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## C-I Schools AMPed about new program

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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In its ongoing effort to prepare all students in their post-graduation interests, the Cambridge-Isanti High School has begun a partnership between the school and local manufacturing businesses that sets up students for a future in a locally vital industry.

Dubbed “Bluejacket AMP,” the Advanced Manufacturing Program is a school-year-long course available to juniors and seniors interested in working in a variety of trades, including welding, CAD design, metals and machining, and woodworking.

“Bluejacket AMP aims to create relevant, hands-on work experiences for the students involved,” reads the informational brochure. “Students in AMP will develop work skills and be on the path to their future career.”

The program is broken up into two parts. During the first part, students are instructed on how to go through an application and interview process, complete with filling out a resume, directly applying with one of the participating manufacturers, and then interviewing with that

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**Katie Soler**  
CIHS Career and College Coordinator

company. If hired, the student will be a paid intern for that company for the remainder of the school year, with the business having the option of keeping that student as a regular employee beyond that.

According to instructor Jeremiah Semler, students are not just randomly paired with a local business. During the classroom portion of the program, students have the opportunity to discover their strengths and specific interests.

Most importantly, the classroom portion provides OSHA 10 certification, which is a comprehensive workplace safety

training the students must pass before being placed. According to Semler, students under the age of 18 are not allowed to perform some workplace tasks. However, since the students are safety certified, the Department of Labor and Industry gives exceptions to the rules, but only to a certain point.

### UNMITIGATED SUCCESS

While still only in its first year of existence, the program has been deemed extremely successful. Twenty students signed up for the program and have been placed in 11 companies spread out over five communities.

“I have a friend down by Wayzata that set up a similar program,” Semler said, “and he says, ‘How are you guys doing it? It’s not working that well for us.’ He’s pretty impressed with how many kids we have and how all the businesses want to keep them.”

“Minnesota Department of Labor, the people that are working with us, have said that we have one of the more robust programs as being new starters that they have seen throughout the state,” Career and College

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Cambridge-Isanti High School junior Ellis Kohn works on a welding project. Ellis started working as an intern at MCM as part of AMP. CONTRIBUTED

## Isanti teams with U of M researcher to combat Emerald Ash Borer

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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The city of Isanti is joining a unique study into a possible natural way to fight the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Beginning this spring, a research team led by Colin Peters, a University of Minnesota graduate student, would inject 100 trees in Isanti with a natural fungus they believe will kill the insect while in its larval stage.

According to Peters, the fungi are derived from Minnesota Ash trees. The fungi are turned into a liquid form in

order to be able to inject into Ash trees just underneath the bark where the EAB larva feed, thus causing the larva to ingest the fungi. Peters said once ingested, it is believed the fungi travel through the circulatory system, absorbing all the nutrients.

“Basically, the larva starves to death because the fungi steals all the nutrients,” Peters said.

Peters said the controlled lab tests have had very positive results, enough so his team is ready to conduct a field study.

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## Abbreviated visit

Taikyu High School students Ria Kawamoto and Yui Somemichi help raise the Japanese flag in front of the Cambridge-Isanti High School during a welcome ceremony for students from Yuasa, Japan — Cambridge’s sister city. Students from Yuasa and Cambridge-Isanti High School have been visiting each other for 42 years. This year’s visit was unfortunately cut short as the students’ original flight was canceled due to Minnesota’s recent snowstorm.

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# AMP: Twenty students, 11 companies participating in program's inaugural year

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Coordinator Katie Soler added.

What's more, the program is receiving extremely positive feedback from businesses and students alike.

"Manufacturing is huge in our area, and nobody was teaching it. The tech schools went away for a long time," Marc Volk, from Metal Coatings & Manufacturing in Isanti, said. "For CIHS to bring this back and get kids involved right away is amazing. We have (people) that are 25 or 26 years old, they tried college, they built zero skills, and they're starting at the bottom. With this program, the kids are coming in, and they're learning real-world ways of doing things instead of just being taught how to do it."

Volk emphasized the students are treated just like any of their other employees.

"They follow the same rules," Volk said. "When they need time off, they're filling out their time off slips. They're contacting us through email. Honestly, I wish all of our employees would follow what (the instructors had taught (the students) — their communication. Cambridge-Isanti Schools has been doing a great job with this."

"The AMP program is perfect for me," junior Ellis Kohn said. "I wanted to work for MCM, it is right through the school,



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**"I am learning a lot more things than I would in the classroom." - Ellis Kohn, CIHS junior participating in AMP.**

it's exactly what I wanted. I am learning a lot more things than I would in the classroom. (Before) I had learned a lot of how to weld, but I never learned how to change the gas, change the wire feed, how to use the machine, not only just when the teacher comes in and turns the machine on."

The program, which was able to be started in large part thanks to an \$80,000 Youth Skills Training grant, has been so successful, Soler said, they are hoping to get another grant in order to start up a similar program in health careers.

# EAB: A total of 130 trees to be used in initial study

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That is where Isanti fits in. Besides the 100 trees injected with the fungi, 100 trees would be set aside untreated to act as a control group. The researchers would monitor the results of both trees for several years. Additionally, 30 trees would be injected with an industry standard insecticide that is known to be a very effective treatment of Ash trees, "to see if our fungus injection can live up to that standard."

Peters said Isanti is an ideal location to conduct his study since "Isanti is situated right along the front of where Emerald Ash Borer is located in the state. Many of your Ash trees are relatively healthy and gone past the point of no return."

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**Steve Lundeen**  
Isanti City Council Member

A secondary part of the research would be to see if trees that are originally not infected with EAB would build up a defensive resistance to EAB.

Additionally, since there are over 300 Ash trees in Isanti, there are plenty of trees to con-

duct future field studies all in one central location.

Peters said he is applying for a grant that would fully fund the project, so participating will not cost the city any money.

"I think this is an awesome opportunity if we can be a central area and we can save some trees and be a positive impact to the rest of the state," Mayor Luke Merrill said.

"This doesn't just benefit the city of Isanti," Council member Steve Lundeen said. "It could benefit the rest of Minnesota or the country. This is a program that would be a huge asset to other communities."

For its part, the city council is writing a letter of support for Peters to include in his grant application.

# Blood test may predict survival after 70

Why do some people live longer than others? New research from the University of Minnesota and Duke University, recently published in Aging Cell, investigates how tiny molecules in the bloodstream — called small RNAs — may explain and determine differences in human longevity.

RNA is a molecule that helps to regulate the function of cells. Small RNA, including microRNAs (miRNAs) and piwi-interacting RNAs (piRNAs), help regulate how genes function and may influence aging and survival. By analyzing blood samples from more than 1,200 adults aged 71 and older, researchers examined whether specific small RNAs are linked to longer life, whether they can help predict survival in a clinically meaningful way and whether they point to potential drug targets that could one day support healthier aging.

The study: Supports a causal link — a demonstrable cause-and-effect relationship — between the circulation of small RNAs and life expectancy.

Developed a prediction model that combined small RNAs with clinical and demographic factors, which showed strong accuracy in predicting the sample group's two-year survival rates.

Identified nine piRNAs — a specific type of RNAs — that were consistently lower in longer-lived individuals, highlighting them as potential therapeutic targets.

"There is compelling evidence that small RNAs are powerful predictors and highly promising determinants of survival in older adults and potential biomarkers of longevity," said Sisi Ma, the co-first author of the study and an associate professor in the University of Minnesota's Institute for Health Informatics. "By quantifying these molecules through a simple blood test, we can move toward personalized monitoring and the development of new therapeutics that intervene in the aging process to help people live healthier for longer."

Central to the success of the work was the causal predictive AI capacity at the University of Minnesota Institute for Health informatics. Traditional AI typically relies on correlation — identifying if two things happen together — whereas causal AI gets at the "why" behind the data. Through their partnership with aging experts from Duke University, the team was able to bridge computational discovery and medical application to ensure that the findings were both clinically relevant and grounded in the complex biology of human aging.

The research establishes a new framework for using causal predictive AI to streamline the journey from the lab to the clinic. The AI tools integrated into the biomedical discovery workflow establishes a faster, more scalable model for medical breakthroughs.

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

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

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

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

**TUES & THURS**  
**Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's**  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Chisago County Drop-In**



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**Christ Ev. Lutheran Church is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 for ages one to 10.**

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

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

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

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

**ACA Adult Children of**

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

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

**Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House**  
 Third Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Get your questions answered by trained agents. (763) 689-7390 or eclib.org for info.

**Tax Help with AARP**  
 at North Branch Public Library from noon to 3 p.m. through April 16 By appointment only by calling Seven County Senior Federation at 320-679-4700.

**SATURDAY**

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

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

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

**MARCH 28**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 For children ages 1-10, as well as the Easter story and Easter brunch, will be offered at Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (1 mile east of Cambridge on Hwy 95) beginning at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9:40 a.m. Call 763-5333 with any questions.

**MARCH 31**  
**Veterinary Care: Tips and Tricks for a Healthy Lifestyle with Ruff Start Rescue**  
 Join Jordyn from Ruff Start Rescue at the Cambridge Library as we learn about Veterinary Care: Tips and Tricks for a Healthy Lifestyle for our pets. We will be making tie blankets for our pets at home, or to donate back to Ruff Start. Event will be held in the Discovery Center 6 - 7 p.m. Registration required.

**APRIL 2**  
**The band Neighborz Concert**  
 At the Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 6th ,North Branch. A meal starts the event at 5 p.m. followed by music and dancing. A suggested donation for the meal is \$5-10. For more info.about We R Able programming call 320-358-3616.

**SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS**

**CAMBRIDGE**  
 140 Buchanan Street  
**Mondays**  
 Bridge - 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Mahjong - noon to 3 p.m.  
**Tuesdays**  
 Dominoes - 10 a.m. to noon  
 Coloring - 9 a.m.  
 Hand and Foot - 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
**Wednesdays**  
 Cribbage - 9 to 11 a.m.  
 Wizard 11 a.m. to noon  
 Pinochle 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
 Mahjong noon to 3 p.m.  
**Thursdays**  
 500 - 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
 Bunco - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Third Thursday of month)

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**Monday & Wednesday**  
 500 - starting at 12:45 p.m.

