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Vintage 1944 biplane highlights return of Father's Day Fly-in

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Aviation enthusiasts in general, and vintage aviation enthusiasts in particular will want to mark off Sunday morning, June 18, as the Cambridge Father's Day Fly-in returns after a several-year hiatus. And according to organizers, the fly-in's return will be better than before.

As in the past, the Cambridge Lions Club will be hosting a free-will donation Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the event. Another popular feature is the pedal planes and cars for kids to bring out their inner flying ace without leaving the ground.

In years past, a special feature of the fly-in has been for kids to take a free flight through the EAA Chapter 237 Young Eagles. While this is again being offered this year, the demand has been so great participants needed to pre-register and the list has been completely filled up.

There will also be a car show put on

by East Central Cruisers and St. Francis Car Club. Additionally, there will be giant-scale radio control aircraft.

The fly-in will feature several vintage planes out on display for people to get a close-up look. Those planes include a B-25, T-6, and BT-13. These planes are able to make an appearance thanks to sponsorships from Chuck Swenson State Farm, BJ Baas, Fish Lake Lift & Dock, and Cheney Enterprises.

FEATURED ATTRACTION

The centerpiece of this display is sure to be a 1944 Boeing-Stearman Model E75 trainer biplane. Owned by pilot Matt Quy, this plane has been restored to its original condition and made air-worthy again — a process that took over 10 years to complete. As part of that process, Quy had local aircraft painter Lex Cralley of Princeton put on a design to salute all veterans.

"About seven or eight years ago, I approached Lex, because I knew he was



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This 1944 Boeing-Stearman Model E75 biplane, painted up as a tribute to all veterans, is sure to be the highlight of the returning Cambridge Father's Day Fly-in on Sunday, June 18.

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Stars and Stripes properly retired

Andy Fiedler salutes after tossing another bunch of damaged American Flags into the fire for proper retirement during the Cambridge American Legion's Flag Day ceremony.

Isanti again considering Highway 65 pedestrian bridge

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A project that appeared to be dead and buried over ten years ago appears to be resurrected thanks to newfound funding possibilities.

Back in 2009 to 2011, the city of Isanti joined together with MnDOT and the US Department of Transportation to look into the possibility of constructing a pedestrian bridge over Highway 65 in an effort to alleviate the hazards of people trying to cross an increasingly busy Highway 65. Through those efforts, the city was able to secure federal funding of \$2.15 million for the project, which was initially proposed to be located at the Main Street intersection with Highway 65.

By March 2011, however, it became apparent the only way for the project to proceed was if the city footed a portion of the bill — something that the

council at that time was unwilling to do.

That overwhelming obstacle might very well be able to be cleared now, with the introduction of a new state grant program designed for addressing public safety concerns.

"We have a new development that has come across (Community Development Director) Ms. (Stephanie) Hillisheim and my desk," said City Administrator Josi Wood, "and that is there are state funds being allocated for projects of great importance for infrastructure and safety from the Minnesota Management budget."

According to Wood, the most recent data involving vehicle crashes and incidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists will help drive home the need for the bridge with the state.

"It's pretty dangerous," Wood simply stated, "and we think that we might be able to get some funding secured and use

the federal funds as a match so it wouldn't take city dollars."

"I think if we can do this without raising tax dollars, I think we should proceed with it," said Councilmember Steve Lundeen, who prefaced the statement with he hadn't been in favor of it back then because he didn't see a major need for pedestrians to cross 65. Obviously, that has changed with the construction of houses, along with businesses such as Cobern's, the Municipal Liquor Store, plus a couple of banks east of the highway.

Wood noted developers considering coming into the city have frequently asked about the possibility of such a bridge as well. She added there is now only one location where a bridge could be constructed, so the city would need to take action before that land was

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Off I go, into the wild blue yonder

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About a month ago, Lex Cralley, organizer of the Cambridge Father's Day Fly-in, came into our offices with the exciting news that the event would be returning this year after several years of being grounded following COVID. Not only that, he said it was going to be better than ever, with several vintage planes on display to go along with the usual, familiar activities from years past such as a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions Club, pedal planes for the youngsters, a chance to go for a free flight for older kids (which unfortunately has reached its maximum number through pre-registration already), just to name a few. The featured plane, he said, will be a 1944 biplane that is a flying homage to veterans.

Then he hit me with the ultimate kicker: "As a way to promote the fly-in in your newspaper, what would you think about taking a ride in the biplane?" I think my mouth was so wide open after this query you could have flown a small plane into it. I think my response was something simple like "yeah," but in my head, I was screaming "HELL YEA!"

At this point, I will admit my thoughts were sprinkled with a little concern as well. Some of you readers will recall as a child I suffered from a form of a fear of heights. More specifically, I hated being up at an angle. But at the same time,

I'm fine riding roller coasters and similar other rides. Additionally, this wouldn't be my first flight in a smaller plane. Back in eighth grade at Cambridge Middle School, all of us students were taken on a flight from Cambridge Airport by some local pilots. But that was also the first, and only, time I'd been up in the air. And that was over 35 years ago.

SCHEDULED FOR TAKEOFF

Fast forward to last Thursday — the day everything finally was able to come together for this potentially once-in-a-lifetime experience. Leading up to it I had done a little Google searching and discovered riding in a biplane was essentially like riding in a convertible — only a few hundred feet above the ground. Matt Quy, the owner of the plane, confirmed that comparison.

"It's actually windier in the back seat," he said.

Driving to the airport, I wound up timing it perfectly so I got to see the plane come in for a landing. Just the sight of it brought on shivers of excitement. It just looked cool. And the closer I got, the cooler it looked.

Before our flight, Matt explained this model plane was originally much better built. However, when it was being utilized as a training plane, they made it harder to fly by reducing the horsepower of the engine and moving the gas tank to inside the top wing. All that made it tougher to maneuver. In retrospect, that makes



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This flight in a vintage 1944 biplane was only this editor's second time ever being in an airplane.

sense. Make something tougher during training so when you get to flying other planes for real, it's all the easier.

When it came my turn to take a ride (three others also got a turn, with me being the second in line), it turned out that getting in the darn thing was the hardest part. The passenger rides in the front seat, meaning you have to climb up on a protected strip of the wing. Thankfully, a step stool was brought out. Next, my inflexible legs needed a little extra prodding to bend the right way to climb in.

The cockpit is much roomier than I was expecting. There was plenty of leg and elbow room. In front of the seat was what looked to be a broomstick. That was a secondary controller — which also makes sense since these biplanes were made for training pilots. But at the time, it looked a little goofy and then looked even goofier as it moved around "on its own" in conjunction with the pilot's controller.

Before anyone asks, yes, you do wear an aviation cap, complete with goggles. But much to my sister's disappointment, it didn't include a scarf. The caps do have noise-canceling headphones (which is a good thing), and you can hear the pilot communicating with ground control as you taxi for takeoff.

AIRBORNE

Taxiing down the runway was pretty much like I expected — a little bumpy but then smooth. What I didn't know

until afterward is that some of those bumps were actually the small back wheel wobbling. I guess it isn't unusual for that wheel to be a little loose.

Those initial moments after takeoff were the most unnerving as you are very cognizant of "hey, I'm up in the air." And for me, that first bank was unsettling at first. But since it didn't last all that long, I was relieved to know my childhood phobia wasn't kicking in. So, after that, it was a matter of trying to take in as much as possible, which was much easier said than done.

At first, I was looking for recognizable landmarks. That didn't last long as it quickly morphed into just looking back and forth, marveling at what I was experiencing. I even had to repeatedly remind myself I had a camera with me. I also completely forgot to ask before or after how fast we were going and how high we got.

At one point, Matt offered to let me "take the stick" and fly the plane, "or do you just want to sight-see?" For a second I was going to say I wanted to fly it, but the photographer in me, which is obsessed with observing things, took over and I opted for "sightseeing."

People are getting used to seeing videos from above via drones, but those pale in comparison to this. The view is breathtaking as you simultaneously see the broader picture, but at the same time notice smaller details. At the same time, it is a totally different experience from "regular"

planes. You do feel a good breeze along your shoulders, which helps remind you not to stick your arms/hands/camera too far out. Even with the noise-canceling headphones, you do hear the constant drone of the engine as well.

I don't even know how long we were up there — maybe 20 to 30 minutes. All I know is that time flew by (sorry, I had to say it) and in a seeming instant, we were coming in for a landing, which was also remarkably smooth.

