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## New Pathways' new home breaks ground

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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A vision five years in the making is now officially becoming a reality as New Pathways breaks ground on a new, 24/7 shelter for homeless families.

After 25 years offering a very fluid service featuring clients staying overnight at one of a number of rotating churches and then being shuttled to the organization's undersized headquarters in Cambridge, New Pathways will be able to offer a consistent place for homeless families to lay their heads each night.

"We don't just break ground today," New Pathways Executive Director Mary Westlund said during a ceremony held on Thursday, Aug. 7. "Today we are starting to build hope for so many families in our community that just need a

hand to get out of the situation they are in.

"This isn't just a building project for us," Westlund continued. "It's a promise to our community. A promise that families experiencing homelessness will no longer have to bounce from place-to-place. That children will have the same warm bed to sleep in. It's also a promise that we are building more than just a shelter. We're building dignity, stability, and opportunity."

The new facility will be two-story building, with 10 apartments on the second floor that is capable of housing 10 families or 33 total people if larger families require more than one apartment. This will double the number of families New Pathways is able to serve at the same time. The second floor will also have a common area, a larger



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Representatives of New Pathways and the city of Cambridge hold a ceremonial breaking of the ground at the site of New Pathways' future 24/7 shelter, located near the southwest corner of Heritage Greens, adjacent to the Isanti County Health and Human Services building.

SEE GROUNDBREAKING, PAGE 8

## Merrill elected Isanti mayor

STAFF REPORT  
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

Luke Merrill can officially remove the "interim" from his title on the Isanti City Council and simply be known as "Mayor."



Merrill, who was appointed interim mayor last January to temporarily fill the seat vacated by Jimmy Gordon, defeated former mayor Jeff Johnson in the special election held Tuesday, Aug. 12. Merrill received 572 votes, compared to Johnson's 402.

The election results are unofficial pending the canvassing board certifying them.

Merrill will be officially sworn in as the mayor through Dec. 31, 2026 at the start of the Sept. 2 Isanti City Council meeting.

## K9 Karma dies following suspects' apprehension

STAFF REPORT  
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The Isanti County Sheriff's Office is mourning the loss of its K9 officer, Karma, who died shortly following being involved in the apprehension of two drug suspects.

According to the original press release from the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, on Thursday, Aug. 7, Karma and his handler, Deputy Jacob Miller, were involved with the execution of a search warrant at a suspected drug house in Bradford Township. During the execution of the search warrant, two suspects fled the residence, first via vehicle and then, following the suspects crashing and the vehicle becoming engulfed in fire, on foot.

Karma was dispatched, and the two suspects were apprehended "without incident," according to the original press release.

Shortly following the incident, "K9 Karma began exhibiting signs of a serious medical condition," read the press release. "His health declined rapidly, and he was transported to a specialized facility."

Initially, Karma was given a 60% chance of recovery; however, overnight, his chances decreased to 20%.

Karma was ultimately pronounced deceased Friday afternoon, Aug. 8.

According to a follow-up press release, it was noted that Karma had not made physical contact with either of the suspects during the apprehension. Karma also did not come into contact with any controlled substances.

"The cause of death has been determined to be heat stroke," the updated press release read.

Prior to Karma's death, Isanti County Chief Deputy John Gillquist set up a GoFundMe account to help cover Karma's hospitalization and treatment. That account was briefly closed upon Karma's death. However, it was reopened due to popular demand on social media, with donations now going to help support the Sheriff's Office's K9 program in general. As of Wednesday morning, Aug. 13, a total of \$17,560 had been raised.

According to Sheriff Wayne Seiberlich, Karma's body will be returned to the department sometime during the week of Aug. 18. A funeral and public service will be held in Karma's honor at a date and time to be determined.

"We are deeply grateful to the community for allowing us time to grieve this profound loss," Seiberlich said. "The outpouring of support from both



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Isanti County K9 Officer Karma, pictured here at the city of Isanti's Night to Unite, died from complications associated with heat stroke following his involvement in the apprehension of two drug suspects.

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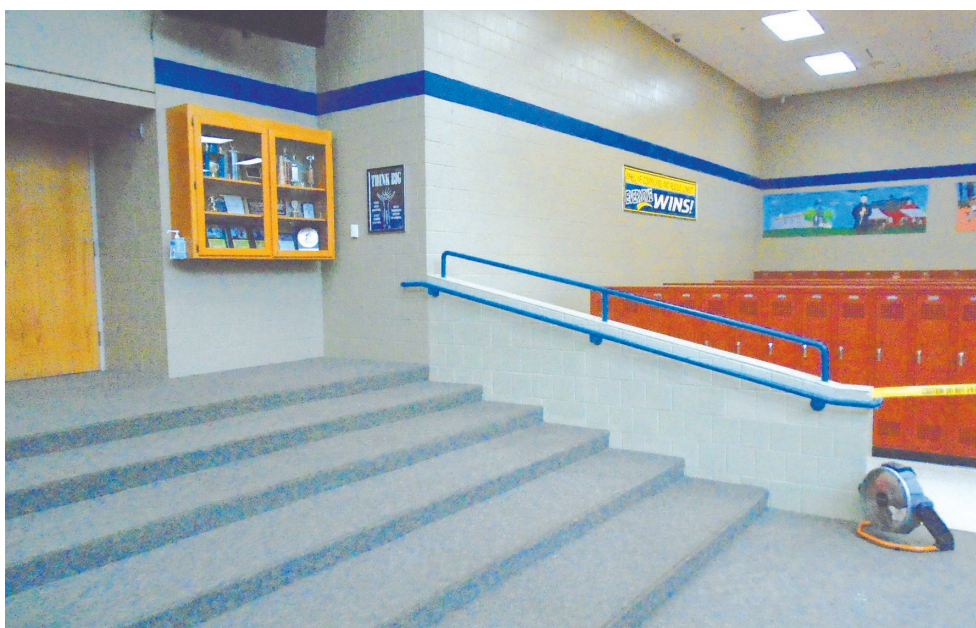
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The commons area just inside the Isanti Middle School main doors will be adjusted to make better use of the space..