**Tuesdays**  
 Music - provided before the meal - 11:15 a.m.  
 Dominoes - starting at 10 a.m.  
**Thursdays**  
 Bingo - starting at 10 a.m.  
 Hand and Foot - starting at 12:30 p.m.  
**Fridays**  
 Cribbage - starting at 12:45 p.m.

## Minnesota DNR webinar series offers new sessions this spring

Webinars on the 75th anniversary of wildlife management areas in Minnesota, turkeys, and native fish, are part of the spring lineup for the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"We are approaching that wonderful time of year when our natural world is waking up and seeming to come alive again after winter," said Benji Kohn, DNR volunteer mentor program coordinator. "Spring is a favorite time of year for many Minnesotans, and our webinars aim to share tips for people interested in getting out and enjoying the outdoors."

The DNR hosts these live webinars every other Wednesday at noon. Upcoming topics include:

**APRIL 8: TURKEY**

Turkeys are one of Minnesota's most successful reintroduced species and many hunters look forward to hunting them each spring. Join Greg Henderson, wildlife specialist and avid hunter, as he talks about turkey populations across the state, different hunting opportunities and some tips for bagging a gobbler.

**APRIL 22: NATIVE FISH**

Native fish are an important part of the ecosystem in Minnesota. Join Shannon Fisher, fisheries populations and regulations manager, as he talks about

native species, their importance to Minnesota, and related regulation and legislative updates.

**MAY 6: WALLEYE**

Walleye fishing season is around the corner. Join DNR fisheries staff to talk about the walleye forecast for this year, a behind-the-scenes look at how the DNR manages this species, and some tips for catching one.

**MAY 20: YELLOW BASS**

Yellow bass is a species that is growing in popularity across southern Minnesota. Join Jonah Dagele, Windom area fisheries biologist, and Jon Lore, an avid yellow bass angler, as they discuss the population's status, biology, fishing challenges and angling opportunities.

All webinars are captioned and free. Pre-registration is required to participate in the live events. The DNR posts recordings of each episode online for those who can't attend live, and registration is not required to view recordings. Episode descriptions, registration information and archives are available on the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series webpage (mndnr.gov/discover). For other education and learning opportunities



from the DNR, visit:

The education and safety training webpage (mndnr.gov/education-safety) for information on boat and water safety, hunter education, firearms safety, natural resources education, and recreational vehicle safety.

The I Can! webpage (mndnr.gov/ican) for details on this program that includes offerings to help people of all ages learn about camping, paddling, mountain biking, fishing and archery. -MN DNR

## Ban on non-disclosures by local governments overdue

Last week I wrote in this space about a proposed bill in the Minnesota Legislature I didn't agree with. This week, I want to focus on another proposed bill I am wholeheartedly in favor of. This proposal, which is reported to have the increasingly rare bipartisan support, would either ban or at the very least greatly limit local governments from signing non-disclosure agreements.

This piece of legislation has been mainly inspired by proposed data centers being approved by local governments without the knowledge of constituents, including state legislators themselves.

Now, I'm not going to get into the merits of these data centers. That's a giant rabbit hole I'd rather not go down unless it becomes directly pertinent to the communities the Star covers. By extension, I'm not going to get into how this proposed legislation will impact the construction of data centers.

Data centers are the extreme example of how local governments could easily use non-disclosure agreements to avoid facing

the general public with a controversial project. It also shows how these agreements could be a slippery slope for local governments hiding other projects that also might be controversial, especially considering the rise of NIMBY (not in my back yard) movements on anything from marijuana related businesses to certain types of housing developments.

It would be naive of me to think our local governments don't ever sign non-disclosure agreements. However, I do believe they don't abuse this practice.

I haven't heard what local governments think of this proposed legislation. I'm guessing some would argue it would hinder their efforts to bring in new business and developers. To that, I would argue the benefits would outweigh the negatives. Not being able to legally sign non-disclosures would automatically increase transparency — a major buzzword for local governments. As an offshoot of that, it would also lessen residents' distrust in local government.

Admittedly, this proposal is very self-serving for the media. When I first heard about this proposed bill, my initial reaction was shock that non-disclosure agreements were even allowed to be signed by local governments. It flies so much in the face of public data and open meeting laws, I have no idea why the media hasn't addressed this before. So, from that perspective, I will be grateful to data centers for bringing it to the forefront of the state legislature's attention — albeit unintentionally and much to those companies' chagrin.

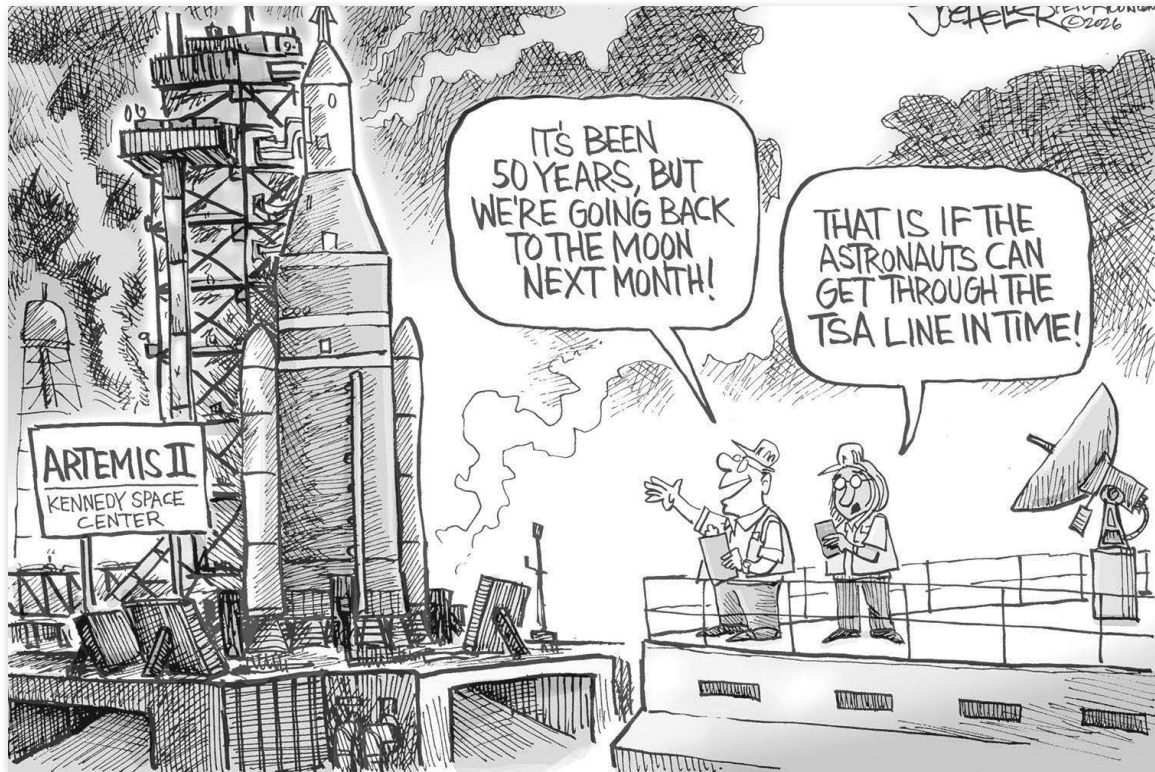
It is also very frustrating for us when we know local governments have information we know the public wants to know about, but for whatever reason, they decline to reveal it. Sometimes, I'm sure it is based on some form of non-disclosure agreement, if not a legally binding contract, then it is an informal "courtesy" agreement.

I don't know if this bill would eliminate all of those agreements, or just the formal, legal contracts. But, even if it is the latter, it might at least encourage the lessening of the courtesy agreements, too. Either way, it is something that is long overdue, simply due to our being unaware it was even going on.

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**Worth a Thousand Words**  
Bill Stickels III



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### More homes, more choices for Minnesota families

**To the editor,**

Minnesota's housing challenges will not be solved by doing things the way we always have. If we want strong communities, a reliable workforce, and families who can afford to stay where they belong, we need to address a major barrier: local rules that limit what people can build and where they can build it.

During my 16 years as a county commissioner, I saw how personal housing issues really are. Again and again, I heard from people who wanted to create a small living space for a loved one who needed to live nearby. These were common-sense solutions that allowed families to care for one another and stay connected.

Too often, government said no.

That never made sense to me. Government should serve the public, not stand in the way of

reasonable housing options.

That is why I supported accessory dwelling units in our county. We launched a work group and spent about 18 months working through the details. We knew we were among the first rural counties in Minnesota to take this on, and we wanted to get it right.

That experience taught me this: housing policy is not just about building new homes. It is also about removing barriers that no longer make sense.

Today, Minnesota is short tens of thousands of homes. That shortage is driving up prices and putting homeownership out of reach for many families. Seniors who want to live near family face obstacles. Workers who want to stay in their communities' face obstacles. Young families trying to put down roots face obstacles.

Housing is a workforce issue, a family issue, and a community issue.

A patchwork of rules across cities and counties makes it harder to build the homes people need. It adds time, cost, and

uncertainty. Minnesota needs clear, consistent standards that allow more types of homes in more places while still giving communities flexibility in how they grow.

Simple changes can make a big difference: allowing smaller homes on smaller lots, making it easier to build townhomes and duplexes, and permitting accessory dwelling units without long approval processes. All these can be found in the proposed Starter Home Act (HF3895/SF4123).

These are not radical ideas. They are practical steps that give families more choices.

We cannot rely on a patchwork of local changes alone. The need is too great, and the stakes are too high. It is time for the Legislature to act so that more Minnesotans can live, work, raise their families, and grow older in the communities they love.