BACK ON SOLID GROUND

Climbing out of the cockpit proved much easier than getting in. Once on the ground, I almost expected a bit of a rubbery-leg feeling, but there wasn't one. What was there was a noticeable rush of adrenaline and a feeling you had just gone through a full-body workout. That feeling lasted well into the night. It is certainly an experience I will treasure forever and wouldn't hesitate to go through again. At the very least, I would encourage everyone to come out on Sunday and take a close look at these historic aircraft.

There is one final personal note that made this experience all the more incredible for me. My grandpa — the man I am named after — was in the Air Force and trained pilots, quite possibly in that very model plane. If he were alive today, he would have gotten a huge kick out of hearing about this experience. Either way, it brought me even closer to him.



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Editor Bill Stickels III gives a wave before going up for a once-in-a-lifetime flight. Go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com for more photos from the author's flight.

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

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 by calling North Branch Catholic Charities at 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

MONDAYS

North Branch – Fresh Beginnings

Al-anon Family Groups

From 7 to 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street. Free childcare is provided. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org.

Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Bridge 1-3 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

TUES & THURS

Boxing for Those with 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.

Senior Dining

Braham Event Center at 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling North Branch Catholic Charities at 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

Senior Dining

Rush City Community Center 11:30 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling North Branch Catholic Charities at 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

TUESDAYS

A Memory Café

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Heritage Center at GracePointe Crossing, 322 River Hills Place North Cambridge, MN



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North Branch Midsummer Celebration

The Midsummer Celebration is this weekend in North Branch featuring a midway in Central Park, live music, bingo, meat raffles and more.

Braham Parkinson's Support Group

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

Alzheimer's Support Group

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info contact Lyndsey Larson at 763-691-6172.

Music

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

Dominos

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

BINGO

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

WEDNESDAYS

Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Cribbage 9-11am, Wizard 11-12:30, Pinochle 12:30-3 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

DivorceCare

Feb. 8 – May 10, 6:30 – 8p.m., in the Fireside Rm and follow the same schedule as the kids/student programming so will not meet on MAR 15 or APR 5. Families with children K-12 are encouraged to utilize our kids and student ministry options. Call First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street South, Cambridge to register at 763.689.1173. www.firstbaptistcambridge.org

500 Cards

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

Viking Vittles

Available for pickup every Wednesday starting June 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 3-5pm, & Wednesday June 21 from 10-noon at North Branch Central Park. Distribution goes through August 31st.

THURSDAYS

East Central Baby Cafe

Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the upper-level conference room at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For more information, call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old

Main Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for more information.

Parkinson's Support Group

3rd Thursday of the month – 1-2:30 p.m. Walker Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more information call 763-325-0100

Jammin' with Joe

At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch. From 1-2:30 p.m.

Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

Viking Vittles

Available for pickup every Thursday starting June 15 at Stacy Lions Park from 3-5 pm Distribution goes through August 31st.

FRIDAYS

Cribbage

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

JUNE 15

Senior dance

At Chisago County Senior Center from 1-4 p.m. Music by Wes "Squeezy" Miller. A light lunch will be provided. the cost is \$7.00. All are welcome.

Location is 38790 6th Ave. North Branch, Mn.

Red Cross community blood drive

Braham 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Braham Event Center, 655 8th St. SW. Drive schedule is subject to change. To see the latest, go to RedCrossBlood.org.

Downtown Third Thursdays - Summer Series

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sarah & Rob Ember & Andy Tackett Downtown Cambridge, Main Street south of 95 to 3rd Ave S <http://www.discoverdowntowncambridge.org>

JUNE 20

Nate Cardinal

Part of the north branch summer concert series @ riverwalk park -38181 forest blvd. Food trucks & fun begin @ 6pm - concerts start @ 7pm http://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us/residents/parks/concerts_in_the_park.php

Randy Leubesemeir

Music entertainment at the North Branch Chisago County Senior Center 11:15 a.m.

Cambridge Surplus Food

Isanti County Fair Grounds 2 -5 p.m. Please do not arrive at the Fair Grounds before 1 p.m. If you are not yet registered, you will need a DL and an utility bill with matching address. Please call ahead if unsure so we can check if we service your area, 612-402-6100.

JUNE 21

Berry Festival and Classic Car Show

1 to 3 p.m. at Walker Methodist Levande. Celebrate the start of summer with classic cars, fresh berries, and live entertainment from The Holy Rocka Rollaz. contact Victoria at vsvoboda@walkermethodist.org or 763.325.0102. RSVPs appreciated but not required.

JUNE 24

Midsummer at Red Pine

Noon -5 p.m. 31043 Polk St NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. Enjoy Scandinavian folk music with Renee Vaughan & Dan Newton, take your turn dancing around the Maypole wearing a traditional flower crown, have a Swedish lunch provided by Sweedie's food truck, and try our one and only Herring Pairing.

Exciting lineup of events at North Branch Midsummer Days celebration

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North Branch Midsummer Celebration takes place this weekend, with fun and entertainment for the entire community. There are events and activities for the whole family including bingo, a meat raffle, and a midway in Central Park.

Two Shots Down will perform hits from the 70s through today live on Friday, June 16 at the Legion Hall from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

There is a free lunch for all on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Legion under the tent. This event is sponsored

by the North Branch Lioness.

One of the highlights of every North Branch Midsummer Celebration is the Kiddie Parade, scheduled to take place on June 17. Starting from the Municipal Parking Lot on Elm Street, the parade's theme this year is Super Heroes. All children through grade five who have registered and arrive in costume are invited to participate. Awards will be presented to the top five contestants.

Bringing the festivities to a grand finale, the Midsummer Parade will take place on Sunday, June 18 at 2 p.m., proceeding up Main Street. The parade will feature Michelle Still as Grand Marshal. Following the parade, a street

dance will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion parking lot, featuring live music by On Tap an acoustic band, "that pours out the hits 'acoustic style'".

All proceeds from the sale of midway tickets go directly to the American Legion for veteran and community projects.

For a full list of events, information on where you can purchase advance carnival ride tickets, and more information visit the American Legion's website <https://www.nbamericanlegion.com/events/midsummer-days/>.



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Midsummer Days parade will be on Sunday June 18.

Are the walls closing in?

Normally, when I cover the Cambridge-Isanti High School graduation ceremony, I am overcome with a feeling of nostalgia. This year, it was a different feeling that I was overcome with — claustrophobia.

While for years it has been noted how tightly students, teachers, friends, and family are crammed into the high school gymnasium, this year that was taken to the extreme. Normally, I position myself between the stage and the first row of graduates in order to take photos. This year, I was barely able to do that as the space between the two was only wide enough to place a chair. So I sat on the floor, forcing the front row graduates to be careful not to kick us. For the graduates, as they marched in, there was barely enough space between the stage and front row for the two-wide procession to pass through.

What makes this situation even more dire, though, is I have heard next year's senior class is even larger, maybe by up to 50 additional students. Quite frankly, there isn't enough room for these additional bodies. Unfortunately, the only options I can think of are each rather unappealing.

•Limit the number of tickets offered - Currently, each senior is afforded 6 tickets to give family and friends. That number might need to get reduced by one or two. As it stands now, I see multiple posts on social media asking if anyone has an extra ticket(s), almost like they're a scalper out on the street in front of a sold out concert. Reducing that number will force many families to make difficult decisions. The district does offer the Performing Arts Center for the overflow crowd to watch the live feed on a large screen. I don't know how full that gets, but this would definitely cause it to reach capacity. And if it is already at capacity, then what? A second overflow crowd into the cafeteria?

•Take it outside - This worked great back in my day as the district was fortunate enough to have a long streak of ideal weather for an outside ceremony. In fact, there was talk of having the ceremony the year after the "drive-thru" COVID year outside. But the district nixed that the day before the ceremony out of fear of an iffy forecast. As it was before, a contingency plan would have to be in place, which would bring it right back into the current space. And what would they do if a sudden shower, or worse yet, a thunderstorm popped up in the middle of the ceremony?

•Road trip - The only other solution I see is to do what many larger school districts do and rent out a larger venue either in or near the Twin Cities or over in St. Cloud. There are plenty of issues with that. I despise the idea of everyone having to commute some half-hour or more for the graduation ceremony, especially overly hyper graduates. This option would also come at a large expense to the district, or worse yet, force families to pay an admission price to get in.

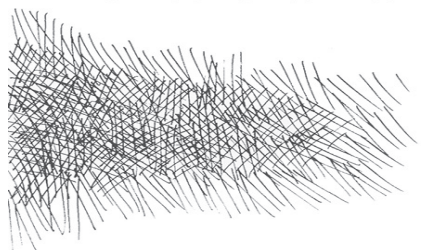
As bad as each of these options sound, though, something has got to be done. And barring someone dropping a couple million dollars for a building expansion into the district's lap, it will be up to the school district to come up with a solution that can only be considered the lesser of the evils.