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A ramp leading up to the cafeteria will bring that area into ADA compliance.

# Isanti Middle School proposes better use of space

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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*Editors note: This is the fifth in a series of articles regarding the upcoming Cambridge-Isanti Schools referendum vote, focusing on one specific building.*

Walk into the main doors of the Isanti Middle School, and you are met with a textbook example of how space could be better utilized with a relatively simple repurposing of space. “When you walk in that building, it’s just wide open and kind of a free-for-all,” Ellie Gilliam of Nexus said. “It’s great space, but we can make better use of that space.”

Making better use of that space is one of 26 projects proposed for the Isanti Middle School, with a total estimated

cost of \$7 million.

The Isanti Middle School is the newest among the original five school buildings, having been originally constructed in 1976. Since that time, additions have been constructed in 1994 and 2006. Additionally, the parking lot was reconfigured last summer to make dropping off and picking up students considerably safer. The money for that reconfiguration came from the district’s long-term facilities maintenance revenue, thus not having an impact on taxes.

The plan for the commons area, which includes a “pit” area, includes enclosing it with glass, adding some new furniture, and updating the casework. The estimated cost

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Ellie Gilliam  
Nexus

of this project is \$429,000.

Branching off the commons area is the cafeteria, which features one mandatory project to be completed. Currently, there are several steps leading up to the cafeteria; however,

there is no ramp, making it out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The other portion of the project is new tables.

There is only one project in excess of \$1 million for IMS — a small addition to the building to house a larger fitness center.

“The fitness center can fit like five people,” Gilliam said. “It’s tiny.”

The addition would make it approximately the same size as the fitness center at Cambridge Middle School. Other parts of the project would be to add daylighting to the gymnasium, runoff mats, and acoustical panels. The total estimated cost of this project would be \$1,173,000.

There is one project that will

make a portion of the school building more accessible to the community. A new, secured entrance would be added to the auditorium, making that facility accessible to the public even during school hours.

Beyond that, many of the projects are similar in nature to the other schools. The nearly 50 year-old lockers need replacing, and the electrical, fire alarm, plumbing, generator, casework, flooring, ceilings, and doors all need replacing or updating.

For a full list of the Isanti Middle School’s proposed projects and their estimated cost, plus additional photos, go to [www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com](http://www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com).

# G-I Schools schedules building tours ahead of referendum vote

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Area residents who want to see for themselves what the Cambridge-Isanti School District is requesting with the upcoming bond referendum will now be able to via four separate tours and presentations.

The four tours, which will take place in September and October, will focus on the five school buildings

with the most pressing needs based on the responses from the Community Facilities Task Force, which ultimately made the final referendum recommendations to the school board.

The first of the tours will be held at Cambridge-Isanti High School, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. Next will be a tour of Cambridge Primary and Intermediate Schools, also beginning at 5:30

p.m., on Monday, September 22. The third tour will be of Isanti Primary School, beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Finally, Isanti Middle School will be toured beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

All four tours are open to the general public, and no registration is required. To get more information regarding the upcoming referendum, including a video highlight, go to [www.c-ischools.referendumfacts.org](http://www.c-ischools.referendumfacts.org).

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01/01/23-12/31/23	CVC	8,425	8,406	8,371	8,399
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55040	Isanti	Isanti	MN	1,400	0	0	0	1,400
55056	North Branch	Chisago	MN	0	375	0	0	375
55069	Rush City	Chisago	MN	0	40	0	0	40
Misc.	Assorted	Assorted	-	0	0	20	0	20
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>5,685</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6,900</b>

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Isanti	Braham Cambridge Isanti	MN	5,685	700	0	30	6,415
Misc.	Assorted	-	0	0	20	0	20
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,685</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6,900</b>

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## MON, WED & FRI

### Exercise with Connie

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. From 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## MON & WED

### 500 Cards

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

## MON & THUR

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## MON - FRI

### Senior Dining

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

## MONDAYS

### Bridge

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

### Scrabble (2nd Monday)

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

### Women's only Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

7 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main St N, Cambridge Mn 55008 For more information contact Rebecca at 612-702-2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

### Mahjong

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

### 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@midconet-work.com

## TUES & THURS

### Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

## TUESDAYS

### Braham Parkinson's Support

7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For 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.



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The annual Cambridge Arts and Crafts Fair will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at its new location — in the Cambridge Mall parking lot or inside the mall in case of rain.

For info call Lyndsey Larson 763-691-6172.

Cambridge, MN. For info. call 763-689-1711.

### 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.

### Music

Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave. Music provided before the meal 11:15 a.m.