**Susan Morris**  
East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity Executive Director

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# City of Cambridge 2026 road construction update

## You'll be seeing more orange cones this year



**Cambridge City Views**  
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**Cambridge City Views**  
Greg Anderson

**A**nother busy construction season is on the way, with both City led and MnDOT led projects happening throughout Cambridge. Here's what you can expect and how to stay informed.

### 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – CITY PROJECT

The City of Cambridge will be completing street and utility improvements in four areas:

- 2nd Avenue SE & 3rd Avenue NE – commercial areas along TH 95 on the east side of the city
- Dellwood Street South – between 11th and 18th Ave SW
- Marigold Drive neighborhood – north of Joe's Lake Road
- Cyprus, Birch, and Ashland Streets SW between 6th and 11th Ave SW

Project bidding will take place in March/April, with construction scheduled from May through October.

Access to local businesses and residences will be maintained throughout construction, though drivers should expect detours and follow posted signage. If you visit businesses along TH 95 east, you may need to use alternate routes at times—watch for updates and signage.

TH 95 Improvements – MnDOT Project  
MnDOT's work on TH 95 will span two years and two project phases:

### PHASE 1 – 2026

- Rum River to Main Street
- Tree removal is already underway and will be completed by March 31.
- No building removals are planned for 2026.
- The contractor plans to use the Turpen Realty building as the project field office.
- Work will start near the river with storm sewer improvements and construction of a new stormwater pond on the north side of TH 95, west of Fern Street.

Phase 1 will include two construction stages:  
Stage 1 (April to mid summer)

- Work zone: Fern Street to east of Dellwood Street
- TH 95 detour: 2nd Avenue SW to Birch Street
- Stage 2 (mid summer to October)
- Work zone: Dellwood Street to Main Street
- TH 95 detour: Dellwood Street to 11th Ave SE to Garfield Street

Pedestrian Access During Phase 1 (2026):

- East/west sidewalks will remain open on at least one side of TH 95
- North/south crossings will be open at major intersections
- Stage 1: Fern Street or Dellwood Street will always remain open
- Stage 2: Birch Street or Cypress Street will always remain open

### LOOKING AHEAD TO PHASE 2 – 2027

- Main Street to Fillmore Street
- Cleveland Street or Emerson Street will remain open for north/south crossings.
- Railroad switch relocation for Federated Propane is planned for 2027.
- Construction is expected April–October 2027.

### STAY INFORMED

MnDOT will host a public open house for the Highway 95 improvement project on Wednesday, March 25 from 4–6 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library.

The City of Cambridge has dedicated a website page to provide the most up-to-date information, use the QR code to access this page, or visit our website at [www.ci.cambridge.mn.us/projects/2026-2027-road-construction-updates](http://www.ci.cambridge.mn.us/projects/2026-2027-road-construction-updates). On this site, residents can also sign up for email updates on the project through MnDOT.

Todd Schwab is the Public Works/Utilities Director for The City of Cambridge. If you have any questions related to this column, please feel free to reach out by email at [tschwab@ci.cambridge.mn.us](mailto:tschwab@ci.cambridge.mn.us) or by phone at (763)689-1800.

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## Safe driving takes focus

**Q**uestion: Even with laws I still see a lot of motorists driving distracted. Can you get a reminder out there?

**A**nswer: Driver distraction or inattention is a leading factor in crashes in Minnesota, accounting for at least 25 percent of all crashes annually.

Distracted drivers fail to recognize potential hazards on the road and react more slowly to traffic conditions, decreasing their margin of safety. Types of driver distraction:

- Visual: Looking away from the road.
- Mechanical/physical: Taking hands off the wheel.
- Cognitive: Being “lost in thought.”

Distractions inside the vehicle can include activities such as: using a cell phone, using a GPS, reaching for items, eating and drinking, adjusting the radio, talking to other passengers, and reading maps and other materials. Even when you are watching the road, behaviors such as looking at a crash scene or daydreaming can divert attention from your driving responsibilities. For safety, give the task of driving your full attention at all times.

Certain driver behaviors are illegal on Minnesota roads. These include using a cell phone or wireless computer device for text messaging, emailing or accessing the internet while driving, including while stopped in traffic. Drivers under age 18 with an instruction permit or provisional license are prohibited from using a cell phone, whether handheld or hands-free, except to call 911 in an emergency. It is also illegal to wear headphones or earphones in both ears simultaneously to listen to a radio or other sound-producing device.

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 Trip. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on “X” @MSPPIO\_NW or reach him at, [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)).

**Ask A Trooper**  
Jesse Grabow

## Venison donations to fight hunger climb in 2025

### More than 50% increase in pounds processed for MN food charities from 2024

Minnesota hunters donated nearly 14,000 pounds of venison to food banks, food shelves, and feeding programs in 2025, an amount that exceeded 2024 donations by more than 50%.

The Hunter-Harvested Venison Donation Program, which is a cooperative effort among Minnesota deer hunters, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provides an excellent source of protein to people in need and supports efforts to manage local deer populations.

Minnesota's various deer hunting seasons run from mid-September through the end of the year. This year included special hunts in late December that contributed to the totals.

In 2025, hunters donated 13,883 pounds of venison from 403 deer. That was up from 8,972 pounds donated in 2024, and exceeds the previous record for the past decade of 13,206 pounds donated in 2019.

The Minnesota Legislature established the program in 2007 with state funding and a fee increase for non-resident deer hunting licenses, plus a voluntary donation option on all license purchases.

Hunters and processors must adhere to specific program standards designed to prevent food-borne illness. Participating licensed meat processors are eligible for reimbursement of costs.

#### MINNESOTA HUNTER-HARVESTED VENISON DONATION PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of deer donated	335	237	243	212	221	251	403
Pounds of donated venison processed	13,206	8,047	9,457	7,371	7,804	8,973	13,883

## Non-binary is topic of PFLAG's April 19 event

ECMN PFLAG is hosting an event, “Let's Talk: An Invitation to Hear from Our Transgender and Non-Binary Community.”

This combination presentation, panel, and discussion will be held Sunday, April 19, 1-4 p.m., at Common Ground, United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress Street N., Cambridge, MN, 55008.

Inter-active presentations and open dialogue will be structured around the following topics: Trans 101, engaging schools and communities in advocacy,

gender's relationship to mental and physical health, allyship, resources, and shared experiences.

Come with your questions and concerns. Let's break the myths and stereotypes surrounding our non-binary friends, neighbors and family members. The event is free and open to everyone who is interested in supporting our LGBTQ+ community. Refreshments provided. - PFLAG

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# Talking potholes with University of Minnesota

While the end of winter brings warmer temperatures and green grass, it also heralds the beginning of one of the most difficult times of year for drivers: pothole season.

Manik Barman, a professor in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota Duluth and a scholar with the Center for Transportation Studies, discusses what causes potholes, the work that goes into fixing them and how drivers can stay safe on uneven roads.

**Q:** What causes potholes?

**Prof. Barman:** Minnesota's roads endure exceptionally harsh weather conditions. Severely cold temperatures, heavy snowfall, de-icing salt and relentless freeze-thaw cycles significantly influence the state of roads in our region. Potholes are generally a secondary distress symptom following primary structural issues — such as cracks — caused by traffic load, material wear and weather. When water infiltrates the pavement, it expands as it freezes, which creates internal micro-cracks. Once the ice thaws, it leaves behind hollow voids that cannot support weight. Consequently, the load from passing vehicles disintegrates this weakened asphalt, transforming minor flaws into significant potholes.

**Q:** How are potholes patched?

**Prof. Barman:** Potholes need to be repaired to ensure the safety of all road users. Different patching methods and materials are available, including conventional asphalt mixes, cold mixes and specialized proprietary materials. Historically, winter potholes were temporarily patched using a cold mix as a stop-gap measure until more permanent patching could be applied. Since patching with hot mixes is usually performed in non-winter seasons, crews have often had to visit and repair the same pothole multiple times.

**Q:** How have repair methods changed?

**Prof. Barman:** In recent years, innovations have been made in both methods and materials, and the University of Minnesota has been involved with many projects designed to help crews make Minnesota roads safer. Hot mixes are the best to repair

potholes, and on-site equipment has advanced so they can be used during winter, too. By heating existing materials around the pothole, hot mixes enhance the bonding of the patch and lead to better long-term conditions. Among these new patching materials, the University of Minnesota Duluth's taconite-based patching material is fast-setting, lasts significantly longer and can be applied more easily in winter.

**Q:** What should Minnesotans know about potholes?

**Prof. Barman:** Transportation agencies work hard to mitigate the hazards of pothole-infested roads through preventive maintenance and periodic repair projects. However, given Minnesota's volatile climate — specifically the relentless freeze-thaw cycle — potholes remain an unavoidable reality of our local infrastructure.

Here are some pothole tips for drivers:

Anticipate potholes and consider scheduling extra time to drive slowly and cautiously.

Watch for vehicle damage after pothole encounters.

Report pothole occurrences to transportation agencies in your city, county and/or MnDOT as soon as possible.

While frustrating, potholes are a by-product of the same extreme weather that defines our region. Staying calm and focused ensures you make safer decisions behind the wheel.

**Q:** How is the University of Minnesota advancing road maintenance techniques and technology?

**Prof. Barman:** My research is dedicated to the theme of "Better Roads," focusing on the development of innovative and sustainable pavement materials, designs and maintenance strategies. A key outcome of my research work was a pothole patching guide and decision framework for Minnesota: easy-to-follow flashcards were developed for maintenance crews to select the most effective patching method based on specific pothole characteristics. We also determined the most cost-effective pavement crack sealing method for Minnesota roads so we can decrease moisture infiltration and stay ahead of the freeze-thaw cycles that create potholes. One of my recent projects

**'Innovations have been made in both methods and materials, and the University of Minnesota has been involved with many projects designed to help crews make Minnesota roads safer.'**

**Manik Barman**  
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focuses on mitigating the tenting of asphalt pavement cracks in frigid winter temperatures, which is also a significant factor for pothole formation.