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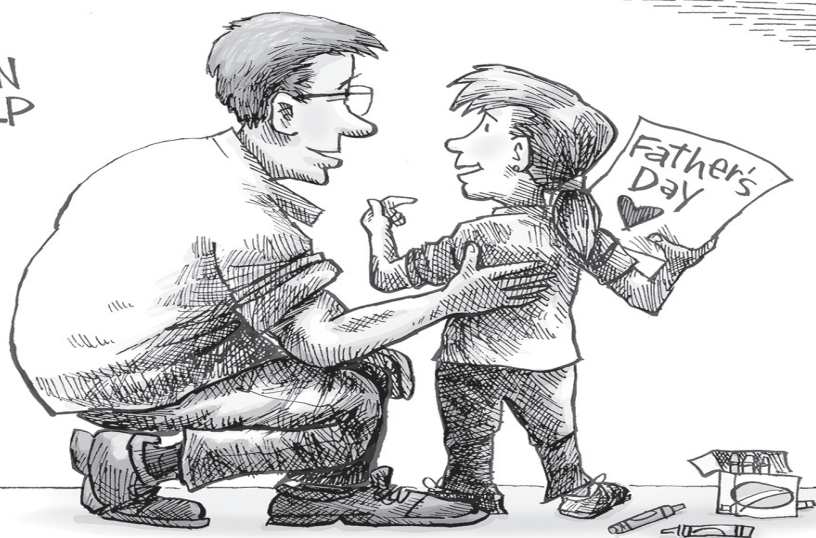


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Bill Stickels III

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proud to be a Democrat

To the editor,

I recently attended the Pride Fair held in Pine City. I was volunteering for the local DFL at their booth and noticed a lot of people in attendance, including a lot from the Cambridge area.

I have volunteered at this event in the past, but this year we seemed to have a lot more people interacting with our booth and letting us know what a great job our legislature did this year in passing so many laws that benefit the people of Minnesota. One woman told me that she had never been so proud to be a Minnesotan!

I want to thank everyone who helped with the event this year, including the woman from Target who offered to help set up our booth. The music was great and the atmosphere was welcoming and inclusive.

Barbara Kruschel
Cambridge

Congratulations graduates

To the editor,

It was both a privilege and an honor to participate in Wednesday night's graduation at Woodland Campus and Friday night's Cambridge-Isanti High School graduation as a new school board member.

It was heartwarming to see and hear the overwhelming family and community support for each of these students as they received their diploma. The list of accomplishments by this graduating class is impressive, their Bluejacket character was on full display, and we were blessed with one of the best performances of the Star Spangled Banner you've ever heard! Watch for yourself on YouTube. Congratulations Class of 2023!

DeEtta Moos
District 911 School Board Member

Commissioners not 'wasting time'

To the editor,

There are many and varied definitions and idioms for the expression "waste of time." One describes it as, "the devotion of time to a useless activity," while another source says, "To procrastinate; to avoid doing something, especially by engaging in some frivolous or diversionary activity." My favorite is, "If you waste something such as time, money, or energy, and you use too much of it doing something that is not important or necessary or is unlikely to succeed."

Our county's new commissioners' journey down new pathways towards transparency, communication, co-operation, and renewal of integrity

of governance does not appear to fall into any of these definitions, unless you are so self-focused, self-righteous and narrowminded as to not seek out the true facts and underpinnings of the incredibly important, necessary and successful work they have accomplished in a short amount of time.

We all are aware that we live in a state that has been overrun, manipulated and lambasted by an unprecedented self-centered, evil, woke, group of people with a demonic socialistic agenda. The pressure that such governmental power has been squeezing our rights and freedoms out of our local leaders' ability to foster a healthy, growing community is real and increasingly overwhelming. Thus, our new county commissioners have found it "important", even "necessary" to stand strong with the leaders of many other Minnesota counties and resist the "powers that be" within our state government.

Let's face it...our new commissioners have had to start from ground zero and re-establish and return a form of transparent, constituent-oriented government that many of our past commissioners did not even care about as they moved us closer and closer toward the abyss of governmental control. It is sad to think that some would call the work that our new commissioners have done, in this arena alone, a "waste of time and money." As I reflect back on the past local elections and recall the candidates' campaign promises to return the power of government back to the people...as I am reminded that we the people of Isanti County spoke out and chose these 5 people to represent us, I am pleased to say that the "important and necessary, and likely to succeed" issues have driven them to seek to know their constituents' needs and to do whatever necessary to work toward that end.

Thank you commissioners, for your hard work... and thank you citizens, for supporting them.

Gary Lantz
Cambridge

Stauber remains silent

To the editor,

Justly, in a recent newsletter to constituents, Rep. Pete Stauber recognized our military heroes on Memorial Day.

President John Kennedy in his book "Profiles in Courage" chose eight US Senators to illustrate their bravery and integrity in the face of constituent pressures. Courage can, indeed, be demonstrated in many ways. Often, as Kennedy describes, this heroism comes at critical times in our history when a person in leadership is willing to courageously buck public opinion of their constituents to make a deci-

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Well prepared for a rapidly changing world

Four years ago, the Class of 2023 entered Cambridge-Isanti High School with all the excitement, anticipation, and wonder of typical incoming freshmen. I remember their first day; it was also my first school day as a new superintendent. I shared their excitement, curiosity, and a bit of awe for what the next four years would bring.



C-I School News
Dr. Nate Rudolph

Little did we know what an A-typical high school experience they would have. But rather than focus on the disruption of the last four years, at graduation last week, I encouraged them to

look back further. Most of our seniors were born in 2004-2005: the same years that Facebook and YouTube were founded. In many ways, their lives (and ours) will forever be impacted by these and other newer technologies that rapidly disrupt and change our world.

Did you know it took Facebook less than 1 year to grow to one million users — so much faster than earlier media inventions like the radio or TV. Technology is interesting. As it evolves, it

accelerates.

In 2010, when this class entered Kindergarten, Instagram launched and took only 2.5 months to grow to one million users. Then, during their senior year, Chat GPT launched in November. It took only five days to reach one million users. Technology grows exponentially and can be disruptive.

So, we might ask, how prepared are our new alumni for these changing times?

As I see it, they are better prepared than any generation before.

They have experienced one of the most disruptive periods in our history. They adapted, set goals, did the work, and they've succeeded! They are tech-savvy and well-prepared to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

They are also Bluejackets — guided by the Bluejacket Way. They will continue to be influenced by our enduring Bluejacket values: honesty, respect, responsibility, self-discipline and compassion.

There is wide speculation about the skills that will be needed to succeed in the future. When you think about it — they will likely retire in 2073. The changes they will see over the next 50 years will be remarkable.

In schools, we are looking to the future and suggest there are three necessary skills, not always covered in

textbooks.

First, immerse yourself in learning. A diploma is a passport to more learning. And not just any learning—something that genuinely sparks one's interest. Throughout life, we often encounter countless new challenges and opportunities. And acquiring new skills takes time and practice. In a rapidly changing world, the ability to upskill and reskill will be paramount. Stay curious and let today be the LEAST knowledgeable day of the rest of your life.

Second, build meaningful relationships. In a technologically connected world, it's easy to get caught up in superficial interactions. Yet, people are our greatest source of strength and support. Cherish the people in your life more than the things on your to-do list. Forge deep connections and establish enduring traditions. Meaningful relationships are an anchor in times of adversity and bring joy in moments of triumph.

Finally, be intentional about slowing down and getting offline. It's been said that the pace of change is outpacing our human ability to keep up. In an over-stimulated world, our brains (and our souls) need time to rest and recalibrate. Fresh air, freshwater, and physical movement are at the core of our physical and mental health. Treat

personal energy like a bank. Investing in healthy behaviors, relationships, and learning are investments in yourself. Then you will be prepared to share and support others.

Over the last four years, our students have learned these lessons in ways far beyond those written in the curriculum. They have learned that opportunities are sometimes disguised as challenges. Technology can be used for good and evil. Events beyond your control might force you to rethink plans. Most importantly, we hope they have learned that strong relationships and having others in your corner can really help.

So, my advice to this graduating class is simple:

- Focus on the people in your life — meet new people and build relationships.

- Take time to slow things down, unplug and build traditions that provide time to rejuvenate.

- Always keep learning. Change requires learning.

- Always lead the Bluejacket Way— with compassion, self-discipline, honesty, responsibility, and respect.