### Dominos

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

### Dominoes

10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

## WEDNESDAYS

### Cribbage

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

### Wizard

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

### Pinochle

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

### Mahjong

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

### Alanon

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

### Chisago County Drop-In Center

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

## THURSDAYS

### 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-Edgewood AFG

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

### Parkinson's Support Group

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

### Bingo

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

### Hand and Foot

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

### 500

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

### Bunco

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

### ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For info. call 612-251-6556 or email acanorthbranch@gmail.com

### Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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

### Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

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

## FRIDAYS

### Cribbage

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

Branch.

## AUG 16

### Cambridge Arts & Craft Fair

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cambridge City Center Mall, 140 Buchanan St. N., Cambridge. Rain or shine. 30+ vendors, food trucks and music. Chalk art contest — see rules online.

## Corn Feed

4:30 p.m. at Fish Lake Lutheran Church, 43353 Cedarcrest Trail, Harris. \$15/person, \$40/family. Info: fishlakelutheran.org.

## AUG 17

### PFLAG meeting

2 p.m., Common Ground United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress St. N., Cambridge. Support for LGBTQ+ community, families and friends. Info: ecmpflag.org.

## AUG 18-22

### Medallion Hunt

Clues posted daily at 8 a.m. on co.isanti.mn.us. \$1,000 in prizes. Limited to six Isanti County parks. Info: 763-689-8220.

## AUG 19

### Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution

2-4 p.m., or until gone, Isanti County Fairgrounds. Do not arrive before 1 p.m. Registration required; prior authorization needed to pick up for another family. No dogs allowed on premises unless service animals under control. Clear vehicle trunks for loading. Info: 612-402-6100 (leave message if no answer).

### North Branch Summer Concert Series

Final concert of the summer features Andy Spofford of Next Door Down. Food trucks, activities start at 6 p.m. Story Time at 6:45 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. North Branch Central Park.

## AUG 20

### Working Families Picnic

5:30-8:30 p.m., Cambridge City Park, 810 2nd Ave. SW. Celebrate and support working families with free hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and potluck dishes. More info: chisago-isantidfl.com/events.

## AUG 21

### Divas Gone Country

Discover Downtown Concert Series. 5:30 food trucks, booths and activities. 6:30 to 8:30 band please at the intersection of 2nd Ave S and Main Street Downtown Cambridge. Bad weather backup location is Cambridge City Center Mall. Limited seating bring a camp chair.

### Presentation on Dementia and Cognitive Support

2:30 p.m., Friendship Café/Senior Activity Center, 140 Buchanan St. N., Cambridge. Free and open to the public. For details, call 763-689-6555 and ask for Shirl.

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## Introducing the 'Best of' photo contest

Just under two weeks ago, the voting round of our annual Readers' Choice Best of Contest closed. Once again, we were blown away by the enthusiastic support and participation we received from our readers. All told, we had 66,950 votes cast in this final round of the contest. That number crushes our previous vote totals record by around 10,000!



Worth a Thousand Words

Bill

Stickels III

Now comes the waiting game, at least for you readers, to find out who the winners are in each category. All of that will be revealed on Oct. 2 when we publish our special section.

In the meantime, we do have one more ask of at least some of our readers. To go along with this year's vote, we came up with the idea of doing a Best of Photo Contest.

Each of the previous year's special sections (minus the first year) has featured a primary

photo on the front page/cover of the special section. Previously, I have been able to dip into my personal photo collection for that photo. They've each been a nature-themed photo, as that is what I dabble in on the side. While I still have a number of wildlife photos at my disposal, they all tend to be of the same animals we have already used.

Thus, I came up with the idea of holding a photo contest. These photos don't have to be of nature. Nor do they have to be directly connected to one of our voting categories. Basically, the sky's the limit on what they can be of. It simply should be something that visually represents what you think is the best thing about this area.

There are only two rules we prefer you follow: First, the photo(s) should be taken somewhere in Isanti or Chisago County. Second, if there are people in the photo who may be easily identifiable, please try to get the person's permission to enter the photo. This is especially true for minors or for photos that are taken at events not open to the public.

To enter the contest, simply email a full-resolution version of the photo to editor@countystar.com by 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8. You can enter as many photos as you wish. The winning photo will be chosen by staff at the Isanti-Chisago County Star, with input from editors at our sister publications. The winning photo will be featured as the main photo on our Best of special section. Some non-winners may be used as secondary cover photos or inside the Best of special section. By entering this contest, you give the Isanti-Chisago County Star permission to use the photo as we see fit, including in other publications, but not in advertisements.

If you have any questions regarding this contest, please feel free to contact me. We are looking forward to seeing all the "Best" photos.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Everything isn't always what it looks like

To the editor,

A recent letter writer was confused when she saw people with Navigators getting food at a food shelf. Before spreading this information, I hope that she actually saw this happen. Seeing videos on social media does not make it so. Even multiple videos could be the same activity from different angles and passed off as if they were different people. I'm not saying that it doesn't ever happen.

After talking with a volunteer who worked at a food shelf, I was told that it's against policy to ask if the person really needs the food. I assume that this policy is to reduce the shame some people would project on those accessing food shelves. So she can't know if the Navigator she saw was a neighbor or family member helping a family in need. She also complained about food shelves supplying halal meat to Muslims. Would she have the same reaction if the food shelves demanded that Catholics eat meat on Fridays during Lent or refused to give vegetables to vegetarians? Also, how does she feel about the Big Awful Bill recently signed by President Trump? The bill will cut \$186 billion from SNAP food aid over the next 10

years. It will also cut Medicaid, healthcare for those in need, that will leave 11 million people without insurance according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. The cuts will take food out of mouths that need it and healthcare for those who are sick to fund tax cuts for the top 1% of earners. This should be a much bigger concern than a few people getting food at a food shelf.