Manik Barman, Ph.D., is a professor in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota Duluth and a scholar with the Center for Transportation Studies. His scholarly focus is on pavement design, rehabilitation and maintenance. He is currently researching pavement rehabilitation and maintenance issues, fiber reinforced concretes for long-lasting pavement rehabilitation and asphalt mixtures for low-volume roads. - The Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota

# Talking colonoscopies with University of Minnesota

Colonoscopies are one of the most effective tools in colorectal cancer prevention, yet many people have questions or concerns about the procedure.

For Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March, James Hougas III, MD, with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview, talks about the importance of colonoscopies, misconceptions and how the procedure provides critical health information.

**Q:** In short, what is a colonoscopy?

**Dr. Hougas:** Colonoscopy is a medical procedure where a doctor uses a camera to look at a patient's large intestine to find and remove precancerous and cancerous growths called polyps. It is one of the tools doctors have to prevent and detect colon cancer. It can also be used to diagnose certain types of diseases of the colon. The colonoscope itself is only as thick as most people's pointer finger and is very flexible.

**Q:** Why is it important to get a colonoscopy?

**Dr. Hougas:** About one in 25 U.S. adults will end up getting diagnosed with colon cancer in their lifetime. There are several available options for screening for colon cancer, and all of them help people live

longer and live better by either preventing or finding colon cancer earlier. For reasons we don't yet totally understand, colon cancer has been affecting people earlier in their lives than in previous generations.

**Q:** When should I get a colonoscopy?

**Dr. Hougas:** The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends colon cancer screening for all adults between the ages of 45 and 75. For adults aged 75 to 85, they should have an individualized discussion with their primary care physician about the benefits of continuing screening. Additionally, if there is a family history in someone's first degree relatives (parents, siblings or children), it is recommended for them to begin screening either 10 years before their family member's diagnosis of colon cancer or at age 40 — whichever is earlier. An important difference in this group of people with family history is that the only recommended screening test is colonoscopy. We also equate large or advanced polyps in first degree relatives as the same as a family history of colon cancer.

**Q:** What are common misconceptions about colonoscopies?

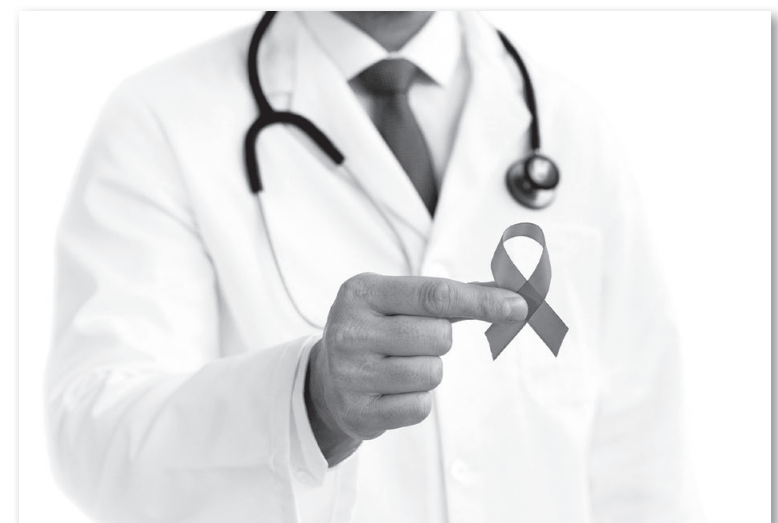
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**James Hougas III, MD**

The University of Minnesota Medical School  
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**Dr. Hougas:** I think there are several misconceptions about colonoscopies. For one, I think people are worried it can be painful. However, the colon doesn't actually feel pain the same way that our skin does. Patients could watch a polyp get removed and not feel it. What the colon can feel is stretch. Therefore, sometimes putting in air to be able to see what we're doing or going around corners can cause some cramping and discomfort. This is why in the United States we use sedation for the majority of our colonoscopies.

I think that people are also worried about things being



'dirty.' As I like to say, everyone has a colon! There is no part of any of our bodies that is intrinsically wrong or dirty. It is simply a part of our body that needs healthcare, and your doctors are excited to give you that healthcare.

**Q:** How does your work improve health in Minnesota?

**Dr. Hougas:** I contribute to improving the health of Minnesota in several ways, including direct patient care, education for medical students and patients and, notably, enhancing colonoscopy screening access in rural areas. The latter, which involves training rural-bound family medicine

physicians, is what I am most proud of. This effort brings high-quality cancer screening and prevention to rural Minnesota to improve patient outcomes there.

**Dr. James Hougas III** is an associate professor and family medicine physician with M Health Fairview. He joined the University of Minnesota St. John's Hospital Family Medicine Residency in 2017. He is interested in infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, trauma care and systems, office based procedures, physician leadership and colonoscopy. - The University of Minnesota Medical School

# Learn new outdoor recreation skills — from camping to mountain biking— with DNR’s I Can! program

Registration for summer and fall 2026 I Can! outdoor recreation programs in Minnesota state parks and recreation areas opened Friday, March 20.

The I Can! series of award-winning outdoor recreation programs helps beginners learn outdoor skills, including camping, fishing, mountain biking and paddling, in a range of beautiful state park settings. For those who have already tried the basics, participants can expand their knowledge by trying a more challenging program, like backpack and canoe camping or sea kayaking.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers these programs from the first weekend in June through the end of September. The DNR provides equipment for all programs, giving participants an opportunity to try an activity without investing in gear.

“Our goal is to help people try new outdoor activities and get started in a safe and supportive setting,” said Eric Pelto, special programs supervisor who oversees the I Can! program.

To register for I Can! programs, visit [mndnr.gov/reservations](http://mndnr.gov/reservations) or call 866-857-2757 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, except holidays).

Registration fees include a state park vehicle permit for the program dates.

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Locations: Glendalough, Savanna Portage and St. Croix state parks

More I Can Camp! Information, including program dates and fees, is at [mndnr.gov/state\\_parks/ican/camp.html](http://mndnr.gov/state_parks/ican/camp.html).

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About I Can!: Since 2010, more than 100,000 people have participated in I Can! programs. The DNR’s I Can! series is made possible with funding from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, created after voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008. The Parks and Trails Fund receives 14.25% of the three-eighths percent sales tax revenue to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance.

## Minnesota Starwatch for April 2026

As spring shifts into high gear, the constellation Leo, the lion, takes center stage.

Leo moves steadily westward and finishes the month high in the south at nightfall. The lion appears to be driving the bright winter stars westward, toward their annual plunge into the sunset. Outlining the lion’s head is the backward question mark of stars called the Sickle, which is anchored by Regulus, Leo’s brightest star. If there’s any doubt which star is Regulus, look on April 25, when a waxing moon appears next to it.

On a clear moonless night, find a star chart and look for the lovely Beehive star cluster, a faint spot of light roughly midway between Regulus and Jupiter, the brightest object west of Regulus. The Beehive comprises about a thousand stars, all born from the same cloud of collapsing gas and shining from approximately 600



light-years away.

April’s full moon arrives at 9:12 p.m. on the 1st. That evening, it rises very round and beautiful against a pale sky.

On Saturday, the 18th, a young moon appears to the right of Venus in the west-northwest, above the fading sunset. On the 19th, the moon and Venus bracket the lovely Pleiades star cluster. The lunar crescent will be quite large both evenings, since the moon will be near perigee, the closest point to Earth in its orbit.

On May 1, we celebrate what began as the

ancient Celtic holiday of Beltane, one of the four days falling midway between an equinox and a solstice — in this case, between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. It started at sundown April 30, when, according to Celtic lore, the evil spirits that had wreaked havoc on humans since Halloween had a last fling before the dawning of May 1 cast them into their annual six-month exile. The night of April 30 is still celebrated, especially abroad, with bonfires and revelry. - The Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics

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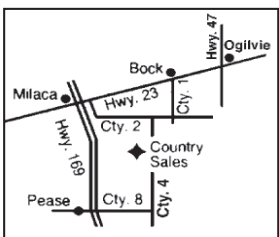
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## Minnesota DNR adds new catch-and-release bass season

### Anglers can now fish for bass before the traditional May fishing opener

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' fishing regulations for 2026 include a new catch-and-release season that makes fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass open all year on inland waters. These changes for bass fishing and a variety of other new regulations are listed on pages 13-14 of the regulations book.

"We're improving bass fishing opportunities after hearing strong support from anglers for earlier bass fishing," said Eric Altena, Little Falls area fisheries supervisor. "Bass populations are thriving and have increased abundance and sizes, and compared with past decades, have broader geographic distribution in our state."

Since bass spawning peaks in late May, which is later in the year than some other species, there is no biological evidence that catch-and-release bass fishing poses a conservation issue for the fish.

#### ANGLER AND TRIBAL SUPPORT

In 2023, the DNR gauged public support for an extended bass season through a questionnaire. Of the 3,041 responses received, 91% of respondents either supported or strongly supported the proposal.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Gaa-zagaskwaabiganikaag) and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (Misi-zaa-ga'iganiing) were also supportive of the proposal. The Leech Lake Band was supportive of the regulation change with the understanding that the Minnesota DNR would continue to monitor bass populations to make sure additional angling opportunities do not harm bass populations.

#### BASS FISHING REMAINS OPEN

The harvest season dates for bass remain the same. Now, though, anglers are able to catch-and-release bass starting Feb. 23. The rules that allow for the new catch-and-release bass season were adopted in January. While the DNR usually has new regulations go into effect March 1, the continuous bass season will begin as soon as the current season closes. Bass seasons will alternate between harvest seasons and

catch-and-release seasons with no fishing closures. Anglers will need to follow separate regulations for border waters which are available in the fishing regulations on the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing)).

#### OTHER REGULATIONS CHANGES

"In the regulations book available now, anglers should check for what's new before they head out fishing," said John Dunn, fisheries rules and regulations coordinator. "There are some updates for inland waters and border waters and also updates that apply to specific lakes and rivers."