We are so excited for this graduating class! We can't wait to see what they do next.

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

Prepare cars for summer wear and tear

Question: I see a lot of vehicles broke down and on the side of the road in the summer months. This is when we have our best weather but I am not sure if people realize how hard the heat can be on a vehicle. Many look like they are on a road trip. Can you provide some insight on how to prevent or prepare for this?



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

Answer: For many of us, summertime usually means vacations and summer road trips. Now is a good time to

remember how the warmer weather and heat can impact a vehicle and the motorist. Here is some information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the summer changes.

Air Conditioning - As the temperature rises, your A/C has to work harder to keep your vehicle cool. Check A/C performance before traveling. A lack of air conditioning on a hot summer day affects everyone, but is particularly dangerous for people who are in poor health or who are sensitive to heat, such as children and older adults.

Heatstroke - The summertime months have proven to be especially deadly for children when

it comes to vehicular heatstroke. Heatstroke in vehicles often occurs when a child is left unattended in a parked vehicle or managers to get into an unattended vehicle. Never leave children alone in the car—even for a few minutes. Vehicles heat up quickly. Even if the outside temperature is in the 70s and the windows are cracked, the temperature in a vehicle can rapidly reach deadly levels. A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's. Visit NHTSA.gov/Heatstroke to learn more tips and reminders to prevent heatstroke.

Belts and Hoses - High summer temperatures accelerate the rate at which rubber belts and hoses degrade. Look under the hood and inspect all belts and hoses to make sure there are no signs of bulges, blisters, cracks or cuts in the rubber. It's best to replace them now if they show signs of obvious wear. While you're at it, make sure all hose connections are secure.

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 Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @ MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

Let's get together at Concerts in the Park

With graduation, the last official event of the 2022-23 school year, behind us, it is time to turn our attention to the incredible summer to come. There are many

wonderful events and festivals happening in our area to enjoy, one of which is the Concerts in the Park, hosted by our North Branch Area Community Education and the City of North Branch.

Concerts in the Park is a wonderful family event happening throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings, promoting literacy and community, and a love of the arts. It is made

possible through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council with legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

With an exception for July 4, there will be a Concert in the Park every Tuesday starting this week and continuing through August 22. This week's event featured the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra, with a special performance by the North Branch Area High School band, free books for the first 50 children, a guest reader, food trucks, a bouncy castle, and sidewalk chalk for the young artists in attendance. It was a great launch to what is sure to be an amazing

summer.

The Tuesday, June 20, concert will feature Nate Cardinal and be held at Riverwalk Park just north of downtown on County Road 30.

The remaining concerts will be at Central Park:

- Emerson Avenue Band on July 11

- Whitesidewalls on July 18

- Cindy Jo on July 25

- On Tap on Aug. 8

- Sweethearts Dinner Band on Aug. 15.

There will be no concert on Tuesday, Aug. 1, as that day is set aside for another wonderful event: Night 2 Unite - featuring a community night at Central Park with vendors and first responders.

Concerts in the Park will wrap up the season with a very special event on Aug. 22. Andy Spofford and his band Next Door Down will headline Brett Carlson Night, a special tribute to our former Community Education and Early Learning Director, who worked with the city each year to host our Concerts in the Park. Concerts in the Park in many ways represents those things that brought Brett great joy - learning, music (especially country music), and gathering as a community to have fun. Brett's family will be at the event and his daughters have been asked to be the guest readers that night. It should be a touching and wonderful way to end the series.

Hope to connect with you at Concerts in the Park.

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sion they believe to be right and justified. Such is the case of conservatives Rep. Adam Kinzinger and Rep. Liz Cheney where they have called out a corrupt and immoral President Trump for his responsibility for the big lie of election fraud and the Jan. 6 attack on the Capital. They, in Kennedy's classic definition of courage, are truly heroes. Cheney was awarded the Profile in Courage Award in 2022. Unfortunately, our Representative Pete Stauber remains silent.

Pete Boelter
North Branch

Red flag or red tape law?

To the editor,
Recently Jeff Benny criticizes our

local county commissioners in regards to the Second Amendment that was implemented. He brings up the red flag law in which I somewhat agree with, however, read the law then make your judgment. Here is just a small piece of red flag law:

The petition must contain certain elements. Must allege person poses a significant danger of bodily injury to others or suicide possessing a firearm. Dahhh! It also must be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath.

The law lays out two paths protective order must be imminence of danger. You can obtain a 14-day emergency order of protection (in many cases don't work) however, you must have clear and convincing evidence. Tons of red

tape to even get started.

Just look how criminals are protected in Minnesota now we have Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty defending two teen's charged with killing a 23 year-old woman and she explained two years in a juvenile facility was the answer to a killing of a human being. Then Gov Walz hands it over to Keith Ellison whom blames the Kia car company for vehicles being stolen but not the criminal. Unbelievable! All above are completely clueless in what to do. Just look at the crime rate in Murderapolis. Open a business in MPLS you will have to retain risk insurance because of the Floyd Riots Gov Walz just sat back and watched.

Recently a 13 year-old was joy driving

in a stolen vehicle with friends aboard and crashed the car? Until you get tough on criminals this behavior will not stop but only get worst in which it already is. Get caught with a gun perpetrator should be sent to a military camp whereas the person has to join military but under very strict rules. Ya want to shoot guns now you can in military wars. Why not have the stop and frisk (Terry Stop) as they did some years back in NY? Police with reasonable suspicion of guns and or other contrabands could frisk and check vehicles for weapons. This resulted in many guns off the streets. Again, guns are not the problem career criminals are.

Jerry Grell
Cambridge

OBITUARIES

Kenneth James Evers

Kenneth James Evers, 75, of Cambridge passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at his home.

He was born Jan. 15, 1948 in Comfrey, Minnesota to Harley and Dolores (Gisch) Evers. Ken grew up in Comfrey and graduated from Comfrey High School in 1965. Following high school, he attended Mankato State University and earned a degree in accounting. He worked for a time in St. Peter and Mankato in accounting and was active in the Jaycees, and was on the Fair Board. He moved to Cambridge and worked for a short time as manager at Blue Fox Tackle in Cambridge.

Ken was set up on a blind date with Nancy Erickson and they were married on April 27, 1989 in Cambridge. They made their home just west of Cambridge, owned and operated Evers Tax Service in Cambridge for over 30 years and enjoyed all the people they met over the years.

Ken enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing. He loved to work and that was his real passion in life. He and Nancy made a trip out west and also went on an Alaskan Cruise and Land Tour. Ken was very compassionate, humble, kind and was witty, fun-loving, patient and generous.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Diane Evers and Sharon Ebnet, parents-in-law Leif and Deloris Erickson, brothers-in-law Jerry Erickson, Curtis Erickson, Art Johnson and Duane Doughty.

Ken is survived by wife Nancy, brother Ron Evers of Redwood Falls, sister Karen Evers of Portland, OR, as well as many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life Gathering 3:30 – 7 p.m., Friday, June 23, 2023 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home in Cambridge. Interment Cambridge Union Cemetery. Memorials preferred to donor's choice or plant a tree in memory of Ken. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com.

James Albert Wilson

James Albert Wilson, 84, of Cambridge formerly of East Bethel passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023 at his home.

He was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to Raymond and Irene Wilson. James grew up in Alexandria and graduated from Alexandria High School in 1957. He served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged. Following his military service, he moved to Minneapolis where he worked and retired after 43 years.

He was united in marriage to Kathryn King in Alexandria. They made their home in Minneapolis. After retirement they moved to Cambridge.

James enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing cards and reading. He and Kathryn enjoyed traveling and made several trips throughout the United States and other countries.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son. He is survived by his wife, two children, three grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial Service 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 24, 2023 in the Chapel at GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge. Interment will be in Kinkead Cemetery in Alexandria. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com.

Ardys C. (Sellman) Nelson

Ardys C. (Sellman) Nelson, age 86, of Isanti, passed away on June 5, 2023.

She is preceded by loving husband Harvey Nelson; parents Arnie and Nannie Sellman. Survived by children, Craig Nelson (Barb) of Isanti, Linda Hanson (Ron) of Oak Grove, Arnan Nelson of Ogilvie and Darcy Miller (Ross) of Becker. Grandchildren Ryan, Donovan, Erik, Adam, Amy, Kristy and Matthew along with sixteen great-grandchildren.

Ardys was born in St. Croix Falls on Dec. 18, 1936 and grew up in Almelund. She graduated from North Branch High School in 1954. As an only child, visiting with family was one of her favorite things to do,

especially the Lundquist family reunions. She was proud of her Swedish heritage and enjoyed many travels. She also loved garage sales and auctions until Alzheimer's and Lupus slowed her down.