A second recent letter mentioned anti-Jewish protests at colleges. Rather than being anti-Semitic, most of them were likely against the policies of Israel. There are protests in Israel by Jewish people, are they anti-Semitic? He goes on to say "support the country you live in or get out". Some of our country's best laws and actions have come as a result of protests. Anti-war protests in the 1960s led to the US getting out of Vietnam. The anti-racist protests of the 1960s led to equal voting rights, more equitable labor laws and an attempt to level the playing field for all races.

A government that can't accept criticism, bad news, peaceful protest and demands for change is a weak government that is not being held accountable to it's people.

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.

- 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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# Now is the time to save seeds for next year

What's the easiest way to save money gardening? Save seeds from the plants currently growing. Saving seeds is relatively easy to do, but it does take some preplanning and plant knowledge specific to each variety.

The best preparation starts back at the time of buying seed and planting it. Plant heirloom varieties rather than hybrids. (the seed packet identifies hybrids or heirlooms).

When planting, isolate varieties of the same plant or only grow 1 variety so the flowers can't be cross pollinated by pollen from the other variety. Eight hundred or more feet between each brassica & cucurbit (kale, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, pumpkins, squash, cucumbers etc.) is necessary for isolation. If you can't achieve that distance between these plants, the chances of the seed creating produce that matches what you're picking this year are reduced. I once experimented by

planting seed from a spaghetti squash I'd harvested the previous year. The plant grew beautifully and produced squash in the correct shape; however, the coloring was striped like an unripe pumpkin. When harvested, the flesh inside was "squash-like" without any flavor.

Even if the plants are isolated, not all seeds will reproduce the exact plant from which you picked the seed. Seed from hybrid varieties will revert to one of the parent plants. These varieties have been created by humans and require human intervention to isolate and manually pollinate the flowers. This is done for years via selective breeding to create the variety, which is why hybrids are more expensive to purchase.

The seeds of open pollinated heirloom plants will produce plants that are like those growing in the garden now. Heirlooms are defined as varieties that were grown before 1951, which is when the first hybrid became available.

The next step in seed saving is identification of which flower heads, tomatoes, beans, peppers, peas etc. to set aside for seed saving. I tie a bit of yarn around the stem of 3-5 flower heads or the stem above

the individual vegetables. Select the "best" ones (largest, blemish free, color) in the garden. Select the 3 to 5 items from multiple plants to obtain the greatest diversity in the seed. Once identified, wait for the individual vegetable or flower head to ripen.

Knowing the right time to harvest the seed varies based on the type of plant. Plants like peas, radish and beans must have the pods brown & dried before harvesting. For plants like tomatoes & peppers the produce must be fully ripe & then harvested via a "wet" process.

Once harvested, the seed needs to be separated from the other plant material, stored in paper envelopes, labeled with the plant information & then stored in a cool dark space until needed for planting next year.

To Learn more about seed saving, attend the free seed saving course offered by Chisago County Master Gardeners on Sept 23. Call 651 277-0151 to register.

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.



Master Gardener  
Sue Kirchner

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Ask A Trooper  
Jesse Grabow

- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded roadway ahead, turn around and find another route.
- Be cautious, especially at night when visibility is limited.
- Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.

- 2 feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pickup trucks.
- Even if the water appears shallow, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can hide dips or damage roadways by washing away the surface.
- If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.

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## Timeless ties

Cambridge-Isanti alumni gathered Aug. 9 for the All School Reunion, filling the day with hugs, laughter and stories from years past. Classmates reconnected, shared photos and celebrated the friendships and school spirit that have endured through the decades.



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## OBITUARIES

### Joyce Ann Larson

Joyce Ann Larson, age 89, of Cambridge, MN passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Joyce was born on July 31, 1936, in Ashtabula, Ohio to Willis and Violet (Everson) Mahaney.



Shortly after her birth, her family moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota. She often reminisced about her wonderful childhood shared with her siblings and friends. Swimming, horseback riding, ice skating and golfing were just a few of the activities they enjoyed.

After she graduated from high school, she attended Northern State in Aberdeen. In her first year there, she met the love of her life, George. They were

married and started a family! Joyce was as excited as George when they had the opportunity to move to Cambridge in 1958, where George would teach and coach football. There, they raised their three sons and daughter in a very loving home with so many fun things to do.... camping, fishing, birthday parties with Joyce's special homemade cakes, road trips to grandparents and many sporting events.

Joyce attended all her children's activities and was their biggest fan. They included basketball, baseball, track, hockey, band, choir and of course, lots and lots of football! Joyce would make her special Blue Jacket chili after George's football games to the delight of the coaches and scouts. She also enjoyed being a Cub Scout leader to her youngest son and his friends!

Her love of children led to a career in early childhood education. Joyce was a preschool teacher's aide for almost 20 years in the Cambridge-Isanti school district. Her warm and nurturing spirit touched the children she worked with and even years later, her students would come up to her to share a joyful memory.

Joyce loved animals! She cherished all of her cats and dogs throughout her life and found great joy in putting out bird seed and peanuts for the squirrels and the wide variety of birds in her backyard.