#### THE NEW OR UPDATED REGULATIONS FOR 2026 INCLUDE:

There are new and modified regulations in effect for nine bodies of water located in Beltrami, Crow Wing, Itasca, Jackson, Martin, Morrison and Todd counties.

The season opener for stream trout harvest is now the second Saturday in April every year.

The limit of one Atlantic salmon on Lake Superior has been removed. The limit is now five combined total for all salmon.

The season closure date for brook trout and splake on Lake Superior and tributaries below posted boundaries is now Sept. 30.

A new rule allows up to three hooks within 18 inches on a single tackle configuration.

Updated language clarifies only one bait is allowed per line and stinger hooks are only allowed on artificial baits.

Ice anglers may use nonmotorized hook setting devices.

There is updated information on harvesting crayfish in infested waters and on labeling traps.

There is no closed season for taking dead freshwater mussel shells.

Inland portions of Mississippi River Pool 3 now conform with adjacent Wisconsin-Minnesota border waters regulations listed as "Mississippi River Pools 3-8 including Lake Pepin."

The regulations book additionally includes Minnesota Department of Health fish consumption guidance based on information about known contaminants in Minnesota waterbodies.

"Fish are an important part of a nutritious, well-balanced diet and part of many traditions and

**'Our fish consumption guidance can help you decide how much fish you can eat, depending on where you caught it, how old you are, whether you are or may become pregnant, and other factors.'**

Angela Preimesberger  
Scientist MDH



cultures in Minnesota," said Angela Preimesberger, the scientist who leads the Fish Consumption Guidance program at MDH. "Our fish consumption guidance can help you decide how much fish you can eat, depending on where you caught it, how old you are, whether you are or may become pregnant, and other factors."

For the most up-to-date fish consumption guidance, visit MDH's Fish Consumption Guidance webpage ([health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/fish/index.html](http://health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/fish/index.html))

Anglers can find the 2026 fishing regulations book now on the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing)). Printed copies will be available by March 1 anywhere Minnesota fishing licenses are sold. - MNDNR

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# Back-to-back-to-back ribbon cuttings held at Creamery building



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The owners of the three businesses now occupying the long-vacant Creamery Crossing building in downtown Isanti were joined by representatives of North 65 Chamber of Commerce, the city of Isanti, and Isanti County; along with family and friends in joint ribbon cutting ceremonies. (Top, left) Tony Zerwas has opened Mission Home Loans. (Above photo) Nick Scherer and Brody Bakken moved Turpen Realty from Cambridge to downtown Isanti. (Left photo) Reelvision, a creative marketing and production agency, is owned by Johnny Jakubowski.

The historical building, which has been vacant since 2020, was purchased by Nick Scherer and Brody Bakken, aka "The Realest Agents" of Turpen Realty. The duo has remodeled and filled the apartments on the second floor, did some remodeling of the office spaces - with the other owners putting in their own personal touches - and are in the middle of completely gutting and remodeling the restaurant section. Currently, their plans are to open a restaurant and taphouse in that space, hopefully by sometime this summer.

## EASTER Worship Guide

### Easter Message @ Karmel

Good Friday - 7 pm - at Karmel

Easter Sunday...

9:00 am - Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am - Service

In-person and on Facebook

Video will be available

afterward at [karmelcov.org](http://karmelcov.org)

Karmel Covenant Church • 5799 Co. Rd. 6 NW, Princeton MN • 763-389-3169

### St. John Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch, MN 55056 • 763-444-5988

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service, April 3 – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 9:00 a.m.

**Join us at church or on Zoom**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7633613681>

Password/Pin # 246810

(Join us a few minutes early to make sure you are connected)

Easter Breakfast served after Easter Service



### St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

38725 Forest Blvd. North Branch, MN  
651-674-4056 • [www.stgregorynbn.org](http://www.stgregorynbn.org)

#### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday, April 2**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at  
7:30 P.M.

**Holy Friday, April 3**  
Walking Stations at 3 P.M.  
(North Branch Outlet Mall)  
Service at 7:30 P.M.

**Holy Saturday, April 4**  
Solemn Vigil Mass at 9 P.M.

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
Mass at 10:30 A.M.  
Fr. Matt Shireman, Pastor  
Deacon Kevin Downie

### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch • 651-674-7047

**Palm Sunday, March 29** – 8 & 10 a.m. Worship

**Maundy Thursday, April 2** – 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship

**Good Friday, April 3** – 6:30 p.m. Worship

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
6:15 a.m. — Sunrise service at Trinity Cemetery  
8 & 10 a.m. Worship  
9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Fellowship

[trinitynorthbranch.org](http://trinitynorthbranch.org)

### South Isanti Baptist Church

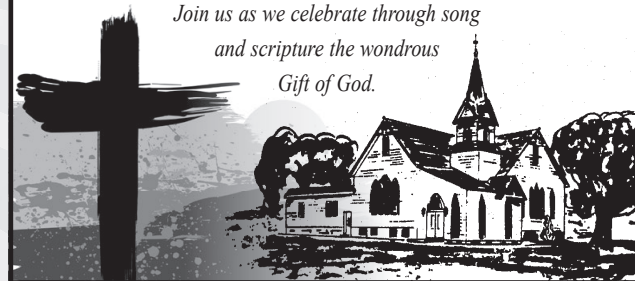
2-1/2 miles east of Isanti on County Rd. 5  
[southisantibaptist.org](http://southisantibaptist.org) 763-444-5860

#### Easter Worship

**Sunday, April 5**

10:00 a.m. (In person & live-streamed)

Join us as we celebrate through song  
and scripture the wondrous  
Gift of God.



April 5th @ 9:30AM

## Easter Sunday

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7:00 pm - Communion served

## EASTER SERVICES

8:30 am - Traditional  
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## EASTER

Cambridge Lutheran

**Easter Saturday, April 4**  
Contemporary 7 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
Traditional Service  
8:15 & 9:45 am  
Contemporary Service  
9:00 & 10:30 am

**4.5.25**  
EASTER SUNDAY:

## Alpha & Omega

First Baptist Church  
Cambridge

**8:30am Traditional Service**  
**10:45am Contemporary Service**

[FIRSTBAPTISTCAMBRIDGE.ORG](http://FIRSTBAPTISTCAMBRIDGE.ORG)

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Children's Church in Both Services

763-689-1173  
304 Main Street South, Cambridge MN

### Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday • 6pm**  
**Good Friday • 6pm**  
**Easter Sunday • 6:30am**  
**9am & 10:30am**  
**Easter Breakfast • 7-10:30am**  
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Free Community Event  
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Easter Story

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# Study tracks movement, survival, of local deer

BY JAMIE LUND  
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The Fond du Lac band is in the beginning stages of phase one of a deer study, which will help them understand regional deer better, including where they go, what happens to them and to understand the diseases that affect them, said Mike Schrage, wildlife biologist for the Resource Management Division at Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The two year study is a partnership with Bemidji State University. The study has already revealed findings two months into the project. The researchers discovered that eight deer have been killed by wolves while two others fell prey to bobcats during that time.

As a part of the project, deer are fitted with tracking collars that allow researchers to monitor their movements

and determine causes of death when signals indicate they are no longer moving.

Deer are important to many Minnesotans, whether culturally, socially or economically. Hunting remains a popular activity across the state and generates revenue through license sales, meat processing and more.

As of 2025, there are roughly one million white tailed deer in the state. In 2025 186,333 deer were harvested in Minnesota, 30.9 % were adult female, 57.11% adult male, 6.8% male juvenile and 5.17% were female juveniles, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Schrage said they also hope to learn about how the animals use their habitat and how they might learn how to build a better winter cover to help the deer.

The study can help provide a baseline date on disease

that affects the deer, what is already here and what may be changing.

They would also like to help provide opportunities for student led research projects at local schools and colleges, Schrage said.

The introduction of bringing elk back to Carlton County is on hold for the moment, but they hope it will be able to move forward and plan to study how deer respond to elk in their home.

For now they are applying for funding for phase two from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the amount of \$2.4 million that comes from proceeds of the lottery.

Phase two will entail capturing and placing GPS collars on 100 adult deer, 50 males, 50 females as well as attaching expandable tracking collars to newborn fawns. They plan to collar 40-60 fawns between



CONTRIBUTED

Researchers place GPS collars on deer to track their movements.

2028-2030 and monitor them for 6-12 months to determine the survival rates and causes of death.

(Note: the study range is Cloquet to Cromwell and Floodwood)

## WORSHIP *guide*

### Baptist

#### First Baptist Church

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

#### North Isanti Baptist Church

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

#### Sunrise Bible Church

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

### Catholic

#### Christ the King

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

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

### Evangelical Covenant

#### Karmel Covenant Church

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

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

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

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

### Evangelical Free

#### Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

#### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

#### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

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

#### Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

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

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320-396-2755  
[www.brahamlutheran.org](http://www.brahamlutheran.org)  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
In-person & Live on Facebook  
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School  
Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult  
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#### Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)

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

#### Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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

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

#### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

#### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

#### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

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3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
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Pastor Sue Olson &  
Pastor Rebecca Holland  
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Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation

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Sunday School 11:00 resuming in the Fall  
Coffee fellowship after worship  
[www.salemlutherandalbo.com](http://www.salemlutherandalbo.com)

#### Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), Braham 320-396-3103  
9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.  
8am Worship.  
[ststephensbraham.org](http://ststephensbraham.org)

#### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Methodist

#### Common Ground - A United Methodist Community

404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.  
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.  
Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
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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: November 24, 2021 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$325,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): David Cullen, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank N.A. SERVICER: Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m to Nationstar Mortgage LLC. LENDER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder on November 29, 2021, as Document No. A511087. ASSIGNED TO: Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 10/17/2025 and recorded on 10/20/2025 as Document No. A540511. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 1, River Heights Third Addition, except all that part lying North of a line drawn parallel with and 40 feet South of the North line of said Lot 1, Block 1, River Heights Third Addition (said 40 feet shall be measured at right angles to the North line of Lot 1, Block 1), Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 940 6th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 PROPERTY I.D.: 15.078.0010 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Three Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and 84/100 (\$308,800.84) 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 April 13, 2026 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 October 13, 2026, or the next business day if October 13, 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 FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." MORTGAGORS RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None Dated: February 26, 2026 Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m to Nationstar Mortgage LLC Randall S. Miller And Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburg Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinburg Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 612-223-6873 Our File No. 25MN00257-1 A-4866202 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026, 03/26/2026, 04/02/2026

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### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

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

OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Villages on the Rum V Homeowners' Association (henceforth the "Declaration") recorded in the office of the Recorder for Isanti County, Minnesota on November 9, 2022, as Document No. A520416, which covers the following property:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### REDEMPTION NOTICE

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 FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer C. Toohey  
Its: Attorney in Fact  
THIS INSTRUMENT WAS  
DRAFTED BY:  
TOOHEY LAW FIRM, P.A.  
7100 Northland Circle North,  
Suite 101  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
(763) 401-4120

File No. 115061.014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dated: March 4, 2026  
TOOHEY LAW FIRM, P.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer C. Toohey, I.D. #0343742  
Attorneys for Lienor  
7100 Northland Circle North,  
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Lienor:  
Villages on the Rum V  
Homeowners' Association

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 1, 2022

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$279,837.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Chris Yaritz and Sharon Newsum, spouses married to each other, joint tenants

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: August 3, 2022 as DOCUMENT: A518039 in the Office of the County Recorder in Isanti County, Minnesota.

The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Planet Home Lending, LLC

Assignment dated: September 29, 2025

Assignment recorded: September 30, 2025

Assignment recording information: DOCUMENT: A540107

All in the records of the County Recorder in Isanti County, Minnesota.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 16.089.0130

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3, Block 2, Isanti Hills 4th Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota

Abstract Property  
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 516 Cottonwood St SW, Isanti, MN 55040

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Planet Home Lending, LLC

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$298,098.63 AS OF 1/16/2026.

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 Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 S Main St, 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) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 P.M. on October 2, 2026, or the next business day if October 2, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

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 MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Publication to begin the week of: 02/05/2026

Planet Home Lending, LLC, Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee

The Sayer Law Group, P.C., Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee

925 E. 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703  
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

The attached referenced sale scheduled for April 2, 2026 is hereby postponed until July 9, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 S Main St, Cambridge, MN 55008. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, the premises must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on January 10, 2027 or the next business day if January 10, 2027 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Dated: 03/20/2026

PNC Bank, National Association  
The Sayer Law Group, P.C.,  
By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee

925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

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## PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 30-PR-26-18 In Re: Estate of Allen Glenn Bellin a/k/a Allen G. Bellin, Decedent.

**NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 5, 2026 at 3:00 PM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 555 18th Ave. SW, Cambridge, MN 55008, remotely by Zoom (contact Court Administration at (763) 290-7020 for instructions on how to attend), on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated February 9, 2023, and for the appointment of Kathleen Lind, whose address is 6404 285th Avenue NE, North Branch, MN 55056 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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

### BY THE COURT

Dated: 03/18/2026  
/s/ Carrie A. Doom  
Judge of District Court

Dated: 03/18/2026  
/s/ Erin Boettcher  
Court Administrator

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER  
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26; April 2, 2026

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 30-PR-26-12

In Re: Estate of James Allen Carlson a/k/a James A. Carlson, Decedent.

**NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 28, 2026 at 2:20 PM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 555 18th Ave. SW, Cambridge, MN 55008, remotely by Zoom (contact Court Administration at (763) 290-7020 for instructions on how to attend), on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated April 24, 2008, and First Codicil to Last Will and Testament dated February 16, 2016 and for the appointment of Beverly H. Carlson, whose address is 844 411th Avenue NE, Brahm, MN 55006 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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

### BY THE COURT

Dated: March 4, 2026  
/s/ Carrie A. Doom  
Judge of District Court

Dated: March 4, 2026  
/s/ Erin Boettcher  
Court Administrator

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NUMBER: 30-PR-26-11 C CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)

In Re The Estate Of Shirley Ann Cirhan A/k/a Shirley A. Cirhan A/k/a Shirley Cirhan, Deceased

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

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

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:  
Name: Charles Edward Cirhan  
Address: 8811 Norway Street NW, Coon Rapids MN 55433  
as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

Attorney for Personal Representative STEVEN CAESAR OPHEIM

Attorney License No.: 169080  
Dudley and Smith PA  
1295 Northland Drive  
Suite 250

Mendota Heights MN 55120  
Telephone: 651-291-1717

Email: [sopheim@dudleyandsmith.com](mailto:sopheim@dudleyandsmith.com)  
Probate Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

Date: March 11, 2026
Erin Boettcher, Court Administrator
Date: March 11, 2026
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 19, 26, 2026

STATE OF MINNESOTA CHISAGO COUNTY DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

File Number: 13-PR-26-31 Case Type: Informal Probate
Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)

In Re The Estate Of Joseph Edward Mislivec, Jr., Deceased TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Name: Jon Mislivec Address: 10913 Olive Street La Vista NE 68128

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

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

Attorney for Personal Representative KIRSTEN JEAN LIBBY

Attorney License No.: 326227 Libby Law Office PA 855 Rice Street Suite 100 Saint Paul MN 55117 Telephone: 651-487-1208 x1 E-Mail: kirsten@libbylawoffice.com Probate Registrar Date: March 17, 2026

Kris Cunningham, Court Administrator Dated: March 17, 2026 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26; April 2, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 6:00 PM

A request by Reuter Walton, to annex 7.776 acres, consisting of all of PINs 03.028.3000 & 03.028.6700 into the Cambridge city limits. The legal descriptions are metes and bounds descriptions each partially described as Part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 28, Township 36, Range 23, Isanti County, Minnesota. The full legal description is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. ATTEST:

Monica Seiberlich, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Cambridge Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, to discuss the following public hearing items and other items on the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – A request by Anna Stark, 936 Lincoln Ct S, Cambridge MN, 55008; for an Interim Use Permit for the keeping of Fowl. The legal description is Lot 14, Block 2, Silver Oak Ridge 2nd Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

More information is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, including full legal descriptions. Cambridge Planning Commission Meetings are typically scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are open to the public. Marcia Westover Community Development Director Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INSTALLATION OF FLOCK LICENSE PLATE READERS WITHIN THE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of North Branch (the "City"), Chisago County, State of Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2026 beginning at

approximately 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Council Chambers located at 6408 Elm St, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public to give testimony and provide comments regarding a draft North Branch Police Department Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Policy and a potential agreement with Flock Safety to install Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras at strategic places within the City to aid police investigations, locate missing persons and stolen vehicles, and deter criminal activity. All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or submit them in writing prior to the meeting.

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk tkostuch@northbranchmn.gov (651) 674-8113 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a proposed Zoning Text Amendment to City Code Section 66-855 Surfacing and Section 66-8 Definitions to define impervious surface types and require paved surfaces for parking areas and driveways for residential, commercial and industrial zoned properties.

Applicant(s) City of North Branch Property Owners(s) NA General Location(s) NA Legal Description NA PID(s) NA Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov OR call 651-277-5227.

Tonya Kostuch, City Clerk tkostuch@northbranchmn.gov (651) 674-8113 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a Preliminary Plat for a proposed 17-lot housing development named "Sherwood Pines Second Addition" at PID 11.00070.05.

Applicant(s) Keith Koecher Property Owners(s) Make Properties LLC. General Location(s) East of Flink Ave and 417th Street Legal Description OUTLOT A SHERWOOD PINES PID(s) 11.00070.05

Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Ryan Saltis at rsaltis@northbranchmn.gov Tonya Kostuch tkostuch@northbranchmn.gov (651) 277-5224 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Isanti City Council

Public Hearing on April 7th, 2026 Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Isanti City Hall located at 110 First Avenue NW; the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the following item(s):

The City of Isanti is regulated by the State of Minnesota National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) through a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. Originally developed as part of the 1972 Clean Water Act and initiated by the MPCA in 2007, the MS4 program requires authorized cities to manage and discharge stormwater according to specific environmental standards.

The City of Isanti was first issued its MS4 permit in 2016. A primary requirement of this permit

is to provide an annual report to the governing body and the public. This hearing will serve to:

- 1. Summarize the 2025 Annual Report and the City's implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).
2. Inform the public regarding any illicit discharges that occurred within City limits during the 2025 calendar year.
3. Outline the 2026 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) goals.

Public Comment: All interested parties are invited to attend and provide oral or written testimony. Copies of the MS4 Annual Permit are available for review at City Hall and on the City's website at www.cityofisanti.gov.

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NOTICES

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE SEALED BIDS FOR PAVING

Cambridge Township will be accepting Bids for the paving of approximately 5400 feet of 328th Ave NE. Bids will be opened at the April 13, 2026, monthly meeting at 8PM. For specifications contact the Cambridge Township Road Maintenance Supervisor: Rob A. Anderson(763-286-9117) 3568 337th Ave NE, Cambridge, Mn 55008

The Cambridge Township Monthly Board meeting is held at the following location: Isanti County Historical Society Building 33525 Flanders St NE, Cambridge, Mn 55008

Sealed Bids should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Bituminous Bid 2026". The Township has the right to accept and/or reject all bids.

Darrell Vosika Cambridge Township Clerk Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 19, 26 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CLEANING, REPAIRING, & PAINTING 500,000-GALLON ELEVATED RESERVOIR TOWER NUMBER THREE NORTH BRANCH, MINNESOTA CITY PROJECT NO.: R-032787-000 KLM PROJECT NO.: 2071-25 MARCH 2026

MANDATORY PRE-BID DATE: March 26, 2026 BID OPEN DATE: April 7, 2026

A mandatory pre-bid conference call will be held at 10:00 AM CST on March 26, 2026, to discuss the scope of the project with the Owner's representatives, Engineer, and prospective bidders. An on-site visit can be arranged for bidders by contacting the Project Engineer at the number listed on the Title Page. Attendance by prospective bidders or their designated representatives at the pre-bid conference is a pre-requisite to bidding the project.