Her family thanks Isanti Prairie Senior Cottages and St. Croix Hospice for the care she received.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at Faith Lutheran Church (109 2nd Ave. N.W.) Isanti, MN with visitation one hour prior to the service at church. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Grandstrand Funeral Homes and Cremation Service in North Branch. Condolences may be expressed online at www.grandstrandfh.com.



Keith LeRoy Slattery

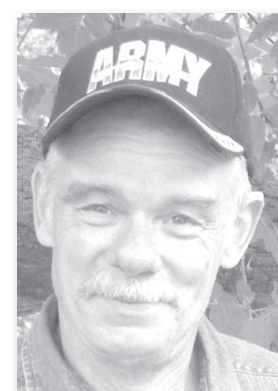
Keith LeRoy Slattery, age 69, of North Branch, passed away on June 13, 2023, in his home with his wife by his side.

Keith was born in Northeast Minneapolis to Minard and Fern Slattery on June 11, 1954. He graduated from Edison High School in Northeast Minneapolis in 1972. He worked at the Viking Food company (later named Aramark) for 30 years filling vending machines. He met Lila Stahl at a garage sale through their mutual friend Bev, and married her on March 11, 1989, in Northeast Minneapolis.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents Minard and Fern Slattery, and brother Roger Slattery.

Keith is survived by his wife Lila Slattery, daughters: Tammy (Jon) Hammer, Sadie (Brad) Tollberg, Tiffany (Josh) Perkins and Michelle (Joe) Bellin. Brothers: Jerry Slattery, Curt (LuAnn) Slattery, and Mike Slattery. Grandsons: Dominic Slattery, Ricky Helgeson III, Aiden Hammer, JC Perkins, Miles Tollberg and Harley Bellin. Granddaughters: Miranda Tollberg, Vivian Perkins, Brooke Bellin and Gracie Perkins. Father-in-Law Everett Stahl and many loved family, friends and neighbors.

A small service for family and close friends will take place at St. John Lutheran Church cemetery in Weber. Flowers or donations may be sent to Lila. Condolences at www.carlsonlillemoen.com. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.



Kenneth George West

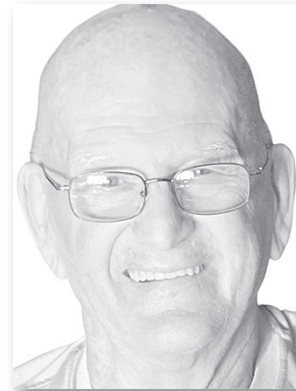
Kenneth George West of Oak Grove, MN passed away on June 6 at the age of 80 years old.

He was born on March 27, 1943, to George and Stella (Ginder) and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1961. He started his own business K & K Machining in Fridley, MN. Kenny was a member of Helios Masonic Lodge, Cambridge, Kedron Chapter 120 OES, Princeton and Past Patron of Jasmine Chapter 197, Order of the Eastern Star, Cambridge.

He loved old cars and his fully restored 1962 Corvair was his pride and joy. Kenny most enjoyed hosting family get-togethers at his lake home in Spicer, MN and watching his family spend time together. He will always be remembered for his willingness to lend a hand and help anyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Barb (Peterson) West and former wife Karen (Sperry) West. Kenny is survived by children Troy (Kristen) of Ely, Thom (Tami) of Ramsey and Laura (Jerry) Engrav of Waseca; grandchildren, Hunter, Carter, Sydney West and Weston Engrav; brother, Gene West; sister, Sandy Karolevitz; companion of eight years, Sandy Woolard; and her son, Donald.

Masonic services will be held on June 14 at 10 a.m. at the St. Francis Methodist Church, 229 Ave NW, St. Francis, MN 55070. Methodist service begins at 11 a.m. with full lunch to follow. Memorials: www.tamarisk.org (hospice volunteer organization)



NAMES IN THE NEWS

Student Achievement Lists

Tyler Haupt of Cambridge (Dean's Honor List) and **Andrew Thauwald** of North Branch (Dean's List) from UW-MADISON.

Abigail Olson, and **Kenna Youngberg** of Braham; **Madelaine Jaques**, **Leah Johnson**, **Kenzey Larson**, and **Sam Peterson** of Cambridge; **Braden Jones**, and **Ethan Townsend** of Isanti; **Zack Anderson**, **Annika Gunderson** and **Ella Rieken** of North Branch; **Sara Gilbert**, and **Alexis Schmidt** of Rush City (Dean's) from UW-River Falls

Kathryn Boster, and **Edwin Oquist** of Braham; **Allison Chilson**, **Sydney Hutchens**, and **Madison Otten** of Cambridge; **Anders Baxter**, **Logan Henderson**, **Zachery Raveling**, **Vicente Reyes**, and **Sarah Robinette** of Isanti; **Luke Badger**, **Amber Huebl**, **Justine Joyal**, **Alexandra Miller**, **Allison Nadeau**, and **Cianna Selbitschka** of North Branch; **Lucas Maher**, **Erin Tomczyk**, and **Elliemae White** of Rush City (Dean's) University of Minnesota Duluth

Wyatt Wothe (Dean's) from Alexandria Technical & Community College

Trista Rauma of Isanti (Dean's) from Wartburg College

Victoria Skiba of Cambridge; **Owen Dresel** and **John Kohler** of Chisago City; **Erin Sabo** of North Branch; **Luke Flaten** of Rush City (Dean's) from South Dakota State University

Kaitlyn Fedewa of Isanti (Dean's) from UMN Crookston

Joshua Scheumann of Isanti (Chancellor's) from UMN Crookston

Degrees

Carrie Nybeck (Certificate, Retail Management) and **Wyatt Wothe** (Associate of Applied Science, Diesel Mechanics) from Alexandria Technical & Community College

Calvin Goemann of Isanti from Montana State University

Relay for Life event in Center City

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The American Cancer Relay for Life will take place at the Chisago Lake Lutheran church, located at 1 Summit Ave. on Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 6:30-9:30p.m.

Starting at 7:15 p.m., attendees will be treated to food, entertainment, and live music. At 8 p.m. a cancer survivor speaker will share their inspiring

journey, providing hope and encouragement to all in attendance. The highlight of the evening will occur at 8:45 p.m. with the lighting of thousands of candle luminary bags, creating a breathtaking display under the glow of the full moon.

Luminary bags are available for purchase by contacting the event coordinator Jill Behnke, via email at jillmbehnke@gmail.com or by phone at (651) 329-3105.

Cambridge-Isanti Schools recognized for positive behavioral interventions

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Cambridge-Isanti Schools was one of only five school districts statewide recognized by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) this month for Exemplary Sustained PBIS Implementation — an evidence-based framework for preventing problem behavior, providing instruction and support for prosocial behaviors, and supporting social, emotional and behavioral needs for all students. Seven Cambridge-Isanti schools also received individual school recognition. “The schools and districts receiving recognition this year are leaders in improving school climate, involving the community and increasing stu-

dent achievement,” according to the MDE News Release. Cambridge-Isanti Schools will be recognized by Commissioner Willie Jett during the PBIS Summer Institute and Recognition Ceremony on June 15, 2023.

“At each of our schools, our Bluejacket character traits are at the center of the behavior we teach and expect from our students,” said Superintendent Nate Rudolph. “Students in C-I Schools learn at an early age that demonstrating respect, responsibility, self-discipline, honesty and compassion make our schools and community a better place for all to learn and live.”

From our Caring Critters at Cambridge Primary and Bluejacket Pride Celebrations at Isanti Primary to our True Bluejacket and Bluejacket Brag

recognitions at CIHS, each school has a unique way of teaching and celebrating our Bluejacket Way. Teams at each Cambridge-Isanti school are very intentional about implementing evidence-based strategies with fidelity. With a strong district focus and common language from early childhood through high school, we work to build a positive and welcoming community for all.

Learn more about character education, anti-bullying efforts, social-emotional learning, expectations for student conduct, our positive behavioral intervention strategies for building a positive school climate at www.c-ischools.org/bluejacket-way



LIBRARY NEWS BRIEFS

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Cambridge Friends of the Library are hosting a two-day book sale featuring books, DVDs, and CDs in the Opportunity Room (near main entrance) at the Cambridge Public Library. The sale will be held Friday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and again on Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the book sale will support future library programs.

The Cambridge Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 111 Dellwood St. N., Cambridge, and can be reached at (763) 689-7390. For more information, visit ecrlib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).

