons (throws), Jarad Ziebarth (boys sprints), Jacob Ziebarth (horizontal jumps), Ben Geisler (speed and explosion coach)

**Who are the players to watch this year?** The boys team returns 20 all-conference or honorable mention all-conference performers from a team that won their 5th conference title in six years.

The boys team returns a number of all-state placers and participants last year from their 7th place finish at the MSHSL state meet. State runner-up Calvin Piescher returns in the pole vault and the jumps. All state pole vaulter Wesley Kennedy returns as well.

Jackson Ziebarth was State runner-up finishes in the 100 and 200. He currently sits in the top 15 all-time in both events in the history of the state of Minnesota.

The state 4 x 100 comes completely back including Knox Andrus, Cole Arneson, Simeon Porta, Jackson Ziebarth and Anders Lillemo. As well as strong runners Brody Estrada, Tate Lines, Landon Bartelt and Ruger Block help round a sprint group that will be deep and fast.

In the distance events, all-state cross country runner Hunter Jacobson and Lucashio Larson who both competed in the school record and state participating 4 x 800 return and lead a group that includes Austin Burgess, Trey Gustafson, Easton Dombek, Ethan Rock, Hudson Dombek, Jeremiah Guldseth

In the hurdles, James Haigh, Liam Zdon, Ricky Fisk, Logan Majorowicz, Boston Machin, Max Prihoda and Cruz Dissing represent a deep hurdle group that should place in conference and section meets.

The jumps again will be led by Calvin Piescher, Knox Andrus, Logan Majorowicz, Cole Arneson, James Haigh, Sam Mauer, Ricky Fisk, Cruz Dissing and Liam Zdon.

All conference throwers Dominick and Deven Olsen return as well as Gus Knowlton, Max Prihoda and Henrik Lillemo who will lead a strong throws room.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Staying healthy and the young runners realizing their potential. We have a number of freshmen and sophomores with great potential but they have not competed much

**What challenges will the team face?** One of the biggest challenges will be weather. Will the Bluejackets have enough good weather days to get in the training necessary to be their best by the end of the year? Making sure we have the right kids in the right events will also be a challenge. We have a number of new, talented kids out for track. Sometimes it takes a bit to get them into the right events.

**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** The boys team is ranked 7th in preseason state AAA true team track which is the largest class. We would like to build off of that ranking and hopefully have a strong showing at both section and state meets. We would like to defend our conference title.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Traditional power Blaine will have one of its best squads and in the conference both Monticello and Becker are teams to watch.

**NORTH BRANCH VIKING BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**

**Head coach:** Brent Lundgren  
**Assistant coaches:** Norm Nagel (Head girls/pole vault/sprints), Eli, Erickson (Sprints), Nathan Appleby (Distance), Ian McWilliams (Throws), Everett Appleby (Jumps/Sprints)

**Who are the players to watch this year?** Joe and Nate Damiani will be key contributors to our distance crew. Their senior leadership and experience are going to be something that the distance boys lean on. Nolan Weidenhamer is going to be a great young sprinter and jumper as well. He has already cleared 5'10 in the high jump with room to grow as well

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** The keys to our success this year will be team unity, consistent effort, and a growth mindset. While track and field has individual events, building a cohesive team or family that supports one another will be essential. We'll focus on staying disciplined in our training, celebrating milestones, and ensuring we are mentally prepared to compete at every meet.

**What challenges will the team face?** This season, one of the major challenges we will face is having a very inexperienced



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**2026 North Branch Viking boys track and field: (starting with seniors) Andrew Witkowski, Ethan Holmberg, Joseph Damiani, Joshua Halseth, Nathanael Damiani, Isaiah Yang, Eli Steinke, John Mark Peterson, Judah Appleby, Liam Starkey, Luke Jensen, Owen Thorstenson, Paul Jackson, Braxton Scherer, Elliott Eisenschank, Ethan Rueter, Isaac Benedict, Mason Henry, Mitchell Lutz, Nolan Weidenhamer, Samuel Gilbert, Will Determan, William Stelmack, Allen Erickson, Brady McWilliams, Caleb Rueter, Cohen Baker, Devin Schrader, Elias Strini, Emmett Fritsch, Lane Tomford, Luke Hunter, Nick Andreotti, Parker Lindner, Rowen Mechtel, Drew Steinke, John Steffen, Tucker Kovarik, Brooks Trampe, Nolan Reuter, Sullivan Johnson**