Joyce's greatest joy was her 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren! She was so proud and treasured every moment she spent with them.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, George; her parents Violet and Willis; and her brother, Myrl Mahaney. She is survived by her children Ed Larson, Bill (Sandy) Larson, Lori (Steve) Morin, and Richard Larson; 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and her sister, Gloria Prager, other relatives and friends.

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com)

### Nancy Mae (Lindgren) Seline

Nancy Mae (Lindgren) Seline, 82, of Stanchfield, MN, died peacefully at home on August 7, 2025.

Nancy was born in Grandy, MN to Arthur and Ellen Lindgren of Spring Lake. Siblings Mary Ann (Lindgren) Nutter, Andrew Lindgren, and Richard Lindgren. She attended and graduated from North Branch school.



Nancy married Dennis Seline in 1961 and they had four children: Beverly Seline, Brent (Kathy) Seline, Sherry (Matt) Huver, Robyn (Jason) Wylie. Nancy's pride and joy were her wonderful grandchildren: Hannah Wagner, Levi Wylie, Daniel Seline, Stephanie (Sam) Harkins and Brian Seline.

Nancy was preceded in death by Her parents Arthur and Ellen and brother Andrew.

After working as a nanny and a waitress Nancy became very accomplished at upholstery, eventually opening her own business called Country Calico with long-time friend, Verna Lee Yurich. The business was open for 20+ years until Nancy went into semi-retirement. However she still took sewing jobs into her 80's.

For hobbies, Nancy enjoyed sewing horse show outfits for her daughters and granddaughter, amongst many other sewing projects. Her passion in life was flowers which brought her so much joy. She worked very hard on her large flower gardens and pots. Reading was a favorite pass time and she devoured stacks of books each year. Nancy also enjoyed doing brain teasers to stay sharp. Fun fact: when Nancy once had her IQ tested she was found to be a genius!

Nancy will also be remembered for her world class blueberry, apple and pumpkin pies! She loved making big feasts at every holiday.

Faith gave Nancy strength and comfort when she needed it the most. She loved reading scriptures and singing hymns. Nancy had a deep, uncomplicated trust in the Lord Jesus.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Dale Evangelical Free Church on August 22. 45268 Brunswick Rd., Harris, MN 55032

Visitation at 11 a.m. Service starts at noon with luncheon to follow.

## STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

### Student Achievement Lists

**Mac Nelson** of Braham; **Skylar Baham**, **Nokomis Carlson**, **Jonah Deschenes**, **Blake Norman** and **Matthew Olson** of Isanti; and **Alyssa Bergum**, **Madilyn Goetz**, **Lexi Knoblauch**, **Amarie Mueller**, **Leah Romo** and **Hannah Van Dyke**, (Dean's) of North Branch from St. Cloud State University.

**Anna Ramberg** of Cambridge (Dean's) from Augustana College.

### Harold Clifford Hansen

Harold Clifford Hansen, age 96, of Cambridge passed away July 12, 2025 after a long illness.

Harold was born in Brookings, SD in 1928, attended high school in Sioux Falls, before attending the U of MN, earning a BA and later an MSW. He retired from the MN Dept. of Corrections after 34 years. He served over 20 years in the US Army Reserves. He married Arlys Christianson in 1955, raising five children in St. Cloud, then Coon Rapids.

He is survived by a sister, Betty Jo; children, Amy (Kim) Fetterhoff, John (Allison) Hansen, Phillip (Jenny) Hansen, Lawrence Hansen, Charles Hansen; and nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. Saturday, August 30 at Strike Life Tributes in Cambridge. Online condolences can be made at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

## Relay for Life Survivor of the Year

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life has named Bonnie Anderson of Lindstrom its 2025 Survivor of the Year. She will be honored Friday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m. at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church in Center City. The public is invited to attend.

Anderson was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in spring 2024. She received care from the Breast Center, Dr. Bhaskar and Dr. Wirth at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood. After a lumpectomy, chemotherapy, radiation in October, and a year of immunotherapy, she is now cancer-free.

She credited the breast cancer teams at St. John's and later Fairview Lakes in Wyoming for their kind, confident care, which she said was key to her healing. Her husband, children, grandchildren and friends supported her, often accompanying her to appointments, asking questions and taking notes.

Anderson taught second grade at Chisago Lakes Area Schools for 37 years. She served on the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Council and, after retiring, worked as volunteer coordinator for enrichment classes in Chisago Lakes Schools. She has volunteered for Relay for Life, the community meal at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City, and on the Memorial, Mission and Ministry Committee at Chisago Lake Lutheran.

Four of Anderson's eight close college friends have had breast cancer, a fact she says underscores the importance of regular screenings. She urges women to get yearly mammograms and keep up with preventive care.

"Many times care is not fun, but what choice do you have?" Anderson said. "Take one step at a time, be brave and follow all the medical orders faithfully." - The American Cancer Society



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**Bonnie Anderson**

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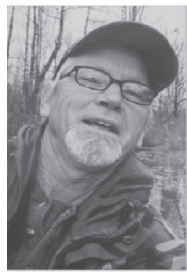
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### In Memory of Daniel Allen Hiljus of Pensacola, Florida, formerly of Isanti and Cambridge, MN. Died May 1, 2025.



A celebration of his life will be held on August 30, 2025, at New Hope Community Church, 33030 Vickers St NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. Visitation 10:00 am, Memorial Service 11:00 am. Lunch will be served after.