Pizza & Books Teen Book Club

Hey Teens! Let's chat about books over some yummy pizza at the Cambridge Public Library on Tuesday, June 27 at 3pm!

This month, our topic is books that have been made

into TV shows or movies! Read any book that falls into this category and come prepared to tell us about it. What did you love? What did you hate? Did the characters look like how you pictured them?

We will meet in the Discovery Center at the Cambridge Public Library.

The Pizza 'N' Books teen book club is recommended for ages 13-18. Pizza is limited, so registration is required on ECRL's Event Calendar at www.ecrlib.org.

Have questions or need book recommendations? Email Cambridge staff at Cambridge@ecrlib.org.

This program is sponsored by the Cambridge Friends of the Library

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Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together

Science and stories collide in this brand-new

interactive STEM program at the Cambridge Public Library on Monday, July 17 at 2 pm! Two unlikely heroes must learn to WORK TOGETHER to stop a super polluting mastermind! Throughout the story, you'll help the performer conduct amazing science experiments all about air pressure, the laws of motion, chemical reactions, and much more!

This program is free and for kids in grades K-5. Registration is required for each member of your party on our events calendar at ecrlib.org. Registration opens at 2pm on Monday, June 19. Space is limited.

Per our unattended child policy, all children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

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Our offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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FLY-IN: Pedal planes, pancakes punctuate promoted appearances at propeller party

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the best (painter) around," Quay said.

Cralley certainly didn't disappoint. The plane was painted all-black, which Quay said is an extremely tough color to do well.

"I told him I wanted to do it in black, and I think he wishes he never heard my name," Quay said with a laugh.

Extra-special features of the paint job include the POW-MIA logo on the tail, colorful ribbons commemorating veterans of WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Global War on Terror interlaced along the two sides, "Never Forget" on the top of the top wing and "POW MIA" on the underside of the lower wing. There's even "POW MIA painted on the prop.

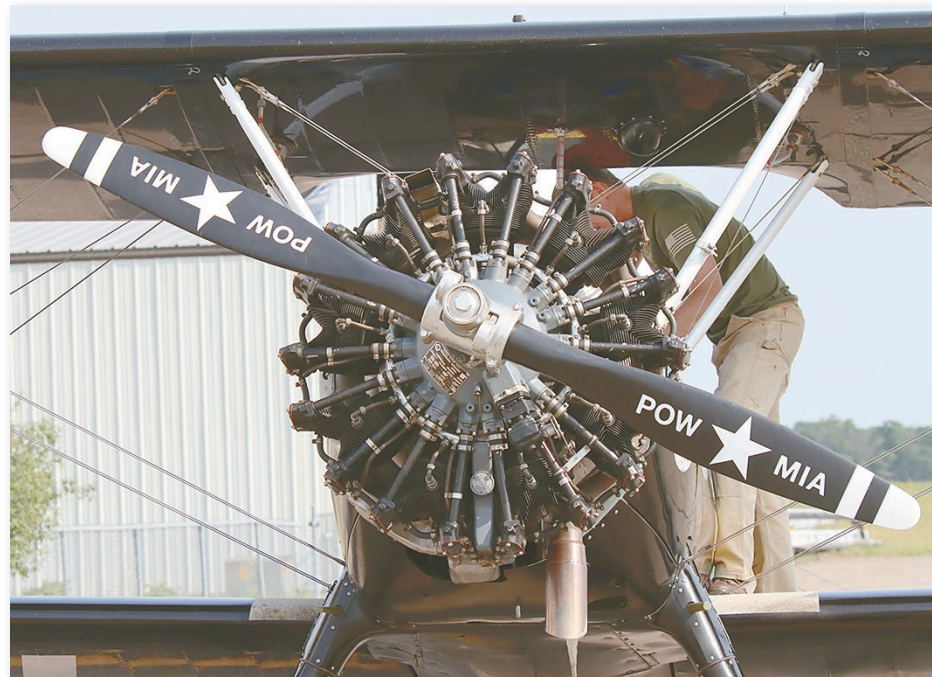
"I originally thought of a POW-MIA theme, and it's kinda morphed into, I think a lot of people, younger people especially, identify that flag not necessarily with POW-MIAs but more to military service, so that's why it's become this," Quay said. "So we're trying to honor

veterans from all wars or anyone who served their country."

Quay said the plane has only been fit for flight since last spring, so he's only been able to log about 130 hours in it. He said his goal is to bring it to as many airshows and fly-ins as possible, whenever he can outside his full-time job as an airline pilot. The plane has been in Cambridge since last Thursday, in a hanger provided by Kent and Lynn Schutte.

This is the second biplane Quay has restored. With the first one, it was discovered through the plane's logbooks, was a training plane for the Tuskegee Airmen. That plane is now housed in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. It was learning the history of that plane that inspired the design of this plane.

Weather permitting, Quay's plane, along with everything else for the fly-in, will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cambridge Airport, 3129 Airport Parkway NE.



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Very little space on Matt Quay's plane went unused for his homage to US veterans in general, but specifically POW-MIAs.



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Isanti County Veterans Services is moving to the south side of the Oakview building, giving veterans easier access than their previous location. The space is currently housing the Department of Corrections, who will be moving out in July.

Isanti County Veterans Services finds new home

BY BILL STICKELS III
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Veterans wishing to utilize the Isanti County Veterans Services Department will have a much easier time doing so as the department is moving to more accommodating confines.

Currently, the department is being housed on the top floor of the Isanti County Government Center, meaning veterans need to traverse the parking lot, go through a metal detector at the front doors, then head up to the top floor of the building. Beginning later this summer, however, the department will be housed across the street in the Oakview building.

Based on remodeling plans at Oakview that have been in the works for some time now, the Veterans Services Department will have its own entrance on the side of the building, along with exclusive parking right outside the door.

According to Interim County Administrator Chad Struss, the space Veterans Services will occupy was formally the home of the Department of Corrections. The DOC will be moving out of that space after July 1.

"The Oakview space will

provide Veterans Services with better access for clients, more space to provide services, and closer proximity to other Health and Human Services programs," summarized Struss.

According to Struss, the cost of the move will be approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000, which would include upgraded network infrastructure, installation of a handicapped-accessible door, and staff time to paint and clean the carpets.

According to Veterans Services Officer Jamie High, there will be no disruption in services during the move. "We can schedule our appointments with a little bit of downtime in place," High said. "We're going to stay in our current space until the other space is ready to go and then move right over."

He added he has had conversations with the IT department and he is comfortable all those updates will be in place. "If there is a lapse in anything, we do all have cell phones that we operate off and we will find space if we need. We see very little if any, hiccup in our services to our veterans."

PEDESTRIAN: Current council maintains insistence taxpayers won't pay for bridge

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snatched up by someone else. She did not specify the exact location.

Back in 2011, it was estimated the city would have to come up with up to about \$400,000 to cover its portion of the project. Based on most recent estimates, that amount has ballooned to \$1.7 million.

"It's not cheap to do," said Mayor Jimmy Gordon. "I was never a fan of spending city dollars on it. But if the state is going to give money away for projects, they have to allocate it for something, so I guess this is as good as anything."

Councilmember Luke Merrill asked if there has been any talk of MnDOT constructing an overpass or underpass, which would drastically lessen the need for a pedestrian bridge. Hillisheim said City Engineer Jason Cook reached out to MnDOT about that, but he was told "it wasn't in their 50-year plan."

"It (MnDOT's plans) could change based on data, but I don't think we would want to wait for it," Hillisheim said. "It is a very busy intersection. We have over 23,000 cars going through on 65 every day, along with 10,000 on (County Road) 5."

Wood said this is all just in the preliminary stages, but it wouldn't cost the city anything to at least apply for the state grant.

CONCERNS OVER WATER USAGE

Timing is everything, and unfortunately for Isanti residents, the timing of this summer's dry spell coincides directly with the city needing to conserve its water usage due to the city's water tower being offline for an improvement project. The combination of these two factors has emphasized the need for the city to start considering not if, but when the city will need to construct an additional water well. To that effect, the city has commissioned a Phase I Well Capacity Study.

Mayor Gordon emphasized this isn't an immediate emergency need, so they "don't need to go running around like our heads are on fire," however residents should seriously consider limiting things like watering their lawns until the water tower project is completed in mid-July.

It was added that the city does have an ordinance on the books for enforcing even/odd watering days, however, the council was apprehensive to actively enforce it. Instead, they are choosing to increase residents'

'It's pretty dangerous (pedestrians crossing Highway 65), and we think that we might be able to get some funding secured and use the federal funds as a match so it wouldn't take city dollars.'