team. We have very few upperclassmen, but their leadership will be vital in mentoring the underclassmen both on the track and in embracing our track family culture. Additionally, as always, staying healthy will be crucial to our success. "Happy and healthy" is a

phrase we use often!  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Our goals for this season are to place in the top three at the Section 7AA True Team meet, the Conference Championships, and the Section 7A Championships. Beyond team accolades, our

primary focus is on developing each athlete and providing as many as possible with big-meet experience. Success will also be measured by personal growth, as we aim for every athlete to achieve their own goals and personal bests throughout the season.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Monticello will be the overwhelming conference favorite! Section Championships and True Team Sections - Cloquet and Hermantown. Conference - Cambridge is always extremely tough

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**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET GIRLS GOLF**

**Head coach:** Jim Poppen  
**Assistant coaches:** Julie Sinner  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Amber Grecula, Hannah Westman, & Allie Nystrom have all been either All-conference or Honorable Mention All Conf so they look to have outstanding seasons! Aveah Martin, Nora Gustafson, & Brynn Jennissen all got some good varsity time last year & hope to keep building on that success

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Consistency - with 6 girls returning with varsity experience, can we have 4-6 of them score what they are capable of each meet?

**What challenges will the team face?** Golf is a mental game - can we forget a bad shot or bad hole & play the next well?! We also need to improve our putting!!

**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Improve our golf game in every aspect, have fun, & compete to be in the top 2 or 3 in conference. Advance an individual (or 2 or 3) & possibly our team to day 2 of Section play! Qualify an individual for state!!

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Monticello will be the overwhelming conference favorite!

They will also compete for the section title along with StMa & Elk River.



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**2026 Cambridge-Isanti girls golf:** ( Returners) Amber Grecula, Hannah Westman, Allie Nystrom, Aveah Martin, Nora Gustafson, Brynn Jennissen, Marissa Dexter, Brooke Jankovich, Ashley Anderson, Keira Peterson, Lily Rasche, Emily Olson, (Newcomers) Kenzie Larson, Kendall Hatzenbuehler, Sage Christensen, Jaida Green, Bridget Sherry, Mackenna Olson, Elana Ward, Ella Ziebarth.

**NORTH BRANCH VIKING GIRLS GOLF**

**Head coach:** Chad Carlson  
**Assistant coaches:** Megan Carlson, Casey Thiel

**Who are the players to watch this year?** Annabelle Lattimore, Jenna Minke, Lauren Thiel, Gabby Desrosier, Vada Bassett, and Sawyer Peterson.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** We have five returning letter winners, many of them multiple-year letter winners. We need to use that experience to continue to improve, just like we have done over the last few years. We are also moving into a new section, so gaining comfort with our new opponents and the new section course will be key.

**What challenges will the team face?** We have high hopes for this season in the conference and section. It is also a challenge to live up to those expectations that we set as a team and as individuals; the lessons learned over the past couple



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**2026 North Branch Viking girls golf (In no particular order)** Kiera Laffin, Annabelle Lattimore, Jenna Minke, Gabriella Desrosier, Jackie Menne, Samantha Soens, Lauren Thiel, Isla Arbogast, Vada Bassett, Vaeda Ek Dahl, Jayden Ostrander, Sawyer Peterson, Jordyn Phillips, Raegan Verdick, Madison Winberg, Georgia Grover, Kolbie Koehn

of years should help overcome those challenges.

**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** We are continuing to grow as a program and

have 17 girls out this season. We want to build a passion for golf in our new/newer players. With that, it is always our goal to compete at our highest level

and improve on our scoring averages.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Monticello and Becker

always have strong programs.. We are moving into Section 7AA this season, and Rock Ridge has been the section state representative for at least two years in a row.