# Klapperick pleads guilty to causing crash that killed her son

BY HOPE MURRAY  
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A Mora woman will be sentenced in October after pleading guilty last week to one count of criminal vehicular homicide and two counts of criminal vehicular operation for causing a head-on collision in March which resulted in the death of her son.

As part of a plea agreement, Ashlee Rose Klapperick, 36, is expected to be sentenced to four years in prison.

With credit for time served, she will spend just over two years in prison, with the remaining months on supervised release.

### ALLOCATION

Klapperick told Chisago County District Court on Aug. 14 that she had used methamphetamine two days before the crash on March 14 on Rush Lake Trail, south of Belle Isle Drive in Nessel Township, Chisago County.

In the accident, Klapperick, driving her Chevrolet Cruze, crossed the cen-

terline into the opposite lane and struck a Chrysler minivan, injuring the driver and three children inside. Klapperick was driving with her children, 3-year-old Aiden Sobaski and 4-year-old Anthony Sobaski. Aiden broke his collar brain, but Anthony died of his injuries on March 20.

Before Judge Brigid Dowdal, Chisago County Assistant County Attorney David Hemming questioned Klapperick about the events surrounding the crash. When he asked her what she remembered about the accident itself, Klapperick responded, "The whole thing."

According to court records and her testimony, Klapperick told law enforcement she was doing "squeazy blinks." Hemming asked her if it was fair to assume she was having difficulty staying awake, and whether that was due to "coming down" from her meth use. Klapperick agreed. When Klapperick opened her eyes, she said, she and the minivan were "nose to nose," and there was nothing either vehicle could have

done to avoid the collision.

Klapperick and Aiden were transported to Regions Hospital, while Anthony went to Gillette Children's Hospital. Hemming asked if Klapperick would agree that Anthony suffered "some pretty devastating injuries" as a result of the crash. She agreed and conceded when asked that after consultation with medical staff and social workers, she had her son removed from life support.

Klapperick also acknowledged that her son's death was directly caused by the crash.

### INJURED PARTIES

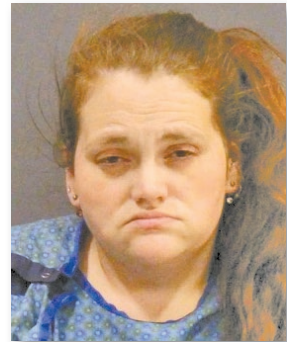
Hemming inquired about the injuries to the occupants of the minivan, noting that the driver sustained a broken foot and head injuries, and may potentially have a traumatic brain injury. One of the driver's daughters fractured an ankle and a sustained a concussion and a mild TBI.

"I'm just finding out all this stuff now," Klapperick said, while stipu-

lating that those injuries were caused by the accident.

Dowdal deferred the acceptance of the plea until sentencing. Because Klapperick is in custody, hearings have been held via Zoom; however, the sentencing will be in person, as the prosecutor and judge believed that would be appropriate. At sentencing, those involved in the crash and other stakeholders will be allowed to make victim impact statements.

Sentencing will take place at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, in Chisago County Court.



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## And they're off

The front-runners of the inaugural Paul Elmstrand Memorial 5K take off from the Cambridge-Isanti High School. Approximately 200 people participated in the event, which raised \$22,000 for a scholarship in his honor set up by the Elmstrand family and Invisible Wounds Project.

## Back-to-School Giveaway offers free clothing, school supplies

North Isanti Baptist Church will host its annual Back-to-School Giveaway on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 13-14, from noon to 7 p.m. both days at the church, 2248 313th Ave. NE in Cambridge, near Cambridge Middle School. The event offers free clothing and school supplies to local families. Available items include new or gently used children's and adult clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats and mittens. New socks and underwear will also be provided. In addition to free

donated shoes, the Twin Cities nonprofit Shoe Away Hunger will offer new shoes for purchase at \$3 per pair (cash only) from a separate building on-site. School supplies (no backpacks) will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with some limits. More than 700 people attended last year's event. No pre-registration is required. For more information, call the church at 763-689-3576. - North Isanti Baptist Church

## Local author event planned at Cambridge library

Local author Gabrielle Meyer will return to the Cambridge Public Library on Aug. 28 to discuss her latest novel, *Every Hour Until Then*, the fifth book in her inspirational time travel series, *Timeless*. The event runs from 6 to 7 p.m. in the library's Great Northern Room and requires no registration. Meyer, who lives on the banks of the Upper Mississippi River with her husband and four children, draws inspiration from Minnesota's history in both her historical and contemporary novels. - East Central Regional Library



# GROUNDBREAKING: New shelter can host 10 homeless families at once

FROM PAGE I

community kitchen, and a community laundry room. "Each apartment will have a bathtub," Westlund excitedly proclaimed, referencing the fact families currently only have a small shower at their disposal.

The first floor will feature offices, a conference room, and other programming space.

The total cost for constructing the facility was slated at \$3.5 million — an amount the organization vowed to raise before the ground could be broken. With the help of Chris Miller, who headed the fundraising committee, New Pathways was able to reach that goal in a mere six months.

"I am 100% sure we would not be here today without (Chris)," Westlund said.

That amount could have been much higher if it wasn't for the Cambridge City Council. The city was in possession of a section of land on the southwest corner of Heritage Greens that was sold back to it for one dollar after the developer who originally purchased the land from the city decided it wasn't worth developing on. In turn, the city agreed to sell a portion of the land to New Pathways for that same one dollar. Additionally, New Pathways agreed to pay to construct a larger holding pond for the area, along with making the entire area level. The city still owns the area to the north and south of the new New Pathways site. The north section will be turned into a parking lot for the pickleball courts and outdoor ice rinks. Currently, the city plans on trying to resell the south section.