Josi Wood

Isanti City Administrator

awareness of the situation. But if water usage continues to be high, they might have to enforce the ordinance.

MARKET RATE APARTMENTS CONSIDERED

The council has given a general "thumbs up" for a developer to consider building two, 30-unit apartment buildings on the land on the southeast corner of the intersection of Whiskey Road and Heritage Boulevard.

According to Hillisheim, the current zoning doesn't allow for multi-family housing such as this without also having retail space on the first floor. Therefore, if the project goes forward, it would require a Zoning and Comprehensive Plan amendment through a PUD process.

Before any of that happens, she said the developers were just looking to gauge the interest of the council.

For the most part, the council was agreeable to the idea, with Mayor Gordon stating he was "really excited" for the project. Merrill, however, was hesitant based on how close the apartments would be to Heritage Boulevard. He said he was concerned if, in the future, traffic increases in that area would prompt a widening of the road. Therefore, he would prefer to see the building sit farther away from the street. Other council members expressed suggestions for minor aesthetic changes to the development plans.

The plans will still have to go through the Planning Commission and then be formally brought before the council before construction can begin. The developers said they hope to get through the process by sometime in August.

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C-I, North Branch Classes of 2023 bids farewell



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North Branch graduates punctuate the Class of 2023 with the tossing of the caps, along with one last hardy "SKOL VIKINGS!"



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Going through Cambridge-Isanti's graduation ceremony brings out many emotions, including a few tears.



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A North Branch graduate blows kisses to the audience as he exits the gymnasium.



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C-I graduate Brody Bittis wears shades and a smile as he receives his diploma.



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Isabell Esget flashes a large smile as she receives her diploma.



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Rilie Fischer went all out decorating her cap with a pink boa.



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A pair of C-I graduates embrace outside the high school following the ceremony.

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Bluejacket track and field racks up five medals at Class AAA state

The Cambridge-Isanti boys and girls track and field teams made the most of their somewhat limited Class AAA State Meet berths. Out of the eight events they competed in, the Bluejackets came away with five medals. To see action photos of all the participating athletes, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.



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Tyvion Williams finished in ninth place in the boys 400.



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Micah Wilson rose to a third place finish in the boys pole vault, clearing a height of 14 feet, 3 inches.



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Hannah Bingham competed in the girls 300 hurdles, coming in 12th.



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Anika Larson (left) earned second place in both the 100 and 200, getting bested only by Maple Grove's star Jordyn Borsch in both events. Borsch, who is going to compete track in college for Notre Dame, also took first place in the 400.



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Evelyn Wiltrot did more than "have fun" at state as the senior qualified for the shot put finals by a mere quarter-inch. She would wind up finishing ninth in the event.

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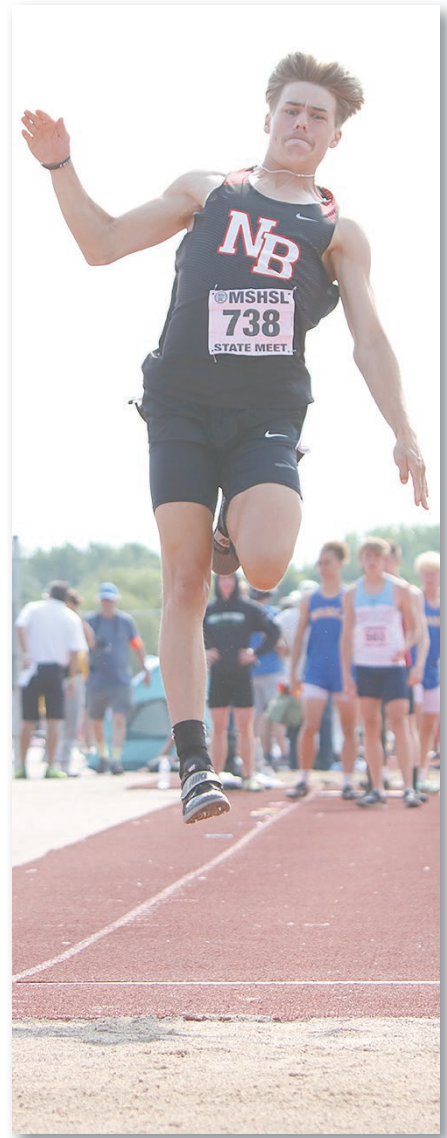
Ella Kuhlman placed eighth in the 300 hurdles.



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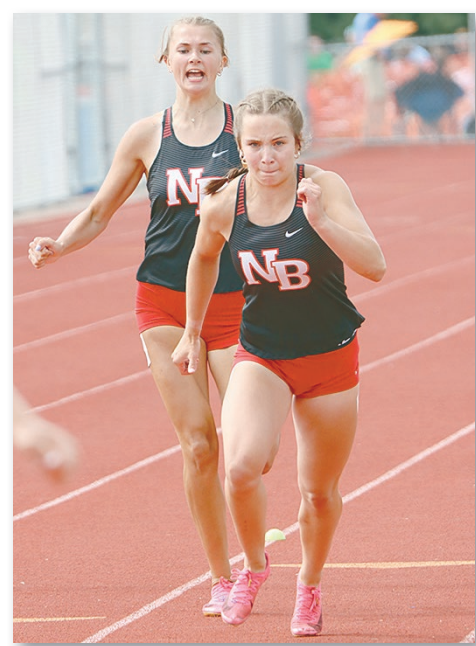
Freshman Ella Dick finished in sixth place in the girls pole vault by clearing 10 feet, 9 inches.

The North Branch girls and boys track and field teams were very busy during the Class AA State Meet, competing in a total of 14 events. Against tough competition, their efforts were rewarded with medals in four of those events. To see action photos of all the participating athletes, go to www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com.



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Nick Bovitz earned fifth place in the boys long jump and just finished off the podium in the triple jump, coming in 10th.



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The Viking girls 4x200 relay team of Avery Smith, Sophia Thorsen, Sophia Benedict, and Dakota Esget claimed sixth place at state.



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North Branch School Board tables student fees over milk price questions

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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The North Branch School Board has come up with the first of what could be a long list of challenges involving the state's adoption of free school meals for all students.

Thanks to the Minnesota Legislature, the largest change to student fees will be for breakfast and lunch, which will drop from \$2 and \$3 to 3.20, respectively, to \$0. One free standard breakfast and lunch, including a carton of milk, will be free for all public and charter school students in the coming school year.

Bought individually, the board is considering charging 70 cents for milk via the ala carte menu. This last fact was a sticking point for Director Adam Trampe, who brought up students would take advantage of the free meal to get a milk and throw their meals away rather than paying the 70 cents for milk alone.

"I know some of this is statutory,"

Trampe said, "but if we could look at ways to make that make sense. It seems that our friends in Saint Paul ought to be smarter than that."

District Finance Director Todd Tetzlaff, who was giving the presentation, said he did not know how common of a practice that would be, but agreed to look into it.

Chairperson Tim MacMillan tabled the student fees question to the board's July meeting to allow time to look into the issue.

GRADUATION TRADITIONS

In conjunction with the last day of school, Superintendent Sara Paul talked about one of the great traditions with the schools.

Paul told the board about the annual tradition of graduating high school students walking the halls in a procession on the last day of school, calling it a "tear-jerking" event.

Director Heather Naegele concurred, complimenting the staff on the idea of having kindergartners hold photos of

the grads during the procession.

"That was an amazing experience for my graduate," she said.

Q COMP UPDATE

Q Comp, the common name for the Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System, is "an alternative teacher compensation and professional development system," according to a report from the state legislative auditor. Districts who choose to participate are eligible for extra funding per student.

Each school building has a site leader, all four of whom spoke to the board with Adam Treichel, the district's Director of Teaching and Learning, about the year's progress.

The biggest change this year was that meetings went from monthly to weekly, which site leaders said was very beneficial. At meetings, teachers can discuss specific challenges they're facing in their classrooms and share solutions among their colleagues.

Another component of the program is to measure student achievement

against teachers' professional development, which Treichel said would begin the following week.

Treichel praised the staff participating in the program.

"They are constantly, constantly looking for that next revision or improvement," he said.

Naegele, who works as a substitute teacher for the district, made the case for supporting teachers where they are, rather than constantly striving to improve, which she said could lead to burnout.

Juanita Worthley, site leader for the high school and Norse Area Learning Center, assured Naegele the teachers are supported by the program, sharing their successes during weekly meetings.

"When we get to see that, we can cheer for each other," she said.

The meeting closed at 6:30 for a discussion on labor negotiations.