**NORTH BRANCH BOYS GOLF**



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**2026 North Branch Viking boys golf**

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**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET BOYS GOLF**

**Head coach:** Joel Lund  
**Assistant coaches:** Jeff Kurowski  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Keegan Westman, Jacob Bostrom.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** We have the ability to shoot some nice scores, so the key is to find a way to relax out on the course and reach our potential. Golf is a hard game where a shot or two can really harm the scorecard. We need to try avoid those "blow up" holes and be consistent.  
**What challenges will the team face?** We have a lot of guys that played last year, but many of them were JV players, so those guys don't

have a ton of varsity experience. Hopefully after they get a few meets under their belt, they can settle in and play well.  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** As a team, we talked about a score of 340 or lower, which would be an average of 85 or under for the 4 scores we have to keep at a varsity meet. At the same time, I just want the boys to have fun, enjoy being around each other and make some great memories.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** North Branch was quite good last year and they return quite a few of their guys, so I predict them to be a tough team again.



2026 Cambridge-Isanti boys golf

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**NORTH BRANCH VIKING BASEBALL**



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2026 North Branch Viking baseball (In no particular order) : Bo Pederson, Ethan Thorsen, Ben Herges, Spencer Miller, Peyton Minnick, Jackson Puelston, Henry Christensen, Jacob Gilles, James Gosiak, Clayton Nephew, Landon Ostrander, Braxton Rhode, Dustin Goggin.

**Head coach:** Matt Solberg  
**Assistant coaches:** Clint Mattson, Josh Beaver, Casey Schwalbe, and Steve Christensen  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Bo Pederson is a senior starting pitcher and shortstop. Ben Herges returns from an injured 2025. Other returning players with varsity experience that should contribute every night are Spencer Miller, Jackson Puelston, Clayton Nephew, and Henry Christensen  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Staying healthy and developing consistency on the mound will be critical for us. With only two seniors and four juniors, we have a very young roster. Building chemistry and becoming comfortable at the varsity level will be important early in the season. Pitching will play a major role, as we graduated many of last year's innings. We have several promising young arms who will have opportunities, and their ability to throw strikes and compete

consistently will determine how far we can go.  
**What challenges will the team face?** Our youth and inexperience. With just six upperclassmen, we are relying heavily on underclassmen, including an eighth grader who has started the season with the varsity group. Staying healthy will be key to get through the short sprint of a season  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** Our goal is to compete consistently and finish in the middle of the pack or better in both the conference standings and section seeding. From there, we want to advance beyond the first round of sections and put ourselves in a position to be playing into June.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Becker, Monticello, Princeton, and St. Francis all return talented players and quality pitching. In our section, Grand Rapids remains the team to watch.

**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI BLUEJACKET BASEBALL**



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2026 Cambridge-Isanti baseball: (In numerical order) Bennett Bergloff, Grady, Jennissen, Jonah DeLeeuw, Miko Videen, Peyton Coplan, Isaac Goetz, Brady Huntley, Tayton Westphal, Laike Solomonson, Connor Foy, Gabe Olson, Brayden Otier, Grant Oliver, Luke Schreifels, Blake Wotachek, Graham Harcey, Reed Lundberg, Marcus Hubbard.

**Head coach:** Mike Bergloff  
**Assistant coaches:** Shannon Johnson, Michael Lorden, Brad Schreifels  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Peyton Coplan, Marcus Hubbard, Grant Oliver, and Blake Wotachek  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Pitching and timely hitting, we need to be able to

knock in runs when the opportunity presents itself.  
**What challenges will the team face?** Pitching depth and players being able to find a way to get on base.  
**What are your goals for the 2026 season?** To finish in the top half/compete for the conference title. Win a few games in the section playoffs.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Monticello and Becker

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 •C-I boys & girls track home invite (4 p.m.)  
 •NB softball vs. C-I (5 p.m.)  
 •NB girls golf home meet @ Bulrush (1 p.m.)

**Saturday, April 11**  
 •C-I boys tennis vs. Holy Angels, North Branch (9 a.m.)

**Monday, April 13**  
 •C-I boys tennis vs. St. Francis (4 p.m.)

**Tuesday, April 14**

•C-I boys & girls track vs. Chisago Lakes, Monticello (4 p.m.)  
 •NB softball vs. Hermantown (1 p.m.)  
 •NB softball vs. Chisago Lakes (5 p.m.)  
 •NB boys & girls track vs. Big Lake, St. Francis (4 p.m.)  
 •NB baseball vs. Chisago Lakes (4:30 p.m.)

**Thursday, April 16**  
 •C-I baseball vs. North Branch (5 p.m.)  
 •C-I softball vs. North Branch (5 p.m.)  
 •NB boys tennis vs. C-I (4 p.m.)