"Dreams like this are usually stopped at city council meetings," Westlund said. "I want to recognize the city council and staff for their unwavering support of this project. We are here because you are allowing us to be here."

For its part, the city was happy to help out an essential organization to the area.

"How can mere words do justice to all the good happening here," Cambridge Mayor Jim Godfrey said during the groundbreaking ceremony. "You think about, it starts now, but twenty years down the road, the kids that are having their lives changed now are passing it forward. It's like an exponential growth of good."

Even with the \$3.5 million raised and ground being broken, New Pathways' fundraising efforts aren't over. An additional \$500,000 needs to be raised ahead of the grand opening to cover the purchase of amenities such as furniture, appliances, and other operational expenses.

Barring construction setbacks, the new facility will be ready for a grand opening in August, 2026.

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Mary Westlund  
New Pathways Executive Director

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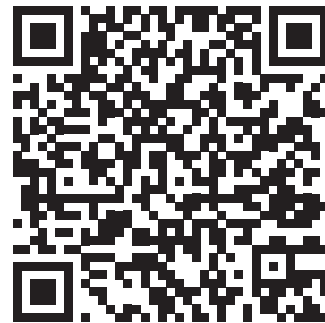
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## LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND PLANT SELECTION

Sustainable landscaping emphasizes plant health and longevity. It creates functional outdoor spaces that:

- Use less water, time, and pesticides.
- Support the natural environment and crucial species, such as pollinators.
- Promote good plant performance and functionality, making them self-perpetuating over time.

Creating a sustainable landscape involves:

- Understanding the site and the growing conditions, such as the amount of light, soil type and planting space available for each plant.
- Knowledge of your or your client's needs and desires for the landscape.
- Following the design process from base plan to completed design.
- Proper plant selection for best plant performance.

• Using best practices to plant, install and maintain your landscape.

A good starting point is to become familiar with the five considerations of sustainable design: function, maintainability, environmental soundness, cost-effectiveness and a visually pleasing landscape.

Landscaping can be exciting, fun and rewarding. But deciding how to start a project can be overwhelming. The five considerations of design are a good starting point, and the following on each of the considerations and a case study example explain the process.

Thinking through what you want to be able to do in your landscape, maintenance, and how to have a positive effect on the environment really helps guide the rest of your project toward a long-lasting and beautiful landscape.

**Function:** Support what you want to do and need to accomplish in your landscape.

- Entertaining, games, pet, access, firepit, rainwater harvesting, composting, garbage/recycling

**Maintenance:** Reduce maintenance and support proper best maintenance practices in your landscape.

- Mowing, pruning, mulching, watering, snow removal
- Environmentally sound:** Minimize or eliminate negative effects on the surrounding environment and animals.
- Reduce plant stress by selecting plants with growing requirements that match your site conditions (soil, sun, planting space).
  - Plants that are growing in optimal conditions are less stressed and can tolerate or recover from insect damage, animal browsing, disease, weed competition and weather events.

**Cost-effective:** Design within budget (cost, labor, time, etc.)

- Put the right plant in the right place to avoid having to replace plants that die or perform poorly because they are planted in the wrong growing conditions.
- Install hardscape correctly to eliminate future problems with heaving, cracking, failing walls, etc.
- Plant trees with enough room to grow or you may hire a tree care company every year to prevent them from growing over your roof.

**Visual appeal:** Design for what you want to see in your landscape.

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### First Baptist Church

304 S. Main St., Cambridge,  
763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs.  
firstbaptistcambridge.org

### North Isanti Baptist Church

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

### Springvale Baptist

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

### Sunrise Bible Church

41300 Second St., North Branch, Pastor David Stertz. Sunday school for all ages  
9:30am, Sunday morning Worship  
10:30am, Sunday evening 6pm, Wed. Kids 4 Truth & Bible studies for all ages 6:30pm. More info at sunriseiblechurch.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 brigitt@isantiacc.org  
Website: isantiacc.org

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.  
763-444-4035  
Email: brigitt@isantiacc.org  
Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am.  
Sun. 8:30am.  
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 Worship Service 10:00 am  
Karmelcov.org

## Evangelical Free

### Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

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

### Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95  
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org  
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible

Study 6:00 pm  
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)

Central Drive W. & Cty Rd 4, Braham 320-396-2755  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Worship Service - In-person & Live on Facebook  
Office hours 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., Thurs.