Tracy Hare selected as new Cambridge Middle School principal

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Cambridge-Isanti Schools is excited to announce that Tracy Hare, currently assistant principal at Cambridge Middle School, will be the school's new principal next year. Ms. Hare was selected following a comprehensive interview process to replace Mr. Gerlach who will be moving to a high school principal position in Roseau beginning next year.

Recently honored at the Bluejacket Celebration with the District's PBIS Award, Ms. Hare has brought creative and innovative ideas to Cambridge Middle School since becoming a Bluejacket in fall 2022.

"She is a positive, caring, upbeat role model for students and staff alike, and she models the Bluejacket Pride traits in all that she does. Her skills in working with middle school students have improved the attitudes and productivity of our students," said a colleague in nominating her for the award. "Tracy has brought so much fun and excitement to CMS with all of her energy and hard work, and she has moved CMS up to the next

level with PBIS this year!"

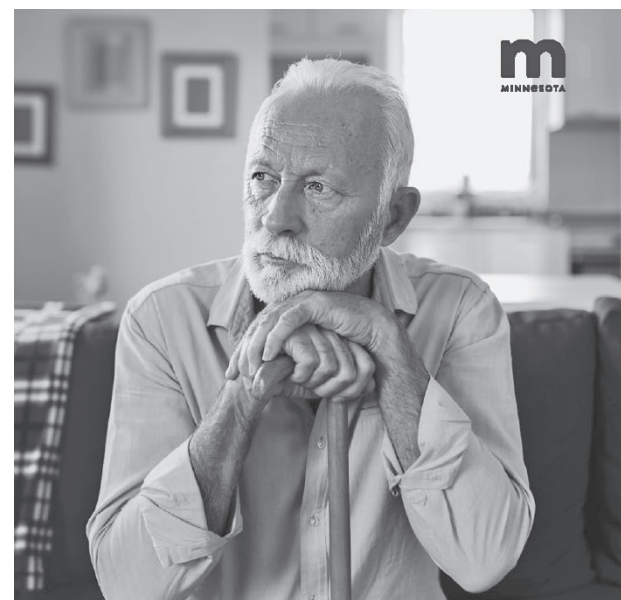
"Tracy is an experienced educator and leader who brings creative and innovative thinking to her work," said Superintendent Nate Rudolph. "She has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in her short time with us and she is well-prepared to move into this new position. The selection committee was clearly impressed by her energy, focus on relationships, and commitment to positive leadership. We look forward to a seamless transition for the school next year."

Ms. Hare had served as assistant principal and academic coach at North Junior High School in St. Cloud for three years prior to joining Cambridge-Isanti Schools in 2022. In addition to overseeing the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support team at North, she also led the school's multi-tier system of supports (MTSS) through data-based problem-solving and intervention decision-making, assisted with analysis of assessment data to drive instructional change, facilitated new teacher induction, and coordinated the school's college



and career readiness middle-level advisory. She started her career in Becker Public Schools, where she taught for 15 years. She also spent three years working with a technology-based, on-demand teacher professional development provider.

Ms. Hare will join Mr. Schiller (Cambridge Primary School) and Ms. Edwards (Isanti Intermediate & C-I STEAM School) in beginning their new principal roles on July 1.



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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on June 4 - 10. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Ruben Contreras Hernandez (DOB 10/08/1992) of Minneapolis, was charged June 5 with Felon Convicted Crime of Violence - Firearm or Ammunition Violation.

Jasmeen Ahmed Campbell (DOB 09/07/1977) of Minneapolis, was charged June 8 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.

Jacob Steven Coult (DOB 08/31/1982) of Ramsey, was charged June 8 with fugitive from justice from other state.

Daniel James Stewart (DOB 06/04/1985) of Ogilvie, was charged June 8 with one count of Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk; one count of Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent; and Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent.

Joseph Daniel Madigan (DOB 09/08/1978) of St. Paul, was charged June 9 with four counts of Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence; and one count of Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

Keenan Joshua Penz Leonard (DOB 06/26/1988) of Isanti, was charged June 9 with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on June 4 - 10. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Drew Allen Wethern (DOB 06/05/2023) of North Branch, was charged June 5 with Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.

Nichole Elizabeth Baker (DOB 09/16/1985) of Minneapolis, was charged June 6 with

Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana.

Alex Leshawn Ellis-Lindahl (DOB 02/28/2003) of Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn.

Dallas Raymond Evenstad (DOB 06/22/1988) of Albertville, was charged June 8 with Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony; Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm.

Talking running and health with U of M

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With warm weather finally here, runners are lacing up their shoes and heading out to their favorite paths.

David Supik, DO, with the University of Minnesota Medical School talks about the health benefits of running, common injuries and advice for new runners.

Q: How does running benefit our health and overall wellbeing?

Dr. Supik: Studies show that individuals who regularly engage in physical activities, such as running, have an average life expectancy that is about seven years longer than inactive individuals. Running can decrease the risk factors for some of the most common diseases and conditions we might face, including hypertension, obesity, elevated cholesterol, diabetes and osteoporosis. Running can even shrink risks for some cancers. From a mental health perspective, running can improve blood flow to the brain and help to combat our daily stresses of work or school. It can also improve cognition, fight depression, anxiety and decrease our risk for Alzheimer's disease.

Q: What are some of the most common injuries runners experience? How can you avoid injury?

Dr. Supik: Most commonly, we see overuse injuries related to overtraining—either by ramping up a new running program too quickly or not providing adequate rest or cross-training between runs. Each time we run, it places small stresses on ligaments, tendons, bones and muscles. If these structures don't have time to repair themselves between bouts of exercise, it can lead to injury. These injuries most commonly include tendonitis, shin splints, runner's knee, IT band syn-

drome and stress fractures.

Stretching and strengthening can help to avoid injury. Start slow when adopting a new running plan. Allow your body to rest and recover between runs. It can also be helpful to consider cross-training with a lower impact activity, such as biking or resistance exercise.

Q: What does it mean to 'hit the wall' when running? How can it be avoided?

Dr. Supik: 'Hitting the wall' occurs at a specific point in a run when your body runs out of energy. The easily burned fuel in your body called glycogen — a form of sugar — is used up. Your legs might feel as if you just ran into a section of wet concrete. You may also experience a wave of extreme fatigue and self-doubt, cramping or blurred vision.

Hitting the wall can be avoided by relying on your individual training. Avoiding running longer and faster than you are prepared for. Proper nutrition before and during your run is also crucial. Pre-run meals should be balanced and include carbohydrate-rich food. Stay hydrated and consuming energy gels or carbohydrate drinks during longer runs.

Q: What advice do you have for beginners interested in running?

Dr. Supik: First, you should always get off on the right foot with the proper running gear. Fortunately, unlike other sports like hockey, you won't break the bank. New running shoes and moisture wicking clothing are the basic essentials.

Set attainable goals for yourself, keep a regular schedule and try to follow it.

Dr. David Supik is a family medicine and sports medicine physician at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

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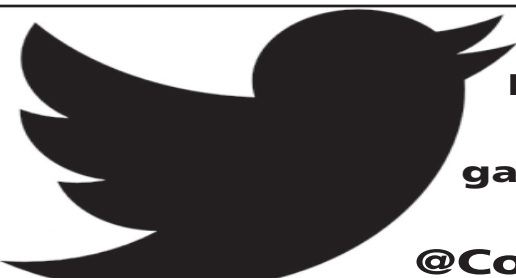
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Lead Pastor: Travis Blake
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nib-
church.com

Email: nibchurch@msn.com

763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
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South Isanti Baptist Church

3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.
763-444-5860, Pastor Bob Venneman. Sunday Worship
9:30am. Wednesday "Life & Light" Bible studies for all
ages. Adults & children. For info call or go to
southisantibaptist.org.

Springvale Baptist

Merrill Olson, Interim Pastor
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
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763-689-1373
springvalechurchmn.org

Sunrise Bible Church

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9:30am, Sunday morning Worship 10:30am, Sunday
evening 6pm. Wed. Kids 4 Truth & Bible studies for all
ages 6:30pm. More info at
sunrisebiblechurch.org
or 651-674-4107.

Catholic

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: annseton76@gmail.com. Mass: Tues. & Wed.
7:30am. Sun. 8:30am. stelizabeth-isanti.org.

Evangelical Covenant

Karmel Covenant Church

5799 County Road 6, Princeton, MN
763-389-3169
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
Karmelcov.org

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
651-583-3281 · Kostchurch.org
Pastor Josh Jensen
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Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
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Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
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email:
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First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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www.firstlutheranharris.org

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www.joylutheran.net
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CONTACT:

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