**Friday, April 17**  
 •C-I softball vs. Sauk Rapids-Rice (5 p.m.)  
 •NB boys & girls track home invite (4 p.m.)

**Saturday, April 18**  
 •C-I softball vs. Cloquet (4 p.m.)

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Lot 120, Block 4, Villages on the Rum, CIC No. 5, Isanti County, Minnesota

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of March 9, 2026, from Sarah Peterson, title holder, to Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Fifteen Thousand, Eight Hundred One and 25/100ths Dollars (\$15,801.25) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

**WHEREAS**, no action is now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the owner has not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Declaration and Minn. Stat. §515B.3-116(h), said debt created a lien upon said premises in favor of Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association as evidenced by the lien statement recorded on February 20, 2026, in the office of the Isanti County Recorder as Document No. A543084;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owner(s) in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said county at the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008, on April 30, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of March 9, 2026, from Sarah Peterson, title holder, to Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Fifteen Thousand, Eight Hundred One and 25/100ths Dollars (\$15,801.25) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

**WHEREAS**, no action is now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the owner has not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

### 580.04:

(1) Street Address of Property: 945 Golden Way Northwest, Isanti, MN 55040

(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/or Broker: N/A

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-092-2560

(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A

(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A

(6) Date on which Occupant must vacate Property, if mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or property redeemed under 580.23: 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2026. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: March 9, 2026  
TOOHEY LAW FIRM, P.A.

By: Jennifer C. Toohey, I.D. #0343742  
Attorneys for Lienor  
7100 Northland Circle North, Suite 101  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
(763) 401-4120  
Lienor:  
Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association

By: Jennifer C. Toohey  
Its: Attorney in Fact  
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File No. 115061.014

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### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Lot 47, Block 4, Villages on the Rum, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, Isanti County, Minnesota

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of March 4, 2026, from Hayden Johnson, title holder, to Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Nine and 92/100th Dollars (\$8,279.92) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

**WHEREAS**, no action is now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the owner has not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Declaration and Minn. Stat. §515B.3-116(h), said debt created a lien upon said premises in favor of Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association as evidenced by the lien statement recorded on February 20, 2026, in the office of the Isanti County Recorder as Document No. A543085;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owner(s) in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said county at the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008, on April 30, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

**The following information is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 580.025 and 580.04:**

(1) Street Address of Property: 936 Golden Way Northwest, Isanti, MN 55040

(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/or Broker: N/A

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-092-1830

(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A

(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 30-PR-26-9  
Case Type: Informal Probate  
**Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)**

In Re The Estate Of Gerald C. Backlund A/k/a Gerald Cornelius Backlund, Deceased

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**  
Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:  
Self-Represented Litigant: Karen Ruth Backlund  
Address : 714 Maple Hills DR UNIT B Maplewood MN 55117  
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Date: March 25, 2026  
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Court File Number: 30-PR-26-8  
Case Type: Informal Probate  
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**A requested consideration of a CONCEPT PLAN for the residential development of a 30.14 acre parcel located south of 189th Ave. NE and west of Greenbrook Drive and north of Briarwood Lane. Located in the N1/2 Section of 33.T.33, R.23 - PIN # 333323210002**

The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on: **Tuesday April 28th, 2026 at or about 7:00 pm**

Owner/Applicant: V i k i n g Meadows Inc. / East Bethel 648-1 Land, LLC

Site Location: Generally: located south of 189th Ave. NE and west of Greenbrook Drive and north of Briarwood Lane. Located in the N1/2 Section of 33.T.33, R.23 - PIN # 33-33-23-21-0002  
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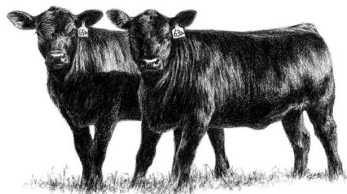
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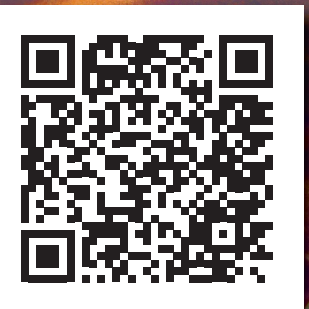


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