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

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

### Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge 763-689-1211  
Traditional service: 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary service: 9:30 a.m.  
www.cambridgelutheran.org - Facebook: fb.com/CambridgeLutheran  
YouTube: 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

### 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  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch 651-674-5576  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
Sunday Worship 8am  
www.livingbranch.org  
email: office@livingbranch.org

### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315  
Pastor Sue Olson  
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Sunday Schedule  
Worship: 9:00 am  
Communion the 1st & 3rd Sunday

### Salem Lutheran Church

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

### Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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

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

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

980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623  
Sunday 8:45am Worship  
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study  
stjohnsrushcity.org

### St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

## Methodist

### Common Ground - A United Methodist Community

404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.  
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.  
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## Non-Denominational

### Grace Gospel Church

37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080 763-308-5618  
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justpassinihs@gmail.com  
JustpassinThru.net  
Pastor Tom Bakke  
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Sunday nights and Wednesdays

## Pentecostal

### The Journey New Life Church

601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti  
Pastor David L. Willis.  
Sunday 10am Worship & the Word & Kids' Church.  
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## PROBATE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NUMBER: 30-PR-25-57 CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE**

In re the Estate of Pamela Ann Gorsegner, Deceased  
**Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated September 4, 2015

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

**Self-Represented** Litigant Sharon Lyn Brown

**Address** 303 Main ST SW, Preston MN 55965

**Email** 9712\_brown@outlook.com

**Phone Number** 763-516-0104

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

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

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

Probate Registrar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date 7/24/2025  
 Court Administrator Erin Boettcher  
 Date 7/24/2025

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## FORECLOSURES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE 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. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 10, 2020 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$238,400.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Larry D. Byars and Barbara F. Byars, Husband and Wife, and Lorrel Deanne Dewanz, An Unmarried Woman, as joint tenants MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Bay Equity LLC, its successors and assigns TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#:1006166-0004121453-8 SERVICER: BSI Financial Services LENDER: Bay Equity LLC. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder, on December 11, 2020, as Document No. A499107. ASSIGNED TO: SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/15/2025, recorded on 01/17/2025 as Document No. A535069. LEGAL

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 5, Rum River Meadows 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1206 Rum River Drive SW, Isanti, MN 55040 PROPERTY I.D.: 16.111.0310 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and 80/100 (\$230,707.80) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on September 23, 2025 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2026, or the next business day if March 23, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA

STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: August 7, 2025 SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES Randall S. Miller & Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 23MN00045-3 A-4849246 08/07/2025, 08/14/2025, 08/21/2025, 08/28/2025, 09/04/2025, 09/11/2025

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## NOTICES

**BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING STANFORD TOWNSHIP HALL, 505 261ST AVENUE NW, ISANTI, MN AUGUST 23, 2025, 10 A.M.**

The business of this meeting is to elect two new directors, vote on the board-approved budget and property assessment, plus address other business to come before the membership. Ballots, agenda, and reports will be sent to members via email prior to the meeting.

This is an important meeting for members to attend.

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**SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025**

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

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

• Called meeting to order at 6:15 pm

• Approved the amended consent agenda items A – F

• Held a Vision Statement Work Session

• Heard a Dangerous Dog Designation Appeal

• Approved Off-Site Liquor Consumption during August 3rd Thursday Event

• Approved Animal Control Agreement with Michelle Russell

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## PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AT 22206 DURANT ST. NE (PID #02-33-23-44-0001)**

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a variance for the size and number of accessory structures for property at 22206 Durant St. NE. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.

Applicant/Owner: Troy and Laurie Slater, 22206 Durant St. NE, Cedar, MN 55011

Location: 22206 Durant St. NE, Cedar, MN 55011

PID: #02-33-23-44-0001

Request(s): A variance for a 5th accessory structure in excess of the allowed total of accessory structure square footage on a property

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at

grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

Grace Gerard  
 City Planner  
 City of East Bethel

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**CITY OF EAST BETHEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT, REZONING, AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR A THREE-LOT SUBDIVISION (PID #12-33-23-14-0002)**

You are hereby notified that the East Bethel Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a preliminary plat, rezoning, and planned unit development for "Cliffs Anderson Acres", a proposed 3-lot subdivision north of 217th Avenue on property at PID #12-33-23-14-0002. The hearing will be held in the East Bethel City Hall located at 2241 221st Ave NE on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at or about 7:00 p.m.

Applicant/Owner: Sherco Construction, 79 Lake Street North, Forest Lake, MN 55025

Location: 4xxx 217th Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

PID: #12-33-23-14-0002

Request(s):

A preliminary plat, rezoning, and planned unit development for "Cliffs Anderson Acres", a 3-lot subdivision on property identified as PID #12-33-23-14-0002.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Grace Gerard at grace.gerard@ci.east-bethel.mn.us or mailed to City Hall at 2241 221st Ave NE.

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 City Planner  
 City of East Bethel

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# CLASSIFIEDS

<p><b>102 Services</b>                  Alterations and clothing repairs, 25 years experience. 320-396-4152 Contact Rosemary. Braham</p>	<p><b>112 Tree Service</b>                  Tree Fellers – Tree removal, trimming, stump grinding (even if we don't cut your trees!), hazard limbs, yard friendly equipment. 25+ years experience. Insured. Call for free estimate 763-443-2631</p>	<p><b>150 Help Wanted</b>                  Centennial School District is hiring paras for all grade levels for the 2025-2026 school year. Positions may include supporting students one-on-one or in small groups, assisting special education students, lunchroom, and recess duty. Starting wage is \$20.00/hour. Visit <a href="http://isd12.org/join-our-team">isd12.org/join-our-team</a> to apply.</p>	<p><b>358 Firewood</b>                  16-Inch seasoned, mixed hardwood. Two cord loads \$475. 20-inch outdoor stove wood, mixed hardwoods. Two cord loads \$450. Two cord loads 16" birch or oak \$475. Delivery charge over 25 miles. 320-679-1815.</p>	<p><b>404 Garage Sales</b>                  Garage Sale August 15-16, 8-5. All proceeds donated to Harris Veterans' Memorial. 45322 Evergreen Ave., Harris.</p>
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