Conference call information is as follows: Number - 1-612-351-3093 Access Code - 434056

The Owner will receive bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the project until 2:00 PM CST, April 7, 2026, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via a live video conferencing platform. Those desiring to attend the conference should contact the KLM representative below to obtain access information.

Project documents are available starting March 16, 2026, at http://www.questcdn.com. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDocTM #10084878 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

All bids shall be accompanied by a 5% bid bond payable to the City of North Branch.

Project bids shall only be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. A \$50 fee is charged to provide a bid.

For any bidding questions, please contact Joseph Clasemann, P.E. at KLM Engineering, Inc., at 651-773- 5111 or jclasemann@klmengineering.com.

ADVERTISEMENT LOCATIONS & START DATES QuestCDN: March 16, 2026 Isanti-Chisago County Star: March 19, 2026 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 19, 26 2026

SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

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

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

Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

- Approved Consent Agenda Items A through G
Heard the Finance Department 2025 Year in Review
Heard the Police Department 2025 Year in Review
Appointed Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission Vacant Seats

Approved Resolution R26-014 authorizing vacation of right-of-way for Northside Commons PIN: 15.021.0100
Approve Resolution R26-015 denying the variance request for parking on grass at 222 Ashland St N

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REFUSE SERVICES

The City of Isanti is accepting proposals for a five (5) year contract for refuse services for the City of Isanti. Specifications and quote sheet are available online at www.cityofisanti.us. The City Council reserves the authority to waive irregularities, accept or reject any/ or all proposals, and award in the best interest of the City. Interested parties, please visit the City's website for more details or contact Josh Becker at jbecker@cityofisanti.us

Proposals can be submitted via email to Jstrand@cityofisanti.us or addressed to Jaden Strand at 110 - 1st Avenue NW, Isanti MN 55040. All proposals submitted must be clearly marked as "Proposal for Refuse Services" and will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Jaden Strand City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director Published On: March 26, 2026 Posted On: March 18, 2026 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The City of Isanti is accepting proposals for a five (5) year contract for electrical maintenance services for City facilities. Specifications are available upon request from the City Clerk's Office at Isanti City Hall or online at www.cityofisanti.us. The City Council reserves the authority to waive irregularities, accept or reject any/ or all proposals, and award in the best interest of the City. Interested parties please visit the City's website for more details or contact Josh Becker at jbecker@cityofisanti.us

Proposals can be submitted via email to JStrand@cityofisanti.us or addressed to Jaden Strand at 110 - 1st Avenue NW Isanti, MN 55040. All proposals submitted must be clearly marked as "Proposal for Electrical Maintenance Services" and will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on April 17th, 2026.

Jaden Strand City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RAILROAD AVENUE & MAIN STREET WALK IMPROVEMENTS

SAP 245-106-004 - SAP 245-107-003 CITY OF ISANTI - ISANTI, MN RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read through Microsoft Teams. Please use the link below or call in number/Conference ID to see and/or hear the bid opening results:

- 1. Microsoft Teams Link: https://bit.ly/IsantiRRMainBidOpen
2. Call: 612-428-8778/ Conference ID: 363 887 916#

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately: 5,429 SY Full Depth Reclamation (12") 2 EACH Hydrant 603 CY Haul & Dispose of Excavated Material 11,665 SF 4"- 6" Concrete Walk 380 CY Common Excavation 1,966 LF Concrete Curb & Gutter 441 TON Type SP 9.5 Wearing Course 2,138 SY Sod 725 TON Type SP 12.5 Non-Wearing Course 378 SF Crosswalk Block 35.4 LF Construct Drainage Structure 238 CY Topsoil Borrow together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance

with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, and Truck Rentals.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by 12/18/2026.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.questcdn.com or www.boltonmenk.com.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com or www.boltonmenk.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #10124760 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$50.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SUBMITTAL: A bid shall be submitted online no later than the date and time prescribed. For this project, the Owner will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR: All prospective contractors must comply with the minimum criteria for a "responsible contractor" as defined in Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, subd. 3. A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria will make the contractor ineligible for the project and may result in contract termination.

BID SECURITY: A Proposal Bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Isanti shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: March 12, 2026 /S/ Ms. Josi Wood City Administrator Published: Isanti Chisago County Star: 3/26/2026 and 4/02/2026 QuestCDN: 3/23/2026 Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on March 26; April 2, 2026

- ORDINANCE NO. 841 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 445 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2008; ORDINANCE NO. 446 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 16, 2008; ORDINANCE NO. 454 ADOPTED ON MARCH 3, 2009; ORDINANCE NO. 466 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2009; ORDINANCE NO. 480 ADOPTED ON MARCH 16, 2010; ORDINANCE NO. 490 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2010; ORDINANCE NO. 496 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2010; ORDINANCE NO. 499 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 512 ADOPTED ON MAY 17, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 541 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012; ORDINANCE NO. 542 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012; ORDINANCE NO. 550 ADOPTED ON APRIL 16, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 445 ADOPTED ON ORDINANCE NO. 554 ADOPTED ON JUNE 18, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 575 ADOPTED ON MARCH 18, 2014; ORDINANCE NO. 583 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014; ORDINANCE NO. 618 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 649 ADOPTED ON JULY 19, 2016; ORDINANCE NO. 657 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016; ORDINANCE NO. 708 ADOPTED ON JULY 2, 2019; ORDINANCE NO. 726 ADOPTED ON MARCH 17, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 730 ADOPTED ON MAY 5, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 731 ADOPTED ON JUNE 2, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 826 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 17, 2024; ORDINANCE NO. 830 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 6, 2025; SECTION 7 BUSINESS DISTRICTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN: Section 1- Amendment. Ordinance No. 830, Ordinance No. 826, Ordinance No.732, Ordinance No. 731, Ordinance No. 730, Ordinance No. 708, Ordinance No. 657, Ordinance No. 649, Ordinance No. 618, Ordinance No. 583, Ordinance No. 575, Ordinance No.

554, Ordinance No. 445, Ordinance No. 550, Ordinance No. 542, Ordinance No. 541, Ordinance No. 512, Ordinance No. 499, Ordinance No. 496, Ordinance No. 490, Ordinance No. 480, Ordinance No. 466, Ordinance No. 454, Ordinance No. 446, Ordinance No. 445; Zoning, Section 7, Article 1 Subdivision 2 is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 350 SECTION 7: Business Districts ARTICLE ONE: "B-1" CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses

- The following are permitted uses: A. Agricultural sales and services. B. Artist studios. (Ord No. 466) C. Bakery. D. Business services. E. Cannabis event, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) F. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) G. Cannabis delivery services subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) H. Cannabis retail, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) I. Catering establishments. J.K. Cigar lounge. J.K. Coffee house. K.L. Convenience stores (not accessory to a gas station). L.M. Essential services. M.N. Financial institutions. N.O. Funeral home. O.P. General office. P.Q. General retail establishments. Q.R. Government office. R.S. Health care clinics. S.T. Instruction/learning center. (Ord No. 466) T.U. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) U.V. Mobile food unit, providing that such uses meet the requirements as provided within Chapter 245 of the Isanti Code of Ordinances. (Ord No. 731) V.W. Museums. (Ord No. 550) W.X. Personal service establishments. (Ord No. 550) X.Y. Print shops. (Ord No. 550) Y.Z. Theater, indoor (not adult-use). (Ord No. 550) Z.AA. Thrift store. (Ord No. 550)

Chapter 445 SECTION 7: Business Districts ARTICLE ONE: "B-2" GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses The following are permitted uses: A. Agricultural sales and services. B. Artist studios. (Ord No. 466) C. Bakery. D. Broadcasting and recording studio. E. Business service. F. Cannabis event, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) G. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) H. Cannabis delivery services subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) I. Cannabis retail, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 826) J. Catering establishments. J.K. Cigar lounge K.L. Coffee house. L.M. Community shopping centers (medium-scale). M.N. Convenience store (not accessory to a gas station). N.O. Day care center. O.P. Dry cleaning and Laundromats. P.Q. Essential services. Q.R. Financial institutions. R.S. Funeral home. S.T. General office. T.U. General retail establishments. U.V. Government office. V.W. Health care clinic. W.X. Health club. X.Y. Hospital. (Ord No. 499) Y.Z. Hotel or motel. Z.AA. Instruction/learning center. (Ord No. 466) AA.BB. Locksmith. BB.CC. Massage therapy (not adult use). CC.DD. Personal service establishments. DD.EE. Mobile food unit, providing that such use meets the requirements as provided within Chapter 245 of the Isanti Code of Ordinances. (Ord No. 731)

Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of March 2026. Mayor Luke Merrill

**PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED**

Attest:  
Jaden Strand  
City Clerk / Deputy HR Director  
Posting Date: March 6, 2026  
Reading Date: March 17, 2026  
Publication Date: March 26, 2026  
Effective Date: March 26, 2026  
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**SCHOOL BOARD**

**SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.**  
Complete minutes are available for public inspection at the District Office (625 Main St N., Cambridge, MN) or at www.c-ischools.org.  
Regular School Board Meeting – February 19, 2026  
With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate

Rudolph. Absent: None  
• Chair Sprandel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
• Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.  
• Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Solberg, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.  
• Motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit made by Gross, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.  
• Motion to adopt the resolution to accept gifts, grants, or devise of real or personal property made by Roby, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.  
• Motion to adopt the resolution of nonconcurrence and respond in writing to the recommendations put forth by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution within the next 60 days made by

Moos, seconded by Sprandel. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.  
• Motion to approve Policies 402 and 522 as presented made by Solberg, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.  
• Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.  
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Special Session School Board Meeting – March 5, 2026  
With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark

Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: None  
• Chair Sprandel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
• Chair Sprandel led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
• Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.  
• Motion to approve Policy 630 as presented made by Moos, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.  
• Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.  
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**ASSUMED NAME**

**OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME**  
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.  
ASSUMED NAME: Mike Patten Photography  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 33617 - 6th Street NE, Cambridge, MN 55008  
APPLICANT(S):  
Name: Mike Patten Photography  
Address: 33617 - 6th Street NE, Cambridge, MN 55008  
If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.  
By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be

required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.  
SIGNED BY: Mike Patten  
MAILING ADDRESS: 33617 - 6th Street NE, Cambridge, MN 55008  
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: Primereflectionsphotography@gmail.com  
Work Item 1634780600035  
Original File Number 1634780600035  
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**ISANTI AND CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORTS**

**The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on March 1 - 21. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.**

**Jacob Carl Benson** (DOB 02/21/1978) of Isanti, was charged March 12 with one count of Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling; and one count of Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence.  
**Rita Marie Turchi** (DOB 07/03/1969) of Braham, was charged March 13 with Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk.  
**Chaz Lee Brosh Paulson** (DOB 02/01/1989) of Blaine, was charged March 16 with Financial

Transaction Card Fraud-Use-No Consent.  
**Lowell Lee Domino** (DOB 11/24/1967) of Aitkin, was charged March 20 with Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penetration or Contact under 14 - Actor > 36m older.

**The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on March 1 - 21. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.**

**Damonte Latrell Tisdale** (DOB 05/05/2000) of Taylors Falls, was charged March 3 with two counts of domestic assault.  
**Mckinley Ray Albertson** (DOB 11/12/1999)

of North Branch, was charged March 10 with Attempt Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present.  
**Joseph James Melberg** (DOB 01/01/1998) of Lindstrom, was charged March 12 with Domestic Assault.  
**Devin Michael Miller** (DOB 08/05/1999) of Stacy, was charged March 12 with Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present.  
**Amber Lee Scherr** (DOB 01/02/1986) of Saint Paul, was charged March 17 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State- extradition waived.  
**Jessica Jewel Johnson** (DOB 05/05/1985) of Sturgeon Lake, was charged March 18 with

Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp.  
**Morgan Naelin Mills** (DOB 04/26/1998) of Ashland, WI, was charged March 19 with Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 6 grams or more; 50 dosage units or more; fentanyl or heroin; and fugitive from justice from other state - extradition waived.  
**Richard Paul Nelson** (DOB 09/01/1958) of Blaine, was charged March 19 with Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**16**  
**Lost & Found**

LOST: Elderly person's dentures lost in Pine City. Reward may be offered. Contact sheriff's office.

**56**  
**Campers/RV's**

2023 Can-am commander \$700.  
2025 ice castle camper. Best offer

**102**  
**Services**

Alterations and clothing repairs, 25 years experience. 320-396-4152 Contact Rosemary. Braham

**Designs by Jeff:** Custom airbrushing, vehicle wraps, fleet graphics, signs, logo designs. Over 35 years of experience. DesignsByJeff.com 763-443-3135

**Get up to 50 channels free.** No monthly charge. Dave's TV and Antenna. Call 320-515-0270.

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**Heating & Cooling**

**Central Boilers.** Classic Edge Titanium HDX EPA certified OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. \$2,000 Tax Credit. Prices as low as \$230 per month! Call Rasmussen Construction Inc. 612-805-2362.

**The smart way to sell your stuff!** Call 763.689.1181 or email sales@countystar.com to place an classified ad!

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**Help Wanted**

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREASURER: Village of Spring Valley, WI. Finance, personnel & local government experience preferred. \$60,000-\$75,000 plus benefits. Deadline April 15, 2026. Details: www.vi.springvalley.wi.gov. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

BRAIDERS & EXTRUSION OPERATORS - Northwire, Inc., Osceola, WI. All shifts. Requires HS diploma/GED, computer skills. Apply in person or send resume 110 Prospect Way, Osceola, WI 54020 or HumanResources\_Northwire@lemo.com. EOE: Find ad at www.applylocal.jobs

BUS/VAN DRIVERS: St. Croix Falls School District hiring regular and substitute Bus/Van Drivers. CDL preferred, training available. Part-time, competitive pay. Pass drug test/background check required. Apply: plattri@scfschools.com. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

COACHES WANTED: Prairie Farm and Clayton School Districts seek qualified, student-centered Head Coaches for Spring 2027 co-op teams: Track, Boys Golf, Baseball, and Softball. Submit letter of interest to appropriate contact below. Track & Boys Golf: aseeger@prairiefarm.k12.wi.us Baseball: mateskis@claytons-d.k12.wi.us Softball: schradler@claytons-d.k12.wi.us Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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**Help Wanted**

CUSTOM FINISHING EMPLOYEE ? Full-time, 1st shift, Mon.-Thu. 6 am - 4:30 pm. Great benefits including health/dental, 401(k), attendance bonus & more. Straus Knitting Mills, St. Croix Falls, WI. Apply: www.strausknitting.com. No phone calls. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

FOOD SERVICE: School District of Clear Lake seeks Elementary Food Service worker. \$19.83/hr, 8:30am-1:15pm on school days. Immediate start. Apply by March 27 at clwarriors.org or contact tpetter@clwarriors.org. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

**The City of Sandstone** is accepting applications for the full-time position of Community Service Partner. Submit application and resume to City of Sandstone, PO Box 641, Sandstone, MN 55072 or by email to administrator@sandstonemn.gov. For more information and Questions call 320-245-5241. Applications must be submitted by Noon on March 31, 2026.

GEHRMAN AUTO BODY Centuria Full-time auto body shop helper, M-F 8-4, no weekends. Basic auto knowledge helpful, will train. Reliable transportation required. Call 715-825-3401 or apply at 1965 160th St., Centuria. Ask for John. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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**Help Wanted**

IDENTITY & ACCESS MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR ? Full-time, any campus. Manage and secure hybrid identity infrastructure across Microsoft Entra ID & Active Directory. Protect critical institutional data. Northwood Technical College. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

**Kanabec Publications in Mora** is looking for a motivated person who likes to work with customers in person as a **Sales Rep. 40 hours per week.** Must have strong people skills, be able to multi-task, be good with computers and have strong organizational skills. Wage is \$39,000 - \$50,000 per year plus bonus opportunities. If interested, please submit resume to Jeff Andres, Publisher jeff@northstarmedia.net

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST ? Full-time, Northwood Technical College, Superior Campus. Repairs, preventative maintenance & facilities upkeep. Apply by April 5, 2026 at www.northwoodtech.edu/employment. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

MAINTENANCE WORKER (2 openings) ? Full-time. City of Scandia, MN. Maintain streets, parks, utilities & buildings. \$29.44/\$32.77/hr. plus benefits. Apply by April 13 at www.cityofscandia.com/jobs. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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**Help Wanted**

McPhillips Bros. Roofing Experienced flat roofers needed. Competitive wages, health/dental/life insurance, profit sharing & 401k. Email kim@mcpPhillipsbros.com or apply at 2590 Centennial Dr., North St. Paul, MN. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

PARAPROFESSIONAL: St. Croix Falls School District seeks full-time Special Education Paraprofessional for Middle School. Provide student support, 1:1 instruction, and work with medically fragile students. Apply: wallakr@scfschools.com. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

RECYCLING LABOR DRIVER - Polk County Recycling, WI. Apply online at www.polk-countywi.gov (select "Work"). Deadline April 3, 2026. Questions: 715-485-9270. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

REPORTER: The Sun in Osceola, Wis., and the Country Messenger, in Scandia/Marine on St. Croix, Minn., are looking for a freelance reporter to help report the news of our communities. Send resume and writing clips to: Matt Anderson, editor, c/o The Sun, PO Box 248, Osceola, WI 54020 or email: editor@osceolasun.com.

SUBSTITUTES: St. Croix Falls School District seeks substitutes for Teaching, Paraprofessional, Custodian, and Food Service positions. Apply: whitech@scfschools.com. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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**Help Wanted**

SAFETY TEACHING SPECIALIST ? Part-time, any campus. Deliver real-world safety training to students and community members. Build a safer workforce with Northwood Technical College. Find this ad and others at www.applylocal.jobs

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**150**  
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**157**  
**Part Time**

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**362**  
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**405**  
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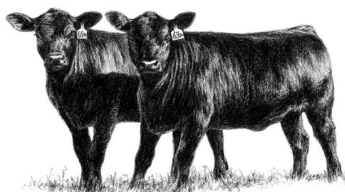
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**2026 SUPPORT GROUPS AT WELIA HEALTH**

**Caregivers Support Group**

Where: Welia Health-Mora Conference Room 2

When: Monthly | Third Wednesday | 1-2 PM

Dates: 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16



SUPPORT GROUP

**Diabetes Support Group**

Where: Welia Health-Mora Conference Room 2

When: Monthly | First Thursday | 1:30-2:30 PM

Dates: 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3



SUPPORT GROUP

Where: Timber Pines Assisted Living, Pine City

When: Monthly | Last Wednesday | 1:30-2:30 PM

Dates: 3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28, 11/25, 12/30

**Heart to Heart Support Group**

Where: Welia Center Fitness & Community Room

When: September-May | Fourth Tuesday | 2-3 PM

Dates: 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/22



SUPPORT GROUP

**Low Vision Support Group**

Where: Mora United Methodist Church

When: Monthly | Fourth Thursday | 2-3:30 PM

Dates: 3/26, 4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17



SUPPORT GROUP

**Lung Disease Support Group**

Where: Welia Health-Mora Conference Room 4

When: Every other month | 1st Tuesday | 1-2 PM

Dates: 5/5, 8/4, 10/6, 12/1



SUPPORT GROUP

**Parkinson's Support Group**

Where: Welia Health-Mora Conference Rooms

When: Quarterly | Third Thursday | 3-4 PM

Dates: 4/16, 7/16, 10/15



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